

NOTE:

Bapbomb is the case involving the explosion at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, 9/15/63, Birmingham, in which four Negro girls were killed.

Birmingham submitted LHM containing pertinent information from informants indicating actual involvement of prime suspects in this bombing and indicating the direction and emphasis of our investigation is sound and has been successful. The corrections requested should be made so that this LHM can be disseminated to the Department so that they will be fully advised.

10/18/65

Airtel

1 - Mr. [redacted]

To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB

*These requested
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Reurairtels 10/11 and 10/14/65.

Letterhead memoranda submitted with reairtels should not be disseminated to U. S. Attorney at this time.

You should review information furnished by [redacted] and submit in LHM form any pertinent information from this source, if any, which has not been furnished by [redacted]

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NOTE: BAPBOMB is the code name for the case involving the explosion at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, 9/15/63, in which four Negro children were killed.

Letterhead memoranda have been submitted by Birmingham Office for dissemination to the Department containing pertinent information from informants indicating actual involvement of prime suspects in this bombing and indicating the direction and emphasis of our investigation is sound and has been successful. Birmingham [redacted] (a microphone recorder) has been utilized in the past [redacted]

Informant was aware of the recorder, no trespass was involved and Department gave permission for its use. Copies of reports in this matter have not been disseminated to USA as this is unsolved case and he has not been consulted. [redacted] is no longer being used.

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FBI

Date: 10/19/65

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)

TO: Director, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, Birmingham (157-352) (P)
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

REC-47

Re Bureau airtel, 10/14/65; and Birmingham airtel, 10/11/65, with accompanying letterhead memorandum.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of amended Page 11 of referenced letterhead memorandum.

With respect to the question raised in first paragraph of referenced Bureau airtel, all information in the letterhead memorandum attributed to [redacted] was furnished to the FBI directly by [redacted]

None of the information, however, was received by the Birmingham Office directly from informant's source. Accordingly, there is no necessity for attributing any of the information in the letterhead memorandum to a source designated by a separate T symbol.

The corrections listed in paragraph two of referenced Bureau airtel are being made on Birmingham copies.

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Regarding the remark quoted on page 8, first paragraph of the letterhead memorandum, it should be noted this is a direct quotation as furnished by informant, the word "tight" being somewhat of a provincialism in widespread usage in this area, having the same meaning as "tight spot," "In a jam," "crisis," etc. It is not felt this could be amended without deleting the quoted remark reportedly made by [REDACTED]

The word "that" appearing in last line of next to last paragraph, page 11, was erroneously included in this sentence, as is deleted on amended page 11 submitted herewith.

FBI

Date: 10/11/65 made by [redacted] for review by Rowe Task Force Date 10/17/65

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: Director, FBI (157-1025)

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

2/16/78 STA/US 01,2,15
for review at FBIHQ by
HCCA re 1/9/78 request:
(see file # 65-117290)

Criminal
10/22/65
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Re Bureau airtel to Birmingham, 9/23/65.

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are four copies of letterhead memorandum regarding captioned matter.

Instant letterhead memorandum contains only that pertinent information furnished by [redacted] having some probative value concerning involvement of suspects under investigation. [redacted] is designated in accompanying letterhead memorandum as Birmingham Confidential Informant

Confidential Informant [redacted] therein is [redacted]

Due to security problems involved in attempting herein to distinguish the information based on personal knowledge of informant from that obtained from informant's source (the identity of whom is known to the Bureau), together with the necessity of suitably paraphrasing the information, informant's source is in no way indicated as

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a source in the letterhead memorandum, and no distinction is made therein between the two original sources of the information.

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Additional information, although not to the extent of that furnished by [REDACTED] has been furnished by [REDACTED] specifically relating to [REDACTED] and his involvement in or guilty knowledge of the church bombing. A review of the file of [REDACTED] is in progress, to extract therefrom only the pertinent items of information concerning [REDACTED] and his connection with the church bombing. Results obtained therefrom will be incorporated into appropriate letterhead memorandum dealing exclusively with the information furnished by [REDACTED] and letterhead memorandum will follow immediately upon completion.

One extra copy of accompanying letterhead memorandum is being retained at Birmingham for future dissemination to United States Attorney, Birmingham. Bureau is requested to authorize dissemination of instant letterhead memorandum to United States Attorney, Birmingham, noting United States Attorney has not been furnished reports in this matter in the past.

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

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, reflect 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.)

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

Third source advised on August 4, 1965, that the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, is currently an active organization, with Klaverns in several southern states. This source said that Robert M. Shelton is the Imperial Wizard of this organization, and was last elected to this position on September 5, 1964, at a National Klonvocation in Birmingham, Alabama. Source said that the activity of the UKA is increasing, and that the national office remains in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

APPENDIX



*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
1400 - 2121 Building
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
October 11, 1965

Title	UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH SEPTEMBER 15, 1963, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
Character	BOMBING MATTERS
Reference	Birmingham letterhead memorandum dated October 11, 1965.

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

FBI

Date: 10-14-65 REC-48

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

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

*Criminal Div, attn:
10/22/65
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1cc B- [redacted] of units*

BAPBOMB

Re Bureau airtel to Birmingham, 9-23-65, and Birmingham airtel to Bureau, 10-11-65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are four copies of letterhead memorandum regarding captioned matter.

The accompanying letterhead memorandum incorporates pertinent information relative to possible connection of [redacted] with Birmingham bombings as furnished by [redacted] who is designated in the letterhead memorandum as Birmingham Confidential Informant [redacted]

The Bureau is reminded that this informant has indicated in the past he would willingly testify if necessary and appropriate in any future prosecutive action taken in this matter.

As the Bureau is aware, in conjunction with operation of [redacted] the services of [redacted] were utilized on several occasions, the target of the coverage being [redacted]

Summary of the information obtained from this coverage has been furnished the Bureau previously.

The Bureau is requested to advise if a letterhead memorandum is desired incorporating pertinent portions of information obtained from the coverage furnished by this informant.

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- 2 - Birmingham (1 - 157-352)

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Approved: [redacted] Special Agent in Charge

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One copy instant letterhead memorandum being maintained at Birmingham in the event Bureau authorizes the Birmingham Office to furnish same to the U. S. Attorney, Birmingham.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1400-2121 Building
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
October 14, 1965

Title **UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF
16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963, BIRMINGHAM,
ALABAMA**

Character **BOMBING MATTERS**

Reference **LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM, DATED
OCTOBER 14, 1965, AT BIRMINGHAM,
ALABAMA**

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

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: October 22, 1965

FROM : Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

FMV:AMP:11
144-1-906

SUBJECT: Unknown Subjects; Bombing of Sixteenth
Street Baptist Church, Birmingham,
Alabama, September 15, 1963.

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Reference is made to your letterhead memorandum dated October 15, 1965, at St. Louis.

It is requested that the Bureau review the Veterans Administration records for [REDACTED]

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Airtel

1 - Mr. [redacted]

To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

From: Director, FBI (157-1025) - 1496

BAPBOMB

Enclosed herewith is a self-explanatory memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., dated October 22, 1965.

You should immediately initiate the requested investigation and promptly submit results in LHM suitable for dissemination.

Enclosure

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NOTE: BAPBOMB is the code word/the case involving the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, 9/15/63, in which four Negro girls were killed.

Department has requested check of VA records regarding [redacted]

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FBI

Date: 10/27/65

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (157-290) (RUC)
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 9/8/65, and Birmingham airtel to Dallas, 9/29/65.

Transmitted herewith to Bureau are 8 copies of LHM entitled _____ and 11 copies of same for the Birmingham Office as per their request.

One copy of this LHM is being furnished to OSI, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma City, since the information originated from the OSI Detachment at Amarillo AFB, and OSI, Tinker AFB, by communication of 9/17/65, requesting to be advised of the results of investigation.

4 ENCLOSURE

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- 3 - Birmingham (2 - 157-352) (Enc. 11)
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U.S. Secret Service
Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, _____ Division

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Date: 11/1/65

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

ReBuairtel, 10-26-65.

For information Mobile, Assistant Attorney General FRED M. VINSON, Criminal Division, USDJ, has requested FBI review of appropriate VA records of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bureau has directed that investigation be initiated immediately and results submitted promptly in LHM suitable for dissemination.

[REDACTED]

MOBILE, at Montgomery, Alabama, will review VA records of [REDACTED] maintained at VARO and promptly submit results in LHM to Bureau.

LHM should bear caption "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963."

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- 2 - Mobile (157-416)
- 2 - Birmingham

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Special Agent in Charge

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November 16, 1965

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RADIOGRAM

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1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

URGENT

TO SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

2 Copies made by [REDACTED]
for review by Rowe Task Force
Date 11-8-17

RAPBOMB

LAST INVESTIGATIVE REPORT IN THIS MATTER WAS
DATED OCTOBER FOURTEEN LAST. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY
SUBMIT REPORT BRINGING THIS INVESTIGATION UP TO DATE.

YOU ARE REMINDED THIS IS ONE OF THE BUREAU'S
MOST IMPORTANT CASES. CONTINUOUS INVESTIGATIVE ATTENTION
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SUSPECTS TO DEVELOP EVIDENTIARY MATERIAL WHICH WILL
ULTIMATELY SUSTAIN PROSECUTION. SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL
MUST BE ASSIGNED EXCLUSIVELY TO THIS INVESTIGATION TO
INSURE IT RECEIVES OPTIMUM ATTENTION.

YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO SUBMIT WEEKLY AIRTEL
SUMMARIES CONTAINING THE RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION FOR THE
PRECEDING WEEK AND BRIEF COMMENTS AS TO INVESTIGATIVE
LEADS OUTSTANDING AND ANY PROJECT-TYPE INVESTIGATION

CONTEMPLATED.

[REDACTED]

SEE NOTE PAGE 2.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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BAPBOMB

NOTE:

Bapbomb is the case of the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, September 15, 1963 in which four Negro girls were killed. This investigation together with Greenbombs (explosion at residence of T. L. Crowell, Birmingham, Alabama, 4-1-65, and attempted bombings 3/21-22/65, and 4-1-65, Birmingham) and related matters are being handled by a special squad assigned at Birmingham under the direct supervision of Inspector [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Memo: indum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 11/8/65

FROM : *Part 4*
SAC, MOBILE (157-416)(RUC)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham airtel to the Bureau, 11/1/65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of letterhead memorandum bearing caption "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, September 15, 1963." Enclosed for Birmingham are 2 copies of this letterhead memorandum.

- 2 - Bureau (Encs. 8) ENCLOSURE
- 2 - Birmingham (157-352)(Encs. 2)(RM)
- 1 - Mobile

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Attn: [Redacted]

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

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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Date: 11/15/65

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)

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

Enclosed to the Bureau are four copies of letterhead memorandum incorporating selected information previously furnished by [redacted] 62

It is noted this source was utilized in close co-operation with [redacted] and information furnished by [redacted] has been furnished in LHM form to Bureau previously.

62 [redacted] is designated as Birmingham [redacted] in accompanying LHM.

It is contemplated that information currently being received from [redacted] and [redacted] having a direct bearing on principal BAPBOMB suspects, will be furnished in LHM form to Bureau at regular periodic intervals.

Criminal Division

attn: Mr. [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Birmingham, Alabama
November 15, 1965

*In Reply, Please Refer to
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Title	UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF THE SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63.
Character	BOMBING MATTERS
Reference	Letterhead Memorandum dated November 15, 1965, at Birmingham, . Alabama.

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

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Airtel

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To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

PERSONAL ATTENTION
Inspector [redacted]

From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB

ReBurad November 16, 1965.

Weekly airtel summary not received to date. Submit immediately and insure these summaries are submitted weekly in the future.

Advise when investigative report will be submitted.

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

Rerad instructed weekly airtel summaries be continued. Summary not received to date. Rerad also instructed that investigative report be submitted immediately bringing investigation up to date.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)(P)
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Bureau airtel to Birmingham 11-30-65; Bureau teletype to Birmingham 11-16-65, and Birmingham airtels enclosing letterhead memoranda dated 10/11/65 and 11/15/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of letterhead memorandum in captioned matter.

It is noted referenced Birmingham airtels and letterhead memoranda contained summary of information furnished by [redacted] and [redacted] having relevancy to instant case and its principal suspects.

Enclosed LHM contains current up-to-date information obtained from [redacted] (who is Birmingham Confidential Informant [redacted]) relating to the activities of ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS.

With respect to the questions raised and instructions contained in above referenced Bureau correspondence to Birmingham, both under the BAPBOMB caption, the following observations are submitted for the Bureau's attention:

Periodic reports and comprehensive weekly airtel summaries, being submitted regularly by the Birmingham Office under the GREENBOMBS caption, contain results of investigative

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APPENDIX

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KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Birmingham, Alabama
December 3, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Title	UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63.
Character	BOMBING MATTERS
Reference	Letterhead Memorandum dated December 3, 1965, at Birmingham, Alabama.

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

December 7, 1965

Airtel

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

From: Director, FBI (157-1025) 1503

RAPBOMB

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INSPECTOR [REDACTED]

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Reurairtel dated 12-3-65.

As you have been advised previously, summary airtels are to be submitted weekly and separately in both the Greenbombs and Bapbomb cases, and these cases are to be reported separately. The Bureau is not aware of any information that indicates that the prime suspects in the Bapbomb case are definitely involved in Greenbombs, or any other information that would indicate that these cases should be consolidated. The Division of work among the personnel of the special squad handling these investigations is the responsibility of Inspector [REDACTED] and the SAC; however, both of these cases must receive sustained and intelligent investigation until they are solved.

[REDACTED]

NOTE: Bapbomb is the case involving the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, September 15, 1963, in which four Negro girls were killed. Greenbombs is the case involving the explosion at the residence of T. L. Crowell, 4-1-65, and ^{UNEXPLODED} on explosion bombs located in Birmingham, Alabama, 3/21-22/65 and 4-1-65.

Reairtel advises summary of investigation in both cases is being submitted under caption of Greenbombs and requests Bureau advice as to Bureau's desire that all investigative activities relating to Birmingham bombings be reported under the Greenbombs caption.

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activity of all Agents assigned to the Special handling bombing matters at Birmingham under the direction of INSPECTOR [REDACTED] there being no exclusive fulltime assignment of Agent personnel solely to the BAPBOMB case. Investigative activities are combined and the entire results of all investigation are being furnished to the Bureau in the correspondence emanating from the Birmingham Office under the GREENBOMBS caption.

The third paragraph of referenced Bureau teletype to Birmingham, 11/16/65, regarding submission of weekly airtel summaries reflecting investigation completed the previous week and including brief comments as to leads outstanding and projects contemplated, was initially interpreted on receipt at the Birmingham Office as pertaining to the summaries being prepared as a regular practice in the GREENBOMBS case.

The only available information appropriate for submission under the BAPBOMB caption, which would be separate and distinct from that being furnished the Bureau in the GREENBOMBS summaries and reports, would be that informant information of the nature contained in the accompanying and previously submitted LHM's. Any report prepared under the BAPBOMB caption would necessarily include only that information obtained as a result of investigation by the GREENBOMBS squad and previously reported under that caption, causing thereby duplicate reporting.

The Bureau is requested to advise if it is desired that all investigative activity relating to Birmingham bombings continue to be reported under the GREENBOMBS caption, as has been the practice in the past, or whether separate and mutually exclusive reports and summaries be submitted under BAPBOMB, which would of course require the division of the Agent personnel, now conducting investigation as one squad, into separate BAPBOMB and GREENBOMBS squads.

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1 - Mr. [redacted]

Airtel

To: SAC, Birmingham

PERSONAL ATTENTION

From: Director, FBI

BAPBOMB

GREENBOMBS

In view of the recent change in administration of the Birmingham Office, you are reminded that Bapbomb, Greenbombs, and related cases must continue to receive your personal attention and supervision. These cases must be handled as specials on a continuing basis by the special squad of Agents in existence in the Birmingham Office. It is expected that the Agents on the special squad will be utilized exclusively for these investigations.

These matters must receive sustained, intelligent investigative attention and supervision until they are brought to a logical conclusion.

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Since March, 1965, these cases have been handled by a special squad of Agents under the direct on-the-scene supervision by [redacted]. His assignment as SAC should not be allowed to adversely affect the continuous intelligent supervision and investigation of these case. Therefore, he should be advised that he should continue to give these important cases his personal supervision.

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SUMMARY

Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau, 12-3-65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of letterhead memorandum containing current information having pertinent relevancy to instant matter and principal individuals who have been under investigation, which information was furnished by informants as identified below:

[REDACTED]

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In addition to informant information set out in accompanying LHM, a concise summary of other current activities follows herein.

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Investigation has disclosed that [REDACTED] who formerly resided on [REDACTED] in Birmingham, has moved to the community of his previous residence on [REDACTED]

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With reference to the information concerning the

[REDACTED]

It is noted this interview was conducted by Agents

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Verification of residence of [REDACTED] at Pittsburgh, Pa., being handled by separate correspondence under caption, [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Birmingham, Alabama
December 10, 1965

*In Reply, Please Refer to
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Title UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF
 SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,
 BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63.

Character BOMBING MATTERS

Reference Letterhead Memorandum dated
 December 10, 1965, at
 Birmingham, Alabama.

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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)(P)
SUBJECT: RAPBOMB - SUMMARY

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Approved: [Signature]
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Investigative report this matter in preparation and contemplated will be submitted Bureau not later than 12/24/65.

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REPORTING OFFICE BIRMINGHAM	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BIRMINGHAM	DATE 12/22/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/1/65 - 12/17/65
TITLE OF CASE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963.		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY hss & indic
		CHARACTER OF CASE BOMBING MATTERS	

2 Copies made by [REDACTED] for review by Rowe Task Force Date 12/29/65

REFERENCE: Birmingham airtel to Bureau dated 12/17/65. Birmingham airtels and Letterhead Memoranda dated 10/11/65, 11/15/65 and 12/3/65. Report of SA [REDACTED] Birmingham, dated 8/4/65.

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LEADS:

Leads are not being set out herein. When information is developed requiring action by another Field Office, necessary lead is immediately set out by airtel or teletype and results included in report form. As of the date of this report, there is no outstanding investigation at any other Field Office in this matter.

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1cc B. [REDACTED], 1/4/66

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Much of the information contained herein is the subject matter of reports being submitted under the GREENBOMBS caption inasmuch as for a period of several months efforts of all Agents conducting investigation in the Birmingham bombings were consolidated and results of investigation conducted were furnished under GREENBOMBS caption.

Investigation reflected herein prior to date of last report submitted in this matter necessary because results of that particular investigation not received in time for inclusion in last Birmingham report.

The first section of instant report contains information regarding official certification of deaths of victims of the church bombing, this aspect of investigation being included in a separate section of instant report since it appears this has not been done in the past and will facilitate location of necessary information regarding victims should it be required in the future.

As has been the practice previously, an extra copy of instant report is being retained at Birmingham in the event prosecution is instituted in the future and it becomes necessary to furnish appropriate USA with a copy.

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It is noted that the most pertinent information tending to implicate previously developed suspects in the church bombing has been furnished by Birmingham informants [REDACTED] Operation of these informants is continuing and information of value is being furnished on a regular basis. Results of contact of these informants not being set out in the cover pages herein inasmuch as all information on a current up-to-date basis has been furnished the Bureau in letterhead memoranda form suitable for dissemination.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:
Date:

SA [REDACTED]
December 22, 1965

Office: BIRMINGHAM

Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #: 157-1025

Title:

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

Character:

BOMBING MATTERS

Synopsis:

Investigation continuing with primary emphasis on
suspects previously developed. Official records
and certifications obtained from Coroner, Jefferson
County, Alabama, University Hospital, and Bureau of
Vital Statistics, regarding deaths of victims ADDIE
MAE COLLINS, DENISE McNAIR, CAROL ROBERTSON and
CYNTHIA WESTLEY, to effect all died as result of
explosion at Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

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however, no information of value re instant investi-
gation developed.

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I. INFORMATION CONCERNING DEATHS OF
VICTIMS, INCLUDING OFFICIAL RECORDS

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"The Birmingham News", daily afternoon newspaper of Birmingham, Alabama, under date of September 16, 1963, contains an article captioned "Bomb Blasts Church, Kills 4; State Troopers Rushed Here." This article lists the four victims, dead on arrival at University Hospital, as:

DENISE McNAIR, 11, Bessemer, Route 4;
CAROL ROBERTSON, 14, 1021 Fifth Street, North;
CYNTHIA WESLEY, 14, 22 - 11th Avenue, North;
ADDI COLLINS, 14, 233 Sixth Court, West.

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[redacted] Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jefferson County, Birmingham, Alabama, furnished SA [redacted] with death certificates for each of the following:

<u>Victim</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother's Maiden Name</u>
CAROL DENISE McNAIR	JEWELL C. McNAIR	MAXINE PIPPEN
CAROL ROSAMOND ROBERTSON	ALVIN C. ROBERTSON	ALPHA B. ANDERSON
CYNTHIA D. WESLEY	CLAUDE WESLEY	GERTRUDE TURNER
ADDIE MAE COLLINS	OSCAR L. COLLINS	ALICE JONES

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[redacted] University Hospital, Birmingham, Alabama, furnished copies of the "Admitting Report" and "Report of Accident" to SA [redacted]

The original certified copies of the Coroner's Report are being maintained permanently in appropriate Birmingham file.

Copies of the above-listed documents follow herein.

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III.

RE: ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS

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SUBJECT: BAPBOMB - SUMMARY

Throughout the week an investigative effort in captioned case has been limited to spot-check surveillance of prime and secondary suspects in view of racial tension present in Birmingham. No pertinent activity was noted.

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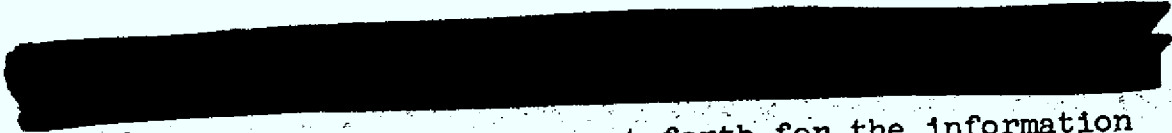
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The above is being set forth for the information of the Bureau and Birmingham and any additional pertinent developments will follow promptly.

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February 15, 1966

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB

ReMOairtel to Bureau 1/14/66 and BHairtel to Bureau 1/28/66.

Reairtels set forth information from a Mobile informant that [REDACTED]

If it has not already been done, Birmingham should set forth leads to have Asa Carter located and interviewed unless some reason exists to the contrary. By return airtel, Birmingham should advise action that is being taken in this regard.

1 - Mobile (157-416) (info)

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NOTE: BAPBOMB is the case involving the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, September 15, 1963, in which 4 Negro girls were killed.

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TO: Director, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, Birmingham (157-352) (P)
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

e Re Mobile airtel, 1/14/66; Bureau airtel, 2/15/66.

RE: ASA EARL CARTER,
aka Ace Carter

The most current information available in Birmingham files indicates that CARTER resides at Box 331, Route 5, Oxford, Alabama, or vicinity White Plains, Alabama; further that he apparently is at home only on weekends, and stays at Montgomery, Alabama, throughout the regular business week, where he is employed Monday through Friday at National Services, Inc., a public relations firm, operated by OSCAR HARPER. It has been reported that this public relations firm, located at 726 Adams Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama, had done public relations work during political campaigns of Governor GEORGE WALLACE, and in this capacity CARTER had prepared literature and written speeches for the Governor. Also, CARTER has boasted of his close friendship with the Governor; however, this is not known as fact.

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At Montgomery, Alabama:

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Determine from Probationary Racial Informant [REDACTED] or other logical sources, CARTER's present employment, and whether he has any official connection with the State administration. Thereafter, advise Bureau and Birmingham, furnishing recommendation as to the advisability of contacting CARTER for interview, including therein any information which might preclude the desirability of such interview, such as the degree of association with the Governor, and the position of informant as the original source of information in instant matter.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-416)
RE: BAPBOMB

Re Mobile airtel to the Bureau, 1/14/66, and Bureau airtel to Birmingham, 2/15/66.

Re Bureau airtel states that Birmingham should set forth a lead to have ASA CARTER located and interviewed unless some reason exists to the contrary.

Mobile does not believe an interview of CARTER is desirable at this time for the following reasons: (1) extreme likelihood of exposure of the informant in this matter; (2) possibility that CARTER was exaggerating or completely manufacturing his story to the informant; (3) even if CARTER does know identities of Bapbomb subjects it is extremely doubtful that he would admit same to interviewing Agents or provide any information of value in this matter.

As an alternative, Mobile suggests that informant be instructed to continue close contacts with CARTER at Montgomery (as he has been doing) in an effort to again draw CARTER out on this matter. Any worthwhile information developed in this effort will be immediately furnished the Bureau and Birmingham.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Birmingham (157-352)(Info)(RM)
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Special Agent in Charge

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Mobile is not in any way reluctant to interview CARTER in this matter but believes that the disadvantages attending such interview considerably outweigh any possibility of developing worthwhile information.

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

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Approved: 57 MAR 11 1966
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All other Bombing Matter investigative efforts during current week in this division have been devoted to recent developments in the GREENBOMBS case, and information obtained as a result therefrom being furnished the Bureau appropriately under GREENBOMBS caption.

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

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Special Agent in Charge

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All other investigative activity devoted solely to instant case during current week composed of continuing daily spot check surveillances regarding activities of principal suspects. No deviation from regular routine noted.

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1 - Mr. [redacted]
1 - Mr. [redacted]

To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

RAPBOMB

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Reference is made to your summary airtel 3/11/66 which sets forth information alleging that [redacted]

[redacted]

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Subsequent communications to the Bureau do not indicate that this phase of the investigation is being vigorously pursued. This should be given high priority to identify and interview all those who were present in the [redacted] including the off-duty police officer.

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REPORTING OFFICE BIRMINGHAM	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BIRMINGHAM	DATE 4/22/66	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/23/65 - 4/19/66
TITLE OF CASE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, BOMBING OF SIXTY-FIFTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 25, 1962.		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	CLASSIFIED BY hsp
		CHARACTER OF CASE BOMBING MATTERS 11426	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] 12/22/65, Birmingham.

Numerous interoffice and weekly summary airtels subsequent to submission of referenced report.

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#264684

LEADS:

Leads are not being set out herein. When information developed requiring action by another Field Office, necessary is immediately set out by airtel or teletype and results noted in report form. As of the date of this report, there is no outstanding investigation at any other Field Office in this

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3/27/88 by [REDACTED] 15-7376d

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Much of the information contained herein is the subject matter of reports being submitted under the GREENBOMBS caption inasmuch as for a period of several months efforts of all Agents conducting investigation in the Birmingham bombings were consolidated and results of investigation conducted were furnished under GREENBOMBS caption.

Investigation reflected herein prior to date of last report submitted in this matter necessary because results of that particular investigation not received in time for inclusion in last Birmingham report.

As has been the practice previously, an extra copy of instant report is being retained at Birmingham in the event prosecution is instituted in the future and it becomes necessary to furnish appropriate USA with a copy.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of:

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Office: BIRMINGHAM

Date:

April 22, 1966

Field Office File #:

BH 157-352

Bureau File #:

157-1025

Title:

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

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Synopsis:

Primary investigative emphasis continues directed toward
previously developed suspects. Neighbors and former
associates of ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS unable to furnish
any information connecting him with bombings.

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I. SUSPECTS

A. ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 23, 1965

At 10:46 A.M., December 17, 1965, ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS was observed driving his 1960 blue Ford Falcon, bearing 1966 Alabama license 1-51125. CHAMBLISS was driving east in the 2000 block of 4th Avenue, South, and was initially observed proceeding east across the intersection of 21st Street South and 4th Avenue South. He was then observed turning into the parking lot of Thuss Clinic, located at 2124 - 4th Avenue South, which he entered at 10:51 A.M.

On 12/17/65 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 157-390
by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 12/20/65

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II. INVESTIGATION OF PREVIOUS
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III. KLAN ASSOCIATED INTERVIEWS

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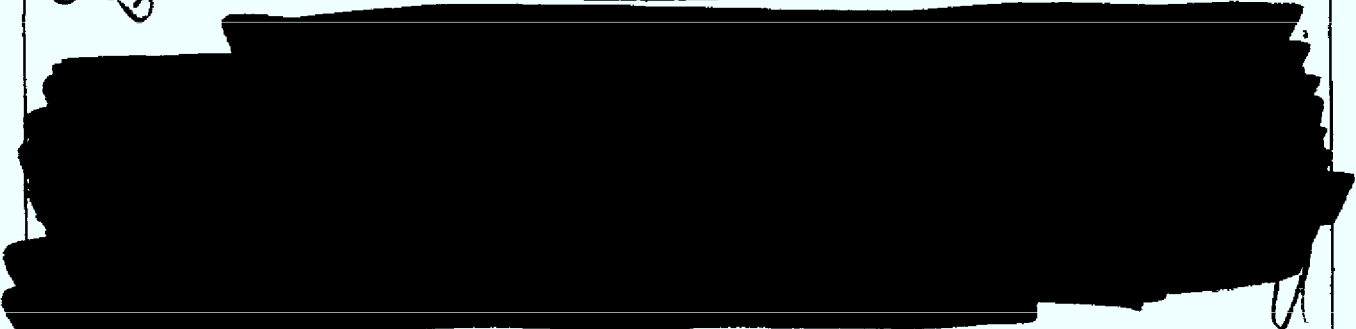
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)(P)
SUBJECT: CBAPBOMB

Re Birmingham airtel dated 4/22/66.

SUMMARY



On 4/27/66, THOMAS BLANTON, SR. was observed by Bureau Agents in Mountain Brook, Alabama, area passing out election campaign literature to business establishments.

Investigative endeavor by Agent to whom this case now assigned was confined past week to investigation in GREENBOMBS case. Information developed not related to this case and not being included in this communication. Investigation continuing.

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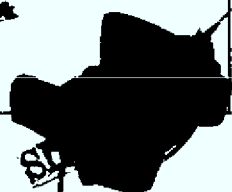
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (P)
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau dated 5/6/66.

SUMMARY

Bulk of investigative effort in GREENBOMBS case parallels investigation in this case and is being conducted by the same personnel. Activity for the past two weeks has centered on developing further information concerning activity and associates of [REDACTED] suspects in this case. Neighborhood interviews and terrain search conducted at former residence of [REDACTED] Alabama, and several specimens of paint and soil samples have been submitted to the FBI Laboratory for examination.

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To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB

ReBHairtel to Bureau 5/6/66.

Re airtel set forth the results of an interview with [REDACTED]

By return airtel advise the results of your investigative efforts to check out this information and specifically advise whether or not [REDACTED] has been interviewed concerning this case. If he has not been interviewed to date, furnish reasons for not interviewing him and specify when an interview may be anticipated.

NOTE: Bapbomb is the case involving the bombing of the 16th Street, Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, September 15, 1963, in which four young Negro girls were killed.

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Birmingham Office indicated [REDACTED]

In view of this, [REDACTED] would not be [REDACTED]

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interviewed concerning this matter until sufficient time had passed in order to protect [REDACTED] It is believed that sufficient time has passed and that this phase of this investigation should be pressed.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)

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

Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau dated 7/29/66.

SUMMARY

The bulk of investigative efforts in the GREENBOMBS case during the past week parallels investigation in this case, and is being conducted by the same personnel.

During the past week, investigation has been conducted in the Greenbombs case in an effort to obtain background information concerning _____ and to locate and interview him.

[REDACTED]

Relatives and former employers of _____ have been located and background data obtained, and efforts are now being made to locate and interview him concerning instant matter, as well as his association with _____ in connection with the GREENBOMBS case.

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

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Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau dated 8/5/66.

SUMMARY

During the past week, investigation was conducted in an effort to obtain additional background information concerning [REDACTED] and to locate and interview him in connection with this matter and the GREENBOMBS case.

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

Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau dated 8/26/66.

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SUMMARY

[REDACTED]

Information has been developed by personnel of this division relative to recent theft of 25 cases of dynamite from local construction company at Praco, Alabama. Information concerning this theft has been coordinated with local law enforcement authorities and to date no logical suspects have been developed. This aspect will be followed closely regarding its possible relation with this case or any future bombing activity.

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It is noted that no summary airtel was submitted last week because the Agent to whom this case is assigned was otherwise occupied with both BR and CR matters outside the division.

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

Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau dated 9/9/66.

SUMMARY

Relative to information concerning [REDACTED]

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It is suggested that caution be utilized in disseminating any of the above information because of the limited number of persons involved and the extremely delicate nature of the current relationship of the people involved. It is felt that if close attention and supervision is afforded [REDACTED] he may be able to uncover information of extreme value to this case.

6/7/50

Relative to information concerning the recent theft of 25 cases of dynamite at Praco, Alabama, which information was previously mentioned in referenced airtel, it is noted that close coordination with local law enforcement authorities has been maintained to date. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] it is not possible as yet to preclude them from being the thieves. This phase of investigation was conducted relative to the GREENBOMBS case (Bufile 174-35), and is set forth in this communication as information. Copies of FD-302's reflecting these interviews will be set out in the next report.

Investigation continuing.

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

Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau dated 9/23/66.

SUMMARY

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THOMAS E. BLANTON, SR., continues to be pre-occupied with the work of the committee to stop Federal harassment and is observed on an almost daily basis picketing in front of

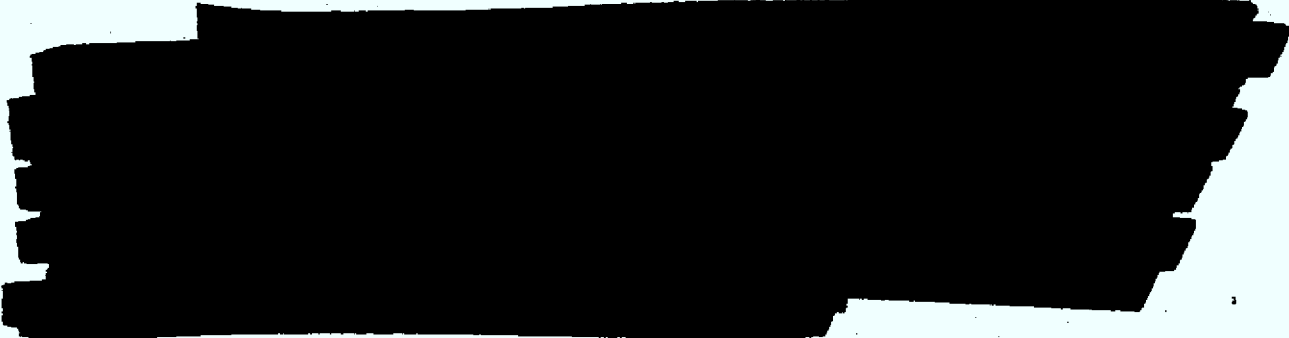
cc [REDACTED] Bureau (AM - RM)
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the FBI Office building, bearing various signs and placards denouncing the FBI's failure to investigate the "Black Panther Party" and the Black Power movement among Civil Rights workers.



Investigation continuing.

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

Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau dated 11/7/66.

SUMMARY

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[REDACTED SECTION]

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Limited information developed this week because of involvement of Agent to whom this case is assigned with urgent investigation in a Federal Bribery and Anti-Racketeering case, involving key State officials of the State of Alabama.

Investigation continuing.

Date of Mail 12-7-66

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

See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

Subject JUNE MAIL Sombier of Sixteenth St Baptist Church, Birmingham

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Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

December 7, 1966

Director, FBI

JUNE

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

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

This is the case involving the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, in which four Negro children attending Sunday School were killed. At the time of this bombing the Ku Klux Klan, the National States Rights Party, and other racist groups were suspected of committing acts of violence against Negroes in the Birmingham area. The more violent members of these groups were considered as suspects. The investigation of this matter is continuing and reports will be furnished to you as they are received.

Set forth below is a tabulation of the microphone surveillances which were used during this investigation:

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1. A microphone was installed at the Marott Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana, October 18, 1963, and was discontinued October 20, 1963, with no trespass. A nation-wide meeting of extremist groups, including the National States Rights Party, was held at the Marott Hotel during this time.

2. A microphone surveillance was installed October 4, 1963, on [REDACTED] Birmingham, Alabama, a suspect who was a Klansman. It was discontinued November 22, 1963, and involved trespass.

3. A microphone surveillance was installed October 22, 1963, on [REDACTED] Birmingham, Alabama, and was removed January 8, 1964, with trespass.

4. A microphone surveillance was installed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] it was removed January 9, 1964, with no trespass.

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5. A microphone surveillance was installed May 15, 1964, on Robert Edward Chambliss, Birmingham, Alabama, a suspect who was a Klansman. It was discontinued July 2, 1964, and involved trespass.

6. A microphone surveillance was installed June 3, 1964, at the Eastview Klavern Hall, Ku Klux Klan, Birmingham, Alabama, and was discontinued by August 13, 1964. It involved trespass.

7. A microphone surveillance was installed on [redacted] Birmingham, Alabama, June 9, 1964, and was discontinued July 25, 1964, with no trespass.

8. A microphone surveillance was installed July 8, 1964, on [redacted] Birmingham, Alabama, a suspect who was a Klansman, and was discontinued July 25, 1964. It involved trespass.

9. A microphone surveillance was installed July 23, 1964, on [redacted] Birmingham, Alabama, a suspect who was a Klansman, and was discontinued July 25, 1964. It involved trespass.

10. A microphone surveillance was installed [redacted] 1965. [redacted] It was removed [redacted] and did not involve trespass.

11. A microphone surveillance was installed [redacted] [redacted] In each instance, the installation was made with the knowledge and consent of the informant. This surveillance was installed [redacted] and was removed [redacted]. It was reinstalled [redacted] and was removed [redacted]. [redacted], reinstalled [redacted] and was removed [redacted]. reinstalled [redacted] and was removed [redacted]. reinstalled [redacted] and was removed [redacted]. reinstalled [redacted] and was removed [redacted]. and reinstalled [redacted] and was removed [redacted]. No trespass was involved in any of these installations.

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The following are technical surveillances which were utilized during the investigation of this matter. In each instance, these technical surveillances were approved by The Attorney General:

1. Memorandum dated October 8, 1963, requested authority for a technical surveillance on [REDACTED] Birmingham, Alabama. It was approved by Attorney General Kennedy October 10, 1963. This surveillance was discontinued November 22, 1963.

2. Memorandum dated October 9, 1963, requested authority to install a technical surveillance in the office of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The technical surveillance was approved by Attorney General Kennedy October 10, 1963. This surveillance was discontinued February 28, 1964.

3. Memorandum dated October 28, 1963, requested authority for a technical surveillance on Robert Edward Chambliss, Birmingham, Alabama. It was approved by Attorney General Kennedy October 31, 1963. This surveillance was discontinued November 25, 1963.

4. Memorandum dated October 29, 1963, requested authority for a technical surveillance on [REDACTED] Birmingham, Alabama. It was approved by Attorney General Kennedy October 31, 1963. This surveillance was discontinued November 21, 1963.

5. Memorandum dated October 30, 1963, requested authority to install a technical surveillance on [REDACTED] Birmingham, Alabama.

[REDACTED] The technical surveillance was approved by Attorney General Kennedy October 31, 1963. This surveillance was discontinued November 25, 1963.

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6. Memorandum dated November 15, 1963, requested authority to install technical surveillances of [redacted] Alabama; [redacted] Alabama; and [redacted] Alabama. [redacted] were all Klansmen. These technical surveillances were authorized by Attorney General Kennedy. The installation on [redacted] was discontinued November 22, 1963. The installation on [redacted] was discontinued November 21, 1963. The installation on [redacted] was never made.

All of the microphone and technical surveillances have been discontinued. No information pertinent to this investigation was obtained from any of them.

NOTE:

The Department has not requested this information and prosecution of this matter is not contemplated in the immediate future. However, this information is being furnished to the Department so it will be fully advised when prosecution is considered at some future date.

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