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AMERICAN UNDERGROUND, also known as
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FORT WORTH, TEXAS

The following information was furnished on November 19 and 24, 1964, by Dallas T-1:

Dallas T-1 advised that he is presently a member of a group referred to as the "Minutemen" and "American Underground" and has been so since approximately 1962. Dallas T-1 advised that the organization is nationwide with approximately fifteen to thirty members in Tarrant County. Dallas T-1 stated that the name of the organization as such has only been used twice in two years and that proper names are seldom, if ever, used and that this makes it very difficult to determine identities of members. Dallas T-1 advised that the following are currently members of the organization:

Arthur Pollard, 2707 Berryhill Drive, Fort Worth, Texas

Otto (Duke) Koling and Shirley Bob Renshaw, 2341 Harris Lane, Haltom City, Texas, who lives with Koling.

Bill Seals, employed at Montgomery Ward's and recently transferred to Montgomery Ward's, Houston, Texas

Van Pollard, 3421 Hanger, Fort Worth, Texas

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Closely associated with the organization and perhaps a member is Richard W. Dawson, who lives on Highway 121 on the outskirts of Fort Worth and who has formerly lived in the neighborhood of 2820 Northwest 29th in the early 1950's. Dallas T-1 advised that an attorney whom members of the group have been advised to contact if "they get into trouble", is W. Alfred Windor, with offices in the Ellis Building in Fort Worth. Dallas T-1 advised he does not know whether or not Windor is a member of the organization.

Dallas T-1 advised the primary purpose of the organization is to fight against the present Federal control of national and local Governments and to fight for "States' rights". The group is supposedly national in origin and believes that the Federal Government is in the process of selling out to the communists and that the group is the last line of defense against this sellout. The group secondarily is racial in that it believes in white supremacy. Dallas T-1 advised that the organization suffered a severe setback because of the assassination of President Kennedy but now is attempting a full-scale reorganization. The group recruits basically from those who do not have criminal records and is organized in such a manner that no one is supposed to know the names of other members in the organization. This is to prevent effective infiltration by the Government. Dallas T-1 advised that the group has no immediate plans for action, but that several times locally this group has determined to act on their own and this action has been curtailed because of orders relayed from higher authority in the organization. These higher authorities are unknown to Dallas T-1, except that a person by the name of Ray (last name unknown) at the ranch in the vicinity of Venus, Texas, appears to be in contact with the group's organizational leaders. Ray is described as a personal and close friend of retired General Edwin Walker and about one and one-half to two years ago was apparently implicated in some manner in the burning of a newspaper in the area of Midlothian, Texas. Ray is also apparently a warehouse supervisor in Dallas.

Dallas T-1 also advised he has been recently contacted by a man whom he does not know but who apparently lives in the Fort Worth area, and this unknown male advised Dallas T-1 to disassociate himself from the small group he is now

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attached to for the apparent purpose of moving into a position of more prominence in the organization. Dallas T-1 advised that the small group with which he has been associated is the lowest level in the organization and that their primary purpose is to do the "dirty work".

Dallas T-1 stated that the group is also prepared, in the event of a Negro uprising in the Fort Worth area, to take action against various Negro leaders including Dr. Flint, Dr. Fleming and Dr. Ransom, and a Fort Worth hoodlum named Madison Hogan, who is apparently a Nation of Islam leader in the Fort Worth area.

Dallas T-1 advised that the only overt action tentatively planned for the winter months is that the effect of a .30 caliber rifle on power transformers in the area may be tested. Dallas T-1 further stated that the group apparently has a contact with an individual in northeast Texas who goes by the name of "South" and that this contact may be utilized in the raiding of a northeast Texas armory during the winter months. The primary interest is obtaining mortars and mortar ammunition and automatic weapons; therefore, Dallas T-1 believes that the armory would probably be of a tank or infantry group.

Dallas T-1 advised that the group locally is attempting to gain control of the Panther City Motorcycle Club for the purpose of gaining land apparently owned by this club, in the area of Lake Arlington, Texas, and thereafter selling this land and using the monies therefrom for purchases of the group.

Dallas T-1 advised that it has been learned the group has organizations in Stephenville, San Angelo, Italy and Brownwood, Texas. Dallas T-1 further advised that Arthur Pollard has in the past made trips to Alabama, Wyoming, Montana, California, and that the group has a contact with an individual by the name of Jim Scott in Kansas City. Dallas T-1 advised that he has seen pamphlets from national Minutemen headquarters, but that these dealt primarily with the fighting of any National Firearms Act which would involve licensing of private weapons.

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"Ray", who appears to be the highest group official in the area, is speaking more of retired General Edwin Walker's guidance and leadership of the organization. He speaks in near reverent terms concerning Walker. Dallas T-1 advised that "Ray" was arranging a meeting with General Walker for him, but after further consideration, decided it would not be appropriate at this time, because Walker becomes suspicious of those who too quickly attempt to meet him. "Ray" advised that it would be wiser to wait until the General requests to see him or until he had been in the organization a longer period of time.

Dallas T-1 further stated that William Seals of Houston, Texas, formerly of Fort Worth, has not been recently in contact with the group in Fort Worth.

Dallas T-1 advised he had no information that the group had yet established a local storehouse or arsenal for weapons and that the membership and leaders in the local group have remained unchanged.

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