cobsen's guilty plea in the Connally ca ich he was the key witness. This deal with the prosecutors was the basis of Connally's defense and of his acquittal last year in his trial for bribery. The jury, apparently dazzled by the parade of prominent character witnesses in Connally's behalf, and unable to take the word of Jacobsen, the beneficiary of that agreement to drop the Texas bank indictment, let Connally go free.

Now Jacobsen has been convicted of bribing John B. Connally, who was found not guilty of accepting that bribe. Laymen often have a hard time with legal logic, and this is a prime example of it. The Jacobsen-Connally case is a particularly puzzling one because the judge who sentenced Jacobsen on August 20 went out of his way to castigate Jacobsen (now a bankrupt with a sick wifehence a sentence of only two-years' probation). The judge said Jacobsen ('nchiy deserved'' to serve time in jail for the admitted crime of bribing Connally who, on the other hand, is innocent of taking that money. (It was always hard forstand why the high-rolling Connally would have sked so much for what he must have regarded as chicken feed.)

Here ends this tale of "white-collar crime," except for a brief reflection on equality under the law. One must wonder, in view of the light sentence to Jacobsen for bribing the Secretary of the Treasury (who was not bribed), how many John Smiths and Does who are found guilty of similar crimes get the same merciful treatment from the bench. So many of the Watergate cases ended with judges handing down light sentences accompanied by pieties on how the disgrace was almost punishment enough. (Remember former Atty, Gen. Richard Kleindienst?)

The high and the mighty seem too often to be let down easily, while ordinary people take the hard falls in our courts, and that is no way to advertise that justice still has eyes that are blind to person, place and privilege. Naturally, John B. Connally would agree with that.

The Birmingham Bombers, 1963-1976

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Thirteen years ago next month, on September 15, 1963, an explosion triggered by fifteen sticks of dynamite ripped through the 16th Street Eaptist Church in Birmingham, Ala. The blast opened gaping holes in the brown sand-- stone building that had become a rallying point for blacks during the drive to desegregate the city's schools. About 200 people had crowded into the church that Sunday, and within minutes of the explosion angry, bleeding and confused blacks poured out of the sanctuary. Twenty persons were injured. In the church's basement, the bodies of four black girls (three were 14 years old and one was 11) were found buried under debris. The girls had just heard a Sunday School lesson on "The Love That Forgives" and were changing into their choir robes when the bomb went off. So ferocious was the explosion that one of the victims was decapitated. Another had an applesize hole gouged into the back of her head. It was probably the most vicious crime of the civil rights era in the South,

And it remains unsolved.

Paradoxically, the public has been told again and again that a solution to the case is at hand. "State investigators," Gov. George Wallace boasted just two weeks after the bombing, "expect to break the Birmingham church case within the next few hours." In 1964, a high FBI official oromised that "we'll solve this case if it takes ten years." Two years later, *Reader's Digest*, in an extremely flattering article on the FBI, reported: "They [FBI agents]

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have put the finger on those responsible for the bombing of a Birmingham Negro church in which four small girls were killed. Director Hoover ordered them to keep building the case until it is so strong that no jury in the land could refuse to convict. So, ever since, wherever the killers have gone, agents have haunted them, watching for chances to add more evidence against them." Thus, Alabama's present Atty. Gen. Bill Baxley sounded vaguely like a broken record last February when he stated that he knows the names of the "fiends" responsible for the bombing and added, "some people in Jefferson County [in which Birmingham is located] ought to be pretty nervous right now."

But wading through the hyperbole and empty promises, one gains a very different impression. The facts are: no one has ever been arrested or tried for the bombing, not a shred of evidence has ever been presented to a grand jury about the bombing and, despite a recent flurry of publicity about a new investigation, the solution to the case is apparently no nearer today than it was thirteen years ago. Attempts to solve it have been hamstrung by incompetence, indifference and petty feuds among politicians (notably George Wallace) and law-enforcement officials. The bickering continues to this day. It is, as one police officer who has followed the case says, "a sorry damn story."

The bumbling and stumbling began almost as soon as the smoke around the church had cleared. The FBI rushed twenty-five bomb experts and agents to the scene, and a Justice Department spokesman vowed the investigation

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would be "the most intense since e hunt for John Dillinger." As the agents picked through the rubble in Birmingham, George Wallace fumed and fidgeted in Montgomery. For months, the Governor had been whipping the rednecks into a frenzy with increasingly rabid statements about school integration, and now he was reaping what he had sown. Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP, called the atrocity a "deliberate mass mur-der" encouraged by the Governor. "Wallace is as guilty, as if he himself planted the bomb," said John P. Roche of the Americans for Democratic Action. "The blood of four little children is on your hands," Dr. Martin Luther Even a dedicated rabble-rouser like Wallace was quick to realize that this sort of publicity was not likely to enhance his image as he prepared his first campaign for the Presidency. Something had to be done-and fast. If there was blood on his hands, b, God, he wanted it. washed off before the New Hampshire primary was a 2 Wallace quickly decided that his state police were not to cooperate with other law-enforcement groups working on the case. He didn't want the FBI to solve it, thereby allowing J. Edgar Hoover and the Kennedys to get all the credit for cleaning up a mess in Wallace's own back yard. "The killing of those children was a horrible act that shocked the nation," recalls Burke Marshall, who at that time headed the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department, "I don't know if the Governor reacted that way; he may have looked at it as a political problem. There was absolutely no communication between Governor Wallace and the federal government." Wallace entrusted the state's investigation to the head of the Department of Public Salety, the late Col. Albert J. Lingo, a rough-and-tumble south. Alabaman who became something of a state hero a couple of years later for ordering the clubbing and tear-gassing of civil rights marchers in Selma. It mattered not to Wallace that Lingo was an outspoken supporter of the Ku Klux Klan and that the prime suspects were Klansmen. It mattered not to Wallace that Lingo, president of a door manufacturing firm before his appointment as the state's top policeman, knew next to nothing about investigative techniques or law enforcement. None of this mattered to Wallace. He just wanted something done fast.

So while the FBI was conducting a methodical, painstaking investigation, Alabama's state troopers ("They acted more like storm troopers," says Burke Marshall) were slinking around town pursuing the strangest "clues." Typical of Lingo's tactics was the photographing of virtually every white person who attended the funerals of the four murdered black girls. According to a high-ranking state official who is familiar with the case, Lingo's men spent "about 80 per cent of their time trying to prove it was blacks who bombed the church." Much to the chagrin of Wallace, nothing was found to substantiate that theory. When the troopers weren't trying to pin the rap on the blacks, they wallowed in confusion. "Nobody knew what was going on," a retired state investigator admitted recently. "All we knew was that Wallace and Lingo wanted something done, whether it was right or not."

Eventually, the state did do something, and, predictably, it was the wrong thing. Two weeks after the bombing, Lingo, having consulted Wallace, ordered the arrest of three Ku Klu iansmen on "open charges." Two of the men were considered prime suspects by the FBI and we under constant surveillance by agents when the stastepped in. The FBI was holding off on arrests, hoping build a strong case against a number of Klansmen supected of taking part in the crime.

As expected, Wallace milked the situation for all t publicity possible. He cut short a trip to Florida ar dramatically returned to Montgomery in the middle of the night-to announce the news and to claim the case ha been solved, While Wallace hammed it up for reporter FBI agents complained bitterly that the state had all b ruined their investigation. By arresting the suspects pr maturely, Wallace and Lingo had alerted the bombe that federal investigators were closing in but still lacke enough hard evidence to make any charges stick. Th arrests made it easier for the killers to cover their track The whole episode was so transparently stupid that Lingc second in command, Maj. Bill Jones, had tried to dissuar his boss from arresting the men. Jones had pleaded wi the Colonel, saying the arrests could only damage th FBI's chances of solving the case. Lingo was not in pressed. "I don't know who their suspects are," he sa later of the FBI, "and I don't care," Wallace seeme none too disturbed either that the case might have bee botched for good. His reaction was, "We certainly be the Kennedy crowd to the punch!" Why the state made the arrests is still a matter of con jecture, but a former FBI operative who infiltrated th Klan in Birmingham in the 1960s suggests a siniste motive. In his recently published book, My Undercove Years With the Ku Klux Klan, Gary Thomas Rowe J says he was present when a "secret meeting" was arrange between Klan officials and Alabama state troopers. It wi called, Rowe claims, because "the FBI was about to arre three Klansmen in connection with a bombing." To prevent this embarrassment to the Klan, Rowe says, staofficers "agreed to pick them up first on minor charges."

The three Klansmen were ultimately charged with posession of dynamite, which *Time* noted was "a midemeanor about as common in Birmingham as jaywalkir in many a U.S. city." The state's evidence was so flims even for these piddling charges that two of the cases wer thrown out of court and the third ended with an acquitt in a jury trial.

For the past few years the bombing has been little mor than a touchy problem for the Birmingham Chamber c Commerce. No one, it seems, has had much to say about the incident—it's bad for business. The federal statute c limitations on almost all of the crimes connected with th case has expired, leaving the only hope for arrests wit the state and the Birmingham Police Department. Stat officials have exhibited little interest in the matter, and n one expects action from the Birmingham police, wh have yet to solve even one of the city's thirty or so raciall motivated bombings since World War II.

Therefore, a great many people were taken by surpris last February when it was learned that state Attorne General Baxley was conducting a new investigation. Th surprise was accompanied by optimism, since Baxley is not at all the kind of Attorney General Alabamans cus

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tomarily elect. Bright, energetic, outspoken, and most of all ambitious, the 35-year-old Baxley is the state's hottest political property since George Wallace, whom he hopes to succeed as Governor in two years. Unlike Wallace, Baxley is a moderate (a liberal by Alabama standards) and sometimes refreshingly candid. Now serving his second term, Baxley seemingly can do no wrong as far as the voters are concerned. Even the Baptists appear willing to forgive the drawling, rosy-cheeked Attorney General for winning \$32,000 in a single night at the blackjack tables of Las Vegas. More important, Baxley has won a reputation as a dogged prosecutor. If anyone can crack the case, most Alabamans thought, it is Baxley He began looking into the bombing shortly after taking office in 1971. Routinely (and without publicity) Baxley requested information on the case from the FBI. Four years later, the FBI got around to acting on the request. It might never have come across with any information had it not been for inquiries from a reporter in Washington who had heard of the delay. When the prospect of bad publicity appeared on the horizon the bureaucratic wheels at the Justice Department and the FBI began to roll The lour-year delay was damaging, if not fatal, to Baxley's investigation. His men were forced to postpone the questioning of key suspects until it could be determined what they had earlier told the FBI. In one particularly crippling instance, Baxley's office was denied vital information and lie detector test results on the man authorities believe made the bomb. While the FBI sat on its information, the man died. to the second There has been no official explanation for the bureau's peculiar behavior. Director Clarence Kelley would not allow me to interview any of his agents on the bombing. In refusing the interview request, he wrote: "I am sure you will agree that it would be improper for the FBI to take any action which might jeopardize the prosecution of any criminal offender. ... Thus, any public disclosure which we might make could seriously jeopardize-in fact, it could prevent-the eventual achievement of justice in this case." One can only wonder how Kelley and his subordinates reconcile the withholding of evidence and other information with their desire for "the eventual achievement of justice in this case."

Baxley refuses to talk about his problems with the FBI, claiming that he doesn't want to "antagonize" anyone. But one official involved in the investigation offers this explanation of the FBI's conduct: "They still don't really trust Alabama officials. They remember all too well what happened back in 1963. For some reason, they don't seem to realize that different people are involved. Also, there is still a lot of jealousy. You know, the kind of attitude that seems to say: 'We couldn't solve it, so you can't either.' Then, I guess, there is just the nature of the bureaucracy. Sometimes even important things move slow as hell."

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Although some information has been released by the bureau, problems apparently still exist. Baxley and Birmingham Mayor David Vann recently sent a joint letter to Director Kelley imploring him to order full FBI cooperation. At one point, Baxley was said to have become so frustrated with the 1 s foot-dragging that he considered flying to Washington with the father of one of the slain girls and laying the whole story out in a news conference. It would seem that he has now settled on a more restrained approach. Baxley himself has not escaped controversy for the

manner in which the investigation has been handled. Some critics-and these include law-enforcement officers-contend that given a choice between campaigning for governor or poring over evidence on the church bombing, Baxley will choose the former. They doubt that Baxley has the . stomach for the protracted and tedious work an inves-. tigation of this sort requires. As proof, they point to the very solid reports that the investigation has ground to a halt. "Listen, I'd give up the rest of my term and my entire political future just to solve this case," Baxley re-torts. Even more unsettling, perhaps, is the Attorney General's cozy relationship with George Wallace. The crippled Governor is sending out all manner of not so subtle hints that he wouldn't mind one bit having Baxley succeed him. Ideologically, the two men are miles apart, but Baxley may be the only man with enough political momentum to barpoon Lt. Gov. Jere Beasley, a Wallace critic and, gubernatorial aspirant. Wallace, of course, can open more . doors for Baxley than anyone else, so no one need expect the Attorney General to explain how George screwed it all up in 1963. Instead, Baxley likes to paint the press as the villain. "If it hadn't been for all this publicity, I'd probably have solved this thing by now. Everybody knows we are coming after them now and they're ready for us." But what about Wallace? Didn't he and his buddy Al Lingo really blow the whole thing? Questions like that tend to turn Baxley's rosy checks crimson. "A goddamn article in The Nation isn't worth this shit." That's about as specific as he will get. As the unsolved case drags into its fourteenth year, Baxley and others sound the same old refrains. "I'm confident we're making progress," the Attorney General told The New York Times in March. Mayor Vann has joined the chorus, saying he, too, "is confident" that something will come of this investigation. "This case can be solved," he says reassuringly. Perhaps it can, but after thirteen years hasn't the public the right to know why so little progress has been made? Shouldn't those who have helped to frustrate and to delay the course of justice be held accountable? Why did the state disrupt the FBI's investigation in 1963? Why has the FBI refused to cooperate it

these questions, and others, deserve to be answered. But maybe the real question is, does anybody really caranymore? Does time erase every outrage? Martin Luthe King Sr. now greets George Wallace on the floor of th Democratic National Convention and vigorously shake the hand that thirteen years earlier his son had said we dripping with blood. "He's an inspiration to us all King bubbles for the television cameras. Wallace, plaing the role of the dignified leader of the "great midd class," grins broadly and allows that he and the ele King have always been good friends. Surely, any miwho was friendly with Daddy King wouldn't have mess up the hunt for the killers of four small black girls. Y sir, old George is an inspiration to us all.

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For your information, by separate communication, those field offices covering the above locations, including your office are being furnished necessary background information in this matter and are being requested to contact the above-mentioned former SAs presently located within the respective divisions to alert them to the possibility of future contact by representatives of Attorney General Baxley's office. That communication will instruct those offices to advise the former SAs that certain results of our investigation in captioned case have been furnished to Mr. Baxley, at his request a with Departmental authority, such results having been screened to avoid disclosure of any informant information or of any information which should remain confidential. The former SAS will be advised that if the questions directed to them by members of Mr. Baxley's staff go beyond the material set out in Bureau documents previously furnished to Mr. Baxley, copies of which will undoubtedly be shown to the former SAs by Baxley's representatives so as to refresh their recollection. the Birmingham Office should be contacted telephonically by them, through your office, to determine whether the subject matter of such questions may be discussed without compromising confidential material. In the interest of facilitating Mr. Baxley's efforts, when furnishing the above addresses to him, it is suggested that you advise him of the above-proposed action.

For your information, the Privacy Act aspects of the disclosure of the above addresses to Mr. Baxley have been considered and such action does not appear to violate any provisions of existing legislation.

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For the information of those instant addressees not, having prior information in this matter, captioned case involved the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alghama, 9/15/63. The incident, which resulted in the deaths of four young Negro girls, personal injury to 16 other persons and extensive damage to the church, was the subject of an intensive investigation which continued until July, 1973. At that time the case was closed inasmuch as all logical investigation had been completed and the Statute of Limitations had

William Baxley, Attorney General of the State of Alabama, has been conducting investigation in this case and other similar: incidents which occurred in the Birmingham area during the same period. At his specific request, with Departmental authorization, certain results of our investigation had been furnished to Baxley, such results having been screened to avoid disclosure of any informant information or any other information which should remain confidential.

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and 1964. He requested authority to interview those SAs. On August 31, 1976, a letter was directed to him advising him that only 12 of the 23 SAs are presently on active duty with the Bureau. One of the named SAs is deceased. He was told that interviews of the 12 SAs currently on duty would be authorized if such interviews were conducted in Birmingham, in the presence of representatives of the Birmingham Office who are familiar with captioned case so as to insure that matters which must remain confidential are not discussed. The above action was taken in an effort to be as cooperative as possible in this matter, consistent with the Bureau's responsibilities for maintaining the security of information in FBI files which must remain confidential.

Baxley has now requested advice as to the current addresses of the 10 SAs of the above-mentioned group who are no longer on active duty. The names of those SAs and their last known addresses, which are set out below, are being furnished to Mr. Baxley.



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The above-mentioned former SAs presently residing within your respective divisions should be contacted promptly for the purpose of apprizing them of the above developments and to alert them to the fact that they may be contacted by representatives of Baxley's staff. They should be advised that if the questions directed to them to beyond the material as set out in Bureau documents previously furnished to Baxley, copies of which will undoubtedly be shown to them at the time. of their interviews so as to refresh their recollections, they should contact the Birmingham Office telephonically, through your office, to determine whether or not the subject matter of such additional areas of questioning may be discussed without a compromising confidential material. They should also be advised that the Civil Rights Division of the Department has previously deferred to the Bureau as to what information in Bureau files in this matter may be furnished to Baxley; therefore, they are released from the restrictions placed upon them by their FBI Employment Agreements insofar as this case is concerned.

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It is suggested that Birmingham furnish the above current addresses for the two former Special Agents to Mr. WILLIAM BAXLEY, Attorney General of the State of Alabama.



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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 JULY 1973 EDITION GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT *1emorandum* то DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025) DATE: 10/28/76 FROM SAC, TAMPA (157-856) (RUC) SUBJECT: BAPBOMB (OO: BIRMINGHAM) Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta, 10/14/76. One copy of this letter being furnished for the information of Birmingham in view of their interest in this matter. The following investigation was conducted by On 10/22/76, an attempt was made to contact Florida. This attenue with negative results as it was determined that was out of town and would not be returning until the first of the week. £d On 10/26/76, contact was made with Florida, address. was furnished pertinent information as contained in referenced airtel and apprised of the fact that he may be contacted by representatives of WILLIAM BAXLEY, Attorney General of the State of Alabama's Staff. further advised that if after contact by BAXLEY's starr me has any questions to contact the Cocoa Resident Agency and they in turn will contact the Birmingham Office to obtain answers to any might have. I said that as of this questions date he had not been contacted by any representative of BAXLEY's office. EX 104 PEC 23 Ice: Banking Unit s NOV Y 2-Bureau 1-Birmingham (157-352) (Info) 125 <u>1-Tampa</u> La BabU.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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pertinent serials before any interview, and wanted to know if the Birmingham Office planned to make such material available in this matter. He stated that he is reluctant to consent to interview without first having reviewed results of investigation conducted by him.

Birmingham is requested to advise WFO if the procedure as set forth on page three of Bureau airtel is strictly being adhered to and whether or not similiar requests have been made by other former Special Agents. Brimingham is also requested to advise WFO in detail the steps to be taken should such interview of take place and the necessity for telephonic contact with the Birmingham Office arise during interview.

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For the consideration of WFO, it is noted that several former Agents have informally contacted Birmingham to advise that in the event they are contacted by Mr. BAXLEY, they plan to request that the interviews be conducted in Birmingham where the files and Agents familiar with the matter are readily available. JULY 1973 EDITION

Memorandum



SUBJECT:

: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 11/23/76

SAC, WFO (157-293) (RUC)

BAPBONB 00:Birmingham

Re WFO airtel dated 11/2/76 and Birmingham airtel dated 11/8/76.

Referenced WFO airtel set forth inquiries posed by former Special Agent when originally contacted by WFO in regard to interviews by Alabama Attorney General BAXLEY or by members of his staff.

Referenced Birmingham airtel set forth answers to same inquries which in turn were related to for 11/19/76. The advised that to date he has not been contacted by any members of the staff of BAXLEY and that he will notify WFO in the event he is contacted.

In view of the above, no additional investigation the being conducted by WFO and this matter is considered RUC'd.

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BIRMINGHAM HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO MAKING THE TRANSCRIPTS AVAILABLE PROVIDED OTHER LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS DO NOT PROHIBIT SAME.

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH GUIDANCE CONCERNING WHETHER OR NOT THE TRANSCRIPTS FROM TECHNICAL INSTALLATIONS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO INVESTIGATORS MENTIONED ABOVE. BT

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BIRMINGHAM BELIEVES THAT THE REQUESTED INFORMATION COULD BE FURNISHED UNDER THE ROUTINE USE PROVISIONS OF FOIPA; HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE MANY OTHER POSSIBLE LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS INVOLVED, DESIRES GUIDANCE FROM LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION AND/OR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PRIOR TO MAKING THE REQUESTED INFORMATION AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW BY THE STATE.

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At request of William Barley, Attorney General, Alabama, who is conducting investigation in above case. after appropriate contact with the Department, we have furnished certa: results of our investigation to him (incoming dated 3/10/77, indicates he has been furnished virtually all information in our file, except that furnished by confidential informants.) Same incoming advises member of Barley's staff

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to Mr. Baxley's investigation. Incoming dated 3/11/77, advises member of Baxley's staff subsequently asked to review transcript: of any technical installations involved in instant case.

Response to incoming dated 3/10/77, coordinated with Legal Counsel and Records Management Divisions. Approved procedure constitutes a "routine use" dissemination, i.e., furnishing information to another law enforcement agency for a law enforcement purpose, which is authorized by the provisions of the Privacy Act.



See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

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WITHOUT A SERIAL BY SERIAL REVIEW OF NUMEROUS FILES RE-LATING TO BAPBOM, BIRMINGHAM CANNOT CATEGORICALLY STATE THAT THE FILES DO NOT CONTAIN ANY INFORMATION INDICATING

HOWEVER, AGENTS WHO HAVE REVIEWED THESE FILES EXTENSIVELY HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH INFORMATION AND ARE OF THE OPINION THAT NO SUCH INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN BIRMINGHAM FILES. ALSO, STATE INVESTIGATOR, BOB EDDY, WHO HAS REVIEWED VOLUMINOUS FBI REPORTS CONCERNING BAPBOM HAS STATED THAT HE HAS SEEN NOTHING IN FBI DOCUMENTS WHICH WOULD


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To: SACs Atlanta (66-825) Birmingham (157-352) Indianapolis (157-93)

From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

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ReBHtel to the Director dated March 21, 1977 and BUairtel dated October 14, 1976 to Atlanta, Birmingham and others.

For information of Indianapolis, at the request of Mr. William Baxley, Attorney General of Alabama, and after appropriate contact with the Department, the Birmingham Division has been furnishing to Mr. Baxley certain results of our investigation in captioned case. His representatives have requested access to any transcripts from technical installations which the Bureau may have had in effect in connection with Ξ captioned case.

In response to the above request, Birmingham is hereby instructed to advise the appropriate representatives of Mr. Baxley's staff that the above-mentioned request has been given careful consideration and the FBI will respond to that request in the following manner. The sensitivity of the coverage involved precludes the possibility of making available to the staff documents regarding the coverage. However, all results of any coverage involved will be reviewed and the staff, or a representative thereof, will be briefed orally regarding any pertinent information disclosed by the coverage.

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Rirtel to SLCs Stlanta, Sirmingham, Indianapolis Nov. - SAPBON 157-1925

The review referred to will be handled by agents in the Sirmingham Office. It will consist of a review of all tapes of coverages established in captioned case. If there are no tapes present in connection with a particular coverage, any existing transcripts and/or logs are to be reviewed.

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A further review of files at FBINO disclosed that a microphone surveillance, identified by symbol number was utilized by the Indianapolis Office from October 13 to 20, 1963, to provide coverage of the National Convention of the Constitutional Party and regarding convention delegates from Ceorgia. Indianapolis airtel dated

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Atlanta and Indianapolis should fursish tapes regarding the above coverages presently in the custody of your respective offices to Birmingham for review in this matter. Upon completion of your review, Birmingham is to return these tapes to Atlanta and Indianapolis.

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Birmingham, in briefing dr. Dauley's staff regarding the results of the above-mentioned review, is not to disclose any details regarding the coverages involved.

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Airtel to SACs Atlanta, Birmingham, Indianapolis Re: DAPBOM 157-1025

This matter should be handled promptly to enable Birmingham to complete its review and comply with the request of Dr. Baxley's staff.

Birmingham is instructed to keep FBIHQ advised of developments in this matter. Specifically, advise whether or not your review of the tages and/or transcripts discloses any pertinent information, and the date that any such information was furnished to Mr. Baxley's staff.

NOTE:

Instant case involves September 15, 1963 bombing of a Birmingham church resulting in four deaths and personal injury to numerous other persons. Our investigation is completed; extensive efforts failed to disclose sufficient information to sustain prosecutive action.

Coverages utilized during the investigation included telephone surveillances (all approved by the Attorney General), microphone surveillances (approved by FBIHQ, in accordance with then-existing policy), and CAT devices (concealed auto transmitters). Some of the coverages involved trespass.

This matter has been coordinated with Legal Counsel Division.

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	Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of a letter dated 4/1/77, from GEORGE BECK, Deputy Attorney General, State of Alabama, requesting specific information re captioned case.
	For the information of the Bureau, upon receipt of Mr. BECK's letter, SACCOMPANY of the Birmingham Office, discussed its contents for clarification of Mr. BECK's request with Alabama State Investigator BOB EDDY, who is handling this matter for Mr. BECK.
	EDDY advised that Items Number One and Five in Mr. BECK's letter will be covered by Birmingham when they furnish him with information $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 1$
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April 1, 1977

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SAC L.R. Kirkpatrick Federal Bureau of Investigation 1400 - 2121 Building Birmingham, Alabama 35203

and related matters

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

As you know our office has been investigating a series of bombings that occurred in the Birmingham, Alabama area during the early 1960's. We appreciate the cooperation you and your office have given us over the last several weeks. However, there is additional information which we need to assist us in that investigation.

Re:

Therefore, I respectfully request that the following information be made available to Special Investigator Bob Eddy or other authorized representative of this office: 67<,9.

pertaining to any bombing, arson, killing or other related matter.

2. Any technical surveillance, including but not limited to wiretaps, electronic surveillance equipment, transmitters, etc., that the FBI may have had pertaining to any bombing, arson, or killing during 1962 and 1963 in Jefferson County, State of Alabama.

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5. Any and all other information that the FBI might have pertaining to above requests.

This office would also like to request the assistance of Special Agent for interviews that will be made in the near future pertaining to information received from FBI files. This interview will be necessary in order to assist our investigator in relating to interviews done by agents years ago.

Again, I thank you for the assistance given this office, and I look forward to your continued assistance in this matter.

Yours very truly,

George Beck Deputy Attorney General

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To SAC, Birmingham (157-352)



Airtel to SAC, Birmingham RE: BAPBOMB

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pertinent to captioned matter. FBIHQ interposes no objection to your responding to the request as set out in Mr. Beck's letter, which is in effect a narrower request than the prior oral request received by you inasmuch as some of the coverage involved in captioned matter was in effect in 1964 and 1965. However, while further information, i.e., that regarding coverage during 1964-1965 need not be volunteered, Mr. Baxley's staff should not be misled into believing that the 1962-1963 coverage constituted all coverage involved.

With regard to the last request posed by Mr. Beck's letter. i.e., the assistance of SA is authorized to be present at the previously SA authorized interviews of those Agents presently on active duty (note that Bureau teletype dated 8/22/76 instructed that such interviews were to be conducted in the presence of an Agent from your office knowledgeable regarding captioned case to insure that matters which must remain confidential are not compromised). Also, SA is authorized to be present at the interviews of former SAS whom Mr. Baxley intends to interview if those former Agents so request. is also authorized to furnish assistance to SA Mr. Baxley's staff by way of consultation, in clarifying information previously furnished to the staff. However, SA is not to engage in any other active investigation with members of the staff.

As you were previously instructed, FBIHQ is to be kept advised of developments in this matter.

Airtel to SAC, Birmingham RE: BAPBOMB

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NOTE: Instant case involves 9/15/63 bombing of a Birmingham church which resulted in four deaths and numerous personal injuries. Our extensive investigation, now completed, failed to disclose sufficient information to support prosecutive action. At request of William Baxley, Alabama Attorney General, after clearing with the Department, Birmingham has been furnishing pertinent results of our investigation to Mr. Baxley.

Baxley recently made an oral request, through his staff, for review of any technical coverage utilized in our investigation and for

As indicated above, authority for disclosure of that information was previously authorized. The current written request confirms the prior oral request and expands same in some respects and narrows it in another respect.

Baxley previously requested authority to interview a number of Agents who participated in our investigation, some of whom are presently on active duty and others who have left Bureau service. He was furnished the addresses of the former Agents and was advised that interviews of current Agents was being authorized on the condition that such interviews be conducted in Birmingham in the presence of a Birmingham Agent knowledgeable regarding captioned case.

Above response coordinated with Legal Counsel Division and FOIPA Branch of Records Management Division.

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. FBI FILE NO. LATENT CASE NO.

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April 27, 1977

TO: SAC, Birmingham

RE: BAPBOMB



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To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

ReBHcal to FBIHQ on 6/22/77.

In accordance with your request, there are enclosed 13 folders containing single copies of the enclosures furnished to FBIHQ by your airtel dated 12/28/66.

Enclosure (1 package)



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Telephone call referenced above made by Supervisor

Material involved cannot be located in Birmingham Office, and is needed by Birmingham in connection with the handling of previously authorized dissemination to the Attorney General of Alabama of certain results of our investigation in captioned matter.

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Birmingham is continuing to review pertinent files in this matter and is furnishing all pertinent information regarding all related bombing cases to Mr. EDDY.

A review to date by Birmingham of the available technical coverage material has failed to develop any pertinent information. Therefore, no technical coverage material has been furnished to Mr. EDDY as of this date.

The Birmingham Office will keep the Bureau advised regarding the results of the Grand Jury.

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ON SEPT. 26, 1977, BOB EDDY, INVESTIGATOR, ALABAMA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, ADVISED THAT ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS WAS INDICTED FOR FOUR MURDERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOMBING OF THE 16TH ST. BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALA. ON SEPT. 15, 1963 BY THE JEFFERSON COUNTY GRAND JURY AT BIRMINGHAM, SEPT. 26, 1977. CHAMBL'ISS WAS ARRESTED ON THE FOUR MURDERS SEPT. 26, 1977 AND IS PRESENTLY CONFINED WITHOUT BOND AT JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL, BIRMINGHAM.

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PAGE TWO BH 157-352 CLEAR INDICTMENTS STEM FROM THE CASE CAPTION UNSUB; BOMBING OF THE BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, JUNE 29, 1958, BU 100-135-4, BH

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AS THE BUREAU IS AWARE, BIRMINGHAM HAS COOPERATED FULLY WITH ALABAMA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IN MAKING AVAILABLE RESULTS OF FBI INVESTIGATION WHERE PERTINENT. SINCE FEBRUARY, 1977, AN AGENT HAS BEEN AVAILABLE ON ALMOST A FULL TIME BASIS TO ASSIST AND CONSULT WITH INVESTIGATOR EDDY, WHO USES BIRMINGHAM OFFICE SPACE. THE AGENT HAS NOT PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY IN ANY OUTSIDE INVESTIGATION. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE WILL PRESENT ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE TO THE LOCAL GRAND JURY IN OCTORBER, 1977; HOWEVER, IT IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME IF FURTHER INDICTMENTS WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

FBIHQ WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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BIRM INGHAM, AT BIRMINGHAM, WILL FURNISH THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO THE ALABAMA STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND ADVISE MINNEAPOLIS OF ANY FURTHER ACTION REQUESTED.

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PURPOSE:

To advise of indictment of Robert E. Chambliss by local grand jury in Alabama on murder charges in connection with captioned matter which was under FBI investigation from its occurrence until January, 1973. Case concerns bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, on 9/15/63, resulting in four deaths.

SYNOPSIS:

Chambliss, identified as a principal suspect by FBI investigation in captioned case, indicted by local grand jury in connection with captioned case, on 9/26/77.

was indicted by same grand jury in connection with a prior unrelated Birmingham bombing in which no FBI investigation was conducted. Extensive investigation conducted in captioned case concluded in January, 1973; insufficient information developed to sustain prosecutive action. Results of FBI investigation furnished to Alabama Attorney General. Grand jury proceedings expected to continue. Birmingham Division following this matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS:



Memorandum to Mr. D. W. Moore, Jr. Re: BAPBOMB

DETAILS:

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The Birmingham Division has advised that on 9/26/77, a Jefferson County, Alabama, grand jury indicted Robert E. Chambliss, charging him with four murders in connection with captioned matter. BAPBOMB is the code word for investigation regarding the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, on 9/15/63, resulting in four deaths, personal injury to 16 others and property damage of approximately \$30,000. Birmingham Division also advised that

were active Klansmen during the period of the above incidents. Chambliss is presently confined in the Jefferson County jail, Birmingham, without bond

Chambliss

No FBI investigation was conducted regarding the church bombing on 6/29/58; however, extensive investigation ' was conducted by the FBI regarding captioned case. The file indicates that a small group of Klansman, one of whom was Robert Chambliss, was identified as prime suspects. The final results of investigation were insufficient to sustain prosecutive action and investigation was closed in January, 1973.

At the request of the Attorney General of the State of Alabama, and after appropriate clearance with the Department, we began furnishing information regarding the results of our investigation to the Attorney General in December, 1975. At the time of his request for information, the Attorney General advised his staff had a list of about 20 suspects, two of whom were Chambliss and the Birmingham Office advised at that time that both suspects had been thoroughly investigated in instant matter. Memorandum to Mr. D. W. Moore, Jr. Re: BAPBOMB

DETAILS CONTINUED:

Whether or not any information provided by the FBI to the Attorney General constituted the basis for either indictment is unknown. The Birmingham Office has advised it is anticipated that the Attorney General will present additional evidence to the local grand jury in October, 1977, but whether or not further indictments will be forthcoming is unknown at this time.

The Birmingham Office will advise of any further pertinent developments.

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RE BIRMINGHAM TELEPHONE CALL TO FBIHQ NOVEMBER 8, 1977, AND BUREAU AIRTEL TO ATLANTA OCTOBER 14, 1976.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES, BOB EDDY, STATE INVESTIGATOR FOR ALABAMA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, ADVISED THAT ROBERT EDWARD CHAMBLISS. TRIAL FOR MURDER 1081ICE IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NOVEMBER 14, 1977, IN JEFFERSON COUNT

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PAGE TWO BH 157-352 CIRCUIT COURT, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. CHAMBLISS WAS INDICTED ON SEPTEMBER 26, 1977, ON FOUR COUNTS OF MURDER BY THE JEFFERSON COUNTY GRAND JURY IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOMBING OF THE SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1963.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL GEORGE BECK, WHO IS HANDLING THE PROSECUTION OF CHAMBLISS, STATES THAT THE FOLLOWING FBI SPECIAL AGENTS' TESTIMONIES, WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE BAPBOMB CASE, WOULD BE NECESSARY TO CORROBORATE OR REFUTE A WITNESS' TESTIMONY:

THESE TWO AGENTS ARE TO BE IN BIRMINGHAM BY 4:00 P.M. ON NOVEMBER 14, 1977, IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY REVIEW. INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY THEM WITH, STATE INVESTIGATOR EDDY.

EDDY PLANS TO PERSONALLY CONTACT THE FOLLOWING FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS WHO ARE NOW RETIRED AND REQUEST THEM TO ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO TESTIFY AS REBUTTAL WITNESSES, IF NECESSARY, IN THE CHAMBLISS CASE (IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY FOR RECEIVING OFFICES TO NOTIFY THE FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS, AS THEY WILL BE CONTACTED BY EDDY):



TAMPA IS ALSO REQUESTED TO FURNISH BIRMINGHAM WITH CURRENT ADDRESS IN ORDER THAT IT MAY BE FURNISHED TO EDDY. BT







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ALL PERTINENT SERIALS TO BIRMINGHAM BY DECEMBER 14, 1977, IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY BE REVIEWED AND ANY INFORMATION DEEMED PERTINENT BE FURNISHED TO ATTORNEY GENERAL BECK PAGE THREE BH 157-352 PRIOR TO HIS APPEARANCE AT HABEAS CORPUS HEARING IN GEORGIA ON DECEMBER 20, 1977.

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Birmingham requested Atlanta to review appropriate files regarding and copies of any and all pertinent serials to Birmingham by 12/14/77 as there is to be a hearing regarding Atlanta, in reviewing pertinent files on noted that during the period 1/1/58 to 7/31/58,

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105-763 (National States Rights Party (NSRP) file)

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as a result, the Deputy Attorney General requested that any memos, reports, or other documents which describe

It was the Deputy Attorney General's understanding that these surveillances were done by FBI Agents and that reports were given to the FBI by other law enforcement personnel.

In referenced Atlanta telephone call to Birmingham, 12/8/77, it was learned that the Birmingham Office has authorization to furnish pertinent information to the Alabama Attorney General's Office regarding

SAVANNAH DIVISION

AT SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Will review all pertinent Savannah files regarding

be sent to the Birmingham Office, attention SA and it is requested that this be done as expeditiously as possible.

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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA



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FBI/DOJ

Post Office Box 1683 Atlanta, Georgia 30301

December 8, 1977

Mr. George Beck Deputy Attorney General State of Alabama Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Dear Mr. Beck:

I have received your letter dated December 1, 1977, and the request contained therein is being handled separately and you will be advised at an early date.

For your information, your previous letters dated August 30, 1977, and October 21, 1977, were received in this office. At the time these letters were received, I communicated with our Birmingham Office and I was advised that they had discussed your previous requests either with you or with one of your representatives, and that the matters mentioned in your two previous letters had been handled and there was no need for a reply from this office. I mention this since the tenor of your letter dated December 1, 1977, would indicate that we had not answered your previous correspondence. My purpose in calling this to your attention is to insure that the proper facts in this matter are available to you.

Sincerely,

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JAMES J. DUNN, JR. Special Agent in Charge

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with the Atlanta, Ga., Bureau of the Los Angeles Times, telephonically contacted SA He is stated that subsequent to the trial of ROBERT CHAMBLISS in Birmingham, Ala., an individual whose name he could not recall, had made a public appearance on television and stated that two FBI Agents, and oriered him \$160,000 to finger CHAMBLISS and his group as the bombers of instant church. He sought to obtain a statement from SA Concerning this allegation. SA Concerning the allegation and would have no statement to make.

Above is being furnished for information of the Bureau and one copy being furnished to Columbia Office, to which SA the satisfiest statements assigned.



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Savannah letter to Jacksonville, dated 5/28/58.

RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF TENNESSEE CONTEMPLATED DYNAMITING UNKNOWN JEWISH INSTALLATION CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, 5/25/58

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Savannah teletype to Bureau and Knoxville dated 5/24/58.

It is to be noted that Birmingham is already in possession of most of these serials, especially those pertaining to the CHRISTIAN ANTI-JEWISH PARTY file.

It is to be pointed out that a former source of the Savannah Office

The Savannah file in this matter was forwarded to the Columbia Office when this office was established in 1965. It is not known by the Savannah Division whether

It is also pointed out that the Jacksonville Office <u>could possibly have information of pertinence</u> regarding

Birmingham should also note that during the pertinent period 1/1 ~ 7/31/58; the Savannah Office did not initiate investigation regarding

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Numerous files were reviewed in the Savannah Division regarding the NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY and other organizational files, however, the majority of these files were not opened in the Savannah Division until the 1960's. This is true of the main individual file was well as the NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY file.

Birmingham should insure that proper caution be used in dissemination of information contained in enclosures and that all appropriate sources are protected under the provisions of the FOI/PA.



Mr. Clarence M. Kelley, Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Department of Justice Constitution Avenue & 10th Street, N.W Washington, D.C. 20530

ATTACTION

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Birmingham, Alabama on November 72, 1977 relating to the first degree murder conviction of <u>Roberty Chambliss</u>. in the 1963 bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

On behalf of the Council and myself, I would like to express our appreciation for your assistance in working out a way to make the F.B.I. investigation files available to the State and the Birmingham Police Department. Because of this help, justice has finally been at least partially achieved in a matter that had remained open and unsolved for far too long. Without your assistance, this could not have come about.

Sincerely,

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Office of the Mayor Room 307, City Hall 710 No. 19th Street Birmingham, Alabama 35203



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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing was the most heincus, unsolved crime in the history of the City of Birmingham; and,

WHEREAS, the first degree murder conviction on November 18, 1977 in the case of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing is an historic event which, for many, confirms our belief in the righteousness and humanity of our American system of justice; and,

WHEREAS, the investigation of the case proceeded in the face of staggering obstacles, which resulted from the passage of many years since the occurrence of the crime and the wide dispersion of evidence among the several law enforcement agencies involved in the original investigation; and,

WHEREAS, the successful prosecution of this case was finally made possible when United States Attorney General Griffin B. Bell and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Director Clarence M. Kelley made available the files and evidence in the possession of the U.S. Justice Department, which in combination with evidence held by the State of Alabama and the Birmingham Police Department, provided the necessary comprehensive body of evidence to achieve a conviction.

WHEREAS, this conviction is the culmination of a vast amount of work on the part of Attorney General William J. Baxley and his staff, with the cooperation and assistance of the Birmingham Police Department and its Chief, James C. Parsons, and particularly the diligent, patient and painstaking work of Captain Jack E. LeGrand and Sergeant Ernest H. Cantrell, who have engaged in this investigation since 1975.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Birmingham that we do hereby officially commend and congratulate Attorney General William J. Baxley for his leadership in the prosecution of this investigation and trial; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we do hereby officially commend and congratulate the Birmingham Police Department and its Chief, James C. Parsons, and in particular, Captain Jack E. LeGrand and Sergeant Ernest H. Cantrell for their diligence and special professional competence in the conduct of the day-to-day detail of this long-term investigation.

COUNCILMEMBER,

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK







December 12, 1977

LOCAL & STATE Honorable David/Wann 675 Mayor Room 307, City Hall. 710 North 19th Street 35203 Birmingham, Alabama Dear Mayor Vann: Thank you for furnishing me the Resolution adopted by you and the City Council relative to the conviction of Robert Chambliss. The kind comments in your letter and

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the Resolution are a source of encouragement to my associates and me and we are grateful for your recognition of our endeavors. We were pleased that we were able to help bring this matter to a close.

Please express our sentiments to the members of the Council.

REC.21 ST-101 Sincerely yours, MAILED 7 157-1025 DE-68 C M Kelley DEC 1 3 1977 Clarence M. Kelley Director FBI 24 DEC 197 <u>Birmingham - Enclosures (2)</u> The w 20 Assoc. Dir. Dep. AD Adm. _ Dep, AD Inv. Asst. Dir.: JW: Adm. Serv. Legal Court. Adm. Serv. Crim, Inv. _ LPPERYED : Flan. & Insp. Fin. & Pers. Crim. lav. 1.EA Ident. Fin. & Pers. Rec. Mgntu Bireeler. Intell. 12. Spec. Inv. Assoc. Dir. L aborato ry Te:3. Servs Dep. AD Age rt:1 Legal Coun. Treising. Dep AD Tay. Laboratory. Plon. & Inso. ___ Pablis Atts. Off. Rec. Mgnt. Spec. Inv. . JUN 23 1978 N Tech. Serva. Training. Public Affs. Off... うく Telephone Rm MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT FBI/DOJ 6 1978 JAN.

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BA YAR ISS CFRI 101-11-1 **PERNMENT** UNITED STATES dum noran rector · Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: то ODrew S. Days, III DSD:JFC:1jr Assistant Attorney General FROM BARbomb DJ 144-1-906 Civil Rights Division SUBJECT: 16th Street Baptist Church Bombing . Copies made by C.T. Montgomery, Alabama - September 15, 1963 for review by Rowe Task Force Date 121178 We have been requested by ABC News to permit that agency to review departmental files regarding the subject bombing. Our files contain lengthy investigative reports/ 1 originated by your agency and dated as follows: Birmingham, 10/4/63. 1. Report SA 2. Vol. 2 of above. Birmingham, 10/18/63, Vols. 3. Report SA REC-36 - 1025-15 1, 2, 3. Birmingham, 11/1/63, Vols. Report SA 4. Birmingham, 11/15/63. Report SA 5. Birmingham, 12/1/63, Vols. 1, 2. Report SA 6. 7-1: Janta, 10/7/63. Report SA 7. New Orleans, 11/15/63. Report SA 8. Boston, 11/14/63. Report SA 9. Chicago, 10/28/63. Report SA 10. Indianapolis, 10/23/63. Report SA 11. Louisville, 10/23/63. 12. Report SA New Orleans, 10/22/63. 13. Report SA Los Angeles, 10/18/63. Report SA 14. Birmingham, 12/20/63. 15. Report SA New Orleans, 12/13/63. 16. Report SA Knoxville, 11/19/63. Report SA 17. Birmingham, 2/7/64. Report SA 18. Birmingham, 3/6/64. Report SA 19. Birmingham, 4/27/64, MAR 8 1978 20. Report SA Birmingham, 6/11/64. 21. Report SA Birmingham, 7/29/64. 22. Report SA Birmingham, 1/12/65. 23. Report SA Birmingham, 11/30/64. Report SA 24. Birmingham, 10/12/64. Report SA 25. ack memo ARG, CRD 3/3/178 CIV Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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After reviewing the subject files we can find no actual harm likely to be done by releasing these files, and propose to permit ABC News access to them. Since most of our files consist of the reports generated by your agency we solicit your views on our proposal to release them.

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Assistant Attorney General Civil Rights Division

Acting Director, PBI FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



February 21, 1978

16th Street Baptist Church Bombing -Montgomery, Alabama - September 15, 1963

Baptenb This will reply to your undated communication captioned as above which was received by the Criminal Investigative Division on February 10, 1978.

In order to properly respond to your inquiry, our Birmingham Office contacted the Office of the Attorney General, State of Alabama, which is conducting an ongoing investigation in this matter. On February 13, 1978, George Beck, Deputy Attorney General, State of Alabama, requested that FBI reports not be released to ABC News as their dissemination could hamper the State of Alabama's investigation.

We have reviewed a number of the reports listed on the communication on a random basis, believe Mr. Beck's request is reasonable, and that the material is suitable for withholding under the Freedom of Information Act. Consequently, we request that you assert the (b) (7) (A) exemption for the reports listed in your communication. 157-1025-**REC-36** NOTE: We have received a Freedom of Information referral from the Civil Rights Division concerning the release of certain FBI reports to ABC the bn the 16th Street Baptist Church Bombing. The Alabama Deputy Attorney General has

requested the files not be released and we are asking the <u>Civil Rights Division to assert the (b)(7)(A) exemption.</u>

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In order for this office to insure the Departmental files on the subject matter are complete please provide an index of the reports transmitted to the Department on the subject bombing by date, field office and name of special agent as appropriate.

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for review by Rowe Task Force

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Mr. Drew S. Days, III Assistant Attorney General Civil Rights Division

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NOTE :

The above is in response to a 3/9/78, memorandum from Mr. Drew S. Days, III, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, requesting a complete list of all FBI reports furnished to the Department in captioned matter.


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RE BH TEL TO DIRECTOR, FEBRUARY 15, 1978.

AS THE BUREAU IS AWARE, ROBERT CHAMBLISS WAS CONVICTED BY THE STATE OF ALABAMA IN NOVEMBER, 1977, FOR FIRST DEGREE MURDER IN CONNECTION WITH THE 1963 BOMBING OF THE 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALA. CHAMBLISS IS CURRENTLY IN KILBY PRISON, MT. MEIGS, ALABAMA. EX-137 REC.56 154-1025-1218

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ON MAY 1, 1978, ATTORNEY ARTHUR HANES, SR., WHO REPRESENTED CHANBLISS DURING HIS STATE TRIAL, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT CHAMBLISS' WIFE HAD RELAYED A MESSAGE TO HIM (HANES) TO GIVE TO THE FBI. THIS MESSAGE WAS A REQUEST FROM CHAMBLISS THAT HE WANTED TO BE CONTACTED BY THE FBI.

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ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH WARDEN DALE HOWARD, KILBY PRISON, MT. MEIGS, TO INTERVIEW CHAMBLISS IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS REQUEST.

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Birmingham, Alabama June 8, 1978

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS BOMBING OF THE 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA SEPTEMBER 15, 1963 BOMBING MATTERS

On May 1, 1978, Attorney Arthur Hanes, Sr., who represented Robert Chambliss during his state trial, telephonically advised the Birmingham FBI Office that Chambliss' wife had relayed a message to him (Hanes) to give to the FBI. This message was a request from Chambliss that he wanted to be contacted by the FBI.

Robert Chambliss was contacted on May 9, 1978 by Special Agents and and a special Agents and Alabama as per his request. Chambliss mentioned his poor health and his need to get out of prison before his health deteriorates any more. He said he was innocent of the 16th Street Church bombing in September, 1963; however, he was unable to furnish any pertinent information as to the identity of the perpetrators of the church bombing or any new information which might be of value in identifying the individuals responsible for the church bombing in September of 1963.



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SAC, Birmingham To: Fram: Director, FBI OBAPbemb BAPBON In order to update and complete the Bureau file and to keep the Department of Justice (DOJ) appraised of developments in this matter on a timely basis, Birmingham is requested to submit a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination which reflects the following information: Results of interview with Robert Chambliss. 1. 2. Results of contact with Attorney General's Office, State of Alabama, concerning their continuing offort 3. The current status or your cast includes authori-statement whether or not further requests from Alabama authori-IUN 1 2 1978 ŝ ties for additional information from our files is anticipated. MAILED ! FBI 157-1025=1110 DE-31 **REC-72** JUN 14 1978 Assoc. Dir. Dep. AD Adm. <u>ji D</u> Dep. AD Inv. Asst. Dir.: Adm. Serv. Ext. Affairs . Fin. & Pers. _ Gen. Inv. . 420 Ident. _ Intell. Legal Coun. . 17 Pian. & Insp. Rec. Mgt. S. & T. Serv. Spec. Inv. _ Training _ Telephone Rm, , AIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT Director's Set Y -43-16-63700-1

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Mr

In response to the request of the Assistant Attorney General, State of Alabama, for information regarding which may be of assistance in the prosecution of captioned matter, Birmingham is authorized to provide the requested information.

The requested material may be released on the authority of the Department of Justice under procedures set forth in Manual of Investigative Operations and Guidelines (MIOG), Part II, Section 6-1.3. By letter dated 12-3-75, J. Stanley Pottinger, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, advised that the material may be released provided that the information did not jeopardize FBI sources. On 11-28-79, Departmental Attorney Daniel Rinzel, Civil Rights Division, advised that the above authorization remains in effect, and that the requested information may be released.

Regarding the information requested in item 3 which has additional Privacy Act considerations, Birmingham is authorized to release that information pursuant to Privacy Act exceptions, specifically Title 5, USC, Section 552a(b)3 Wahd 552a(b)7. A copy of the requested information is being compiled and will be forwarded to Birmingham under separate cover.

The current available information requested in item 4 can be provided, once the names of the agents are Assoc. Dir. Dep. AD Adm. determined by Birmingham. 51-Dep. AD Inv.

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For the completeness of the FBIHQ file, Birmingham is requested to provide a copy of the Attorney General's letter dated 11-1-79, requesting additional information. It is noted in that regard that the current request is essentially identical to a request received from that office on 12-8-77, which was responded to by Birmingham with the assistance of Atlanta and Savannah.

NOTE:

By referenced teletype the Birmingham Office advised that a request from the Attorney General's Office, State of Alabama, for information regarding in connection with captioned matter. A review of the file indicated that the request is merely a renewal of a request made by that office in December, 1977, and responded to by Birmingham Since December 1975, Departmental authorization has been in effect allowing the release of information in FBI files to the Alabama Attorney General's Office to assist in the state prosecution of captioned matter. Contact with SA Legal Counsel Division, revealed that the requested information is releasable with DOJ approval. Departmental Attorney Daniel Rinzel advised that previous Departmental approval is still applicable in this matter. The FOIA release, which was requested by Birmingham, is releaseable under exceptions 552a(b)3 and 7 of the Privacy Act. The release is being separately forwarded to Birmingham.

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FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, "THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS" AND "BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD", DAILY NEWSPAPERS, CARRIED ARTICLES ON JANUARY 20, 1980, CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER. THESE ARTICLES INDICATED THAT THE BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT AND JEFFERSON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, HAD REOPENED THEIR INVESTIGATION OF THE 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH BOMBING. THE ARTICLES INDICATED THAT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, EARL MORGAN WAS REQUESTING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE A COPY OF THE DEPARTMENTAL REPORTION MAR 7 1980 DISCUSSED RECENTLY IN A "NEW YORK TIMES" ARTICLE.

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To: SAC, Birmingham

From: Director, FBI

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Enclosed for Birmingham are two copies each of the following:

1. Letter to Director Webster from John A. Yung IV, Assistant Attorney General, Alabama, dated 2-11-80.

2. Letter to Director Webster from John A. Yung IV, Assistant Attorney General, Alabama, dated 2-28-80.

FBIHQ is currently reviewing Headquarter's files in an effort to locate the requested information.

Birmingham review enclosures for any assistance that can be given toward locating the requested information.

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March 21, 1980

TO: SAC, Birmingham

FROM: Director, PBI *Ф*варвом Reference FBIHQ airtel to Birmingham dated March 10, 1980. Enclosed for Birmingham are two copies of Knoxville communication to Director, FBI, dated September 16, 1952, captioned "Christian Anti-Jewish Party, Internal Security - X." Birmingham review and furnish to after making appropriate deletions in accordance with existing instructions contained in Bureau airtel to Birmingham dated December 27, 1979, captioned as above. A review of existing files at FBIHQ have failed to locate any of the other matters requested in the letters furnished to Birmingham in referenced airtel. Enclosures - 2 ď <u>1980</u> NOTE: This matter was coordinated with Birmingham Division in connection with FBIHQ assistance being furnished to the State 4 E E 2 Alabama. MAR 888 (I AD Inv. 1025-182 AD Adm. AD LES Dir.: Serve 15 MAT 24 1980 MAIL ROOM



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