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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

KENT STATE SHOOTING

PART 1 OF 8

FILE NUMBER: 98-46479

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: May 5, 1970

FROM : C. D. Brennan

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Fire Bombing of Army ROTC Building
Kent State University (KSU), Kent,
Ohio, May 2, 1970
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY

Since 5/1/70 civil disturbances on the campus of KSU have resulted in extensive damage to property. On 5/2/70 unknown persons destroyed an ROTC facility on the campus by fire. These disturbances were highlighted by the death of four students and wounding of several others. On 5/4/70 the Internal Security Division of the Department requested an investigation be conducted to determine whether violations of sabotage, sedition and civil rights laws have been committed in connection with the bombing of the ROTC building.

An investigation as to sabotage has been initiated by the Cleveland Division which is being advised by the attached teletype to initiate an urgent investigation with regard to the other aspects of this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached teletype to Cleveland be approved.

Enclosure 5-5-70

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. T. P. Rosack
1 - Mr. G. H. Henzel

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Brennan
1 - Mr. Rosack
1 - Mr. Menzel

TO SAC, CLEVELAND

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

Reserve Officers Train

UNSUBS; FIRE BOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, LAST; SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS - FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY.

REURTELS MAY TWO - FOUR, LAST, IN CAPTIONED MATTER.

ON MAY FOUR, LAST, THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTED AN INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED CONCERNING THE FIRE BOMBING OF THE ROTC FACILITY AT KSU ON MAY TWO, LAST, AS POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF SECTION TWO ONE FIVE THREE, TITLE EIGHTEEN, USC (SABOTAGE), SECTION TWO THREE EIGHT EIGHT, TITLE EIGHTEEN, USC (SEDITION) AND SECTION TWO FOUR FIVE, TITLE EIGHTEEN, USC (CIVIL RIGHTS - FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY). IN ADDITION TO SUBSTANTIVE VIOLATIONS OF THESE SECTIONS, THE DEPARTMENT ADVISED IT DESIRES INVESTIGATION TO ESTABLISH A CONSPIRACY TO DESTROY ROTC AND REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING: NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS SETTING FIRE TO BUILDING AND NAMES OF PERSONS ORGANIZING, INSTIGATING OR INCITING DAMAGE. OBTAIN POST-ACT OR PRE-ACT STATEMENTS BY LEADERS INCLUDING SPEECHES URGING ABOLISHMENT OF ROTC; ANY LEAFLETS OR OTHER

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VIA TELETYPE
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TELETYPE TO SAC, CLEVELAND
RE: UNSUBS; FIRE BOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, 5/2/70

PRINTED MATERIAL AUTHORED AND DISTRIBUTED BY SUCH PERSONS DOING THE SAME ACTION SHOULD BE OBTAINED. DETERMINE WHETHER DISRUPTIVE ACTIONS WERE THE RESULT OF SDS OR OTHER MILITANT NEW LEFT LEADERSHIP OR THE ACTS OF LOCAL GROUPS ON INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE WITHOUT ADVICE FROM NATIONAL OR OTHER OUTSIDE INFLUENCES. SUBMIT REPORT IN TWO WEEKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION EIGHTY-SIX, MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS, AND ASSIGN SUFFICIENT MANPOWER IN ORDER THAT A COMPLETE REPORT MAY BE PREPARED TO OBTAIN A PROMPT OPINION FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

NOTE:

See memorandum C. D. Brennan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, dated 5/5/70, captioned as above, prepared by GHM:djb.

5/6/70

Airtel

1 - Mr. E. J. McDonough
1 - Mr. T. P. Rosack
1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

To: SAC, Cleveland

From: Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Firebombing of Army ROTC Building, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, 5/2/70
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS - FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY

ReButel 5/5/70.

Referenced teletype advised that the Department has requested an investigation be conducted concerning the firebombing of the captioned facility on 5/2/70.

There are enclosed for your assistance in connection with this investigation two copies of the letter from the Department dated 5/4/70 which requested this investigation.

Also enclosed for your assistance is a set of instructions relating to ROTC sabotage cases. These instructions represent inquiries which have been specifically made by the Department in other current cases of this type and should be followed along with those specific instructions relating to the other characters in the above caption.

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NOTE:

By teletype 5/5/70, Cleveland was advised that the Department requested sabotage, sedition, and civil rights investigation be conducted with regard to firebombing of ROTC at Kent State University, Ohio, 5/2/70. Copies of the Department's letter requesting this investigation is being furnished Cleveland along with specific instructions relating to the investigation of ROTC sabotage cases based on recent [illegible] the Department.

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FBI CLEVELAND

2:00PM URGENT 5-7-70 AFS

TO DIRECTOR, FBI, ALBANY, BALTIMORE, BUFFALO, CINCINNATI, NEWARK, AND PITTSBURGH

FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140) 4P

UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY. SABOTAGE. OO: CLEVELAND.

RE CLEVELAND TEL TO THE BUREAU, MAY SIX, SEVENTY.

FOR INFOR OF ALL OFFICES, ABOUT EIGHT PM ON EVENING OF MAY TWO, LAST, ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KSU, WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE DURING CAMPUS DISRUPTION. ESTIMATED CROWD OF SIX HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS WERE GATHERED ADJACENT TO BUILDING DURING INCIDENT. PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES INDICATED THAT ABOUT FIFTY TO SEVENTYFIVE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THROWING ROCKS AND DEBRIS AT BUILDING AND BREAKING WINDOWS IN BUILDING. SOME OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ALSO SET BUILDING ON FIRE.

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CLEVELAND OFFICE ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW

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WITNESSES WHO CAN IDENTIFY UNSUBS. HOWEVER, CAMPUS WAS CLOSED MAY FOUR, LAST BY OHIO NATIONAL GUARD AND STUDENTS WERE EVACUATED. NO DATE HAS BEEN RELEASED FOR REOPENING OF CAMPUS.

CLEVELAND THEREFORE SETTING OUT LEADS TO HAVE POSSIBLE WITNESSES LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED AT HOME ADDRESSES.

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ADVISED KSU PD THAT THEY WITNESSED BURNING:

[redacted], OHIO.

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE TREATED AND RELEASED FROM CAMPUS HEALTH CENTER EVENING OF MAY TWO, LAST AND WERE POSSIBLY AT BURNING:

[redacted], PITTSBURGH, PA., TREATED FOR CUTS ON HAND;

[redacted] TOLDEO, OHIO, TREATED FOR CUTS ON HAND.-

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[redacted] NO STREET ADDRESS AVAILABLE, BEVERLY, OHIO, TREATED FOR WOUND TO LEFT KNEE.

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL WAS TREATED FOR HEARING LOSS ON MAY FOUR, LAST AND REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED BURNING AT HEALTH CENTER:

PETER CHARLES BLIEK, THIRTYFOUR HIGHWOOD ROAD, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK.

[redacted]

INQUIRIES WITH ROTC PERSONNEL DETERMINED FOLLOWING ROTC CADETS ON CAMPUS AFTERNOON OF MAY TWO AND WERE PARTICIPATING IN ROTC EXERCISES, FOLLOWING WHICH THEY WERE CONFRONTED WITH STUDENTS HECKLERS:

[redacted] COLUMBUS, OHIO;

[redacted]

PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, A FORMER CADET ALSO PRESENT;

[redacted] PITTSBURGH, PA.;

[redacted] WHO REPORTEDLY HAS INFO ABOUT HIPPIE-TYPE INDIVIDUALS IN VOLKSWAGEN ON KSU CAMPUS NIGHT OF BURNING.

[redacted], AKRON, OHIO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT [redacted], A KSU STUDENT, CAN IDENTIFY A KSU PROFESSOR, WHO ENCOURAGED STUDENTS TO DEMONSTRATE AND THREATENED THEM WITH GRADES IF THEY DID NOT. [redacted] ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN. HOWEVER, HER MOTHER IS REPORTEDLY EMPLOYED WITH [redacted] OHIO.

ABOVE INDIVIDUALS SHOULD BE PROMPTLY INTERVIEWED RE CAPTIONED MATTER FOR ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION, IT BEING NOTED THE CLEVELAND OFFICE IS ALSO ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP INFO RE POSSIBLE CONSPIRACY TO BURN BUILDING AND IS CONDUCTING POSSIBLE CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION RE SHOOTING OF KSU STUDENTS ON CAMPUS ON MAY FOUR LAST.

POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE RESULTS SHOULD BE FURNISHED CLEVELAND BY FD-THREE ZERO TWO'S.

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FBI CLEVELAND

1007PM URGENT 5-7-70 GDS

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140)

RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BLDG., KENT STATE UNIV., (KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY. SABOTAGE. OO: CLEVELAND.

SUMMARY

RE CLEVELAND TEL, MAY SIX, LAST.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO LOCATE WITNESSES RE CAPTIONED MATTER AND IDENTIFY UNSUBS.

[redacted] KSU STUDENT AND WITNESS TO FIRE, ADVISED THIS DATE HE OBSERVED TWO WHITE MALES SOAK RAG IN GASOLINE FROM TANK OF MOTORCYCLE NEAR SCENE AND PROCEED TO START A FIRE IN ROTC BLDG. [redacted] HAS TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL IN PHOTO OF GROUP OF DEMONSTRATORS AS REC 32 ABOVE INDIVIDUALS WHO STARTED FIRE. EFFORTS CONTINUING TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF UNSUB IN PHOTO. 10 MAY 8, 1970

INQUIRIES THIS DATE DETERMINED THAT FACULTY AND STUDENT

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DEPUTIES APPOINTED BY KSU ADMINISTRATION ATTEMPTED TO REASON WITH AND DISPERSE CROWD PRIOR TO FIRE. IDENTITIES OF THESE INDIVIDUALS BEING OBTAINED, AND THEY WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

PHOTOS WERE TAKEN THIS DATE OF DOCUMENTS OBTAINED BY KENT PD IN SEARCH OF RESIDENCE AT TWO THREE SEVEN AND ONE-HALF NORTH WATER ST., KENT, ON MAY FOUR, LAST. ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO INTERVIEW ARRESTEES INVOLVED IN THIS SEARCH; HOWEVER IT WAS LEARNED THEY WERE RELEASED FROM PORTAGE COUNTY JAIL MORNING OF MAY FIVE, LAST.

IT IS NOTED THIS INVESTIGATION IS BEING COORDINATED WITH CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION AT KSU AND DEATHS OF FOUR STUDENTS, MAY FOUR, LAST.

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1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
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1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel
1 - Mr. R. L. Shackelford

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To: SAC, Cleveland (98-2140)

From: Director, FBI

Reserve Officers Training Corps

UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army ROTC Building, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, 5/2/70
SABOTAGE

Reurtel 5/9/70 and Bureau telephone call 5/10/70.

This confirms referenced Bureau telephone call to SA [redacted] wherein Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley, Internal Security Division of Department, verbally authorized a search warrant for the off-campus residence of [redacted] as requested in referenced teletype.

As you were telephonically advised, you should insure the United States Attorney is kept fully apprised of all pertinent developments and the Bureau is likewise kept fully apprised so that Assistant Attorney General Yeagley may be kept currently advised.

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NOTE:

Telephone call made to Cleveland in view of exigency of the situation and time being of essence.

See memorandum J. A. Sizoo to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, captioned as above, dated 5/10/70, prepared by RLS:bjp.

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FBI WASH DC

FBI CLEVELAND

11:15 PM URGENT 5-10-70 SLO

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140)

Reserve Officers Training Corp

UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIV., KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY, SABOTAGE, OO: CLEVELAND.

SEARCH WARRANT EXECUTED TODAY AT TWO THREE ZERO EAST MAIN ST., KENT, OHIO, BUT NO INCENDIARIES OR SIMILAR ARTICLES LOCATED. LITERATURE ON PREMISES INDICATES RESIDENTS MEMBERS OF OR SYMPATHETIC WITH SDS AND OTHER RADICAL GROUPS. SOME CLOTHING INCLUDING JACKET, PANTS SEIZED BUT NO EVIDENCE OF INCENDIARY MATERIAL ON THESE ARTICLES. ITEMS WILL BE SENT TO LABORATORY MAY ELEVEN SEVENTY.

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Included in addendum to memo sign to Sullivan 5-10-70

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1 - Mr. G. N. Kenzel

Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

May 12, 1970

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Fire Bombing of Army ROTC Building
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio, May 2, 1970
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY

By teletype dated May 9, 1970, the Cleveland Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation advised [redacted] Parma, Ohio, had been identified as the individual who was observed dropping a gasoline-soaked rag into a window at the ROTC Building at Kent State University on May 2, 1970, when that facility was burned.

On May 10, 1970, you were contacted by telephone and verbally authorized the Cleveland Division to obtain a search warrant for [redacted]s off-campus residence in order that a search could be made for evidence of his involvement in this fire bombing.

For your information, this search warrant was executed on May 10, 1970. No incendiary devices or similar articles were located by this search. Literature on the premises appeared to have been published by Students for a Democratic Society or other radical groups. Some clothing was seized for examination by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory." The results of such examination will be promptly furnished to you.

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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NOTE: At the request of Cleveland, Assistant Attorney General Yeagley was contacted 5/10/70 and authorized a search warrant for an individual identified as participating in the fire bombing of the ROTC Building at KSU 5/2/70." AAG, Yeagley, being advised as to the results of this search.

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146PM URGENT 5-11-70 PMB

TO DIRECTOR, NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, CHICAGO, AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140) 5P

*Reserve Officers Training Corps

UNSUBS: FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIV., KENT STATE UNIV., KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY. SABOTAGE. OO CLEVELAND.

RE CLEVELAND AIRTEL TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES, MAY TEN, LAST.

INVESTIGATION IN CAPTIONED MATTER DEVELOPED INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN RESIDENCE LOCATED TWO THREE ZERO EAST MAIN ST., KENT, OHIO, MAY HAVE KNOWLEDGE OR HAVE BEEN ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN CAPTIONED BURNING.

ON MAY TEN, LAST, SEARCH WARRANT EXECUTED AT TWO THREE ZERO EAST MAIN ST., KENT, AND NUMEROUS SDS AND NEW LEFT TYPE LITERATURE OBSERVED AND SOME OF IT SEIZED. IT WAS DETERMINED FOLLOWING SEVEN PEOPLE ARE RESIDENTS OF THIS HOUSE:

[redacted] 7C

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[redacted]

ON NIGHT OF BURNING OF ROTC BLDG. THERE WAS A GATHERING AT RESIDENCE WHERE AFOREMENTIONED PEOPLE RESIDE AND ALSO PRESENT WERE SEVERAL FEMALES: [redacted] THESE FEMALES, ALONG WITH THE RESIDENTS, HAD A SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER AT WHICH THEY TOASTED MARSHMELLOWS AND COOKED HOT DOGS. IT HAS BEEN ALLEGED THAT FOUR MALES RAN INTO THE HOUSE DURING THIS GATHERING AND STATED THEY HAD JUST SET FIRE TO THE ROTC BLDG.; HOWEVER, IT HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED WHETHER THEY MEANT THEMSELVES AS INDIVIDUALS OR THE GROUP OF STUDENTS WHO WERE OUTSIDE THE ROTC BUILDING HAD ACTUALLY SET THE FIRE.

[redacted] HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED, BUT DURING INTERVIEW WAS APPARENTLY UNDER INFLUENCE OF NARCOTICS AND COULD NOT REMEMBER A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THE NIGHT OF THE BURNING BUT DID INDICATE HE FELT SOME INDIVIDUALS CAME INTO THE RESIDENCE AND MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT A FIRE. THAT NIGHT HE HAD A DATE WITH [redacted] HE INDICATED THAT AT PRESENT [redacted] IS AT HIS PHILADELPHIA ADDRESS.

[redacted] HAS ALSO BEEN INTERVIEWED. HE RELATED THAT ALL RESIDENTS OF THE HOUSE WERE PRESENT THE NIGHT OF THE BURNING, AS WELL AS THE FEMALES, AND THE ONLY TWO WHO COULD HAVE POSSIBLY BEEN AWAY FROM THE HOUSE AND WHOM HE CONSIDERED "MOBILE" WERE [redacted] AND [redacted] HE ALSO STATED THAT [redacted] WAS GONE FROM THE RESIDENCE SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR TO THE BURNING AND DISTRUBANCES AT KSU AND HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE. [redacted] AND [redacted] ARE ROOMMATES, AND BY VIRTUE OF WHAT WAS OBSERVED IN THEIR ROOM THEY ARE UNDOUBTEDLY VERY SYMPATHETIC TO NEW LEFT ACTIVITIES.

[redacted] IS ALSO APPARENTLY VERY SYMPATHETIC TO NEW LEFT ACTIVITIES SINCE IN HIS ROOM AND AMONG HIS PERSONAL BELONGINGS WERE OBSERVED LITERATURE AS WELL AS PEACE SYMBOLS AND ARM

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BANDS WHICH WOULD BE UTILIZED BY DEMONSTRATORS.

[redacted]

ABOUT THE TIME THAT THE ROTC BLDG. WAS BURNED AND SOME-TIME DURING THAT DAY THERE WAS A VISITOR AT THE HOUSE NAMED [redacted] AKA [redacted] STUDENT AT SOUTHERN ILL. UNIV., CARBONDALE, ILL., RESIDING ON CAMPUS IN ROOM EIGHT ZERO FOUR SCHEIDER HALL, SIU. HIS PARENTS ARE MR. AND MRS [redacted] ONE TWO NINE FOUR ZERO SOUTH BALTIMORE, CHICAGO, ILL.

ALL RECIPIENT OFFICES REQUESTED LOCATE AND INTERVIEW INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN THEIR TERRITORIES OR SET FORTH APPROPRIATE LEADS TO DO SO AND DETERMINE THEIR ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO THE BURNING OF THE ROTC BLDG. AT KSU, WHERE AND WITH WHOM THEY WERE THAT NIGHT, ANY INFO RE ACTIVITIES OF OTHER MEMBERS WHO RESIDE AT THE HOUSE, THEIR PHILOSOPHIES, THEIR ASSOCIATES. IF THEY HAVE ANY IDEA AS TO WHO MIGHT HAVE BURNED THE ROTC BLDG., OR IDENTITIES OF ANY PERTINENT WITNESSES, [redacted] WHAT [redacted] DID AND SAID AND THE PURPOSE FOR HIS VISIT TO KENT.

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AND ANY AND ALL INFO RELATIVE TO ALL OF THE DISTURBANCES AND VIOLENCE WHICH TOOK PLACE DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AT KSU. THESE INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE VERY DETAILED AND PROBING SINCE IT IS FELT THESE PEOPLE ARE IN POSSESSION OF PERTINENT KNOWLEDGE RELATIVE TO CAPTIONED MATTER.

IF INFO DEVELOPED RE KENFOUR (CLEVELAND FOUR FOUR - SEVEN ZERO THREE), SEPARATE THREE ZERO TWOS NECESSARY.

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NR016 NK PLAIN

4:05 PM URGENT 5/8/70 TPC

TO DIRECTOR (ATTN. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)

CLEVELAND (98-2140)

FROM NEWARK (98-2643) (RUC)

UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, FIVE TWO SEVENTY. SABOTAGE.

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RE CLEVELAND TEL FIVE SEVEN LAST.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AT [redacted], PALINFIELD, NJ, REVEALED [redacted] FAMILY LEFT AREA IN LATE NINETEEN SIXTY NINE. [redacted] PLAINFIELD POST OFFICE, FURNISHED FORWARDING ADDRESS OF [redacted] FAMILY AS [redacted] OHIO, FOUR FOUR ONE TWO TWO.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Sullivan

DATE: May 8, 1970

FROM : C. D. Brennan

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Firebombing of Army ROTC
Building, Kent State University,
Kent, Ohio, May 2, 1970
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY

Reference is made to my previous memorandum of today.

Pursuant to your instructions, Special Agent in Charge Cusick was advised at 5:15 p.m. this date that the deadline in submitting a report in this case has been extended to noon, May 14, 1970.

ACTION:

For information

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. Menzel
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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TELETYPE

FBI CLEVELAND

8:20PM URGENT MJB 5-5-70

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: CLEVELAND (98-2140)

UNSUBS: FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC, KENT STATE UNIV. (KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY. SABOTAGE. OO: CV.

RE CLEVELAND TEL, MAY FOUR, LAST.

[redacted] FURNISHED INFO TODAY PROVIDED BY STUDENT [redacted] WHO WITNESSED CAPTIONED FIREBOMBING. [redacted] A STUDENT [redacted] WHO WAS ATTEMPTING TO DISPERSE STUDENTS AROUND ROTC BUILDING, INDICATED THAT ABOUT FIFTY OF THE SIX HUNDRED MEMBERS OF THE CROWD WERE ACTUALLY ENGAGED IN THROWING ROCKS AT THE BUILDING AND STARTING FIRE. EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE [redacted] AND INTERVIEW RE ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

OTHER KSU STUDENT WITNESSES IDENTIFIED ARE [redacted] AND [redacted] AND ATTEMPTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW.

CLEVELAND WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

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552PM URGENT 5-11-70 DJK

TO DIRECTOR

CLEVELAND (98-2140)

CHICAGO

LOUISVILLE

FROM SPRINGFIELD (98-) 2PP

*Reserve officers Training Corps

UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY. SABOTAGE. OO: CLEVELAND.

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY ELEVEN, INSTANT.

A COPY OF REFERENCED TELETYPE IS BEING FORWARDED LOUISVILLE AMSD.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF BUREAU, LOUISVILLE, CHICAGO, AND CLEVELAND, EFFORTS TO LOCATE [redacted] AKA [redacted] SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY (SIU) NEGATIVE. SIU OFFICIALS INDICATE [redacted] REFERRED TO UNIVERSITY FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ASHLAND FEDERAL YOUTH CENTER, ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, JANUARY ONE, LAST. [redacted] LEFT RESIDENCE, ROOM ONE ZERO THREE ONE, SCHNIDER HALL, APRIL THIRTEEN, LAST, AFTER FORGING NAME OF A FELLOW STUDENT ON CHECK. FORMER END PAGE ONE

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ROOMMATE AND RESIDENT HALL SUPERVISORS HAVE NO IDEA AS TO [redacted] WHEREABOUTS.

UNIVERSITY RECORDS INDICATE PARENTS, [redacted] 7C [redacted] HICAGO, ILLINOIS. CONTACT WITH U. S. PROBATION OFFICE, EAST ST. LOUIS, DEVELOPED THAT [redacted] IS ON PAROLE BUT HAS NOT BEEN DECLARED AN "ABSCOUNDER" AS YET.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, SPRINGFIELD WILL RE-CONTACT CASE OFFICER HANDLING U. S. PROBATION, EAST ST. LOUIS.

LOUISVILLE SHOULD REVIEW INSTITUTION FILES, ASHLAND, FOR BACKGROUND RELATIVE TO [redacted]

CHICAGO RECONTACT PARENTS FOR INFORMATION AS TO [redacted] 7C WHEREABOUTS, IT BEING NOTED PARENTS ADVISED APRIL TWENTYFIVE, LAST, THAT [redacted] LEFT SIU.

INASMUCH AS [redacted] EX-CON AND POSSIBLY CONVICTED ON NARCOTICS VIOLATION, CLEVELAND SHOULD BE ALERT FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING [redacted]

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FBI NEW YORK

525PM URGENT 5-12-70 AJN

TO DIRECTOR, CLEVELAND 98-2140

FROM NEW YORK 98-3014

Reserve Officers Training Corps

UNSUBS, FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDIN,

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, NINETEEN SEVENTY

SABOTAGE, OO- CLEVELAND

RECVTEL TO DIRECTOR, NEW YORK AND OTHER OFFICES, DATED MAY ELEVEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY, REQUESTING INTERVIEW OF [redacted] PLAINVIEW, NEW YORK.

ON MAY TWELVE, NINETEEN SIVENTY, [redacted] PLAINVIEW, NEW YORK, ADVISED [redacted] DEPARTED EARLY AM THIS DATE TO PICK UP BELONGINGS AT RESIDENCE AT KENT OHIO, TWO THIRTY EAST MAIN STREET. [redacted] TRAVELLING BY AUTO WITH UNIDENTIFIED KSU STUDENTS RETURNING TO KSU. SHE ADVISED [redacted] MAY RETURN HOME BY WEEKEND BUT STATED THAT INASMUCH AS HE IS VERY MOBILE IT IS DIFFICULT TO PREDICT THE DATE OF HIS ACTUAL RETURN.

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IN KENFOUR INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY ELEVEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY, [redacted] PLAINVIEW, NEW YORK, A KSU STUDENT, WAS INTERVIEWED. DURING INTERVIEW, HE WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE NAMES OR ACTIVITIES OF ANY INDIVIDUALS PRESENT AT KSU DURING WEEKEND PRIOR TO AND ON DATE OF BOMBING. POSSIBILITY [redacted] RETURNING TO KSU WITH [redacted] IN INTERVIEW MAY ELEVEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY, [redacted] ADVISED HE WAS RETURNING TO KSU EITHER MAY TWELVE OR MAY THIRTEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY FOR BELONGINGS. ATTEMPTS TO RECONTACT [redacted] THIS DATE, AT RESIDENCE, NEGATIVE. CLEVELAND CONSIDER RE-INTERVIEW OF [redacted] IN VIEW OF ABOVE INDICATION THAT BOTH COME FROM SAME COMMUNITY, PLAINVIEW, NEW YORK, AND HAVE RESIDENCES APPROXIMATELY SIX BLOCKS APART.

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TO DIRECTOR AND CLEVELAND

FROM CINCINNATI (98-1455901P

Reserve Officers Training Corp

UNSUB; FIRE BOMBING OF ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO SEVENTY

SABOTAGE 5-2-70

RE CLEVELAND TEL TO BUREAU, MAY SEVEN LAST.

[redacted] YORKVILLE, OHIO, THIS DATE ADVISED THEIR SON STILL RESIDING AT UNKNOWN FRATERNITY HOUSE NEAR KENT STATE UNIVERSITY. [redacted] MIGHT COME HOME SOMETIME DURING WEEKEND BUT EXACT TIME UNKNOWN.

CLEVELAND ATTEMPT CONTACT [redacted] AT KENT, OHIO.

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3:17PMURGENT 5-11-70 KEM

TO DIRECTOR

BUFFALO

CLEVELAND (98-2148)

NEW YORK

FROM ALBANY (98-963) 4P

UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY. SABOTAGE. OO CLEVELAND.

RE CLEVELAND TEL MAY NINE LAST.

FOR INFO BUFFALO, RETEL ADVISED AT ABOUT EIGHT PM, EVENING MAY TWO LAST, ARMY ROTC BUILDING AT KSU WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE DURING CAMPUS DISRUPTION. CROWD OF ABOUT SIX HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS WERE GATHERED ADJACENT TO BUILDING DURING INCIDENT. PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION INDICATES THAT ABOUT FIFTY TO SEVENTYFIVE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THROWING ROCKS AND DEBRIS AT BUILDING AND BREAKING WINDOWS AT BUILDING. SOME OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ALSO SET BUILDING ON FIRE

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CLEVELAND OFFICE ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW WITNESSES WHO CAN IDENTIFY UNSUBS. THEREFORE, CLEVELAND IS SETTING OUT LEADS TO HAVE POSSIBLE WITNESSES LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED AT THEIR HOME ADDRESSES.

ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW SIX KSU STUDENTS ARRESTED BY KENT PD EVENING OF MAY FOUR LAST, AND RELEASED MAY FIVE LAST. THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE ARRESTED AT TWO THREE SEVEN AND ONE HALF W. WATER ST., KENT, IN A RESIDENCE WHICH KENT PD BELIEVES WAS USED AS A COMMUNICATIONS CENTER FOR INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN DISRUPTION.

[redacted], KENT, 7d.

ADVISED THAT HE BELIEVES SDS MEMBERS HAVE BEEN RESIDING IN A HOUSE [redacted] HE INDICATED THAT NUMEROUS "HIPPIE TYPE" INDIVIDUALS WERE AT HOUSE DURING DISRUPTION AT KSU. HE ADDED THAT ONLY A COUPLE OF INDIVIDUALS REMAINED AT HOUSE AND THAT THEY HAVE A GREEN TRIUPH CAR WITH NEW YORK LICENSE WO EIGHT FOUR FOUR ONE. OHIO NATIONAL GUARD ALSO FURNISHED FOLLOWING NEW YORK LICENSE NUMBERS AS BEING SIGHTED IN KENT AT RESIDENCE

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POSSIBLY USED BY STUDENTS INVOLVED IN DISRUPTION; SEVEN FOUR THREE TWO B SIX; FOUR SEVEN TWO ZERO E.

CLEVELAND HAS REQUESTED IDENTITIES OF REGISTRANTS BE OBTAINED AND INDICES CHECKED.

DMV RECORDS, ALBANY, N. Y., REVEAL NEW YORK LICENSE WO EIGHT FOUR FOUR ONE ISSUED [redacted] 7C [redacted]

LICENSE SEVEN FOUR THREE TWO B SIX NOT VALID NEW YORK STATE LICENSE, HOWEVER, LICENSE SEVEN FOUR THREE TWO BG ISSUED [redacted] 7C [redacted]

LICENSE FOUR SEVEN TWO ZERO E ISSUED [redacted] 7C [redacted]

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BUFFALO REVIEW INDICES RE [redacted] AND [redacted]

CLEVELAND ADVISE ALBANY AND BUFFALO IF ABOVE REGISTRANTS SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED.

NEW YORK DISREGARD LEAD TO DETERMINE LISTINGS OF NEW YORK PLATE NUMBERS AS REQUESTED RETEL.

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FBI CLEVELAND

105PM URGENT 5-4-70 PMB

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CLEVELAND (98-NEW) 3P

Reserve Officers Training Corps

UNSUBS: FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIV. (KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY. SABOTAGE. OO CLEVELAND.

RE CLEVELAND TELS, MAY TWO, THREE, AND FOUR, SEVENTY, CAPTIONED CIVIL DISORDER, KENT, OHIO, MAY ONE AND TWO, SEVENTY, INFO CONCERNING (IS); STAG.

INTERNAL SECURITY

RETELS REPORTED DISORDERS IN KENT, OHIO, AND ON CAMPUS, KSU. INCLUDED IN DISORDERS WAS FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING ON KSU CAMPUS DURING EVENING MAY TWO, LAST.

AT ABOUT SEVEN THIRTY P M, MAY TWO, LAST, ABOUT SIX HUNDRED KSU STUDENTS ASSEMBLED ON CAMPUS ADJACENT TO ROTC FACILITIES. THE CROWD BEGAN YELLING AND CHANTING AND AT ABOUT EIGHT TEN P M THEY STARTED THROWING ROCKS AND OTHER OBJECTS AT ARMY ROTC BUILDING. NUMEROUS WINDOWS WERE BROKEN OUT ON NORTH SIDE OF BUILDING.

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MAIL DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

MEMBERS OF THIS CROWD ALSO BUILT A FIRE WHERE THEY WERE GATHERED AND ATTEMPTED TO CARRY THE FIRE TO THE ROTC BUILDING. THEY USED HIGHWAY OR RAILROAD-TYPE FLARES IN THIS REGARD, AND ONE INDIVIDUAL REPORTEDLY THREW A GASOLINE-SOAKED RAG INTO BUILDING. SOON A FIRE DEVELOPED IN BUILDING.

WHEN KENT FIRE DEPT. ARRIVED THEY WERE REPELLED BY STUDENTS, WHO THREW ROCKS AND CUT FIRE HOSES. CAMPUS POLICE ALSO REPORTED TO AREA AND FOUR OFFICERS RECEIVED MINOR INJURIES FROM THROWN ROCKS.

BY TEN P M ARMY ROTC BUILDING WAS BURNING OUT OF CONTROL. KENT FIRE DEPT. RETURNED TO AREA AND MANAGED TO SAVE SURROUNDING BUILDINGS, BUT ARMY ROTC BUILDING WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED.

THIS BUILDING WAS A SINGLE STORY, WOOD FRAME BUILDING, AND DAMAGE WAS INITIALLY ESTIMATED AT EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. ABOUT TWO THOUSAND ROUNDS OF TWENTYTWO CALIBER AMMUNITION EXPLODED IN FIRE, BUT CAUSED NO INJURIES. ALSO, ABOUT TWO HUNDRED MILITARY PISTOLS AND RIFLES WERE DESTROYED. NO WEAPONS WERE NOTED TO BE MISSING AS RESULT OF SEARCH OF RUINS.

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KSU POLICE, WHO OBSERVED BURNING OF BUILDING, WERE UNABLE TO MAKE INITIAL IDENTIFICATIONS OF SUBJECTS DUE TO DARKNESS AND MADE NO ARRESTS IN VIEW OF SIZE OF CROWD.

UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY BUREAU, CLEVELAND IMMEDIATELY INSTITUTING SABOTAGE INVESTIGATION AND WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

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CC- MR. SULLIVAN

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FBI CLEVELAND

PM 10:10PM URGENT 5-9-70 GJZ

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140)

Reserve Officers Training Corps

UNSUBS; FIREBOMBINGS OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO SEVENTY. SABOTAGE.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO CONSULT WITH DEPT. FOR APPROVAL OF SEARCH WARRANT BASED ON FOLLOWING AFFIDAVIT FOR KENT RESIDENCE OF [redacted] 7C

U.S. ARMY RESERVE OFFICER'S TRAINING CORPS BUILDING NUMBER FORTY-FIVE, EAST HALL ON THE CAMPUS OF KENT STATE UNIVERSITY WAS BURNED TO THE GROUND DURING A RIOTOUS DEMONSTRATION BY DEMONSTRATORS AT KENT STATE UNIV. ON MAY TWO SEVENTY.

[redacted] STUDENT AT KSU ROOM TWO ONE ONE, JOHNSON HALL, WAS PRESENT AT THE DEMONSTRATION AS A NON-PARTICIPATOR AND OBSERVED A TALL WHITE MALE LIGHT GASOLINE SOAKED RAGS AND DROP THEM INTO A BROKEN WINDOW OF BUILDING FORTY-FIVE. 7d

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[redacted] IDENTIFIED A PHOTOGRAPH OF A TALL WHITE MALE DEMONSTRATOR TAKEN AT THE KENT STATE UNIVERSITY DEMONSTRATIONS AS THE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE TALL WHITE MALE HE HAD OBSERVED LIGHTING A GASOLINE SOAKED RAG AND PUTTING IT IN A BROKEN WINDOW OF THE BURNED R.O.T.C. BUILDING FORTYFIVE. [redacted] IDENTIFIED THE PHOTO OF THE TALL WHITE MALE IN THE GROUP PHOTO MENTIONED ABOVE AS THE PHOTOGRAPH OF [redacted] PARMA, OHIO.

[redacted], PARMA, OHIO, ADVISED HIS SON [redacted] HAD TOLD HIM HE WAS PRESENT AT THE BURNING OF THE R.O.T.C. BUILDING NO. FORTY-FIVE AT KENT STATE UNIV.. HE ALSO ADVISED THAT HIS SON IS A STUDENT AT KSU AND RESIDES OFF CAMPUS AT TWO THREE ZERO EAST MAIN ST., KENT, OHIO, AND HAS ATTENDED NUMEROUS CAMPUS DEMONSTRATIONS IN CLEVELAND, WASHINGTON, D.C. AND KENT, OHIO.

[redacted] A KENT STATE UNIV. STUDENT, FOUR FOUR FOUR VERDA, KENT, OHIO, ADVISED THAT [redacted] A KENT STUDENT WAS PRESENT AT TWO THREE ZERO EAST MAIN ST., KENT, OHIO, WHEN CERTAIN MALE INDIVIDUALS ENTERED THE BUILDING AT TWO THREE ZERO EAST MAIN ST., KENT, OHIO.

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IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FIRE WAS SET IN THE R.O.T.C. BUILDING NO. FORTY-FIVE AND THEY STATED THAT THEY HAD JUST FIRED THE R.O.T.C. BUILDING ON THE KENT STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS.

ON INTERVIEW WITH FATHER INSTANT DATE, FATHER INDICATED HE WAS TRAVELING TO KENT TOMORROW OR MONDAY TO OBTAIN SON'S PERSONAL BELONGINGS.

CLEVELAND BELIEVES BELONGINGS MAY CONTAIN EVIDENCE OF VALUE. CLEVELAND INDICES NEGATIVE RE [redacted] 7C

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MR. SULLIVAN

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. A. Rosen

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 5/10/70

1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel
1 - Mr. R. L. Shackelford

FROM : J. A. Sizoo

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army ROTC Building, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, 5/2/70
SABOTAGE

Cleveland teletype (attached) requested the Bureau t consult with the Department to obtain authorization for a sear warrant for the off-campus residence of student [redacted]

The attached teletype relates another student had observed an unidentified male drop lighted gasoline soaked rag into a broken window of the ROTC building at Kent State University and identified this person from a group photograph taken at the time of the incident. [redacted] identified this individual in the photograph as being [redacted], Parma, Ohio [redacted] father was interviewed and advised his son [redacted] had told them he was present at the burning of the ROTC building, was a student at Kent University and resided off campus at 230 East Main Str Kent, Ohio. He stated his son has attended numerous campus demonstrations in Cleveland, Washington and Kent, Ohio. Fathe indicated he planned to travel to Kent on 5/10/70 or 5/11/70 t obtain his son's personal belongings.

On 5/10/70 Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeag Internal Security Division of the Department, was telephonical contacted by SA R. L. Shackelford, Duty Agent, Domestic Intell gence Division, and advised of the request for a search warran by the Cleveland Office and the supporting facts. Yeagley was advised Cleveland Office believes the apartment of [redacted] contain evidence of his involvement in the firebombing of the ROTC building.

Assistant Attorney General Yeagley verbally authori the Cleveland Division to obtain a search warrant of [redacted] off-campus residence to search for evidence of his involvemen the firebombing.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army ROTC
Building, Kent State University (KSU),
Kent, Ohio, 5/2/70

Case Supervisor G. H. Menzel and Branch Chief J. A
Sizoo were advised. John N. Ouellette, Security Supervisor,
Cleveland Division, was telephonically advised of Assistant
Attorney General Yeagley's authorization at 10:05 a.m.
Ouellette was also advised of Yeagley's instructions that th
United States Attorney there be kept fully apprised of all
developments in this matter. A confirmatory airtel will be
forwarded to the Cleveland Division.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

N.P.

ADDENDUM: 5-11-70

By teletype 5-10-70 Cleveland Office advised search
warrant executed that date but no incendiaries or similar
articles located. Literature on premises indicates residents
members of or sympathetic with Students for a Democratic Soci
and other radical groups. Some clothing, including jacket,
pants seized but no evidence of incendiary material on articl
which will be sent to Laboratory 5-11-70.

Confirming airtel attached

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Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

May 13, 1970

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. G. H. Menze

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Fire Bombing of Army ROTC Building
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio; May 2, 1970
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY

Reference is made to your letter dated May 7, 1970, captioned "Unknown Subjects, Kent (Portage County), Ohio; Interference with Federal Activity (ROTC), Civil Rights Act of 1968."

For your information, investigation concerning this matter has been initiated by this Bureau based on a letter from Mr. J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, dated May 4, 1970. The Cleveland Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is being furnished those specific items which you requested to be covered in connection with this investigation. The results of this investigation will be promptly furnished to you.

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1 - Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

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1 - Cleveland (Enclosure)

19 MAY 14 1970

ATTENTION: SAC, CLEVELAND

Attached is a copy of a letter received by the Bureau from Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, the contents of which were telephonically furnished to you 5/8/70. This letter requests certain specific items to be covered in connection with the investigation of this matter. At that time you were instructed to insure all these matters are incorporated into the report which will be submitted by you. Furnish Bureau sufficient copies of reports in consideration of multiple character of investigation and dissemination which will be necessary by the Bureau.

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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

NOTE:

Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, requ
investigation concerning possible violation of Civil Rights law
related to burning of ROTC facility at Kent State University,
5/2/70. He is being advised that such an investigation has alrea
been initiated at the request of the Internal Security Division b
its letter 5/4/70 and that the specific items listed by him will
covered during the investigation.

1-Mr. Mohr
1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen

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IMMEDIATE

TO SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

Reserve Officers Training Corps

UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, NINETEEN SEVENTY, SABOTAGE. REURLET MAY ELEVEN.

NO INCENDIARY CHEMICALS FOUND ON ARTICLES OF CLOTHING.

NO EVIDENCE FOUND TO ESTABLISH BALLOONS AND CEMENT WERE USED FOR SNIFFING PURPOSES.

NO MARIJUANA FOUND IN PIPE ALTHOUGH CHEMICAL TESTS SUGGEST IT MAY HAVE BEEN USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

REPORT FOLLOWS.

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DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

5/11/70

SAC, CLEVELAND (93-2140)

UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army
ROTC Building, Kent State
University (KSU), Kent, Ohio
5/2/70
SABOTAGE

CO: Cleveland

Transmitted to the FBI Laboratory under separate cover, are the following items which were seized in the search of 203 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio under the authorization of a search warrant, issued May 10, 1970, by United States Commissioner CLIFFORD E. BRUCE, Cleveland, Ohio, which search warrant was executed May 10, 1970, by searching the residence at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, for clothing, incendiary material or any other material that could be used for destructive purposes by explosion, thermal or incendiary destruction:

(1) (Item #1) 3/4 length gray winter jacket (parka), with fur-lined hood and orange lining.

(2) (Item #2) One pair blue denim jeans trousers

(3) (Item #3) One pair tan suede gloves.

(4) (Item #4) One blue, man's shirt (cotton).

(5) (Item #5) One hippie type headband.

(6) (Item #6) One pair purple levis trousers

(7) (Item #7) One tan corduroy coat in plastic dry-cleaners bag.

(8) (Item #8) Two make-shift peace armbands, made from dungarees.

2 - Bureau
1 - Cleveland
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(Item 59) Items found in first floor bedroom:

6 rubber balloons.
1 tube Elmer's Contact Cement
1 tube Duco cement
1 cardboard tube, partially covered with aluminum foil, with burned hole in one end (make-shift marijuana pipe?)

The FBI Laboratory is requested to examine the items of clothing, numbered Item #1 thru Item #8, for any traces of residue or smoke particles or incendiary chemical residue which might indicate the wearer of this clothing had started fires through the use of gasoline soaked rags, railroad flares or any other type of device of a flammable or combustible nature.

It is requested that the FBI Laboratory examine the items submitted under Item #9, that is the six rubber balloons, the two tubes of cement with the intention of determining if these balloons and cement were used by individuals to sniff glue for narcotic effect. For example, examine the tubes to determine if any facial hairs or nasal hairs are present on the cap or the tubes.

It is also requested that the cardboard tube which is probably a make-shift pipe, be examined to determine whether or not this pipe was used to smoke marijuana, hashish or any other type of narcotic which could be utilized by smoking.

The Attorney General

May 15, 1970

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mail Room (5531 JB)
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

Reserve Officers Training Corps

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Fire Bombing of Army ROTC Building
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio
May 2, 1970
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS - FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

Reference is made to letters dated May 4, 1970, and May 7, 1970, from Assistant Attorneys General, Internal Security Division and Civil Rights Division, respectively, which requested an investigation be conducted concerning the captioned matter.

There is enclosed a copy of the initial report which contains the results of investigation conducted. The investigation in this case is continuing and you will be kept promptly advised.

A copy of the enclosed report is being furnished to Honorable John D. Ehrlichman at the White House.

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Enclosure

1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)

1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
Civil Rights Division

1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
Criminal Division

1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
Internal Security Division

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NOTE: See memorandum C. D. Brennan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 5/15/70 captioned as above, prepared by GHM:pab.

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Date: 5/11/70

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO : BUREAU (MAIL) AND CLEVELAND

FROM: PITTSBURGH (98-1317)

*Reserve officer training corps

UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY/ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, FIVE TWO SEVENTY, SABOTAGE

OO: CLEVELAND

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU FIVE SEVEN LAST, AND PITTSBURGH TELETYPE FIVE EIGHT LAST.

[redacted] ROTC MEMBER, PLANS TO REMAIN IN KENT, OHIO, THIS WEEK. CLEVELAND INTERVIEW HIM AT [redacted]

1 - BUREAU (AIRMAIL)
1 - PITTSBURGH
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Approved: Special Agent in Charge

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FBI CLEVELAND

1:45AM URGENT MJB 5-9-70

TO: DIRECTOR, ALBANY, CHICAGO, NEW YORK, NEWARK

FROM: CLEVELAND (98-2140).

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS: FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING KENT STATE UNIV. (KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY, SABOTAGE. OO: CV.

RE CLEVELAND TEL TO BUREAU MAY SEVEN, LAST.

FOR INFO OF ALL OFFICES, AT ABOUT EIGHT PM EVENING OF MAY TWO, LAST, ARMY ROTC BUILDING AT KSU WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE DURING CAMPUS DISRUPTION. CROWD OF ABOUT SIX HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS WERE GATHERED ADJACENT TO BUILDING DURING INCIDENT. PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION INDICATES THAT ABOUT FIFTY-SEVENTYFIVE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THROWING ROCKS AND DEBRIS AT BUILDING AND BREAKING WINDOWS AT BUILDING. SOME OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ALSO SET BUILDING ON FIRE.

REC-91 98-2140-323

CLEVELAND OFFICE ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW WITNESSES WHO CAN IDENTIFY UNSUBS. HOWEVER, CAMPUS WAS CLOSED ON MAY FOUR, LAST BY ORDER OF NATIONAL GUARD (ONG) AND STUDENTS WERE EVACUATED.

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NO DATE HAS BEEN RELEASED FOR REOPENING OF CAMPUS.

CLEVELAND IS THEREFORE SETTING OUT LEADS TO HAVE POSSIBLE WITNESSES LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED AT THEIR HOME ADDRESSES.

ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW SIX KSU STUDENTS ARRESTED BY KENT PD EVENING OF MAY FOUR, LAST AND RELEASED MAY FIVE, LAST. THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE ARRESTED AT TWO THREE SEVEN AND ONE HALF N. WATER ST., KENT, IN A RESIDENCE WHICH KENT PD BELIEVES WAS USED AS A COMMUNICATION CENTER FOR INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN DISRUPTION.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE THE FOLLOWING ARRESTEES WERE NEGATIVE:

[redacted]

ABOVE INDIVIDUALS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS POSSIBLE SUSPECTS AND SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED FOR ANY KNOWLEDGE THEY MIGHT HAVE OF BURNING OF ROTC BUILDING, CAMPUS DISRUPTION, OR CONSPIRACY IN CONNECTION WITH THESE MATTERS.

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[redacted]. KENT, ADVISED THAT HE BELIEVES SDS MEMBERS HAVE BEEN RESIDING IN A HOUSE [redacted] INDICATED THAT NUMEROUS "HIPPIE TYPE" INDIVIDUALS WERE AT HOUSE DURING DISRUPTION AT KSU. HE ADDED THAT ONLY A COUPLE OF INDIVIDUALS REMAIN AT HOUSE AND THAT THEY HAVE GREEN TRIUMPH CAR WITH NEW YORK LICENSE WO EIGHT FOUR FOUR ONE. OHIO NATIONAL GUARD ALSO FURNISHED FOLLOWING NEW YORK LICENSE NO'S AS BEING CITED IN KENT AT RESIDENCE POSSIBLY USED BY STUDENTS INVOLVED IN DISRUPTION: SEVEN FOUR THREE TWO 8 SIX; FOUR SEVEN TWO ZERO E.

NEW YORK OFFICE REQUESTED TO DETERMINE LISTINGS FOR ABOVE NUMBERS AND CONDUCT INDICES CHECKS.

[redacted]. SILVER [redacted] OHIO, ADVISED [redacted] TOLD HER ON MAY FOUR, LAST THAT [redacted] WAS RETURNING TO AKRON AREA ON FLIGHT FROM NEWARK, NEW JERSEY MAY THREE, LAST. [redacted] FURTHER ADVISED THAT [redacted]

END PAGE THREE

[redacted] TOLD HER TWO "HIPPIE TYPE" INDIVIDUALS ON PLANE MADE STATEMENT TO [redacted] THAT THEY WERE GOING TO KSU FOR DEMONSTRATION. [redacted] AND [redacted] WERE INTERVIEWED AND APPEARED UNCOOPERATIVE, AND DENIED MAKING ANY SUCH STATEMENTS.

INSTANT FLIGHT WAS UAL FLIGHT TWO SEVEN NINE ON MAY THREE, LAST, ARRIVING AKRON-CANTON AIRPORT SEVEN ZERO SEVEN PM FROM NEWARK.

CHICAGO REQUESTED TO DETERMINE NAMES OF ANY PASSENGERS DEPARTING FROM ABOVE FLIGHT AT AKRON-CANTON AIRPORT AND OBTAIN NAMES OF STEWARDESSES.

INQUIRES DETERMINED THAT TWO MOTORCYCLES PARKED ADJACENT TO ROTC BUILDING AT TIME OF FIRE AND THAT GAS WAS TAKEN FROM ONE BY AN INDIVIDUAL TO HELP START FIRE. MOTORCYCLES HAD OHIO LICENSE ONE ONE FIVE ONE FOUR AND ONE ZERO EIGHT FOUR FIVE, LISTED TO [redacted] TOLEDO, OHIO, AND [redacted], OHIO.

ABOVE INDIVIDUALS SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED TO DETERMINE IF THEY WITNESSES INSTANT FIRE AND CAN FURNISH PERTINENT INFO.

POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE INFO DEVELOPED AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE FURNISHED TO CLEVELAND OFFICE ON FD THREE ZERO TWO'S.

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FBI WASH DC

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

DATE: May 13, 1970

1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen
1-Mr. Malley
1-Mr. McGowan
1-Mr. Hines
1-Mr. Sullivan

Assistant Attorney General Jerris Leonard, Civil Rights Divis
called. He was out of the city. I assume he was in Chicago as he was th
yesterday. He said the initial request for an inquiry at Kent came from
Attorney General and he (Leonard) was to coordinate it. He said the two
Departmental attorneys in Cleveland should be given any reports which a
furnished to the Department and any other information which may be furn
with reference to the investigation conducted. A copy of the report has b
delivered to the Departmental attorneys in Cleveland.

Leonard did not know the extent of the preliminary investigativ
report which was sent over to the Department yesterday and I went over
table of contents. He said this would cover the preliminary information
which he had requested and that preference should not be given to any pha
of this investigation. He said he understood Yeagley had requested certa
investigation of the Domestic Intelligence Division on the Sabotage phase
the Criminal Division may also have an interest in it. I told him no pref
treatment had been given nor would it be given to any phase of this invest

He said Yeagley's request was not sent through him. I advise
this obviously was a lack of coordination in the Department among the va
divisions. He said on the basis of our conversation it appeared this was
because Yeagley has requested certain investigation, the Criminal Divisi
may have an interest in this matter, and he (Leonard) is being held respo
for the over-all coordination of it.

He said he realizes now the Bureau has followed the procedure
sending information to his Division, as well as to the Interdepartmental
Intelligence Unit, Yeagley, and the Criminal Division, and apparently th
material is not being brought to his attention. He said he would make su
the Department channels into the proper hands the information which the
Bureau has sent. He told me he will make sure any requests for investi
will be coordinated and cleared through his office so he will be aware of
requests from Yeagley and Wilson of the Criminal Division.

ACTION:
For your information.

AR:lge (9)
5 MAY 22 1970

17 MAY 15 1970

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen
1-Mr. Bishop

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 5/8/70

1-Mr. McGowan

FROM : C. D. DE LOACH

SUBJECT: UNSUBS.; KILLING OF FOUR STUDENTS, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO, 5/4/70; ALLISON KRAUSE, ET AL. - VICTIMS; CIVIL RIGHTS

O RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS KENT, OHIO 5-5-70

At Kent State University there are two investigations bo[illegible] conducted; (1) the civil rights type of investigation which involves the dea[illegible] of the four students and the wounding of a number of others, and (2) the sabotage type investigation which concerns the attack on and the burning [illegible] down of the ROTC building and its belongings. This incident occurred [illegible] to the shooting and, of course, was one of the principal reasons why the National Guard was called in to control the situation at Kent State Univer[illegible]

There is, of course, considerable pressure on us to com[illegible]plete all investigation as expeditiously as possible. The Director has [illegible] instructed that the report be completed as of 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, May [illegible] 1970. Instructions have been issued accordingly and we will meticulous[illegible] adhere to this deadline.

In order to put more investigative pressure on the civil rights angle (we currently have 48 Agents working on this matter), and if the Director has no objections, I would like to recommend that the deadl[illegible] on the sabotage report be set for Thursday, May 14, 1970, at 12:00 Noon. If the Director agrees, the civil rights type of investigative report will be completed by 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, May 12, 1970, and the sabotage type investigative report will be completed by 12:00 Noon, Thursday, [illegible] 1970.

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ACTION:

As recommended above, if this meets with the Dir[illegible] approval.

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[illegible] Security Division

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. G. C. [illegible]
1 - Mr. G. [illegible]

198-46479

[illegible] AGAINST ROTC FACILITIES
[illegible] CAMPUSES
[illegible] 1 - [illegible], 1970

Reference is made to your letter dated May 4, 1970, captioned as above.

Investigation has been initiated in each of the instances enumerated in your letter and we are conducting investigations of every incident involving physical [illegible] Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) facilities [illegible] defense-related installations by extremist elements. Pursuant to your request, we will endeavor to develop [illegible] the course of these investigations evidence of the existence of a conspiracy to drive the ROTC Program from the [illegible].

Our investigation will not be limited to [illegible], however, and in the event information is [illegible] that an individual or group of individuals [illegible] a substantive violation of the sabotage [illegible] other violation within the investigative jurisdiction [illegible], the facts will be presented to you for [illegible] action.

[illegible]

MAILED 8
MAY 8 - 1970
[illegible]

The Department in referenced letter requested [illegible] of fire bombings and other types of [illegible] ROTC facilities at various colleges and [illegible] the country in an effort to determine if [illegible] were in violation of the sedition, sabotage [illegible] statutes. The field has been instructed [illegible] in those cases referred to in the Department [illegible] already under investigation. The Department [illegible] conspiracy-type investigation (see page [illegible] letter attached).

[illegible]

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: 5/11/70

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army ROTC Building, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio
5/2/70
SABOTAGE

OO: Cleveland

Transmitted to the FBI Laboratory under separate cover, are the following items which were seized in the search of 203 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio under the authorization of a search warrant, issued May 10, 1970, by United States Commissioner CLIFFORD E. BRUCE, Cleveland, Ohio, which search warrant was executed May 10, 1970, by searching the residence at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, for clothing, incendiary material or any other material that could be used for destructive purposes by explosion, thermal or incendiary destruction:

Item #1 3/4 length gray winter jacket (parka), with fur-lined hood and orange lining.

Item #2 One pair blue denim jeans.

Item #3 One pair tan suade gloves.

Item #4 One blue, men's shirt (cotton).

Item #5 One hippie type headband.

Item #6 One pair purple levis.

Item #7 One tan corduroy coat in plastic dry-cleaners bag.

Item #8 Two make-shift peace armbands, made from dungarees.

3 - Bureau
1 - Package (RM)
3 - Cleveland

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U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

Item #9 Items found in first floor bedroom:

6 rubber balloons.
1 tube Elmers Contact Cement
1 tube Duco cement
1 cardboard tube, partially covered with aluminum foil, with burned hole in one end (make-shift marijuana pipe?)

The FBI Laboratory is requested to examine the items of clothing, numbered Item #1 thru Item #8, for any traces of residue or smoke particles or incendiary chemical residue which might indicate the wearer of this clothing had started fires through the use of gasoline soaked rags, railroad flares or any other type of device of a flammable or combustib nature.

It is requested that the FBI Laboratory examine the items submitted under Item #9, that is the six rubber balloons, the two tubes of cement with the intention of determining if these balloons and cement were used by individuals to sniff glue for narcotic effect. For example, examine the tubes to determine if any facial hairs or nasal hairs are present on the cap or the tubes.

It is also requested that the cardboard tube which is probably a make-shift pipe, be examined to determine whether or not this pipe was used to smoke marijuana, hashish or any other type of narcotic which could be utilized by smoking.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 5/7/70

1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen
1-Mr. Malley
1-Mr. McGowan
1-Mr. Mohr
1-Mr. Bishop
1-Mr. Conrad
1-Mr. Callahan

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
ALLISON KRAUSE, ET AL. - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS

RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS
KENT, OHIO 5-2-70

SAC Cusick, Cleveland, advised that of particular interest the fact some of the National Guard have indicated they fired shots in the air. One said he did shoot and saw someone collapse but he could identify anyone. He was not sure he shot the individual. More specific details will be obtained concerning this incident. The above is pointed merely to show that we apparently are developing pertinent information.

Also of significance is the fact that a student, one [redacted] indicated that on Sunday prior to the confrontation on Monday some s came to the Wright Dormitory and indicated there were four wooden on the campus and all of them had to burn. These were ROTC buildings. The spokesman for this group said they would meet on the common of campus at noon on May 4 (Monday). This was the day and time of the confrontation. The student said he might be able to identify the leader because he attended a gym class with him. He also said he later saw fellow throwing a cannister.

At the present time the squad of 36 has been augmented and are now 46 Agents working on various phases of this matter.

More specific details are being furnished. This is preliminary data.

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ACTION:

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For your information.

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TO DIRECTOR, CLEVELAND, CHICAGO, AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM LOUISVILLE (98-698) 3P

Reserve Officers Training Corps

UNSUBS; FIRE BOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY; SABOTAGE.

OO: CV.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE, MAY ELEVEN, LAST.

RECORDS AND INQUIRY FEDERAL YOUTH CENTER (FYC), ASHLAND, KY., REFLECTS THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONCERNING [redacted]

BORN AUGUST [redacted], CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, SIX FEET ONE INCH, ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, INCARCERATED FYC, ASHLAND, FEBRUARY THREE, SIXTY-NINE THROUGH DECEMBER TWENTY-TWO, SIXTY-NINE, FOR VIOLATION DYER ACT. PAROLED ON THAT DATE TO ATTEND SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY (SIU) UNDER GRANTS FROM STATE OF KENTUCKY AND FEDERAL "PROJECT NEWGATE". ONLY RELATIVES ARE FATHER [redacted] AND MOTHER, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [redacted] GIRL

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FRIEND AS OF FEBRUARY, SIXTY-NINE, WAS [redacted]
NINETEEN YEARS OLD, [redacted], CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.
[redacted] WAS FRIENDS WITH [redacted] WHEN BOTH WERE AT
FYC, ASHLAND. [redacted] NOW ON PAROLE ATTENDING KENT STATE
UNIVERSITY.
[redacted] ATTENDED ASHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE AUGUST,
SIXTYNINE THROUGH DECEMBER, SIXTYNINE, WHILE AT FYC AND
VISTED THIS COLLEGE IN MARCH, SEVENTY, WITH A GIRL FRIEND
[redacted] KY. 1.11. AND DRIVING A RED VOLKSWAGEN.
[redacted] PROJECT NEWGATE, FYC, ADVISED [redacted]
VISITED HIM ON MARCH FIVE, LAST, INQUIRING ABOUT POSSIBLE
GRANT TO ATTEND SUMMER SCHOOL AT SIU. [redacted] LOANED
[redacted] TWENTY DOLLARS AND TOLD HIM [redacted] WOULD PROBABLY
BE AVAILABLE TO [redacted]
[redacted] NOT SEEN IN ASHLAND SINCE MARCH VISIT.
FILES AND INQUIRY DO NOT SHOW [redacted] CONVICTED OF
NARCOTICS OR EVER USED NARCOTICS.
CHICAGO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW GIRL FRIEND [redacted]
[redacted] CHICAGO, IN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE [redacted]
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SPRINGFIELD ATTEMPT TO LOCATE GIRL FRIEND [redacted]

POSSIBLY A STUDENT AT SIU, IN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE [redacted]

[redacted] MAY BE USING RED VOLKSWAGEN OWNED BY [redacted]

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FBI

Date: 5/13/70

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (98-1317) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS
Fire Bombing of
Army ROTC Building,
Kent State University (KSU),
Kent, Ohio
5/2/70
SABATAGE
(OO: CLEVELAND)

Re Cleveland teletype to Bureau dated 5/7/70, and Pittsburgh teletype to Bureau dated 5/8/70.

Enclosed for the Cleveland Office are 9 copies each of 4 FD-302's furnished by [redacted] and his sister, [redacted]

Information set out in the enclosed FD-302's was synopsized in referenced Pittsburgh teletype dated 5/8/70, and, therefore, no copies are being furnished the Bureau.

2 - Bureau (Encls. 36)
2 - Cleveland (Encls. 36)
1 - Pittsburgh

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Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI CLEVELAND

9:07 PM URGENT 5-8-70 SLO

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140)

Reserve Officer Training Corp

UNSUBS: FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING KENT STATE UNIV. (KSU), KENT, OHIO MAY TWO, SEVENTY. SABOTAGE. OO: CLEVELAND.

SUMMARY. CLEVELAND CONTINUING TO IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW WITNE IN CONNECTION WITH INSTANT MATTER. IDENTITIES OF UNSUBS STILL UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.

INTERVIEW WITH KSU PD OFFICER INDICATED IT WAS TOO DARK FOR TO IDENTIFY UNSUBS AT THE TIME OF FIRE. ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO LOCA AND INTERVIEW SIX KSU STUDENTS ARRESTED BY KENT PD AT ALLEGED "COMMUNICATION CENTER", TWO THREE SEVEN ONE HALF N. WATER, ST., KE ONE OF ARRESTEES, [redacted] WAS LOCATED. HOWEVER, SHE REFUSE TO BE INTERVIEWED. EFFORTS CONTINUING TO LOCATE OTHER ARRESTEES.

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1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. G. H. Henzel
1 - Mail Room (5531 JB)

Honorable John D. Ehrlichman
Assistant to the President
for Domestic Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ehrlichman:

An investigation is being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning the burning of a Reserve Officers' Training Corps Building at Kent State University on May 2, 1970.

There is enclosed for your information a copy of the initial report prepared in this matter.

A copy of this report is being furnished to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

REC-120 98-4641

15 MAY 19 1970

GHH:rad
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NOTE:

See memorandum C. D. Brennan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 5/15/70, captioned as above, prepared by GHH:rad.

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

FBI LABORATORY

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Office, 7133

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Cleveland (98-2140)

Date: 5/14/70

Reserve Officers Training Corps

Re: UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army ROTC Building, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio
5/2/70
SABOTAGE

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.
Lab. No. PC-C6429 MK

Examination requested by: Cleveland

Reference: Letter 5/11/70

Examination requested: Chemical Analyses

Remarks:

This report supplements and completes the information furnished the Cleveland Office by teletype dated May 13, 1970.

Specimens Q1 through Q12 are being returned to the Cleveland Office under separate cover by registered mail.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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REPORT of the FBI LABORATORY

1 - Mr. Sull
1 - Office,

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Cleveland

Date: 5/14/70

FBI File No.

Lab. No. PC-C6429

Re: UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army ROTC Building, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio
5/2/70
SABOTAGE

Specimens received 5/12/70

Q1 Gray jacket (Item #1)
Q2 Denim trousers (Item #2)
Q3 Pair of gloves (Item #3)
Q4 Shirt (Item #4)
Q5 Headband (Item #5)
Q6 Purple trousers (Item #6)
Q7 Tan coat (Item #7)
Q8 Two make-shift peace armbands (Item #8)
Q9 Six balloons (Item #9)
Q10 Elmers contact cement (Item #9)
Q11 Duco cement (Item #9)
Q12 Improvised cardboard pipe (Item #9)

Results of examination:

No traces of smoke particles, flammable liquid or other oxidizing chemicals were found on specimens Q1 through Q8.

No hairs or other evidence was found on specimen Q9, Q10 or Q11 to indicate they had been used for sniffing purposes.

Although chemical tests suggested that marijuana had been smoked in the Q12 pipe, it was not possible to identify marijuana specifically in the absence of any material having other characteristics of that plant.

RWA:moh(5)

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

5/12/70
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EXPEDIT

Deadline 5/14

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army ROTC Building, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio
5/2/70
SABOTAGE

File #
Lab. # PC-C6429 MK

Examination requested by: FBI, Cleveland (98-2140) let. 5/11

Examination requested: Chem Anal (gen chem - nar) - Mic Anal (hairs)

Date received: 5/12/70 ra

Result of Examination:

Examination by: AARON
CHARK

[illegible] or other chemicals [illegible] Q1 → Q9
No hairs or glue on Q9, 10, or 11
Q12 gives duquenois but no plant material for confirmation of marguana

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1	Gray jacket (Item #1)
Q2	Denim trousers (Item #2)
Q3	Pair of gloves (Item #3)
Q4	Shirt (Item #4)
Q5	Headband (Item #5)
Q6	Purple trousers (Item #6)
Q7	Tan coat (Item #7)
Q8	Two make-shift peace armbands (Item #8)
Q Q9	Six ballons (Item #9)
Q10	Elmers contact cement (Item #9)
Q11	Duco cement (Item #9)
Q12	XXXXXXXX Impervised cardboard pipe (Item #9)

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

5/12/70 PC-C 6429

Received from FBI cleveland via air mail registered No. 470092 a cardboard box wrapped in brown paper (~ 24 X 18 X 12") PM cleveland, Ohio 5/11/70. Box sealed w/ masking tape all contents sealed in individual containers

Q 1 Item 1 large hooded grey jacket "mfg by M Rubin & sons Inc

" 2 pair of blue denim pants "Ranchera

" 3 glover (PL)

" 4 (per L) "Sears"

" 5 white cloth w matt clos

" 6 light lavender (PL) no brand

" 7 (PL) size 3.6 (car coat size) 6-9 open [illegible]

" 8 from legs of liver PEACE on [illegible] (A) [illegible] the

Q " 9 16 ballons 2 red, 16 blue, 1 yellow, white [illegible]

Q 1 3/4 fl oz (1/2 full Dupont Duco cement [illegible]

Q 1 fl oz Elmer's contact cement tube

Q cigar size cardboard tube [illegible] (hasiel type) smoking end)

PC-C6429 MK I2 5/12/70

Specimens Q1 through Q8 were all found to be dry and odorless. No chemicals solid or liquid were seen on any specimen. Specimen Q2 had mud splashed on few spots of leg all other specimens are clean or normal soils.
clean papers on scrape down
No evidence of charring anywhere

The Q9 ballons are dry and odorless. No hairs or other foreign substance such as glue residue found in them. (The only material on them other than the rubber is the material used to turn down the necks.

Q11 Elmers cement listed as containing toluene
Q12 Dupont Duco cement listed containing acetone and butyl acetate

PC-C 642-9 MK 5/12/7

The Q12 improvised pipe was examined under 30X no evidence of residual plant material

wash tube & tinfoil to get ether evaporate & run modified duquenois — positive but weak and all of sample used

no further exams ⇒ probably marijuana had been smoked but can't prove

DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

5/11/70

SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)

UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army ROTC Building, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio
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PC-C 6429

OO: Cleveland

Transmitted to the FBI Laboratory under separate cover, are the following items which were seized in the search of 203 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio under the authorization of a search warrant, issued May 10, 1970, by United States Commissioner CLIFFORD K. BRUCE, Cleveland, Ohio, which search warrant was executed May 10, 1970, by searching the residence at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, for clothing, incendiary material or any other material that could be used for destructive purposes by explosion, thermal or incendiary destruction:

Q1 (Item #1) 3/4 length gray winter jacket (parka), with fur-lined hood and orange lining.

Q2 (Item #2) One pair blue denim jeans trousers

Q3 (Item #3) One pair tan suede gloves.

Q4 (Item #4) One blue, man's shirt (cotton).

Q5 (Item #5) One hippie type headband.

Q6 (Item #6) One pair purple levis trousers

Q7 (Item #7) One tan corduroy coat in plastic dry-cleaners bag.

Q8 (Item #8) Two make-shift peace armbands, made from dungarees

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(Item #9) Items found in first floor bedroom:

9 " " 6 rubber balloons.
10 " " 1 tube Elmers Contact Cement
" " " 1 tube Duco cement
12 " " 1 cardboard tube, partially covered with aluminum foil, with burned hole in one end (make-shift marijuana pipe?)

The FBI Laboratory is requested to examine the items of clothing, numbered Item #1 thru Item #8, for any traces of residue or smoke particles or incendiary chemical residue which might indicate the wearer of this clothing had started fires through the use of gasoline soaked rags, railroad flares or any other type of device of a flammable or combustible nature.

It is requested that the FBI Laboratory examine the items submitted under Item #9, that is the six rubber balloons, the two tubes of cement with the intention of determining if these balloons and cement were used by individuals to sniff glue for narcotic effect. For example, examine the tubes to determine if any facial hairs or nasal hairs are present on the cap or the tubes.

It is also requested that the cardboard tube which is probably a make-shift pipe, be examined to determine whether or not this pipe was used to smoke marijuana, hashish or any other type of narcotic which could be utilized by smoking.

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FD-35 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 5/10/70

Transmit the following in PLAIN

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)

RE: UNSUBS; FIRE BOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU) KENT, OHIO 5/2/70 SABOTAGE

RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

ROUTING UNIT ERROR LETTER SENT

In connection with this investigation, the CV Office is attempting to identify and locate witnesses. However, classes at KSU have been disconti for the remainder of the Spring school term, and students have left the cam

In view of this, the CV Office is setting out numerous leads to offices by teletype and telephone. In order to facilitate seeting out leads, the following info is being made available:

At about 8:00 PM on evening of 5/2/70, the Army ROTC Building at KSU was destroyed by fire during a campus disruption. A crowd of approximately 600 individuals was gathered adjacent to the ROTC Building during the incident.

Preliminary inquiries indicate tht about 50 to 75 of these individu were actively engaged in throwing rocks and debris at the building, breaking many of the windows. Some of these individuals also started the fire.

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Campus PD officers, who witnessed the burning were unable to identify the UNSUBS due to darkness and the fact that demonstrators were throwing rocks at them.

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One witness has advised he observed an unidentified white male place a rag in a gas tank of a nearby motorcycle and carry the rag to the building where it was ignited.

The Kent Fire Department attempted to extinguish the fire. However, demonstrators interferred with their efforts by throwing rocks at them and cutting their hoses.

Prior to the burning demonstrations occurred in downtown Kent, Ohio, o 5/1/70.

On the evening of 5/3/70, bands of demonstrators roamed the KSU campus during the night.

During the afternoon of 5/4/70, four KSU students were killed when Ohio National Guard (ONG) troops attempted to disperse a crowd of demonstrators

In addition to the substantive violations of the sabotage sections, the Department of Justice advised they wanted investigation conducted to establish a conspiracy to destroy the ROTC Building at KSU and requested that the following points be considered:

1. The names of participants setting fire to the ROTC Building.

2. The names of persons organizing, instigating or inciting damages to this ROTC Building.

3. Obtain post-act or pre-act statements made by leaders including speeches urging abolition of the ROTC at KSU.

4. Attempt to obtain any leaflets or any other printed material authored or distributed by such persons urging the abolition of ROTC.

5. Determine if SDS or New Left Leadership caused the burning of the ROTC Building or if this was an act of local groups or an individual initiative without the advise of outside or national influence.

All offices are requested to refer to the above in connection with any leads set forth by the CY Office.

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 5/8/70

In connection with the burning of the ROTC building at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio 5/2/70, Jerris Leonard, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, has requested investigation be conducted as to a possible violation of Title 18, Section 245, U.S. Code (Civil Rights-Federally Protected Activity). Attached letter itemizes specific information requested by Leonard.

This investigation, also encompassing possible violations of sabotage, sedition, and destruction of Government property was initiated on the basis of a letter 5/4/70 from Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley, Internal Security Division.

Leonard will be advised that this investigation is being conducted and that the results will be promptly furnished to him* when received., Cleveland is also being advised of specific requests made by Leonard.

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* and Yeagley

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1-Mr. Conrad
1-Mr. Jevons
1-Office, 7133

TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: 5/13/70

1-Mr. Aaron

FROM : L. H. Jevons

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army ROTC Building, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio
5/2/70
SABOTAGE

This case involves the firebombing of the Army ROTC Building at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, on 5/2/70. On 5/12/70, the Cleveland Office submitted evidence consisting of clothing, balloons, cement and a hashish pipe.

The following results of examination were obtained in response to specific requests by the Cleveland Office. The clothing was examined for incendiary chemicals, but none were found. No evidence was found on the balloons and cement to indicate whether they had been used for sniffing purposes. No marijuana was found in the pipe; however, chemical tests did suggest that marijuana may have been smoked in it.

The Cleveland Office is being advised of the above information by teletype this date.

ACTION:

For information.

1-Mr. Mohr
1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen

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FBI

Date: 5-5-70

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN.: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140 and 44-703)

Reserve Officers Training Corps

UNSUBS.; FIRE BOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO 5-2-70
SABOTAGE
OO: CV

UNSUBS., OHIO NATIONAL GUARD;
ALLISON KRAUSE, JEFFREY MILLER, WILLIAM SCHROEDER
SANDY LEE SCHEUER - DECEASED - VICTIMS - ET AL
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO - 5-4-70
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Permission was requested and received from Assistant Director N. P. CALLAHAN that four clerical employees be temporarily assigned to the Akron Resident Agency to assist in the investigation of the captioned violations. The captioned violations are being handled as a special in this division.

Three stenographers will handle the dictation, and one clerical employee will assist in handling the paper. It is estimated these employees will remain in the Akron Resident Agency until about 5/12/70. In the event it is felt advisable to have them come back to headquarters, this will be done immediately.

Mr. CALLAHAN made it crystal clear that the clerical employees would not be allowed to set up or work on the Kent State University campus, and their activities would be limited to the Akron Resident Agency.

Bureau will be advised when the clerical employees return to headquarters city.

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

1 - Mr. M. A. Schutz, Jr.
1 - Mr. C. L. McGowan, Jr.

5/19/70

1 - Mr. G. H. Monzel

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To: SAC, Cleveland (98-2140)

From: Director, FBI

RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army ROTC Building, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, May 21, 1970
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS - FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

Rerep of SA [redacted] dated 5/14/70 at Cleveland.

In view of the intense interest and concern with regard to this matter, Cleveland should promptly advise the Bure as to the date its next report will be submitted and the extent of investigation which is outstanding in this matter.

Your intensive investigation of this matter should be continued to identify the subjects responsible for this incident and to complete outstanding investigation necessary as soon as is possible.

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NOTE:

The initial report dated 5/14/70 from Cleveland concerning the firebombing of the KSU ROTC building has been received and disseminated. Inasmuch as it is of intense interes and concern, Cleveland being requested to advise when its next report will be submitted and the extent of investigation outstan

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10:02 PM NITEL 5-14-70 TEK

TO DIRECTOR

CLEVELAND (98-2140)

FROM ATLANTA (98-586) P

UNSUBS: FIRE BOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO SEVENTY, SABOTAGE, OO: CLEVELAND.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, CLEVELAND, AND ATLANTA, MAY THIRTEEN SEVENTY.

ATLANTA DOES NOT POSSESS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING IDENTI OF RYM OR RYM II MEMBERS AT KSU OTHER THAN INFORMATION CONTAINED IN CLEVELAND REPORT OF SA [redacted] DATED MARCH THIRTEEN SEVENTY. CLEVELAND FILE ONE ZERO ZERO DASH TWO SEVEN ZERO THREE ONE.

NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN BY ATLANTA REGUARDING THIS LEAD.

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8-45PM URGENT 5-9-70 RGH

TO DIRECTOR (ATTN. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION) AND

CLEVELAND (98-2140)

FROM NEWARK (98-2643) (RUC)

Reserve Officers Training Center

UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, FIVE EIGHT SEVENTY. SABOTAGE. OO: CV.

RE CV TELETYPE THIS DATE.

[redacted] INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AT RESIDENCE, [redacted], UNION, NJ.

[redacted] ADMITTED TO BEING ACTIVE DISSENTOR OF ROTC PRESENCE ON KSU CAMPUS BUT DENIED HAVING WITNESSED CAPTIONED MATTER OR ANY PERSONEL COMPLICITY IN IT. HE COULD FURNISH NO IDENTITIES OF PERSONS POSSIBLY INVOLVED IN THE BURNING OF ROTC BUILDING.

[redacted] ADDED HE DID NOT OBSERVE SHOOTING OF FOUR STUDENTS AT COMMONS, KSU, INASMUCH AS HE WAS IN SOCIOLOGY BUILDING AT TIME SHOOTINGS OCCURRED. [redacted] SOLE KNOWLEDGE OF SHOOTINGS WAS DERIVED FROM REPORTS OF NEWS MEDIA AND OTHER STUDENTS PRESENT AT THE RALLY.

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[redacted] CLAIMED HE WAS ARRESTED BY KENT, OHIO, PD ON NIGHT OF FIVE FOUR SEVENTY FOR VIOLATION OF CURFEW. HE ASSERTED

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HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY CONSPIRACY INVOLVING STUDENTS OR OUTSIDERS WHICH LED TO VIOLENCE AT KSU. HE INTENDS RETURNING TO KENT, OHIO, MONDAY, FIVE ELEVEN SEVENTY.

HANDWRITTEN STATEMENT OBTAINED. CLEVELAND APPRISED TELEPHONICALLY THIS DATE OF NK INVESTIGATION.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/19/70

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (98-1317) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
Fire Bombing of
Army ROTC Building,
Kent State Univesity (KSU),
Kent, Ohio,
5/2/70
SABOTAGE
(OO: CLEVELAND)

Re Cleveland airtel to Bureau dated 5/7/70, Pittsburgh teletypes to Bureau dated 5/8 and 5/11/70, and Pittsburgh airtel to Bureau dated 5/13/70.

Enclosed for the Cleveland Office are nine copies of an FD-302 which was furnished by [redacted], a third-year student, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

On 5/18/70, [redacted] Pittsburgh, Pa., appeared at the Pittsburgh Office and advised that he was not present at the demonstration on 5/2/70, that resulted in the bombing of the ROTC Building on the campus of Kent University, Kent, Ohio. He stated that he left the campus area about 6:00 PM and was in his room from about that time until after the fire bombing of the building.

[redacted] continued that on 5/4/70, when the National Guard allegedly fired at students on the campus, he was in his room. He heard the radio news at 1:00 PM announcing the shootings. [redacted] immediately left his room and proceeded to the campus, arriving at about 1:10 PM.

On campus [redacted] noted that there were bullet holes on opposite sides of a tree and that there was a bullet hole

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in a statute on the side posite the National Guard which indicated to him that at least two shots had been fired at the National Guard.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: May 15, 1970

1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. G. H. Kenzel

FROM : C. D. Brennan

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Fire Bombing of Army ROTC Building
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio, May 2, 1970
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise that t
initial report from Cleveland is attached concerning the cap
investigation which has developed [redacted] and [redacted]
as suspects.

Sabotage investigation instituted on 5/4/70 and th
after enlarged to include other possible Federal violations
request of Assistant Attorneys General, Internal Security Di
and Civil Rights Division.

Violent disturbances by students erupted at Kent,
on 5/1/70. This developed into an anti-ROTC demonstration a
on 5/2/70 during which demonstration the ROTC Building was d
ately set on fire by participants. The Building was destroy
amounting to a $50,000 loss plus the loss of $35,000 in Gove
property. Demonstrators interfered with police and fire dep
attempting to restore order and put out the fire. Interview
ROTC officials, students, local police, firemen, news media,
representatives covering the incident and other persons have
conducted. Several witnesses observed unidentified persons
apparently ignited the fire. One witness identified photogr
person unknown to him by name who threw ignited gasoline-soak
rag into ROTC Building. Subsequent investigation discloses
individual is identical with [redacted] a student wh
reportedly attempted suicide in the past and has been afford
psychiatric treatment. [redacted] KSU student, ide
as suspect by Kent Police Department based on descriptive dat
obtained from witnesses. Associates of [redacted] who reside
him off campus at Kent, Ohio, may have knowledge as to who
responsible for the fire.

Enclosures (3)

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Fire Bombing of Army ROTC Building
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio, May 2, 1970

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter to the Attorney General with copies for Assistant Attorneys General, Internal Security Divisio Civil Rights Division and Criminal Division, and a letter to John D. Ehrlichman at the White House be approved enclosing for each a copy of the above report.

JAS:dd

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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FBI CLEVELAND

PM URGENT 5-21-70 RJB

1:30 AM URGENT 5-22-70 SLO

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)

Reserve Officers Training Corps

UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, O., MAY TWN SEVENTY. SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; CRA OF SIXTYEIGHT- INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED FACILITY.

SUMMARY TELETYPE

REREP MAY FOURTEEN LAST AT CLEVELAND.

[redacted], ROTC STAFF, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), ADVISED THAT ON MAY TWO LAST PRIOR TO BURNING OF ROTC BUILDING, SMALL GROUP OF UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS HECKLED ROTC CADETS AS THEY RETURNED FROM TRAINING EXERCISE. [redacted] ALSO ADVISED WILLIAM K. SCHROEDER, KSU STUDENT WHO WAS SHOT TO DEATH DURING CONFRONTATION WITH OHIO NATIONAL GUARD (ONG) ON MAY FOUR LAST, WAS ALSO AN ROTC CADET. HE SAID SCHROEDER PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED DOUBTS

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ABOUT PLACE OF ROTC ON CAMPUS AND CONSIDERED FLEEING TO CANADA TO BREAK HIS CONTRACT WITH ROTC.

[redacted], ROTC, IDENTIFIED FACULTY MEMBERS OPPOSED TO ROTC ON CAMPUS AND INDICATED FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS PROTESTED IN PAST AGAINST ROTC: YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE, BLACK UNITED STUDENTS, AND STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE.

[redacted] KSU STUDENT, MAINTAINED SHE OVERHEARD UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS ON CAMPUS ON MAY ONE LAST DISCUSSING POSSIBLE PLANS TO BURN ROTC BUILDING.

PETER CHARLES BLIEK, KSU STUDENT, ATTENDED RALLY ON CAMPUS PRIOR TO BURNING AND STATED UNIDENTIFIED LEADERS AT RALLY URGED STUDENTS TO "GET ROTC BUILDING." [redacted] KSU STUDENT, NOTED THIRTY TO FORTY INDIVIDUALS WEARING RED HEADBANDS IN CROWD AT FIRE. [redacted] KSU STUDENT, CLAIMED UNIDENTIFIED W/M/WEARING RED AND WHITE STRIPED BELLBOTTOM PANTS WAS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN SETTING ROTC FIRE. [redacted] KSU

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STUDENT , ORALLY ADMITTED TO FBI AGENTS THAT HE THREW ROCKS AT ROT
BUILDING.

[redacted] AND [redacted] BOTH KSU FACULTY MEMBE
WERE OF OPINION [redacted] ALSO MEMBER KSU FACIULTY, WAS INVOL
VED IN BURNING THE BUILDING. WHEN INTERVIEWED [redacted] STATED HIS
ONLY PARTICIPATION AT THE BURNING WAS THAT OF FACULTY DEPUTY. [redacted]
[redacted] KSU , INDICATED HE O
SERVED FIVE TO TEN PERSONS IN CROWD AT FIRE ATTEMPTING TO KEEP MOB
STIRRED UP AND THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS DID NOT APPEAR TO BE KSU STU
[redacted] ADVISED HE RECEIVED INFO
FROM CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE INDICATING STUDENTS [redacted] AND [redacted]
[redacted] HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH BURNING ROTC BUILDING.

RESIDENCE OF [redacted] TWO THIRTY E. MAIN ST., KENT, O
WAS SEARCHED BY FBI AGENTS ON MAY TEN LAST, SUBSEQUENT TO ISSUANCE
SEARCH WARRANT AUTHORIZED BY USDJ.

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CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS SEIZED AND SUBMITTED FBI LAB FOR EXAMINATION. NO TRACES OF SMOKE PARTICLES, FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS OR OXIDIZING CHEMICALS FOUND ON CLOTHING.

[redacted] WAS INTERVIEWED AND DENIED INVOLVEMENT IN THROWING ROCKS AT ROTC BUILDING OR SETTING IT ON FIRE. HE ACKNOWLEDGE AFFILIATION WITH SDS AND PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE PAST. HE ALSO INDICATED HE WAS FRIEND OF JEFFREY MILLER, KSU STUDEN SHOT TO DEATH IN CONFRONTATION WITH ONG ON KSU CAMPUS, MAY FOUR LAST. OTHER OCCUPANTS ABOVE ADDRESS ALSO INTERVIEWED AND DENIED INVOLVEMENT IN ROTC FIRE.

ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [redacted] PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED IN PHOTO BY EYEWITNESS AS ONE WHO STARTED ROTC FIRE. [redacted] FATHER INDICATED [redacted] LEFT AREA ABOUT MAY ELEVEN LAST AND INDICATED HE WAS GOING TO CALIFORNIA. HE ALSO INDICATED [redacted] FRIEND, [redacted] HAD GONE TO NEW YORK ON MAY ELEVEN LAST. [redacted] FATHER FURTHER ADVISED [redacted] HAS SUICIDAL

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TENDENCIES AND HAS ATTEMPTED SUICIDE ON ONE OCCASION. HE ALSO ADVIS

[redacted], ASSOCIATE OF [redacted] IS MENTALLY ILL AND REQU

MEDICATION ON CONTINUOUS BASIS.

DOUGLAS CORMACK ORALLY ADMITTED TO FBI AGENTS THAT HE HINDERED

FIREMEN WHO WERE ATTEMPTING TO PUT OUT ROTC FIRE AND THREW ROCKS AT

ONG. [redacted] STUDENT, REFUSED TO DISCUSS HIS

ACTIVITIES ON MAY TWO LAST AND STATED HE DESIRED TO CONSULT AN ATTO

VARIOUS FACULTY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH "KENT FREE

UNIVERSITY," "TWENTYTHREE CONCERNED FACULTY" AND "NEW UNIVERSITY CO

FERENCE," GROUPS ON KSU CAMPUS WHICH HAVE BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY UNV

SITY SOURCES AS FOMENTING DISSENT AND DISRUPTING UNIVERSITY COMMUNI

PROMINENTLY MENTIONED AMONG GROUP WAS ASSOCIATE PROF. THOMAS S. LOU

KSU SOCIOLOGY DEPT. FORMER STUDENT OF LOUGH, [redacted]. ADVISED LO

HAS DISTRIBUTED LITERATURE TO STUDENTS CONTAINING INSTRUCTIONS ON H

TO ASSEMBLE "MOLOTOV COCKTAIL."

LOUGH REFUSED TO BE INTERVIEWED ADVISING HE WAS NOT

IN AGREEMENT WITH FBI CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATIONS IN SOUTH.

CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN ANY CONTACTS WITH [redacted] OR [redacted] REPORTEDLY HAS SUICIDAL TENDENCIES AND [redacted] IS REPORTEDLY MENTALLY ILL AND REQUIRES CONTINUOUS MEDICATION.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

REPORT TO FOLLOW.

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FBI WASH DC

The Attorney General

May 26, 1970

Director, FBI

Reserve Officers Corps

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mail Room (5531 JB)
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. G. H. Benzel

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Fire Bombing of Army ROTC Building
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio
May 2, 1970
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

Reference is made to my letter dated May 15, 1970, which furnished you a copy of the initial report in captioned matter.

There is enclosed a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 21, 1970, at Cleveland, which contains the results of additional investigation conducted. The investigation in this case is continuing and you will be kept promptly advised.

A copy of the enclosed report is being furnished to Honorable John D. Ehrlichman at the White House.

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Enclosure

1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)

1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
Civil Rights Division

1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
Criminal Division

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1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
Internal Security Division

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NOTE:

See Memorandum C. D. Brennan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 5/23/70, captioned as above, prepared by [illegible]

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CLEVELAND	CLEVELAND	5/21/70	5/2 - 19/70

TITLE OF CASE

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Firebombing of Army ROTC Building,
Kent State University (KSU),
Kent, Ohio,
5/2/70

REPORT MADE BY

SA [redacted] 7C

CHARACTER OF CASE

SABOTAGE; SEDITION;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPER
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 -
INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY
PROTECTED FACILITY

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] 5-14-70, at Cleveland. 7C

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LEADS

CLEVELAND:

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will continue intensive investigation to identify persons responsible for the burning of the Army ROTC Building at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

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Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING,
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)
KENT, OHIO
MAY 2, 1970

Character:
SABOTAGE;
SEDITION;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY;
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 -
INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED FACILITY

Synopsis:

[redacted] ROTC Staff, Kent State University (KSU), advised that on 5/2/70, prior to the burning of the ROTC Building, a small group of unidentified individual heckled ROTC cadets as they returned from a training exerci [redacted] also advised that WILLIAM K. SCHROEDER, KSU student who was shot to death during a confrontation with the Ohio National Guard (ONG) on 5/4/70, was also an ROTC cadet. He said SCHROEDER had previously expressed doubts about the place of ROTC on campus and had considered fleeing to Canada to break his contract with ROTC. 7D

[redacted], ROTC, identified faculty members opposed to ROTC on campus and indicated the following organizations have protested in the past against ROTC: Young Socialist Alliance, Black United Students, and Student Mobilization Committee.

[redacted] KSU student, maintained she overheard unidentified persons on campus on 5/1/70 discussing possible plans to burn ROTC Building.

PETER CHARLES BLIEK, KSU student, attended rally on campus prior to burning and stated that unidentified leaders at rally urged students to "Get ROTC Building". [redacted]

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[redacted] KSU student, noted 30 to 40 individuals wearing red headbands in crowd at fire. [redacted] KSU student, claimed unidentified white male wearing red and white striped bellbottom pants was actively engaged in setting ROTC fire. [redacted] student, orally admitted to FBI Agents that he threw rocks at ROTC Building.

[redacted] and [redacted] both KSU faculty members, were of the opinion that [redacted] also a member of KSU faculty, was involved in burning the buildin When interviewed, [redacted] stated his only participation at the burning was that of a faculty deputy. [redacted] KSU, indicated he observed 5 to 10 persons in crowd at fire attempting to keep mob stirred up and that these individuals did not appear to be KSU students.

[redacted] advised he received information from a confidential source indicating that students [redacted] had something to do with burning the ROTC Building.

The residence of [redacted] 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, was searched by FBI Agents on 5/10/70, subsequent to issuance of search warrant authorized by United States District Judge. Clothing and miscellaneous items were seized and submitted to FBI Laboratory for examination. No traces of smoke particles, flammable liquids, or oxidizing chemicals were found on clothing.

[redacted] was interviewed and denied involvement in throwi rocks at ROTC Building or setting it on fire. [redacted] acknowledged affiliation with Students for a Democratic Society and participation in various anti-war demonstratio in the past. He also indicated he was friend of JEFFREY MILLER, KSU student shot to death in confrontation with ONG on KSU campus, 5/4/70. Other occupants at above address were also interviewed and denied involvement in ROTC fire.

Attempts were made to locate and interview [redacted] previously identified in photograph by eyewitness

is one who started ROTC fire. [redacted] father indicated [redacted] left area about 5/11/70 and indicated he was going to California. He also indicated that [redacted]'s friend, [redacted] had gone to New York on 5/11/70. [redacted] father further advised that [redacted] has suicidal tendencies and has attempted suicide on one occasion. He also advised that [redacted] an associate of [redacted] is mentally ill and requires medication on a continuous basis.

DOUGLAS CORMACK orally admitted to FBI Agents that he hindered firemen who were attempting to put out ROTC fire and that he threw rocks at the ONG. [redacted] student, refused to discuss his activities on 5/2/70, and stated he desired to consult an attorney.

Various faculty members have been identified with "Kent Free University", "23 Concerned Faculty", and the "New University Conference", groups on KSU campus which have been characterized by University sources as fomenting dissent and disrupting the University community. Prominent mentioned among this group was Associate Professor THOMAS LOUGH, KSU Sociology Department. A former student of LOUGH's, [redacted] advised LOUGH has distributed literat to students containing instructions on how to assemble a "Molotov cocktail".

LOUGH refused to be interviewed advising he was not in agreement with FBI civil rights investigations in the South.

CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN ANY CONTACTS WITH [redacted] OR [redacted] REPORTEDLY HAS SUICIDAL TENDENCIES AND [redacted]S REPORTEDLY MENTALLY ILL AND REQUIRES CONTINUOUS MEDICATION.

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I. PRE-INCIDENT ACTIVITIES

Date 5/14/70

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[redacted] Ohio, advised she is a junior, 3rd year student, K
State University (KSU), with residence at Kent, Ohio, 814 So
Depeyster Street. She advised she was not on the Kent campu
on May 2, 1970, and could provide no information with regard
to the burning of the ROTC building, nor did she attend any
rallies prior to that date. She advised on Thursday, April
1970, while walking on Summit Street between Lincoln Street
the first street west of Lincoln in Kent, Ohio, she observed
COLLIN NEIBERGER, a former Kent student, and [redacted] wal
in a westerly direction on Summit Street. She advised she s
briefly to NEIBERGER as she had known him personally on campu
having met him over a year ago when he was dating a friend o
She stated she is not personally acquainted with [redacted]
however, knows him to see him as she has seen him on campus
Kent, Ohio previously. She stated the conversation consiste
NEIBERGER asking her how she was and as she was in a hurry s
did not stop to talk with him. She advised she has no addit
information pertaining to these individuals and she is not
acquainted with a former student by the name of [redacted]

She stated she was on campus May 4, 1970, however,
worked in the cafeteria at the Tri Towers Dormitory from 11:
until 2:30 PM and she has no knowledge of the confrontation
Kent students and the Ohio National Guard.

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Date May 10, 1970

[redacted]

after being furnished the identities of the interviewing Agent furnished the following information concerning the demonstrati at Kent State University on May 1 through May 3, 1970.

[redacted] advised that on May 1 at the noon rally the group gathered around the Victory Bell on the Commons and on a tree nearby was a homemade sign attached to the tree which in red letters at the bottom of the sign said "Why is the ROTC building still standing". He said he did not recall the other wording but the sign was made from a white cloth which was about four feet high. He said later this sign was removed from the tree and placed over the top of the sign which advertised another activity on the campus. He said he did not see the sign put on the tree and had no idea where it came from.

[redacted] said he was nearby when this rally was taking place and there were approximately ten speakers, in particular, RALPH DEVILAQUA and STEVE SHAROFF. [redacted] said previously there was a sign posted around the campus to the effect that the noon rally was for the purpose of burying the constitution. He said this poster was sponsored by a group called the World Historians Opposed to Racism and Exploitation (WHORE). He explained that this was not a recognized organization on campus and not allowed to post activities so therefore it was sponsored by the Student Religious League (SRL). This was also contained on the poster.

During the rally SHAROFF made a statement to the crowd that as he sees the constitution as a piece of paper that it is dead as far as constituting the people it represents and should be buried. [redacted] said at this point a student went to the loud speaker and asked the crowd if they were going to allow the constitution to be burried and as SHAROFF placed the constitution in the small hole which he had made with the shovel, this student attempted to remove the constitution from the hole and SHAROFF shoved him to the ground. [redacted] said at first he felt that this was a serious attempt on the part of the student to not allow the constitution to be buried but now he feels that this was strictly an act in an attempt to rile the crowd. [redacted] said SHAROFF stated that it was his

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right under the constitution to bury the constitution.
[redacted] said that posters were placed around the campus advertising a rally at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, 1970. He said he was in the area of the Commons around 8:00 p.m. when a group began marching through the campus attempting to get followers. He said the group accumulated approximately 200 to 300 people and converged on the ROTC building. He said unlike other demonstrations in which the group gathers, speeches are made and then they decide what action is to be taken, this group came directly to the ROTC buildi that no speeches were made and immediately began breaking the windows. This was about 8:30 p.m. and two male individ began breaking the windows in the ROTC building with what appeared to be long sticks or two by fours and after these windows were broken they moved out of the immediate area an seemed to disappear while others threw flares and what appe to be Molotov cocktails in the building. He described thes individuals as follows:

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#1, approximately 6' tall, 170 to 175 pounds, shoulder length brown hair with band around his head, color unknown. He said the individual had a beard and wore stripped pants.

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#2, [redacted] said this person was shorter and more stocky than #1, had long brown hair, a jacket which he could not describe and a beard.

[redacted] reviewed photographs in the possession of FBI and could not identify any of the people he observed at the time of the burning of the ROTC building in these photographs. [redacted] said he believes he could recognize th two individuals in particular if he observed them again and stated that he did not see them in these photographs.

With regard to the burning of the ROTC building, [redacted] said one flare that was thrown on the inside burned for a short time and went out. He said a Molotov cocktail was thrown into a window and he observed that apparently the bottle broke on the inside because the flames scattered [redacted] said at one point [redacted] very excitedly rushed up to him and explained that the building was burning.

[redacted] said he did not observe any of the activities on Sunday or Monday May 3 and 4, 1970.

[redacted] after being exhibited the photographs in possession of the FBI identified the following:

Photograph A-1, Individual #4

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Photograph A-1, Individual #5

Unknown individual, Kent State University faculty member - possibly in Psychology

Photograph A-33, Individual #1

STEVE SHAROFF, Graduate Student
former member of Concerned Citizens
for the Kent State University Community (CCC)

Photograph A-40, Individual #6

[redacted] Kent State University student

Photograph A-65, Individual #2

Unknown individual, also known as "Fargo", Negro male, spoke at 3:00 p.m. rally May 1, 1970, Kent State University student, member of the Black United Students (BUS)

Photograph A-69, Individual #8

CRAIG MORGAN, Student senator, accused Kent State University administration of over-reacting. Went to Washington, D. C. to organize a memorial service attended by CORETTA KING, wife of MARTIN LUTHER KING and TED KENNEDY

Photograph A-75, Individual #1

WILLIAM A. BESCH, President, Graduate Student Council

Photograph A-80, Individual #4

Unknown individual believed not to be a student who arrived on campus just before weekend of violence.

Photograph A-68, Individual #1

Possibly [redacted]

Photograph P-3, Individual #3

[redacted]

Freshman student

Arrested 1969 in Canton, Ohio, for possession of marijuana, received one to ten years sentence, was paroled after four months.

Photograph P-6, Individual #2

[redacted], involved in SDS last year, was leader of sit-in when Oakland, California Police Department had recruiters on campus.

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II. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

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II. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

A. INTERVIEWS WITH ROTC OFFICIALS AND CADETS

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 19, 1970

[redacted] ROTC Unit, Kent State University (KSU), was interviewed while [redacted], ROTC Staff, KSU, was also present concerning [illegible]ganizations and individuals on the KSU campus of an anti-ROT[illegible] nature.

[redacted] advised that he has been present on KSU campus since July, 1969, and has actually been in comman[illegible] the ROTC Unit since September, 1969. He advised that he kep[illegible] 3 x 5 card file which was begun in October, 1969, on individ[illegible] organizations, and incidents on the KSU campus which were an[illegible] ROTC by nature. He advised that he had approximately eight [illegible] of individuals in the KSU faculty who have shown by their ac[illegible] that they were vehemently anti-ROTC. [redacted] advised his 3 x 5 card file was destroyed in the fire which destroye[illegible] the ROTC building; and he, therefore, could not provide the [illegible]mation from that file.

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[redacted] advised that the following academic departments on the KSU campus were observed by him from thei[illegible] actions during faculty meetings to be anti-ROTC: Sociology, Anthropology, Political Science, and English Departments.

[redacted] also specifically named the followi[illegible] individuals who have attempted to have ROTC "thrown off" of KSU campus in the past:

Dr. EDWARD H. FRIEDEN, Professor of Chemistry; 6/[illegible]

Dr. MYRON J. LUNINE, Dean of Honors College; 6/[illegible]

Dr. DORIS E. FRANKLIN, Associate Professor of Engl[illegible] President of American Association of University Professors; [illegible]

6/[illegible] Dr. ROBERT BERTHOLF, Assistant Professor of Englis[illegible]

Dr. GERALD KAMBER, Professor of French, Romance La[illegible] and Classics; [illegible]

BOB FRANKLIN, Graduate Assistant, Chemistry Depart[illegible]

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[redacted] advised that of the above-mentioned individuals, Dr. GERALD KAMBER was probably the individual on KSU campus who has done the most to try and have ROTC dropped from the campus. He stated that KAMBER, while attending a meeting on the KSU campus during the week of May 11, 1970, to May 17, 1970, spoke out against ROTC, and also condemned all the present officials of the United States Government concerning their political view points, and the manner in which the Administration is carrying out its policies. [redacted] also mentioned that the aforementioned Dr. DORIS E. FRANKLIN, Assistant Professor of English, was in charge and took it upon herself to write up a referendum to censor the Ohio State officials for their policies and interference in the incidents which took place at KSU campus.

[redacted] advised that this referendum has not been drawn up and passed by the faculty at this time. [redacted] stated that he could not be sure of the following information, but it was provided to him by a reliable source that campus [redacted] was permitting SDS members to distribute literature in the offices of the [redacted] House. [redacted] also advised that his son recently informed him that the son of [redacted] is presently distributing SDS literature on the high school level at Roosevelt High School in Kent, Ohio.

[redacted] could not provide the names of the faculty who permitted SDS on the KSU campus on November 5, 1969, when SDS speaker, MARK RUDD, was permitted to come on the campus, speak, and then hold a rally at which time individuals from the SDS marched around the ROTC building.

[redacted] advised he still knows of no other anti-ROTC organizations on KSU campus other than Young Socialist Alliance (YSA), Black United Students (BUS), Student Mobilization Committee, and Moratorium Committee.

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(1) Date 5/11/70

[redacted] Staff ROTC Unit, Kent [redacted] State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, was interviewed concern[illegible] the burning of the ROTC building on KSU campus on May 2, 19[illegible] [redacted] advised that there had been several demonstr[illegible] on campus earlier in the week and he recalls that on Thursd[illegible] April 30, 1970, individuals were handing out leaflets at th[illegible] cafeteria on campus concerning demonstrations to take place [illegible] campus that week. One of the persons handing out leaflets [redacted] identified as being [redacted] whom [redacted] nows has bee[illegible] barred from campus under penalty of arrest. Upon realizing [illegible] who this individual was [redacted] went back to see [redacted] and [redacted] had left the cafeteria and was nowhere around.

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[redacted] recalls that Friday night, May 1, [illegible] students and demonstrators had broken windows downtown and [illegible] several windows in the ROTC Headquarters building had been [illegible] These windows were on the west and north sides of the build[illegible]

On Saturday, May 2, 1970, [redacted] was sche[illegible] to take a ROTC class to the high velocity [illegible] ranges and [redacted] had told [redacted] that he, [redacted] had receive[illegible] call from a cadet at 3:00 AM that morning indicating that s[illegible] or some group was planning to move to stop the class from g[illegible] to the ranges or was planning to disrupt operations of the [illegible] As the class was preparing to leave for the ranges, three o[illegible] students appeared in the driveway near the Student Union bu[illegible] and these persons watched the class load onto Army vehicles [redacted] noted that these persons were fairly well dr[illegible] more well dressed than the average KSU student would be, and [illegible] was unusual to [redacted] The class proceeded to the ranges a[illegible] returned in the afternoon at approximately 2:30 when they w[illegible] stopped prior to arriving on campus by [redacted]

[redacted] told [redacted] that there might possi[illegible] be trouble on campus if the class returned in the military [illegible] and therefore, the class went to the National Guard Armory [illegible] they transferred to University buses in which they returned [illegible] campus.

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As the bus arrived at the ROTC building for unloa approximately eight to twelve individuals again appeared fr area of the Student Union building. Four or five of these came down the driveway to the bus and as the class unloaded began heckling the cadets. They attempted to talk to each although they were unsuccessful in gaining the attention of In particular, the hecklers made it a point to ask each of three Negro cadets their reason for being in uniform and to them they had no reason to fight in a country where they ha freedom themselves.

After the class entered the building, [redacted] made several trips from the front of the building to the Administrative Offices in the rear and the walk around the north side of the building. On one occasion, as he walked the rear of the building, one of the hecklers walked along him and told him "This would be a good place for you and yo man to be tonight because it is going to burn," or a statem similar in context to that. [redacted] recalls replying to him "Why not now?" This person was a white male, 18-20 years o 5'8" tall, medium slender build, clean shaven, fairly long (not quite shoulder length), wearing a skirt and pants cont in colors. This incident took place at approximately 3:15 the cadets were all inside cleaning weapons.

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[redacted] paid little attention to this pers statements as he had heard similar ones five or six previou times. Several of these persons hung around the building t all of them were gone when the building was closed at appro 5:30 PM by [redacted]

[redacted] indicated that the following Cadet may have knowledge as to the identity of some of the heckle

[redacted]

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[redacted] advised that on the evening of May 2, 1970, he was telephonically contacted and advised that the ROTC Headquarters building was burned. He went to the vicinity of the building and firemen were putting the fire out at that time and there were several students standing by watching the fire, although [redacted] could not recall or identify them. He indicated that Cadets [redacted] may have possibl been present when the fire was started.

He also noted that Cadet [redacted] indicated to him that he had seen an individual with a torch starting fire in the building.

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[redacted] furnished a list of the ROTC Junior class that went to the ranges and that list is attached with the members of the class who were not present indicated.

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JTC ROSTER

JTC Rooster NS III & IV Cadets

FIRST PLATOON

1st SQUAD

[redacted]

2nd SQUAD

[redacted]

3rd SQUAD

[redacted]

4th SQUAD

[redacted]

SECOND PLATOON

1st SQUAD

[redacted]

2nd SQUAD

[redacted]

3rd SQUAD

[redacted]

4th SQUAD

[redacted]

* Indicates NS IV Cadet

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date May 19, 1970

[redacted] ROTC Staff, Kent State Univ
sity (KSU), advised that he had been assigned to the ROTC Staff
at KSU for approximately two years. He advised that he heard n
first-hand information concerning faculty members who would be
against ROTC as his Commanding Officer, [redacted], would
be, the individual who would have direct contact with these
people during the faculty conferences. He stated that he was
aware of one individual, [redacted],
[redacted] who is well-known on the KSU campus as an
agitator and an individual who is very much against ROTC.

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[redacted] advised that the student groups on
campus who were anti-ROTC were Young Socialist Alliance (YSA),
Black United Students (BUS), Student Mobilization Committee,
and Moratorium Committee. He also advised that two new organiz
tions on the campus were New University Conference (NUC), and
Student Religious League (SRL), but that these organizations ha
not made their policies toward ROTC known to date.

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Cadet [redacted] a sophomore at Kent State University (KSU), presently residing at 123 Crane Street, Kent, Ohio, advised he could furnish no information regarding persons responsible for the burning of the ROTC building, al he is interested in helping identify these persons in any way possible.

[redacted] stated on Saturday evening after the fire ha started, he had seen the flames from the burning building and to campus where he talked for a while with [redacted] and [redacted] talked with several other staff off names unrecalled, that evening and although there was a crowd standing around watching the fire, [redacted] cannot recall the n of any of the persons. One individual, who was talking with t was standing in the Air Force ROTC offices and this person po works on campus and is a student. He is a young white male w light brown hair and although [redacted] does not know his name, possibly some officers in the Air Force ROTC may know them.

[redacted] recalls that one of the individuals on the h was a Negro male, who is a football player and is a sophomore or junior and he was taunting the firemen and National Guards Saturday night. Another person who was in the crowd was an individual who is an officer for the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) and this person is approximately 5'6" - 5'8", white male short slender build (140 lbs.), bushy hair, full beard, glass and always wears a fatigue cap and a brown jacket. There is Mexican student who is also in the YSA who was present Saturd night and [redacted] does not recall his name either.

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(1) 7d 7c

Date 5/14/70

[redacted] staff ROTC, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, advised that he was not on campus on Saturday as his wife was in the hospital, although on Saturday evening he was visiting [redacted] at [redacted] residence, when at approximately 7:45 PM, [redacted] received a call from [redacted] regarding the fire at the ROTC building. [redacted] and [redacted] went to KSU camp and arrived there at approximately 8:45 PM and when they arr either no fire trucks had yet arrived or one had been presen and had been driven off by students.

[redacted] is not sure of the above as he heard all kinds of rumors that evening.

[redacted] recalls that there was a white male dress in bluejeans, a plaid jacket and a white armband, who had bi hair standing around the Air Force ROTC building that evenin and [redacted] and other members of the ROTC staff briefly tal with this individual. He mentioned several comments regardi activities on campus within the last several days and possib was present when the fire was started, [redacted] advised tha this individual works for the University, possibly in the Maintenance Department and he is 19 or 20 years old, over 6' tall, slender build, light complexion, and is probably also student.

[redacted] believes that possibly [redacted] may know the identity of the above individual as [redacted] was around the area of the ROTC building talking with [redacted] that evening.

[redacted] was also around that evening and ma have seen the fire started. [redacted] talked to him occasion although he could not recall if [redacted] mentioned seeing the fire started.

[redacted] could furnish no names of individuals who he saw standing around the building as the fire was burning.

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SA [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

(1) 7C 1d

Date 5/14/70

[redacted] ROTC, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, furnished the follo information concerning activities around the ROTC building o Saturday, May 2, 1970:

In the early morning of May 2, 1970, a ROTC class boarded a bus and went to the high velocity rifle ranges and returned from the ranges in the early afternoon approximatel 2:30 PM. At the time the class arrived back at the ROTC bui they were in an University bus, having transferred from an A Reserve vehicle which they originally left the campus in. H advised they had transferred in the University bus in view o the fact there were rumors on campus that the National Guard was being moved in.

At the time the bus arrived, [redacted] noticed several individuals standing on the driveway by the Student Union building and approximately four of these studs were at the bus as the class was departing. [redacted] state these individuals were hecklers and they were attempting to talk to members of the class as they came off the bus. [redacted] cannot recall the names of any of these individual although he does recall that one of the persons was a white who was wearing a headband and had long hair. Another indi and a girl were walking around the ROTC building toward the Commons and [redacted] heard the boy make a comment to an unk person and the comment was "You better keep guarding that bu boy that place will burn good."

[redacted] advised that [redacted] possibly knows one of these hecklers or might of heard the above comment.

[redacted] also advised that one heckler was talking to a black student cadet briefly and the only two black cade [redacted] knows of in the class were (PNU) [redacted] (phonetic) and [redacted] both of whom are seniors.

(1) [redacted] advised that after the class finished cleaning the guns and had left, he and [redacted]

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[redacted], locked the building and [redacted] noted that there did not appear to be any hecklers outside or any persons watching them leave.

At approximately 8:30 PM, [redacted] received a telephone call from the campus police who advised him that the ROTC building had been set on fire. [redacted] advised he did not come to the campus that evening as several of the other officers were there.

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(1) Date 5/14/70

[redacted] ROTC, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, advised as follows concerning the burning of the ROTC building on Saturday, May 2, 1970, and the events which took place prior to that burning on the afternoon of May 2, 1970:

At approximately 7:30 AM, [redacted] and several other staff officers took a ROTC class to the rifle ranges and the left in an Army Reserve truck. Before they left, [redacted] had indicated to [redacted] that there may be trouble on campus with students trying to stop the class from going to the ranges. There were no problems in that re however, upon returning from the ranges, their bus was stopp by [redacted] on Route 43 and [redacted] advised [redacted] that the rumor on campus was that the National Guard was coming to KS and they decided to transfer to a University vehicle so as n to arouse attetion. They took the class to the National Gua Armory and there transferred to the University bus and arriv on campus at approximately 2:30 PM.

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When they arrived, approximately ten students were standing on the driveway by the Student Union building looki towards the ROTC building where the class began departing fr the bus. One of these students [redacted] recalls was a Negro mal and he came down to the class and talked for a while to the three black cadets who were in the class. These cadets were [redacted] He recalls that this student definitely talked to [redacted] for a sh while. [redacted] cannot recall the names of any of the students although several of them were standing around heckling the c and the black student was possibly in the ROTC previously. When [redacted] left, the class was finished cleaning the weapons and [redacted] left with [redacted] around 6:00 PM.

On Saturday evening prior to the ROTC building be set on fire, [redacted] had occasion to drive on campus with members of his family at approximately 7:30 PM, and at t time he saw 300 to 400 students near the back of the ROTC bu and some of these students were carrying large bags, simila

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grocery bags. They were carrying them in their hands, hanging towards the ground, and [redacted] does not know what was in the bags. Seeing the large crowd, [redacted] decided not to go near the building and left the campus.

He later heard that the ROTC building had been set on fire. He advised he cannot recall any of the names of the persons in the large crowd.

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(1) Date 5/15/70

[redacted] Staff ROTC, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, advised that he was with the cadet class which returned to the campus from the rifle ranges on Saturday, May 2, 1970, and as they arrived on campus, he recalls several cadets commenting that there appeared to be a lot of strangers on campus. As the class was departing the bus, to enter the ROTC building, [redacted] heard a male individual who was standing near the bus make some comment to the effect that the staff officers should watch the ROTC building closely as it would make a pretty fire. There were several individuals standing around the bus trying to talk to the cadets, although [redacted] cannot recall the identity of these persons.

[redacted] left the building after the class had gone and at that time, recalls no persons standing around the building. He returned that evening at approximately 9:30 PM, after having been advised that the building had been set on fire. He recalls the identity of none of the persons in the crowd that evening.

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II. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

B. INTERVIEWS WITH STUDENTS

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(1) Date 5/9/70

[redacted] nickname, [redacted] residing with his brother [redacted] furnished the following information:

During the evening of May 2, 1970 he was studyi in the Architectural Building at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio. At approximately 10:00 PM he returned to his dormitory, Tri-Towers, and approximately one hour later noticed a fire in the distance. [redacted] advised he at first thought that some trees were burning due to the angle from which he was looking at the fire. He advised someone then told him that the ROTC building was on fire. He advised he stayed in the dormitory during the entire fire. He advised he was not in the ROTC building during the fire, nor jumped out the window. He stated that he has no knowledge whatsoever as to who started the fire. He advised if he knew who started the fire, he would voluntarily furnish the identity of the individual(s) concerned to the FBI.

When questioned as to the reason for the cast on his right hand, [redacted] advised he fractured his hand while playing soccer on April 28, 1970. He advised he ha a doctor's appointment on May 19, 1970 for the removal of the bandages. He advised his hand fracture can be verifi by contacting the KSU Student Medical Center.

[redacted] stated that he did not partake in any of the rallies or demonstrations at KSU during the weekend in question. He advised that he came to visit his brothe in Garfield Heights on May 3, 1970 and has not returned to KSU since that date.

He advised he is a Sophomore at KSU, majoring in Architecture. He advised his campus address is Leebri Hall, [redacted], KSU, telephone [redacted]. He advised he is not a member of any subversive organizations. He also advised he is not enrolled in the ROTC program at KSU due to his alien status. He advised he has been in the Unite States for the past two years.

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[redacted] was exhibited photographs of various Students for a Democratic Society Weatherman members and fugitives, and he advised he has never seen any of these individuals before.

The following description regarding [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

Date of Birth:	July 1, 1946
Place of Birth:	[redacted]
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	145 pounds
Hair:	Dark brown
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Medium
Characteristics:	Wears mustache
Social Security #:	[redacted]
Arrests:	None admitted

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

(1) 7d 1c

Date May 10, 197

[redacted], Canton, Ohio, advised he is a third year, Junior, student at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, and resides Room [redacted] Stopher Hall, on campus.

He advised that on the night of May 2, 1970, he was working in the Student Activities Center, Rumor Contr Center, and at approximately 8:30 PM, he noted flares thr at the side of the ROTC building and some individual in t Center called the fire department. He advised due to the darkness, he could not identify any of the individuals wh threw flares and set fire to the ROTC building.

[redacted] advised a short time after the fire dep ment was summoned, he went outside and observed the firem attempt to get near the ROTC building with their hoses an he, in fact, grabbed hold of one of the hoses in efforts free it from a signpost which was holding up its free tra towards the fire. He stated several unknown students cam to a position near him, grabbed hold of the hose and bega slashing same with machete knives. He stated he could no identify any of the individuals responsible for cutting t hose due to darkness. He stated he returned to the Stude Activities Center and could provide no further additional information with regard to the burning of the ROTC buildi

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(1) Date May 10, 197

[redacted], Canton, Ohio, advised he is a third year, Junior, student at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, with campus residence Room [redacted] McDowell Hall.

[redacted] advised on Saturday night, May 2, 1970, he went to the Tri-Towers dormitory complex at approximately 8:00 PM, accompanied by [redacted], to pass out leaflets written by the University announcing fa pertaining to the Friday night incidents in efforts to gi the students the truth as to what had happened in downto Kent, Ohio. This pamphlet further notified students of activities, such as movies and dances, to be held on cam that night.

He advised at approximately 8:30 PM, a group of 200 to 300 students marched to the Tri-Towers complex, shouting and hollering, and, although he knows those peop as students to be radicals, he could not personally iden any of them. He stated at this time he was with [redacted] a fellow student who is running for the Student Senate, a he, [redacted] observed a white male, whom he knew as a stud at Oberlin College, in the group of 200-300 marching stud He stated [redacted] asked this individual why he was there a he, the unknown individual, stated he was taking a course on campus during the Spring Quarter; [redacted] stated knew this individual by name and should be able to furnis same.

[redacted] stated the group left the Tri-Towers ar and he thereafter, at approximately 9:10 PM, went into t Student Activities Center where he observed individuals t ing rocks at the ROTC building, a flare, and shortly thor a fire bomb, with the building erupting into flames. He stated due to the darkness he could not identify any of t individuals responsible for throwing these items at the b building. He stated upon the arrival of the fire depart

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he went to the University Police Department to report the firemen's arrival and to tell them, the campus police, that the firemen's hoses were being cut.

He stated after reporting this to the police department, he returned to his dormitory.

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1 Date 5/15/70

[redacted] Vienna, Ohio, who is a junior at Kent State University (KSU), majoring in Elementary Education and who resides at [redacted] furnished the following information:

On Saturday, May 2, 1970, she had a date with her boyfriend, [redacted] and went to Garrettsville Ohio with [redacted] and [redacted] She said that they returned to the campus about 2:30 AM and the first she heard about the burning of the ROTC was Sunday morni when she and a few other girls walked across campus to the burned building.

On May 4, 1970, she stated she was in the main library when she heard the shooting outside Taylor Hall. She said she did not observe any of the shooting by the National Guard as it had all ended when she walke across the campus to Taylor Hall.

[redacted] stated earlier Monday morning on May 4, 1970, there were two girl students in her history class who discussed the burning of the ROTC with [redacted] This was in History 152. She could not ide the two girls that stated that they sat on the front ro and the conversation between them and [redacted] concern how long it had taken to get the ROTC Building on fire. She also overheard these two girls mention that some of students had knives with which they cut the fire hoses.

She said that her boyfriend, [redacted] telephone number [redacted] Ohio, told her he was standing beside SANDRA SCHEUER, one of the g who was killed. She stated that she had known SANDRA du the previous year because they lived in the same dormit She added that in her opinion SANDRA associated with so ward students, explaining she meant students who wore l hair and beards and were active in student demonstratio She did not know any of these friends of SANDRA.

She stated her boyfriend, [redacted] add

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above, has told her he has already been interviewed by the FBI.

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PETER CHARLES BLIEK voluntarily appeared at the Rochester, New York Resident Agency of the FBI. He was advise of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of th inquiry.

BLIEK furnished the following signed statement:

"May 11, 1970
Rochester, New York

"I, PETER CHARLES BLIEK, make the following statemen to [redacted] a Special Agent of the FBI.

"I am a student at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, and reside at 34 Highwood Road, Irondequoit, N.Y.

"On May 2, 1970, I attended a rally at 8:00 PM on th Commons which consisted of about 200 students. The rally turn into a march through campus gathering additional students and then regrouped in the Commons, which group was about 2,000 students. Some of the leaders, identity unknown, numbering about 5 wanted to 'get ROTC building'. The majority of the students did not respond to the idea, however; about 7 student proceeded to the parking lot and syphoned gas from motorcycles and made fire bombs with cloth and bottles. Prior to the fire bombing a majority of the windows had been broken and the fire bombs were tossed into the building through main entrance and broken windows by about 5 students whom I don't know. Upon response by fire company an unknown number of students cut the fire hoses. The state troopers arrived to protect the firemen but students numbering 30-50 threw rocks at the troopers. Tro then used tear gas to disperse the students. Students numberi about 100 knocked down a chain link fence, near tennis courts up to athletic storehouse and then about 15-20 students start fire in storehouse. Students then proceeded to march around c throwing rocks and crowd was dispersed by tear gas. Many stud returned to the Commons to watch ROTC building burn. Tear gas resumed and crowd finally dispersed and I returned to the dorm about midnight.

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"I have read the above statement of this and on page, it is true to the best of my knowledge. I have ini each page.

"/s/ PETER CHARLES BLEIK

"Witness: SA [redacted] FBI, Rochester, New Yo

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name:	PETER CHARLES BLIEK
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	4/11/48, Rochester, New Yor
Height:	6'3"
Weight:	185 lbs.
Hair:	Brown (long), with full bea
Eyes:	Brown
Social Security:	053-40-4812

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Date 5/10/70

[redacted] Wright Hall, Kent State University (KSU), telephone 672-7211, furnished the following information:

He is a freshman at KSU on an athletic scholarsh By way of background, [redacted] indicated he was high school [redacted] His home address is [redacted] home telephone [redacted] He commented that he witnessed certain events on May 3 and 4, 1970, which he felt the FBI should be made aware of. He commented he would certainly not consider himself an activist on campus and does not condone certain of the activities on the part of some activists. He commented that if it ever became necessary for him to testify in any type of a judicial hearing, he would be most happy to testify.

On Sunday night, May 3, 1970, he returned to KSU after spending the weekend in Maple Heights, at approximat 8:30 PM. He was in his dormitory, Wright Hall, and at approximately 11:30 PM, May 3, 1970, approximately 200 students marched into Wright Hall and sat on the floor in the lobby of this dorm. Two individuals appeared to be the leaders of this group as they were usually on their feet leading chants and trying to "psyche up" the other students. He heard comments such as "We have to get the pigs off the campus" and "There are only four wooden buildings on campus left, and they have got to go," "Burn, baby, burn," and other phrases, some of which contained obscenities. The two leaders also commented that everyone should be on the Commons at 12:00 noon, tomorrow, Monday, May 4, 1970. The comment was also made that "the time to act is tomorrow."

[redacted] and [redacted] wer at this gathering and apparently were in some type of discussion with them.

Shortly after the students entered the lobby of Wright Hall approximately 100 Ohio National Guards men cam

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marching to the building, at which time some of the stude raised the windows and were yelling at the guard. The apparent commander of this Ohio National Guard contingent was met by [redacted] outside of Wright Hall and a three o four minute conversation took place. After this meeting terminated, the Ohio National Guard left and did not ente Wright Hall. [redacted] then returned to the lobby, where he told the assembled students that he would permit them spend the night in the lobby of Wright Hall; however, the had to be out by morning. This announcement was made on public address system which is in the lobby. Furniture a other items were pushed back and the students were on the floor.

During this time, the two individuals who he do as the leaders again were telling everyone to be on the C at noon and again getting the students excited. He staye the vicinity of the lobby for approximately 20 minutes; a at approximately 12:00 midnight, he went up to his room o the tenth floor of Wright Hall.

He advised he did not know the names of the ind who were the apparent leaders of this group; however, he nished the following descriptions and background concerni them:

INDIVIDUAL NUMBER ONE

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	19
Height:	5'7"
Weight:	145 pounds
Occupation:	Student
Complexion:	Dark
Hair:	Black, short - kinky a
Build:	Well built
Characteristics:	Ears which stuck out f head; wide nose, possi Italian descent; possi from New York
Remarks:	Has in tumbling and av course taught by [redacted] which met on Wednesday and Friday f 1:10 PM to 2:15 PM.

Dress: White jacket
Blue jean trousers

INDIVIDUAL NUMBER TWO

Race: White
Sex: Male
Age: 20 - 21
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 160 pounds
Hair: Light brown, long, rea
to shoulders, kinky ov

Eyes: Blue
Characteristics: Trimmed mustache, whic
extended from one corn
mouth to other, Fu Man
type.

Dress: Faded red sweatshirt
Blue jean trousers
Light tan suede ankle

Remarks: Has not been seen on
campus before.

On the morning of May 4, 1970, he went to the
of Wright Hall at approximately 11:00 AM, at which time t
group which had been there the night before was not there
At approximately 12:00 noon, he decided to walk over by t
Commons out of curiosity, and certainly not because he ag
with the philosophy of the group he had encountered the
night, at which time there were approximately 1000 studen
in the Commons, some sitting on the grass, and were chant
various phrases, some of which were obscene, which dealt
the war in Southeast Asia and the presence of the Ohio Nat
Guard on campus. He was standing in the back of Taylor H
overlooking the Commons and could hear someone shouting o
a bull horn that the campus was under Martial Law and tha
the crowd should disperse because it was unlawful for the
congregate. This individual repeatedly told the crowd to
disperse; however, this was to no avail. There was a gre
deal of chanting and yelling from the students back at th

individual with the bull horn and at the Ohio National Gu
which had formed a line near the burned ROTC building. T
pleading on the part of the individual continued for appro
mately ten to fifteen minutes; and on one occasion, someo
got into a jeep and drove out near the students with a po
bull horn and again told the students to disperse. Howeve
they did not; and rocks and other objects were thrown at
jeep. Shortly after this incident, tear gas was fired by
National Guard into the crowd and the students started to
disperse, running in all directions. Some students had g
masks and wet cloths, which they held to their faces and
several students picked up canisters of tear gas and thre
it back at the National Guard. After this barrage of tea
gas, the line of Guardsmen moved out; and it was at this
point he noted that one of the individuals who appeared t
in the middle of the demonstrators was the individual who
he described before as the number one individual and with
whom he had the tumbling and apparatus class. This indiv
was observed by him on one occasion picking up a can of t
gas and throwing it back at the Guard.

The Ohio National Guard in a line formation mov
across the Commons, up the hill to the right of Taylor Ha
down the hill in front of Taylor Hall and across the foot
field to a chain link fence which surrounds the practice
field. The Guardsmen dispersed the students; however, it
looked like it was a continuing thing as the students mer
retreated to the rear and to the sides of the Guard forma
During this maneuver by the Guard, numerous students were
throwing large rocks, some six to eight inches in diamete
at the Guard and were chanting and yelling at them. When
the Guard reached the chain link fence, some of the Guard
assumed a kneeling position with their rifles at their
shoulders; however, no shots were fired to his knowledge.
After three or four seconds in the kneeling position, the
resumed the standing position as if by command. At this
point, he heard someone yell that the Guard was out of te
gas.

The skirmish line then moved back across the fo
practice field and up the hill to where Taylor Hall is lo
this time moving to the left of Taylor Hall as one would
it from the practice football field. As the Guard was go
back toward Taylor Hall, numerous students closed in behi
them and at times were within five yards behind the skirm

line. He observed one student throw a large rock at a Na Guardsman, hitting him in the small of the back, and the National Guardsman stumbled, but did not go down. When t line reached the plateau where Taylor Hall is located and near the pagoda-type structure, he saw one Guardsman pull a .45 caliber automatic from his holster and hold the gun in the air; however, he did not hear any shots. He also observed one student hit an officer with a rock, who start after the student who had hit him; however, the student r and the officer did not pursue the student into the crowd At this time, he was on the patio of Taylor Hall observin this activity.

Suddenly, the Guardsmen started firing their ri some of them shooting in the air and others shooting into ground away from the students. He noted that some of the National Guardsmen who were closest to Taylor Hall appear to be shooting at the crowd. He did not hear any command given to commence firing or to cease firing, but it appea to him that the Guardsmen started together and ended toge This barrage lasted approximately four seconds, after whi he noted numerous people on the ground to get away from t firing; and he also noted later on some were still on the ground, obviously wounded.

The students generally dispersed and the large portion of them left the area.

He noted one individual was lying in the roadwa in front of Taylor Hall and approximately five or six Nat Guardsmen ran to the body in the street as if to protect body. Numerous students started milling around this prot maneuver by the Guard and all were yelling, gesturing, sn calling them pigs and murderers. Shortly thereafter, an ambulance came and left with this individual who had been wounded or killed.

After the shooting, he observed numerous studen go to the area where the shooting had taken place and pic up empty cartridges and live rounds of ammunition off of ground. One student was yelling that anyone who had cart or live rounds should give them to him as it would be evi that the pigs had shot at students. He observed several turning over cartridges they had picked up off of the gro to this individual, whose identity he does not know.

He advised that a friend of his, [redacted]
who resides at [redacted] Ohio,
was one of the individuals who picked up a cartridge case
and later gave it to this unidentified individual.

He commented that in retrospect he felt the Ohi
National Guard acted only to preserve their own safety in
as at times they were completely surrounded by students.
added he personally felt the Guard acted in a prudent man
although he certainly did not want to see loss of life; h
at times he himself felt that the Guard was in danger of
having their own weapons taken from them, inasmuch as the
students were very angry and were about to try something
foolish.

[redacted] commented that in his opinion, if t
group of approximately 200 students who gathered in Wrigh
Hall on the evening of May 3, 1970, had not been allowed
to remain there and had been dispersed, the unfortunate
situation wherein four students were killed might not hav
happened. He feels that the two instigators of this grou
were responsible for "psyching up" this group up to a fev
pitch and that this group in turn encouraged the other st
to follow along.

Date 5/12/70

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[redacted], who is a senior at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, majoring in Economics, advised as follows:

On the night of May 2, 1970, he heard there was to be a rally at 8:00 PM near the bell on the Commons of the KSU campus. He was uncertain of the reason for the rally and arrived at the bell at approximately 8:10 PM. Upon his arrival, the rally had already been held and he learned that pamphlets had been passed out to those in attendance and that the pamphlets contained information regarding curfew restrictions being imposed on KSU students.

He inquired of someone in the group as to who to see regarding legal representation for students who were arrested the previous evening, Friday, May 1, 1970, and was instructed to see the [redacted] (Phone [redacted]). He went to [redacted] office which is located in a wing of Johnson Hall and while there, [redacted] was receiving telephone calls regarding people on campus who were in possession of sticks and stones. He received the impression that some information had been developed that a group had planned setting fire to the ROTC building.

He left Johnson Hall and from a vantage point on the balcony of Taylor Hall, saw about 250 people congregated on the football practice field. The group then left the practice field and walked down between Johnson and Taylor Halls chanting as they went and arrived in the vicinity of the ROTC building. He continued to watch from atop the hill and saw someone light a torch in the midst of the group and this torch was layed near the entrance of the ROTC building. From his view of the people involved in this group, he estimated there were 30 or 40 individuals wearing thin red headbands signifying a particular group which he could not identify. He stated that he also felt there were a number in this group who were not KSU students basing his opinion on the fact he did not recognize them as such.

As he continued to watch, he saw at least three additional torches placed adjacent to the ROTC building; however

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by SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]

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the building did not appear to catch fire. After sometime h
moved from Taylor Hall over to the vicinity of Johnson Hall
discussed with a group of individuals in that area what effo
should be made to stop the burning of the building. After s
discussion, it was decided that it would be unwise to attempt
stop the burning and no effort was made by this group to dus

At approximately 9:00 PM the Kent Fire Department
arrived to the rear of the ROTC building and layed hoses he
believes from the rear of the building around the corner in
an effort to fight the blaze which had then started. At thi
point, he had not observed any uniform police in the area.
continued that the fire hoses were cut by the demonstrating
in at least three places. One fireman attempted to retrieve
torch or to grab the drapes which appeared to be on fire and
was driven off by three persons from the group.

Approximately 45 minutes later, it would have been
in the vicinity of 9:45 or 10:00 PM, campus police arrived f
the Portage Drive area and the demonstrating group was moved
back from the fire with tear gas to the Commons area. The f
at this point seemed to have been put out or at least was no
obviously burning fiercely from his vantage point. When the
demonstating group was dispersed to the Commons area, they t
set fire to a small shed on the Commons which is utilized fo
the storage of archery equipment.

He stated he then left the area and proceeded to t
Student Activity Center and in conjunction with others, put
a white arm band and went back to the campus and instructed
on the scene that the National Guard would be coming to the
campus and that anyone on campus would be subject to arrest.
He said he instructed those he approached to leave the campu

He continued that while on this tour he saw someth
thrown through the window of Taylor Hall by an unidentified
individual. He stated also that suddenly the ROTC building
to erupt in flame as perhaps the ammunition inside had been
exploded; however, he heard no such report. He also observe
at this time that the demonstrators had gained control of on
the fire hoses and turned it on the firemen who were trying
put the blazes out.

He said that most of the people he warned about le
the campus turned and left and about 11:00 PM he, himself, l
as the National Guard troops were arriving on campus.

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While on the campus, he was accompanied by [redacted] a student at Smith College who resides at [redacted] House, Smith College, North Hampton, Massachusetts. He was also accompanied by [redacted], both Kent State students living in Summit Hill Apartment [redacted] Kent, Ohio.

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[redacted] advised that he is a Senior at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, and is a campus resident of Johnson Hall.

On Saturday, May 2, 1970, [redacted] said he was workin at the Desk in Johnson Hall and two individuals having long hair and dressed in dark clothing came in and said to him, "Pass the word there is going to be a rally at 8:00 p.m. on the Commons, the National Guard is in town." [redacted] said he later learned that the ROTC units were returning to campus from field problems or some other activity dressed in fatigues, and were thought to be National Guardsmen.

He said that at approximately 8:30 p.m., a group of approximately 200 or 300 people gathered near the ROTC Building. A number of individuals were not participating in any activities but merely watching the activities [redacted] said he walked into the crowd gathered near the ROTC Building and saw someone light a piece of cloth and throw it into the building. Someone later indicated the cloth had been dipped in gasoline before it was lighted. He observed an older individual, having short grey hair, at the ROTC Building and this individual was wearing a sport jacket with a blue arm band. A few people in the group were throwing rocks at the ROTC Building and the others in the crowd were cheering each time a window broke. [redacted] said there seemed to be five to ten individuals urging the crowd to action and about thirty or so were adding emphasis to these suggestions. He observed some of these individuals to be wearing red arm bands. There was one male Caucasian with long brown hair, wearing a brightly colored cloth headband, who took an American Flag and set it on fire. The man walked forward from the group holding the Flag and then he, [redacted] took a picture of this individual holding the burning Flag. The man continued walking toward the ROTC Building.

[redacted] said that a person walking by him hit his camera in an apparent attempt to knock the camera out of his hands. Someone in the crowd yelled either, "Get the camera," or "Get the guy with the camera" and persons from all sides started hitting him. [redacted] said he crouched down and held onto

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the camera and the group knocked him to the ground. They continued beating him and one individual tried to pull the camera away. A "hippie type" girl knelt in front of him a told the group to stop hitting him. He started to get up the girl told him not to. She said that they had to have film because they could go to jail if identified. He told that the camera also contained pictures of his best friend wedding and wanted to keep it. The girl then said somethi to the effect that they won't let you go with the film. [redacted] said he looked around and could see no one coming to his assistance, and he could not run because the crowd gathered around him so he surrendered the camera. Someone in the crowd took the film from the camera, a Kodak Instam and returned the camera to him. He got to his feet and so members of the crowd asked if he was all right. He observ a couple of "older" individuals in the crowd nearby and as they may have been faculty members.

[redacted] said he then walked away from the crowd and observed fire trucks coming to the ROTC Building. He went to the hilltop near Johnson Hall as firemen were layi the hose in order to put out the fire. He observed six individuals pull a section of the hose aside and one of th individuals was striking the hose with an object. He then saw water coming from the hose where it was being struck. The police later formed a line between the demonstrators a the ROTC Building and threw gas into the crowd which caus it to disperse.

[redacted] said he went into his dormitory when th tear gas spread and came out about fifteen minutes later a observed a group of the demonstrators tear down a fence ne the tennis courts and also burn an equipment shed which wa located at the base of Taylor Hill.

[redacted] said that someone later indicated to hi that individuals wearing white arm bands were student depu marshals, blue arm bands indicated faculty deputy marshals and red arm bands were being worn by "radicals." He stat he went back to the area near the ROTC Building where he h been attacked at approximately 8:30 or 9:00 the following morning and found the film pack which had been taken fro He assumed that the film had been exposed but kept it any The film is presently at the desk area of Johnson Hall in top righthand shelf bearing the name "General Nick."

[redacted] stated that on Monday, May 4, 1970, he was walking from class at about 11:50 a.m., and he observed a large group of demonstrators on Taylor Hill chanting and throwing objects at the National Guardsmen. A loudspeaker truck was driving through the area telling the group to disperse and leave the area immediately. Tear gas was fired into the group to get them to disperse.

[redacted] said he went to his dormitory, Johnson Hall, where he went to work at the Desk and went outside at one time and observed the National Guardsmen moving up Taylor Hill. He later heard a commotion at the back of Johnson Hall and went out back and observed the National Guardsmen at the top of the hill firing their rifles in the direction of Taylor Hall.

[redacted] said that he did not see any students with guns and did not see anyone fire at the Guardsmen. He did not see any of the students who were shot.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] a resident of Johnson Hall, whose address is unknown to him, showed him two cartridges which had been fired. [redacted] indicated he had found these cartridges on top of Johnson Hall.

[redacted], Ohio, and a resident of Prentice Hall, said she had observed the National Guardsmen from her dormitory and the Guardsmen appeared to have fired into the air.

[redacted] stated that on Sunday night, May 3, 1970, he and [redacted] Ohio, were working at the Desk in Johnson Hall. A girl came into Johnson Hall carrying an empty bottle and was going toward the women's toilet. [redacted] confronted her and asked what she was doing. The girl told him it was none of his business and to get out of her way. She then went into the women's toilet. [redacted] said he did not know the girl but [redacted] said her name was ALLISON KRAUSE. They did not see her leave Johnson Hall and assumed she had gone to the toilet to fill the bottle with urine.

[redacted] further advised that after the shooting on May 4, 1970, he observed a piece of architecture, consisting of triangular pieces of metal, in the back of Taylor Hall with a bullet hole in it. The hole appears to be made by a

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bullet coming from the direction in which the National Guardsmen were facing at the time the shooting took place.

[redacted] further advised that he is not personally acquainted with anyone who took part in the demonstration.

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[redacted] was contacted at the residence of [redacted], Ohio. He advised that his home address is [redacted] Long Island, New York. He advised that he is a Sophomore and attends Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio and resides at the College Towers, and off campus residence. On May 2, 1970, he left his room and went to Hall on campus after the fire in the ROTC Building had started. He did not get close enough to the building to see the people in the area but merely saw the flames shooting up into the air. He stated that he does not know of anyo personally who might have any knowledge regarding the identities of the people starting the fire or harassing the firemen during their attempt to put the fire out.

He advised that on May 4, 1970, he had receive word that there would be problems on the campus that day and did not want to become involved so he did not go to his 11:00 class. He stated that he did not observe any of the shooting on the campus and could not furnish the names of anyone who did observe these activities.

He stated that he was acquainted with [redacted] as he had dated her during the last school year and that he has talked to her very briefly after the abo listed activities and that neither the shooting or the fi were mentioned during this conversation.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CLEVELAND	CLEVELAND	5/21/70	5/2 - 19/70

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted] 7C

TITLE OF CASE:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Fire bombing of Army ROTC Building,
Kent State University (KSU),
Kent, Ohio,
5/2/70

CHARACTER OF CASE:

SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROP CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 - INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED FACILITY

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] 5-14-70, at Cleveland.

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AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will continue intensive investigation to identify persons responsible for the burning of the Army ROTC Building at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☐ NONE						ACQUITTALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
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APPROVED: [signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Whenever possible, signed statements are being obtained from appropriate witnesses.

REPORT OF SPECIAL AGENT [redacted] DATED MAY 21, 1970, AT CLEVELAND, OHIO, CAPTIONED "UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY 2, 1970."

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Date 5/7/70

[redacted] Marion, Ohio, telep[redacted] presently residing at [redacted] ent, Ohio, was interviewed concerning the burning of the ROTC building o[redacted] Kent State University (KSU) campus on May 2, 1970.

[redacted] advised that he is presently attending Cuyahog[redacted] Community College, Cleveland, Ohio, and prior to entering sch[redacted] there he was a professional photographer. His present hobby [redacted] photography and because of this, he went to the KSU campus on the evening of May 2, 1970 in order to photograph the fire wh[redacted] was set in order to destroy the ROTC building, East Hall.

He advised that upon his arrival at the ROTC buildi[redacted] the fire had almost burned itself out. There were only approximately 15 to 20 students remaining in the area, none o[redacted] whom he recognized. He also advised that he did not hear any conversations from the individuals remaining at the scene of the fire mentioning the names of any individuals who would ha[redacted] possibly been involved in starting the fire.

[redacted] stated he has no reason to believe this may be of significance in the starting of the fire in the ROTC build[redacted] but individuals who live behind 123 Crane Street borrowed a c[redacted] of kerosene Saturday afternoon from Crane Street residents.

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[redacted] Ohio, advised he is a freshman at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio.

On Friday, May 1, 1970, there was a gathering at approximately 12:30 PM, on the Commons. Several individuals made speeches. He listened to about 15 minutes of a speech by an individual whose last name he believes was FREDERICK. He recognized FREDERICK as a student at KSU, and believes him to be a Chemistry major and a member of the Students for a Democr Society (SDS) or Young Socialist Alliance (YSA). FREDERICK's speech dealt with the school administration allowing the ROTC on campus and the Cambodian issue. [redacted] said he did not recall any specific statements made by FREDERICK, and he did not know any of the other speakers. The campus police were in attendance at the time the speeches were being made because FREDERICK made reference to them while he was speaking. [redacted] estimated that approximately 600 students attended the speeche

[redacted] stated that on Saturday, May 2, 1970, he and [redacted] another KSU student, had attended a movie at KSU auditorium. The movie was over at approximately 9:00 P and on the way back to their dormitory they observed fire trucks and saw a fire hose laid out near the ROTC Building. The large crowd was gathered around the ROTC Building and they saw a glow inside the building. [redacted] had a motorbike parked approximately 50 feet to the rear of the ROTC Building and they went to move it away from the area. While they were tryi to move the bike, a White male having long hair, broke a windo in the ROTC Building. The demonstrators started moving in the direction, and they left the motorbike there and went to their dormitory, Stopher Hall. They watched the rest of the activit from the dormitory and were not close enough to recognize anyo participating in the demonstration. [redacted] said he did see one individual in the area wearing a blue armband but did not know who this individual was or what the armband represented.

[redacted] said a former roommate, of [redacted] whose first name is [redacted] last name unknown, told him on Sunday, May 3, 1970 that the demonstrators used the gasoline from [redacted] motorbike in setting fire to the ROTC Building.

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SA [redacted] by [redacted] Date dictated 5-12-70

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[redacted] stated that the gas had gone for a good cause, and the ROTC on campus was finished. [redacted] said that [redacted] is considered a radical and associates with the radical elements on campus at KSU. [redacted] is a Freshman at KSU and from his statements he was obviously at the ROTC Building when it was burned according to [redacted]

[redacted] said on Monday, May 4, 1970, he watched all the demonstration from his dormatory and did not go outside. He was not close enough to see or identify any of the participants in the demonstration, and he did not take any photographs. He further advised that he does not know of anyone who took photographs during the burning of the ROTC Building or the shootings that had occurred on Monday, May 4, 1970.

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[redacted], Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent. [redacted] agreed to voluntarily furnish the following information to the interviewing Agent:

[redacted] advised on May 2, 1970 at approximately 8:30 PM, he was in Tri-Towers Hall. He stated a concert was going on and that there was supposed to be a jam session when the concert was over.

[redacted] stated a large number of demonstrators came marching through the dormitory and that individuals present in the dormitory joined the marching demonstrators. He approximated the number of demonstrators at 2,000. He stated he also joined the marching demonstrators, but he remained at the rear of the march.

[redacted] stated that the demonstrators marched over the hill near Tri-Towers and over the Commons. The crowd extended from the hill to the ROTC Building. He advised he was positioned halfway up the hill in front of Taylor Hall. He stated from his position he observed the crowd and they seemed to be running and having a good time.

[redacted] stated he questioned various individuals in the demonstration as to the cause of the demonstration in which he was now a participant. He advised an individual unknown to him stated they were demonstrating against the war. He advised at this point some individuals were saying, "Look, the ROTC Building is ablaze."

[redacted] advised the next thing he recalls was the throwing of tear gas into the crowd by the National Guard. He advised the crowd dispersed and retreated to the top of the hill. He stated they also advanced toward the ROTC Building and the Guard. He advised when the crowd retreated to the hill, he left and went back to Tri-Towers and remained in the pit. The pit is another name for the Tri-Tower lounge.

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[redacted] advised on May 3, 1970, he and [redacted] visited [redacted] Ohio. At approximately 5:00 PM, [redacted] received two or three telephone calls from friends stating the students had taken over the street and that they were surrounded by the National Guard and Kent Policemen.

[redacted] stated [redacted], Ohio, [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) and he then proceeded to set up a first aid station in [redacted] 1965 or 1966 Ford Econoline Van. They then drove into Kent via Summit Street and went to Tri-Towers where an individual had been hit in the head. The individual complained he could not hear and his eyes were dilated. We were also told a girl who had been bayonetted by the National Guard was located in the Lincoln Street area. They drove this first individual to the Health Center on campus and offered to assist at the Health Center. The Health Center sent them to the Lincoln Street area to pick up the injured girl. It was at this point that they were arrested for curfew violation by Patrolmen of the Kent Police Department.

[redacted] stated they were confined at the Portage County Jail located in Revenna, Ohio. He stated he pled Guilty and was arraigned in the Kent Municipal Court before Judge KENT and was subsequently fined $25 and Court costs and released at 4:30 PM, May 4, 1970.

As a result of his detainment in jail on May 3 and 4, 1970, [redacted] could not offer any personal observations of the National Guard confrontation with persons on the KSU Campus.

The following is a description obtained through interview and observation:

Name [redacted]

Also known as [redacted]

Address [redacted]
Kent, Ohio

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Date of Birth	January 21, 1950
Place of Birth	Oberlin, Ohio
Height	5'4"
Weight	120 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Hazel
Father	[redacted]
Mother	
Brothers	[redacted], Age 13
Scars and Marks	2" cut scar on left side

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[redacted] advised he was arrested at about 12:30 AM on May 3, 1970 by the Kent Police for violation of a curfew violation, which curfew had been instituted on Saturday, May 2, 1970.

[redacted] advised he had observed the entire demonstration which occurred on the evening of May 2, 1970 and that he observed some "kids" attempt to set fire to the ROTC Building at Kent State University. He advised he was sitting on a hill between Taylor and Johnson Halls and was approximately 150 yards away from the ROTC Building when he saw these individuals run up to the building with a flaming object in their hands, throw it into the building and run back into the crowd. He stated from his position, he would be unable to identify any of these individuals.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	
Address	[redacted] Ohio
Date of Birth	December 17, 1951
	at [redacted], Ohio
Height	5'8"
Weight	143 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Social Security Number	[redacted]
Occupation	Student
	Kent State University
Person Always Knowing Whereabouts	[redacted] Ohio

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[redacted] Ohio, was interviewed at her residence and advised as follows:

She is a junior in the school of education at Kent State University and while on campus resides in Room [redacted] at Koonce Hall.

The weekend of May 2nd, she had gone to her home in [redacted] the previous evening (Friday, May 1) and did not return to the University until Sunday afternoon, May 3rd.

[redacted] did not see any part of the burning o the ROTC Building. The day of the shooting she was on her w to a class and heard the shots on the other side of a hill w she was walking. As she approached the top of the hill she students running and also saw two people lying on the ground

[redacted] indicated she did not know who had be shot nor did she see any of the shooting. She left this are and returned to a dorm.

[redacted] stated she was not a part of the group tha was demonstrating and she is not acquainted with any of the demonstrators.

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[redacted] Ohio, telephone number [redacted] attends Kent State University (KSU) where he is a junior student and is a member of the ROTC. He resides off campus at apartment [redacted] Kent, Ohio, telephone number [redacted] He will be at the residence of his parents during the summer of 1970 and expects to return to KSU in September, 1970.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] same residence address as above, will always know his whereabouts.

[redacted] s a Cadet with the ROTC at KSU, commencing on Saturday, May 2, 1970, he had rifle practice with other Cadets at the rifle range south of Canton, Ohio. They returned to the ROTC Building at approximately 3:30 p.m. A group of 25 - 30 males met the bus and jeered the Cadets as they departed the bus and entered the building. There was no physical contact; no hurling of rocks; no destruction resulted. He remained in the building until approximately 5:30 p.m. at which time he departed the campus for his apartment. At that time there were no students gathering or present on the campus or in the vicinity of the ROTC Building.

He received a telephone call approximately 9:30 p.m. from [redacted] a student in his junior year at KSU who resides in McDowell Hall, who is also a ROTC Cadet. [redacted] stated it was rumored a ROTC Building was on fire.

[redacted] and his friend, [redacted], a junior at KSU and also a ROTC Cadet, walked to the scene of the ROTC fire arriving approximately 9:45 p.m. The area around the building had been cordoned off by the Ohio National Guard. No demonstrators were observed and at this time the ROTC Building was burning fiercely, the roof having already caved in as well as some of the walls.

[redacted] residence is in an unknown Cleveland suburb. At KSU he resides off campus in apartment [redacted], Kent, Ohio.

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[redacted] understands there was a rally on the campus that evening but he was not present and therefore did not see any of the activity.

[redacted] who resides in [redacted], Ohio, and is a Junior at KSU as well as a ROTC Cadet, advised him that he, [redacted] observed the demonstration at the ROTC Building and saw 15 - 20 demonstrators being involved in burning the building, throwing stones and cutting fire hoses. [redacted] resides off campus at apartment [redacted] Kent, Ohio. [redacted] said he was accompanied to the scene by another student, a senior and also a Cadet, identified as [redacted] His home address is unknown but he is a roommate of [redacted]

[redacted] Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents. [redacted] furnished the following voluntary information:

[redacted] returned to Syracuse, New York on May 7, 1970. [redacted] was arrested by the police at Kent, Ohio on May 4, 1970, however, [redacted] was released from jail on May 5, 1970, and all charges were dropped. [redacted] understanding is that [redacted] was arrested for the curfew violation one hour prior to curfew time and that is why the charges were dropped.

[redacted] is also acquainted with [redacted] who was also arrested for the curfew violation and charges against him were dropped. [redacted] is not aware of the whereabouts of [redacted] She believes [redacted] may have returned to his home in New Jersey.

[redacted] a student at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, [redacted] was interviewed in an effort to locate [redacted] who was arrested for curfew violation on May 4, 1970.

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[redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, stated that he is over 21 years of age and is an undergraduate student (junior) at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, his college address being 133 Musselman Hall, KSU.

He recalled that around 9:00 PM on Saturday, May 2, 1970, he had been in the company of two other KSU students, [redacted] and [redacted] in the vicinity of Engleman Hall, KSU, as part of a crowd of people who were watching the burning of East Hall, which housed the ROTC on the KSU campus, and which is located about 150 yards from where they were observing the fire.

[redacted] said that he observed individuals in the immediate vicinity of East Hall hurling lighted red flares at or into East Hall. He said they appeared to be railroad or highway safety flares. He saw no other burning material being thrown at the building. He was too far away to recognize or describe any of the persons who were milling about EastHall or throwing the flares. The only thing he noticed was that all ofthem appeared to be members of the white race. He saw no motorcycles in the vicinity. He could not state whether any of the persons he saw in the vicinity of EastHall at above time were students at KSU.

[redacted] has no pictures of above incident and knows of no one who has. He was unable to recall any other information pertaining to the burning offe above building. He has heard no allegations as to the identities of any of the persons involved in the above burning.

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[redacted] age 18, first year student, Kent State University [redacted] Maxwell Hall, telephone [redacted] permanent residence [redacted] Pittsburgh, Pa., 15205, telephone [redacted] advised as follows:

On Saturday, May 2, 1970, about 500 students gathered on the Kent State University campus, Kent, Ohio, to take part in an assembly. A notice of the assembly had been passed by word of mouth.

Students, including [redacted] and his [redacted] age 22, also a student, gathered in front of the ROTC Headquarters, a frame building on the campus.

Approximately 8 to 10 boys and girls, possible students, threw rocks and canisters at the building.

A small fire broke out and was put out by firemen.

About 7:30 PM, the mass of people followed the leaders to the business section of Kent.

The crowd was noisy, and from where [redacted] was standing it was difficult to see or hear what was going on in front.

[redacted] later heard that the ROTC Building was burning. [redacted] did not see it set on fire and has no additional knowledge as to the identity of individuals concerned.

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[redacted] age 22, Senior, Kent State Univ[redacted] Kent, Ohio, telephone [redacted], permanent residence [redacted] Pittsburgh, Pa., 15205, telephone [redacted] advised as follows:

On Saturday, May 2, 1970, between 7:30 PM, and 7:00 PM, the ringing of the Commons bell announced an assembly which had been previously talked about by students.

About 500 people, mostly curious students, assembled in front of the ROTC Building on the campus. [redacted] was accompanied by [redacted] a Kent State student.

Eight to ten boys and girls were leaders. The leaders and possibly a few other students threw rocks and canisters through windows of the ROTC Headquarters, an old frame building located on the campus.

Firemen and police were called and a small fire was put out.

The firemen turned their hoses on the students an the hoses were cut by students.

The leaders of the assembly then led the students into the business section of town. The purpose was to seek out the President of Kent State University, however, he was never located.

[redacted] did not return to the vicinity of the ROTC Building and has no additional knowledge of how the building was destroyed.

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Pittsburgh 53-131

by SA [redacted] EPH/map Date dictated 5/11/70

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[redacted], Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent. [redacted] furnished the following voluntary information:

[redacted] advised he is a sophomore at Kent State University (KSU) and on May 2, 1970, he observed the burning of the ROTC building at KSU, Kent, Ohio.

On Saturday, May 2, 1970, [redacted] talked with some people walking along the street near the KSU campus and was advised by them there was a planned rally for the evening of May 2, 1970, beginning at approximately 7:00 or 8:00 PM. [redacted] was not aware of the identity of the people who told him this.

[redacted] accompanied by his girlfriend, [redacted] Ohio, went to the KSU campus to attend the rally. [redacted] and [redacted] arrived at the KSU campus at approximately 7:45 PM. and there were about 300 to 400 people standing in scattered groups on the area of the campus known as the Commons.

Approximately 15 to 30 minutes after [redacted] and his girlfriend arrived at the KSU campus, four or five young men told the crowd to move over near the east side of the Commons near the bell located on the Commons in front of Taylor Hall. The bell is encased in a brick frame and about four or five young men sat on top of the bell and said that they wanted the crowd to move over to the Tri-Towers Dormitory area in an effort to have more people join the group. At this time, there had gathered approximately 800 people and of these 800 people, about four fifths of them left the Commons and proceeded to the Tri-Towers Dormitory area. [redacted] and his girlfriend accompanied this crowd.

Because of the curfew that the city of Kent, Ohio was under on May 2, 1970, many of the dorms had prepared free sandwiches to help keep the students on the curfew. [redacted] and [redacted] arrived at the Tri-Towers area with

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the crowd of demonstrators and free sandwiches. The crowd then moved to the Eastway complex of dorms. [redacted] and [redacted] followed the crowd to the Eastway area and as the crowd moved it was chanting slogans such as "Out of Vietnam

The movement of the crowd continued from the East complex back to the Commons area. Once again, the crowd had increased; however, [redacted] could give no estimate of the numb of people now making up the crowd. As the moving crowd of people arrived at the Commons, 300 to 400 people ran down the east hill of the Commons across the Commons to the ROTC building and some of them began throwing rocks. [redacted] observed the throwing of the rocks from the top of the hill near Taylor Hall. [redacted] and [redacted] moved from this position to the tennis courts located on the north side of the Commo When [redacted] observed people throwing rocks, he was approximat 200 yards away and could not identify any of the people who caused destruction to the ROTC building. From his location near the tennis courts, [redacted] observed the crowd around the ROTC building move up to the building and then back away from it a few times. [redacted] saw flares being thrown at the building. Some people began running back toward the area of tennis courts saying that "it is going to go this time." After this statement, by some of the crowd members, [redacted] saw a flash of flames that looked like something had explod just prior to this flash, [redacted] saw something thrown throug one of the windows. Once the ROTC building began to burn, most of the crowd gathered in that area moved back to the East side of the Commons and watched the building burn. [redacted] cannot identify any of the individuals who started the fire because he was not close to the actual burning.

After the fire had started, policemen from the KS campus arrived and started to disperse the crowd. A tear gas canister fired by the policemen landed near [redacted] and [redacted] This canister did not seem to function properly and the gas did not seem to be effective. [redacted] went over to the canister and picked it up to see what was wrong. He held it up to look and at this point some particles from th canister fell in his eyes. [redacted] came to [redacted] assistance and took the canister; however, some of the particles from the canister got on to her face. [redacted] and [redacted] were treated for burns around their faces at the KSU health center on May 2, 1970.

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[redacted] advised that he was in the senior class at Kent State University (KSU) majoring in Marketing. In addition, he was an ROTC Cadet and although he was present on the campu during the period of time when the ROTC Building was burne he had no direct knowledge regarding anyone who had set fi to the building. However, on the following day he was in dormitory at Dunbar Hall and a fellow student by the name [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) indicated that he was aware and the identities of the individuals who had set fire to the Building. [redacted] related that these individuals resided in Tri-Towers, however, he was acquainted with them and did n wish to disclose their identities.

Present at this conversation w[redacted], Ohio; [redacted] (Last Name Unknow who is a [redacted] of Dunbar Hall, and [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) who resides in Room [redacted] Dunbar Hall. He in that [redacted] is sometimes called [redacted] and that [redacted] is a f of [redacted] and also may be uncooperative with authorities.

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[redacted] Kent, Ohio, advised that he was not present on campus during the burning of the ROTC building and could supply no information about the burning or identities of anyone that witnessed the burning.

Ohio [redacted], [redacted] roommate, did not advise him if he was present at the burning of the ROTC building.

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[redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, a student at Kent State University, with residence at the Clenmorris Student Apartments, Apartment [redacted] Kent, Ohio, advised that he is a junior in the college of education. He advised that he was on the Kent State University campus on Friday May 1, 1970 and on Friday night he was in downtown Kent. He observed many people in the street dancing and yelling. He said one person in particular attracted his attention and this man was a member of the motorcycle group called "Chosen Few". He wore a jacket with this name and [redacted] assumed he was from Youngstown, Ohio, which is the home of group. He described this man as white, 25 years of age, 120 pounds, slender build, having a long beard. He advised this individual was irresponsible in his actions, but he could not attribute any damage to any of the store buildi to this individual.

[redacted] advised that on Saturday, May 2, 1970, he was on the campus and in his apartment practically all day. He observed the ROTC Building burning. He observed this burning from his apartment window. He advised that he had no information as to the identity of the person or persons responsible for this fire.

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[redacted] Kent, Ohio, with home residence at [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, upon viewing photographs taken during the disturbances on the Kent State University campus, Kent, Ohio, May 2-4, 1970, identified photographs of an unknown individual whom he saw dipping rags in a gasoline tank on a motorcycle. He lit the rags and tossed them into the ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) building which set the curtains on fire. This individual was particularly noted in Photograph C-17 as Individual No. 7, and C-24 as Individual No. 1, and in several other photographs.

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SA [redacted]

by SA [redacted] FWM/es Date dictated 5/12/70

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[redacted] residence [redacted] Canton, Ohio. Kent State University (KSU) junior, campus residence [redacted] Kent Ohio, was located for interview at the [redacted] Ohio.

[redacted] advised on May 2, 1970, at approximately 8:00 PM he went to the area of the Commons on the Kent State University campus where a rally was to be held and he was to work through the student government in the Student Activities Center. At approximately 8:30 PM, about 500 individuals had gathered in the Commons and he observed rocks thrown through the end of the ROTC building by unknown individuals, followed by fusee flares, three in number, thrown into or on the building by unknown individuals. One flare was thrown on the roof, one dropped through the front door and one dropped through the window in the Sergeant-Major's office.

He advised he went to the Student Activities Center, telephonically notified the Fire Department and Police Department and shortly thereafter the Fire Department arrived on the scene, rolled out their hoses and while attempting to put out the fire, same were slashed. He stated by 9:30 PM the building was completely engulfed in flames and the firemen would not have been able to put same out. He advised he could not specifically identify any of the individuals, however, recalls the one individual who dropped a flare through the main entrance of the ROTC building to have been a white male with long bushy hair.

[redacted] advised the only other information pertaining to the incidents on the Kent State campus pertain to a general rumor with regard to an all out effort to close all Ohio colleges over the weekend of May 2-4, 1970, with no details known. He advised he was on the Kent State campus on May 4, 1970, however, in class from 11:00 AM to 12:05 PM and he heard shots at approximately 12:25 PM, which were in a volley, however, he did not observe the

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actual confrontation between the Ohio National Guard and the students of Kent State University.

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[redacted]t, Toledo, Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent. He stated he is 18 years of age and a student in his first year at Kent State University (KSU), where he was a resident of Manchester Hall.

On Friday, May 1, 1970, he was on campus and heard there was some abnormal activity by students both in downtown Kent and on campus as a protest of the U. S. action in Cambodia but he witnessed none of the activity.

On Saturday, May 2, 1970, he heard there would be a march at 7:30 PM in protest of the Cambodian situation and went out on campus about 7:30 PM with a few other residents of Manchester Hall to see what was occurring and to possibly participate in the march. There were several other students gathered on the hill and he joined this group and marched aroun several buildings for 10 or 15 minutes. He was near the rear o the group, and as they passed near Taylor Hall, a large number those in front broke away and ran towards the ROTC Building. [redacted] stated he stopped about 200 yards away from the ROTC Building and observed the activities. About 200 students surro the building and about 50 to 60 of these began throwing rocks a the windows and others were breaking windows with sticks. He s two flares lit which appeared to be railroad signal flares and one of these was thrown on the roof and the other through a bro window. Another student lit a torch or something that flared and this was also thrown through a window. At about the time police arrived another studet ran to the rear of the building, reached through a broken window, and set the curtains on fire w either a match or a torch of some kind. This blaze appeared to be the main one which caused the building to burn. [redacted] stated he was too far away and his view was blocked by other stu surrounding so that he could not identify any of the persons th the rocks, breaking the windows, or those throwing the flares o torches, or the one setting the curtains on fire. He also state that he did not know the names of those who appeared to be lead the march but he could possibly identify some of them from photo- graphs or if he saw them in person.

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[redacted] also advised that he saw other members of the group set the athletic shed on fire and tear down a fence by the Commons. He observed others attempting to turn over a truk on Terrace Drive near the home of President WHITE but they were topped by other students. Other activities he observed were the tearing down of a large sign and placing it in the street, breaking of windows in a telephone booth, and the starting of a bonfire in the street nearing Hilltop Drive and Main Street. He stated he could identify none of the individuals who committed these activities. [redacted] advised that he heard no one give orders to charge the ROTC Building. About the only comments he recalled hearing from the group was someone giving instructions to pick up rocks as they were marching and someone else stating that this is a capitalist institution and should be destroyed. He could not identify the persons from whom these remarks came. [redacted] stated that he had joined the march because he thought it was to be peaceful and he did not participate in any of the acts of violence which he observed. He stated that he cut his hand while climbing over the fence near the practice football field when he was going to join the group and at about 10:30 PM went to the Health Center to have his hand treated. After this, he had returned to his dormatory room, and he has no personal knowledge of any subsequent events of the evening.

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[redacted] furnished the following voluntary signed statement:

"Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
May 14, 1970

"I, [redacted], do voluntarily furnish the following signed statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I realize this statement may be used in a court of law.

"I was born on January 1, 1951, in Akron, Ohio, and reside with my mother, [redacted] Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. I am a freshman student at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, and reside on campus at Hyde Apple Hall.

"On May 2, 1970, I was at dinner on the campus at Kent State University when I heard various students mention that a rally was to be held at 7:00 PM on this date on the Commons. I did not hear the purpose of the rally, and no mention was made of the sponsors of the rally. I did hear that the rally was being held as a general protest against the war in Cambodia.

"I did not plan to attend the rally but had planned to attend a party being held at my dormitory on the campus that evening at approximately 9:00 PM.

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"After driving around Kent after dinner with two of my friends, we returned to the campus at approximately 7:15 PM, arriving at the Commons about 7:30 PM. We noticed at this time a large group of students milling about on the Commons, and some of these students were standing in the center of the Commons chanting, 'One, Two, Three, Four; we don't want your fucking war.' Shortly after 7:30 PM, they walked toward the ROTC building on the campus and began throwing rocks. I also noticed that a couple of flares had been thrown at the building. Sometime during this action a fire began, apparently in some window curtains in the ROTC building.

"At approximately 7:45 PM, someone threw an object which I could not identify in one of the windows of the ROTC building, and the fire began to burn more intensely. At approximately 8:00 PM, fire trucks arrived on the scene. At this time, the group was still chanting; and after the firemen had rolled out the firehoses, several members of the group cut holes in the hoses, causing water to pour out in all directions so that no water could reach the fire. There appeared to be about ten to fifteen individuals engaged in slashing the hoses. I also noticed a couple of students turning firehoses toward one of the firemen. It was impossible for the firemen to do anything about putting out the fire at this point.

"After this, the students strolled around watching the fire until about 8:20 PM, when police arrived on the scene and dispersed the students by firing tear gas. I observed the group of students then leave the ROTC building

"and move to a shed across the Commons and burn it down. This shed is located on the southeast corner of the tennis court.

"The students continued to mill about the campus, throwing rocks and then walking down Main Street toward the town, still remaining in the campus area. Shortly afterwards, a group of National Guardsmen drove by the campus on Route 5. At this time, I left the area and walked by the ROTC building. As I passed by the ROTC building I noticed that the building was burning so intensely that I did not believe it could ever be put out. Firemen were attempting to put out the fire, and police were in the area. At this time, I left the area and did not return.

"I am unable to identify any of the individuals whom I observed during this entire incident.

"I have read the above statement which consists of this and two other pages. It is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have initialed at the bottom of each of the other pages as well as the correction on this page.

/s/ [redacted]
May 14, 1970.

"Witnessed by:

/s/ [redacted] Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
May 14, 1970

/s/ [redacted] Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
May 14, 1970"

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[redacted], adv
that he was a senior at Kent State University (KSU), tak
pre-law. He said at Kent he resides at [redacted] whi
the location of his fraternity house.

He advised that he was not on the campus [redacted]
burning of the ROTC building, however, [redacted]
[redacted]-Ohio, had related to him t
observed an individual set fire to the ROTC building.
related that the individual who had set fire to the ROTC
was DAVE ARMS, however, [redacted] indicated that he had no d
concerning this. He suggested that [redacted] contac
his home in [redacted] Ohio.

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II. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

C. INTERVIEWS WITH FACULTY

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[redacted] advised that he is employed by Kent State University (KSU) as an Assistant Professo in the Biology and Sciences Department.

On the evening of May 2, 1970, [redacted] was on Campus acting in the capacity of a Campus Deputy. During the evening of May 2, 1970, [redacted] saw the ROTC Building smoldering. [redacted] pointed out that many stud were throwing rocks at the policemen and he noticed several students go across the street and destroy a telephone booth with ax handles and other destructive tools.

[redacted] stated that he could not identify any of the persons he saw throwing rocks or destroying the telephone booth.

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Mrs F- Dr. G. DENNIS COOKE, 539 Rollim Drive, Kent, Oh
was interviewed at Kent State University (KSU), Room 29,
Cunningham Hall. He furnished the following information:

Dr. COOKE advised that he and his wife had issu
a radio announcement on May 4, 1970, that any KSU student
that were without a place to live could come stay with th
for a short time. Nobody came to their house on May 4 or
1970. On May 6, 1970, a Negro male by the name of ALLEN
came to his house and asked to stay for the night. TATE
stayed the night of May 6, 1970, and left May 7, 1970. I
left a few items at their house until May 10, 1970, at wh
time he picked these items up. They have no idea where T
went and have not seen him since May 10,1970.

Dr. COOKE advised that he had acted as a facult
marshal on the evening of May 2, 1970, at which time the
ROTC Building on the KSU campus was burned. [redacted] was another marshal as was [redacted] The
faculty marshals met at Lowry Hall at 7:00 p.m., May 2, 1
They then went to the student activities center at Johnso
Hall where they met a few student marshals. The faculty
marshals identified themselves by using blue armbands and
the student marshals identified themselves by using white
armbands. Approximately 8:30 p.m., Dr. COOKE went to the
ROTC Building. He could see a crowd of students, whose
number he guessed to be approximately 800, moving down
the Commons toward the ROTC Building. By the time he
reached the ROTC Building, he saw a flame in the back
of the building. He went to the building and looked in
the window. There was a small fire burning in the buildi
at that time. He saw no flare. As he was looking in the
building, the fire department arrived. They were unable
get the fire out for a while. He saw firemen trying to p
the fire out by going in front of the building, but they
were unable to get through the building to the back where
the fire was. By this time the fire department and he wo
being stoned badly so he decided to retreat. He went to
nearby building where he saw [redacted]

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and [redacted]. He stood with them for a short time and watched the mob of students. He saw student after student run out of the crowd and throw things in the building. These things appeared to be rags and when they were thrown in the building, they would flame up. He recognized none of these people and stated that because of the darkness and the general atmosphere, he would not be able to recognize them again. By this time the activity seemed to be carried out by non-bearded students, however.

COOKE stated that there did appear to definitely be leaders of the group, but he did not know who they were. He had seen none of them before, but might be able to recognize them should he see them again. He saw no one cutting or taking fire hose. COOKE advised that there were a number of policemen on the scene at the time also and that he felt that the ROTC Building would not have burned if these policemen would have afforded the firemen any protection. He stated that there were many employees of the student union observing the activities in addition to those whom he named above. He did not see any students whose names he knew, although he recognized several people whom he had had in class. He guessed that of the people in the crowd, possibly 200 took an active part in the activities and 500-600 were watchers only.

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Date May 11, 1970

"I, [redacted] furnish the following voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am currently assistant Professor of Chemistry at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. This is my fourth year at Kent State University (KSU).

"My residence is [redacted] Kent, Ohio, telephone [redacted], Washington, D.C. I plan to remain at KSU during the next year.

"I was not on KSU Campus Friday, May 1, 1970 nor was I on campus during the day of May 2, 1970.

"I arrived on campus about 7:00 PM May 3, 1970, Saturday, responding to a call for faculty marshals trying to prevent injuries, to prevent violence, to prevent confrontations and to keep everyone cool.

"About 15 - 18 marshals received assignments and were given blue arm bands distributed by Professor Glen Frank. I teamed up with [redacted] We were assigned to patrol the science complex area of KSU campus. We obtained a large number of leaflets describing student activities. On KSU campus that evening. This leaflet was signed by Dean Matson.

"We went west to the science complex handing out leaflets as we walked along. We went into the "small group housing" area where we left leaflets in the lobby. We then started off in the direction of the science complex and saw about 250 students gathering by Manchester Hall. The students loosely organized a march and marched past Taylor Hall on to the Commons. My team of faculty marshals stayed with the group advising them of our identity.

"This same crowd marched across the Commons area

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to the east side of the ROTC building (which was later bur

"A small group of the crowd, possibly 20 people, picked up rocks and began throwing them at the ROTC buildi Some of the rocks broke out windows in the building. At t time someone in the crowd threw a red flare on the roof of the ROTC building, but the roof was metal and the flare ro off without doing any damage.

"It was getting dark and I was on the north edge the crowd with 4 or 5 other faculty marshals, [redacted] and Glen Frank.

"At this time the rock throwing ceased and 4 or young people came out of the crowd, unidentifiable to me, took handkerchiefs from their pocket, dipped them into the gasoline tank of a motorcycle (parked on the edge of the parking lot) ran to the ROTC building, ignited the handkerkerchiefs and dropped them through the broken window of the building. Approximately 3 or 4 handkerchief were dropped into the building all through the same window located on the southeast side of the building.

"At this point the crowd seemed to move back and waited for the building to catch on fire. In about 5 to 7 minutes a single fire truck appeared coming down Portage Drive, parking in the lot to the north of the ill-fated RO building. At this time a small flicker of flame could be seen through the window.

"A single fireman came off of the truck with a hose and when the water pressure was turned on, four young people came out of the crowd and wrestled him to the groun I could not identify these people, but I did not see any weapons in their hands. I was about 40 feet from the incident. The fireman then retreated to the fire truck. At that time 2 or 3 young people slashed the fire hose - apparently with knives, which I could not see.

"A second fire truck arrived with a group of approximately 20 armed men in blue uniforms, apparently police officers. The uniformed men formed in front of the ROTC building and fired tear gas into the crowd.

"The crowd then pulled back to the northeast, to the edge of the tennis courts. And the firemen attempt to put the fire out. Then a group of students set fire to

storage shed. On the edge of the tennis courts. I was so far away from that fire that I couldn't see how the fi was started.

"From there the groups began to split up. I followed a group of students down past Terrace Hall onto East Main Street. Several waves of students went west on East Main Street causing miscellaneous damage and vandali as they went, tearing up traffic signs, destroying a phon booth at Terrace Drive and attempting to set a bon fire i the street across from Moulton Hall. I was standing on a balcony on Moulton Hall. Some students feared for my saf and smuggled me up on the balcony. A second wave of stud put the barn-fire out and cleared the street.

"At that time the national Guard came west on E Main Street. After they passed, I stood in the street an directed traffic off of East Main Street. I then became separated from the crowd for about ten minutes and walked west on East Main Street and entered Rockwell Library and visited the rest room and called my wife.

"After about ten minutes in the library I left the east entrance and looked over Merrill Hall and saw fl lighting up the sky. I then walked to Merrill Hall, pass Wills Gym up to the hill next to Van Deusen Hall. I arri at the top of a hill and found two young people, a male a female, the male hlding a rock. As I came on the scene t female shouted, "Hey don't throw that, you might hurt som The male answered, "that's allright, they all have helmut and threw the rock down towards the ROTC building and pol and ran in the opposite (south) direction.

"When the rock hit the pavement, a policeman tu and took my photograph standing alone on the hill.

"From that point, I remained in the area for approximately 30 minutes watching the building burn to th ground. I then returned to the Chemistry Building, where met [redacted] and I called my wife. My wife informed me of a rumor that students were running through dorms with knives shouting slogans and saying, "come foll me". [redacted] and I went through Manchester Hal Fletcher Hall, Mason Hall and Clark Hall and found no evi of violence. I then returned home about 1:00 AM, Sunday morning, May 3, 1970.

"The faculty marshals present at the ROTC build when the young people wrestled the fireman to ground, did

interfere because the fireman did not appear to be in any danger of physical harm and apparently all the students wanted was fire hose, which they got, in short order. Also, we were told to avoid physical confrontation with students and we were not equipped for such a confrontation.

"I have ready the above statement consisting of this and eleven other handwritten pages. I have initialed the beginning, and the end of each page and all corrections on each page. This statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted] 7C

"Witnesses:
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI - Cincinnati, O., 5/11
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, 5/11/70, Cincinnati, Ohio

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TITLE OF CASE

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Fire bombing of Army ROTC Building,
Kent State University (KSU),
Kent, Ohio,
5/2/70

REPORT MADE BY

SA [redacted]

CHARACTER OF CASE

SABOTAGE; SEDITION;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 -
INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY
PROTECTED FACILITY

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] 5-14-70, at Cleveland.

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Will continue intensive investigation to identify persons responsible for the burning of the Army ROTC Building at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☐ NONE

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REPORT OF SPECIAL AGENT [redacted]
[redacted] DATED MAY 21, 1970, AT
CLEVELAND, OHIO, CAPTIONED "UNSUBS;
FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING,
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU),
KENT, OHIO, MAY 2, 1970."

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Section 3

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/13/70

[redacted] 7446 Westlake Boulevard, advised that he was present on the campus of Kent State University on the evening of May 2, 1970 in the capacity of a faculty marshal. [redacted] advised that he was called on the morning of May 2, 1970, by ROBERT [redacted], who requested that [redacted] attempt to get several faculty members together to serve as faculty marshals and to work along with several of the students on campus who would be designated as student marshals in order to maintain order on KSU campus. [redacted], along with the other faculty and student marshals, met at Lowery Hall about 7:00 PM on May 2, 1970, at which time blue armbands were handed out to the faculty and white armbands were designated for student use. Administrative procedures such as reading the existing injunction against the campus and instructions not to get directly involved in stopping the violence on campus were given at that time. The marshals were told to observe and attempt to maintain order if possible.

[redacted] was designated as one individual to give out armbands and after giving one to an individual, [redacted] he was confronted by one of the other professors and asked if he knew who he had just given an armband to. His response at this time was negative. [redacted] was then informed that [redacted] had been present at the Friday night disturbance in Kent and had also previously been involved in some of the similar activities involving Kent students. [redacted] confronted [redacted] concerning his beliefs and [redacted] advised that he had been downtown on Friday evening but since had talked to Dr. [redacted] and Vice President HARRIS concerning his Friday night activities at which time he advised that he was only present to observe and try to maintain order. [redacted] then stated that the marshals went towards the Student Union building but that they stopped on the Commons as there were students collecting there at that time. He advised that this took place at approximately 7:45 PM.

[redacted] recognized one of the individuals as [redacted] Kent, Ohio. [redacted] attempted to discuss the problems on the campus at which time [redacted] retorted by saying he did not care about [redacted] philosophy and then turned away. [redacted] observed [redacted]

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who was talking to some students on the Commons. [redacted] then observed FRANK approach him and stated that he did not recognize many of the faces of the students then present on the Commons. He also advised that he was talking to the students trying to calm things down but did not think he coul in any way control them.

FRANK then noticed FRANK FRISINA, student body President, who was standing outside of the Student Activities building and mingling with the students who were observing fr that position. He did not feel that FRISINA was involved with the demonstrating students.

He also observed RUTH GIBSON [redacted] FRANK then advised the group of demonstrating students moved from the Commons area t Tri-Tower passing by Taylor Hall. FRANK did not follow the students but stood at the south end of the ROTC building, therefore, he does not know what took place at Tri-Tower.

At about 8:30 PM, a large group of students appear on the hill between Taylor and Johnson Halls and headed down hill towards the Commons. He estimated the shouting and scre crowd to be approximately six to eight hundred students. He could not remember exactly what the crowd was shouting but it was something to the effect "Burn the ROTC building." He observed students throwing rocks at the ROTC building and whi leaning against the south end of the building, he was hit by several of the rocks on the leg. He then could hear windows breaking and while moving from the ROTC building, he noticed rocks were being passed from people in back of the group to people in front of the group, who would then throw them at th building. He estimated that there were only about 50 people who actually threw rocks.

FRANK then moved toward the Student Union building which is located at the north end of the ROTC building. He t observed a group of campus policemen located directly across him, none of which tried to stop the students from smashing t windows in the ROTC building. From his position, FRANK notic an individual run up to the southeast windows and break them and then took what looked to him as a flare, and threw it at the windows. FRANK also advised at this time that no attempt

made by the Campus Police Department to stop the student throwing the flare through the window.

FRANK also advised that two individuals attempted throw a 50 gallon drum through the window but that the drum bounced back and hit one of the individuals in the jaw, knoc him to the ground.

FRANK then observed a fire inside the building and asked someone close to him to please call the Fire Departmen He advised that one truck arrived and pulled up on the west side of the ROTC building, dropped the hose, which the stude proceeded to pick up and carry into the Commons with them. FRANK observed one individual striking on the hose with some that appeared to be an ice pick and other individuals seemed have knives; he advised that he was approximately 100 yards from the individuals and could not identify them. He then observed firemen proceeding around the northeast end of the building pulling hoses, at which time the Portage County She Office vehicle pulled up to the firemen's location. He also observed at this time two firemen who were located approxima half way down the side of the building, who were knocked to ground by two individuals. He again advised he could not ide these individuals.

The two students that knocked the firemen to the ground quickly ran back into the crowd; the firemen got up from the ground and proceeded to shoot water into the crowd. He then observed an individual who approached the crowd and who was waving his fists in the air and yelling "You have no right to do this;" [redacted] and [redacted], a stu grabbed this individual and escorted him away from the crowd

At this time, the single fire truck on the side pu out of the area and FRANK noticed that there was not much of fire left in the building. FRANK then noticed three student ran up to the window by the front door (north end), knock ou the windows and set the curtains on fire. He then advised h could not identify these individuals as it was too dark. He advised that that incident started the building to burn agai FRANK then noticed [redacted] and s to talk to him. They both noticed smoke coming out of the north end of the building. [redacted] then departed but did not FRANK how long he had been in the vicinity and what he had s

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About 7:30 - 7:45 PM, FRANK had noticed a student taking pictures with a Brownie Instamatic camera, when he was rushed by a group of demonstrating students and knocked to the ground. Some of the students yelled and demanded his death and others said no. FRANK then observed RUTH GIBSON demand that he not be hurt and that the crowd just get the film and destroy the pictures. FRANK advised that the individ who got up from the ground was immediately recognized by some of the demonstrating students and was warmly greeted by them and asked him why he had been taking the pictures. FRANK believes [redacted] a writer for the "Black Perspective," the school newspaper, might know the name of the individual who took the pictures. The individual was described by FRANK as being well built like a football player, 6'2", and 250 lbs FRANK advised the building was really burning at this time an that the group started moving across the Commons to the tenni courts.

At this time FRANK was still near the ROTC building but heard someone yell that the dormitory was on fire. He immediately attempted to determine if the dormitory had been set on fire but found that it was not a dormitory but the athletic utility shed located at the end of the tennis courts As FRANK walked toward the burning athletic utility shed, he heard an individual yell that they were going to head towards the President's house; at this time FRANK was afraid the studen were going to burn President WHITE's home. FRANK immediately told one of the campus policemen and the policeman advised hi the President's house was already being protected. FRANK the proceeded to walk toward the President's house as the student headed down Main Street toward the City of Kent. As he proce toward the President's home, he observed two signs and a billboard in the middle of the street, at which time he atte to pull the signs and billboard out of the street and was approached by two students who asked if they could help. FRAN observed the students at Hill Top Drive and Lincoln Street attempting to get a fire going by using several wooden barric which were present at that location. FRANK then observed [redacted] and an unknown individual who had long hair, in back of the group. FRANK asked [redacted] to stop the activitie as they had gone too far and [redacted] replied by saying he co not. FRANK then told him he had to try, at which time [redacted] and his friend got out in front of the group and told th[redacted] they had gone far enough and had to stop. The group continued to m along, not paying any attention to [redacted] or his associate: [redacted] then sat down and stated "this has gone further than I ever expected." FRANK responded "Why didn't you think abou

this several weeks ago." FRANK advised that he could not see where he could do anything to stop the crowd's actions and returned to the Administration Building.

[redacted] provided the following names of individuals who were marshals on the evening of May 2, 1970:

Student Marshals

[redacted] 7C

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 12, 1970

[redacted] History Department, Kent State University (KSU), was interviewed at his residence, at [redacted]

[redacted] advised that during the night of May 2, 1970, he observed the burning of the ROTC Building on the KSU Campus, and he related the following information concerning that incident:

[redacted] At approximately 7:10 PM on May 2, 1970, [redacted] attended a briefing at Kent State which was held by GLEN FRANK of the Faculty Senate. The meeting was called to brief several faculty members concerning three separate rallies which were to occur on the KSU Campus that night. These faculty members had been selected for the purpose of attempting to ease any student tension which might arise from the forth coming rallies and to attempt to persuade the students not to break curfew, which had been instituted in the City of Kent, Ohio.

The rallies scheduled were a Black Unit student rally at 7:00 PM, which to [redacted] knowledge did not occur, and an anti-war rally at 8:00 PM, and a third general student rally at 9:00 PM.

At about 8:00 PM, [redacted] had a vantage point near Johnson and Stopher Halls, and he observed approximately 300 students gathering near the vicinity of the victory bell on the Commons. The group appeared to be displeased with the number of students present, and they proceeded to the Tri-Towers in an effort to seek more help.

[redacted] proceeded to high ground near Taylor Hall, and at about 8:30 PM, he observed approximately 500 students moving from the Tri-Towers toward the Commons. As the group moved onto the Commons, he heard someone say "you know what the objective is. Go!"

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Date May 13, 1970

[redacted] Professor of the Chemistry Department, Kent State University, home address [redacted] telephone [redacted] was contacted at [redacted] Kent State University, at which time he furnished the following information.

He stated that as a result of student disturbances on the night of May 1, 1970, he and several other professors had been requested to stay on campus on the night of May 2, in order to secure Williams Hall against possible student destruction. He stated he was in Williams Hall on Saturday night, May 2, until approximately 8:00 p.m. when he and two other professors [redacted] and [redacted] both Chemistry Professors, decided to leave Williams Hall and observe the campus to see if all was quiet.

He stated they started toward the Commons area and as they neared Manchester Hall they observed approximately 400 to 500 students headed towards the Commons area. This group of students appeared to be led by [redacted], who is allegedly a graduate student in English. At the rear of this group was the [redacted]. [redacted] stated that the crowd was extremely quiet and did not show any angry mood at this time, but there was an air of expectation among the crowd and it appeared that the crowd was up to something but did not know what.

He stated he and the other professors decided to foll the crowd. The crowd went to the Commons area and on over to the ROTC building and as they neared the building became loud. He stated at this point he did not see [redacted] among the crowd after they entered the Commons area. [redacted] was approximately 20 yards from the ROTC building when stones began to hit the building and windows were broken. At this point one student produced an American flag and lighted it an another student pushed a long stick into the flag and raised it high in the air. At this point another student with a cam photographed this action, at which time the crowd rushed him, knocked him to the ground and was successful in obtaining the film from the camera. The photographer did not appear to be injured.

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Shortly after this, two students obtained a barrel and using it as a battering ram, broke one of the ROTC windows. Shortly after this he saw a flare which he described as a regular highway type flare, being thrown through the broken window. He was approximately 20 feet from the window at this time but did not see the student who threw the flare. After the flare was thrown inside, he saw the light from flames inside but did not actually see the flames.

Shortly after this, a fire truck arrived and firemen begin to attempt to put out what fire was inside the building, but students harassed them and cut their water hoses. The water was then turned off and the firemen just stood around and did not attempt to extinguish the flames. He stated the flames apparently went out by themselves and at this time one student became highly incensed at the crowd and attempted to get other students to fight back against the rioters. He stated that in order to bring some sort of peace to the situation he took this student, name unknown, to the Student Union Building where they sat and talked and had a cold drink. He stated that while he was trying to calm this student, one of his graduate students, [redacted] came into the Union and [redacted] asked [redacted] what he was doing in the area. [redacted] stated that he was there only to observe the situation.

[redacted] was in the Student Union Building for approximately 30 minutes and decided that he had better le to go back and check on Williams Hall and asked [redacted] to go with him and [redacted] declined. [redacted] stated that [redacted] apparently wondered back to the crowd but that he had previously not seen [redacted] in the crowd during the time the students were attempting to set fire to the building.

[redacted] went back to Williams Hall and approximately one hour later started back to the Commons area at which time he saw a glow in the sky and knew that the students had been successful in setting the ROTC building on fire.

[redacted] stated that he did not know any of the students actually participating in the riot or attempting to set the building on fire and did not know which students were actually successful in setting the building on fire. He stated that while he was there he believed there was no more than five students doing the "dirty work and there was probably only four or five students that were actually throwing the rocks at the building and he di not believe he could identify these individuals should he see them again.

It is possible that Professor GLENN W. FRANK, who was also present at the time might possibly know some of the students who were attempting to burn the building. [redacted] stated that other than himself he knew of the following additional individuals who were present at the ROTC building during this time:

[redacted]
Professor of Chemistry

[redacted]
Professor of Chemistry

[redacted]

[redacted]

Professo[redacted] accompanied Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] to FBI Headquarters, Kent State University, where he observed numerous photographs taken the day of the shooting incident, May 4, 1970. [redacted] was unable to identify any of the individuals in the photographs as being present on the night of May 2, 1970, at the ROTC building.

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Date 5/9/70

[redacted] Kent, Ohio was interviewed at his place of employment, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. [redacted] advised that he is the [redacted] for the University. This involves being a mediator between the faculty, students and the administration.

[redacted] called [redacted] at Kent State University on May 2, 1970 He had indications that the situation with the students at the University was getting serious. [redacted] called a meeting at 1:00 P.M. on May 2, 1970. Present were himself Professor GLENN FRANK, Professor [redacted] of the Sociol Department. [redacted] on the staff of the University and [redacted] They were briefed by [redacted] about his concern about the planned rally that evening. [redacted] received assurance tha security precautions would not be over done as they had been, he thought during the last incident at Kent State University. [redacted] made the suggestion that faculty and student leaders circulate among the individuals at the rally and try to keep things cool.

GLENN FRANK contacted individuals concerning thi matter and would be able to furnish detailed information a to the individuals involved. [redacted] told him the students had attempted to determine their attitude. He determined tension was very high as was emotional feeling. His feeli had reportedly spread to all factions on campus. The ROTC Building is, and has been for some time, an open target.

At Approximately 8:00 P.M. roughly 40 faculty membe and three or four graduate teaching fellows met in front o the Student Activity Building, and decided that to identify the selves they would wear blue armbands. They each had forme into teams consisting of one faculty member and one studen The students were student leaders on campus, including stu Senators, etc. Each team was given specific assignment.

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[redacted] assignment was to circulate freely. He was not assigned to any particular location. They were instructe to get away if the things seemed to be getting out of han When they heard the rally forming on the Kent State University Commons, they went to talk to the students. H talked to numerous students in the group that was attendi the rally. He knew many of the students, hoever, he refused to identify any of them and he stated that his position with the University prevented him from identifyi any of the students that he saw during the whole evening although he knew many of them. He stated that he would furnish this information, however, if he were compelled t do so in court.

After milling around the Commons for a short ti the crowd gravitated towards the bell located at one end of the Commons. [redacted] noted a number of very young kids possibly high school age in the crowd. He then saw a com pletely unfamiliar individual get up on the bell and urge the students to go towards Tri Towers, a dormitory to get more support. At that time there were roughly 500 studen there.

The mob then headed towards Tri Towers. [redacted] did not follow. They returned shortly thereafter, having gained a few more members of the mob. [redacted] then asked some students among the white armed band or responsible student leader group to cut out of the crowd anyone they could. He refused to identify these individuals also. These individuals did separate several people from the mo The mob then moved quickly ~~from~~ to the ROTC Building. This w approximately 8:30 P.M. There was no security whatever f the building. When the mob arrived at the building, a ha core group of 20 to 25 persons moved in and threw rocks at the ROTC Building. Then they moved back quickly appar waiting for a response from the police. There was none, so they moved forward again and resumed rocking the build From this group of hard-core individuals none of whom [redacted] knew at all, one individual who he could not recog and would not be able to recognize again moved out, ran t the ROTC Building and threw an incendiary device of some s into the east side of the building. He did not think th were any faculty members near where these hard core indiv were located.

This group of hard-core people seemed to be, for the most part, dressed in the usual "activist" garb, headbands, fatigue jackets, etc. He later saw two of them close up but neither of these were familiar to him and he could not identify them again. Another incendiary device was then put into the building and the fire department arrived shortly thereafter. After a period of non-action, the crowd moved in towards the building again, a third incendiary device was thrown into the building. The group of students then grabbed the firemen's hoses and cut them and took them away. They did not see students throwing rocks at the firemen, however. The fire truck took off then as apparently the harassment was too intense. Then the Kent City Police came and the National Guard moved on the campus, the demonstrators sca and there was very little activity at all. As the demons moved away, they set a secondary fire in a shack by the tennis courts. Some trees also were put on fire and numc students were involved in attempting to extinguish the fi in the trees. At that time, [redacted] saw an individual identifying himself as a Plain Dealer reporter who had a camera with him. He did not know if this individual was taking pictures of the ROTC Building.

[redacted] advised that it was his impression that the leaders of the mob were unidentified. He feels that the leaders were extremely sophisticated and able to turn the mob on and get out of the way. He saw no one photographing the incident, but did see numerous persons in th crowd with walkie-talkies. None of the persons with walk talkies appeared to be students. He stated there seemed be a plan to burn the building from the way that the mob moved in an out seemingly waiting for reaction on the part of the Security Police, and from the fact that incen diary devices were readily available.

[redacted] advised that the individuals who got up on the bell before the crowd moved to Tri-Towers to gather more support was unknown to him, nor could he identify this individual again if he were to see him. How ever, he thought he recognized this person again carrying the "Black flag of anarchy" in the fatal incident on May 4, 1970. This individual was definitely of college age. [redacted] was unable to advise any further information regarding th matter.

Twenty-five to fifty students, apparently leaders, went ahead of the crowd to the ROTC Building, and at close range, they threw rocks at the building.

This group then went back to the general mass, which was in the middle of the Commons.

In minutes, a mass of students descended on the ROTC Building and formed a L shape force on the south and east sides of this building.

From a position on the Commons, approximately 75 yards to the south of the ROTC Building, he observed rocks being thrown at the building and then, about five safety flares were thrown into and on top of the building.

At this point, the crowd paused seemingly because no apparent action was taken by college authorities.

Then [redacted] observed students reaching through the broken windows of the ROTC Building to set the curtains on fire. The curtains burned but appeared to do little damage. Finally he noticed the shadow of an individual inside of the ROTC Building, and he seemed to be setting firesinside of the building, possibly in trash cans.

The Campus Police arrived at the scene, and after they used tear gas, the crowd started to disperse across the Commons.

An archery shed was set on fire as the students moved from the area, [redacted] followed the crowd toward the City of Kent, where he saw several students break a telephone booth.

When the crowd returned to the Campus, approximat six or seven students attempt to set fire to an information booth in a parking lot near the KSU Library. [redacted] was successful in chasing these students from the area and he followed the crowd back to the Commons.

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Arriving at the Commons, he was very surprised to see that the ROTC Building fire had become quite intense. It was approximately 10:30 PM when the students returned to the Commons, and at this time the National Guard appeared. They used tear gas to disperse the students and marched in line across the Commons. [redacted] went into a dormitory beyond Taylor Hall as the Guard cleared the area, and students were leaving the area surrounding the Commons.

[redacted] was unable to recall the names of any specific students whom he saw in the crowd during the night of May 2, 1970.

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Date 5/14/70

[redacted] permanent residence [redacted] telephone area code [redacted] campus residence [redacted] ecbrick Hall, telephone [redacted] parents [redacted] same address in [redacted] advised that he is currently a graudate studer and teaching fellow in the Psychology Department at Kent State University (KSU).

He said that he heard that there was to be a rally on the Commons of KSU at about 8:00 PM, Saturday, May 2, 1970. He said that he did not know the exact purpose for the rally but indicated that being a graduate student in Psychology he has been very interested in observing mob action first hand. He commented that he had been in Berkley, California when the students demonstrated because the university was going to use a student park to build additional structures.

He advised that he arrived on the Commons at about 7:45 PM and had gone there with a [redacted] a senior in Psychology and [redacted] a senior in Psychology. He said the crowd had gathered by that time and several people were acting as leaders. He said that the leaders were disappointed with the turnout of students and decided that they should go through the dormitories and get more. He said they went through the Tri-Towers, East Way Complex, Beo Hall and McDowell Hall.

At this time he said that he had anticipated something eventful might occur and he wanted to observe mob action more closely from within the group so he went home an changed into older clothing.

He then returned to the Commons where the group was returning and for about 15 minutes the group chanted anti-war slogans. He stated that at this point a group of about 5 persons from the crowd, whom he could not identify, burned an American flag in the vicinity of the Student Union. He said a few people started throwing rocks at the ROTC Building and he heard glass break as the rocks were hitting the building.

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He said he moved away from the group up on the hill toward Taylor Hall and from that point saw several young people try to start the ROTC Building on fire and he was unable to identify these individuals.

At this point he said he saw an unknown male individual leave an incendiary device on the porch of the ROTC Building. He said the wood started burning but gradual went out by itself. He said then another person unknown to him threw some type of incendiary device through the windov of the ROTC Building and very slowly the building began to burn.

He said that about this time he observed the prese of what he had thought were campus police in the vicinity of the KSU Power Plant. He said shortly afterwards a fire truck appeared on the scene with a car following it. A fireman took out the hose in an attempt to put out the fire. [redacted] said that he thought someone was getting sprayed by the hose as he could see water spraying around the area by the fireman at the crowd but he was not close enough to actually see what was happening. He said shortly after that he could see students running around with the hose with cuts in it and water squirting out everywhere. He said then more police arrived possibly wearing helmets and possibly being campus policemen. He said he thought there were 5-10 of these individuals. He said they appeared to only have ni sticks and they backed the crowd onto the Commons.

He said the fire in the ROTC Building appeared to be dying so the leaders of the crowd left the area and worked their way toward Prentice Hall. He said that in that same vicinity primarily the same 5-10 young people from the crowd began a fire in the storage shed near the tennis courts. He said that he had heard that this fire was starte because the shed supposedly housed ROTC equipment. He said that the same people who were starting the fires began takir items from the shed and breaking them. He stated that the same group of 5-10 individuals went down around the tennis courts toward Terrace Drive. He said that at this point some of the students were afraid that the trees in the vicinity of the shed might catch on fire and they formed a bucket line and put out the fire in the shed. He stated this took about 30 minutes.

He said he then walked toward Terrace Drive and someone announced that the ROTC Building was burning. He said that a large group of students sat in the gove of trees by Prentice Hall and watched the ROTC Building burn. At this point some of the young people told the crowd, "Don't go away. You haven't seen anything yet." He said another individual yelled "Viva la revolution."

He said rumors began passing among the crowd that the National Guard was on its way. He said he was very interested in observing what would happen next and to see how far the crowd would go. He said in his opinion the crowd did not appear to be hostile with the exception of the 5-10 who were doing most of the damage. He said he saw movement by the National Guard troops on East Main Street and returned home so that he would not become involved.

He said it was his opinion that the majority of the students that evening bordered on being spectators and being apathetic about what was going on.

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1 Date May 13, 1970

[redacted] Kent State University, who resides at [redacted] Kent, Ohio, advised that on May 2, 1970, he arrived in the a of the heating plant shortly before dusk, at which time there a crowd of students out in the Commons facing the East Hall Building). He estimated their number between 200 and 300.

After seeing the crowd, he went back to the Kent St University Police Department and talked to [redacted] Over the radio he heard that the crowd had left the Commons a had proceeded to the vicinity of Taylor Hall but later heard they came back again.

When it became dark, he again went to the area of t heating plant and noticed that the crowd in the vicinity of t East Hall had increased to between 400 to 600. The crowd mov close to the north side of the ROTC building and began throwi objects which broke windows and could be heard to clatter ins the building. At this time, [redacted] saw objects, which late found out to be flares, being thrown at the East Hall. He sa one of them hit the roof and then roll off. He did not see a of these flares ignite the building.

The minute these fire objects were being thrown [redacted] ctivated the riot control squad. [redacted] th left the scene and reported back to [redacted]

After the riot control squad had been stationed at E Hall, [redacted] again returned to the ROTC building and stood heating plant. At this time, a photographer who was tall, we built, and sporting a beard, advised [redacted] that the studer out in the Commons had threatened him concerning taking pictu of them. At this time, the East Hall was on fire and the Ken Fire Department was called.

[redacted] again went back to the Kent State Universi Police Department and was informed there that the Ohio Nation Guard was on the move. He then went back to the East Hall ar observed a fire truck and there was an econoline van with one County Sheriff's and some men.

He then reported back to [redacted] and v

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meet the Ohio National Guard at Lincoln and Main Streets, where h conferred with [redacted] He then reported back to the East Hall and saw firemen fighting the blaze and heard ammunition igniting inside the East Hall. At this time, the Ravenna Fire Department arrived on the scene to protect other buildings from the fire.

At this time, [redacted] left the scene to assume administrative duties and coordinating the Ohio National Guard a other law enforcement agencies that had arrived on campus.

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[redacted], Ohio, advised that he is a Ph.D. graduate student in theater at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio. He resides at Moulton Hall [redacted] He furnished the following resume of his activities between May 1 and May 4, 1970.

On May 1, 1970, he was in Cleveland, Ohio, and he returned to KSU at about 2:00 AM, May 2, 1970. When he arrived on Main Street just off campus he observed many lights out and people milling about. It was wet outside and his first impression was that a storm had hit and the people were cleaning up. Then he saw tear gas and knew that there was trouble on the campus. [redacted] saw numerous police around the campus but did not observe any policemen actually on campus except for one officer who threw a tear gas canister in the direction of Franklin Hall. He could observe people looking out the windows in Franklin Hall and other students were to the East of Franklin Hall between the hall and Rockwell Library. These students were hollering "fight, fight, fight."

[redacted] turned around and went to Moulton Hall where he parked his car and went into the hall. Everyone was excited but [redacted] still did not know what the trouble was. The first person he spoke to was [redacted] whom he described as a fine person. [redacted] told him he had been drinking with a group of fellows at a downtown bar and was not a part of the disturbance, however, [redacted] had just been tear gased and was extremely upset and angry. He noticed [redacted] in the area at this time but did not know for certain what he had been doing. The action at this point was somewhat removed from Moulton Hall and because things seemed quiet [redacted] went to bed.

On Saturday, May 2, 1970, he had lunch in the cafeteria where he ran into [redacted] He described [redacted] as a person who had something of a reputation and a status of sorts in the dormitory but he did not believe he was a radical. However, standing in line at the cafeteria, [redacted] said to [redacted] "now it's time to get guns." [redacted] was against and made no reply. The group that [redacted] ate lunch with began to hit tables with knives, spoons, etc. and some others in the cafeteria

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took up the noise making. The same type of noise making occurred that evening at dinner.

[redacted] decided to turn in the names of certain individuals he thought were hard-core trouble makers, in addition to some he felt were merely on the fringe. He turned these names in to [redacted]

The names he furnished are as follows:

[redacted] described him definitely capable of taking part in violent activity)

[redacted] described him as a "confused hater" and was capable of violence)

[redacted]

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[redacted]

It was his recollection that these were the six hard-core trouble makers. He could only recall two of the fringe variety trouble makers that he reported and they are as follows

[redacted]

[redacted] described [redacted] as being a little strange, but he felt that when the chips were down [redacted] would probabl help [redacted]. When [redacted] told [redacted] he had turned the names in. [redacted] asked him if he had turned in the name of [redacted] said he had not and [redacted] shook his head saying, "he's the biggest trouble maker of all." Upon thought [redacted] agreed with [redacted]

On Saturday night, May 2, 1970, [redacted] was in Moulton Hall when the ROTC Building burned down. He saw the glow in the sky but was not actually present. He said they had heard numerous comments regarding the possible burning of the ROTC Building on Saturday night and is inclined to think it might have been common knowledge arou the campus that the ROTC was to be burned that night and t an attempt also might be made to burn the Liquid Crystals Institute. [redacted] said he arrived at this conclusion from speaking with numerous individuals, teachers and acquaintan He recalled that on Saturday morning he had discussed these possibilities at a meeting with his superior and on the afternoon of May 2, 1970, he actually reported his conclusi to someone on the Residence Halls Office staff. He could n recall who he reported this to but is certain that word of his conclusion that the ROTC Building was to be burned rea

[redacted] recalled his talking to [redacted] the [redacted] at Terrace Hall where the cafeteria is located. She told him that she saw [redacted] coming toward Terrace Hall at or around the time of the ROTC fire and sh called to him but he turned his head and ran away.

[redacted] said that a crowd of people came around Moulton Hall after the ROTC fire and he was afraid they might enter Moulton Hall because there are administrative offices located in Moulton Hall. The crowd did not attemp to enter, however, they started a fire in the street near the hall and put up a big barricade in the street. There was another passive crowd following the activists and when crowd that started the fire moved out of the area the succ crowd put out the fire and took down the barricade. [redacted] could not identify anyone who he thought might be connecte with the burning of the ROTC Building.

On Sunday, May 3, 1970, the campus was very quie [redacted] said he was extremely pleased with the conduct of t

National Guard through the weekend and even though there was a order out to break up all gatherings the Guard took no action because everyone was behaving themselves. The only incident on Sunday that [redacted] observed was a group of about 12 individuals, including [redacted] which was chanting an obscene song about the war.

On Monday, May 4, 1970, [redacted] skipped his 11:00 AM class and was in Moulton Hall at approximately noon. He was standing on the fire escape at Moulton Hall and could observe a portion of the Commons and could see part of a crowd but he could not observe the National Guard. He heard what sounded like gun shots but thought they were firecrackers and commente to the effect that it was silly for someone to set off firecrackers because it might provoke somebody into shooting real bullets. He could observe the tear gas from his vantage point but he could not see any actual shooting nor did he see anyone shot.

He recalled that [redacted] came back to Moulton Hall and told him he was standing close to one of the girls who was shot. [redacted] was also in the crowd somewhere in the Commons. [redacted] also heard that [redacted] was walking around waving a handkerchief red with the blood of one of the students who was shot, but [redacted] did not see this. In addition, [redacted] added that [redacted] was standing next to one of the girls who was shot. [redacted] and resides in Mc Dowell Hall.

Some time on Monday afternoon, May 4, 1970, [redacted] in [redacted] office and [redacted] tossed him a cartridge a said "you were in the military. Tell me what this is." [redacted] said the cartridge was rather thick, approximately 1½" in length and on the end of the cartridge were the letters WCC and underneath that he believes were the numerals 6-9. He felt certain it was a pistol cartridge, but he knew nothing more about it and did not know what happened to the cartridge.

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Date May 11, 1970

[redacted], Portage County, Ravenna, Ohio, advised that on May 3, 1970, [redacted] whom [redacted] advised was the [redacted] Sheriff's Department, turned over to him [redacted] a machette-style knife approximately 24 inches in length, black steel, imprinted with "made in Japan" on the handle bottom. The grip portio of this weapon is wrapped with black friction-type tape. The edge of the handle protrudes slightly at that part where the small finger would touch when the knife was grasped.

[redacted] further advised that [redacted] related that the knife had been recovered by [redacted] adjacent to the gutt of the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Building at Ke State University (KSU) on May 2, 1970. [redacted] further adv that this machette was initialed by him and maintained in h office. [redacted] further related that when he was not on duty, his office is locked.

This item was furnished for possible evidentiary value and a receipt was issued for same. Subsequent to it acceptance, this machette was immediately initialed and dated on the side of the handle, below the black friction tape toward the blade.

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Date May 13, 1970

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[redacted] Kent State Univers[redacted], who resides at [redacted], Ohio, advised that at approximately 7:50 p.m. on May 2, 1970, he re for duty at Kent State University, heard that a crowd had gathered on the Commons and immediately went to the vicinity heating plant where he stationed himself on top of the heati plant building. He had been previously assigned this positi by [redacted], head of Security Team.

At the time he stationed himself on the top of the heating plant, northeast corner, he noticed that a crowd had already gathered.

They were shouting slogans such as "pigs off campus "GI's die, somebody gets rich". They were throwing fire crac and rocks from the Commons area at the East Hall (ROTC buildi

He could hear rocks being thrown and windows of the East Hall break. He noticed that a torch was lit, but then got the crowd interested in Engleman Hall in the vicinity of Lilac Lane, and the crowd proceeded to that vicinity after extinguishing the torch. [redacted] heard [redacted] co that the torch had been extinguished over his portable radio. the crowd had departed toward Engleman Hall, [redacted] noticed a male dressed in a military fatigue jacket throwing rocks and breaking windows of the East Hall. [redacted] was unable to identi this person.

The crowd that had departed to Engleman Hall came b again in the vicinity of the East Hall. Although he lost tra of the time, [redacted] estimated that it was around 8:30 p.m. when crowd returned.

[redacted] leaned over the heating plant and asked a whit male, who looked like a professor, if the East Hall was on fi This person said that it was not but then he looked again and said "There it goes" [redacted] looked out at the East Hall, saw building was on fire, and reported that the East Hall was on over his portable radio, at the same time requesting assista from the Kent State University Police Department.

[redacted] noticed flame coming out of the front window

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northeast end of the East Hall. Rocks were still being thrown at the East Hall, although the crowd had moved back on the Commons to watch the fire. [redacted] advised that he could not tell how the fire was started, because anyone who got close enough to the East Hall to ignite the building would have been out of his line of vision, since his position on the top of the heating plant denied him full visual access to the east side of the building.

Later, the Kent City Fire Department arrived, consisting of one pumper truck. They had their hoses out, and [redacted] saw persons with cutting instruments hacking away at the hoses. It is [redacted] understanding that his partner, [redacted] who was stationed on the ground level, had a brief fight with one of the persons trying to cut the hoses. The persons succeeded in cutting the hoses since [redacted] noticed the spurting of water at several locations along the hoses. [redacted] advised the hoses were running no and south on the east end of East Hall. As these hoses were cut, firemen were endeavoring to pull the hoses back to the pumper. Afte the hoses were cut, firemen either gave up or thought the fire was under control, because they climbed in their pumper truck and left the scene.

At this time, [redacted] and approximately 20 to 25 riot equipped Kent State University policemen arrived, at which time [redacted] left his position and joined them. As the police positioned themselves between East Hall and the students out in th Commons, the firemen returned to fight the blaze and the policemen were pelted with rocks from the crowd in the Commons. At this time, smoke was bellowing from East Hall although flames were not evident. All at once, flames broke out all over the building and firemen were unable to control them. The fire spread rapidly and students were moving away from it further into the Commons. The fi consumed most of the East Hall and after it died, men from the Ohio National Guard, the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and the Porta County Sheriff's Office arrived there endeavoring to control the crowd in the Commons. Fire crackers were still heard exploding.

At this time, [redacted] and [redacted] were sent to the Student Union building to clear out anyone inside. They did as they had been requested and as they came out of the front door they were confronted with 250 to 300 students and were pelted with rocks. [redacted] was hit on his ankle and back. He was not hurt seriously and he and [redacted] removed themselves from the scene. [redacted] then reported back to the Kent State University policemen who had form lines in the vicinity of the heating plant.

At this point, the situation was well under control and nothing of consequence took place the rest of the night.

[redacted] advised he was unable to make any identifications of anyone who had taken part in the destruction of the East Hall

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Date May 15, 1970

[redacted] Kent State University Police Department, who resides at [redacted] Ravenna, Ohio, advised that on May 2, 1970, during the early hours of nightfall he joined a group of Kent State University policemen lead by [redacted] who were confronting a large group of students in the Commons area of Kent State University campus. The Kent State University police department was endeavor to separate the students from the East Hall, an ROTC building which was slowly burning.

Immediately, [redacted] and the rest of the men were hit by a barrage of rocks thrown from the area of the Commons. The barrage consisted of rocks, half bricks, and one projectile was one-third of a concrete block. Also thrown were railroad spikes.

Canisters of tear gas were thrown into the crowd of students and they retreated for a while. The students then moved forward up Terrace Drive and threw another barrage of rocks. Again they were hit with tear gas by the Kent State University Police Department.

The building gradually was almost totally consumed by flames and the students gradually dispersed, but threw sporadic rocks at the Kent State University policemen. Later the Ohio National Guardsmen and Ohio State Patrolmen arrived and brought t situation under complete control.

[redacted] advised that during the rock throwing barrages he was hit three times, twice in his right leg and one time in his groin. He advised that when he was hit in the groin, he was knocked to the ground and that the blow caused one of his testicles to swell considerably. [redacted] advised he refused to undergo treatment that night because he felt he was needed to control the rioting students. Two days later he received treatme at the University Medical Center by [redacted] (phonetic) for swelling and contusion of his groin.

[redacted] advised that he was unable to make any identific tion of students involved in the burning of the ROTC building due to the darkness of the night.

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[redacted] advised he was not present at the location of the East Hall when it was set aflame because at that time he was on duty behind Prentice Hall.

II. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

E. INTERVIEWS WITH NEWS MEDIA

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/9/70

On May 9, 1970, BILL HUNTER, Photographer, "Akron Beacon Journal," Akron, Ohio, made available 1/2 photographs taken by photographers of the "Akron Beacon Journal" during the disturbances at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, on May 2 and May 4, 1970.

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II. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

F. INTERVIEWS WITH OTHERS

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Date May 19, 1970

[redacted] Ohio State Arson Bureau, was interviewed at Kent State University (KSU) where his department is conducting an investigation concerning fires at that campus from May 2-5, 1970.

[redacted] explained that his department is investigating this matter as the arson is a violation of Section 2907.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. Anyone convicted of violation of this statute is subject to imprisonment from 1 to 10 years.

[redacted] explained that on May 2, 1970, the ROTC Administration Building at KSU was set on fire and was totally destroyed by that fire. The fire is classified as an incendiary one or one which was intentionally set as opposed to an accidental type fire.

No investigation was conducted to specifically determine the cause of the fire as numerous interviews with witnesses and observers reveal that the fire was intentionally set by persons on campus. Several witnesses have described seeing persons throw railroad fuses or flares into the broken windows of the above-mentioned ROTC building and other persons were seen throwing lighted objects through the windows. He explained that some unknown individuals were seen taking rags dipped in gasoline tanks on parked motorcycles and these rags were lit and used to start the fire in the building.

The fire was started in the east corner of the building and spread to all parts of the building which [redacted] considered completely destroyed.

An examination of the rubbish from the fire failed to disclose any remnants of the railroad fuses or rags which were used in starting the fire.

[redacted] advised that there was another fire that same evening, May 2, 1970, in a storage bin by Bowman Hall and this bin contained grounds equipment.

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Again, this fire was incendiary and examination of the ruins disclosed no evidence of flares or objects which were used to start the fire.

On May 4, 1970, at approximately 3:30 p.m., then maintenance men inside the maintenance storage bin on Portage Drive when a firebomb similar to a molotov cocktail was thrown into the building. The maintenance men were successful in putting out the fire with no loss or damage as a result.

[redacted] had developed no witnesses or suspects in that matter.

Another fire was set on KSU campus on May 5, 1970, and this fire was in a frame barn located on Allerton Road and Summit Road on campus and was set at approximately 4:00 a.m. At this time, Guardsmen were on campus and one Guard saw an individual exiting from the barn and this individual ran in a southwest direction on foot. The Guardsman chased him, ordered him to stop, and then fired after the individual kept running.

The Guardsman noted the fire was burning in the center of the floor when he ran by and the barn was thereafter completely destroyed by the fire. Inside the barn were two tractors and miscellaneous equipment, the tractors being valued at approximately $12,000 and the equipment at $16,000. No suspects have been developed in that matter.

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[redacted], Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the fact that the Agents were attempting to locate [redacted] furnished the following voluntary information:

[redacted] advised he is acquainted with [redacted], but could not provide his current whereabouts. [redacted] last saw [redacted] on Wednesday, May 6, 1970. [redacted] resides at [redacted], Kent, Ohio. [redacted] lives with [redacted] at [redacted]. [redacted] last saw [redacted] when [redacted] gave [redacted] a ride to a trailer park in Ravenna, Ohio, on Wednesday, May 6, 1970. On Monday night, May 4, 1970, [redacted] was arrested on curfew violation; however, the charges were dropped on May 5, 1970.

[redacted] was not present on the Kent State University (KSU) campus at the time the ROTC building was burned and also [redacted] did not witness the shooting incident on May 4, 1970, on the KSU campus.

On 5/8/70 at Kent, Ohio File # Cleveland 98-2140

SAs [redacted]

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[redacted], Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identities of interviewing agents and also the fact that the agents wished to interview her in connection with her arrest in Kent, Ohio on May 4, 1970 by the Ohio State Police.

[redacted] advised she did not wish to make a statement until first contacting her attorney [redacted] American Civil Liberties Union attorney, Akron, Ohio.

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ALAN MICHAEL CANFORA, 308 Nevell Street, Barberton, Ohio, advised that at the time fire was allegedly set at the Reserve Officers Training Corps Building, of the Kent State University campus, Kent, Ohio, he was with his girl friend, whom he would not identify, in her room at Tri-Towers Dormitory, Kent State University campus. He stated he saw flames from that fire but had no further information concerning it.

On 5/8/70 at Barberton, Ohio File # CY 98-2160

SAs [redacted]

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Date May 9, 1970

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On May 8, 1970 SA [redacted] made efforts to locate and interview a [redacted] in the city of [redacted] Ohio with negative results. Efforts to locate her mother through [redacted], were negative. Credit and arrest records checked and contact with logical officials in the city of Ashtabula, has not located any of the above individuals.

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[redacted] Ohio, telephone [redacted], entered the premises at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, at 5:00 PM during the course of a search of these premises.

[redacted] advised that this property was owned by [redacted] but he is acting as landlord and in three years will purchase the property. He described [redacted] as very aged and he was handling the property for her.

[redacted] advised that seven persons currently live in this home and he gave their names as follows:

[redacted]

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[redacted] advised that the above individuals moved into the home within about a week and one-half of each other in approximately February, 1970. This would have been the start of the Spring Quarter. He does not believe that all seven knew each other but he got the impression that [redacted] were acquainted. All paid for their rent in advance through the Spring Quarter with the exception of [redacted] was to make periodic payments.

[redacted] advised he knew very little about any of these individuals and he could furnish no information regarding their activities. [redacted] was furnished a copy of the Search Warrant and was given a receipt for the items removed from the house.

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Date May 10, 1970

[redacted] Massachusetts, advised as follows:

She is a Psychology Senior at Smith College, Northa Massachusetts, and on May 2, 1970 was visiting a friend of he [redacted] at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio.

At about 8:10 PM, on May 2,1970, she was with [redacted] at the Student Activities Center, when she observed a crowd of several hundred people marching past the Student Activity Center toward the "Commons" and onto the ROTC Building. The crowd was carrying signs, but she does not believe she observ any torches at this time. When the crowd arrived at the ROTC Building, it appeared that some of the persons in front of the crowd lit some torches, and she observed that one or two of the torches were placed against the ROTC Building. However the building did not catch on fire from these torches as best she could see.

While making this observation she was outside the Student Activity Center and about 1 1/2 blocks from the ROTC Building and the crowd. It was dusk and she could not make o any particular individual who may have placed the torches aga the building.

When the torches were placed against the building, it appeared that some of the crowd was throwing rocks or some objects at the building, and she heard glass breaking. At this, it appeared that most of the crowd dispersed.

Approximately an hour and a half later, she heard that the ROTC Building was on fire and she went outside and observed this to be the situation.

She did not know any of the people in the crowd and could not identify any of them. She knows only about three persons at KSU.

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[redacted] Ohio, advised that he arrived along with his wife, [redacted] at the Kent State University (KSU) campus at about 8:00 PM on the evening of May 2, 1970. They went immediately to the Commons to see what was happening and observed an individual unknown to him ringing the Liberty Bell. He then observed another unknown individual get up on top of the bell and yell "We need more people, let's go to Tri-Tower." He estimated that there were about 500 individua in the group at that time. He and his wife moved with the group to Tri-Tower and he heard the group chanting anti-war slogans. He could not remember the slogans at this time.

At Tri-Tower, he met [redacted] who advised him to get rid of his camera and tape recorder as the student were going to break anything of that type that they noticed individuals in the crowd had in their possession. The group seemed to grow considerably after leaving Tri-Tower, and they proceeded back to the Commons and continued to walk around th area. [redacted] advised that he saw the following people on the Commons at that time:

[redacted]

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The students continued to mill about the area and about 9:00 PM, they proceeded to throw rocks at the ROTC buil The [redacted] observed railroad flares being thrown at the building and in the building but due to their distance from t group, they could not identify any individuals who participat [redacted] advised that some of the participants had walkie-talki and he overheard one say that "the Communication Center was at Johnson Hall." [redacted] has in his possession a tape which

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made at the Commons and ROTC area on the evening of May 2, 1970 in which some broadcasting over the walkie-talkies of some of the students can be heard.

[redacted] advised that the ROTC building did not seem to go up too easily and that one individual went to a window in the front of the building and with a piece of newspaper, lit a set of the curtains which went up rapidly. [redacted] estimates that there were about 1000 students present at this time. He advised that the firemen arrived on the scene and that someone yelled "Get the hose," at which time the hose was pulled away from the ROTC building and then the students found that they could not disconnect it, so they proceeded to cut it but the [redacted] could not determine what exactly was used to cut it due to the distance. At this time, the police utilized tear gas to disperse the crowd and the [redacted] went to Van Duse Hall and out to the steps on the power plant adjacent to the ROTC building in order to observe. [redacted] advised that both the Portage County Sheriff Deputies and College Police Departme were present at this time.

The [redacted] then proceeded to the roof of the power plant at which time they observed several fires on the hill by Taylor Hall. They also observed a fire which had been lit at the archery shack located by the tennis courts. [redacted] then advised that the fire truck drove away and that there was heavy thick black smoke pouring out of the vents of the ROTC building. He advised that students from Prentice Hall had formed a line and were using a bucket brigade to put the fire out at the archery shack.

The [redacted] then proceeded to Merrill Hall and watched the fire and then observed two fire trucks arrive at the ROTC building. [redacted] advised that [redacted] took some pictures during the fire at the ROTC building and that an individual, [redacted] had contacted [redacted] advising him that he had 16 mm. color film of the incident at the ROTC building and wanted [redacted] to join him in getting a sound movie utilizing [redacted] tape of the burning of the ROTC building.

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[redacted] Norfolk, Virginia, advised that he is a [redacted] associated with the firm of [redacted] Virginia.

According to [redacted] he and his wife visited their daughter [redacted] at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, on Saturday, May 2, 1970. [redacted] indicated that the purpose of the visit was to carry his daughter some summer clothing and pick up her winter things. He recalled that about 8:30 or 9:00 PM, May 2, 1970, he was in one of the dormitories where his daughter lived and some of the students announced there was going to be a rally [redacted] said that his wife suggested that they remain at the campus to see just what was going on. He recalled that he, his wife, and [redacted] in company with some other students left the dormitory. He thought there were several hundred students in the group. He indicated that he and [redacted] were among the first in the group; however, after a short period, the students moving more rapidly soon passed them and they were at the rear of the crowd. He remembered that the police, possibly the Campus Police, were on hand and that the students were taunting them with obscenities and other comments; however, there was no confrontation that he could see.

He recalled that he and his wife stopped at the top of the hill and did not folbw the group as they continued toward where the ROTC Building was located. He remembered that it was dusk and approaching night when he observed several individuals with lighted railroad flares set fire to the ROTC Building. He indicated that due to the fact he was some 500 yards away, he could not distinguish who they were; however, by their movements and the manner in which they conducted themselves, he believes they were all males. He said he saw them break the windows in the ROTC Building and throw the flares inside. This continued for several minutes and it all occurred in the immediate vicinity where some policemen were standing. Mr. [redacted] was of the opinion that the policemen saw the individuals break the windows and throw the flares inside the building.

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[redacted] indicated that apparently the fire did not take very rapidly because some of those involved broke out more windows apparently so the air could get inside the building to fan the flame. He said after the fire began, the building was consumed immediately.

[redacted] said he could not identify any of those involved in the burning of the building because it was too dark for him to see and also the fact he was too far away to actually see who was involved in setting fire to the building. He recalled that the people involved were more or less silhouettes.

[redacted] said he left the campus about 11:00 PM and that after the burning of the building, the National Guard came on the campus. He remembered that the National Guard had been in the Town of Kent but had not been on the campus prior to the burning of the ROTC Building.

[redacted] said he and his wife returned to Norfolk, Virginia, on Sunday, May 3, 1970, and at the time the National Guard was on and off the campus at Kent State University when they left Kent, Ohio.

[redacted] said his daughter, [redacted], a freshman student, had gone back to Cleveland on Saturday, May 9, 1970, where she was staying with friends in the home of [redacted] (phonetic), an attorney in Cleveland, Ohio. [redacted] said he did not know the exact address of [redacted]; however, it was located in the Beechwood Section near Shaker Heights in Cleveland. [redacted] said that his daughter reportedly was present on Monday, May 4, 1970, during the time that students were shot on the Kent State University campus. He indicated he did not know how much she knew concerning the incident.

[redacted] indicated that he did not know the identity of the individuals responsible for the burning of the ROTC Building on the Kent State University campus. He also said he had not heard anyone state who was responsible for burning the building.

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[redacted] indicated that he and his wife plan a trip to Europe in the near future; however, he did not furnish the details of this trip or the length of time he would be out of the United States.

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[redacted] Norfolk, Virginia, advised that she and her husband, [redacted] went to visit their daughter at Kent State University on the weekend of May 2 - 3, 1970, and that they stayed in a motel in the Town of Kent, Ohio. She said that she remembered that the motel was directly across or in the immediate vicinity of the Kent State University campus. She said she recalled they went over to the dormitory where her daughter was living and the students became excited because they were planning a rally on the campus at the time Mr. and [redacted] were in the dormitory. She recalled that her husband suggested they leave and go to their motel, and she suggested that they remain at the campus because she was curious to know what happened, and what the "kids" had to say. She remembered that some of her daughter's friends (students at the University), her daughter her husband and she left the dormitory and started toward the area where the rally was to take place. She said that they were at the front of the group, but soon the students passed them and her daughter commented she was going on down and would see them back at the dormitory after the rally.

[redacted] remembered that the group was singing and shouting and taunting the police. She also recalled that when they got to the crest of the hill overlooking the area where the main body of students was holding the rally, she and her husband decided to stop. She recalled that it was some distance, but she had no idea as to how far they were from the ROTC Building which was burned at the time they were on the top of the hill looking down on the group. She said she could not see well enough to identify any of the students who set fire to the ROTC Building. She said she was too far away and it was too dark to see actually who was responsible for setting fire to the building. She remembered the National Guard troops had been in the Town of Kent but had not been on the campus until after the ROTC Building burned. She said she had not seen any confrontations by students and police or students and National Guard during Saturday night, May 2, 1970. She recalled they left the campus at about 11:00 PM and returned to Norfolk, Virginia, Sunday, May 3, 1970. She said that National Guardsmen were observed on Sunday when they left Kent, Ohio.

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[redacted] recalled that her daughter had commented that the National Guard on Monday, May 4, 1970, had rifles and t they had kneeled and pointed the rifles directly at the students during the campus demonstration. [redacted] said she did not know the extent of what her daughter [redacted] had seen at Kent State University.

[redacted] further advised that her daughter had been in Norfolk after the May 4, 1970, incidents on Kent State University campus and that she was most upset over the incidents; however, she returned to Cleveland, Ohio, where she is staying with a friend in the home of [redacted] (phonetic), an attorney in Cleveland [redacted] said she did not know the exact address of [redacted] however, she understood it was in the Beachwood Section near Shaker Heights, Cleveland. She said her daughter was waiting in the area of Kent State University so that when they allowed the students to return to the campus, she could obtain her personal belongings and bring them back home to Norfolk, Virginia.

[redacted] said she did not know and had not heard from anyone who was responsible for the burning of the ROTC Building or any specific information concerning the shooting which occurred after she and [redacted] had left the campus at Kent State University.

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[redacted] Ravenna, Ohio, was contacted and exhibited approximately 200 photographs which had been taken on May 3, 1970, and May 4, 1970, in the vicinity of the campus of Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio. After viewing these photographs, he identified the following listed persons which appeared on the indicated photographs:

PHOTOGRAPH IDENTIFYING NUMBER	NAME	REMARKS
A-1-3	[redacted]	KSU News Service
A-2-1	TERRY NORMAN	KSU student (photog
A-4-1	[redacted]	KSU student
A-8-1	TERRY NORMAN	KSU student (photog
A-33-1	[redacted]	KSU Graduate Studen
A-34-4	[redacted]	KSU student (Journa Department)
A-40-3	[redacted]	KSU student (Journa Department)
A-40-4	[redacted]	KSU student (Leader Black United Studen
A-44-1	[redacted]	KSU student (Member Black United Studen
A-48-2	[redacted]	KSU student
A-53-1	[redacted]	Girlfriend of JEFF TUCKER works NIGHT o
A-60-1	[redacted]	KSU professor - Journalism Departme

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A-62-1	[redacted]	(as above)
A-62-2	JOHN PILO 6/10	KSU student (Senior) Journalism (photogra
A-66-1	[redacted]	KSU student (Vietnam veteran) Journalism Department
A-81-1	[redacted]	
B-1-1	[redacted] 1/10	KSU student, Art ma
C-page 3, 12 and 13	TERRY NORMAN	KSU student, Police Science major
C-2-1	[redacted]	KSU student, Journal Department
C-16-14	[redacted]	KSU News Service
C-16-15	Blind Student	Resides KSU, Stephe Hall
C-17-3	[redacted]	(as above)
C-17-4	Blind Student	(as above)
C-23-1	Blind Student	(as above)
C-28-3	TERRY NORMAN	(as above)
C-29-1	TERRY NORMAN	(as above)
C-93-1	TERRY NORMAN	(as above)
C-116-1	TERRY NORMAN	(as above)
C-117-1	TERRY NORMAN	(as above)
F-4-1	[redacted]	KSU student (Senior Journalism Departme
F-5-1	[redacted]	(as above)

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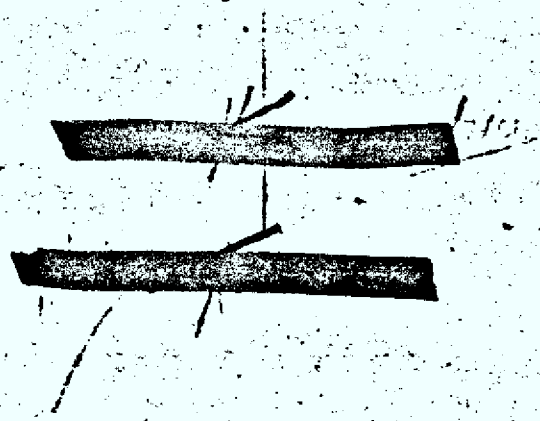

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Possibly living in Manchester Hall on KSU campus

In charge of leading Food First Campaign recently at KSU.

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[redacted] advised his son, [redacted] left Kent State University (KSU) at the end of the last semester and obtained employment at [redacted], Ohio, and has taken up residence with the [redacted] family, [redacted] Ohio.

He advised that he had a disagreement with his son be[cause] his son had let his hair grow long and joined the Students for [a] Democratic Society (SDS) and, therefore, sees very little of hi[m]. He advised he would not know whether his son had been near the [KSU] campus during the disturbances there on May 2-4, 1970.

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[redacted], a first year law student at the Akron University, was interviewed at [redacted] Akron, Ohio. He furnished his telephone number as [redacted] and he identified his parents as Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, telephone number [redacted]

[redacted] advised he went to the Kent State University (KSU) campus on Saturday night, May 2, 1970, with his girl friend, [redacted] and with friends, [redacted] and [redacted] He claims that they heard that there was going to be a rally on the Commons and they were interested in what was going on. He is a summer student of KSU and his girl friend currently is a student.

[redacted] advised when they arrived at the Commons, they went directly to Johnson Hall because [redacted] is a monitor there. While in Johnson Hall, they observed a crowd forming on the Commons near the ROTC Building. From his vantage point, he observed students running up to the ROTC Building and he observed them throwing objects at the building. He claims he saw a fire start and he watched as the fire engine pulled up. He observed the kids taking the hose away from the firemen and he assumes that the hoses were either broken or cut as the water was going in all directions.

[redacted] claims he cannot identify any of the individuals involved in the burning of the ROTC Building. He claims as a former student, he knows a large number of KSU students, however, he saw no one in the group that he knew.

[redacted] advised he intends to continue his education at the Akron University and his parents will always know his whereabouts. He advised he will be available if called upon at any future date to testify.

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Date 5/13/70

The Office of Dr. ROBERT I. WHITE, President of Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, made available the following letter which had been received at the Office of the President on May 12, 1970 at 8:36 AM and which was postmarked Alliance, Ohio. There was no return address and the letter was unsigned.

"Dear Sir

"What do you know about the committee of 30? Rumor has it that they are the ones who set the ROTC building on fire and then left the campus immediately. Who is Debbie Brown?"

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The following investigation was conducted at Seneca Falls, New York by SA [redacted] on May 12, 1970:

[redacted], New York, advised his wife, [redacted], owns a 1966 green TRA 4A, bearing New York State registration [redacted]. Their son, [redacted] is a Senior at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, and he arrived home in [redacted] on May 1, 1970 and remained there until late on May 3, 1970 when he drove the described vehicle back to Kent. He called home on May 5, 1970 and said he was going to visit some school friends in Michigan, not further described. He will, undoubtedly, return to Kent before coming home to [redacted].

[redacted] lives off campus at [redacted], Kent and can be located for an interview through this address.

[redacted] asserted that his son was at home from May 1 to May 3, 1970 and could not have possibly been involved in any firebombing occurring on May 2, 1970.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	
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TITLE OF CASE

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Firebombing of Army ROTC Building,
Kent State University (KSU),
Kent, Ohio,
5/2/70

REPORT MADE BY

SA[redacted]

CHARACTER OF CASE

SABOTAGE; SEDITION;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROP[illegible]
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 -
INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY
PROTECTED FACILITY

REFERENCE

Report of SA[redacted]-14-70, at Cleveland.

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AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will continue intensive investigation to identify persons responsible for the burning of the Army ROTC Building at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☐ NONE

CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES	ACQUITTALS

CASE HAS BEEN:
PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ Y[illegible]
PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ Y[illegible]

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It is noted that additional copies of this report have been designated for the Cleveland Office for review and lead purposes.

Whenever possible, signed statements are being obtained from appropriate witnesses.

REPORT OF SPECIAL AGENT [redacted]
[redacted] DATED MAY 21, 1970, AT
CLEVELAND, OHIO, CAPTIONED "UNSUBS;
FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING,
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU),
KENT, OHIO, MAY 2, 1970."

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IV. INQUIRIES TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

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IV. INQUIRIES TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

A. INVESTIGATION CONCERNING OCCUPANTS OF 230 EAST MAIN STREET, KENT, OHIO

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Date May 10, 1970

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[redacted] advised that she was a sophomore at Kent State Universit (KSU), and was majoring in sociology and political scior She stated that she resided in the girls dormitory at Verder Hall, and on the night the ROTC building was burn she was baby-sitting with [redacted] from Akr Ohio, in the dormitory. She indicated she had heard from some of the students that there was going to be tro in the ROTC building, but she did not wish to name the individuals who had given her this information.

Based upon this information, she said she had taken [redacted] from her dormitory to the residence of her boy friend, [redacted] who resided at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio. She said that she stayed with [redacted] at [redacted] room from approximately 9:30 PM until the following day anddid not have any knowledge about the individuals who were involved in burning the ROTC build She stated that no one had returned to [redacted] address an discussed the matter, and consequently, she could not n anyone who participated in this action.

[redacted] was exhibited three photos of vari individuals, and she indicated that the man standing wi the police officer in one of the photos was [redacted] (phonetic), who resides at 230 East Main Street, Kent.

In regard to the other photo, she indicated t the individual carrying a banner or flag with a cigaret in his mouth looked a great deal like [redacted] She said she had not seen any of these individuals on the K campus during the recent trouble.

She advised that she considers herself a libe and that the individuals who participated in the burnin down of the ROTC building are activists who would parti

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in any militant action. In this regard, she estimated that there were approximately 100 such individuals on the KSU campus during the recent trouble; however, she did not care to name any names or identify these individuals. She said that most were misguided, frustrated people and at least 50 per cent of the individuals on campus would be from the University itself, with the additional people coming from outside the University community.

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[redacted] Ohio, was contacted at [redacted] Street, where she is employed as [redacted]. She advised [redacted] and [redacted] were Special Agents of the FBI and also was advised of the nature and purpose of this interview.

[redacted] advised she is personally acquainted with [redacted], an undergraduate student at Kent State University (KSU); she recently met him as a classmate in [redacted] then related the following information:

[redacted] and [redacted] have had casual social conversations from time to time over cokes and coffee after their Thursday evening classes. On April 30, 1970, [redacted] made a specific date with her for Saturday night, May 2, [redacted] to go to a carnival in Stow and then to a show in Kent. [redacted] did pick her up at her residence in his 1956 black Ford Thunderbird with New Jersey license at about 8:00 p.m. on May 2, 1970 and drove then directly to the carnival located in the parking lot of the Click Discount Store, Fish Creek and Route 59 in Stow. They spent less than an hour there [redacted] then drove her to Kent for the purpose of attending the show. However, they were detoured on the way into Kent and were told by police officers a curfew had been imposed as a result of demonstrations and disturbances in Kent and on the KSU campus. [redacted] did manage to drive as far as the Firestone Store located near his residence, 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, and they walked to this residence, leaving the Thunderbird parked in the Firestone Store area. [redacted] arrived at 230 East Main Street, a two story grey building, at about 9:00 p.m. As they walked up the steps into the front door there were three men in that immediate area outside the house. Two man were sitting on the ledge of a wall along the right side of this walkway - one was a tall young white man who [redacted] identified by photographs as [redacted] the other was a young white man holding a handkerchief over

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nose and mouth, later introduced to her as [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), a man who allegedly had a prison record. Also a young KSU student named [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) who is [redacted] best friend, was nearby in the front yard [redacted] went into the house with [redacted] and [redacted] and three of them went upstairs into the bedroom of [redacted] which is located on the side facing East Main Street. The was considerable discussion among them about disturbances the KSU campus and the presence of the Ohio National Guard there to maintain order. A young couple, later introduced to [redacted] as [redacted] and [redacted] were on the roof just out [redacted] window, watching activities on the campus and th helped this couple as they climbed back through the window the house. [redacted] commented about the National Guard's pr there and said a cousin of her's was a member of the Guard unit then on campus; she had seen him that day, but had no allowed him to see her because she did not want him to kno she was in the vicinity of, or participating in, the distu

[redacted] recalled that, as she and [redacted] wal up the front steps into the house, someone asked [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) why he held the handkerchief over his face a he replied, "tear gas." Also someone mentioned the ROTC Building on the KSU campus had just been burned, but she d not know for sure who said this and she did not recall if person indicated he had been involved.

[redacted] and [redacted] then downstairs and roasted hot dogs and marshmallows in the li room fireplace. Other persons participating in this activ were [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), a KSU freshman student wh did not seem to be there with any particular boy friend and said she resides in Verder Hall dormitory, and a 12 year o Negro girl named [redacted] (phonetic) who was visiting.

About the time they finished roasting marshmallo the 11:00 p.m. news appeared on television and others came to the living room from outside the building to watch the including [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), [redacted] Name Unknown). They all watched the news program on television. [redacted] believes [redacted] Last Name Unknown), [redacted] (Last Name Unknown [redacted] Last Name Unknown), [redacted] and

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man named [redacted] (who was not present on the evening of May 2, 1970), all reside at 230 East Main Street, which w in a general state of disarray and badly in need of house cleaning.

After the news program ended [redacted] and [redacted] went to the upstairs kitchen, where he prepared and serve hot chocolate, after which she asked him to take her home They walked to the Firestone Store and were stopped by tw police officers wearing white helmets. These officers to them the curfew forbade their presence on the street, but they explained [redacted] had to take her home to Stow, Ohio were told they could proceed but [redacted] should drive her directly home, which he did arriving there about 1:30 a.m

[redacted] said she has no personal knowledge a who burned the ROTC Building on the KSU campus and she di personally observe any of the rallies, demonstrations, or of violence there at any time. She said she has seen [redacted] twice since May 2, 1970 - briefly on Tuesday, May 1970, and for a chicken dinner with him at 230 East Main on the evening of Thursday, May 7, 1970; this dinner was attended by [redacted] Las Name Unknown]. [redacted] left for Tallmadge, Ohio, aft dinner. [redacted] said the conversations had not indica who had burned the ROTC Building but [redacted] did t her one of the students killed by National Guard gunfire Monday, May 4, 1970, was a friend of his named JEFF MILL had been a member of their law enforcement class on Thurs evenings. She said she does not remember MILLER, however

[redacted] furnished the following descriptions the individuals that she met at 230 East Main Street, Ken Ohio, on the night of May 2, 1970:

Name
Sex
Race
Age
Height
Weight
Complexion
Hair

[redacted]

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Peculiarities

Name
Race
Sex
Height
Weight
Build
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Age
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Date May 16, 19

On May 10, 1970, the following facts of an af
for the search of 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, wer
to Assistant Attorney General J. WALTER YEAGLEY, United
Department of Justice, Washington. D. C., who authorize
obtaining of a search warrant to search the above reside

U. S. Army Reserve Officers Training Corps
Building #45, East Hall on the campus of Kent
State University was burned to the ground
during a riotous demonstration by demonstrato
at Kent State University on May 2, 1970.

[redacted] a student at Kent State Universi
[redacted] was present at the
demonstration as a non-participator and obse
a tall, white male, light gasoline soaked rag
and drop them into a broken window of Buildin
#45.

[redacted] identified a photograph of a tall
white male demonstrator in a group photograph
taken at the Kent State University demonstra
as the photograph of the tall, white male he
observed lighting a gasoline soaked rag and
putting it in a broken window of the burned
ROTC building #45.

[redacted] identified the photo of the tall
white male in the group photo mentioned abov
as the photograph of [redacted]
[redacted], Ohio.

[redacted] advised [redacted] had
him he was present at the burning of the ROTC
building #45 at Kent State University. He a
advised that [redacted] resided at 230 East Mai
Street, Kent, Ohio, and has attended numerou

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campus demonstrations in Cleveland, Washington, D. C. and Kent, Ohio.

[redacted] a Kent State University studen
advised that [redacted] a Kent University Student, was present at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, when certain male individuals enter the building at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohi immediately after the fire was set in the ROTC Building #45, and they stated that they had jus fired the ROTC Building on the Kent State University Campus.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] s a student at Kent State Universit

Assistant Attorney General J. WALTER YEAGLEY di that United States Attorney ROBERT B. KRUPANSKY be contac furnished the same facts and that the matter of the obtai a search warrant be coordinated with Mr. KRUPANSKY.

Mr. KRUPANSKY was contacted by SA [redacted] and the above facts were furnished to him. He stated tha concurred with the opinion of Mr. YEAGLEY and directed th affidavit for a search warrant be filed before United Sta Commissioner CLIFFORD F. BRUCE, Cleveland, Ohio.

On May 10, 1970, SA [redacted] filed an affidavit search of 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, before Mr. Bl utilizing the above facts in the affidavit.

On May 10, 1970, Mr. BRUCE issued a search warr the building at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, as wel garage and all outbuildings located on this property.

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In connection with the execution of a Federal search warrant on May 10, 1970, at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, the following automobiles and license plate numbers were obser in the parking area of the 230 East Main Street address:

Automobile	License Number
Black Chevrolet Monte Carlo	Ohio license F 6972 K
White Barracuda	Ohio license BC 2933
White Ford	Ohio license F 3802 J
Black Ford Thunderbird	New Jersey HEF 996

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During a surveillance on May 10, 1970, of the house located at 230 E. Main Street, one [redacted] Kent, Ohio, furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that he had just finished speaking to a blond-haired individual who emerged from the house at 230 E. Main Street. This blond-haired individual said that he had just gotten out of the Navy within the past week. He stated he was working to establish residency in Ohio so he could go to college. He and a brown-haired individual who also came from the house at 230 E. Main Street, had their boat stored on the parking lot of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity house.

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Date 5/12/70

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Operating under the strength of a Search Warra
the premises known as 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio,
searched and the following items were obtained during th
course of this search:

1. 3/4 length gray winter jacket with fur lin
hood found in first floor bedroom closet

2. Packet of rally posters for JERRY RUBIN Ra
April 11, 1970, found in first floor bedro
closet shelf

3. Newspaper photograph of ANDY NOVICH found
top of dresser in downstairs bedroom

4. One short sleeve blue dress shirt with Sea
label found on floor of closet in first fl
bedroom

5. One pair of brown gloves, sheep skin line
found first floor bedroom closet

6. SDS literature list and poster found in pa
suitcase in the pantry

7. A headband found in the trash can of the
downstairs bathroom

8. A booklet "Who Rules Kent" by Kent SDS fou
a carton in the dining room

9. Letter from [redacted] April 14, 1970 to
[redacted] found in bottom dresser dr
first floor bedroom.

10. Six balloons, one Dupont Duco Cement tube,
one Elmer's Contact Cement and a cardboard
tube, partially covered by aluminum with b
hole at one end, found on bottom shelf of
night stand in first floor bedroom.

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11. One pair of Levis trousers with mimeographed sheet in the pocket announcing "Bury the Constitution of the United States" found in closet first floor bedroom

12. (a) Book "Che Guevara Guerrilla Warfare"

(b) "Ann Arbor Argus", February 24, 1970 to March 10, 1970

(c) A paper "Venceremos Brigade 1970"

(d) SDS paper "Fire Next Time", V1N1

(e) The paper "Free Cleveland After Dark", April 15-22, 1970

All found on book stand in dining room

13. One corduroy jacket with belt found in closet in upstairs hall

14. Two makeshift peace armbands found in dresser drawer in [redacted] bedroom upstairs.

15. Pair of purple Levis with stains on trouser legs found in upstairs rear bedroom in the bedroom on the right side of the room when the room is entered.

No one was home when this search was commenced but during the course of the search [redacted], who is in the process of buying the property and who now handles the property, entered the home. [redacted] was served with a copy of the Search Warrant and was also given a receipt for the above items.

The garage at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, was also searched and nothing was found therein.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 16, 1970

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On May 11, 1970, the following items of evidence se
in the search of 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, which were
seized under the authority of a search warrant were submitted
the FBI Laboratory for appropriate examination:

1) One 3/4 length gray winter jacket (parka) with fur-lined hood and orange lining.

2) One pair of blue denim jeans.

3) One pair of tan suede gloves.

4) One blue man's shirt (cotton).

5) One hippie-type headband.

6) One pair blue purple levis.

7) One tan corduroy coat in plastic dry cleaner's bag.

8) Two makeshift peace arm bands made from dungarees.

9) Six rubber balloons, one tube Dupont Duco cement, one tube Elmer's contact cement, and one cardboard tube partially covered with aluminum foil with burn hole on one end.

During the search, an envelope containing a letter addressed to [redacted] 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, fr
Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts,
was observed.

During the search the the following record of long distance calls made from 673-5125 at 230 East Main Street, Kent Ohio was observed with the callers initials next to each call

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Initials	Date	Time of day	City Called	Number Called

Report of Long Distance Calls

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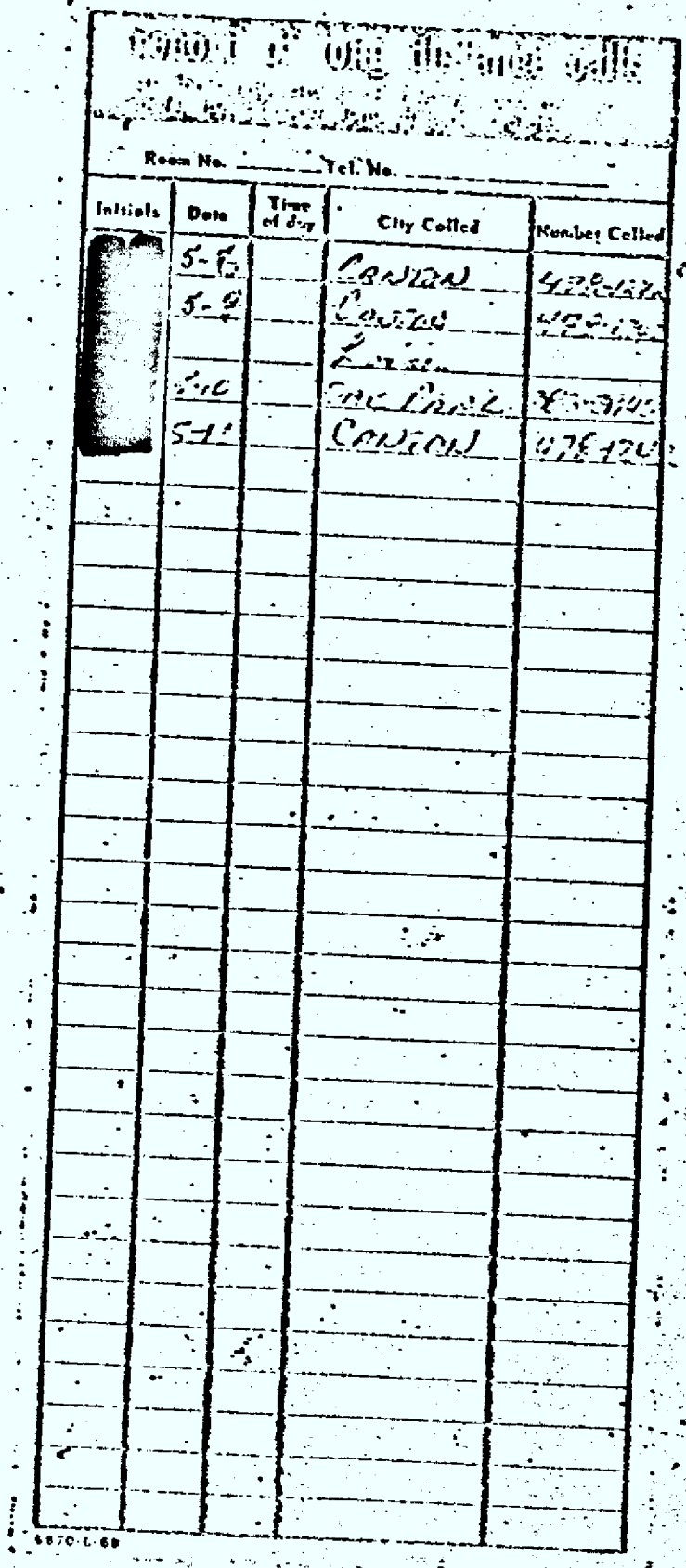

Room No. _____ Tel. No. _____

Initials	Date	Time of day	City Called	Number Called
[illegible]	5-8		Canton	478-12[illegible]
	5-9		Canton	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
	5-10		[illegible]	[illegible]
	5-11		Canton	478-12[illegible]

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The initials on the record of long distance calls a
the initials of the occupants of 230 East Main Street, Kent, C
and they stand for the following individuals:

[redacted]

Unknown

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REPORT
of the

LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Cleveland

Date: 5/14/70

FBI File No.

Re: UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army ROTC Building, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio 5/2/70
SABOTAGE

Lab. No. PC-C6429 HN

Specimens received 5/12/70

Q1 Gray jacket (Item #1)
Q2 Denim trousers (Item #2)
Q3 Pair of gloves (Item #3)
Q4 Shirt (Item #4)
Q5 Headband (Item #5)
Q6 Purple trousers (Item #6)
Q7 Tan coat (Item #7)
Q8 Two make-shift peace armbands (Item #8)
Q9 Six balloons (Item #9)
Q10 Elmers contact cement (Item #9)
Q11 Duco cement (Item #9)
Q12 Improvised cardboard pipe (Item #9)

Results of examination:

No traces of smoke particles, flammable liquids or other oxidizing chemicals were found on specimens Q1 through Q8.

No hairs or other evidence was found on specimen Q9, Q10 or Q11 to indicate they had been used for sniffing purposes.

Although chemical tests suggested that marijuana had been smoked in the Q12 pipe, it was not possible to identify marijuana specifically in the absence of any material having other characteristics of that plant.

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Date May 10, 1970

[redacted] advised that [redacted] Kent, Ohio, Ohio, is his girl friend and that he was previously contacted by an FBI Agent at Kent, Ohio, this morning.

Three photographs of unidentified individuals were displayed to [redacted] and he indicated that the only individual he could identify was the man who was standing with the police officer in one of the photos. This man was [redacted] (phonetic), who resides at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio. In addition to [redacted] residing at this address, he indicated that [redacted] owns the property at 230 East Main Street, and the following individuals were also residents

[redacted], who is also known

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IV. INQUIRIES TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

B. INTERVIEWS REGARDING [redacted] 7C

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Date May 17, 1970

Ohio, at this time furnished one photograph of taken in July, 1968. This photograph depicts in a United States Air Force uniform and stated that he has no photograph of with his beard and long hair.

indicated that to the best of his knowledge, left the area May 11, 1970. left alone as knows has a female friend by the name of whom he described as six feet tall, slender and "stacked". She supposedly left the area May 11, 1970, to go to her home in New York. She went to Washington, D.C. with over the weekend prior to the interview.

indicated that is very close friends with one and would probably keep in touch with her. said when he left that he was going to California. However, he had only $150.00 with him. had gone to California approximately one year ago and at that time had $900.00, which lasted him only six weeks before he had to come home again. When ent last time, he stayed with student at UCLA, Santa Barbara, California. He lived in Golita, California.

described as being has an uncle, who runs Pasadena, California. It is possible that would contact him if he went to California. He stated that s been locked up, having been arrested in Boston, Massachusetts, for drunk and hates it.

has definite suicidal tendencies. had a roommate where he lived in Kent by the name of phone number had spoken to subsequently to the time that supposedly left for California ndicated surprise at this and stated that had stayed with one over the weekend

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of May 1 - 3, 1970. [redacted] also had [redacted] at his house from May 4, 1970, to the end of that week.

[redacted] later telephonically contacted the interviewi agents. He advised that [redacted] had been in town, stayi with [redacted] Munroe Falls, Ohio. In addition, [redacted] had been with them. The three of them left May 12, 1970, to go to New York. He indicated that [redacted] is 100 per cent disability from the service, and is a psychiatric case. He stated that [redacted] is on medication and when he takes this medication, he seems quite normal. However, when he does not take it, "watch out".

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Date May 18, 1970

[redacted] ent, Ohio, advised that she has known [redacted] since high school. She stated that she does not know his whereabouts.

She advised that on the evening of May 2, 1970, she was not with, nor did she see [redacted] at any time. She stated that she herself had spent the whole evening in Tri-Towers dormitory. [redacted] was not there at any time. She stated she heard later on that evening that the ROTC building had burned and went by herself to see this. By the time she got there, the building was almost burned and there were no other students in the area. She has no idea if [redacted] had been at the burning or knew anything about it.

She stated that the last time she saw [redacted] was when she and [redacted] met in Washington, D.C. on May 9, 1970. They traveled back to Kent, Ohio, together that night. She has not seen him since. She has not got the least idea where he has gone and in fact, did not know that he had left the area.

She could furnish no other information of value.

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Date May 19, 197

[redacted] Kent, Ohio, Apartment 6, furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised he has resided at the above address since January 20, 1970, and when he moved there [redacted] was living there. [redacted] had met [redacted] in the past because both of them resided at a [redacted] Akron, Ohio. [redacted] moved to this address shortly after obtaining employment at [redacted] Ohio.

[redacted] advised that approximately two weeks before the students were shot at Kent State University (KSU), [redacted] stopped staying regularly at the North Water Street address and was gone quite a bit. Most of the time, he stayed with one [redacted] who lives at North Merlin Avenue in a rented house. To the best of [redacted] knowledge, that is where [redacted] has most recently been residing.

On Saturday evening, May 2, 1970, [redacted] not see [redacted] was out all night. [redacted] came to [redacted] Sunday morning at approximately 6:00 a.m. shortly before [redacted] left that residence and [redacted] indicated to him that he had been up all night and had watched the sun come up.

[redacted] briefly talked to [redacted] who indicated to [redacted] that he should come to the Commons on the KSU campus on Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m. for a rally. [redacted] mentioned nothing further regarding any incidents at KSU campus prior to Sunday morning.

According to [redacted] is a sophomore at KSU majoring in Education.

On May 3, 1970, [redacted] picked his girlfriend up and they drove around that day, returning to

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North Water Street at approximately 8:00 p.m. At this time, [redacted] was just leaving the apartment going to the Commons and shortly after he left, [redacted] and his girlfriend left to go to the campus.

At the campus, a crowd was forming around the Student Union and this crowd then moved to the Commons where several individuals made miscellaneous speeches actually saying nothing of significance. These persons spoke only against the war in Vietnam, troops in Cambodia, and National Guardsmen being on campus. One speaker, a white male with long hair and a beard, made some comment to the effect "Do you want to get the National Guard off campus?" The crowd cheered loudly in the affirmative.

A black student made some short speech and after several other speeches, all of which [redacted] felt were stupid, the crowd marched up the hills toward Prentice Hall and Verder Hall. The crowd at this time was approximately 2,000 strong and [redacted] and [redacted] were in the group. [redacted] and his girlfriend at this point left the campus.

Sunday evening, [redacted] returned home and [redacted] did not stay there that night.

The next time [redacted] was on approximately May 6 or May 8, 1970, when [redacted] was preparing to go to Washington, D.C., for a massive student demonstration. [redacted] came to [redacted] at work and borrowed $20.

That evening, [redacted] returned home and [redacted] had already left.

[redacted] has not seen [redacted] since that occasion but according to [redacted] parents, [redacted] and [redacted] drove to Washington, D.C. in [redacted] 1955 Cadillac four door, green in color. Apparently another friend of [redacted] and [redacted] one [redacted] or [redacted] went to Washington, D.C. also in her car which is a light colored Ford Torino or Fairlane.

According to [redacted] parents, on the way back to Kent, Ohio, the weekend following the Washington

demonstration, [redacted] car was spurting oil and the engine blew up, and since [redacted] had been following [redacted] on the way back, he and [redacted] returned to Kent with [redacted], leaving [redacted]'s car abandoned in Pennsylvania possibly on the Turnpike.

[redacted] and [redacted] returned to [redacted] parents' house and that weekend, [redacted] took [redacted] to the airport in order that she could return to her home in New York, and [redacted] then left for California hitchhiking.

Again, according to [redacted] parents, [redacted] went to see a [redacted] or [redacted] who is a student at Santa Barbara College in Goleta or Golita, California.

[redacted] understood that [redacted] was supposed to contact his parents to let them know where to send his books to him in California.

[redacted] had no information as to whether or not [redacted] was involved in the burning of the ROTC building, but he feels that [redacted] was not involved.

He explained that [redacted] is interested in teaching children and forming in their minds, at an early stage in life, the rejection of things that are bad. [redacted] feels that the best teaching can be done with young children whose minds are very formable.

[redacted] is not a violent person and [redacted] has never known him to be physical in his actions although he is radical in his views and, not being satisfied with some of the wrongs of today, wants changes to be made.

The following is a description obtained through observation and interview with [redacted]

Name:
Date of Birth:
Place of Birth:
Height:
Weight:

[redacted]

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Address: [redacted]

Telephone:
Social Security
Number: [redacted]

[redacted] recalls that since the incidents at KSU, he has talked to [redacted] and she told him if he was questioned by any authorities, he did not have to say anything and that he should refuse to talk. [redacted] told [redacted] that [redacted] had nothing to do with the burning of the ROTC building and that he did not even throw stones at the building. [redacted] feels that from her conversation, she was with [redacted] at the ROTC burning.

[redacted] does not feel [redacted] would cooperate if interviewed by any authorities.

[redacted]

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Date 5-13-70

[redacted] was contacted at the Robinson Memorial Hospital, where he is a full-time employee of the Hospital Security Staff. He was shown photographs of the following individuals:

[redacted]

He stated that he could not identify any of these people as the blond individual dressed in a stripe shirt who threw a flare in the ROTC Building at the KSU campus, Kent, Ohio.

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C. MISCELLANEOUS

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The following investigation was conducted by SA's [redacted] and [redacted], May 11, 1970, at Twinsburg, Ohio.

[redacted] Ohio, telephone number [redacted] advised that he was conducting investigation into the burning of the ROTC building on the Kent State University campus on May 2, 1970, and had talked to the following witnesses who had observed certain unknown individuals attack and burn the ROTC buildi

[redacted]

[redacted] stated that all of the above individua with the exception of [redacted] and [redacted] observed individuals throwing fuses into the ROTC building. He stated that some of these witnesses have identified phot of unsubs as photos of persons they observed throwing fuses into the building, however, he added no identifications hav been made connecting them with known persons to date. He added that the photos of the unsubs have been made availabl to the FBI Agents investigating the Kent disturbances.

[redacted] said that [redacted] and [redacted] are friends of [redacted] who told both girls that four men who burned down the ROTC building came into the house at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, and told her

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they had burned the building down. [redacted] also advised [redacted] claimed the four men were roommates [redacted]

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[redacted] Shaker Heights, Ohio, telephone [redacted] was made aware of the official identities of SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] and of the nature of the inquiry. SA [redacted] advised [redacted] of his rights, and furnished him with a form entitled "Interrogation; Advice of Rights". [redacted] read the form and stated that he understood his rights as stated on the form. Then he signed the form. [redacted] advised that he did not want to discuss anything that happened on the Kent State University campus on Saturday, May 2, 1970, without a lawyer being present.

The interview was immediately terminated.

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[redacted] presently residing at the residence of [redacted] Kent, Ohio, telephone number [redacted] was interviewed concerning the destruction of the ROTC East Hall on Saturday evening, May 2, 1970. She advised she was not present when the building was burned and could furnish no information concerning the persons responsible for the fire; however, her boyfriend, [redacted], possibly took photographs of the fire.

[redacted] She advised that one of her associates, [redacted] a Sophomore at Kent State University, may have possibly been present when the building was burned.

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SA [redacted]

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[redacted] was contacted at the home of his parents [redacted] Ohio, and he advised that he presently lives at [redacted] Ohio. He advised that on Saturday morning, May 2, 1970, he received a call from a friend by the name of [redacted] in reference to taking a vacation in Florida. He stated that his friend [redacted] frequents J.B.'s (a bar room) in Kent, Ohio. [redacted] told him that on Friday night, May 1, 1970, he had gone to J.B.'s and it looked to him like there was going to be trouble in the city, and he left the area. He stated he then visited a friend at a local service station and returned to his residence sometime in the afternoon. He stated that to the best of his recollection he went to a drive-in movie on Saturday evening with his girl friend, [redacted] who lives with her parents at [redacted] Ohio. He stated that his girl friend works at the Hilton Inn on Route 8, Boston Heights, Ohio. He stated that he cannot be absolutely sure of his activities on the evening of May 2, 1970, but is definitely certain that he was not on the Kent State campus. He advised that on Sunday, May 3, 1970, he went for a ride with his girl friend to visit friends and went to Kent, Ohio, and was on the campus of the University there for a few minutes while he contacted a friend and then drove around the city but did not spend any additional time on the campus. He stated that Monday, May 4, 1970, he worked the afternoon shift and had not gone to Kent and had no information as to what happened on that day. He advised he had not received any information from any friends or acquaintances which would indicate who may have burned the ROTC Building on the Kent State University (KSU) campus.

He stated that he did become involved with the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) while he was attending Kent during the fall quarter and was casually acquainted with [redacted] who he believes [redacted] He stated he went to Chicago to attend the demonstration with [redacted]

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[redacted], and another student. He stated that when he noted the violence taking place in Chicago, he returned to his room and did not further participate in the Chicago demonstrations. He stated that he has had no contact with anyone of the above individuals since the fall semester and that he left the Kent campus and obtained permanent employment at the end of the last semester and therefore has had very litt contact with the activities at Kent. He stated that he had lost interest in the SDS and was no longer affiliated with any of its members.

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KENT STATE SHOOTING

PART 3 OF 8

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CLEVELAND	CLEVELAND	5/14/70	5/2/70 - 5/13/70

TITLE OF CASE

UNSUBS;
Firebombing of
Army ROTC Building,
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio
5/2/70

REPORT MADE BY

SA[redacted]

CHARACTER OF CASE

SABOTAGE; SEDITION;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PRO
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 -
INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY
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LEADS

CLEVELAND:

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will continue intensive investigation to identify persons responsible for the burning of the Army ROTC Building at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☐ NONE

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J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Section, United States Department of Justic Washington, D.C., verbally authorized on May 10, 1970, the issuance of a search warrant for the off campus residence of [redacted] located at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio. A search warrant was issued on May 10, 1970, by United States Commissioner CLIFFORD E. BRUCE, Northern District of Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio, for the above residence authorizing the search for clothing, incendiary materials or other material that could be used for destructive purposes by explosion, thermal or incendiary destruction.

On May 10, 1970, the above search warrant was executed at the premises of 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio.

The results of this search, interviews conducted at the time of the search, and other results associated with the search will be set forth in a subsequent report. Evidence seized during the search have been forwarded to the Laboratory Division for examination.

It is noted that additional copies of this report have been designated for the Cleveland Office for review and lead purposes.

Whenever possible, signed statements were obtained from appropriate witnesses.

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Report of: SA [redacted] Office: CLEVELAND
Date: MAY 14, 1970

Field Office File #: 98-2140 Bureau File #:

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Firebombing of Army ROTC Building,
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio
May 2, 1970

Character:
SABOTAGE;
SEDITION;
~~ARSON~~ DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY;
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 -
INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED FACILITY

Synopsis:

On evening of 5/2/70, the Army ROTC building at Kent Stat University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, was destroyed by fire durin campus disruption. Investigation was initiated by the FBI.

KSU currently has enrollment of approximately 21,000 stud It is second largest university in State of Ohio and is reportedly ranked 24th in size nationally.

Civil disorders started in the City of Kent, Ohio, during the evening of 5/1/70 when crowds gathered in the streets and went on a rampage breaking windows in downtown stores On the evening of 5/2/70 a crowd of about 500 individuals gathered adjacent to the Army ROTC building on the KSU ca Some members of this crowd threw rocks and debris at the building and set it on fire. Members of the crowd also threw rocks at members of the KSU campus police departmen and the Kent City Fire Department who were attempting to restore order and put out fire.

A diagram of area and location of the KSU ROTC building a photographs depicting the fire and remains of the buildin are set forth.

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[redacted], ROTC, KSU, advised the burned building was property of KSU, but that it contained Government property. Loss of Government property in the fire was estimated at $35,000. Although the building was not owned by the Federal Government, it did serve as a National Defense facility, used primarily by ROTC. [redacted] maintained physical control of the building and indicated that signs were on the building identifying it as a military facility.

Four ROTC cadets were interviewed and could provide no information concerning identity of persons who started fire.

[redacted] a student eye witness, identified an individual in a photograph of a group participating in a demonstration on the KSU campus during 4/70 as being one individual who threw a gas-soaked rag in ROTC building at time of fire. However, [redacted] was unable to furnish the name of this person. 21 other students and 3 staff members present at the fire were unable to identify persons responsible for the fire.

Six firemen, six policemen, Commander of State Police, Fire Chief and Chief of KSU Police Department interviewed and none of these individuals could identify persons who started the fire.

TERRENCE OBLANDER, reporter, Record Courier newspaper, was eye witness to incident. He indicated that he was warned by an unidentified individual not to take any pictures during the fire or he would be killed. OBLANDER has identified an unknown individual from photographs as a person who set fire to curtains in ROTC building during the incident.

Former student [redacted] an eye witness to the burning, described an individual who was one of the crowd leaders and identified this individual as being a member of the "Gorilla Theater Group" on the KSU campus.

The following campus groups have been identified as being opposed to the existence of ROTC on KSU campus: New Universal Conference, Young Socialist Alliance, Student Mobilization Committee, and Students for a Democratic Society.

During the evening of 5/2/70, following the burning of the ROTC building crowds of students continued to roam KSU campus. However, there were no additional serious acts of violence

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Disruptions continued on the evening of 5/3/70. However, units from the Ohio National Guard and members of the campus police department and OSHP maintained control of situation. At about noon on 5/4/70, a confrontation between demonstrators and the Ohio National Guard occurred on the KSU campus and 4 KSU students were killed and several students injured as a result of this incident.

[redacted] KSU student, developed as possible [redacted] regarding ROTC burning. Persons present at his off-campus residence during evening of 5/2/70 were interviewed. No information was developed to substantiate [redacted] participation in burning. [redacted] resides [redacted] with six other males and whereabouts of two of these individuals is undetermined. Information was developed four persons allegedly responsible for the fire came to [redacted] residence following fire. Witness at [redacted] residence evening of 5/2/70, indicated some occupants were pleased with the burning. A former roommate of [redacted] is a friend of JEFFREY MILLER, one of the four KSU students killed during disruptions on 5/4/70.

On 5/10/70, Special Agents of the FBI observed an individual in Kent, Ohio, who closely resembled the aforementioned unidentified subject, who was pointed out by eyewitness [redacted] in a group photograph. A surveillance of this individual was initiated in order to identify him. This surveillance and subsequent inquiries indicated that this individual's name was [redacted] is son of [redacted] Ohio [redacted] advised on 5/11/70, that [redacted] was formerly in the United States Armed Forces and has reportedly attempted suicide on one occasion. [redacted] also indicated that [redacted] had received psychiatric treatment. According to [redacted] at some time in the past, [redacted] was allegedly affiliated with a cult in Santa Barbara, California. [redacted] described [redacted] as being white, male, [redacted] born 5/6/[redacted]

During the aforementioned surveillance of [redacted] on 5/10/70, he was observed entering the College Towers Apartments in Kent, Ohio. A Special Agent of the

FBI contacted [redacted] who was on duty on 5/10/70 in the vicinity of the College Towers Apartments when [redacted] entered. [redacted] acknowledged that he saw [redacted] enter the building on 5/10/70. [redacted] initially indicated that he knew [redacted] only as [redacted] However, he later advised he recalled [redacted] last name was [redacted]

The group photograph that [redacted] identified as containi an individual who was involved in the burning of the ROTC Building, was displayed to [redacted] stated that the unknown subject in the photograph which was previously pointed out by [redacted] was identical with the individual he knows as [redacted]

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DETAILS:

At about 8:30 PM on May 2, 1970, the Kent State University (KSU) Campus Police Department telephonically contacted a Special Agent of the Akron, Ohio Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to advise that the Army ROTC Building at KSU had been set on fire. This Special Agent proceeded to the KSU campus and effected liaison with DONALD SCHWARTZHILLER, Chief of the Campus Police Department. At approximately midnight on May 2, 1970, Chief SCHWARTZHILLER indicated that the ROTC Building had been completely destroyed by the fire.

Investigation in this matter was initiated by the FBI. Assistant Attorney General J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, on May 4, 1970, advised that the FBI should proceed to investigate the destruction of the ROTC facility under the Sedition Statute, Section 2388, Title 18; Civil Rights Act, Section 245, Title 18; as well as under the Sabotage Statute, Section 2153, Title 18.

I. CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

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A. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION AND PERTINENT BACKGROUND ON KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)

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Kent State University (KSU) was founded in 1910 and is located in Portage County, Ohio, approximately 60 miles east of Cleveland and 40 miles west of Youngstown, Ohio. The presen enrollment is in the vicinity of 21,000 students on the Kent campus with an additional student body of 8,000 located in nearby academic centers in Northeastern Ohio. Student residen halls on campus house 3,678 men and 4,913 women. Other student live in fraternity and sorority houses, as well as in private rental facilities. Married students live in campus facilities and at private residences off campus. The faculty consists of 1,174 instructors. Kent is the second largest university in the State of Ohio and reportedly ranks 24th nationally.

The current President is Dr. ROBERT I. WHITE, who was appointed the 6th President on October 25, 1963. Dr. WHITE received a Bachelor of Philosophy degree in 1921 and Doctor of Philosophy in 1945. He first arrived on the KSU campus in 1946 as Dean of the College of Education. Dr. WHITE is in his early 60s.

I. CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS
B. SUMMARY OF EVENTS

FRIDAY
MAY 1, 1970

At about 12:00 noon on May 1, 1970, a rally was held on the Kent State University (KSU) Campus by a group of individuals, reportedly students, who were protesting the United States involvement in Cambodia. An article appearing in the "Akron Beacon Journal," an Akron, Ohio, daily newspaper, on May 10, 1970, Page A10, stated that at the time of this rally

> "About 500 heard graduate student STEVEN SHAROFF say 'NIXON killed the constitution last night by entering undeclared war in Cambodia. It is dead and we are going to bury it.'
>
> Three hours later Black United Students held another demonstration that drew 350, including 47 black students. Demands for more black programs and enrollments were read."

Shortly before midnight on May 1, 1970, approximately 400 to 500 individuals reportedly high school and Kent State University students began a rampage through downtown Kent, Ohio. The rampage resulted in the breaking of numerous windows in the downtown Kent business area of North Water Street and East Main Street. The individuals in this group also threw rocks at passing vehicles.

As a result of this rampage the Portage County Sheriff's Office, the Kent Police Department and the Stowe, Ohio, Police Department were called out and arrested fourteen individuals. The ages of these arrestees ranged from eighteen to twenty-three. During the rampage about four law enforcement officers were injured by rocks that were thrown, but none required hospitalization. A representative from the Ohio National Guard (ONG) unit in Akron, Ohio, was present as an observer on May 1, 1970; but the ONG was not mobilized. The Mayor of the city of Kent later estimated the damages resulting from this incident on May 1, 1970, as $50,000 to the businesses in downtown Kent, Ohio.

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The Mayor advised that upon being advised of the situation on the evening of May 1, 1970, he immediately notified state officials in Columbus, Ohio (capital of the State of Ohio), of the situation in the city of Kent. The Mayor also advised that the streets were cleared and a curfew was imposed beginning at 12:30 A.M., Saturday morning, May 2, 1970. The Mayor and the Chief of Police of Kent, Ohio, imposed an 8:00 P.M. to dawn curfew for the rest of the weekend.

SATURDAY
MAY 2, 1970

The Mayor of Kent advised that "reports reaching the Office of Mayor through the day on Saturday indicated the condition was worsening and at about 5:00 P.M. he again telephoned Columbus and this time requested National Guard troops to aid local officials in the protection of life and property of the residents of the city of Kent. On Saturday, May 2, 1970, Ohio Governor RHODES authorized the use of the Ohio National Guard in the city of Kent. The troops began arriving shortly after 7:00 P.M."

At approximately 7:34 P.M. on May 2, 1970, about 600 KSU students began to assemble on the campus adjacent to the Army Reserve Officers Training Course (ROTC) building. The crowd began yelling and shouting; and at about 8:10 P.M., they began to throw rocks and other objects at the ROTC building. Many windows on the north side of the ROTC building were broken by students.

The crowd had also started a fire where they were gathering and individuals from the crowd attempted to carry fire flares to the ROTC building. It was reported that someone from the crowd also threw what appeared to be a gasoline-soaked rag through a window of the ROTC building. A fire soon developed within the ROTC building and the Kent, Ohio, Fire Department was summoned. When fire trucks arrived some of the students pulled hoses from the trucks and cut holes in them; and some students also took a hose away from a fireman who was attempting to put out the fire. The firemen were forced to retreat from the area and about 25 KSU Campus Police officers were called to the area to attempt to control the crowd. The crowd began throwing rocks at the officers and four officers were injured, none seriously. The crowd then

began to charge the officers after they had attempted to disperse the crowd with tear gas. Some of the students retreated, and some other students started another fire in a wooden frame building used as the archers supply building; however, some other individuals extinguished the fire.

At about 10:00 P.M. on May 2, 1970, the ROTC building began to burn out of control. The campus officers moved back from the building for safety reasons since ROTC ammunition was contained within the building. At this time, a crowd of about 200 students gathered and again threw rocks at the officers. This crowd was dispersed again with the use of tear gas.

The Kent Fire Department returned to the scene at about 10:20 P.M. but were unable to extinguish the fire in the ROTC building; however, they were able to keep the fire from spreading to adjacent wooden buildings.

Between 10:00 and 10:30 P.M. on May 2, 1970, approximately 450 men of the 145th Infantry Division of the ONG, officers from the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Portage County Sheriff's Office began arriving on the KSU Campus and were subsequently deployed around the area of the ROTC building. The ONG utilized tear gas at this point to disperse the crowd. The large crowd of students broke up into small bands and started to roam the campus. The ONG organized patrols around the campus and as of 3:00 A.M. on May 3, 1970, the campus activity was quiet.

The Mayor of Kent also stated "another rampage of the downtown area was prevented on Saturday night when the National Guard, backed by local law enforcement officers, marched shoulder to shoulder on East Main Street at the intersection of Water Street and East Main Street. At this time the students were again advised of the curfew regulations in the city which forbade vehicle and pedestrian traffic in the city of Kent. At this time, there was no observance of the curfew on the KSU campus. The town remained quiet through Sunday, and again Sunday night another march on the city was repelled by sufficient members of the ONG and local law enforcement officers."

SUNDAY
MAY 3, 1970

On May 3, 1970, the ONG was made aware of the potential emergency situations which existed on the campus of KSU

which resulted in bringing members of the 107th Armored Cal-
vary of the ONG to the KSU campus. This resulted in an in-
crease of ONG forces of approximately 400 men and brought
the total number of ONG troops on the KSU campus to approx-
imately 850.

On the evening on May 3, 1970, at about 8:15 P.M.
a group of approximately 250 KSU students assembled on the
"Commons Field" which is adjacent to the campus ROTC facili-
ties. At about 9:15 P.M. the KSU Police read the Riot Act
to the crowd and they were ordered to disperse in five min-
utes or be arrested. The crowd moved off campus into down-
town Kent. The group increased to an estimated number of
about 2,000 individuals and were escorted by the ONG patrols
The group then broke up into smaller bands containing any-
where from 20 to 200 students. The smaller groups returned
to the campus, and one band broke into the campus library.
The individuals were contained in this building by the KSU
police and the ONG; however, they were given, at 10:00 P.M.,
permission to leave the building without being arrested.

Other groups roamed the campus and broke windows in
university buildings. Tear gas was used intermittently
throughout the night to disperse the crowds. A curfew was
imposed on the campus at about 11:00 P.M. but was not en-
forced until 11:30 P.M. following a thirty-minute grace peri

The ONG, KSU Police, and about twenty officers from
the Ohio State Patrol policed the campus; and the ONG insti-
tuted perimeter and internal mobile patrols and helicopter
patrols and assigned stationary units to protect water and
electrical facilities and other physical plants on the campu

The patrols by the above-mentioned agencies kept
the student groups moving and effectively protected campus
facilities from damage with the exception of some broken win-
dows.

On May 3, 1970, nine students were arrested on camp
and charged with curfew violation or failure to disperse.
There were also 54 arrests in the city of Kent mainly regar-
ing violations of the curfew ordinance.

Three small fires were reported but none resulted any damage. One was in downtown Kent, Ohio; and the others were in the parking lot and a dormitory on the campus. The city of Kent and the KSU campus became relatively calm at about 1:00 A.M. on May 4, 1970

MONDAY
MAY 4, 1970

On May 4, 1970, the United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., requested the Federal Bureau of Investigation to conduct investigation regarding the fire bombing of the KSU ROTC building on May 2, 1970, regarding possible violations of Federal statutes relating to Sabatoge, Sedition and Civil Rights in Federally Protected Activity.

At about 10:30 A.M. on May 4, 1970, a crowd began gathering in the Commons area at KSU which soon numbered 9 to 1,000 people. The focal point of the rally was at a be erected in the Southeast end of the Commons area which was rung to attract students. The ONG had established a line the Northwest end of the Commons area to protect the remainder of the ROTC building. An ONG Jeep was driven near the crowd and orders were given to the crowd through the use o a loudspeaker to disperse. These orders were met with the response of hurled bricks and stones and the crowd failed disperse.

The ONG then launched tear gas grenades into the crowd; however, members of the crowd, some of whom were eq ped with gas masks, threw some of the tear gas grenades ba at the ONG. The ONG then started to push towards the stud in an attempt to disperse them. The ONG pushed the crowd from the Commons area up over the hill located between Tay and Johnson Halls. The ONG troops continued over the hill pushed the crowd to a practice football field area where t ONG reportedly ran out of tear gas. The ONG then retreate back up the hill between Taylor and Johnson Halls with the crowd following. The crowd was chanting and throwing bric and stones and other objects at the ONG and started to sur round the ONG troops. At the crest of the hill, the ONG turned and fired gunshots to disperse the crowd. The crow then dispersed and the following individuals were found to have been killed by gunshots, which were estimated to have been fired at about 12:30 P.M. on May 4, 1970:

ALLISON KRAUSE

JEFFREY MILLER

WILLIAM SCHROEDER

SANDRA LEE SCHEUER

The following individuals were also originally reported to have been treated for gunshot wounds suffered during the same shooting incident:

DEAN KAHLER

ALAN KANFORA

JOSEPH LEWIS

ROBERT STAMPS

JOHN CLEARY

THOMAS GRACE

DOUGLAS RENTMORE

DONALD MCKENZIE

[redacted]

JAMES RUSSELL

All of these individuals were reported to be KSU students.

[redacted] was later determined through her own admission that she was not wounded by gunfire. She advised she had not taken part in the demonstrations but was in the area on the day of the shooting and became frightened in view of the volume of the crowd. She turned to run and a pencil protruded through her purse and wounded her in the leg. She advised this wound in the leg was the only wound she received during the incident.

On the evening of May 4, 1970, an injunction was issued by the Portage County Court of Common Pleas, Ravenna, Ohio which listed the defendants as KSU President ROBERT I. WILLIAMS, the KSU Board of Trustees and John Doe Students. The injunction officially closed KSU as of 12:00 noon on May 5, 1970 with its reopening based on the judge's decision that order had been restored.

KSU has remained closed since that time. Members of the ONG remained on the KSU campus until May 8, 1970, to assist in the security of the campus.

At about 11:00 A.M. on May 5, 1970, Assistant Attorney General JERRIS LEONARD, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice, requested the FBI to conduct an investigation into the shootings that occurred at KSU on May 4, 1970.

II. PRE-INCIDENT ACTIVITIES

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 5/11/70

[redacted] Residence address [redacted] Street, Apartment [redacted] Ohio; address at Kent, Ohio, [redacted] was interviewed relative to any information she might be able to furnish concerning her knowledge of any destruction of Government property on the Kent State University campus; namely, the ROTC Building on May 2, 1970.

[redacted] advised that at approximately 2:00 AM, on May 2, 1970, she was walking from the Rathskeller to the University Terrace Apartments with her date. [redacted] For a reason she does not know, [redacted] took her pocket book and smashed a window of the ROTC Building.

[redacted] reiterated she did not know the reason why [redacted] broke the window.

On 5/9/70 at [redacted] Ohio File # CY 95-2140

by [redacted] JJW/par Date dictated 5/10/70

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[redacted] was interviewed by [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] who identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI subsequent to his being appropriately advised of his constitutional rights as is set out on an unexecuted warning and waiver form.

[redacted] refused to sign the above-mentioned form but stated that he understood the above-mentioned rights and would speak to the interviewing Agents.

[redacted] was interviewed relative to any knowledge he had concerning any destruction of Government property; namely, the ROTC Building on the Kent State campus, Kent, Ohio, which occurred on May 2, 1970.

[redacted] stated that at approximately 2:00 AM, on May 2, 1970, he along with his date, [redacted] were returning to his apartment complex at the University Terrace Apartments after spending an evening at the Rathskelle

[redacted] stated that as he passed the ROTC Building he took [redacted] pocketbook and smashed a window in the ROTC Building. [redacted] was asked as to his reason for breaking these windows to which he answered he was "pissed".

When questioned what he meant by the above statement he stated he was angered that NIXON had entered Cambodia and as such took his anxieties out on the ROTC Building.

It is to be noted that during the interview and advice of rights, [redacted] parents, Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] were present and, in fact, witnessed the rights and waiver form.

It is further noted that [redacted] father, [redacted] was extremely belligerent towards the interviewing Agents.

The following was obtained through observation and interview:

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Name: [redacted]
Born: June 14, 1950
at Wooster, Ohio
Social Security: Number [redacted]
Height: 5'7"
Weight: 150 pounds
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Blue
Residence address [redacted], Ohio
School address: Kent State University
University Terrace Apartments
Apartment [redacted]
[redacted] Ohio

[redacted] stated that he was at his residence addre in [redacted] from May 3, 1970 and, therefore, not present on campus during the riots on May 4, 1970.

[redacted] also stated that he is not knowledgeable of any persons involved in the burning of the ROTC Building on the Kent State University campus on May 2, 1970 inasmuch as he was not there on campus.

III. PHYSICAL SCENE

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ROTC BUILDING BEFORE
THE BURNING

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KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
POLICE OFFICERS SURROUND
BURNING ROTC BUILDING

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OHIO NATIONAL GUARD AT SCENE
OF BURNING ROTC BUILDING,
MAY 2, 1970

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REMAINS OF ROTC BUILDING
WHICH BURNED ON MAY 2, 1970



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DIAGRAM OF AREA AND LOCATION OF KENT STATE UNIVERSITY ROTC BUILDING

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On May 12, 1970, Kent, Ohio, [redacted] Kent, Ohio, described what they observed and where they were located during the burning of the ROTC Building, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, to FBI Visual Information Specialist [redacted] and Special Agents [redacted] and by [redacted] Descriptions and information furnished [redacted] was obtained at the site of the ROTC burned building.

[redacted] prepared a chart of the area of the burned ROTC Building.

5/12/70 at Kent, Ohio File # Cleveland 98-2[illegible]

by SA [redacted] /glk Date dictated 5/13/70

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1. Kent FD truck # 3 dropped off fireman who hooked up hose.

2. Truck # 3 proceeded to this point unrolling hose on Portage Drive. This hose was cut after being unrolled.

3. Motorcycle parked here from which student age person soaked rag in cycle gas tank and threw into burning ROTC building.

4. Fireman observed student age person run over from South Hall to base of ROTC building and throw a flare at base of ROTC Building

5. KSU police assembled here.

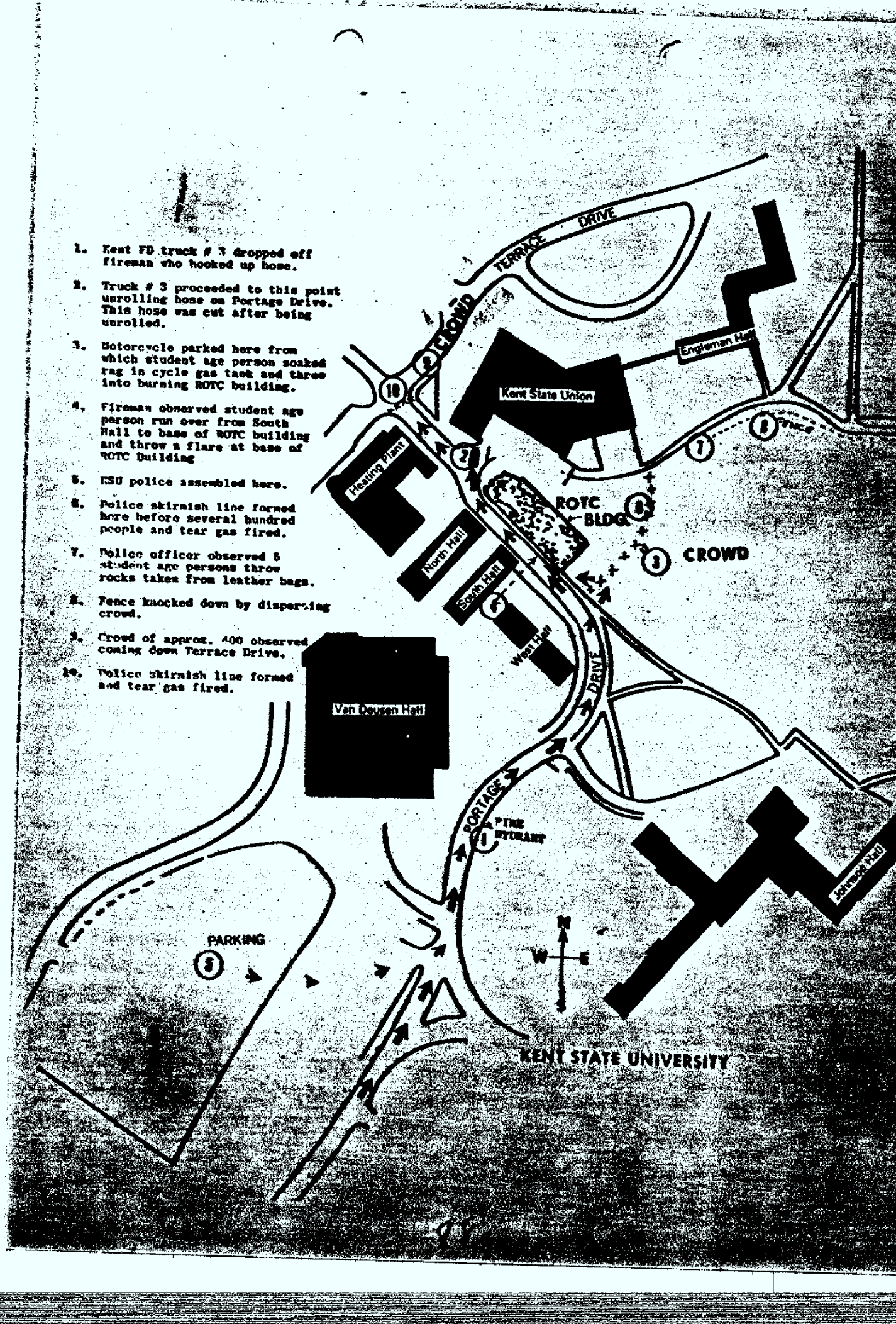
6. Police skirmish line formed here before several hundred people and tear gas fired.

7. Police officer observed 5 student age persons throw rocks taken from leather bags.

8. Fence knocked down by dispersing crowd.

9. Crowd of approx. 400 observed coming down Terrace Drive.

10. Police skirmish line formed and tear gas fired.



IV. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

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A. INTERVIEWS WITH ROTC OFFICIALS

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Date 5/12/70

[redacted], ROTC Unit, Kent State University (KSU), advised that the destroye ROTC building was a white wood frame building, dimensions of which were fifty feet by one hundred fifty feet. He stated that the building was owned by KSU and not by the Department of the Army. [redacted] provided a temporary itemized list of t Government equipment lost in the fire and stated that the Commanding General of the U.S. Armor Center, Fort Knox, Kent is establishing a board to determine if the supplies and equ lost in the ROTC building will be written off of the books a some of the custody records were lost in the fire. [redacted] advised that the Army has approximately 60 days to establish the board and make their determination. Itemized list provi by [redacted] totaling $32, 543.55 is attached but [redacted] advise that his supply officer is continuing in his attempt to dete if there is any more Government property which was lost in the fire. [redacted] original estimate of the loss was $35,00 [redacted] advised that KSU made an official estimate of the val of the burned building of $50,000.

He also advised that the ROTC building was the ROTC Administrative Headquarters and also houses the KSU rifl range. He advised that the rifle club was sponsored by ROTC and that the range was constructed primarily for ROTC use an that the building is a National Defense facility.

[redacted] advised that all weapons, a list of which i attached, were completely destroyed by the fire and were turn into the Army Organizational Maintenance Shop, Akron, Ohio, being totally unserviceable. He advised that his training, supply, recruiting, funds, administrative documents were des in the fire but that no monies were destroyed. He advised t the students' personnel files and all classified material wer saved by being placed in a fireproof safe, but that the pers files of the ROTC staff were destroyed in the fire. He advis that the permanent staff ROTC files were maintained by the Department of the Army in Washington, D.C. [redacted] advised t ROTC is not compulsory on the KSU campus and has been volunt since its establishment in 1947.

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SA [redacted]

by [redacted] Date Dictated 5/12/70

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[redacted] advised there was a large sign, two feet by four and a half feet, over the doorway at the north end of the building, which read "Military Science." He also advised that on the same end of the building, there was a large round ROTC seal, 24 inches in diameter, which stated that the building contained "Army ROTC."

[redacted] advised that he was responsible for physical control of the ROTC building and that to the best of his knowledge, [redacted] of the Business and Finance Section, was responsible for the building itself as the building is owned by the University.

[redacted] provided a photograph of the building showing the entire building before its destruction including the aforementioned signs.

[redacted] advised that there are presently numerous faculty members at the KSU campus who are vehemently against ROTC and the presence of ROTC on the KSU campus. He advised that the following groups of students on campus were definitely against ROTC and its presence on the campus:

Young Socialist Alliance (YSA)
Black United Students (BUS)
Student Mobilization Committee (SMC)
Moratorium Committee

[redacted] advised that he did not know any specific individuals in the aforementioned organizations.

ITEM	O/H	ITEM COST	TOTAL
Sling Flag Staff	2	$ 14.80	$ 29.60
Thermofax Duplicating Stencil Unit	1	772.00	772.00
Desk Type Right Ped	2	82.00	164.00
Desk Type Left Ped	1	82.00	82.00
Desk Dble Ped	8	75.00	600.00
Cup, Canteen	80	1.13	90.40
Trousers OG 107	93	2.20	204.60
Liner, Helmet	60	2.50	150.00
Typewriter	1	411.00	411.00
Telephone TA-1/PT	2	40.18	80.36
Rack Rifle	7	68.55	479.85
Pistol Cal. 45	1	57.00	57.00
Rifle Cal. 22	20	116.00	2320.00
Rifle Cal. M-1	90	94.30	8487.00
Rifle Cal. M-14	50	122.00	6100.00
Tool Kit Armor	1	66.00	66.00
Shirt OG 107	106	2.20	233.20
Intrenching Tool Comb	40	3.20	128.00
Compass Lensetic	25	8.31	207.75
Field Jacket	59	9.80	578.20
Typewriter 13" Non Elec	2	218.00	436.00
Duplication Thermofax	1	377.00	377.00
Table Work	1	110.00	110.00
Carrier Intrenching Tool	40	1.29	51.60
Case First Aid Field	80	.34	27.20
Foot Measuring Device	1	47.50	47.50
Sock Wool	1	.64	.64
Poncho Nylon OG 207	80	5.25	420.00
Table Field	6	11.90	71.40
Telescope M-48	3	181.00	543.00
Telescope	4	124.00	496.00
Filing Cab with comb/lock	2	530.00	1060.00
Top Book Case	5	3.85	19.25
Shelter Half	70	8.59	601.30
Cover Canteen	95	1.16	110.20
Coat Shooting	10	5.35	53.50
Chair W/O Arms	2	19.00	38.00
Camera, Polaroid	1	70.00	70.00
Projectors/Complete	2	1000.00	2000.00
Carousel Slide Projector	1	140.00	140.00
Yashika Reflex Camera	1	100.00	100.00
Rear View Screen & Kit	1	100.00	100.00
Case, Color Polaroid	1		
Case, B & W Polaroid	1	140.00	150.00
Case, 35mm Film	1		
Case, Recording Tape	1		
Case, Flashbulbs	1		

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ITEM	O/E	ITEM COST	TOTAL
Canteen Plastic	20	$ .21	$ 22.00
Misc GSA Supplies		1000.00	1000.00
Misc Camera		150.00	150.00
Entire Library Books		2500.00	2500.00
Boots Combat Black	20	10.20	204.00
Helmet Liner	60	6.90	414.00

TOTAL: $32,543.55

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REPORT OF LOSS, THEFT AND RECOVERY OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION
(AR 190-40)

REPORTS CONTROL SYMBOL
JUSX - 1810

TO:
The Provost Marshal General
ATTN: PMGS-S
Department of the Army
Washington, D. C. 20315

FROM: (Complete identification and address, including ZIP Code)
Professor of Military Science
US Army ROTC Instr Gp
Kent State Univ
Kent, Ohio

1. COMPONENT (Check one)
ACTIVE ARMY [ ] 1 ARNG [ ] 2 USAR [ ] 3 NONE [X] 4 DCA [ ]

2. COMMAND (AR 310-330, Code 190)
CODE [2][4] NAME

3. STATION CODE (AR 310-35A; AR 310-35B)
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4. UNIT IDENTIFICATION CODE (AR 18-58)
[W][0][H][T][1][2]

5. UNIT NAME AND LOCATION (Abbreviate if necessary)
US Army ROTC Instr Gp
Kent State University
Kent, Ohio 44240

6. TYPE OF ACTION (Check one)
LOSS [X] 1 THEFT [ ] 2 RECOVERY [ ] 3

7. DATE OF ACTION (Enter numbers)
YEAR [7][0] MO. [0][5] DAY [0][4]

WEAPON OR AMMUNITION IDENTIFICATION

8. QUANTITY	TYPE	CALIBER	MODEL	SERIAL/LOT NUMBER	TAMCN
7 ea	Rifle Small Arms	7.62	M-14	See Attached List	
70 ea	Rifle Small Arms	30 cal	M-1	See Attached List	
1 ea	Pistol	45 cal	M1911A1	See Attached List	
20 ea	Rifle Shooting Match Gr	22 cal	M-12	See Attached List	

9. HOW DID LOSS OR THEFT OCCUR? (Check one)

a. TRAINING		h. UNLOCKED/UNATTENDED ARMS ROOM	
b. FIELD EXERCISE		i. ARMS RACK	
c. ILLEGAL ENTRY WITH FORCE		j. CLEANING/MAINTENANCE	
d. ILLEGAL ENTRY WITHOUT FORCE		k. AIRCRAFT/VEHICLE ACCIDENT	
e. ROBBERY		l. GUARD DUTY	
f. UNAUTHORIZED STORAGE		m. UNKNOWN	
g. LEFT UNATTENDED	X	n. OTHER	Fire

10. REMARKS (Include any additional information pertinent to the loss, theft or recovery)
Weapons and ammunition destroyed by fire on 2 May 1970 in the building Kent State University has destroyed by fire. All weapons had been turned into the Army Organizational Maintenance Shop, Akron, Ohio.

11. DATE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SURVEY
CID 232-053 YEAR [7][0] MO. [0][5] DAY [0][4]

12. CID REPORT CONTROL NO.
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13. OFFICE SYMBOL

14. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICER
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(1) Date 5/1/70

[redacted] ROTC Kent, Ohio, furnished the following information concerning the burning of East Hall, ROTC Headquarters on Kent State University (KSU) campus on the evening of May 2, 1970:

[redacted] advised that in his opinion the burning of the building was planned in advance as he had received information from [redacted] on the morning of May 2, 1970 at approximately 3:00 AM to the effect that certain students might attempt to cause damage to the ROTC building or disrupt ROTC activities during the day of Saturday, May 2, 1970. He explained the Junior ROTC class of cadets was scheduled to go to the high velocity rifle ranges on Saturday and approximately 41 cadets would be in attendance.

Prior to the class leaving for the rifle ranges aboard U.S. Army trucks, [redacted] was present and [redacted] several students watching the class load onto the trucks and these students were standing near the Kent State Union building observing their departure. There were no incidents and the class went to the ranges at approximately 7:00 AM.

While the class was at the ranges, [redacted] received a call from [redacted] at approximately 10:30 AM and [redacted] indicated that if possible the ROTC class should not return to campus in the Army vehicles as the students might possibly feel that the National Guard had been called to the University. [redacted] complied with the request of [redacted] and upon the cadets' return to the Kent area, they transferred the cadets to a University bus at the National Armory and then proceeded to the campus.

Upon their arrival at the ROTC building, approximately 10 to 12 students simultaneously appeared at the Student Union entrance and approximately six to eight proceeded toward the bus at the ROTC building. Upon the cadets departure from the University bus, the six to eight students began to heckle every cadet departing from the bus. In particular, [redacted] remembers one individual who heckled every Negro cadet and stated something like the following to each: "What are you

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in that uniform black man. You have no rights in this country and shouldn't be wearing that uniform," [redacted] advised that the cadets did not respond to the heckling and immediately entered the ROTC rifle range doorway carrying their M-14 rifles in order to clean same. [redacted] advised that the heckling individuals remained outside the building and none attempted to enter it. On one occasion, an individual from the group indicated that it was thought by the students that the ROTC cadets were members of the National Guard and [redacted] explained to this individual that it was only the ROTC class returning from the rifle ranges. This unrecalled person relayed this information to the observing students.

[redacted] advised that none of the individuals who participated in the heckling and who were watching the Student Union building were familiar to him.

On the evening of May 2, 1970, [redacted] was telephonically contacted by an ROTC officer who indicated that East Hall had been set on fire and was burning. [redacted] went to the scene of the fire and at that time the building was engulfed in flames and could not be saved. He stood nearby with several other ROTC staff officers during the fire and while they were there a couple of officers were attempting to find a key to an Air Force vehicle which was parked in the close proximity of the burning building. While these officers were searching for a key to move the vehicle, [redacted] noted an individual standing with them whom he had seen around campus in the recent past. This individual indicated that he had been around campus during previous demonstrations and that he had possibly been around when the fire was started.

[redacted] could describe that individual as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	20-22
Hair	Blond
Build	Tall - Slender
Clothing	Dungarees and sloppy appearance

This individual is possibly employed by the University in some capacity, perhaps in maintenance work.

Also present at this time was [redacted] may know the name of the above described young man.

At this time [redacted] would estimate the value of the building and [redacted] inside as being in the vicinity of $35,000. [redacted] could not identify any individuals who were [redacted] the fire and did not hear any names mentioned as to who were the individuals who started the fire.

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Date 5/11/70

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[redacted] Kent State University (KSU) campus, was interviewed concerning the burning of the ROTC building on May 2, 1970 at KSU.

[redacted] advised that at approximately 8:00 on May 2, 1970, he received a call from [redacted] Kent, Ohio, telephone number [redacted] advising him that the south end of East Hall was on fire. He also indicated that there was one fire truck at the scene and students were rushing the truck and the firemen throwing rocks and cutting the fire hoses with [illegible].

[redacted] arrived at campus approximately 8:[illegible] and about that time a second group of fire trucks were arriving at the scene of the fire, as the first truck had shortly before been forced to depart the area by students' actions. Upon his arrival, [redacted] noted numerous students watching the fire from the driveway above the building. [redacted] noted that [redacted] told him that he had been playing tennis on the [illegible] when the fire started.

[redacted] advised he took no specific action as the fire was being put out and only talked with other city officers in the area.

[redacted] could not recall the names of any students watching the fire but advised that the following individuals may be able to furnish information concerning persons present at the fire or involved in the actual burning:

[redacted]

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[redacted] advised that he recalls seeing two motorcycles parked in the parking lot at the rear of the burnin building and he heard rumors that the demonstrators were dippi in the gas tanks of these motorcycles to make torches.

Some of the cadets are possibly residing at 123 Cranc Street, Kent, Ohio, and could possibly furnish information as to the present whereabouts of the above listed individuals.

[redacted] indicated that earlier in the day on Saturday he assisted in taking the ROTC class to and from the high velocity rifle ranges and upon their return at campus, he recalls hecklers being at the bus trying to talk to each cadet. He heard several comments indicating that the ROTC building mig possibly be burned down and although he has heard similar comm in the past, [redacted] on this occasion, thought it wise to take home [redacted] items that evening. When he left the building, [redacted] and [redacted] and also [redacted] were still with the class.

[redacted] advised that all of the weapons were in the building when it was burned and all had been recovered a the fire.

IV. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING
B. INTERVIEWS WITH ROTC CADETS

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Md., telephone [redacted] furnished the following infor

He is 20 years of age and a junior at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, where he is majoring in political science. His address at KSU is Room [redacted] Dunbar Hall, Box [redacted] Kent, Ohio.

On Saturday, May 2, 1970, he participated in an ROTC training exercise at Malvern, Ohio, which consisted of familiarization with the M-14 rifle on the range at Malvern Approximately 3:30 PM, he returned to KSU campus along with the others who participated in the exercise. When he got the bus, about 10 hippie-type individuals were in the area the ROTC building. The only person he recognized was [redacted] who is a KSU student, a junior, and who formerly in ROTC. [redacted] was taking photographs of the ROTC stude getting off the bus.

He, [redacted] then went into the ROTC building and h clean the weapons which were used that day. He then went residence at Dunbar Hall.

About 7-8 PM on May 2, 1970, a friend of his, [redacted] Room [redacted] Dunbar Hall, told him that the ROTC Buil was on fire. [redacted] and he went to a hill that overlooks ROTC building. He observed that the ROTC building was burn and a large crowd was near the building cheering.

He then went to the center of the Commons which about 150 yards from the ROTC building. He watched the bu burn and also saw some KSU students whom he knew by sight, cannot identify by name, and some other individuals who he does not know if they were students or not. These people all just on-lookers and were not destroying any property.

He stayed there about three to five minutes aft which some policemen arrived. These policemen, whom he do know what department they were from, began to shoot five o cannisters of gas onto the Commons. He and his roomm

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[redacted], then went back to the top of the hill [redacted] is referred to as "Blanket Hill" and took another look a[redacted] the people who were running from the Commons. Then [redacted] and he went back to Dunbar Hall, arriving about 8 PM. [redacted] returned to Dunbar Hall several hours later. He does no[t] any of the names of the persons he saw while he was away Dunbar Hall.

He was in Dunbar Hall about one-half hour and he saw the flames of another fire about 8 30 PM. [redacted] and he then went to the sun deck of Prentice Hall and sa[w] that the girls physical education shack was on fire. Pe[ople] were around it trying to put out the fire with fire estin[gu]ishers. He watched the fire for several minutes and then helped [carry] buckets of water to put out the fire. The fire was put [out] and he then returned to the sun deck of Prentice Hall an[d] watched what was going on. He just saw people milling a[round] all of whom were unknown to him by name and most were un[known] to him by sight.

About 9 PM, May 2, 1970, the ROTC building ha[d] caught on fire. He was still on the sun deck of Prentic[e] Police were at the ROTC building. At this time the Nati[onal] Guard (NG) arrived around the side of Taylor building. [The] crowd in the area ran in all directions. About 9:30 PM, [he] left the sun deck and returned to Dunbar Hall where he s[tayed] the rest of that night.

The next morning, May 3, 1970, about 11 AM, h[e] and checked the ruins of the ROTC building. He helped c[lean] up the arms room and assisted in the clean up operation [for] about 2 PM. He then went back to Dunbar Hall and slept [until] 6 PM. Then from Dunbar Hall, he watched the NG attempt [to] disperse the crowd with tear gas. About 11 PM, he saw t[he] Ohio State Patrol helicopter hovering above the crowd at[tempting] to disperse the crowd. The NG left the area of his dorm[itory] at 11:35 PM that night.

On Monday, May 4, 1970, he went to his 8 AM c[lass] then he went to the ROTC building and helped clean up the [burning] debris. He stayed there until 12 noon and the[n] watched a rally of about 1,500 - 2,000 students held on [the] Commons. This crowd was told by the city police to disp[erse] which they did not do. The NG started to use tear gas a[gainst] which this crowd left and went up the hill. None of the[se] people were known to him. Some of the people in the cro[wd] picked up the tear gas canisters and threw them back [at] the NG for about one hour.

The crowd gathered again and school officials t
to get them to leave. Most of the people did leave. This
was about 2 PM. About 300 - 400 people from the crowd did
disperse and they went up the hill behind Taylor Hall. He
could not see what went on behind Taylor Hall. He then he
about a ten-second volley of rifle fire which consisted of
what sounded like 40 - 50 rounds. He did not hear any sin
shot prior to the volley.

He saw a student photographer running down the
to the area where the police and NG were and stopped and h
over a pistol to them. This photographer, the police, and
NG are all unknown to him. There was another person with t
photographer who is [redacted] who is a graduate student
KSU.

He saw ambulances go up the hill and then heard
over the NG radio that four students had been killed. The
of the National Guardsmen told him that there was a confir
report of a sniper. This National Guardsman was unknown t
him.

At 3 PM, Dr. FRANK announced that the universit
was closed. He went to Dunbar Hall, packed his bags, and
in his car, after which he took four students off campus w
him. He drove these students to their residences and spen
night in Cleveland, Ohio. On Tuesday morning, May 5, 1970
continued on to his residence in [redacted] Md.

[redacted] advised he cannot identify any hippie-type
individuals on campus during the night of the burning of t
ROTC building. He has no knowledge of any people conspiri
to burn the ROTC building. He has no knowledge of anyone
civil rights being violated. [redacted] recall that two res
of Dunbar Hall, [redacted]
they were in the demonstration Saturday night and they bot
said they had heard individuals in the crowd that night sa
were going to burn the ROTC building. The names of those
individuals that said they were going to burn the ROTC bui
are not known to [redacted]

[redacted] also recalled that [redacted] an ROTC stu
who resides in River View Apartments, stated he had been
ROTC building and he had observed someone throw something
through a window into the ROTC building. Also [redacted] repor
he saw a police officer aim a gun at a student [redacted]
Saturday night.

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[redacted] also recalled that [redacted] and [redacted]
or [redacted] stated they were in the crowd that was fired
on.

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Date 5-9-70

CRAIG ALAN MORGAN, 266 [redacted] Road, Columbus, Ohio (488-7087), a student at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, was interviewed at the residence of [redacted], Maryland. He furnished the following information:

Although MORGAN is a ROTC Cadet, he did not attend a drill on Saturday, May 2, 1970, at KSU. He is a KSU Student Senator and spent the day at the Student Activity Center organizing teams of faculty and student marshals. These teams were organized because a number of KSU students had staged a violent anti-war demonstration on the previous evening in the City of Kent, Ohio, and it was feared that there may be additional demonstrations. MORGAN was not present at the demonstrations on May 1, 1970, but he heard that a number of windows were broken and the city authorities had set a curfew.

At about 7:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m., on May 2, 1970, MORGAN was in the Student Activity Center and observed a crowd of about 500 students gathering some distance away, near the Victory Bell. The leaders of the gathering, none of whom was known to MORGAN, were attempting to promote a demonstration by shouting anti-war slogans. The group then marched past about ten dormitories, shouting for other to join them and chanting anti-war slogans.

About one hour later the crowd had increased to about 2500 students, but most were spectators rather than participants. They again gathered near the Victory Bell and some began chanting "ROTC off campus." At this time, [redacted], a highly regarded Negro student, who is active in "[redacted] Wing" student politics, spoke to the students in an effort to disperse them, but they paid no attention to him. MORGAN, accompanied by [redacted] went into the crowd and talked to people individually but were ineffective in attempting to break up the crowd.

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At about 9:15 p.m., a white male, about 6' tall, 170 pounds, with black hair, in his late teens or early 20's, possibly wearing a red jacket, ran toward the ROTC Building which was locked and unoccupied at this time. He was carrying what looked like a lighted flare and used it to break a window and then threw it into the building. Others in the crowd threw rocks at the building. Very soon thereaft flames could be seen inside the building.

When the fire department arrived, shortly thereafter to fight the fire in the ROTC Building, a few people, none of whom were known to MORGAN, began throwing rocks about the size of golf balls at the firemen. The crowd got a hold of a fire hose and somehow managed to cut the hose. [redacted] a KSU student, was in the immediate vicinity when the hose was cut and may have been shouting anti-war slogans at that time.

About 20 University Police, wearing helmets and carrying nightsticks, arrived to protect the firemen. At about this time another demonstrator carrying a chain in his hand, threateningly approached the firemen and tried to encour the crowd to follow him. The fireman turned a water hose on him which drove him back and no one else in the crowd followed him. This student was a white male, 6'5" - 6'6" tall, very heavy (muscular) build, light complexion, having straight blac hair and a mustache. MORGAN does not know this student by nam but recognized him as a KSU student who participated in demonstrations last year and is rumored to be a military veter

The fire at the ROTC Building was extinguished and t firemen left the campus. Someone then set fire to a small storage building (about ten feet square) at the opposite end of the campus. MORGAN and other students used buckets of wate and fire extinguishers to put out this fire and as they were doing so, they saw the ROTC Building again burst into flames. This time the flames were about 50 to 60 feet high and when the firemen returned they were unable to save the building. The National Guard arrived with the firemen and used teargas clear the grounds and enforce a curfew.

[redacted] a graduate student who works for the Student Government kept a written account of the events on May 2, 1970.

One student who tried to persuade MORGAN to join the demonstrators while the ROTC Building was burning the fi time was RUTH GIBSON. This conversation was in the presence

of [redacted] and [redacted] MORGAN did not actually see her throw anything or light a fire, but she verbally encouraged the burning of the building. During this conversation, MORGAN advised GIBSON that there was live ammunition in the building and he refused to join the group of demonstrators. She then responded that it was his responsibility to warn the other students about the ammunition.

Others who were present and participated in chanting anti-war slogans and who can possibly identify leaders of the group are [redacted] faculty members present that night who may be able to identify some of the demonstrators are [redacted] and Doctor (First Name Unknown) FRANK. MORGAN later heard that Docto FRANK broke up a group of students who were beating up a fireman.

MORGAN came to Washington, D.C. on May 6, 1970, with [redacted] and [redacted]. They have been meeting with United States Senators about the events at KSU and the United States policy in Vietnam. They may leave Washington, D.C. shortly, but can be located through telephone number 678-1730, Kent, Ohio. This telephone is at the apartment of JOANNE ZIMORA and there is normally someone in the apartment to answer the telephone.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 9, 1970

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[redacted] telephone [redacted] was interviewed and advised as follows:

He is a Senior at Kent State University (KSU), and a Lieutenant-Colonel in the ROTC.

[redacted] indicated he did not know who started the fire at the ROTC building on Saturday evening, as the building was in flames when he arrived. He did indicate he had received information from others to the effect that the fire could have been put out by the Kent Fire Department had someone not cut their fire hoses at the outset.

[redacted] was unable to furnish the names of any students who were breaking windows or started the fire in the ROTC building.

[redacted] stated he did not observe any of the actual shooting on the campus this past Monday. He indicated that he did observe, at quite a distance, several members of the student group knock down a couple of National Guardsmen, or at least it appeared so. However, he could not identify any of the guardsmen or students involved. All of these guardsmen were in the extreme flank positions.

[redacted] suggested that individuals from the Mobilization Committee to End the War in Viet Nam might be in the best position to furnish information concerning details of the shooting. [redacted] was unable to furnish the names of any individuals on the Mobilization Committee, but stated [redacted] is familiar with many of the members of the Committee.

[redacted] stated he can normally be contacted at [redacted] Kent, Ohio, which is where he is employed. He is usually at home on weekends. His fiance is [redacted] Ohio, telephone [redacted] was also at Kent during the recent disturbances; however, she did not observe any of it, according to [redacted]

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[redacted] white, male, born May 28, 19
Newark, New Jersey, [redacted] New Jerse
telephone [redacted], was advised that he did not have to make
a statement, that any statement made by him could be used
against him in a court of law and that prior to making a sta
he had the right to consult with an attorney. He furnished
the following information:

He is a senior student in the College of Arts and
Sciences at Kent State University (KSU), majoring in pre-law.
He is also a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps (
and has been since his freshman year. He resides off campus
Kent State, his address being [redacted] Apartme
[redacted] The apartment building is located 2½-3 blocks from Fran
Hall.

His roommates are [redacted]
[redacted] New Jersey; [redacted]
New Jersey; [redacted] Ohio, and [redacted]
Wooster, Ohio.

On the night of May 2, 1970, he was in his apartmen
with his roommates [redacted] and [redacted]. Th
other two roommates were at their homes. He heard about the
of the ROTC building at KSU on the radio but was not present
the site nor did he go to the site that day. He first saw th
results of the burning while on campus the following day.

He advised that he has no information pertaining to
the identity of any suspects. He advised that no one has mad
statement to him which would indicate that they might know th
identity of the perpetrators. He stated that he is well kno
as an ROTC student and that he wears his uniform on the campu
days a week. These days are Tuesdays and Thursdays when it i
obligatory to attend the Corps drill between 12:05 PM and 1:1
on the "Commons".

[redacted] had an 11:00 AM class on Monda
May 4, 1970, at Bowman Hall. He was released from class at
approximately 20 minutes before 12:00 because of the demonst

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which were occuring. From class he walked toward the "Comm
and stood on the front grounds of Johnson Hall for about 5-
minutes. From there he walked down to the fence that surro
the "Commons". While standing by the fence a trooper in a
using a bull horn, ordered the people to disperse. He imme
then proceeded to a point just outside of the Student Activ
Office at Johnson Hall. He stayed there for 10 or 15 minut
and during this time the tear gas started seeping toward Jo
Hall. He then went inside Johnson Hall to use the bathroom
From the bathroom he watched the activity and observed the
line of the National Guard. While he was observing from th
bathroom he heard and observed the Guard firing. His view
restricted and he did not see anything in particular but me
the back of the Guard.

He denied being a participant in the demonstratio
in any manner whatsoever.

[redacted] advised tha[redacted]
and [redacted] had already left the campus and were no
the date of the shooting. He had no information which woul
indicate that his other two roommates, [redacted] or [redacted]
had observed or were involved in any activities on the date
the shooting.

IV. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING
C. INTERVIEWS WITH KSU STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE KSU STAFF

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Date May 13, 1970

[redacted], Cleveland, Ohio, furnished the following information:

He stated he is a Senior at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, and is majoring in Education. He said he lived in [redacted], Johnson Hall while attending KSU, and was on Campus on May 2, 1970. He commented between 7:45 PM and 8:00 PM on that date, he went to the Student Activities Center at KSU and became a student deputy, to assist in preventing violence among the students at KSU. He remarked he was given a white arm band to wear in order to identify himself to other students and faculty members.

[redacted] advised he left the Student Activities Center and immediately joined a group of students leaving the Commons area. He said the group went from the Commons to Tri-Towers and then back past Eastway Center to the Commons, stopping in the area of the U. S. Army ROTC Building that is immediately adjacent to the Commons area. [redacted] advised he estimated the crowd to be about 4,000, but add he felt most of the persons there were on-lookers. He stated there was a group of about 50 to 60 persons who were in the area of a large rock and the corner of the ROTC Building nearest the Commons. He said this group was chanting and throwing rocks and other objects at the Building, resulting in several windows being broken. He commented among the group there were about ten persons who were actively trying to set the U. S. Army ROTC Building on fire. He remarked he recalled seeing one railroad type flare thrown from the crowd, but this flare did not appear to cause any damage or start a fire. He said he saw two other young white males he did not know and could not further describe, light And throw what appeared to be a "Molotov Cocktail" or firebomb. This object hit the side of the ROTC Building, bounced off and broke on the pavement next to the building. This fire bomb did not ignite. He added he recalls the person throwing the firebomb was wearing a white T-shirt with a red fist on the front and back.

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About ten minutes later, he said he saw two young white males go to a motorcycle parked near the ROTC Building, next to the street and on the Commons side of the building. He advised they opened the gas tank on the motorcycle and put a light colored rag into the tank. He said the rag appeared to be a handkerchief, an arm band or a small piece of cloth. After removing the rag from the gas tank, the two persons ran to the Commons end of the ROTC Building where they tried to put the rag i a window. When they were unsuccessful at this window, they went to another window already broken out. This window was the second one from the end, on the corner of the building closest to the Commons. He said he could not see which of these persons was holding the gasoline soaked rag and which one lit it, but it appeared as though they held the rag up to the window, lit it, and threw it i He remarked a fire had flared up, the curtains caught fire and the crowd cheered.

[redacted] advised after these two young men threw the flaming rag into the ROTC Building, they ran into the crowd in different directions. He stated he was only able to keep one of these men in view, and he had ru through the crowd on the Student Union side of the ROTC Building and joined a group of three other persons. Periodically, this person would throw rocks at the building. He commented he did not know either of the persons who threw the gasoline soaked rag in the U. S. Army ROTC Building, and he did not know any of the persons in the group where the one person ran. He remarked he was sure one person was a girl, but he was not certain whether the other two persons were male or female.

[redacted] described the young man who had run to the above group and who he had most closely observed as being 22 years old, 6' to 6'1", 190 pounds, long dark blond hair or light brown hair, beard and mustache which was trimmed, dark corduroy jacket which possibly had a belt, yellow-orange T-shirt with thin blue horizontal stripes, long dark blue bell bottomed pants, light blue canvas sneakers, and wearing no head band. He added

was this person who had soaked the rag in the gas tank. He said he had not closely observed the other person who had engaged in the lighting of the gasoline soaked rag, and could only described him as being a white male, 5'10", medium size and smaller than the first described person.

[redacted] advised on Sunday, May 3, 1970, between 1:00 PM and 1:30 PM, he had seen the person he described above first, looking at the burned structure of the ROTC Building. He said this person looked at the building for about 15 or 20 minutes after which he walked away. He stated later that same evening he had again seen this same person sitting with a group of other persons in the "Hub" area of the KSU Campus.

[redacted] was displayed two photographs of groups of persons and he made the following identifications:

He said the person he is identifying is not known to him by name, but was the person he described above first, who participated in the placing of the gasoline soaked rag in the ROTC Building on May 2, 1970.

[redacted] said in the photograph of a group of persons carrying a banner or sign, the person he recognizes is that person holding a pole and wearing a light jacket. He commented he recognizes this same person in a photograph of persons sitting next to a building and he is under the fourth window from the left. He added he is positive in his identifications, and recognizes the scene shown in the second photograph since this was taken in the "Hub" area on May 3, 1970, where he had personally observed this person as previously described.

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[redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, furnished the following signed statement:

"May 12, 1970
[redacted] Ohio

[redacted], Cleveland, Ohio make the free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted], who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am a student at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, and prior to May 4, 1970, I lived in Room [redacted] Johnson Hall on the Kent State University campus. On the evening of May 2, 1970, I was acting as a student deputy, in an effort to stop any violence among the Kent State University students. At about dusk that evening I was on the Commons near the U.S. Army ROTC building, where a crowd of about 4000 students had gathered. Most of these students were onlookers, but there was a group of 50 or 60 students who were active in throwing stones and other objects at the ROTC building causing windows to be broken. About 10 persons in this group were active in trying to set fire to the U.S. Army ROTC building and I observed two unknown white males throw a bottle at the building which I believe was a fire bomb. The bottle hit the side of the building, fell to the pavement where it broke, but did not ignite.

"About ten minutes later I saw two other young white males go to a motorcycle that was parked near the street on the Commons side of the U.S. Army ROTC building, where they put a light colored rag into the gas tank of the motorcycle. After taking the rag from the gas tank, they ran to a window on the Commons side of the U.S. Army ROTC building, but they were unable to put the rag in that window. They then went to another window on the same side of the building where it appeared as though they

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held the rag up to the window, lit it, and threw it into the building. The curtains caught fire and the crowd cheered. I did not see which one of these persons held the rag or which one lit the rag.

"After throwing the rag into the building these two persons ran back into the crowd and I could only keep one of them in view. This person is described as a white male about 22 years of age, 6'0" to 6'1", 190 pounds, long dark blonde or light brown hair, full board and mustach which was trimmed, brown corduroy jacket possibly with a belt, yellow orange T shirt with thin horizontal blue stripes, dark blue bell bottomed pants and light blue sneekers. I can only recall the other person as being a white male, 5'10", medium size, and smaller than the other person I've described.

"The following day, May 3, 1970, I again saw the first person I described, some time between 1:00 PM and 1:30 PM standing looking at the burned U.S. Army ROTC building for about 15 or 20 minutes and then left. Later that evening I observed a group of persons sitting in the "Hub" area of the Kent State University campus. Among this group I again saw the same person I described first above.

"I have observed a photograph of a group of persons walking in a street with some carrying flags and banners. I recognize the person I described above first as being the person holding the third pole from the left that supports the large banner above this group. I have also observed a photograph of a group of persons sitting near a building and I recognize this same person as being the individual sitting in front of the fourth window from the left. I have observed a photograph of a person not known to me by name who has a cigarette in his mouth and is holding what appears to be a pole. This is again the same person I described first, above.

"I have read the above statement consisting of

this page and three others and I have initialed each page and all corrections. This statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ [redacted] 7d

"Witnesses

[redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Akron, Ohio 5/12/70

[redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Cleveland, Ohio, 5/12/70"

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Date May 10, 1970

[redacted] was interviewed at his residence at [redacted] Kent, Ohio. [redacted] advised that a group formed spontaneously of members of the faculty senate of KSU on May 2, 1970. This group was formed for the purpose of cooling off students at a rally to take place that evening. To identify members of the group, all of them wore blue arm bands.

The faculty members were to circulate throughou the crowd and attempt to head off trouble. They also handed out a sheet of paper showing the curfew regulation and various legitimate activities taking place on the campus that evening.

DR. GLENN FRANK of the Geology Department at KSU seemed to be in charge of the group.

[redacted] was asked to be a member of this grou by [redacted], a professor in the English Department. Other faculty members involved known to [redacted] of the Honors College, [redacted] of the Psychology Department, (First Name Unknown) [redacted] of the Speech Department, and a teaching fellow by the name of [redacted] Numerous other faculty members were involved, but he knows none of their names.

[redacted] went to the KSU campus at approximate 7:00 p.m., May 2, 1970, and at that time, a large number of students were milling around on the Commons at the university. [redacted] talked with a few students here and there. He knew none of the students to whom he talke and, in fact, knew none of the demonstrators whom he saw the whole evening. He noted no one agitating at this time.

Suddenly, some time shortly after the curfew bell sounded, the crowd drifted towards a bell located at one end of the Commons. Then, two individuals he neve saw before stood up and rang the bell to get the mob's

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attention. One of these individuals stood on top of the bell and announced that a lot of students were in Tri Towers. He yelled at the mob to go to Tri Towers and round up more students. This individual was tall and slender and wore steel-rimmed glasses. He was a pleasant looking individual wearing bluejeans and a jacket of some sort. He could recall no further description, but stated that he may possibly recognize this person again.

At that time, the mob started in the direction of Tri Towers. The faculty members did not follow them, bu a short time later, the mob returned to the Commons. He guessed the number of persons in the mob at that time to be approximately 500 to 600. In the crowd were several persons who had walkie talkies and he also saw a few people with cameras. He saw one person with a camera being beaten up and his film taken away. He does not know the identity of this person.

[redacted] noted that there were very few, if any, black students involved in this activity. He stated that there was one small group of black students observin the mob and one of these individuals had a camera. The one with the camera spoke to [redacted] while the mob was at Tri Towers. However, this group was not a part of the mob.

The mob milled around the Commons again briefly, and [redacted] could hear voices yelling that they should go to Taylor Hall. Few agitators were noted by him, and he knew none of them. The mob then drifted toward the student union building at KSU and actually went to the ROTC building.

They started throwing rocks at the ROTC buildin and [redacted] heard the clatter of the rocks on the building. He saw one figure go up to the building and throw something in the window. This individual immediat dashed back to the mob. What this person threw in the window was apparently lit and exploded or flared up when it was thrown in the window. This was repeated four or five times. The fire in the ROTC building burned awhile in one spot before spreading.

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In addition to the firebombs thrown in the building, flares were being thrown from the crowd at the building. [redacted] had the impression that only two or three people were actually involved in the lighting and throwing of the firebombs and the flares.

They seemed to come from, to [redacted] the same spot in the crowd. [redacted] said he was approximately 40 yards from the action and was unable to see who any of these individuals were and would not be able to identify them again. He kept circulating and the crowd surged and milled around the building.

Very shortly after the original lighting of the fire, the fire department showed up. [redacted] saw no more incidents in the building after the fire department showed up.

The fire department parked close to the ROTC building. They were trailing a hose from a large hydrant. Students grabbed this hose and other students sawed and hacked on it. The hose was dragged away from the firemen. There was no one from the police department there at that time. [redacted] recognized no one involved in this activity.

A short time thereafter, a contingent of police, whom he thought were KSU police, came on the scene from the direction of Bowman Hall. They deployed around the firemen. A yell went out among the demonstrators to get rocks. The demonstrators threw rocks at the police and firemen and milled around some more. Tear gas was then fired or thrown by the policemen. The crowd began to dissolve [redacted] decided to leave as there was nothing more he could do.

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Date May 10, 1970

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[redacted] Kent State University, was contacted at [redacted]. After being advised of the matter under investigation, [redacted] advised as follows:

"May 10, 1970
"Kent, Ohio

"I, [redacted] Kent State University, and residing at [redacted] Kent, Ohio, was in Cincinnati, Ohio on Friday, May 1, 1970, and returned to Kent, Ohio on Saturday, May 2, 1970. Following an anniversary dinner with my wife on the evening of May 2, 1970, I went to the home of [redacted], Kent, Ohio, where I was told by [redacted] had gone to Kent State University because he had been called as a result of a disturbance taking place at that time.

"I then went to Kent State University alone, at which time I went to the area of the Kent State University Library on Main Street in front of the Library, arriving there at approximately 9:15 PM. At approximately this time I noted a group of individuals, approximately 1,000 in number, walking west on Main Street in the middle of the street. I noticed that there appeared to be a few individuals who were more or less assuming the leadership of this crowd. These individuals I noticed picking up litter trash cans and throwing them into the street. I overheard some of the individuals in the crowd, who appeared to be upset by the actions of these individuals, and I overheard comments such as 'why are they doing that', 'why don't they stop that.'

"Approximately 10 minutes later I overheard someone shouting 'the Guard, the Guard'. At this point the crowd began running south on to the lawn of the campus in the vicinity of the Library. I decided that I was going to stay on the sidewalk and not move.

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"Shortly thereafter some persons in the crowd began to throw rocks and bottles over my head in the direction of the National Guard which was on Main Street. I noticed no response on the part of the Guard and I do not know what particular individuals were involved in throwing objects toward the Guard. The National Guard was composed of a convoy of jeeps, trucks and what appeared to me to be half tracks. To my knowledge, they did not stop prior to the time that I left the area.

"I then went to the parking lot of the Library which is located on Lincoln Street, just south of Main Street, where the campus information booth is located. At this point I heard the sound of breaking glass and noticed one individual throwing rocks at the parking lot light and several youths throwing rocks at the glass of the information booth. I then noticed several individuals in the booth attempting to set fire to the booth by lighting newspapers. I did not see any of these individuals close enough to identify them. After helping other individuals in the vicinity extinguish the fires in the information booth, I then left the area. The individuals who had broken the glass in the building and had attempted to set the building on fire had left the area by this time. I followed the crowd southeast across the campus in the direction of the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) building. I arrived at the heating plant located to the west of the ROTC building and at the time I arrived, the ROTC building was ablaze. I did not see anyone lighting or attempting to set fire to the building, interfering with firemen or with Security Police. [redacted] and I then returned to his home.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and 2 additional pages. I have signed each page and initialed each correction. I now sign this statement because it is true.

"/s/ [redacted]

Witnessed:

[redacted], Special Agent, FBI, Buffalo, N.Y. 5/10/71
Special Agent, FBI, Buffalo, N.Y. 5/10/71

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The following descriptive and background data was taken through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	[redacted]
Height	5' 11"
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	[redacted]
Eyes	Hazel
Occupation	Professor
Employment	Kent State University
Residence	[redacted]
	Kent, Ohio
Residence Phone	[redacted]
Organizational Membership	

[redacted] advised that the residence as above is his permanent residence and that [redacted] Pennsylvania, is a person who will always know his whereabouts.

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Date May 9, 1970

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(home address) [redacted] student, senior, Kent State University (KSU) [redacted] residence Room [redacted] Johnson Hall, advised he is a [redacted] in the KSU student government, advisor to t[redacted] President of the student body, and was on the main campus on May 2, 1970, at the time the ROTC building was burned. [redacted] explained he was connected with the Student Activities Cente[redacted] Rumor Control Center, which operated in efforts to direct st[redacted] away from groups and rallies on the Kent State campus on tha[redacted] advised a flyer, yellow sheet of paper, circulated o[redacted] Kent State campus, May 2, 1970, indicated a rally was to be [redacted] at 8:00 p.m., on the Commons with regard to the anti-war demonstrations. He advised at approximately 7:30 p.m., on May 2, 1970, he went to the area known as the Commons on Kent State campus and he noted students began to gather at approx[redacted] 7:40 p.m., with tension growing. He advised at 8:00 p.m., a[redacted] unknown white male, who he did not recognize, as a student, [redacted] on the victory bell and shouted obscenities and indicated to gathered group they should go to the dorms and get the peopl[redacted] out. [redacted] explained he is acquainted with most radical students who are members of the Young Socialist Alliance (YS[redacted] Weatherman faction of the Students for a Democratic Society and Black United Students (BUS); however, he does not know t[redacted] individuals by name. [redacted] advised the unknown individual announced the students should march at this time on the Tri [redacted] and the entire group moved from the Commons toward Tri Tower[redacted] picking up rocks on their way.

[redacted] advised at this time, he returned to the [redacted] Student Activities Center and at approximately 8:25 p.m., through the use of binoculars, he observed unknown students [redacted] burning an American flag at a location between Union Hall an[redacted] the ROTC building. He advised at this time the crowd of stu[redacted] which he would estimate at 300, moved toward the ROTC buildi[redacted] and of this group, there were approximately 10 white males w[redacted] he did not recognize as students, KSU. [redacted] advised the [redacted] students began throwing rocks through the windows of the ROT[redacted] building, and a flare was thrown at the ROTC building;

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however, same did not go into the building. He stated at th point it was dark and from his position with binoculars, he unable to determine who threw the flare or who was throwing rocks at the ROTC building. He stated at approximately 9:00 a fire bomb was thrown into the ROTC building, and due to th flareup of same, it is his impression the fire bomb was made of gasoline. He stated the fire inside the building began t spread and the Fire Department was summoned by a student at office where he was located. Upon the arrival of the Fire Department, firemen attempted to get near the building to extinguish the blaze; however, they were pelted with rocks and after laying out their hoses, according to another stude who informed him, the fire hoses were slashed with machetes students. He stated he did not observe the fire hoses being cut; however, the Fire Department pulled back and the buildi thereafter was completely destroyed by fire and he noted the firemen had no police protection at the time they attempted extinguish the fire.

[redacted] vised at this time many of the students disbanded and moved out of the Commons to a shed, which was afire. He stated [redacted] Kent faculty, called him telephonically and told him the students roving on the campu were smashing everything in sight.

[redacted] advised the Ohio National Guard arrived on the Kent State campus at approximately 10:15 p.m., and the groups of students dispersed on their own. He stated some o the unknown individuals previously mentioned, approximately ten in number, had red bands on their arm or around their forehead, and they were wearing field-type jackets, and he observed these individuals only at the time the rally starte at 8:00 p.m., May 2, 1970. He stated he did not observe fou white males, commonly referred to as the "Big Four," former Kent State students, NEIBERGER, ERICKSON, EMMER and POWELL. He stated he knows most of the radical students on campus by face, not by name, and could identify those present at the time the ROTC building was burned. He stated he did not obs MIKE ALEWITZ (phonetic), President of the YSA; RALPH BELAL (phonetic), and [redacted] known radical students on camp

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[redacted] advised on Sunday, May 3, 1970, the Kent State campus appeared rather calm with the students generally wondering what would happen next. A group of students gather Sunday evening and the instigators, who were utilizing obscen language toward the Guard apparently drifted in and out of th action. He stated at no time did he observe students carryin firearms on their person and he observed no pamphlets put out by any of the radical groups with instructions regarding rall and demonstrations. [redacted] pointed out that he signed, alon with other members of the student government, a statement for the President indicating their belief that the Ohio National Guard's presence on the campus was necessary to dispel furthe destruction of property. He stated very few black students were noticed at any of the rallies and they were obvious by their absence.

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[redacted], Ohio advised as follows:

On Saturday evening, May 2, 1970 students at K State University (KSU) held a rally or demonstration at the Commons at KSU. It started out as a march around th campus, in an effort to gather support, and the rally to place at the Commons. [redacted] followed the group aroun the campus to be certain that no black students became in volved in this demonstration, he being a member of the Black United Students. When he got back to the Commons, those gathered were shouting slogans such as 'One, two three four, we can't win the war' etc. It was dark by t time, and possibly 9:30 P.M. and as [redacted] walked from Taylor Hall area across to Johnson Hall he noted flares being thrown at the ROTC Building. It was not burning a the time, but the flares made a red glow. Then some of the students, individually, started breaking windows in ROTC Building and flares were thrown in the windows, and suddenly the building started to burn. Firemen came, an some men from the Sheriff's Office, with tear gas. When the tear gas was thrown, [redacted] left to go to the Blac Culture Center. He wanted to be certain that no damage done to this building, as there had been rumors that som these students were going to burn this Black Culture Cen There were lots of rumors going around, one being that a black girl had been bayonetted. These were efforts to get the blacks to participate in this demonstration, but the blacks did not participate.

[redacted] said that only about 5 or 6 students appeared to be involved in the efforts to burn the ROTC Building. It was dark at the time, and [redacted] could n see them clearly-only as shadows, and could not even tel if they were black or white, or girls-or boys that were doing this.

[redacted] stated he not only could not see who involved in this burning, but that he has heard nothing

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to indicate who might have been responsible. He stated tha
the feelings between the black students and the radical
white students are not good, and no radical white student
would confide in a black student.

[redacted] stated that he would estimate that he
was at least 100 yards away from the burning ROTC Building
at all times. He did not at any time see anyone carrying
flares or starting fires. He saw no one throwing rocks at
firemen, nor cutting hoses.

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[redacted], Ohio, was advised of the identities of the interviewing agen and the fact that he was being interviewed in connection wit a violation involving sabatoge due to the burning of the ROT Building at Kent State University. He then provided the foll ing information:

[redacted] advised that he is the president of the Kent Inter Hall Council, and that he was near the Student Activities Center between Johnson and Stoffer Halls at the time of the burning. He stated that the only radical that he observed and knew by name was [redacted] who was on the Commons stirring up the crowd at approximately 8:00 P.M. Saturday, May 2, 1970. He advised that he saw three or four persons throwing railroad type flares at the building, but that none of them went through the broken windows of the building. He stated that after these efforts were unsuccessful, a single student lighted a rag, and threw the rag into the building. He advised that [redacted] was in the crowd as a student marshal, and that [redacted] Manchester Hall, who lives in Lakewood, Ohio, was also in the crowd. [redacted] stated that immediately proceeding the fire, [redacted] was moving through Fletcher Hall pulli fire alarms to rouse out students to participate in the demonstration. He advised that [redacted] who is from Lakewood, Ohio, had seen and reported [redacted] to him.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was one of the lead at a meeting in the Rotunda area on Sunday, May 3, 1970, at which time plans were formulated for a demonstration on the Commons area Monday, May 4, 1970. He stated that after each demonstration was dispersed, students would return to the dormitories, and pile their rocks or bricks, and other miss near the entrances to the buildings. He recalled that on th day of the shooting incident, and throughout the demonstrat the leaders wore red headbands, carried red handkerchiefs, attached red pieces of cloth to their clothing. He stated some of the militant student leaders carried knives, and th [redacted] reported a knife pulled on him in the Tri Tow

On 5/9/70 [redacted] Ohio File # Cleveland 98

SA [redacted]

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Pit. He advised that [redacted] was co-ordinating rumor control from the Tri Towers, and was also at the shooting incident on Monday, May 4, 1970.

[redacted] advised that a group of three students reported to [redacted] that they could testify to the fact that ALLISON KRAUSE had a weapon in her possession at the time of the shooting, May 4, 1970.

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[redacted] furnished the following information:

He is in his Junior year at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio.

At approximately 6:00 PM, May 2, 1970, he parked his motorcycle in the motorcycle parking lot, which is locate on the KSU campus near the ROTC building. [redacted] noticed no congregation at the building at that time.

After having dinner at the college cafeteria, [redacted] and his roommate, [redacted] attended a concert at Tri- Towers [redacted] a dormitory complex on the campus. Later that evening [redacted] heard that there had been trouble at the ROTC buildi but he had no personal knowledge of same.

About noon the following day, [redacted] parked his motorcycle at his dormitory and observed another motorcycle parked nearby with the gas tank top missing. The owner of this motorcycle, name unknown, told [redacted] that while parked in the motorcycle parking lot the night before, someone remove the cap and stole some gas. [redacted] does not have a lock on his gas tank, but stated that due to the shape of the tank it is extremely difficult to siphon gas therefrom and he does not think his gas tank was tampered with.

[redacted] was unable to furnish any information conce ing damage to the ROTC building.

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[redacted] advised that he is a Senior at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, and is a campus resident of Johnson Hall.

On Saturday, May 2, 1970, [redacted] said he was wo at the Desk in Johnson Hall and two individuals having long hair and dressed in dark clothing came in and said to him, "Pass the word there is going to be a rally at 8:00 p.m. on the Commons, the National Guard is in town." [redacted] said he later learned that the ROTC units were returning to campus from field problems or some other activity dressed in fatigues, and were thought to be National Guardsmen.

He said that at approximately 8:30 p.m., a group approximately 200 or 300 people gathered near the ROTC Buil A number of individuals were not participating in any activ but merely watching the activities. [redacted] said he walke into the crowd gathered near the ROTC Building and saw some light a piece of cloth and throw it into the building. Someone later indicated the cloth had been dipped in gasoli before it was lighted. He observed an older individual, having short grey hair, at the ROTC Building and this indiv was wearing a sport jacket with a blue arm band. A few peo in the group were throwing rocks at the ROTC Building and t others in the crowd were cheering each time a window broke. [redacted] said there seemed to be five to ten individuals ur the crowd to action and about thirty or so were adding emph to these suggestions. He observed some of these individual to be wearing red arm bands. There was one male Caucasian with long brown hair, wearing a brightly colored cloth head who took an American Flag and set it on fire. The man walk forward from the group holding the Flag and then he, [redacted] took a picture of this individual holding the burning flag. man continued walking toward the ROTC Building.

[redacted] said that a person walking by him hit hi arm in an apparent attempt to knock the camera out of his h Someone in the crowd yelled either, "Get the camera," or "G the guy with the camera" and persons from all sides started hitting him. [redacted] said he crouched down and held onto

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the camera and the group knocked him to the ground. They continued beating him and one individual tried to pull the camera away. A "hippie type" girl knelt in front of him an told the group to stop hitting him. He started to get up a the girl told him not to. She said that they had to have t film because they could go to jail if identified. He told that the camera also contained pictures of his best friend' wedding and wanted to keep it. The girl then said somethin to the effect that they won't let you go with the film. [redacted] said he looked around and could see no one coming to his assistance, and he could not run because the crowd h gathered around him so he surrendered the camera. Someone in the crowd took the film from the camera, a Kodak Instama and returned the camera to him. He got to his feet and som members of the crowd asked if he was all right. He observe a couple of "older" individuals in the crowd nearby and ass they may have been faculty members.

[redacted] said he then walked away from the crowd and observed fire trucks coming to the ROTC Building. He went to the hilltop near Johnson Hall as firemen were layin the hose in order to put out the fire. He observed six individuals pull a section of the hose aside and one of the individuals was striking the hose with an object. He then saw water coming from the hose where it was being struck. The police later formed a line between the demonstrators an the ROTC Building and threw gas into the crowd which caused it to disperse.

[redacted] said he went into his dormitory when the tear gas spread and came out about fifteen minutes later an observed a group of the demonstrators tear down a fence nea the tennis courts and also burn an equipment shed which was located at the base of Taylor Hill.

[redacted] said that someone later indicated to him that individuals wearing white arm bands were student deput marshals, blue arm bands indicated faculty deputy marshals, and red arm bands were being worn by "radicals." He stated he went back to the area near the ROTC Building where he he been attacked at approximately 8:30 or 9:00 the following morning and found the film pack which had been taken from h He assumed that the film had been exposed but kept it anyway. The film is presently at the desk area of Johnson Hall in a top righthand shelf bearing the name "General Hick

[redacted] stated that on Monday, May 4, 1970, he w
walking from class at about 11:50 a.m., and he observed a
large group of demonstrators on Taylor Hill chanting and
throwing objects at the National Guardsmen. A loudspeaker
truck was driving through the area telling the group to
disperse and leave the area immediately. Tear gas was fired
into the group to get them to disperse.

[redacted] said he went to his dormitory, Johnson Ha
where he went to work at the Desk and went outside at one ti
and observed the National Guardsmen moving up Taylor Hill.
He later heard a commotion at the back of Johnson Hall and
out back and observed the National Guardsmen at the top of
hill firing their rifles in the direction of Taylor Hall.

[redacted] said that he did not see any students wi
guns and did not see anyone fire at the Guardsmen. He did
see any of the students who were shot.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] a resident of
Johnson Hall, whose address is unknown to him, showed him
two cartridges which had been fired. [redacted] indicated he had
found these cartridges on top of Johnson Hall.

[redacted] Ohio, and a resident of
Prentice Hall, said she had observed the National Guardsmen
from her dormitory and the Guardsmen appeared to have fired
into the air.

[redacted] stated that on Sunday night, May 3, 1970,
he and [redacted] Ohio, were
working at the Desk in Johnson Hall. A girl came into John
Hall carrying an empty bottle and was going toward the wome
toilet. [redacted] confronted her and asked what she was doing.
The girl told him it was none of his business and to get ou
of her way. She then went into the women's toilet. [redacted]
said he did not know the girl but [redacted] said her name was
ALLISON KRAUSE. They did not see her leave Johnson Hall an
assumed she had gone to the toilet to fill the bottle with
urine.

[redacted] further advised that after the shooting
May 4, 1970, he observed a piece of architecture, consistin
of triangular pieces of metal, in the back of Taylor Hall
with a bullet hole in it. The hole appears to be made

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bullet coming from the direction in which the National Guardsm
were facing at the time the shooting took place.

[redacted] further advised that he is not personally
acquainted with anyone who took part in the demonstration.

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On May 10, 1970 [redacted] was interviewed at his residence, [redacted] telephone [redacted] furnished the following informat

He advised that hewas born on February 16, 1946 at Cleveland, Ohio, and he is presently a Junior taking an English major at Kent State University (KSU). He advised that he initially attended KSU in January, 1965 and he is presently employed as a truck driver and was attending school and basically is paying his way through college.

He advised that on Saturday, May 2, 1970, between 9:30 and 10:00 PM he went to the Portage Room in the Studen Union in order to attend a dance.

He stated the Student Union is located next to the ROTC building which was burned down on May 2, 1970.

He stated as he drew near the Student Union he heard sirens and young people were running around. He stated he assistedin lifting up the barriers at the Student Union in order to permit a fire truck to approach the ROTC building located 30 yards further on.

He stated that at this time the ROTC building was on fire and he noted that the roof of the building had ignited in flames as he arrived on the scene.

He stated that the National Guardsmen present were throwing tear gas in order to disperse the students.

He advised that his friend, [redacted] using his, [redacted] 8 mm. camera, exposed about 35 feet of film of the burning ROTC building. He stated that due to the fact the film was colored film, about the only thing that can be clearly seen were the flames of the fire.

He advised that about 9:30 PM he observed 7-10 young men, all white, except one boy, who was a Negro, throwing rocks at the east side of Lowry Hall. He stated

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he saw one boy throwing a brick through a screen and window on the east side of Lowry Hall.

He advised that all the boys that he saw were carrying clubs as was the Negro boy. He described this Negro male as about 20, 6'1", 170 pounds, and wearing a dark beret.

He advised that these boys were "in a highly emotional state", and stated he did not know if they had been using any drugs, but it could have been that they were just "emotionally keyed up".

He stated that he was just sick and tired of the fact that such a small student minority at KSU had been causing so much trouble, and he was unhappy because the majority of the students have remained silent during this time.

He stated when he saw the boy throwing a brick through the window, he went after him and a fight ensued and the group, all of whom had clubs, began to use them. He advised that he was hit in the left hip with a club and pulled up his shirt and displayed a black and blue mark on his left hip approximately two inches, in length and egg-shaped.

He advised that one of the men with a club tried to hit him on the head while he was engaged in fighting with his opponent, however, one of his, [redacted] friends, a wrestler, grabbed him and threw him to the ground.

He stated he felt he might be able to identify some of these boys all of whom were the "hippie" type with long hair and wearing bands on the forehead.

He advised that he noted on the afternoon of Sunday, May 3, 1970, the KSU campus, which always had been well-maintained, had many bricks and stones laying around the grassy area from prior incidents.

He advised that on Sunday evening, National Guardsmen at Main and Lincoln in Kent, Ohio, gassed some students in order to disperse them.

He stated that at that time, he was accompanied by [redacted] and two other girls who reside in the Greymore House located at the corner of Main and Sherman in Kent. He stated [redacted] called to his attention the fact that one boy who was walking past was openly wearing a holstered gun. He was unable to adequately describe this weapon. He stated the boy who was wearing it was a white male and under 25, and the boy had long hair and was accompanied by another youth. He stated he readily observed the holste gun on the first boy's hip, and the girls and others who accompanied him said that the other boy was also wearing a gun, but he did not observe this.

He advised that he personally does not know by sight the more active "campus radicals".

He stated however, that in the five years that he has been on the campus, he has "watched organizations opposing the war grow until they encompass groups that oppose society as a whole." He further stated "JERRY RUBIN was permitted on the campus about two weeks before the shooting. Demonstrators switched from peaceful protest to disruptive protest, even walking into classes and the administration continued to treat them as peaceful demonstrators and provide them with amnesty or social probation which means nothing".

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[redacted], Akron, Ohio, voluntarily furnished the following signed statement:

"Akron, Ohio
May 10, 1970
1:50 PM

"I, [redacted] furnish the following information to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I am furnishing this information voluntarily and no promises or threats have been made and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me. I understand that this statement could be used in a court of law.

"I am twenty-one years of age and reside at [redacted] Akron, Ohio. I am a Junior at Kent State University.

"On Saturday, May 2, 1970, I heard from various students at Kent State that a rally was to be held on the commons at Kent State on this date at eight o'clock PM. I did not know the purpose of the rally or who was sponsoring this rally. I had planned to attend the rally but I arrived late at eight fifteen PM. As I was walking across the campus with [redacted] of Twin Lakes, Ohio to Tri-Towers on the campus I observed a group of students walking toward the ROTC building. I saw members of the group throwing some rocks at the windows of the building and a lighted flare which landed on the roof of the building. The flare rolled off of the roof without starting a fire. I remained until I saw fire trucks arrive to put out a small fire which I had noticed inside the building. After the fireman had attached hoses to put out the fire, I noticed some students standing near

On 5/10/70 at Akron, Ohio File: Cleveland [illegible]

by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 5/10/70

This [illegible]

"the fire hoses and water spurting from the hose vertically. [redacted] and I then left this area and we walked around Stopher Hall. I sat on the steps of the building and did not watch any more of the activity. [redacted] continued to watch the event for a few minutes. At approximately 8:45 PM we walked off the campus and did not return until approximately 11:30 PM. We then saw the ROTC building completely engulfed in flames. There were about twenty students observing the fire and some National Guardsmen headed toward Betsy and me. When the Guardsmen approached us we ran into a dormitory building called Terrace Hall. We then walked to Tri-Towers and remained there until it was announced that we had 45 minutes to leave the campus. We left the campus at about 12:45 AM without observing any further events. I did not recognize any of the individuals whom I had previously seen throwing rocks at the ROTC building or standing around the fire hoses, and I can furnish no information concerning them.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and 3 other pages. It is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have initialed the other pages and any corrections made therein.

"/s/ [redacted]
May 10, 1970

"Witnesses:

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Buffalo, NY, May 10, 1970

"/s/ [redacted], Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Buffalo, NY, May 10, 1970"

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[redacted] who is a sophomore whose college address is [redacted] Humphrey Hall, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio and whose home address is [redacted] Ohio furnished the following information:

[redacted] and she were at Engleman Hall on May 2, 1970 and observed a crowd of persons at the ROTC Building which was about 150 yards from them. They were in back of the crowd at the ROTC building. She saw members of the crowd ignite several red safety flares. She saw the red flares being thrown at the ROTC building. She saw one flare thrown in a window of the building. She cannot identify any of the people in the crowd around the ROTC building. She did not recognize any as students of Kent State University. She described the crowd as very large and all white. She said she had no additional information concerning the burning of the ROTC building and did not know the names of any who were involved.

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by SA [redacted] ANC/clp Date dictated 5/10/70

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[redacted], Cleve
Ohio, stated that he is over 21 years of age and is an un
graduate student (junior) at Kent State University (KSU),
Kent, Ohio, his college address being 133 Musselman Hall,
KSU.

He recalled that around 9:00 PM on Saturday, Ma
1970, he had been in the company of two other KSU student
[redacted] in the vicinity of Engleman
KSU, as part of a crowd of people who were watching the
of East Hall, which housed the ROTC on the KSU campus, an
is located about 150 yards from where they were observing
fire.

[redacted] said that he observed individuals
in the immediate vicinity of East Hall hurling lighted re
flares at or into East Hall. He said they appeared to be
railroad or highway safety flares. He saw no other burni
material being thrown at the building. He was too far a
to recognize or describe any of the persons who were mill
about EastHall or throwing the flares. The only thing he
noticed was that all ofthem appeared to be members of the
white race. He saw no motorcycles in the vicinity. He
not state whether any of the persons he saw in the vicin
of EastHall at above time were students at KSU.

[redacted] has no pictures of above inciden
knows of no one who has. He was unable to recall any oth
information pertaining to the burning offe above building
He has heard no allegations as to the identities of any
of the persons involved in the above burning.

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[redacted] JGS/clp 5/10/70

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Date: May 10, 1970

[redacted] Ohio, address while attending school [redacted] Kent, Ohio, was interviewed and voluntarily furnished the following signed statement:

"Place: Kent, Ohio
Date: May 10, 1970

"I, [redacted] hereby furnish the following free and voluntary statements to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as special agents of the FBI. I was born Jan. 20, 1946 at [redacted] Ohio. I am a graduate student in business administration at Kent State University.

"I was present Saturday nite, May 2, to see the ROTC building burn. I have no information, however, concerning how the fire started or who started it.

"Sunday night, May 3, I co-operated along with three other members of the K.S.U. Vet's Association, in acting as a communication liaison for the university police. I was normally in the crowd observing what I could. The crowd gathered on the commons first while several individuals rang the bell to get the crowd centralized and get their attention. Those in the center then stood on the platform supporting the bell and attempted to incite or arouse the thousand or more then gathered.

[redacted] Kent, Ohio File CY 44-703

SA [redacted]

BA [redacted] Date dictated 5-10-70

It appeared at this time that no common objective was evident, as those standing on the bell housing shouted "let's do something" and "what do you want to do"? Suggestions were yelled to: (1) proceed to President White's lawn (2) burn the ROTC supply depoit.

"The crowd did not appear unified nor did the leadership appear cohesive, at this point they could not decide where to go or what to do. They decided then to walk around campus and regroup latter. They milled around as a group of probably 1000 or more and chanted for approximately an hour. They arrived at the corner of Main and Lincoln and several began marching down main street toward town. This was in violation of the cerfew. A small explosion was heard and all but approximately 200 of the group dispersed. The remaining 200 sat in the street and were surrounded by the national guard. I then left the scena.

"I am unable to identify by name any of the persons involved, or leaders.

"The above two and one half page statement is in my own handwriting and is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ [redacted]

"Witnessed: [redacted], SA, FBI,
Pittsburgh, Pa.
[redacted] SA, FBI,
Chattanooga, Tenn. 5-16-70

The following physical description was obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6'
Weight	170
Age	24
Date of Birth	January 20, 1946
Place of Birth	[redacted] Ohio
Hair	Light Brown
Eyes	Blue
Social Security Number	[redacted]
Service Number	Navy Serial Number [redacted]

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[redacted], Ohio, furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that he is a [redacted] and he is living at the above address with one [redacted]. He advised that at approximately 8:10 p.m. [illegible], 1970, he and his wife went to the Commons at Kent [illegible] University (KSU) where they had been told by [redacted] that a rally was to be held to protest the war in [illegible]odia. When they arrived at the Commons, no one was there [illegible]nknown individual on the scene told them that the [illegible]viduals in the rally had moved to Tri-Towers to gather [illegible] support. They went to Tri-Towers, parked the car, and [illegible]ed the throng of demonstrators at Tri-Towers. The [illegible]nstrators moved to the campus Commons again about 8:40 p.m. [illegible] they first got to the Commons, the demonstrators milled [illegible]nd. The only persons recognized by [redacted] or his [illegible] at this time or any any time during the evening were [redacted] and a sociology professor by the name of [redacted]. He could recognize a few faces he had seen in class [illegible]e, but he could not recall who these were well enough [illegible]dentify them if he were to see them again, and he did not [illegible] any of their names.

After milling around for a short time, the crowd [illegible]ted making noises like they were going downtown in Kent. [illegible] of the faculty marshals on the scene wearing blue armbands [illegible] this from occurring. Soon the mob drifted toward the [illegible]ROTC Building. There did not at this time or any other [illegible] to be any leaders of the mob and the actions of the mob [illegible]eared to happen spontaneously. Some individuals started [illegible]owing rocks at the ROTC Building. He could hear glass [illegible]king and rocks hitting the building. People would move [illegible] and forth throwing rocks and go back into the crowd. [illegible]his time there were some 600-700 people at the demonstra[illegible]. There was also numerous firecrackers being thrown.

A short time later, someone in the crowd [illegible] (who) threw a flare at the ROTC Building. It hit the [illegible]ding, fell to the ground, and burned. Stones [illegible] thrown at the building. Twenty minutes [illegible]

[redacted]

first flare was thrown, another flare was thrown and [illegible] in the building. He did not see this flare thrown and did not know who did it. This flare seemed to die out. Shortly thereafter, firemen arrived on the scene. [redacted] went back to the back of the crowd with his wife at this time. The majority of the demonstrators were not close to the action at that time. The students started throwing rocks at the firemen and taking their hoses. The fire looked like it was out and the firemen left. [redacted] at that time moved to an archery shed by the tennis courts. There were numerous rocks thrown at the archery shed. He it appeared to simply explode into flames. [redacted] then left the area and saw nothing further.

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[illegible]	CLEVELAND	5/14/70	5/2/70 - 5/13/70

TITLE OF CASE

UNSUBS;
Circumstances of
Army ROTC Building,
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio
5/2/70

REPORT MADE BY

S[redacted]

CHARACTER OF CASE

SABOTAGE; SEDITION;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PR
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 -
INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY
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AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will continue intensive investigation to identify persons responsible for the burning of the Army ROTC Buildin at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☐ NONE

CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES	ACQUIT-TALS

CASE HAS BEEN:
PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES
PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES

APPROVED [signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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ADMINISTRATIVE

J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Section, United States Department of Jus Washington, D.C., verbly authorized on May 10, 1970, the issuance of a search warrant for the off campus residence of [redacted] located at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio. A search warrant was issued on May 10, 1970, by United States Commissioner CLIFFORD E. BRUCE, Northern District of Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio, for the above residence authorizing the search for clothing, incendiary materials or other material that could be used for destructive purpo by explosion, thermal or incendiary destruction.

On May 10, 1970, the above search warrant was executed at the premises of 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio.

The results of this search, interviews conducted at the time of the search, and other results associated wi the search will be set forth in a subsequent report. Evidence seized during the search have been forwarded to the Laboratory Division for examination.

It is noted that additional copies of this report have been designated for the Cleveland Office for review and lead purposes.

Whenever possible, signed statements were obtain from appropriate witnesses.

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REPORT OF SPECIAL AGENT [redacted] DATED MAY 13, 1970, AT CLEVELAND, OHIO, CAPTIONED "UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY 2, 1970."

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VOLUME II

SECTION I

IV. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING
D. INTERVIEWS WITH POLICE AND FIREMEN

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Chief FRED MILLER, Kent, Ohio Fire Department, showed interviewing agents his fire and radio logs for May 2, 1970. These indicated that at 8:49 P.M., Kent, Ohio Fire Department, fire number 123 was reported. The fire trucks got to the fire at 8:53 P.M. They left the fire at 9:28 P.M. Chief MILLER furnished at this time a copy of his fire report regarding this fire.

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[redacted] Kent State University Poli
Department, who resides at [redacted] Ohio,
advised that at about 8:00 PM on May 2, 1970, he was ordered
to report to the campus of Kent State University where he subsequently
took charge of about 20 campus policemen, riot equipped.

He and his men proceeded to East Hall on campus at about 8:40 PM, and he noticed that the southeast end of East Hall was on fire, and that Kent, Ohio firemen were bringing it under control. About 1,000 students were massed in the Commons, and were throwing rocks at both he and his men, and the firemen. The campu police formed a skirmish line between East Hall and the students. The students were shouting: "Fuck the pigs". "Get the pigs off campus". "Burn the fucking building down." "Who's fucking your wife now that you're here."

The rock throwing was organized, and about 50 students at a time would charge forward, throw their rocks, and then regroup. Some of these students had bags slung over their shoulders and were giving out rocks to other students. The campus police department sustained two rock charges and then put on gas masks, and threw about 15 canister of tear gas into the students. The students dispersed and moved back to an athletic equipment shed across the Commons, which they set on fire, manner unknown.

The firemen had left the scene because of injuries sustained from the rock throwing, and East Hall was still burning with a low flame. Shortly afterward the northwest section of East Hall began blazing and soon the whole building was in flames. The Kent firemen came back and fought the blaze but the building was a total disaster.

The campus police department was again confronted by the students at Surait and Portage, in the vicinity of the Heat Plant in th Student Union. The campus police department sustained three rock throwing volleys. About six canisters of tear gas were thrown into

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the crowd which dispersed them.

During the rioting, [redacted] noticed a student carrying on soda pop bottle in each hand, holding each bottle carefully and away from his body.

[redacted] was unable to furnish any information concerning who was responsible for the East Hall fire or the athletic shed fire or the manner in which each of these fires were started.

Although it was too dark for [redacted] to identify any of t participating students, he did recall seeing a student who was wearin a white T-shirt with a "red fist", and SDS emblem on the front and b of the shirt.

[redacted] advised that during the rioting he was hit with projectiles on his chest, back, right leg, and two which struck his helmet.

[redacted] advised that the following men sustained sufficien injuries to necessitate treatment at the University Health Center:

[redacted] who was hit with a rock on his left elbow;

[redacted] who was struck on his testicles, upper thigh, and right shin;

[redacted] who was struck by a projectile on his leg; and,

[redacted] who was hit on his head by a rock.

All were treated and released with the exception of [redacted] who was kept overnight.

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[redacted] advised that the following men, all members of the Kent State University Police Department, were on the scene during the burning of East Hall:

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First Squad

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Second Squad

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[redacted] advised that he has been a member of the Kent State University Police Department for approximately 10 years.

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[redacted], Kent, Ohio, furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that he is a volunteer firem for the Kent, Ohio Fire Department. He responded to a call at the ROTC Building, Kent State University, betwe 8:00 and 9:00 P.M. on May 2, 1970. [redacted] advised th the truck he was on with its crew of six men approached fire at the ROTC Building, he was dropped off at the hy nearby. The truck then proceeded to the building. As truck was going to the building, a group of students gr the hose he was attaching to the hydrant, and pulled it the truck and cut it in several places. He therefore, off the hydrant, and went to the truck, and helped the fight the fire. There was a large group of demonstrator the area, during the time of the fighting of the fire w pelted the firemen with rocks, and clubbed them. They took a hose, and cut another hose. In spite of the har the fire was almost out, when they were called to leave the Chief, however, with the lack of portection they ha they had to leave. He himself was hit with numerous ro At one point a mob of demonstrators were coming towards To protect himself, he turned his hose on the students, kept them off for a time while he was fighting the fire.

[redacted] saw no one make any attempt to light the fire in the ROTC Building. He also saw no one whom he could identify at a later date as being in the area the time.

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[redacted] Kent, Ohio, phone [redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment, the Kent, Ohio Fire Department, where he furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that he is a full time fireman for the Kent, Ohio Fire Department. He stated that he was on duty during the evening of May 2, 1970. Sometime around 8:00 P.M. that evening, his department received a call to a fire at the ROTC Building on the Kent State University, Kent, Ohio Campus. The department sent one truck, a pumper designated Pump Number 1, which he, [redacted] drove. He drove to the north side of the ROTC Building. On the way to the ROTC Building, he dropped off a man at a hydrant on the hill side near the building. This man was to hook up a hose. When the truck stopped at the building, the hose should have stopped too, however, it did not. It kept spinning out as though the truck was still moving. Students were pulling the hose off the truck. In addition to pulling the hose off the truck it had already been cut, so it was useless. [redacted] and five other men were on the truck.

When they got to the ROTC Building, it was on fire, however, the fire was not very big as yet. The south end of the building was burning. The fire could have been out in 15 minutes, had it not been for the harassment by demonstrators nearby. There was a large number of demonstrators in the lawn area on the east side of the ROTC Building.

When it was seen that the hose on the hydrant hooked on the pumper had been cut, the man who hooked up the hose, simply cut if off at the hydrant, and returned to the pumper. They hooked up another hose to the pumper. While in the process of doing this, [redacted] who was the only one nearby at the time, saw one individual throw a flare in to the ROTC Building. This individual was a white male, wearing a goatee, long hair, worn shoulder length, slender build, age 23 to 28, light color shirt, gray pants. [redacted] did not know if he could identify this individual again were he to see him. This individual knocked out the window of the

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ROTC Building, and threw the flare inside. He hollered at this individual, but the individual paid no attention to him. He threw in a second flare. All of the firemen were getting hit by rocks and clubs. After they were there for approximately one hour, the police came, and told them to leave, as they were in too much danger. They saw smoke coming from upstairs window of the building by that time.

[redacted] then drove the truck with all the men out of the area, and back to the fire station. About an hour later, the police called the fire station, and said it was clear. Two trucks went back to the fire to put it out. The second time back, [redacted] saw no students in the area, and there were police all over the place. [redacted] stated that he himself had gotten hit with a rock.

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[redacted], fireman, Kent, Ohio, Fire Department, was shown an album of photographs, but could identify no one in these photographs as being anyone he observed during the burning of the Kent State University (KSU) ROTC Building, May 2, 1970.

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[redacted] a Kent fireman, was shown the following [redacted] telephone [redacted] was unable to identify any of these individuals as being pres[redacted] on the night of May 2, 1970 at the scene of the ROTC fire.

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[redacted] Kent, Ohio, phone [redacted] was interviewed at the Kent, Ohio Fire Department.

[redacted] stated that he is a volunteer fireman with the Kent Fire Department. He reported to a fire call on the evening of May 2, 1970, between 8:00 and 9:00 P.M. The firemen drove to the scene of the fire in a pumper truck. The fire was in the ROTC Building at the Kent State University Campus. When they approached the building they sent one man off the truck to the fire hydrant. They then drove down to the ROTC Building. When they got to the ROTC Building, individuals were jerking hose off the pumper truck. This was the hose that was supposed to be attached to the hydrant. They pulled off some 300 feet of hose, and split in numerous places. Therefore, the person attaching hose to the hydrant, simply cut it off and returned to the truck.

[redacted] advised that they had a one and a half inch hose on the truck, which was hooked up to the water in the pumper. They also hooked another line to a hydrant at the corner of the ROTC Building. When they first arrived at the scene of the fire, the fire was very small. There was just a small amount of smoke at the time.

[redacted] stated that he observed two motorcycles parked on Commons of Kent State University, approximately 50 feet from the ROTC Building. One of these motorcycles had Ohio license 1084J. As they were attempting to put out the fire, three individuals approached the two motorcycles. They slipped the lid off the tank of one of the motorcycles. They dunked rags into the tank, ran back to the windows of the ROTC Building, where the small fire was burning, and threw the rags in. The fire flared up at that time. [redacted] and two other firemen took the hose, which was hooked up from the hydrant, and went toward the window, where these individuals had thrown in the gasoline soaked rags. They were clubbed all over, and the hose was taken away. They did not see the individuals who did the clubbing. Then

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[redacted] returned to the number, and obtained the other hose, which was attached to the water in the number. He decided to go through the building to the scene of the fire. They went into the building through a steel door, and through the fire. During all this time, they were being subjected to a terrific amount of harassment, including the throwing of rocks, and clubs. When they had about gotten to the fire, their Chief called, and told them to load up and get out of there. They had been there approximately one hour at that time. There were six men on the truck, which had gone out at that time. They returned later, and put out the fire, at which time there were no students in evidence.

[redacted] stated that he got a good look at the individuals who threw the rags into the fire. These individuals took the gasoline soaked rags, laid them on the window sills lit them, and dumped them in the window. All three of these persons were white males, with large bushy "Afro" type hairdos. He thinks these might be the same individuals that hit him and the other two fireman with the clubs. None of them had beards. All three were dressed in hippie type clothing. They could recall nothing further about this. He feels it is possible he would recognize all three individuals.

[redacted] noted that when the hose was taken away from him, after he was clubbed, a group of approximately six individuals with beards, went into the crowd, got the hose, and brought it back. He saw the students using machetes to cut the hose. He could not estimate the number of students who were demonstrators that were there, but the number was very large, 500 to possibly 1,000.

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[redacted] Kent, Ohio, was interviewed at his place of employment [redacted] Ohio.

[redacted] advised that he is a volunteer fireman for the Kent, Ohio Police Department. In this connection he reported for a fire, at the Kent State University, ROTC, Building, between 8:00 and 9:00 P.M. on May 2, 1970. [redacted] advised that when they got to this fire, it was relatively small. He was working with [redacted] taking a hose into one building, when he was clubbed, as was [redacted] and the hose they were carrying was taken away. He advised that he then saw three individuals going to two motorcycles parked near the ROTC Building. These three individuals put rags in a gasoline tank of one of the motorcycles, brought them back to the ROTC Building, lit them, and threw them in the window. This caused the fire to flare up considerably. He advised that he can recall one of these individuals very vividly, and is quite sure he could identify this person. He was approximately 5'8" tall, weighing 145 pounds, wearing a white T-shirt, brown bell bottom trousers, a white male, with long sandy bushy hair. He had no beard. He was approximately 26 years of age. [redacted] saw no one else at the scene of the fire, whom he could remember, or identify again. The other two individuals that were with the one he remembered so well, were slightly bigger. None of them were, of what he thought of, as student age. [redacted] could furnish no further information of value in this matter.

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[redacted], telephone [redacted] a Kent fireman, was shown the following photographs and was unable to identify any of these individuals as being present on the of May 2, 1970 at the scene of the ROTC fire.

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phone [redacted], Kent, Ohio, was interviewed at his place of employment, Kent, Ohio Fire Department.

[redacted] advised that he was one of six individuals on a fire department pumper truck, which responded to a call for a fire, at Kent State University, between 8:00 and 9:00 P.M. on May 2, 1970. When they got to the fire in the ROTC Building, a huge crowd of demonstrators had gathered around. They were making a great deal of noise. They pulled off and chopped off one hose, which was attached to a hydrant nearby. All the firemen were hit with rocks, and [redacted] was clubbed, and the hose taken away from him. He himself was hit twice by rocks and pieces of cement blocks. He saw no one involved in setting the fire at the ROTC Building. The fire was relatively small when the department got there. It was almost out, when they were forced to leave the scene due to the harassment they were receiving. He is unable to identify anyone among the demonstrators that were on the scene. The fire truck was given escort out of the area by Kent Police Department, and Portage County Sheriff's officers. The National Guard was not there at the time. When the department went back a little later, the students were under control, but the fire was too far out of control to be put out. [redacted] was unable to provide any further information.

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[redacted] a Kent fireman, was shown the following telephone [redacted] was unable to identify any of these individuals as being present on the night of May 2, 1970 at the scene of the ROTC fire.

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[redacted] furnished the following information, Kent, Ohio,

[redacted] advised that he was a volunteer fireman with the Kent, Ohio Fire Department. He stated that he responded to a fire call at the Kent State University, ROTC Building, between 8:00 and 9:00 P.M. on May 2, 1970. When the fire department arrived at the scene there were large groups of demonstrators around who continually harassed the fire department. They threw rocks, cut hoses, and clubbed other firemen. [redacted] himself, was hit by rocks, once in the arm with the effect that his arm was numbed, and he was unable to use it again. He saw no one at the scene of the fire, setting fire to the ROTC Building. Nor did he see any demonstrators whom he could identify again in any way. He could furnish no further information of value in this matter.

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[redacted], a Kent fireman, was shown the following photographs and was unable to identify any of these individuals as being present on the night of May 2, 1970 at the scene of the ROTC fire.

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Date May 10, 1970

[redacted] Kent State University policeman, who resides at [redacted], Kent, Ohio, advised that on May 2, 1970, he was working the 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM shift and had gone home to eat supper, when he was called back to the campus. He joined 16 to 17 other Kent State University policemen, all riot equipped, and then proceeded to the East Hall, (ROTC building), at around 7:30 PM. Upon arriving at East Hall, he noted that the southeast end of East Hall was on fire and that there were several Kent, Ohio, firemen fighting the blaze. Out in the northeast section of the Commons were some 800 to 900 students, chanting and shouting phrases such as "one, two, three, four, we don't want this fucking war", "pigs go home", "Who's fucking the pig's wife now".

While the firemen were working, [redacted] who was in charge of the KSU policemen, ordered the policemen to put on their gas masks, which they did. Rocks started flying toward the policemen from the direction of the students and [redacted] could see and hear his fellow officers being hit. [redacted] was hit in the mid section of the front of his body with a rock, which doubled him over. [redacted] then ordered gas, and [redacted] and a few others ran forward, near the front line of students in the Commons, and through tear gas canisters into the students, which dispersed them for a while. When the policemen turned around to regroup in front of East Hall, [redacted] was hit on his left leg with a thrown brick, which caused him intense pain and which also caused him to limp severely.

The policemen regrouped and then [redacted] noticed that the archery shed across the Commons was on fire. Some of the students were shouting at the policemen to do something about it, but [redacted] apparently sensing it was a diversion, did not attempt to save the archery shed, which burned to the ground.

Shortly afterward, one of the policemen shouted that the East Hall was again on fire and when [redacted] turned around to see, he noted the building was ablaze in several places. [redacted] had thought the Kent firemen had put out the

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fire and did not know how it started again. [redacted] did not hav any information concerning who may have set the East Hall ablaze either the first or second time. Kent firemen again appeared on the scene and fought the blaze and the policemen formed lines to protect the firemen. The students were chanting and shouting obscenities such as [redacted] mentioned previously. East Hall burned to the ground, after which the students gradually began dispersing. [redacted] departed the scene to begin patrol duty.

[redacted] could not identify any of the students who participated in the above matter, although, on several occasions, he believed he heard the voice of [redacted] who used to be a student teacher at KSU and who is currently a Students for a Democratic Society sympathizer, and is known to [redacted]. [redacted] described [redacted] as a white male, under 30 years old, about five feet six inches to five feet seven inches in height, weighing about 165 to 175 pounds, with a "hippie" appearance, including long dark hair and full beard. [redacted] could not identify any other possible participants because the students were in a shadow on the Commons and the riot occurred at night.

[redacted] advised that he has been a campus policeman at KSU for about two and a half years.

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[redacted] Portage County Special Deputy Sheriff, [redacted] Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents. [redacted] furnished the following voluntary information:

On Saturday night, May 2, 1970, [redacted] was on duty in Kent, Ohio. During the evening of May 2, 1970, [redacted] could not recall the exact time, he received instructions to go to the Kent State University (KSU) campus and help protect firemen that were trying to extinguish a fire in the ROTC Building on the KSU campus.

When [redacted] and another Portage County Deputy Sheriff, first name [redacted] could not recall [redacted] last name, arrived at KSU he saw the ROTC Building burning. Firemen were attempting to extinguish the fire; however, as the County Sheriff's car drove by one of the firemen at a fire hydrant on the Southeast end of the ROTC Building, the firemen shouted to [redacted] that there was no water and the people were cutting the hoses. There were several hundred people gathered in the area of the campus referred to as the Commons, located behind the ROTC Building.

When [redacted] and his partner arrived at the ROTC Building they drove past the South end of the building heading West. [redacted] saw approximately five people running East past the ROTC Building back to the Commons. [redacted] could not identify these people as he did not see their faces. [redacted] and his partner stopped at the Southwest corner of the ROTC burning building next to the campus heating plant. When their car pulled to a stop two firemen ran up to the car and requested help from the deputies. A fireman advised [redacted] that the demonstrators around the ROTC Building were cutting fire hoses and taking hoses away from firemen and

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pushing the firemen.

[redacted] partner remained in the squad car to maintain radio contact. [redacted] got out of the police car and ran to the North side of the burning ROTC Building past the fire truck and to a fire hydrant where the firemen were located on the North side of the building. [redacted] believed there was a fire hydrant on the North side of the building, but could not remember for sure. When [redacted] arrived on the North side of the ROTC Building he saw about fifteen students yelling and shouting in unison "the fuckin pigs are here." When the fifteen student age people saw [redacted] approximately nine of them ran East past the ROTC Building back to the large group of demonstrators located on the Commons.

When [redacted] first came around the North side of the ROTC Building he saw the group of fifteen demonstrators throwing rocks at the ROTC Building windows. [redacted] heard glass breaking as these people were throwing the rocks. As [redacted] rounded the North side of the ROTC Building and started East towards the Commons he felt a rock hit his police helmet and another rock hit him on the shoulder. [redacted] was wearing a heavy police jacket and the rock that hit him on the shoulder did not leave a mark. When he was hit with these rocks he heard several other rocks land on the ground near him. He did not see who threw these rocks but assumes that the fifteen people who were throwing rocks towards the ROTC Building threw some towards him. These fifteen people were only approximately 25 feet away from [redacted] while the large group of demonstrators were approximately 150 to 175 feet away from [redacted] standing in the Commons.

After the nine of the fifteen demonstrators ran back to the large group assembled on the Commons the six remaining student age people started coming towards [redacted] These people each had rocks in their hands about the size of a baseball.

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When these six people got to within fifteen feet of [redacted] he told them to disperse and move back to the Commons. These six student age people responded to this command of [redacted] by saying "fuck you pig - fuck you pig," and kept advancing towards [redacted] Two of these six people came to within four feet of [redacted] while the remaining four stayed about six feet away from [redacted] The two who approached [redacted] again said to him "fuck you pig." [redacted] advanced at them and poked each of them in the stomach with his riot stick. The two student age people turned and ran East towards the Commons followed by the other four people that had remained away from [redacted]

[redacted] described the two people who approached him as both being white males, 5'7" to 8", approximately 170 pounds. One individual was wearing a shirt and blue jeans and sandals and he had long blonde hair. The second individual was wearing a shirt, wash and wear pants, and loafers and he had brown hair.

After chasing the above described people back to the Commons [redacted] returned to his police cruiser and told his partner to call for assistance. At this point [redacted] and approximately seven firemen were gathered around the police car because the firemen had given up in their attempts to fight the fire. About eight minutes after [redacted] returned to his police cruiser approximately fifteen Kent State University policemen came down to the ROTC Building, dressed in riot gear. These policemen went to the North side of the burning ROTC Building and began moving the crowd of demonstrators back towards the Commons. [redacted] accompanied these Kent State University policemen and after seeing that the Kent State University policemen were about to move the crowd back [redacted] returned to his police cruiser to advise [redacted] of the situation. When he arrived at the cruiser he saw approximately four student age people coming West on the South side of the ROTC Building.

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[redacted] saw two other people throw rocks in his direction. However, [redacted] was not hit by these rocks. [redacted] advanced towards the students and they ran back to the crowd of people on the Commons.

After [redacted] chased these people back to the Commons he ran around the West end of the ROTC Building and approached the Kent State University policemen on the North side of the building and requested some of the policemen to assist him on the South side of the ROTC Building. [redacted] was given two of the Kent State University policemen to assist him and he returned to the South side of the ROTC Building. One of the two Kent State University policemen became involved in something else and could not assist [redacted] The second Kent St University policeman follow[redacted] around the South side of the ROTC Building. [redacted] was approximately twenty feet ahead of the Kent State University policeman as he rounded the South side of the ROTC Building. At this point [redacted] saw a student age person with a lighted fusee in his right hand running up to the East end of the ROTC Building. This individual disappeared behind the East end of the ROTC Building and came back into [redacted] sight about three seconds later and he was not carrying the fusee. [redacted] ran past the South side of the building and stopped at the Southeast corner of the burning building. He noticed a window in the East end of the building about three or four feet from the Southeast corner, and the glass was broken out of this window. This is the same area of the building that [redacted] saw the student age person running to with a burning fusee.

The Kent State University policemen joined [redacted] at the East end of the ROTC Building and the policemen discharged a tear gas canister. Something happened to the policeman's gas mask and he began to choke and [redacted] had to help the policeman back to the West end of the ROTC Building and turned him over to the Kent State University police. At this point in the disturbance [redacted] was ordered to protect the fire truck as the truck had been ordered to leave the area.

[redacted] and his partner escorted the fire truck from the Kent State University campus. [redacted] described the man who was carrying the lighted fusee as a white male, blond hair touching his shoulders, mustache and a small beard. The man was wearing a checked shirt, levis, and an arm band.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	June 11, 1943
Place of Birth	[redacted], Ohio
Weight	
Height	5'10½"
Telephone Number	[redacted]
Eyes	Green
Hair	Blonde
United States Army Social Security Number	[redacted]

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On 5/12/70 at Kent, Ohio File # Cleveland 98-2140

SA [redacted]

by [redacted] Date dictated 5/13/70

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IV. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING
E. INTERVIEWS OF NEWS MEDIA

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 11, 1970

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TERENCE LEROY OBLANDER, 229 South Diamond Street, Ravenna, Ohio, was contacted and after being advised of the matter under investigation and the identity of the interviewing Agents advised as follows:

"May 11, 1970
"Kent, Ohio

"I, Terence Leroy Oblander, 229 South Diamond Street, Ravenna, Ohio, furnish the following voluntary statement to Special Agents [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am employed as a reporter for the 'Record Courier', 126 North Chestnut Street, Ravenna, Ohio, and have completed approximately 3½ years of college with two years at Kent State University (KSU). I attended KSU beginning spring 1968 and ending at the termination of the fall quarter 1969.

"On Saturday, May 2, 1970, I worked at the newspaper from approximately 7:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and then went to Olmsted Falls, Ohio and visited my parents who reside there. I had heard that there had been a curfew imposed on the city of Kent, Ohio beginning at 8:00 p.m. and suspicioned that there might be a student gathering at about 8:00 p.m. I, therefore, proceeded to the campus of Kent State University, arriving there at approximately 8:00 p.m.

"I parked my vehicle in a lot behind Prentice Hall next to Taylor Hall and was dressed as a student in casual attire. I saw persons in the surrounding area heading for the Commons, which is an area of ground surrounded by Taylor Hall, Prentice Hall, Johnson Hall, and the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) building.

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SA [redacted]

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"I had my camera with me and took several photographs of persons involved in the events which I am going to relate. None of these pictures were suitable for printing and were over-exposed.

"I proceeded to an area of the Commons near the ROTC building where approximately 400 persons were gathered. Near this crowd I met Jeff Sallot, who is a reporter for the 'Akron Beacon Journal,' and Saul Daniels, who works for the campus radio station, WKSU. I observed that the crowd was continuing to grow and that it now consisted of approximately 700 persons. I think the majority of the persons who were gathered were students as I recognized many faces and know that I have seen them previously on campus during the two years that I was a student.

"Someone began to ring the bell which is at the bottom of a hill north of Taylor Hall. All of the persons in the crowd went to the location surrounding the bell. When I arrived there with Saul Daniels we were approached by three white males. One of them addressed me and said 'What role are you playing here'. I stated 'I am working'. This individual then stated 'Now look, I don't want you taking any pictures. You do and you're going to get it'. I replied with something like 'Don't threaten me or tell me what to do'. This same individual then stated 'You take pictures and we'll kill you'. All of the foregoing conversation is on a tape which Saul Daniels has, as he had a recorder on his person during the conversation. Another person who witnessed the conversation was Jeff Tucker, who is employed by either WKSU or WKNT. Also present was his girlfriend, [redacted]. I then overheard one white male who was sitting on the structure which houses the bell say 'let's get the rest of the students'. No speeches had been made and no chanting had occurred. The crowd then departed and walked between Prentice and Taylor Hall through Tri-Tower, where someone tripped a fire alarm, and on to Eastway Center dorms. During the marching by these persons, they were chanting 'One, two, three, four, we don't want your fucking war'. The crowd was approaching the Commons and when it got to just between Johnson and Taylor Hall a chant went up something like 'Down with ROTC' or 'ROTC off campus'. The crowd continued on to a point approximately 20 yards from the ROTC building on the Commons side.

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"Some of the persons in this crowd had picked up rocks along the path of their march and had put them in their pockets. Also, I observed a white male and a white female with pressurized cans of red paint, painting the sides of buildings as the march was in progress. Another person who I remember was in the crowd is [redacted] who I have known for approximately 1½ years, and who I know was arrested in Washington, D. C. during the inauguration of President Nixon. She approached me and asked me for a cigarette, commenting she had just gotten back from Cuba where she had helped with the sugar cane harvest. She also told me last fall that she was attending Ohio State.

"Various chants continued concerning ROTC and the persons in the crowd started throwing rocks at the windows in the ROTC building. I saw approximately ten to fifteen persons approach the building and strike the windows with sticks. I also observed one white male throw a large metal trash barrel at one of the windows in the building.

"I next observed an ignited flare come from the crowd and land on the roof of the ROTC building, however, it soon rolled off the roof on to the ground. I next observed a white male and white female approach the building and the male was holding a white cloth. The female lit this cloth and it immediately caught fire. The male then threw the cloth into the building through the broken window of the door. I observed that a yellow glow was coming from within the building. I don't believe that I could recognize this man and woman if I should see them again. I remember looking at my watch and noting the time as between 8:45 and 8:50 p.m. The glow which had been visible in the building died out and one person went to the door and said 'it went out'.

"I then observed a white male approach the building, coming from the direction of the crowd, holding a white cloth. He ignited it and it immediately was afire. This white male then reached in through the broken window and started the curtains on fire. This white male was approximately 19 to 20 years old,

approximately 5' 10" tall and was thin, weighing approximately 150 to 160 pounds. He was wearing a white band around his head and wore glasses. His hair was long and dark. He did not wear a beard and had on a blue Air Force workshirt.

"After the curtains were in flames this person ran into the center of the crowd. I watched him as he stood looking at the building and then he mingled with the crowd and I could not see him any longer. This person had reached through a window on the northeast side of the building close to the southeast end. I am certain that I would be able to recognize this individual if I saw him again. I did see this same individual in a crowd that was sitting on Main Street at the intersection of Lincoln Street on May 3, 1970.

"When the firemen arrived to extinguish the fire, five or six persons pushed the fireman, who was holding the hose, against the building. This fireman then left the area leaving the hose on the ground with water spraying from it at a high pressure. A large number of persons in the crowd then grabbed the fire hose and started running with it towards the commons. I next observed two white males using a large hunting knife cut the fire hose in two. Many police then arrived and with the use of tear gas forced the persons in the crowd to the other side of the Commons. A large number of the crowd then left the area and went north to Main Street and started walking down in the street towards the downtown area, or west. Steve Sharroff, who is a graduate student of Kent State University, talked to the crowd and attempted to get them to go back to their dormitories. The crowd continued down Main Street until approximately 25 National Guard vehicles consisting mostly of jeeps, came up behind them headed in the same direction down Main Street. The persons in the crowd got on the lawn on the campus along Main Street and threw rocks at the National Guardsmen and their vehicles as they passed by. The National Guardsmen offered no resistance other than to duck the projectiles which were thrown at them.

"Shortly after this and after a small number of persons

attempted to burn a small building near the parking lot and library, the crowd dispersed. I remember seeing [redacted] who I believe is a member of the Weatherman faction on campus who was in the crowd that was on Main Street. I observed her helping in the destruction of campus signs along Main Street.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and five previous pages and have signed each page and initialed each correction, which I made. I now sign this statement because it is true.

"/s/ Terence Leroy Oblander

"Witnessed:

[redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Buffalo, N.Y., 5/11/70
[redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Buffalo, N.Y., 5/11/70"

After viewing approximately 200 photographs taken on the Kent State University campus on May 4, 1970, and approximately 25 photographs taken near the intersection of Main and Lincoln Streets in Kent, Ohio, OBLANDER advised as follows:

"May 11, 1970
"Kent, Ohio

"I, Terence Leroy Oblander, 229 South Diamond Street, Ravenna, Ohio, furnish the following voluntary statement to Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted], who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am employed as a reporter for the 'Record Courier', 126 North Chestnut Street, Ravenna, Ohio, and have completed approximately 3½ years of college with two years at Kent State University (KSU). I attended KSU beginning spring, 1968, and ending at the termination of the fall quarter, 1969.

"On Saturday, May 2, 1970, between 8:30 p.m. and 9:15 p.m., I was at the campus of KSU near the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) building. I observed a white male at this time

approach the ROTC building, light a white cloth which he carried, and then reach through the broken window, setting the curtains on the inside of the building on fire. I have previously described this white male in a signed statement.

"After viewing approximately 200 photographs, which were exhibited to me by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] I recognized this white male in the photograph labeled A-50. This individual is standing approximately 15 feet from the curb of the street. He is wearing a short jacket and has his mouth open. He is facing the street.

"In my previous signed statement I indicated that on May 3, 1970, I again observed this individual sitting in a crowd at the intersection of Main and Lincoln Streets in Kent, Ohio. I was at this intersection at approximately 9:30 p.m. Photograph labeled A-81 appears to be a photograph taken of the crowd sitting at the above location. I am standing in front of the brick post on the right side of the photograph focusing my camera. The same individual who I identified in the last picture as the person who set fire to the ROTC building is in this photograph and is located in the crowd approximately four persons from the front and is higher than any person in that area. He is wearing glasses and there is a reflection on them.

"I do not know the individual's name who I have identified in these photographs. I am certain that I would be able to recognize this individual if I ever saw him again.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and one additional page. I have signed each page and initialed each correction which I have made. I now sign this statement because it is true.

"/s/ Terence Leroy Oblander

"Witnessed:

[redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Buffalo, N.Y., 5/11/70
Special Agent, FBI, Buffalo, N.Y., 5/11/70"

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The following description and background data was taken through observation and interview:

Name	TERENCE LEROY OBLANDER
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	July 19, 1947
Place of Birth	Cleveland, Ohio
Height	5' 11½"
Weight	175 pounds
Hair	Light brown, medium long, with long sideburns
Eyes	Blue
Soc. Sec. No.	269-44-7829
Residence	229 South Diamond Street Ravenna, Ohio 296-9897
Phone	
Father	JACOB LEROY OBLANDER 126 Fitch Road Olmsted Falls, Ohio (Phone: 235-3737)
Occupation Employment	News reporter "Record Courier" 126 North Chestnut Street Ravenna, Ohio (Phone: 296-9657)

OBLANDER stated that he has no plans to change his current residence and that his father as indicated would always know his whereabouts.

IV. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING
F. INTERVIEWS WITH OTHER INDIVIDUALS

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/10/70

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[redacted] Ohio, telephone [redacted] was interviewed in the presence of his par
Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] He advised that he has attended coll
at Kent State University (KSU) and had dropped out at the end
the winter quarter in order to take employment at the [redacted]
[redacted] Ohio, which is a division of the
Continental Oil Company. He stated he has been working there
full time since April 14, 1970, and has not attended KSU as
a student since the end of March, 1970.

[redacted] advised that he and his parents had heard
that a boy named [redacted] of [redacted] Ohio, was "on the
hill" at KSU at the time of the shooting of 4 students allegedl
by members of the Ohio National Guard. He identified [redacted]
further as being the son of Mr. [redacted] who operates a
company known as [redacted] in Cleveland, Ohio. He sta
[redacted] a sophomore at Kent State and lives on either
[redacted] in [redacted]

[redacted] added that he had heard that [redacted]
cousin, a boy named [redacted] was right on the scene of the sho
of the 4 students and allegedly had dropped to the ground when
shooting started and one of the girls who was immediately behin
was one of the girls who was shot. He stated [redacted] lives in subu
Cleveland, possibly Parma, Ohio.

[redacted] stated he was working on Monday, May 4, 1
at [redacted] at the time of the shooting.

[redacted] added that on Saturday, May 2, 1970, he had go
over to KSU by hitchhiking and had obtained a ride with a forme
[redacted] who he identified as [redacted] He
stated that on the previous Friday, May 1, 1970, he had been at
home and on Friday night he had a date with a girl friend named
[redacted] He recalled it was about 6:00 PM on Saturday
when he left [redacted] arriving at KSU at approximately 6:45
He stated that at this time he learned that there had been a
rally at KSU on Friday night. He said he was in Stouffer Hall,

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SA [redacted]

by SA [redacted] TRM/jky Date dictated 5/10/70

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KSU, visiting a friend of his named [redacted] (ph). He said [redacted] resides in room [redacted] Stouffer Hall. He added other [redacted] were present in [redacted] room whom he identified as [redacted] who is [redacted] girl friend, 3 boys named [redacted] and [redacted] whose last names he did not know.

[redacted] said that at the time he was in [redacted] room he noted that students and others were milling about the campus and they went out to see what was happening. He said groups of people were yelling and shouting and he noted that an American flag was burned. He also noted that some young people were throwing rocks at the ROTC building and he could hear the rocks hitting the building and breaking the windows. He stated at this time that it was dusk to dark and he recalls seeing flares being thrown and noted some of them would hit the side of the building and fall to the ground. He said there was one group of people who were throwing numerous flares and he noted the group consisted of three boys and one girl. He said that one of the boys was wearing long dark curly hair and had on a yellow light-weight jacket. He said that students on the campus described the students who would do such a thing as throwing rocks and flares as "the crazies". He stated one of this group of flare throwers the one with the yellow jacket, left his group who were throwing flares against one side of the building, ran to the opposite side of the ROTC building and threw flares into an open window at the corner of the building, the glass in this window having been previously broken by rocks. He estimated it took about 60 minutes from the time of the first flare being thrown until the ROTC building was enveloped in flames. He added he believes the people who set fire to the ROTC building were in the building first before throwing the flares and may have poured gasoline on the drapes.

[redacted] stated that when the fire department arrived on the scene he saw groups of people who would pick up the fire hose and immediately thereafter would see water spurting up from the hose at the point at which it was picked up and therefore he would have to assume that these people were cutting the fire hoses.

[redacted] stated that there was a rumor to the effect that two of the four persons who had been previously arrested and who had been released from jail just 2 or 3 days prior to the burning of the ROTC building were on the campus Saturday at the time of the burning.

[redacted] stated that one of the men students who was active in the burning of the ROTC building on Saturday, May 2, 1970, carrying a large machete-style knife strapped to the si his leg. He stated this man was wearing blue denims. He sai he recalls him throwing fire crackers and exploding them in various areas prior to the burning of the building. He descr him further as a white male, age about 21, tall, 6' or more, his hair was long, light brown or blond, curly and he describe him as having a good build, broad and husky. He stated this person was active in " the Guerilla Theater group" on campus whom he described as a dissident group. He said this person wa yelling and stirring up the crowd and acted as a leader. He advised that after the burning of the building he returned to [redacted] room in Stouffer Hall and he and others "rapped about it" until about 4:00 or 5:00 in the morning. He said because of this he believes the Friday night rally was started and planned at a local bar on North Water Street at Kent, Ohio, known as "JB's". He said that he frequents this bar himself an the above described person has been there every time he has bee there and from this he gathers the man "hangs out there all the time".

[redacted] stated he is working his way through scho so far as his college expenses are concerned inasmuch as his parents are unable to financially support him. He said he is no a member of any "radical or political group" and he said that la Spring he signed a petition in support of the ROTC being on camp He noted he returned to his home in [redacted] on Sunday aftern May 3, 1970, after having lunch at the Lake Cafeteria at KSU. He said he stayed over at Kent because of the curfew.

He noted [redacted] is from [redacted] Pennsylvani and assumed that [redacted] would be residing at [redacted] nasmuc as the campus has been closed down.

[redacted] said that although he was not sorry to see the building burned, noting he was sympathetic with those that may have done it, that he himself took no active part in the burning of the building. He denied knowing the names of any of those involved and said it was rather dark at the time of the burning which he would estimate to be about 8:00 PM. He did sta he could identify the man wearing the blue jeans whom he describ above. It was noted that when [redacted] was specifically

questioned as to the identity of those who were active that
say it was rather dark and he did not know who they were but
say this in a manner which could be described as evasive. It
was further noted that he had injuries on both hands, was que
about these injuries and stated that he was injured at his pl
of employment. One of his fingers was bandaged and he stated
his employer had personally bandaged this one cut which he
stated he had incurred on Friday, May 8, 1970.

[redacted] promised that should he obtain any specific
information as to the identities of the people involved he wo
contact the FBI.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

(1) [redacted] Date: May 10, 1970

[redacted] Ohio, telephone number [redacted] was interviewed concerning the whereabouts of his son, [redacted], who is a student at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. Mr. [redacted] stated that his son was attending the funeral of JEFFERY MILLER, one of the students killed during the rioting and demonstrations at Kent State University. He stated that he did not know his whereabouts but advised that he was attending the funeral in Plainview, New York. He advised that his son flew to Kennedy Airport and he expected him home sometime Saturday evening or Sunday, May 9 or 10, 1970. He said that he could not be sure his son would return home on these days because of planned demonstrations by students at Columbia University, New York, New York, and in Washington, D.C.

[redacted] stated that his son now resided at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, telephone number [redacted] with seven or eight other students in a private dwelling located at that address. He also advised that his son, who is known as [redacted]

He advised that his son had been arrested during the demonstrations at Kent State University for violating curfew and some other charge which he believed was refusal to disperse. He added that he believed his son was arrested by the Kent Police and had been incarcerated at the County Jail in Ravenna, Ohio.

He advised that he picked up his son at Kent State University and brought him home. He added that he asked him if he was present during the demonstrations and he said his son became quite agitated and told him he had been present at the demonstrations and was present at the burning of the R.O.T.C. Building at Kent State University, but denied to him

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that he was involved in the burning of the R.O.T.C. Building on the campus of Kent State University.

[redacted] was questioned as to his son's background and as to whether or not his son was an activist and took part in any other demonstrations. He stated that his son had changed tremendously since he has been at Kent State University. He added that his son is quiet and withdrawn and reads a great deal, including books by activist leaders such as JERRY RUBIN. He also said his son expressed great admiration for MARK RUDD after he had heard him speak on the campus of Kent State University. He added that he knew his son was vehement in his anti-Viet-Nam war feelings and had taken an active part in demonstrations in Cleveland, Ohio; Kent, Ohio; and Washington, D.C., about one year ago. He said that since he is not able to communicate with his son he does not know if his son is a member of any radical groups and does not know of any of his associates. He said the only associates of his son that he can recall is a [redacted] and a student named [redacted] last name unknown, who rooms with his son at Kent.

[redacted] furnished three colored photographs of his son and furnished the following description of his son:

Name:	[redacted]
Alias:	
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	[redacted]
Height:	
Weight:	
Hair:	Dark blonde or light brown worn long style
Peculiarities:	Mustache, formerly wore a beard which he trimmed off after returning home from Kent State University
Dress:	Usually dresses in corduroys and sport shirts

DERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

(1)

Date 5/6/70

[redacted], Ohio, telephone number [redacted], telephonically contacted the FBI Akron Office on May 5, 1970, and talked to SA [redacted] indicated he is a [redacted] who is attending Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, under an [redacted] program so he can obtain his degree in Business Administration. [redacted] is presently in his junior year at this school.

[redacted] indicated that he was calling as he understood the FBI was conducting an investigation into the shooting incident on campus on May 4, 1970; and he felt some investigation should be made into some of the KSU instructors in the arts department as they reportedly are a liberal group. [redacted] could not offer the names of any specific instructors in this regard.

[redacted] had no information regarding the burning of the Army ROTC Building at KSU on May 2, 1970.

[redacted] added that in the event he learned anything pertinent about the burning of the ROTC Building at KSU, he would call the FBI.

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[redacted] Ohio, tele
presently residing at [redacted] Kent, Ohio
was interviewed concerning the burning of the ROTC building
Kent State University (KSU) campus on May 2, 1970.

[redacted] advised that he is presently attending Cuyaho
Community College, Cleveland, Ohio, and prior to entering sc
there he was a professional photographer. His present hobby
photography and because of this, he went to the KSU campus c
the evening of May 2, 1970 in order to photograph the fire w
was set in order to destroy the ROTC building, East Hall.

He advised that upon his arrival at the ROTC build
the fire had almost burned itself out. There were only
approximately 15 to 20 students remaining in the area, none
whom he recognized. He also advised that he did not hear an
conversations from the individuals remaining at the scene of
the fire mentioning the names of any individuals who would h
possibly been involved in starting the fire.

[redacted] stated he has no reason to believe this may b
of significance in the starting of the fire in the ROTC buil
but individuals who live behind [redacted] borrowed a
of kerosene Saturday afternoon from [redacted] residents.

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of [redacted] presently residing at the residence number [redacted] Kent, Ohio, telephon was interviewed concerning the destruction of the ROTC East Hall on Saturday evening, May 2, 1970. She advised she was not present when the building was burned and could furnish no information concerning the persons responsible for the fire; however, her boyfriend, [redacted], possibly too photographs of the fire.

She advised that one of her associates, [redacted] a Sophomore at Kent State University, may have possibl been present when the building was burned.

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[redacted], Kent, Ohio, advised that he was not present on campus during the burning of the ROTC building and could supply no information about the burning or identities of anyone that witnessed the burning.

[redacted] roommate, did not advise him if he was present at the burning of the ROTC building.

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[redacted] senior student, Kent State University (KSU), was interviewed at the [redacted] Akron, Ohio, where [redacted] is employed as a desk clerk.

[redacted] advised he was present during the confrontation between National Guard troops and a crowd of student demonstrators between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, May 4, 1970, on the KSU campus.

The confrontation took place between Taylor and Johnson Halls, and [redacted] witnessed the shooting into the crowd by several of the National Guardsmen.

[redacted] observed that the shooting apparently resulted from the activities of approximately 300 person who were doing a lot of screaming and name calling and were throwing rocks and sticks. The 300 individuals were the "hippie type" with regard to their personal appearance, long hair and beards, and disheveled clothin

Although there were several hundred additional persons present in the crowd, there seemed to be only 300 who were actively antagonizing the National Guard troops.

During [redacted] four year attendance at KSU, he has learned to recognize most of the radical demonstrators and activists on campus, but at the time of this incident, [redacted] noted that he was not able to recognize many of the most vociferous of the demonstrato He concluded that these individuals, therefore, must have come from off campus. Even though there are approximately 20,000 students enrolled at KSU, [redacted] has learned to recognize the activist groups who are students at KSU, and he is confident that many of the activists present during the confrontation with National Guard troops on May 4, 1970, were not KSU students.

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[redacted] has no personal knowledge about the burning of the ROTC building on the KSU campus on May 2, 1970, but he stated there is speculation on campus that four SDS (Students for a Democratic Society) affiliates who had been released from jail on Thursday, April 30, 1970, were responsible for this burning.

VI. POST INCIDENT ACTIVITIES

The following synopsized sequence of events which took place at Kent State University (KSU) was provided by [redacted] ent State University, Kent, Ohio, to [redacted] on May 7, 1970:

At approximately 7:30 PM on Saturday, May 2, 1970, the Ohio National Guard had been ordered to the city of Kent, Ohio, and were beginning to arrive there. At about that time approximately 600 students began gathering at the ROTC building on KSU campus and were yelling, chanting and throwing objects at the building. Several windows were broken in the building and the students set fires in the area. Flame from these fires were carried to the building in attempts to set it on fire.

The ROTC building was set on fire, the Fire Department was called and upon their arrival at the scene, students met them throwing rocks and cutting the hoses they had on the fire trucks.

Officers of the Kent State University Police Department were used to disperse the crowd who had driven off the Fire Department and at approximately 10:20 PM, the Fire Department returned to the scene in an unsuccessful effort to put out the fire in the ROTC building. By this time the Ohio National Guardsmen had deployed themselves around the building and the immediate area and the crowd of students was dispersed and broke into smaller bands of students who continued to roam about campus. Approximately 500 Ohio National Guardsmen were on campus in addition to Kent State University police officers and members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

As of approximately 3:00 AM on Sunday, May 3, 1970, campus activity was relatively quiet. During the day of Sunday, May 3, 1970, the campus situation was relatively quiet although

tense and the Ohio National Guard continued to be deployed on campus and the number of Ohio National Guard personnel on campus was increased to approximately 850.

At 8:15 PM a crowd of 250 students formed on the Commons on Kent State University campus and the crowd was dispersed by the Kent State University Police Department and the Ohio National Guard, and this crowd proceeded to the downtown area of Kent, Ohio, increasing to approximately 2,000 individuals. At Kent the crowd was escorted by the Ohio National Guard and the Kent, Ohio Police Department and was dispersed into smaller groups of 20 - 200 persons. Some of these groups returned to campus and one group broke into the Library where they were contained by the Kent State University Police Department and the Ohio National Guard.

This group was contained until 10:00 PM when they were allowed to leave the Library without being arrested.

Several incidents of broken windows and roving groups were encountered on campus and tear gas was sporadically used.

An 11:00 PM curfew was set up and was enforced at 11:30 PM by the Ohio National Guard, Kent State University Police Department and the Ohio State Highway Patrol. A perimeter around the campus was established and the campus was effectively protected. There were nine arrests on campus, May 3, 1970, and 54 arrests in the city of Kent, Ohio, most of the arrests being for curfew violation or failure to disperse.

By approximately 1:00 AM, May 4, 1970, the situation on campus was again relatively calm.

On Monday, May 4, 1970, at approximately 10:00 AM, a crowd of students began forming on the Commons, the focal point of the gathering being at the bell on the Commons. Students rang the bell to attract others and the crowd steadily increased.

The Ohio National Guard continued in a perimeter around

the burned ROTC building and immediate area and at approximately noon, efforts were made to disperse the crowd after warning had been given to them to disperse by the Kent State University Police Department and Ohio National Guard. When these efforts were made to disperse the crowd, the crowd resisted with rock throwing, screaming and chanting.

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[redacted], Health Center, Kent State University (KSU), Eastway Drive, Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents. [redacted] furnished the following voluntary information:

According to the Health Center records, on Monday, May 4, 1970, at 12:20 AM, PETER CHARLES BLIEK was treated at the Health Center at KSU. From the medical records, the following description was obtained of BLIEK:

Date of Birth:	April 11, 1948
	Arts and Science Student
Home Address:	34 Highwood Road
	Rochester, New York.

PETER BLIEK is a junior at Kent State University and resides in Moulton Hall. The records further reflect BLIEK's student identification number as 053-40-4012-9. GERALD A. BLIEK is listed as PETER's father, address - 34 Highwood Road, Rochester, New York, telephone (716) 288-1273.

PETER CHARLES BLIEK came to the Health Center complaining of a loss of hearing in his left ear after he received a blow to the left side of his head. [redacted] treated PETER BLIEK.

[redacted]

[redacted]

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SA [redacted]

SA [redacted] Date dictated 5/6/70

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[redacted] did not actually talk with PETER BLIEK or treat him in any way. The medical records show that BLIEK was examined and released from the medical center.

[redacted] advised that when the disturbance started on the campus of KSU, he, [redacted] was called to the medical center and he and his staff started their emergency plan in case of mass injuries due to confrontations between students and law enforcement.

On May 2, 1970, [redacted] observed flames from the burning ROTC building shoot up into the sky. He observed this burning from the medical center. He stated that there were several students walking around the dormitory next to the medical center coming and going as nothing was actually happening. They seemed not to be aware of the burning building. When [redacted] was called to the health center on Saturday night, May 2, 1970, he drove down Main Street in Kent, Ohio, to reach the campus and saw several people in the downtown area. Most of these people [redacted] felt were curious and wanted to see what was going on. As he drove to the campus through the downtown area, many of the streets were covered with glass; and at one point, he was approached by a large number of students; however, they only wanted to tell him to drive carefully and try to avoid the glass in the streets.

[redacted] furnished the following information from the files of the medical center at KSU concerning people treated in the medical center on May 2, May 3 and May 4, 1970:

[redacted]

Name:
Address:

Age:

Name:
Address:

Age:

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Name:
Address:

KSU address:

[redacted]

Name:
Age:
Address:

KSU address:

[redacted]

Name: PRIMO L. TUNARI
Address: 850 Morris Road Apartments
Apartment #5
Kent, Ohio
(Records show TUNARI's
home address is in Beverly, Ohi
According to the medical center
records, TUNARI stated he was a
"bystander" and was accidentall
wounded in the left knee by a
National Guardsman by the burni
ROTC barracks. TUNARI was trea
for a deep wound in his left kn
and taken to the Robinson Memor
Hospital in Ravenna, Ohio.

[redacted] advised that the reason for the injury listed in the medical records, such as hand cuts resulting from handling glass, is furnished by the person being treated. The medical center personnel do not question the person being treated to the circumstances of how the injury occurred.

May 3, 1970 Sunday

Name:
Age:
KSU address:
Home address:

[redacted]

Name:
Age:
KSU address:
Home address:

HELEN T. OPASKAR
21
Terrace Hall
4057 Washington Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio
OPASKAR was treated at 10:00 PM for a stab wound from a bayonet point and sent to Robinson Memorial Hospital, Ravenna, Ohio.

Name:
Age:
KSU address:
Home address:

JAMES E. BEHRENS
21
McDowell Hall
5121 East 115th Street
Garfield Heights, Ohio
BEHRENS was treated at 10:50 PM for what he claimed was a hit on the back of the head using a rifle butt.

Name:
Occupation:
Home address:

RONALD SHINN
Ohio National Guardsman
Aurora, Ohio
SHINN was treated at 11:15 PM for injuries to his lip and right leg resulting from a thrown rock according to SHINN.

Name:
Age:

Home Address:

[redacted]

[redacted] further advised that on Sunday evening, May 3, 1970, the following individuals approached him at the medical center and offered assistance; however, he thanked them and told them that their assistance was not needed. Each

of the individuals wore an arm band with a red cross on the band, which appeared to be home made:

[redacted] 7C

May 4, 1970 Monday

DONALD MAC KENZIE was brought to the medical center with a bullet wound in his head and was taken from the medical center to a hospital in Akron, Ohio.

LAWRENCE SHAEFFER, Ohio National Guardsman, was treated at the medical center at approximately 3:30 PM. SHAEFFER was treated for being hit in the left wrist with an object which SHAEFFER claimed to be a brick. SHAEFFER's arm was X-rayed and placed in a sling. In [redacted] medical opinion, SHAEFFER was also showing some signs of shock.

MAC KENZIE and SHAEFFER were the only two people treated at the medical center on May 4, 1970, which is the same day that the shooting occurred by Ohio National Guardsmen on the KSU campus.

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[redacted] Health Center, Kent State University (KSU), East Hay Drive, KSU campus, Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents. [redacted] furnished the following voluntary information:

[redacted] examined the Medical Center's record concerning PETER C. BLIEK after which he stated he examined PETER BLIEK at the Medical Center on May 4, 1970. [redacted] examined PETER BLIEK because BLIEK stated he had received a sharp blow to the left side of his head and felt that he was having a loss of hearing. [redacted] examined BLIEK and BLI was released after this examination.

During the time [redacted] was examining BLIEK, he recalls a conversation with BLIEK in which they discussed the campus disturbances that were taking place during the we of May 1 through 4, 1970. [redacted] cannot recall anything about this conversation except that BLIEK made a statement concerning the burning of the ROTC building on the Kent Stat campus. To the best of [redacted] memory, BLIEK made a general statement to the effect that "they" referring to the people that burned the ROTC building, had planned only to bu the ROTC office building.

[redacted] cannot recall any additional comments that BLIEK made. [redacted] cannot remember if the nurse wh took the medical history from PETER BLIEK was present during BLIEK's conversation with [redacted] The nurse who took th medical background of PETER BLIEK was [redacted] RN.

[redacted] could offer no additional information concerning PETER BLIEK or recall any other comments made by people he treated in the Medical Center during the disturban on the KSU campus.

[redacted] did not witness any of the incidents th took place on the campus and confined most of his efforts du the demonstration to treating people at the Medical Center o the KSU campus.

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[redacted] Ohio, was contacted at her residence since inform had been developed that she treated one PETER CHARLES BLIE for a hearing loss on May 4, 1970 at the University Health Center at Kent State University (KSU).

[redacted] is a registered nurse, a graduate John Hopkins Hospital School of Nursing in Baltimore, Mary in June, 1969, and is currently a transient student at KSU pursuing a course for a Bachelor of Arts degree in nursing addition to her studies, she is employed as a registered n at the KSU Health Center and worked the 4 PM to 12 midnigh shift on May 3-4, 1970. She advised as follows:

Because her replacement did not arrive as sched at midnight, she remained there on duty at the Health Cent and shortly after midnight, two girls and two boys, all as to be KSU students, arrived at the Health Center in a red The two girls and one boy were wearing arm bands and gave appearance of being "self-appointed medics." The second boy was brought to the Health Center for treatment in connecti with a hearing loss and complained that he had been hit on side of the head. [redacted] talked to the three "self-appointed medics" while [redacted] obtained identifying data from the individual who identified himself as a student and she believes that his was PETER FLIEK. She cannot recall his identification, bu believes she would have obtained his Social Security Numbe campus address, and the like.

The patient was then examined by [redacted] (p and [redacted] was not present during this examin

Subsequent to the examination, she gave the pati the medicine prescribed by [redacted] and she recalls [redacted] mentioning to her that this patient had "very radical views and, in fact, upset [redacted] to the point where he was concerned as to whether he should bring this inform to the attention of [redacted] quoted the pati as saying, "I wonder what is going to happen tomorrow?"

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[redacted] believes that [redacted] would have additional information concerning the conversation with the patient, however, noted that [redacted] has had a stroke and has problems recalling incidents.

Shortly after this incident, a campus patrolman or "private investigator" volunteered to return [redacted] to her dormitory as her replacement had arrived. This same "private investigator" also transported the patient in the direction of her dormitory, however, when the "private investigator" escorted [redacted] from his vehicle to the door of her dormitory, the patient left the vehicle alone and walked off in an opposite direction.

[redacted] could not recall having any pertinent conversation with the patient concerning incidents on the campus and her contact with him was strictly for the purposes of obtaining identification and later applying the prescribed medicine. She is not aware of what conversation [redacted] had with the three "self-appointed medics" and did not hear the conversation between the patient and [redacted]

[redacted] described the patient as a white male, approximately 19-20 years of age, approximately 6' tall, wearing blond hair, shoulder length, and a non-descript beard. She was unable to recall any article of clothing or any other physical characteristics.

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Date May 9, 1970

[redacted], Associate Professor of Marketing, [redacted] Kent, Ohio, telephone [redacted], was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents. [redacted] voluntarily furnished the following information.

[redacted] advised he received information from [redacted], telephone [redacted], employed by [redacted], Ohio, telephone [redacted], that [redacted] wife had a friend who said she was on a plane with some individuals who said they were going to Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, for the demonstrations, and asked if anyone wanted to accompany them.

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by [redacted] Date dictated 5/7/70

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Date May 9, 1970

[redacted] Ohio, telephone [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents. [redacted] furnished the following voluntary information:

Mr. [redacted] wife, [redacted] advised Mr. [redacted] that she had talked to her aunt, [redacted] on Monday, May 4, 1970. Mrs. [redacted] advised Mrs. [redacted] that she had met a friend of her neighbor's and that person told Mrs. [redacted] that her daughter was on an airplane and two "hippie" type people made a statement to someone that they were going to Kent, Ohio, to see what was going on.

Mrs. [redacted] Ohio, was the person who made the statement indicating that her daughter [redacted] was on the airplane when some unidentified individuals maintained that they were going to Kent, Ohio.

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Date May 9, 1970

Mrs. [redacted] Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and nature of the inquiry. Mrs. [redacted] voluntarily furnished the following information:

On Monday, May 4, 1970 [redacted] was told by [redacted] Ohio, that her daughter was on an airplane flight on Sunday, May 3, 1970, en route to Akron, Ohio. While on this flight, according to [redacted] stated two "hippie" type people told her daughter that they were coming to Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, for the demonstrations. Mrs. [redacted] understood from [redacted] that the statement was made directly to her daughter.

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SA [redacted]

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[redacted] Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents. Mrs. [redacted] was further advised that the interviewing Agents were investigating information that Mrs. [redacted] daughter had information concerning two people flying to Akron, Ohio area to attend demonstrations at Kent, Ohio. [redacted] furnished the following voluntary information:

[redacted] denied making a statement to [redacted] that her daughter had heard any statements about people coming to Kent, Ohio to attend demonstrations at Kent State University. [redacted] daughter, [redacted] was on a United Airlines flight from Newark, New Jersey to Akron - Canton, Ohio Airport on Sunday, May 3, 1970, but [redacted] did not state to [redacted] that she overheard anything about Kent State University demonstrations.

On 5/6/70 [redacted] Ohio File # CV 08-2140

SAs [redacted]

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[redacted] Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents. [redacted] furnished the voluntary information.

On Sunday, May 3, 1970, [redacted] advised she was on Flight 279, United Airlines from Newark, New Jersey to Akron-Canton Airport to arrive 7:07 PM on May 3, 1970. The flight arrived about 7:20 PM. [redacted] sat next to a man on this flight but did not talk to anyone, who advised her that they were en route to Kent, Ohio to take part in the demonstrations. [redacted] was in Newark, New Jersey visiting her boyfriend.

[redacted] is eighteen years old and is a senior at the Kent State High School.

On 5/6/70 at [redacted] Ohio File # CV 93-2140

SAs [redacted]

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VII. INTERVIEWS TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 10, 1970

[redacted] Kent, Ohio, [redacted] to be had reason to believe that one [redacted] Kent, Ohio, is [redacted] the tall, blonde youth who "put the torch" to the ROTC Building at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, on the evening of May 2, 1970. [redacted] allegedly had been arrested in Kent for curfew violation subsequent to the burning, and a photograph taken of him at that time might be available at the Portage County Sheriff's Office, Rabonna, Ohio.

[redacted]

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 5/10/70

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Date May 11, 1970

[redacted] Cleveland, Ohio was advised of the identities of the in
ing Agents. [redacted] voluntarily agreed to furnish t
following information to the interviewing Agents:

[redacted] advised that she did not witness t
burning of the R.O.T.C. Building on May 2, 1970. She ad
that [redacted] had arranged a blind date for her with
[redacted] last name unknown, a friend of [redacted] boy
[redacted] last name unknown. She advised that [redacted] is a Sop
at Kent State University majoring in Sociology. She als
advised that [redacted] as from Akron, Ohio, and that he was e
with either the [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was resi
in Room [redacted] Verder Hall. She advised that [redacted] had
brought [redacted] (phonetic), an eleven year old Black gi
from Akron. She advised that [redacted] had been involved i
Sociology project which involves helping a Negro family
Akron and that she invites [redacted] to the Kent State Un
campus for the weekends.

[redacted] advised that on May 2, 1970, [redacted],
is not a student, was waiting downstairs in the Verder H
Lounge. She advised that [redacted] and herself m
[redacted] in the Verder Hall Lounge. She advised that the fol
announcement was made over the PA System before their de
from Verder Hall at approximately 8:00 P.M. on May 2, 19

"All students are to remain in the dormitory
because of tear gas being thrown outside."

[redacted] advised that they departed fr
dormitory disregarding the announcement and got into
sports car. She advised that the sports car had bucket
and she could not give any further description of the ca
Upon leaving the dormitory, she proceeded straight to
residence, which is described below:

Color White
Location: East Main Street, Kent, O

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SA [redacted]
S [redacted]

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Exterior Description: Lawn elevated and has stone wall around it. The front of the house has a screen d and there were trees on the front lawn.

Interior Description: Right Section - Staircase w a banister and a piano against the banister, there was a small thro rug at the bottom of t staircase.

Left Section:- Living Room blue carpeting, a sing light in the ceiling, fireplace, and two cou one on both sides of t room.

She advised that they entered the house through front door and that there were no occupants present in th downstairs area. She advised [redacted] was upstairs. She st tha[redacted] proceeded to make a fire in the fireplace and th the television was turned on and there was a war movie on She advised that several minutes later [redacted] came downsta and was introduced to her by either [redacted] stated that while they were roasting marshmallows in the place, several guys came into the house commenting about burning of the R.O.T.C. Building. She advised that a cou of the guys indicated that they should go up on the roof watch the R.O.T.C. Building burn. She advised that she c not remember the exact time when [redacted] an herself had arrived at [redacted] residence. She advised that guys who arrived at [redacted] residence came to the house app mately 45 minutes after their arrival at the house. She stated they looked straggled and some were dressed in bel bottom jeans. She advised that the fellows did not stay the house and stated they stood in front of the house for long time watching the National Guard line up the tanks directly in front of the house.

She and [redacted] made telephone calls to their respective parents, and [redacted] also called [redacted] par

to assure them that they were unharmed. She also advised that [redacted] was making many calls and [redacted] was receiving many calls. She was not aware of the identities of the individuals whom [redacted] was calling and of those who were calling [redacted]

The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

Name: [redacted]
Address: [redacted]
Cleveland, Ohio
Telephone No.: [redacted]
Date of Birth: 4/7/46
Occupation: Student - presently a Sophomore at Kent State Universi
College Residence: Room [redacted]
Verder Hall

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Date 5/12/70

telephone [redacted] was interviewed at the corner of Nela and Euclid, concerning the incident at Kent State University (KSU) on Saturday, May 2, 1970, during which time the ROTC building was burned.

[redacted] advised that she is a Kent State student residing at Verder Dormitory, Room [redacted] and knows one, [redacted] in Room [redacted]. [redacted] said that early Saturday morning, May 2, 1970, at approximately 3:00 AM, [redacted] told her something to the effect that if students do not get what they want, there may be trouble and maybe some students will even get killed. These words were said while students were generally discussing the situation on campus. [redacted] added that on Saturday she stayed in her dormitory all day during which time [redacted] asked her to go on a blind date with a real nice guy. It was not until approximately 8:00 PM that she left with [redacted] boyfriend named [redacted] and a little Negro girl by the name of [redacted] who was being looked after by [redacted]. At the time she was leaving the dormitory, a curfew order was given and all girls were requested to stay in the dormitory because there was general talk of gunfire and sniper activity. However, at this time, [redacted] advised that she did not know of any activity going on at the ROTC building and did not know of any disturbance or fire. She said that it took approximately two or three minutes to get to [redacted] house on Main Street, in Kent. Upon arriving they immediately entered the house and went into the living room where there was a fireplace and a TV. It was not until approximately five minutes after her arrival that she met her date named [redacted] at which time they were introduced and proceeded to have small talk in the living room. Approximately 15-30 minutes later, which was between 8:30 and 9:00 PM, [redacted] advised that she recalls a girl by the name of [redacted], her date, a white male, name unknown, straggly, long brown hair, and a mustache, and an individual by the name of [redacted]. It is noted that [redacted] identified the picture of [redacted] as the individual she recalls coming into the house at approximately

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9:00 PM. To the best of her knowledge, no activity occurred at this time, but approximately 15 minutes later, six to eight individual males came into the house and were introduced to her by [redacted] added she had never seen these individuals before, could not identify them, and does not know their names. They all gathered in the living room and talked, however, [redacted] went upstairs into his bedroom with [redacted] and she recalls a lot of telephone activity going on at that time, that is, frequent calls were coming in and she recalls frequent calls being made from the residence on Main Street.

It was at this time that an indication was made that a fire had occurred and some of the people decided to go on top of the roof to observe the fire in the ROTC building. [redacted] advised she does not recall exactly when this occurred, because at this point she called her parents at Cleveland, Ohio, and she added she did not realize the seriousness of the situation, and did not pay attention to the events or circumstances surrounding the activity. All she can recall is that National Guard troops were outside in front of the house and she herself was personally involved in playing with [redacted] the ten-year old Negro girl. To the best of her knowledge, [redacted] stated that she did not receive any indication from people in the house that they were involved in any way with the burning of the ROTC building. She did not hear any remarks or statements that would lead her to believe the people in the house knew what was occurring.

[redacted] advised that nothing extraordinary happened during the remainder of the evening, and as a matter of fact, she did not get together with her date until approximately midnight where they spent a half an hour together in the living room. However, nothing was discussed concerning the incidents at Kent State. She added that she went to sleep on the couch in the living room. The other people went upstairs into the bedrooms. She woke up subsequently on Sunday morning at approximately 7:30 and returned to the dormitory around noon, and the only other thing she learned subsequent to her visit at the house on Main Street was that on Thursday, May 7, 1970, [redacted] advised her that [redacted] had said that the FBI will not find the guys involved in the fire of the ROTC building, because they were at [redacted] house that evening. [redacted] added that she may

have been a little naive about the situation going on, and she is sure that her blind date and the group she was with considered her to be a "straight" individual.

[redacted] reviewed photographs of [redacted] COLIN REIBURGER, [redacted] and his [redacted] and recognized only one, that of [redacted] as having been at the residence on Main Street Saturday evening.

[redacted] added that if she developed any further information or heard anything of other individuals involved, she would definitely forward the information. She also advised that she works for [redacted], and could be contacted at her number [redacted] if ever needed.

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[redacted] was reinterviewed at Wela and Euclid concerning the possible identities of certain individuals at 230 East Main, Kent, Ohio on Saturday evening, May 2, 1970. [redacted] viewed photographs of [redacted] (COLIN HEILBURNER, [redacted]

She advised the only one she recognized was the one of [redacted] and she believed that [redacted] was the date that accompanied the girl by the name of [redacted] She still did not recall [redacted] last name but described her as follows: white female, 5'2", approximately 25 years old, 100 to 110 pounds, short brownish black hair, delicate and petite looking, black rimmed glasses, non-student who had graduated from Kent State University (KSU) approximately two or three years ago and believed to work someplace in the City of Kent.

[redacted] also advised that she does recall answering the phone and receiving a call from an individual, male, who identified himself as [redacted] and requested to talk to [redacted] However, she advised that the name of [redacted] does not mean anything to her and she has no idea if this individual was at the house that evening. She also added that she does recall the name of [redacted] being mentioned in the general topic of conversation, however, she does not know what context it was used in and that the name of [redacted] has no special meaning to her.

She also added that one [redacted] who resides in Room [redacted] Verder Hall, KSU, is a very closeffriend of one [redacted]

She also advised that the correct address of [redacted] Ohio and phone number is [redacted] and can becontacted there if she is not at home.

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[redacted] was advised of the identities of th
Interviewing Agents. [redacted] agreed to furnish th
following information to the Interviewing Agents:

[redacted] advised she had no pertinent kno
ledge of the burning of the ROTC Building until May 3,
1970. She advised the information which she was furnish
ing was obtained from [redacted], who was off campus
because of the 8:00 PM curfew and who subsequently retu
when the curfew was lifted Sunday morning.

[redacted] advised during the burning of th
ROTC Building, she was in the room of her fiance [redacted]
[redacted] She advised [redacted] told her to remain in his room
where she would be safe. She stated [redacted] was mingling wi
the crowd.

[redacted] advised she called Room [redacted] in
Verder Hall, and the telephone was answered by [redacted]
who advised everyone was all right. She advised she had
called because she was concerned about the safety of her
roommates and friends, the three girls who reside in Roo
[redacted] in Verder Hall.

[redacted] dialed at approximately 2:00 PM,
[redacted] Phonetic), an 11-year-old
Negro girl from Akron whom [redacted] was minding, and sever
other people, whom she did not remember, were proceeding
to Roo[redacted] in Verder Hall. She advised she did not be-
lieve [redacted] had made any statement concerning the burn-
ing of the ROTC Building at that time. She advised she
believed that the following statement was made by [redacted]
approximately 4:00 PM outside Room [redacted] in Verder Hall in
the presence of [redacted]

"They (authorities) were not going to
catch the people who started the fire.
It was bad because the students were
going to be blamed for setting the

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by and [redacted] Date dictated 5/12/70

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"ROTC Building afire. The four guys who started the fire came to Bob's residence that night. They had gotten away through the crowd, and they will not get caught."

[redacted] advised [redacted] did not identify any of the four individuals mentioned in the above statement.

[redacted] advised the Fire Marshals had taken her past [redacted] residence, which she identified as being located at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio. She advised the Fire Marshals identified [redacted] as [redacted] who works for the [redacted]

[redacted] advised on May 1, 1970 while she and [redacted] were eating dinner, [redacted] came into the Verder Hall cafeteria and appeared to be very upset. [redacted] had attended the Black United Student rally and one of the Commons to which she did not attach any name. [redacted] indicated the students were riled over the fact President NIXON was sending troops into Cambodia. [redacted] indicated she did not feel as if she should personally participate in the activities which were planned by the students to happen on Monday. She stated she did not agree with violence and that she feared someone would be injured.

The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

Name [redacted]
Address [redacted]

Date of Birth [redacted]
Place of Birth [redacted]
Height [redacted]
Weight [redacted]
Hair [redacted]
Eyes [redacted]
Characteristics [redacted]

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Father
Mother
Sisters

Permanent
Residence Telephone



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[redacted] advised that she was a sophomore at Kent State Univers[illegible] (KSU) and prior to the burning of the ROTC Building and t[illegible] shooting of the KSU students, she circulated among various groups on the campus obtaining information on the plans possible plans of various groups. In this regard, she s[illegible] that she talked to several students from New York, Chica[illegible] and Columbus, Ohio, on Friday, prior to the ROTC Building being burned and from various conversations no exact individuals known by her nor any identities recalled. She stated the plans were to be a rally at noon on Friday, a demonstration in downtown Kent on Friday night, the burni[illegible] of the ROTC Building, a student strike and the Administr[illegible] Building being taken over by students of the Black United Students (BUS). She said that the whole affair was simp[illegible] to secure some incident with the authorities, either the police or the National Guard and this incident being used advance the anti-war cause.

In regards to the burning of the ROTC Building, she stated that she had gone to the home of her boyfriend [redacted] at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, along with a child in her custody, [redacted] age 11. She arrived at the Main Street ad[illegible]proximately 9:30 on Saturday, May 2, 1970, and [redacted] and [redacted] were present. Some time after her arrival a t[illegible] call was received and the calling individual asked for [redacted] Since [redacted] was not present, [redacted] took the call and the c[illegible] who [redacted] later stated was [redacted] said that three flare had been used to start the ROTC Building burning. Later [redacted] during the conversation with other people, identif[illegible] [redacted] as being a student at KSU who resided at Brady La[illegible] near KSU, exact house unknown.

Soon after the telephone call, exact time not k[illegible] [redacted] and [redacted] came into the house. She said [redacted] also may have appeared but she is not one hundred pe[illegible] sure. She indicated that she did not know [redacted] last name, however, believed that [redacted] was named [redacted] and [redacted] last name was [redacted]

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When the above individuals came to the house they all sat around in the living room and discussed the ROTC fire. At this time she said that [redacted] was present, along with herself, but she was primarily interested in taking care of [redacted] and could not remember exactly which party said what or the precise time the conversation took place. The general trend of the conversation seemed to be how happy and pleased these individuals were with the fire and the fact that the ROTC Building had burned down. They considered the ROTC Building a symbol of military might and the general war policy of the United States Government, therefore, the destruction of same fulfilled their aims in opposing the Government's policy on the war.

[redacted] Ohio, was interviewed at her place of employment, [redacted] She was interviewed regar[ding] her knowledge concerning the incident involving the burn[ing] of the ROTC Hall at Kent State University (KSU). She mentioned that she is a junior at KSU, residing in Room [redacted] Verder Hall. She stated on Friday, May 1, 1970, she was [in] school attending as a student. She recalled that on Sat[urday] evening she was at a party being held by her service sor[ority] when someone, whose identity she does not recall, came i[n] said the ROTC Building was on fire. She advised she did have any more knowledge concerning this building than any student who was on campus at the time and stated she did see who had caused it.

She recalled that after having a date Friday ni[ght] she came into the dormitory and at this time she would es[timate] it to be about 3:00 a.m., Saturday. Her roommate [redacted] was talking to [redacted] Verder Hall, KSU. She mentioned at this time she was a[ware] the fact that [redacted] had gone to a Black United Students [meeting] at KSU and had told her that the Black United Students h[ad] plans to start trouble at KSU, however, she did not know specific plans they had.

[redacted] stated that on Sunday morning, May 3, 197[0] she went to church and later when she returned, which was about noon to 1:00 p.m., Sunday, [redacted] her roommate, came in and started to talk to her. She st[ated] that [redacted] told her that she knew who had burned down the Building. She stated the people who had burned the build[ing] were roommates of her boy friend, [redacted] said asked [redacted] whom she had [illegible] to be a roommate [of] [redacted] had been involved and [redacted] said that he was. She stated [redacted] reportedly had previously been in jail [for] on charges of drug use or abuse. She then stated that [redacted] said that it was [redacted] roommates who were involved in the burning and she was almost positive that [redacted] said it wa[s] four roommates.

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She then recalled that she, herself, had seen [redacted] whose last name she did not recall on Sunday morning prior to going to church and did not recognize him at fir because of his long hair and mutton chops. She said [redacted] had said, "hello [redacted]" to her and she told this person s was sorry, but she did not recognize him. She stated he identified himself as [redacted] and about this time she did rec him as the person she had previously known. She stated t perhaps it was a woman's intuition but she gathered the i that he was acting guilty as though he had done something wrong. She then recalled that [redacted] had told her that [redacted] had not been involved in the actual burning of the ROTC Building. She stated one of his roommates is known to her to be a [redacted] whose true name is [redacted] whose family she knows and whom she knows to be a welfare worker for Portage County.

[redacted] stated she had no prior information concer the burning of the ROTC Building and added she had no information that [redacted] had any prior knowledge. [redacted] stated that [redacted] said something to the effect that s hoped they (the actual arsonists) got caught as they had right to do this. [redacted] stated that as best she knows th are six male students living in this house in which [redacted] resides. She stated she has never been in the house, whic located on East Main Street, in Kent, Ohio, between the P Sigma Kappa and the Sigma Chi House.

[redacted] identified a [redacted] as a mutual acquaintance of hers and [redacted] and stated [redacted] from the State of Michigan and [redacted] father is a [redacted] She said [redacted] boy friend is [redacted] who lives in Cleveland, Ohio. She stated [redacted] lives in Room [redacted] Verder Hall, when she is attending KSU. She ide the following three persons as close associates and girl f of [redacted] noting they all live on the fourth floor of Verder Hall:

[redacted]

[redacted] stated that about noon on Monday, May 4, 1970 she was having lunch in the cafeteria of Verder Hall when it came to her attention that there was a disturbance on the campus. She stated she had seen students and National Guards lobbing tear gas canisters back and forth at each other. She also noted that the two groups would charge and retreat and retreat and charge each other. She stated she saw tear gas canisters actually being thrown but did not hear any shots nor did she see the shooting incident. She said the actual shooting incident took place on the far side of the hill which was not visible to her from her vantage point in the cafeteria. She advised that [redacted] boy friend, was allegedly at the shooting incident on Monday and apparently had been rather badly exposed to tear gas. She stated he had a handkerchief over his face and was crying as a result of the tear gas.

She stated that on Sunday afternoon [redacted] and a little Negro girl by the name of [redacted] all went sailing together. She advised that she, herself, had left the campus at approximately 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 1970.

She was shown a group of photographs and stated the only one that appeared to be familiar to her was that of [redacted]. She did not recognize the photograph of [redacted] as anyone she knew.

She advised that should she hear any additional information she would contact the FBI and furnished telephone no. [redacted] as the number at her place of employment where she is employed from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. She advised her residential telephone no. is [redacted]

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[redacted] Parma, Ohi
interviewed at her residence. Her husband [redacted] wa
present during the interview.

[redacted] stated she has known [redacted]
family for the last fourteen years [redacted] dated her
[redacted] ed
were very close friends. [redacted]

Both boys were very close to [redacted], who
that time was assigned to [redacted] and is no
[redacted], Chi

[redacted] said [redacted] ttended [redacted]
[redacted] where he excelled in basketball. During his
school years, he was a quiet, conscientious boy who was no
problem to his parents. They knew of no girl friends or c
associates in the Cleveland area.

After graduating from [redacted] he enro
at Kent State University (KSU). The first year at KSU he
in the dormitory and played freshman basketball.

[redacted] stated she noticed a marked change in [redacted]
during his second year at KSU. She said his actions and m
were markedly changed. She stated she has no proof, but b
that [redacted] is taking drugs or dope, even though
knows he does not smoke.

In conversation with [redacted]
said he never mentioned any affiliation with any group at
He has never been outspoken for peace but she did recall he
attended some type of peace rally during his summer vacatio
last year.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] returned ho
from KSU on May 7, 1970, and left Friday, the following day,
plane, for New York to attend JEFFREY MILLER's funeral.
mentioned that [redacted] mother told her that
a very restless night last Thursday night. [redacted] presume
it was because of the tragic incident at KSU. [redacted] sa
she and her husband left town to go to Buffalo, New York, an
returned home early Monday morning. She said neither she no
her husband have had any occasion to speak to [redacted]
concerning the KSU disturbances except for this morning when
she spoke with [redacted] briefly in his back yard. This was just
prior to the time when FBI Agents came to talk to [redacted] Du
this brief conversation, [redacted] told [redacted] e and his mot
were planning to drive down to KSU to pick up his personal
belongings and to move to another residence (location unknown
to [redacted]. He mentioned the fact he hoped to find a job
in the Kent area and remain there for the summer.

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The following interview took place at [redacted] between [redacted], university address [redacted] Baker Stre[redacted] Ohio, and Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted]. At the beginning of the interv[redacted] was advised of the identities of Special Agents [redacted] as Special Agents of the FBI, of the nature of the to be conducted and of his rights as reflected in a warni[redacted] waiver of rights form which he executed.

[redacted] advised that on the evening of May 2, 1970, in the Student Union Building of Kent State University (K[redacted] Kent, Ohio, with [redacted] a senior and major at [redacted] State, until about 6:30 PM. He then went to [redacted] re[redacted] Kent, Ohio, where he spent the nigh[redacted] advised he was not a witness to nor participant in the da[redacted] which occurred to the ROTC building which happened on cam[redacted] night. He further stated he knew of no one who was. He [redacted] he had heard the damage was inflicted by 15-30 students o[redacted] university. [redacted] stated that he had been an outspoken ad[redacted] of abolishing ROTC from the Kent State campus as deleteri[redacted] an atmosphere of liberal free exchange of ideas.

[redacted] advised that on the afternoon of May 4, 19[redacted] spent his time going back and forth between the students [redacted] rally on the Commons and the Sociology Building which was approximately 300 yards distant from the Commons. [redacted] st[redacted] that he and 5 other students [redacted] a senior from [redacted] Ohio; [redacted] Kent, Ohio; [redacted] freshman fro[redacted] Syracuse, New York; [redacted] [redacted]cht, Ohio, whose father i[redacted], had arranged with some law studen[redacted] Western Reserve Law School, Cleveland, Ohio, to give lega[redacted] and assistance to any Kent State student arrested by the [redacted] during the demonstrations. [redacted] stated that the telephon[redacted] to his apartment, 673-1759, had been distributed and [redacted] was standing by the phone there. [redacted] advised that he sp[redacted] of his time in the Sociology Building because he was afra[redacted] contact with authorities who might react to his appearanc[redacted] less, bearded and long hair, etc.

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SA [redacted]

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He advised that he heard a jeep arrive at the Com a bull horn tell the students they were illegally gathered ordered them to disperse. Immediately thereafter, tear gas shells were lobbed into the student group of whom there were approximately 1,000. He advised he returned to the Sociolo Building, heard shots and ran to the Commons where rumors of killings and woundings abounded. He returned to the Sociol Building and talked to [redacted] who has an assistant the Sociology Department in Anthropology and lives at the D Terrace Apartments, East Main Street, Kent, Ohio. [redacted] she had been standing next to a girl who had been shot.

He advised he decided to go to his apartment to h legal aid telephone calls and arrived there at approximatel 3:30 PM.

[redacted] said that at 7:15 PM his apartment was broke into by police officers with a search warrant. He and the occupants of the apartment [redacted] were ordered out of the ap searched and arrested for a curfew violation. They were re May 5, 1970, on their own recognizance. He stated the only the search of the apartment revealed was a letter from ABBI HOFFMAN to [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he had never been arrested on an other occasion. He advised he is not a member of any stude organization. He stated the Students for a Democratic Soci (SDS) does not exist on the KSU campus and has not since Sp 1969. He advised there was no outside agitation at the Kent State campus that he knew of. He hastened to add that he w certain he would have known if there had been any outside agitation.

[redacted] advised he intends to return to KSU May 11, He stated he will live at home in New Jersey this summer an graduate work at Kent State beginning in the Fall of 1970.

[redacted] made the following free and voluntary statement:

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[redacted] make the following free and volu
statement. No threats or inducements have been offered to
I am 21 yrs. old and a Senior at Kent State.

"At approximately 8:30, May 2 I was in the Studer
Union with [redacted], & her roommates [redacted] &
[redacted] eating some food. I was aware of disturbances taking
place outside on the commons, and saw one fire man standing
near the ROTC building. I saw no fire or smoke. Immediate
after eating I left campus and returned t[redacted] Si
with the above mentioned people. I remained there throughe
the night, listening to the radio, reports were talking abo
massive fire in the ROTC building. I know of no one involv
in the burning or anyone who was a witness to it.

"At noon on May 4th I was in the Sociology Lounge,
was aware that there was a rally gathering on the commons,
went to a position near the commons where I could view what
going on. For fear of being arrested or hurt I left and re
to the Soc. building. I was sitting in the Soc. building wh
I heard shots, I ran out to see what had happened and heard
saw ambulances I went back to the Soc. building where repor
of student deaths and injuries were being circulated.

"At this time I secured transportation down to my
apartment. I was in my apartment with 5 other students at
7:00 PM May 4, I was arrested and taken to jail.

"The above statement consisting of this and one
page is true and accurate to the best of my recollection.

"/s/[redacted]
May 9, 1970

"Witness: [redacted], FBI, Newark
[redacted], FBI, Newark"

The following description was obtained through
observation and interview:

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Name:	[redacted]
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Marital Status:	Single
Address:	1696 Edmund Terrace
	[redacted], New Jersey
Telephone:	[redacted]
College Address:	[redacted] North Water Street
	Kent, Ohio
	Telephon[redacted]
DOB:	4/26/49
POB:	Newark, New Jersey
Height:	5'5" - 5'6"
Weight:	165 lbs.
Build:	Heavy
Hair:	Black, thinning and long
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Light
Characteristics:	Wears beard and glasses
Social Security No.:	[redacted]
Employment:	Student - Senior in Sociology
	Kent State University, Kent, O[redacted]

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At 1:35 p.m., on May 10, 1970, SA [redacted] and SA [redacted], observed an individual walking east on East Main Street in Kent, Ohio. These Agents noted that this individual very closely resembled an unidentified white male, who was previously identified by [redacted] a Kent State University (KSU) student, who was an eyewitness to the burning of the Army ROTC Building.

It is noted that [redacted] has furnished information to the effect that the individual in question helped start the ROTC fire. However, [redacted] said he did not know this individual's name. As indicated above, [redacted] made his identification from a photograph of a group participating in a demonstration on the KSU campus.

SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] observed the aforementioned individual turn south on Lincoln Street. At this point, a discreet surveillance was initiated by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] for the specific purpose of determining the identity of this individual.

SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] observed this individual walk south on Lincoln Street to East Summit Street. He turned east on East Summit Street and proceeded to Rhodes Road. At Rhodes Road, he turned north and walked to the College Towers Apartments, located at 1800 Rhodes Road.

At 3:34 p.m., SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] observed the aforementioned individual walking west on East Summit Street, coming from the direction of Rhodes Road. The individual began to hitchhike and got a ride at the corner of Summit Street and Terrace Street. This ride took him to the K-Mart Discount Store on State Route 59.

At this point, he received a second ride which took him to the intersection of Route 59 and Darrow Road. He proceeded on foot north on Darrow Road to Graham Road, where he got a ride west on Graham Road to the intersection of Graham Road and Bath Road.

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He proceeded walking west on Bath Road to th
vicinity of the intersection with State Route 8, wher
he got a ride in a red Corvair, Ohio license number

This ride took him to a housing division, kn
as Hidden Valley Estates. After turning into this are
the Corvair was observed at 4:41 p.m. to have turned a
Phillips Drive or at Ardella Drive. This Corvair exit
from Hidden Valley Estates shortly thereafter, and the
individual in question was not observed in the car at
time.

SA nd SA ere assisted in the
above surveillance by SA and
SA

On May 10, 1970, SA contacted
concernin
the identity of the above individual.

who was, on May 10, 1970, positioned
adjacent to the College Towers Apartments, acknowledge
that he saw this individual enter the building.
said he did not recall the individual's last name, but
his first name was and his father is

SA displayed to a photograph fro
which had previously pointed out an indivi
who participated in the burning of the ROTC Building.
identified the same individual that had poi
out as being identical with the individual he knew
as

On May 11, 1970, LUKE telephonically contact
SA and advised that he had recalled that
last name was

On May 11, 1970, SA contacted

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] is currently employed with his department. He said that [redacted] resides at [redacted] Ohio, and has a son named [redacted]

[redacted] proceeded to furnish the following information regarding [redacted]

He was previously in the United States Armed Forces, exact branch and dates of service unrecalled. While home on leave from the Armed Forces on one occasion, he allegedly attempted suicide. He was treated at Green Cross Hospital at that time. He also has reportedly received psychiatric treatment at Akron General Hospital. He was formerly employed at one of the rubber companies in Akron, Ohio, and is reportedly employed somewhere in Kent at the present time. At some time in the past, he allegedly spent some time in Santa Barbara, California, where he was affiliated with some sort of cult. He was also reportedly arrested in the Boston, Massachusetts, area about one to one and one-half years ago for shoplifting

[redacted] furnished the following descriptive information on [redacted]

Race:
Sex:
Height:
Weight:
Date of Birth:
Social Security Number:

[redacted]

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[redacted], Kent, Ohio, furnished the following information:

He stated his home address is [redacted], Ohio, telephone number [redacted] He no he is working on a part-time basis [redacted]

[redacted] stated that on May 10, 1970, while he was assigned to Post Number 30, which is located nea the College Towers Apartments, 1800 Rhodes Road, Ke he observed a young white male, known to him as [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) walk past his post. He said he greeted this person, and had called him by his first name; and this individual had acknowledged his greet by saying, "hello."

[redacted] was displayed a photograph of a grou individuals, one of which was holding a pole which a banner; and he said that this individual was ident to the individual he knew as [redacted]. He said he n met this person prior to July 4, 1969, and this ind had formerly gone with a girl he knew only as [redacted] He added that [redacted] lives in a corner house in a area north of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and although he not recall the address of this residence, he feels he could locate the house. [redacted] further advised tha has not had any close association with [redacted] and knew him on a casual basis. He recalled that in th he has observed this person sitting on the steps of Townhouse in downtown Kent, Ohio, and also that he seen him frequenting "U.B.'s" and "The Cove", which two nightclubs located on North Water Street in Ken

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[redacted] Kent, Ohio, telephonically advised that he had located among his personal papers information that would identify the person he had previously observed on May 10, 1970, known to him as [redacted] He said this person's full name is [redacted]

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BY LIAISON

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1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mail Room (5531 JB)
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

Honorable John D. Ehrlichman
Assistant to the President
for Domestic Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ehrlichman:

By letter dated May 15, 1970, you were furnished the initial report of investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning the burning of a Reserve Officers' Training Corps Building at Kent State University on May 2, 1970.

There is enclosed for your information a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 21, 1970, at Cleveland, which contains the results of additional investigation conducted.

A copy of this report is being furnished to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

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NOTE:

See memorandum C. D. Brennan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 5/25/70, captioned as above, prepared by GHM:amt.

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Memorandum

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1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : C. D. Brennan

DATE: May 22, 1970

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Fire Bombing of Army ROTC Building
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio, May 2, 1970
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
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The purpose of this memorandum is to advise as to status of investigation which has been conducted concerning captioned matter since the receipt of the initial Cleveland May 14, 1970.

Suspect, [redacted] previously identified photograph as having started the ROTC fire, has reportedly Ohio. [redacted] advised [redacted] indicated he was going to California and noted that [redacted] has suicidal tendencies. to locate [redacted] and his close associates are being vigorou pursued. Suspect, [redacted] has been interviewed denied involvement in stoning or setting fire to the ROTC b at KSU, but admitted he is affiliated with Students for a Democratic Society and has participated in previous antiwar demonstrations.

Interviews of students, faculty and others to ass in the identification of subjects in this case are being co One student [redacted] admitted throwing ro at ROTC building during incident May 2, 1970, and student, Douglas Cormack, admitted hindering efforts of firemen to p the ROTC fire. [redacted] another student, re to be interviewed stating he desired to consult an attorney Professor Thomas S. Lough has been described as a member of at KSU fomenting dissent and disrupting the University comm A former student advised Professor Lough distributed litera to students which contained instructions on assembling Molo cocktails. Lough refused to be interviewed in this case si

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Fire Bombing of Army ROTC Building
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio, May 2, 1970

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[redacted] Ohio is not in agreement with FBI civil rights investigations in the South. Two professors who were interviewed were of the opinion that KSU [redacted] was involved in the burning of the ROTC building. [redacted] has been interviewed and stated his only participation during that incident was to act in the capacity of a marshal designated by the University to help maintain order.

Cleveland is expediting preparation of its report containing specific details summarized above. It is expected to be forwarded to Bureau this weekend, and a copy will be promptly furnished the Director for his information on Monday. Appropriate dissemination of report will be made as soon as it is received. Investigation is continuing and being closely followed to insure case will be brought to logical conclusion as soon as possible.

ACTION:

None. For the information of the Director.

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Via AIRTEL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (98-46479)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)

RE: UNSUBS;
Firebombing of Army ROTC
Building, Kent State University
(KSU), Kent, Ohio, 5/2/70
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

Re Buairtel, 5/19/70.

Cleveland Division estimates at this time that outstanding leads in this extensive investigation, along with further leads developed therefrom, will require approximately one and one-half to two weeks for completion.

The third report in this matter will be submitted by forthcoming weekend, via mail.

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Reserve Officers Training Corp

UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING; KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY, SABOTAGE, [illegible] CLEVELAND. 5-2-70

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DATED MAY SEVEN, SEVENTY.

ON MAY SEVEN, SEVENTY, [redacted], AGE EIGHTEEN, AND HIS SISTER, [redacted], AGE TWENTY-TWO, STUD-[illegible] KSU INTERVIEWED.

[redacted], KSU STUDENT, WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE IN [illegible]BURGH UNTIL MAY TEN OR ELEVEN, SEVENTY.

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[redacted] STATED THAT ON MAY TWO, SEVENTY, FIVE HUNDRED PERSONS GATHERED IN FRONT OF ROTC, KSU. ONLY EIGHT TO TEN UNKNOWNS ARE AGITATORS WHO THREW ROCKS AND CANISTERS. SMALL FIRE PUT OUT AND THE AGITATORS LEAD GROUP TO BUSINESS SECTION OF TOWN. [redacted] DID NOT RETURN TO VICINITY OF ROTC.

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ON MAY THREE, SEVENTY, STUDENTS WERE INFLAMED BY THE

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[redacted] OF A STUDENT IN FRONT OF ONE THREE TWO SOUTH [redacted] HE WAS REFUSED ASSISTANCE BY NATIONAL GUARD [redacted] INTO THAT HOUSE BY STUDENTS.

[redacted] NOON MAY FOUR, SEVENTY, FIFTEEN HUNDRED STUDENTS, IN-[redacted] GATHERED IN THE VICINITY OF ROTC TO [redacted] NATIONAL GUARD BEING ON CAMPUS. EIGHTEEN TO TWENTY [redacted] SEPARATED FROM MAIN GROUP, PROCEEDED TO FENCE AND [redacted] TURNED AROUND AND CAME BACK. THE [redacted] HAD NOT HEARD [redacted] TO LEAVE BUT MOST WERE LEAVING AT THIS POINT.

[redacted] THERE HAD BEEN SOME ROCKS THROWN BUT BECAUSE THE [redacted] [redacted] WERE WELL BACK FROM THE FRONT LINE THEY DID NOT SEE OR [redacted] FEEL.

[redacted] SUDDENLY, THERE WERE SOUNDS OF RAPID FIRING AND A BOY [redacted] NEAR THEM FELL WOUNDED.

[redacted] NEAR A PARKING LOT, PULLED [redacted] UNDER A CAR [redacted] HURTING HIS HAND.

[redacted] THREE ZERO TWO'S OF INTERVIEWS WILL FOLLOW. P.

[redacted] FBI WASH DC

...Attorney General

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
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TITLE OF CASE

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Firebombing of Army ROTC
Building,
Kent State University (KSU),
Kent, Ohio,
5/2/70

REPORT MADE BY: [redacted]

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CHARACTER OF CASE

SABOTAGE; SEDITION;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY;
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 -
INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY
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REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] 5-21-70, at Cleveland

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LEADS

CLEVELAND:

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will continue intensive investigation to identify persons responsible for the burning of the Army ROTC Building at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

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CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☐ NO

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ADMINISTRATIVE

On May 9, 1970, [redacted], Ohio, telephone [redacted] (Protect Identity), telephonically contacted the Akron Resident Agency and furnished the following information:

[redacted] wife, [redacted] whose identity is not to be revealed, is employed at the [redacted] Ohio, telephone [redacted] One of her fellow employees was a [redacted] and wife of [redacted] at Kent State University (KSU). [redacted] is about [redacted] years old and [redacted] is about [redacted] years old.

[redacted] suspected of being affiliated with Students for a Democratic Society (SDS). [redacted]

On May 12, 1970, an inquiry at the United States Post Office, Kent, Ohio, ascertained that the parents of [redacted] have a forwarding address of [redacted] as of November, 1969, of [redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] Kent, Ohio:

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The information set forth on the following FD-302 is being included in the Administrative Section of the report as [redacted] did not want anyone to know he had talked to or assisted the FBI, nor did he want his name included in any report:

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[redacted] Kent, was interviewed concerning his knowledge of the burning of the ROTC building at Kent State University on May 2, 1970, in that it was reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by Dr. ROBERT I. WHITE, President of Kent State University, that [redacted] had contacted him and had requested that the FBI get in touch with him [redacted] concerning this incident. At the time of [redacted] interview he advised the interviewing Agents that he had not contacted President WHITE and knew nothing about the burning of the ROTC building at Kent State University or any of the other incidents which took place at Kent State University with the exception of what he has read and heard through the news media. He advised he could not understand why the FBI would want to talk to him and that if he learned any information in the future that he would contact the FBI.

[redacted]

He stated he could provide no further information at this time.

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by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] EHK/es Date dictated 5/22/70

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[redacted] Ohio, furnished the following information:

[redacted], Kent, Ohio. He said at about 8:05 PM on May 2, 1970, he had gone to the KSU campus, at which time he learned there was a large group of young persons, whom he believed to be mostly KSU students, in the area of the Tri-Towers dormitory complex. He remarked he started walking toward the Tri-Towers area and upon arriving in the area of the construction site of the Eastway Center, he met this group and they returned to the Commons area, which is located near the center of the KSU campus. He estimated the group to be in excess of 1000 persons, and they arrived in the vicinity of the U.S. ROTC building about 8:30 PM. He commented the ROTC building is immediately adjacent to the Commons and is located in the northern portion of the Commons near the KSU Student Union.

[redacted] advised that after being on the Commons for about 10 minutes, the persons in this crowd began throwing stones and firecrackers at the ROTC building and one person, who appeared to be one of the leaders, had taken a stick or some other object, and had broken windows in the building. He described this person as being a white male, 20 to 23 years of age, 5'9" to 5'10", 150 pounds, short blond hair, fair complexion, wearing a green field jacket and Army issue boots. He said this individual had also been attempting to set fire to the ROTC building. He commented in one instance he had observed what appeared to be railroad flares thrown at the building. He stated he did not know the above described individual and has not seen him again since May 2, 1970.

[redacted] advised there was another person who also appeared to be active with this group of students and described him as a white male, 22 to 23 years of age, 5'9" tall, 195 to 200 pounds, dark black bushy hair, wearing blue jeans, a blue denim-type work shirt and blue tennis shoes. He said he had not observed the second individual set any fires at the ROTC building, but he had appeared to

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be very active in directing the group. He noted that the majority of persons in the crowd were onlookers and that there was only a very small group, possibly 10 to 20 persons, who were actually attempting to break windows in the ROTC building or set it on fire.

[redacted] advised he had observed another young white male, who he could not otherwise describe, with what appeared to be a flare, and this person was in the southeast corner of the building. He noted that the individuals who had attempted to set fire to the ROTC building had been trying to do this with matches and had set some of the drapes on fire. He commented that at about this time, the activities of the group attempting to set fire to the building had been interrupted when someone in the crowd had spotted a young man with a camera. The activity then centered on this person and they began to beat him and take his camera and film away from him. He described one of the persons engaged in this activity to be a white male, about 22-23 years of age, 6' tall, 175 pounds, having reddish blond bushy hair, wearing an American Flag as a headband and dressed in light blue dungarees and wearing cheap white tennis shoes.

[redacted] advised the ROTC building was not burning at that time, but he had seen what appeared to be a light inside the building and had asked the person next to him if the building was on fire. This individual had replied that it was not, but that a flare was burning inside the building. It is his opinion that a flare had not started the fire that caused the ROTC building to burn.

[redacted] stated that very soon after this activity, the Kent Fire Department had arrived and had placed their equipment on the opposite side of the crowd, which was assembled on the Commons.

He said he did not see all of the activity in connection with the firemen, but a portion of the crowd had pulled part of the fire hose out on to the Commons area and the hose had been cut. He said the person he had first described above and two other individuals, who he did not closely observe and could not describe, had charged the firemen, jostled them about, took the fire hose away from them, and then directed it on the firemen. He commented that

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it was at about this time that the fire hose was cut by unknown persons on the Commons. After this, the Kent Fire Department withdrew from the area. He said he did not know if any fires or flares had been left burning in the ROTC building after the Fire Department withdrew.

[redacted] advised that following this activity the crowd then went to a small archery shed located in the opposite corner of the Commons, where they had broken the windows in the shed and had set fire to some straw that had been used for archery targets. He commented the person he had first described as being active in the area of the ROTC building had also been actively engaged in burning the small archery building, and in fact had been successful in kicking in the east wall of this building. He said during this same activity, the assembled crowd had bent over a chain link fence that had been erected alongside the sidewalk in the area of the tennis courts. He said this had been a very controversial fence in that the students previously had opposed its erection and he feels this was the reason for damaging this fence. He noted that active in the group destroying the small archery building and damaging the fence was a Negro male, 20 years of age, 6'1" to 6'2", thin build, medium complexion, who wears glasses and always wears a black beret. He noted he has previously observed this individual on the KSU campus, but does not know his identity and could not furnish any further information or description.

[redacted] advised after the small archery building had been set afire, the crowd began walking across the campus, past the dormitories and in the direction of the KSU president's residence. The crowd had decided not to continue to the president's residence and had returned to Terrace Drive where they followed this street to East Main Street (Ohio State Route 59) and had then started walking toward the downtown area of Kent. He commented that at this time the crowd learned from an unknown source that the Ohio National Guard was coming and they had moved up onto the KSU campus adjacent to East Main Street and as the Ohio National Guard had passed, the crowd had thrown stones at them.

[redacted] advised the second individual he had described

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above as being active in leading this group had continued attempting to get the crowd to go into downtown Kent, but because of the arrival of the Ohio National Guard, the crowd had decided not to go into the downdown area. He added that this individual had talked with him previously and had been very excited about the fact that their activities would make "national news" and that this individual had hit the Ohio National Guard with stones.

[redacted] advised the crowd then had gone across the campus in the direction of the Administration Building and as they arrived in the vicinity of the Student Union, they had been "gassed" with tear gas and the crowd could not go in the direction of the KSU power plant since there was a group of Portage County Deputy Sheriff's in that area. He remarked the crowd had then moved in the opposite direction and had moved around the end of Engleman Hall and back on to the Commons area. It was at this time he first observed flames coming from the ROTC building. He estimated these flames coming from the ROTC building were approximately 15 feet in height and the building had been burning for some time before he had arrived back at the Commons.

[redacted] said the crowd had moved across the Commons and several of them sat on the hillside below Taylor Hall and watched the ROTC building burn. He said he had been sitting with the second individual who had been an apparent leader, who he has described above, and while they were together, an unknown white male, about 35 years of age, 5'6" to 5'7" tall, 165 pounds, wearing a black or dark brown leather jacket, white shirt, slacks and low cut street shoes, had been attempting to "work up the students" again. He advised the person with whom he was sitting had told him not to pay any attention to this individual and this same person had said the above-described man was with the "Socialist Party."

[redacted] advised the person he had observed at the ROTC building, and later who had been active in setting the small archery building afire, had not been seen in the group after they left the small archery building. He commented he had later seen this person at about 11:00 PM that evening when the crowd moved back to the Tri-Towers area and when it was about to break up. He advised he attempted to learn this person's identity and talk with him on that evening, but had been unsuccessful.

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[redacted] advised the only person he has observed since Saturday night among those who were active in the area of the ROTC building was the young white male, who had been wearing the American Flag headband. He commented he had seen this person the following day in the vicinity of the ROTC building and had attempted to get his photograph, but this effort had been unsuccessful.

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Report of: SA [redacted] Office: CLEVELAND, OHIO
Date: 5-28-70

Field Office File #: (98-2140) Bureau File #:

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Firebombing of Army ROTC Building,
Kent State University (KSU),
Kent, Ohio, 5/2/70

Character: SABOTAGE; SEDITION;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY;
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 -

Synopsis: INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED FACILITY

[redacted], KSU faculty, advised he was one of the "Marshals" who attempted to "cool down" students during campus disruptions evening of 5-2-70. [redacted] observed starting of fire at Army ROTC Building and cutting of fire hoses by unidentified subjects, and he expressed desire to assist in identification of these individuals.

[redacted] also a KSU faculty Marshal on 5-2-70, stated she could not identify subjects involved and that she is in sympathy with campus movement.

[redacted], KSU student, present at burning and observed one unidentified subject cut fire hose with large knife, or machete.

[redacted], observed unknown individuals at fire carrying bags filled with rocks and stated that unknown individuals in crowd threw rocks at police officers.

[redacted], eyewitness to burning, viewed a photograph of a group in which [redacted] and another unidentified white male with long hair and a beard were displayed. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was not person he observed throwing burning rag into ROTC building, as he had indicated during a previous interview. [redacted] then identified the second bearded white male as the burner. Photo album records reveal the second person

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identified by [redacted] to be PETER CHARLES BLEIK. BLEIK is described as white male, born 4-11-48. Home address is 34 Highwood Road, Rochester, New York. No criminal record located on BLEIK at Kent, Ohio, Police Department or at Portage County Sheriff's Office, Ravenna, Ohio.

DOUGLAS CHARLES GOTJACK, Cleveland, Ohio, admitted pulling hose away from firemen during burning of ROTC Building. He refused to say whether he realized he was hampering efforts of the firemen.

[redacted] KSU student, refused to discuss his activities on 5-4-70.

KENNETH and MARILYN RAYMOND also refused to be interviewed.

[redacted], Ohio, furnished signed statement [redacted] participant in burning of ROTC Building. He maintained he joined mob en route to ROTC Building [redacted] burning of 5-4-70, with [redacted] (last Name Unknown) of [redacted], Ohio. Mob appeared to be led by five or six persons, whose identities were unknown to [redacted]. However, he indicated he believes he could identify these individuals if he observed them again. En route to the ROTC Building the mob stopped at a construction site and leaders instructed everyone to pick up rocks. After arriving at ROTC Building [redacted] observed JERRY [redacted] burn an American Flag. [redacted] admitted throwing two rocks at ROTC Building. He observed [redacted] (last Name Unknown) cut fire hoses. Unidentified white male stopped near [redacted] tank of nearby motorcycle and handed to [redacted] passed rag to unidentified white male and this individual placed rag into ROTC Building and ignited it. [redacted] and this individual then broke out window of ROTC Building in order to allow more air to get to fire. [redacted] also observed JERRY [redacted] throw two metal milk containers through ROTC windows. [redacted] denied starting fire himself or cutting fire hoses.

THOMAS MILLER, also known as Aquino, admitted being present at burning but refused to identify anyone taking part. MILLER told [redacted] he cut hoses. [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) told [redacted] that MILLER had been "right in there with the top guys who started the fire." [redacted] (last Name Unknown) also furnished information to both [redacted] and [redacted] that [redacted]

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[redacted] as headquarters of revolutionary activity in Kent, Ohio.

[redacted] furnished signed statement on 5-20-70, indicating he was not in Kent at time of ROTC burning, but was at [redacted] with three other persons. The other three [redacted] all verified [redacted] story. [redacted] further indicated he did not know identities of persons involved in burning.

[redacted] (Last Name Unknown), white female, age about 18, advised two KSU students she had "stoned the pigs and cut their hoses." [redacted]

[redacted] Kent, Ohio, advised [redacted] fled from [redacted] immediately after shooting incident on KSU campus. [redacted] was identified by [redacted] as an active revolutionary. [redacted]

ALFIE TATE identified by [redacted] as individual rallying students to throw rocks at time of burning. ALFRIE TATE also identified by [redacted] as carrying machete.

[redacted] Kent, advised he could not positively identify burners or hose cutters and would not do so even if he could. [redacted] professed to believe in non-violence at the present, but stated might resort to violence in future if goals not met.

Photographs were made of numerous items taken from residence at 237½ North Water Street, Kent, by Kent Police Department. Included in items was letter from ABBIE HOFFMAN to [redacted] regarding Yippie organization.

Interviews of students of various KSU faculty members concerning classroom statements urging participation in demonstrations, or violence, are set forth. Several faculty members declined to be interviewed as their information previously furnished to other organizations. Interviews of SDS members and KSU students arrested in SDS demonstration at KSU in 4/69, are set forth.

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On 5-19-70, a search warrant for the residence located at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, was returned to United States Commissioner CLIFFORD E. BRUCE, Cleveland, Ohio. This search warrant was executed on 5-10-70, at the above residence. On 5-26-70, Commissioner BRUCE filed this warrant with Clerk of the U.S. District Court, Cleveland, Ohio.

CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN ANY CONTACTS WITH [redacted] INASMUCH AS HE REPORTEDLY HAS SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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I. PHYSICAL SCENE

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Date May 27, 1970

On May 23, 1970 [redacted] furnished one photograph and negative depicting the KSC Building before its burning on May 2, 1970. [redacted] advised that the photograph was taken in April, 1970.

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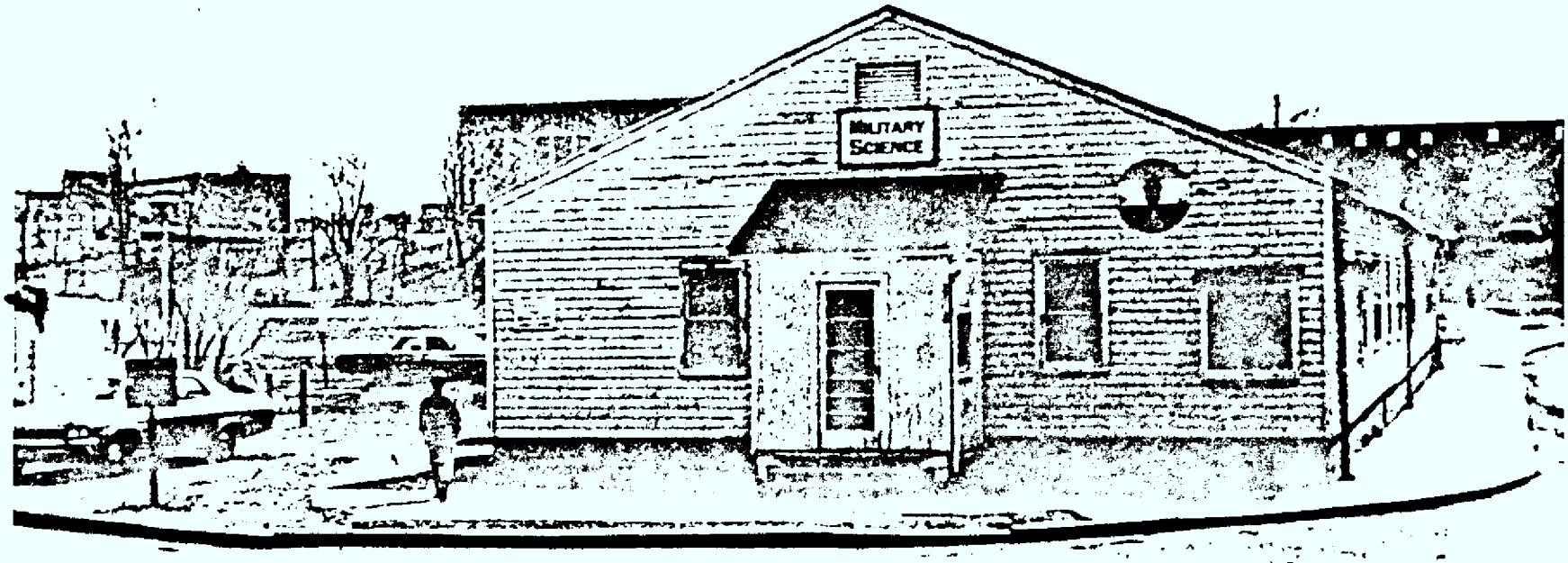
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II. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

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A. INTERVIEWS WITH KSU STUDENTS

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[redacted] Ohio, advised that on Saturday, May 2, 1970, he was present on campus when the ROTC class returned in the afternoon from the high velocity rifle ranges. [redacted] observed the class exiting from the bus and he noted that there were several individuals around the bus attempting to talk to cadets as they departed the bus. [redacted] stated he was too far away from these persons to know their identity or to be able to recognize them again.

In regard to his having called [redacted] on the morning of May 2, 1970, [redacted] stated that in view of the previous night's troubles on campus and in the City of Kent, he realized that the ROTC cadet program would possibly be subject for demonstrations. He felt that a call to [redacted] might serve to cause a change in plans for the ROTC class in order not to provoke demonstrators on May 2, 1970. [redacted] had no specific information that the class would be the object of any demonstrations nor did he have information that the ROTC building would be burned.

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[redacted] Engleman Hall, Kent State University (KSU), advised that at approximately 7 PM on the evening of Saturday, May 2, 1970, a great number of people began to gather on the Commons at KSU. She stated that these people were there for the purpose of attending a rally which she believed to be a continuation of anti-war rallies that had taken place during the previous week. [redacted] and her roommate, [redacted] who has a home address of Grace Ave., Garfield Heights, Ohio, went to the area of the Commons at which time she observed some individuals whom she knows reside in Moultin Hall passing out pieces of paper which contained a listing of activities that were taking place on the campus as well as notification of the injunction against demonstrations and a warning of the results of violations against this injunction. She stated that this list of instructions explained what students could and could not do.

[redacted] advised that the individual who handed her the instruction sheet advised her that they wanted a peaceful demonstration, "But it was up to you what happens tonight." [redacted] believes she could recognize this individual if she were to see him again.

She stated that the crowd, realizing it did not have enough strength, decided to go over to the Wi-Towers to get more support. She stated at this point she and her roommate returned to Engleman Hall.

At approximately 8 PM, the crowd returned to the area of the Commons and began to gather around the ROTC Building. She stated that a few individuals whom she could not recognize because of the darkness began to throw rocks at the windows of the building and someone smashed the windows of the building with [illegible]. At this point, she recognized [redacted] at which time she stated to [redacted] "I thought they weren't supposed to be doing that." [redacted] replied, "Well, it looks like that's what they're going to do." [redacted] advised that [redacted]

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appeared to be in a daze as his voice was unusually soft. He was standing looking around the area while talking to her and after their brief conversation was observed to be wandering aimlessly around the outside of the crowd. She stated that [redacted] was with his wife; and later on that evening, she observed him in or around a group of people that were passing around a marijuana cigarette. [redacted] assumes that it was a marijuana cigarette because it did not look like a regular cigarette, and she overheard individuals in this group saying, "give me some."

[redacted] She stated after the brief conversation with [redacted] she observed someone whose identity she did not know throw a flare into the ROTC Building, after which time a fire truck came and part of the crowd ran toward the firemen. She then observed water going all over the place and assumes that the hoses had been slashed. She stated that there was a small fire in one corner of the ROTC Building at this time.

The crowd then moved over to the athletic shed when individuals in the crowd began to slash it and attempt to set fire to it. She overheard people say, "Let's go to White's house," at which time they left the area heading toward Main Street. At this point, the Ohio National Guard came onto the scene. She advised she followed the crowd to the area of Main Street where she overheard members of the crowd say, "Let's burn ROTC," at which time the crowd started to return to the campus.

Upon returning to the area of the ROTC Building, she and the crowd determined that the ROTC Building was already in flames. She stated she does not know how it got started into such a big blaze, as when she left the area there was only one small fire in one corner of the building.

Later that evening, [redacted] who resides in McDowell Hall and is from South Euclid, Ohio, advised [redacted] that he had thrown rocks at the ROTC Building.

[redacted] advised that on Monday, May 4, 1970, she observed some of the initial confrontations between the crowd and members of the Ohio National Guard from the tennis court area of the Commons, but that she did not see the shooting that took place in the vicinity of Taylor Hall and could not

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identify any of the active participants of Monday's activities.

The following description and background of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Residence	[redacted] Hall, KSU
Permanent Address	[redacted] Ohio
Home Telephone	[redacted]
Date of Birth	May 20, 1951
Place of Birth	Cleveland, Ohio
Social Security #	[redacted]

[redacted] advised that her mother, Mrs. [redacted] of the above permanent address would always know her present whereabouts.

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[redacted], advised on May 16, 1970, he is a first year student at Kent State University, Ohio, and resides on campus in [redacted] Mc Dowell Hall.

On the evening of May 2, 1970, a student rally had been announced to be held on the [redacted] located on the campus at 8 p.m., that evening. [redacted] arrived at the Commons some time after 8:30 p.m., with fellow students [redacted] and [redacted] Approximately one to two thousand students were in the crowd which began moving away from the Commons about the time [redacted] arrived. He heard no inflammatory speeches urging the burning of the ROTC building or any other college buildings.

The crowd circled around the campus until approximately 9:30 or 10 p.m., when the students returned to the Commons area where [redacted] observed the ROTC building on fire.

The crowd of students went up to a hill overlooking the Commons area and watched the fire. There were numerous firemen and fire apparatus at the scene. By this time, [redacted] had become separated from [redacted] and [redacted] and was alone.

Later on at perhaps 11 p.m., or after, Ohio National Guard Troops arrived and began firing tear gas to disperse the crowd of students and forced their return to the dormitory area.

[redacted] denied any knowledge of which person or which group was responsible for the fire and estimated about 500 to 1,000 Kent State students are hard-core militants who would destroy the system by violent means and said there were many more who are sympathetic to such militants.

[redacted] stated that he himself is sympathetic but would not participate in violent action too, as an expression of protest.

[redacted] can furnish no information on those responsible

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for the burning of the ROTC building nor can he furnish the identity of any possible witnesses to the burning.

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[redacted] Ohio, was interviewed at [redacted] Canton, Ohio, where she is staying with [redacted] a friend.

[redacted] stated that she is a freshman at Kent State University (KSU) and has a KSU address of Room [redacted] Koonce Hall. She advised that she did not witness the burning of the ROTC Building, KSU, on May 2, 1970, or the student confrontation with the Ohio National Guard (ONG) on May 4, 1970.

However, she stated she is pledging the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority on KSU campus and has [redacted] as a pledge sister.

[redacted] advised that on May 3, 1970, [redacted] stated to her that she knew of a meeting where plans were made by radical KSU students to burn the ROTC Building on the KSU campus. [redacted] advised [redacted] received this information from a former boyfriend, name unknown, who associates with radical student faction on the KSU campus.

[redacted] furnished [redacted] permanent address as [redacted] Massachusetts.

[redacted] also furnished a copy of a signed statement of [redacted] a KSU student, who told [redacted] he had prepared numerous copies of same at the request of KSU Professor [redacted]

A copy of that signed statement is attached hereto.

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I am writing this so that people will know exactly what I saw on Monday, May 4, 1970, at Kent State University. If this coincides with the story that has been given by the news media, that's good; if it doesn't, I want to relate another side of the story.

When I went to school on Monday, I took my gas mask. I did not intend to cause trouble. Sunday afternoon, a friend had told me that a rally was planned at 12 noon on the Commons. I also knew that Kent State was under martial law. This would mean that no gatherings would be permitted. Because of this, I felt that the chances of any demonstration being gained were fairly high. There are two reasons that I was on the Commons: 1) I don't want any part of President Nixon's policy of invading Cambodia, and 2) I wanted to protest the presence of the Ohio National Guard on the Kent State campus. I felt strongly then, as I still do, about why I was there. I feel that the guard should have been off campus (possibly at the new football field) until a time that they were needed.

I arrived at the site of the demonstration at approximately 11:55 A.M. A group of students numbering near 1,500 had gathered near the Victory Bell on the Commons and continued up the hill to Taylor Hall. It looked as if another 2,000 - 3,000 people had assembled on the other side of the Commons behind the National Guard lines. Another 2,000 people were on the northern edge of the Commons near the tennis courts. I can't be sure of the exact number of people, though. I was awfully hard to tell.

At about 12:05 P.M., a jeep pulled out from behind the National Guard lines with two National Guardsmen and a campus policeman in it. They drove within 100 feet of the crowd and started going around

circles. The policeman had a bullhorn and kept repeating the message: "Disperse! Disperse! This is an unlawful gathering! Disperse immediately for your own safety!" We answered with boos, obscenities, and chants of "Pigs off campus!" A few people threw rocks at the jeep but none hit the jeep. The warning was repeated three or four times, and then the jeep went back behind the National Guard lines at about 12:10 P.M.

Shortly after the jeep went behind the National Guard lines, they started firing canisters of pepper gas. (I am told that pepper gas differs from tear gas in that it not only irritates the eyes, but also causes minor burns to the skin and causes nausea.) Since I had a gas mask, I ran forward and threw several gas canisters back in the direction of the Guardsmen. After I had thrown back four or five canisters of gas, I was winded. I went back about half-way up the hill towards Taylor Hall to get some fresh air. I thought that I was out of range of the gas, but the wind had shifted and blew gas into my face when I took off the gas mask. (The mask was working beautifully, but I couldn't get enough air.) I wandered around blindly for a minute or two until two girls led me into Taylor Hall and rinsed my eyes out. By the time I had recovered enough to know what was happening again, it was near 12:20 P.M.

I was on the balcony at Taylor Hall and, about this time, the National Guard started to advance on the people who were still on the hill. (I couldn't see how many people were still on the hill, but I would estimate at least 200 were still there.) As the Guardsmen advanced, a steady barrage of gas continued. By the time I was able to get out of Taylor Hall into the parking lot located between

rentice Hall on the north, Taylor Hall on the west and the practice otball field on the south, the Guardsmen were starting to come tween Johnson/Stopher Hall and Taylor Hall and between Taylor Hall nd Prentice Hall. There were about 50 men in each group.

The troops near Prentice Hall stopped between the two buildings, ho others continued driving people to both sides, but most people ere going into the crowd. They took up firing positions, although no hots were fired, and kept up the gas barrage. Many people fell back nto another parking lot across the street from Prentice's lot. This s unpaved and there are lots of rocks about the size of golf balls. I would estimate that between 25 and 30 people were throwing rocks, ut most were falling short by 15 to 20 feet. I did see one soldier stagger. I don't know if he was hit with a rock or if he just tripped. I did not see any bricks, bottles, or rocks larger than golf balls being thrown at the soldiers. Most of the people were between Dunbar nd Prentice about 150 yards from the athletic field. The Guard ran out of gas and started to retreat rapidly but orderly. People started to follow the troops back towards the space between Taylor and Johnson/ Stopher Halls.

About this time, I started running around telling people not to follow because it looked like a trap. I thought that they would try to get west of us into the large parking lot, then bring troops in from the rear to trap us. There were at least 200 people on the Prentice Hall parking lot and athletic field with another 150-200 in the unpaved lot and between Prentice and Dunbar Halls.

The Guardsmen continued up the small hill to the top and stopped at the concrete embankment. They turned and fired into the crowd. The Guardsmen were not being surrounded and were not being pelted with rocks. There was no shot before their volley, and there were no warning shots fired. They were on a hill about 25 feet higher than the level of the parking lot. The shots were fired directly into the crowd. When the firing started, people began dropping to the ground or turning and running. I started yelling to people, telling them not to panic and to get down. I was about 700 feet from the Guardsmen and remained standing during the firing. I thought that only blank rounds were being fired, and I thought that until bullets started kicking up dust at my feet.

About four or five seconds elapsed after the shooting stopped before people started to get up. It was then I noticed that very few car windows in the parking lot were intact. Then people got up and tried to help the wounded. It seemed like there were dead and wounded all over. One boy was holding a rag over one girl's throat, only there wasn't much of her throat left. Another boy was lying face down in a pool of his own blood. When the ambulances finally arrived and the attendants lifted him onto a stretcher, I could see that half of his face was blasted away. People were screaming for help, but there just weren't enough ambulances. It took about 15 to 20 minutes before all of the dead and wounded were taken away. People were so shook that they were ready to charge the Guard regardless of the consequences.

About this time, I just sat down and started crying. I still can't believe that it really happened.

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[redacted] Kent, Ohio [redacted] advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents. [redacted] voluntarily agreed to furnish the following information to the interviewing Agents:

[redacted] advised that he had been admitted into the infirmary [redacted] p.m., on May 1, 1970. He advised that a diagnosis of mononucleosis and strep throat confined him in the infirmary until his release at 3:00 p.m., on May 4, 1970. He advised that because of the above confinement that he had no personal knowledge of the confrontation between National Guardsmen and persons on Kent State Campus. He also advised that he had no personal knowledge of the burning of the ROTC Building.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Home Address	[redacted]
College Address	[redacted] Kent, Ohio
Social Security Number	[redacted]
Date of Birth	July 28, 1944
Place of Birth	Canton, Ohio
Selective Service Number	[redacted]
Marital Status	Single
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Light brown
Height	5'9"
Weight	160 lbs.
Father	[redacted]
Mother	
Brother	
Sisters	

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[redacted], Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents. [redacted] furnished the following voluntary information:

[redacted] advised that she was not present at the disturbances that took place in the downtown area of Kent, Ohio, on May 1, 1970.

On Saturday, May 2, 1970 [redacted] and her roommates had a spaghetti dinner at [redacted], Kent, Ohio. This dinner was attended by approximately 20 people. Because there was an 8:00 PM curfew in that city on May 2, 1970, the dinner ended prior to 8:00 PM and most of the people at the dinner left prior to 8:00 PM. [redacted] had heard that there was a planned rally on the area of the Kent State University (KSU) campus known as the Commons for Saturday, May 2, 1970. The purpose of this rally was to protest the war in Vietnam and the movement of United States troops into Cambodia.

After the dinner concluded, [redacted] and seven other people drove to the university school parking lot, parked their car and walked to the KSU campus. [redacted] and the seven other people who went to the KSU campus all went in one car. [redacted] went to the KSU campus. They walked to the area of the ROTC Building and as they approached she saw a crowd of approximately 500 to 1,000 gathered on the Commons. She observed approximately one-half of this crowd approach the ROTC Building on two different occasions and throw rocks at the building. The third time the crowd approached the building, a flare was thrown at the building. The flare hit the building and bounced off. At this point, [redacted] and [redacted] decided to leave the area and go to the KSU Administration Building and attend a film festival at the auditorium in the Administration Building. The plans to attend this film festival had previously been planned by [redacted] and [redacted].

When [redacted] and the seven other people arrived at the scene of the ROTC disturbance, the group [redacted] was with

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separated and [redacted] did not see anyone she came with except for [redacted]. Approximately 20 to 30 minutes after [redacted] and the [redacted] arrived at the ROTC Building and got separated, she and [redacted] located [redacted] and [redacted] and gave the car keys to [redacted] and [redacted] left before the building began to burn. [redacted] stated she is unable to identify anyone that was throwing rocks or flares at the ROTC Building.

The film festival concluded at approximately 11:45 PM and [redacted] walked home and when they arrived, all of the people that they had gone with to the campus were already home.

[redacted] also stated that [redacted] is [redacted] fiance. [redacted] is presently traveling around the United States telling people of the events that took place at KSU during the weekend of May 1 through 4, 1970. [redacted] is a member of a group called Kent State Massacre Witnesses.

[redacted] is a boyfriend of [redacted] is from Canton, Ohio, and is employed at the [redacted] in [redacted] Ohio.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Date of Birth	July 30, 1950
Place of Birth	Cleveland, Ohio
Height	5 feet 7 inches
Weight	140 pounds
Social Security Number	[redacted]
Home Address	[redacted], Ohio
Parents	[redacted]
KSU Address	[redacted] Kent, Ohio; KSU sophomore

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[redacted] a sophomore at Kent State University (KSU), residence [redacted] Dowd Dormitory, was interviewed concerning the burning [redacted] ROTC Building and the shooting incident at KSU. [redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewers as Special Agents of the FBI and the purpose of the interview. During Saturday, [redacted] advised that he was with his girlfriend, [redacted] at [redacted] Ohio, telephone number [redacted] At that time, he ascertained that there was a curfew and it was rumored that a rally was to occur at the Commons later that evening.

[redacted] stated at approximately 8:00 PM, he went to the rally on the Commons with [redacted] and [redacted] The group of people proceeded toward Tri Towers passed the ROTC, then down into the town of Kent and then back to the campus passed the ROTC building where some individuals were throwing stones. He said at this time, it was dark and some individuals were also trying to set the building afire. He saw some flares thrown and he saw reflections of individuals in the dark but he could not identify or recognize any of the persons involved primarily because it was dark and secondary because he was from 1 - 1½ football fields distance away. [redacted] stated that approximately 40 - 45 minutes later the fire was raging and the fire department came and as he thought, had put it out. He was at this time at the top of the hill. He added that he then accompanied the group back downtown only as an observer and saw them break windows and demonstrating. It was at this time that he observed the National Guard and various police stationed throughout the area.

[redacted] advised that he accompanied the group back to campus where a confrontation occurred with the local police. It was at this time that they were gassed, their position being held at the Student Union Building. At that time, he observed flames coming from the direction of the ROTC Building. The fire men then came and attempted to put out the fire. He did see individuals pulling on hoses but he did not recognize any of them because he was too far away and

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it was too dark. He had no idea whether the people involved were students or outsiders. He added, however, while the fire men were attempting to extinguish the flames, approximately 30 individuals were involved in an attempt to take the hoses away from the fire men. At this same time, stones were continuing to be thrown at the ROTC Building.

On Sunday, he advised he spent the day with his girlfriend.

[redacted] stated that on Monday, May 4, 1970, his first class was in Merrill Hall at 12:05. At that time he proceeded through the Commons, his normal route of travel, where he observed a gigantic crowd of people. At approximately three quarters of the way through the Commons, he had seen the National Guard and the crowd was told to disperse. At that time, tear gas was being thrown with some rocks being thrown by students and tear gas being thrown back to the National Guard. [redacted] advised that the crowd split into two sections, one went behind Taylor and Johnson Hall and the other group went around by the Womens' dormitory. All he can recall was that there was a lot of tear gas being discharged and that the students were returning the tear gas in the area of the National Guard. At this time, he was proceeding up toward the gate over the hill. He said all he could observe was a handful of students throwing stuff at the National Guard, however, he had no idea what it was since he was from 1 - 2 football fields away. He said in that area, there are not many rocks just a few sticks and stones.

He does recall at this time the students were retreating and then he heard some shots being fired at which time he hit the ground. He then observed a student lying in the street, believed to be JEFFREY MILLER. He ran toward him with the intent of assisting. He believes this was over by the parking gate. While he was doing this, he observed what appeared to him, several shots hitting the ground and ricochetting just in front of a group of students, who were helping JEFFREY MILLER. He did not see anyone fire these shots; however, he looked up and observed four or five guardsmen coming near that group. It was at this time that the students there rebuked the National Guard and told them to get out of there because they were trying to help this student who was already dead.

[redacted] stated at this time, everything was in a chaotic state; however, he does recall a few professors going around trying to calm things down. He believed it was approximately ten to one that afternoon. This group of students that he was with, then proceeded to sit down on the Commons. When the word was received for the group to break up, he went back to his dormitory and after ascertained that the school was closed or it was rumored that the school was to be closed, he gathered a few clothes together and returned home.

[redacted] advised that he felt from what he saw the agitation by the small group of students was not strong enough to provoke the shooting. He reiterated again that he did see people throw things, but feels the group was very small, approximately 7 or 8 people. However, he could not identify any of those individuals and he stated that he did not hear any shots being fired prior to the shooting by the National Guard. He did state that there was constant jeering occurring prior to the shooting but he felt that there was plenty of distance between the guards and the students.

[redacted] viewed the following photographs:

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[redacted]

He stated that the only individual he saw during the burning incident and the shooting incident was the person

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identified as [redacted]. He does recall [redacted] having been in the area during the burning and shooting incidents; however, he does not recognize him as being involved in any activities, that is throwing things, lighting fires or causing any incidents. Further he added that the names of [redacted] EIBERGER, [redacted] and [redacted] are familiar to him only because of the incidents that occurred on campus last year. All the other individuals are unfamiliar to him and he advised, to the best of his knowledge, he did not see them at the fire or shooting. He advised that this is the only information he has concerning the incident and if any other information is developed, he would definitely furnish all that comes his way.

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[redacted] Ohio, advised he is a junior at Kent State University (KSU) and lived in [redacted] Wright Hall.

On Friday, May 1, 1970, he was not in the downtown area of Kent, Ohio.

On Saturday, May 2, 1970, he observed about 400 to 500 people located in the Commons at about 8:00 PM. Someone rank the Victory Bell and someone proposed that the group go to the Tri Towers to secure more students for the rally. After this, [redacted] understood someone to propose that the students go to President WHITE's house. This did not materialize.

[redacted] advised that he was standing in the area of Taylor Hall when a group went to the vicinity of the ROTC Building. He observed some people throw stones at the Building and believed this group would number about 50. He moved to the middle of the Commons but was still approximately 100 yards from the ROTC Building when he observed flares being thrown at the Building and saw someone ignite a curtain in the ROTC Building. This was approximately 8:30 or 8:45 PM.

He observed fire men arrive and noted that their hoses were severed.

He could not identify any of the individuals responsible for throwing stones or setting fire to the ROTC Building. It was his impression at this time that the fire had terminated and he returned to his room but subsequently observed that the fire was re-ignited.

On May 4, 1970, he did not attend his 9:45 AM class. About 12:00 noon, he was located on the sidewalk in front of Taylor Hall. He observed a number of people on the Commons in the area of the Bell. He could not identify any of the individuals who were speaking at this time.

He observed several men in a jeep request the students to disperse and he did observe what appeared to be a

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croquet or softball thrown at the jeep.

The guard marched toward the students and fired tear gas in their area. Some of the students threw tear gas back at the guards.

[redacted] stated he went to the area of the parking lot of Prentice Hall and subsequently to the parking lot near Dunbar Hall. He observed the guardsmen march to the football field and the various people in the area dispersed in several directions. He believed there were approximately 100 people in the parking lot opposite the guard and some of the students were throwing stones about the size of golfballs at the guard.

He observed the guardsmen begin to march back toward Taylor Hall and observed some of the people move in that general direction from the parking lot.

[redacted] stated he noticed that some of the guardsmen when they reached the top of Taylor Hall seemed to be kneeling but this might not be exactly accurate and they may have been actually standing. He didn't observe the guardsmen shooting, but he heard what seemed to be repeated shots. He could not identify any of the individuals throwing stones at the guard nor could he identify any of the guardsmen who fired any shots. He observed one person in the road near Taylor Hall, who had been shot at this time.

He stated that he was not acquainted with any of the leaders of the students in connection with any of these incidents and to his knowledge, there was no leadership. He said he could not identify anyone who proposed violence and he had no information as to the identity of any person being on the KSU campus who came from another university or area.

He advised that he knew the four people who had been in custody until the latter part of April as having previously attended KSU but he was not personally acquainted with them and he had no information indicating they were on campus between May 1 and 4, 1970.

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[redacted], Ohio, a sophomore majoring in Elementary Education at Kent State University (KSU), was informed of the identities of the interviewing agents as well as the fact that she was being interviewed regarding the incident involving the burning of the ROTC Building at KSU on May 2, 1970, and the shooting of four KSU students on May 4, 1970. [redacted] furnished the following information:

She resides in Verder Hall at KSU and is a friend of [redacted] a KSU student whom [redacted] described as being friendly and level headed. [redacted] is going with [redacted] Name Unknown), a KSU student who resides off campus.

[redacted] stated that in the a.m. of May 2, 1970, she came home to her residence in [redacted] Ohio, and returned to KSU at approximately 8:00 p.m. on same date. She advised she did not witness the burning of the ROTC Building since she was attending a party at that time. She advised during the shooting of the four students, she and [redacted] were in Verder Hall but did not witness or hear anything. She advised [redacted] has said nothing to her regarding either of the above incidents and she does not know if [redacted] was present at the burning of the ROTC Building. [redacted] advised [redacted] a KSU student, was told by [redacted] prior to the above incidents that there was going to be [redacted] of trouble soon. [redacted] stated that either [redacted], Ohio, telephone number [redacted] or that [redacted] last Name Unknown) informed [redacted] that six other buildings at KSU were going to be [redacted]. [redacted] stated that [redacted] resides off campus in either the Elm Morris Apartments or College Towers Apartments. She advised he is a hippie-type individual whom she believes may be a Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) Weatherman. She stated that her girlfriend, [redacted] is presently dating [redacted] who at one time dated [redacted]

[redacted] advised Black United Students (BUS) was planning a march at KSU the weekend of May 2, 1970, but cancelled these plans when incidents started, so as not to be affiliated with these incidents.

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[redacted] advised she has no knowledge of "the project" or the identities of the roommates of [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), [redacted] boyfriend. [redacted] advised [redacted] is very independent [redacted] does not think [redacted] is a member of SDS. [redacted] further stated that she herself is not a member of any subversive group and does not know any such individuals.

[redacted] stated that she is not acquainted with [redacted] OLIN NEIBURGER [redacted]

She was exhibited photographs of the above individuals and other individuals possibly involved in the ROTC burning. [redacted] advised the only individuals who looked familiar to her are [redacted] and [redacted] However, she advised she does not recall where she has seen them before.

The following description regarding [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Date of birth	5-2-50
Place of birth	[redacted]
Height	[redacted]
Weight	[redacted]
Hair	[redacted]
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Marital status	Single

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[redacted] Ohio, was informed of the identities of the interviewing Agents. [redacted] voluntarily agreed to furnish the following information to the interviewing Agents:

[redacted] advised on May 2, 1970, that she and [redacted] were returning from the Ohio Valley Sociological Society convention in Akron, Ohio. She advised that at approximately 3:30 a.m., upon their return to Kent, demonstrations in downtown Kent were ending. She stated that they proceeded to Wright Hall and [redacted] went to his room [redacted] and left her standing in the Wright Hall lounge. While standing in Wright Hall lounge, she observed a young man who came rushing into the building (Party One) and stated to another individual who was getting off the elevator (Party Two), "We did it; we did it; we got the riot started." Party Two exclaimed "Why in the hell didn't you call me?" Party One stated, "Don't worry about tonight, wait until tomorrow night, we just got the word. We're going to burn the ROTC Building." He also exclaimed "We had better get the stuff and distribute it starting with Tri-Towers first and then hitting the other dorms." Party Two stated "What about the flare...". By this time Party One saw her and told Party Two, "Shut up. Let's go upstairs." She looked to see what floor they were going to in Wright Hall; but the elevator numbers were not operating.

Further events regarding Saturday night were overheard in Lowry Hall between 10:15 a.m., and 11:45 a.m,on May 4, 1970. She had met her boyfriend, [redacted] outside Lowry Hall and went into the Lowry Building together, but separated when she had to go to the restroom. Upon returning from the restroom, she met [redacted] standing in [redacted] a Sociology Professor [redacted] reading a newspaper. She asked her if anything was in the newspaper about last night. [redacted] related the following information concerning the burning of the ROTC Building:

[redacted] stated that she was glad they burned the "fucking" building. She was in on it and she also helped to cut the firemen's hoses and helped with the flares.

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[redacted] asked [redacted] what she cut the hoses with and [redacted] explained that she used a machette which she got at the secret meeting on Sturday. She advised that most of the kids got them on Friday night. She also advised that she was totally against the war in Cambodia.

[redacted] stated she did not press for any more information concerning the meeting Saturday night.

[redacted] then proceeded to question her further about Saturday's happenings. [redacted] mentioned ganging up on the firemen and pushing the firemen out of the way so they could pull the fire hoses off the fire trucks. [redacted] stated that "that ass, [redacted], tried to stop us with logical reasoning. We pushed him out of the way and proceeded."

[redacted] stated she told her boyfriend, [redacted], what [redacted] had said and then went back to the lounge where a few other students were arguing about the previous day's events. [redacted] advised that [redacted] and another girl were participating in the above conversation.

At this time [redacted] entered the room. He stayed for a while and then left. When he left, she followed him. She stated [redacted] stopped to talk to a Mrs. [redacted] (Sociology Instructor). When their conversation was over, she told [redacted] what she had heard about him being beaten up last night. [redacted] exclaimed "those stupid asses shoved me around a little bit but that's about all." He stated that the building would not have burned if the police had listened. He stated that he went straight to the police after the students had thrown the first flare. He told them that there was a fire in the ROTC Building. The policeman on duty said he knew nothing about it and that no one else had called to report a fire in the ROTC Building. He stated he asked the policeman what he was going to do about it and the policeman said nothing. [redacted] stated the policeman told him [redacted] he had done his duty by reporting it and that he may leave. He stated he was totally disgusted by the reaction of the policeman so he left, but if they had listened to him, the chances are that the building could have been saved.

[redacted] advised she returned to Lowry lounge where the conversation concerning Saturday night's events was still being discussed. She advised [redacted] was repeating her story and [redacted] (LNU) stated that they had been there when the ROTC Building was burned. She stated she questioned them as to whether there was going to be a meeting on the Commons at 12:00 and they all said yes. They indicate that they would be at the meeting.

At 11:45 a.m. the Liberty Bell rang summoning the people to the Commons. [redacted] and she were on the side near the union and heating plant. She could hear the kids shouting, "Come and join us." At this time the National Guard fired tear gas and many of the students picked up the containers and threw them back at the Guard. Shortly thereafter the Liberty Bell had been rung several times. She stated she saw National Guard reinforcements come in, line up, and proceed up the hill. After about five minutes, she stated she saw the Guard start to come down the hill between Johnson and Taylor Hall, turn suddenly, and simultaneou shoot. She stated she heard no previous sounds except a helicopter overhead which had shot off tear gas in that area shortly before. The Guards on her side shot in the air but she ducked and exclaimed, "My God, they're killing them." Everybody near me laughed. Shortly kids from the other side began drifting to outside saying that four kids were dead and describing the "macabre" events that had just transpired. Nobody believed them but she stated she did because she had heard gun shots many times before. After about 20 minutes had passed, she found a girl who had been on the hill and she proceeded to relate what happened after [redacted] got her coffee and a Vanquish.

[redacted] stated what she found intriguing was the girl's description of the aftermath. She said that everyone was in shock and started walking down the hill towards the Guards, when somebody in the crowd said to pick up the shells. The girl said that everybody got down on their hands and knees including herself and started picking up shells.

[redacted] stated that she has no personal knowledge of any other activities that happened during the confrontatio of National Guardsmen and persons from Kent State Campus on May 4, 1970. She also advised that she could not furnish any additional information concerning the burning of t ROTC building.

[redacted] gave the following descriptions of the individuals discussing the demonstrations in Kent on May 1, 1970:

Party One

Hair	Muddy brown (mid neck leng
Height	5'7"
Weight	130-140 lbs.
Age	19 - 20
Build	Slender
Clothing	Green fatigue jacket, brown slacks, sandals on feet

Party Two

Hair	Brown
Height	5'7"
Weight	150 lbs.
Age	21
Build	Medium

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through interview and observation:

Name	[redacted]
Address	[redacted] Ravenna, Ohio
Date of Birth	July 10, 1946
Place of Birth	[redacted]
Social Security No.	[redacted]

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Height	5'2"
Weight	90 lbs.
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Red
Scars or Marks	[redacted]
Occupation	Student (Kent State University, major soci

The following information was obtained from [redacted] who was present in [redacted]'s residence during an interview of [redacted]

Name	[redacted]
Address	[redacted]
Date of Birth	May 30, 1949
Place of Birth	Cleveland, Ohio
Social Security No.	[redacted]

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[redacted] Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents. [redacted] voluntarily agreed to furnish the following information to the interviewing Agents:

[redacted] stated that she had attended the Sociological Convention in Akron, Ohio, from 6:30 PM until 12:00 AM on May 1 through May 2, 1970.

After returning from the convention, [redacted] advised that she returned to her residence and remained there until 2:00 or 3:00 AM on May 2, 1970. She advised that [redacted] Ohio, a friend of hers, picked [redacted] and transported her to his residence [redacted] where they remained until approximately 6:00 PM, May 2, 1970.

Upon her return from [redacted] a spaghetti dinner was being prepared. There were approximately 15 to 20 people in attendance at the spaghetti dinner. The dinner was for some friends of [redacted] student at Kent State University (KSU), who lives at the same residence. She advised that the following girls are residents of 240 South Depeyster Street, Kent, Ohio:

[redacted] share a bedroom upstairs directly across the [redacted] who share the other bedroom upstairs. [redacted] a non-student, share the basement. [redacted] advised that she remained at her residence until 7:30 - 8:00 PM on May 2, 1970. She advised that early Saturday morning she heard that there was a curfew in effect as a result of the demonstrations on Friday. It was also understood that if you were going to the Film Festival on campus, you would be allowed

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to attend the festival. It was understood that you could use an automobile as the mode of transportation but that you could not walk to your destination.

At approximately 8:00 PM on May 2, 1970, a group of persons at 240 South Depeyster Street, decided to go to the Film Festival at University Auditorium. [redacted] boyfriend), [redacted] and two friends of [redacted] whom she did not know, made up the group who went to the Film Festival. She stated they went to the Film Festival in [redacted] light blue 1965 or 1966 Plymouth. They parked in the University School parking lot because they were not allowed to park on campus. Upon parking the automobile, they walked passed Bowman Hall on the way to the Film Festival, at which time they heard yelling and loud noises coming from the vicinity of the Commons. Instead of continuing to the Film Festival, they were diverted to the Commons where they viewed 200 to 500 people gathered in the middle of the Commons. They viewed these people from the southeast corner of Johnson Hall. They also viewed another group of approximately 200 people gathered near the ROTC building. They observed persons throwing flares and breaking windows in the ROTC building; however, the building was not on fire at the time of their arrival at approximately 8:15 PM. Because of the distance from their position to where the students were participating in the burning of the ROTC building, she could not identify any of the individuals.

The firemen arrived on the scene first and then the policemen came and began to throw tear gas. The wind was blowing in their direction; therefore, the tear gas forced her to leave her position at the southeast corner of Johnson Hall. It was at this point that she got separated from the rest of the group. Upon the throwing of tear gas by the police, she panicked and took off in a direction which was opposite from the rest of the group.

She advised she went to Beall Hall and called [redacted] and [redacted] told them to come and get her at Beall Hall. Upon their arrival back at [redacted] everyone in the group who left with the intentions of attending the Film Festival were back at the house with the exceptions of [redacted] and [redacted] who had attended the Film Festival. She advised she [redacted] in the house for the rest of the evening.

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She also advised that she had no personal knowledge of the confrontation between the National Guardsmen and the persons on Kent State University campus.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Temporary Address	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	[redacted]
Permanent Address	[redacted]
Height	5'3"
Weight	130 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Social Security Number	[redacted]
Parents	[redacted]
Brother	[redacted]
Sister	[redacted]

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[redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, was interviewed on May 15, 1970, at the [redacted] Office, Federal Office Building, Cleveland, Ohio. SA [redacted] advised [redacted] that he was being questioned regarding his knowledge of the incidents which occurred at Kent State University (KSU), May 1-4, 1970. [redacted] stated that he would fully cooperate and he furnished the following information:

[redacted] is 21 years of age and a Junior at Kent State University. He has been a member of the ROTC at KSU for 3 years.

[redacted] stated that he was not on campus May 1, 1970, but returned to KSU at about 5:30 PM, Saturday night, May 2, 1970.

At 6:00 PM [redacted] accompanied his girl friend and her parents to dinner. He arrived back at KSU at 7:45 PM. [redacted] dropped off his girl friend at the dorm of a friend she was staying with. At approximately 8:10 PM someone set fire to the athletic shack across from the ROTC building. Students from Johnson Hall ran out with fire extinguishers to put it out. About 8:45 PM the victory bell on the Commons sounded. Students converged around the bell. About 300-350 students moved to the ROTC building [redacted] said that only about 25 of these actually helped with the burning and agitating. [redacted] first saw a fire in the office and then the whole building [redacted] He noticed that all of the lights had first been broken out. [redacted] stated that because of the lack of lighting it was impossible to see who did the burning.

[redacted] noted that a group of 7 to 9 people stood off to one side of the crowd looking for flashes and/or strobe lights. Upon seeing either of these they would pounce upon the person taking the pictures and take his film and in some cases, the entire camera. He said a friend of his [redacted] had his camera taken at about 7:00 PM. He thought [redacted] might possibly have gotten another because he was so angered by this group. He described [redacted] as the desk manager in Johnson Hall. He said that [redacted] was of [redacted]

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Several photographs were displayed to [redacted] for a possible identification. He recognized [redacted] and said that he had seen him going into the town Friday evening.

On Sunday, May 3, 1970 [redacted] went back to look over the burned out ROTC building. [redacted] said that he ran into [redacted] and CRAIG MORGAN who acted as medics Monday. During the afternoon the bell on the Commons began sounding. Only about 50 people responded to the bell ringing. [redacted] watched the National Guard turn out and the arrival of Governor RHODES.

Sunday night [redacted] said groups of students were gathering all over the Commons area. Reports of snipers brought helicopters with big search lights. He could see them diving onto different groups of students in an effort to disperse them. He watched the helicopters diving and the students running until finally the students moved off towards Tri-Towers. [redacted] later heard that the helicopters were still at work in the area around Tri-Towers.

On Monday, May 4, 1970 [redacted] went to a 7:45 AM class in Franklin Hall. The professor let them go early so [redacted] took a walk around campus. He said he talked with several of the Guard whom he had met the previous 2 days. At 8:30 AM he went over to the ROTC building to work on the burned records. At approximately 9:30 AM he first heard the National Guard launching tear gas. Everyone went outside to see what was happening. The bell was ringing and gas was blowing all around. He noticed [redacted] running around taking pictures. He watched the Guard move up the hill towards Taylor Hall to disperse the students who had gathered. [redacted] watched the Guard until they had passed over the crest of the hill. He waited until he could see them again. The Guard came back a few minutes later. [redacted] saw the Guard turn and look to the side of them. They went into firing position and began firing. Before the M-1s were fired [redacted] heard one round, a pause, two rounds and then the M-1s opened up. [redacted] stated that the first 3 rounds were definitely not M-1s. He said that they could possibly have been a .45 caliber but since he was not familiar with the report of a .45 caliber, he was not sure.

[redacted] his fellow cadets, and the officers present concurred in their opinion that 27 rounds were fired.

[redacted] further stated that he heard confirmed reports of sniper fire coming in over both the National Guard radio and the State Police radio.

[redacted] said that he helped two National Guardsmen into jeeps to be removed from the area. Both were badly hurt, one being unconscious and the other having what appeared to be a broken arm.

He stayed at KSU until the campus was closed.

The following observations were part of the interview with [redacted]

[redacted] said that he saw no display of either knives or guns by demonstrators, but he did see various weapons that they did display. These included golf clubs, baseball bats, golf balls with spikes in them, sling shots and ball bearings, and pieces of steel wire (like that used to reinforce concrete) cut into 8 to 12 inch sections.

[redacted] said he saw "kids" with walkie talkies, home built AM-FM radios and other gadgetry used to monitor the police and Guard wave lengths. He stated that whenever there was a call for reinforcements, the students would disperse. He noted also that t bell seemed to coordinate all of the demonstrators' movements.

As early as Thursday night, lights were being broken out on and around the Commons area. Public telephones were smash and dorm phones were left off the hook, in what appeared to be a move to cut the campus off from the outside.

[redacted] stated that he would testify before a Grand Jury.

[redacted] also gave the names of people who he thought were witnesses to the incidents at KSU. They are the following:

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All of the above mentioned were reportedly on campus and witnessed some, if not all, of the demonstrations, May 1-4, 1970.

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[redacted], telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at his residence and furnished the following information:

He was in the crowd at the time the ROTC Building was burned at Kent State. However, he did not take part in this burning and although he saw several individuals run up to the building and throw in flares or ignite the curtains he did not recognize any of these individuals as it was nearly dark. He did state the individuals who did this wore red arm bands, and that they would run out of the crowd up to the building and then run back into the crowd.

[redacted] indicated he is a member of the Student Senate at Kent and that he does not condone violence such as that which occurred at Kent State.

[redacted] stated he was also in the crowd on the day of the shooting but did not actually observe anything beyond a few students throwing rocks at the National Guard. He did not see the actual shooting but heard the shots as he was nearby.

[redacted] was unable to furnish any additional names as to possible witnesses concerning the ROTC burning or the shooting which occurred on the following Monday.

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[redacted] New York, a student in the freshman class at Kent State University, 19 years of age, was interviewed at her residence and furnished the following information:

She is the president of [redacted] dormitory on campus and is [redacted] which she described as representing approximately 800 of the 20,000 student body at Kent State University. Concerning the burning of an Army ROTC Building at the University on the evening of May 2, 1970, she stated that on the previous night, Friday, May 1, 1970, she was working in the office [redacted] with the [redacted] They heard that there had been trouble and some type of militant activity in the city of Kent off campus and they went out to attempt to determine what had happened. She and [redacted] met another student that she knew slightly named [redacted] who was a student living in Manchester Hall. She knew [redacted] to be a militant type individual and described him as a large white male, 200 pounds, wears a beard and usually wears a red band around his head.

She stated that [redacted] told her that "they" had been in Kent and got rid of Water Street and had fires and the pigs could not handle us and will do a better job tomorrow night. She stated that there were two black men present that she did not know and she did not think the two blacks knew [redacted] either because [redacted] made some comment to them about the blacks ought to join them. She commented that in her opinion the blacks were not responsible for the fire Saturday night because she did not see any of them around at that time and thinks most of them left campus after the Friday night trouble in Kent.

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On Saturday morning, May 2, 1970, after breakfast, she was present in a conference with vice-president of the University, MATSON (FNU), at which time discussion was had about an injunction that would give permission to the police to arrest any group of three or more persons. She stated also that a curfew was put out by city officials that day, and therefore, since most of the students would be on campus during the day and night she and the others in her office made several phone calls to get movies and bands to help entertain the students on campus that night.

On Saturday night after working in her office all day, she went out with two associates who also work in the office, a [redacted] and [redacted] who is a vice-president of the [redacted] and lives in Ashtabula, Ohio. On Saturday evening, May 2, 1970, the three of them saw a flag being burned and then some white male photographer apparently was taking pictures of the flag burning and a group of students beat him up. She recognized [redacted] one of these students but did not recognize any of the others and commented that she thought many of them were not actually students. The flag burning incident took place near the ROTC barracks and then the students started to break windows in the barracks throwing stones and rocks. She was able to see several students numbering approximately 100 in the vicinity of the ROTC building and then the fire started. She never saw specifically anyone actually start the fire but did recognize [redacted] in the crowd of students. She stated that there were both male and female students but mostly males.

The firemen came shortly thereafter and the students grabbed the hoses from the firemen and turned the hoses against the firemen and some of the students. Sheriff's Deputies came shortly thereafter and used tear gas to split

the crowd. She recalled that shortly thereafter an archery shed on campus was set fire by some students and she does not know any identities and then some other students tried to put out this fire. She stated she thinks there were some other small fires started that were put out and then the crowd of students started downtown toward the city of Kent. At this point the National Guard stopped them and sent them back to the campus and ordered everybody to immediately get out of sight and into any dormitory they could. Shortly thereafter a grace period of half hour or so was given for all of the students to return to their respective dormitories.

On Sunday morning, May 3, 1970, she went back to her office to work and heard about a rally planned for that evening. The student body that night started marching all over the campus and she estimated the number to be two or three thousand. The National Guard tear gassed them on at least one or two occasions and when the crowd started downtown towards the city of Kent, the Sheriff's Department or Police Department told them to go back to campus and when the students did go back they were tear gassed again by the Guard.

She knew of no more incidents on that night and the following morning, which was Monday, May 4, 1970, classes were resumed and she knew that there were at least a few bomb scares some place on campus. She was leaving Fletcher Hall to go to Malton Hall and recalled seeing some tear gas and flares. She recalled hearing what she thought was fire-crackers and then a few seconds later heard noise that sounded to her like a machine gun going off but then later thought it may have been a volley of shots from the Guard, one right after the other and that is why she thought of a machine gun. She could not see the Guard at the time due to her position but when she ran towards her destination she

passed the ambulance and saw one of the deceased female students.

She also advised that during the Spring of 1969, there were three militants arrested during Kent State riots and she had read in the Kent State University paper the previous week that they had just been released from jail and had heard a rumor that the three individuals were seen in the city of Kent on Friday night, May 1, 1970. She stated that she did not know if this last information was accurate as it was here-say.

[redacted]vised that she furnished a written statement to the Kent State University Police on Sunday, May 3, 1970, concerning the above information and there was nothing more which she could add to the statement. She stated it was a lengthy statement and she preferred not to write out another one at this time.

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[redacted] Ohio, was interviewed at his place of employment, [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio.

He identified himself as a Freshman student residing in Johnson Hall, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio.

He said that on the night of Saturday, May 2, 1970, he observed the burning of the ROTC Building on campus from the roof of Johnson Hall. He stated he saw flares being hurled into the building by some demonstrators and other demonstrators chopping at fire hoses with machetes, however, he was too far away from the scene to be able to identify any of the demonstrators.

On Monday, May 4, 1970, he observed the demonstration on the Commons from Johnson Hall but again was too far from the scene to make any identifications. He observed the shooting by the Ohio National Guardsmen but was too far away to furnish any detailed information.

He recalled that on Sunday evening, May 3, 1970, while walking across campus, he observed some students including one known to him only as [redacted] a third floor resident of Johnson Hall, remove what appeared to be some soft drink bottles from some bushes. He did not notice if they had been fashioned into molotov cocktails. These students were then lost in the crowd of demonstrators. He added he mentioned this incident to the Kent State University (KSU) police. He stated he did not actually see anyone making gasoline bombs.

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II. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

B. INTERVIEWS WITH KSU FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS

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A nine page deposition was prepared and voluntarily furnished to the interviewing Agents by [redacted] May 6, 1970; which deposition contains all the pertinent knowledge which [redacted] had to furnish concerning the burning of the ROTC Building on May 2, 1970. He stated that he had furnished copies to the following people:

[redacted]

[redacted] advised that he did not have any personal knowledge of the confrontation between National Guardsmen and persons on Kent State Campus on May 4, 1970; therefore, he could not make any statement concerning the events which transpired on the Kent State Campus on May 4, 1970.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Address	Kent, Ohio
Date of Birth	May 26, 1935
Place of Birth	Buffalo, New York
Height	5'8"
Weight	150 lbs
Facial Characteristics	[redacted]
Social Security No.	[redacted]
Occupation	Sociology Professor
Wife	[redacted]
Children	[redacted]

The following handwritten nine page deposition was furnished by [redacted] and relates the following informati

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"Events of May 2, 1970

"On the afternoon of Saturday, May 2, 1970, I was informed by my colleague, [redacted] that he had been asked by the Faculty Senate to request faculty members to act as 'marshalls' that evening on campus to circulate among students on campus to help keep them 'cooled down' so that the events of Friday evening (breaking of windows in downtown Kent) would not be repeated, to explain the effect of the curfew, and of the injunction which prohibited destruction of property and injury to persons. This initial injunctin did not prohibit peaceful assembly, demonstration, dissent or movement on campus.

"I arrived at Lowry Hall at approximately 6:50 P.M. for the meeting of faculty marshalls scheduled at 7:00 P.M. At approximatey 7:15 P.M., Dr. Glenn Frank called the meeting to order. I counted 30 persons in attendance. We were issued blue arm bands, and told what our function was, as I have outlined above. We were also told information sheets would be made available to us, which we were to pass out to students, that we were not to get involved in demonstrations ourselves, and that if we had anything to report, we were to call one of two phone numbers, which were information control centers, so that Dean Matson could make decisions. We were told not to call the University police. We were assigned, in groups of three, to various places on campus. Myself, [redacted] and [redacted] were assigned to Eastway Center, a four-dorm complex. Prior to going there, we were to report to the Student Activities Center to pick up volunteer student marshalls. We were joined by two male students. [redacted] (I do not recall their last names), and proceeded to Eastway Center. I would estimate the time at between 7:45 and 8:00 P.M. There were numerous groups of

"About 20, proceeding in the opposite direction to a rally we understood was scheduled for 8:00 P.M., although no one seemed to know who called that rally. When we arrived at Eastway Center, we informed the persons behind the desk of our presence and purpose. We were then joined by two female student marshalls, whose names are unknown to me. The students indicated they would stay in the building and talk to other students, but [redacted] and I felt it would be best if we walked around the buildings, occasionally walking through it, and talking to students who requested to know the meaning of the blue arm bands. Student activities seemed quite normal, and [redacted] and I remarked several times that we would probably be on duty for three or four hours with nothing occurring to warrant our presence.

"At approximately 8:30 - 8:45 P.M., although I am not sure of the time, as [redacted] and I were walking along the north side of Eastway Center [redacted] had left us at Lowry Hall to move his car, and joined us at about this time), we heard and saw a line of marchers approaching Wright Hall of the Tri-Towers complex. They were chanting: 'One, two, three, four, we don't want your fucking war,' and 'Ho, Ho, Ho Chi Minh, NLF is on the way.' The marchers assembled for perhaps five to ten minutes, chanting and throwing fire crackers. A Kent State University Police car was standing with motor running on the north side of the Eastway complex near the intersection where the road runs between Clark and Allyn Halls on the west, and McDowell and Beall Halls on the east. I heard one of the demonstrators shout, 'There's the enemy,' and as they moved across the grassy area between Tri-Towers and Eastway--McDowell-Beall, the police car moved away. Firecrackers were being thrown, and as the marchers approached the Eastway, McDowell-Beall complex, they chanted, 'Join us, join us,' to the students looking down from the dorms. I heard one suggest that the fire alarm bell might be rung in the dorms to get the dorm residents out. The van-

"guard of the line of march, (which I would estimate to number 500-700 persons), seemed to include primarily persons dressed in 'hippie-type' clothing - i.e. bell-bottom trousers, vests, head bands etc. The line of march did seem to swell with students from the dorms joining it.

"The line of march proceeded along the east and south sides of the Eastway complex and moved generally northwest across campus in the direction of Taylor Hall. [redacted]d myself stayed at the Eastway complex in the vicinity of Manchester Hall for some three to five minutes after the crowd passed. We decided that we would be more useful if we followed the line of march than if we stayed at Eastway, and proceeded in the direction the demonstrators had taken. I remember remarking that they were moving quite rapidly, as they were already out of sight. As we approached Taylor Hall, we could see that about one-third to one-half of the demonstrators had stopped at Taylor Hall and lined the hills surrounding the Commons to watch, while the remainder were gathered on northeast side of the R.O.T.C. building. I heard shouts of 'stay in the middle' as we approached. The crowd seemed to be milling around, and some of them were walking away from the R.O.T.C. building and back across the Commons.

"As we walked toward the R.O.T.C. building, I suggested to [redacted] that it might be best if we stationed ourselves between the crowd and the R.O.T.C. building, on the cinder parking lot which still separated the crowd from the building itself. As we drew closer, I saw a patch of flames about 2 feet x 3 feet burning on the ground about 12 feet from the building. Someone later told me this was a flag burning. One or two of the demonstrators commenced throwing objects through the R.O.T.C. building windows, and I attempted to tell the crowd to move back. I was pushed away from the building by one or two demonstrators, one of whom kept shouting, 'get away from here, pig.' A red railroad flare was thrown into the building, and I ran to report

"this to the University Police as I felt my efforts to restrain the crowd were futile. I saw no University Police in evidence at this time. I reported to the desk sergeant that 'they have thrown a railroad flare in the R.O.T.C. building, and will burn it down.' His response was to radio one of his patrol units, to ask if they could see the building burning. Their response was apparently negative, and I told the desk sergeant that if he and I stood there discussing whether or not the building was burning, for ten minutes, it certainly would be. He thanked me for my report, and was making other calls on the radio, so I left and returned to the vicinity of the R.O.T.C. building. The demonstrators were still throwing stones at the windows, and at one point two or three of them rushed the building with a log and threw it through a window, breaking the cross-frame. The first railroad flare apparently did not do the job, and at least two other attempts were made to set the building afire. One demonstrator set the curtains at one of the windows aflame. They burned, but did not appear to set the building on fire. Several of the demonstrators then approached two motorcycles on the cinder parking lot, soaked rags in the gasoline from their tanks, and set these aflame in the building. I still did not see any law enforcement officials in the area.

"A fire truck arrived, and the firemen attempted to set up their hoses. One appeared to come from the direction of the Commons, as I saw water squirting up, and I assumed that the hose had been cut. I did see one demonstrator with a sheathed hunting knife on his belt, with an eight to twelve inch blade. One fireman succeeded in getting a hose attached at the hydrant at the northwest corner of the building, and was proceeding to drag it, with water coming from the nozzle, to the southwest corner of the building, where the fire was started. I heard shouts of 'get the hose' from the crowd, and four to six of the demonstrators ran up to the fireman, scuffled with him, and took the hose away from him. They appeared to turn the hose on the fire truck, and then cut it.

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"I returned to the KSU police station to report that the firemen's efforts had been successfully thwarted. Either just prior to or after this incident, a police car, without siren or flashing light, drove down Portage Drive behind the R.O.T.C. building, so that the building was between it and the crowd.

"Portage County sheriff's deputies arrived and stationed themselves between the crowd and firemen, and were being pelted with stones. At this time I was standing near the union building, and when the sheriff's deputies cleared the area around the fire truck, was separated from the main body of demonstrators, who remained on the Commons.

"I had become separated from [redacted] during this activity. [redacted] reappeared, and we discussed what we had seen. Since he and I felt we were unable to control the crowd, I left campus to return home. I saw the National guard troops coming in at the intersection of S. Water and Summit Street on my way home. I reached home at approximately 9:30 - 9:45 P.M. After thinking the matter over, I decided I still could be of use on campus in talking to and trying to calm the students in the dormitories. I returned to the Eastway complex and Manchester Hall at approximately 10 P.M. and talked to several of the students and the dorm counsellors, who seemed to have the situation under control. As word came that the National Guard was sweeping the campus and intending to keep everyone in the dorms, I returned to my car in the parking lot in back of Eastway Complex, and returned home, not wanting to spend the night there. I did not return to campus until Monday, May 4, at 8:15 A.M. to begin classes.

"It is my opinion that a small group of persons, perhaps 15 to 20, planned to burn the R.O.T.C. building prior to the rally, and were successful in gathering a large crowd around them, some of whom were in sympathy with their actions. I base my opinion on the facts that some had railroad flares with them, I saw one with a hunting knife on his belt (which could be used to cut fire hoses), there was a definite attempt to swell the size of the crowd as the demonstration moved through the dorm complex, and [redacted] another colleague who was also acting as marshall, told me he later found one or two plastic containers filled with flammable liquids on the Commons, as well as a canned flare device, which could be used as an incendiary device.

"Because of the darkness and confusion, I feel I cannot make a positive identification of any of those involved in the attack on the R.O.T.C. building."

"/s/ [redacted]
Assistant Professor of Sociology"

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Dr. GLEN W. FRANK, Professor of Geology, Kent State University, was recontacted at that location. He was advised that [redacted] and [redacted] were Special Agents of the FBI, and he was advised of the nature and purpose of this investigation.

Dr. FRANK advised he previously had been interviewed by Agents of the FBI, and had given them considerable information at his disposal concerning recent rallies and disturbances at Kent State University (KSU).

Dr. FRANK stated he recalled the identity of a former student in one of his Geology classes during 1968, which student he saw in the immediate vicinity of the ROTC Building on the KSU campus shortly before it was burned on the evening of May 2, 1970. He and this former student exchanged greetings on that occasion, but he was merely observing and did not seem to be participating in the demonstration. Dr. FRANK said this former student was [redacted] whose address is believed to be [redacted] Ohio, telephone number [redacted]

Dr. FRANK viewed photographs of the following persons on this occasion:

1) [redacted]
2) [redacted]
3) COLLIN NEIBURGER
4) [redacted]
5) [redacted]
6) [redacted]
7) [redacted]

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8) [redacted]

9) [redacted]

10) UNKNOWN, aka (1), a photo of unknown individual in group and with the number "1" in circle above.

Dr. FRANK picked out the photo of the unknow individual with the number "1" in circle as an accurate portrayal of a man observed by him on May 2, 1970, at the ROTC Building while it was burning. He said this man ran up to the RCTC Building on that occasion and then ran back into the crowd of people standing nearby. However, Dr. FRANK said he did not take note of what this man did or what was the purpose of his actions.

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[redacted] Associate Professor of Sociology, Kent State University (KSU), was interviewed in his office in Lowry Hall, Kent State University. At the outset of the interview, [redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and of the nature and purpose of the investigation.

[redacted] furnished the following account of his activities and observations during the evening of May 2, 1970. Before he furnished his account, he revealed that he was a witness to the burning of the ROTC building on the KSU campus on the night of May 2, 1970. He also revealed that he has given a taped account of his observations concerning this incident to officials of the American Civil Liberties Union, which organization has set up temporary quarters in Kent, Ohio.

[redacted] stated that, according to a pre-arranged plan, 25-30 other faculty members and he met at Lowry Hall at approximately 6:55 PM on May 2, 1970. The purpose of the meeting was to organize the faculty members to act as marshals to patrol the campus and attempt to control student activities to prevent crowds gathering and disorders from starting. FRANK was in charge of
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the meeting and acted as marshals:

[redacted]

In addition to the faculty marshals, there were some students who had volunteered to act as marshals. [redacted] was unable to identify these students by name. For identification purposes, the marshals were issued light blue armbands by Doctor FRANK. Assignments were given to the marshals to patrol specific geographical areas on the campus.

[redacted] along with Professors [redacted] both of the Biology Department, three or four professors and four or five students, whose identities are not known to him, were assigned to patrol the "old campus" area. They began their patrol of this area at approximately 7:30 PM and split themselves into two groups. They continued their patrol of this area until shortly before 9:00 PM. Their patrol included the area around the Library. They observed nothing unusual and there were no groups of students or demonstrators in the area.

Shortly before 9:00 PM he heard the roar of a crowd, loud shouting, which seemed to be coming from the direction of the Commons and the University President's houses. [redacted] and his fellow marshals went to the Commons to investigate and he observed groups of students and onlookers also heading in this direction. [redacted] also noted that a mob was gathering in the vicinity of the ROTC Building and he proceeded to that location. He walked

around this building and at the back end he noticed 5 or 6 revolutionary looking young males. He described them as having long, shoulder length hair, red head bands, sleeveless shirts or denim jackets and blue jeans. Most, if not all, were wearing beards. He could not identify any of these individuals.

Two of these individuals appeared to be setting the building afire by throwing lighted objects through a window at this end of the ROTC building. Three or four of the others were gathered at a drum or a gasoline tank attached to what appeared to be either a small tractor or a couple of motorcycles located a short distance from the rear of the ROTC building. These individuals seemed to be trying to get fuel from this tank. He also observed these individuals throwing lighted flares and other flaming articles into this building.

[redacted] continued walking around the ROTC building to the Commons side. He saw between 10 and 20 Portage County Deputy Sheriffs lined up along side the building at the opposite end from where the above described individuals were setting fire to the building. The students and demonstrators were throwing rocks, stones and other objects at the deputies and at the ROTC building. They were also shouting obscenities at the deputies. The deputies seemed to be occupied fully in protecting themselves from being hit by the thrown missiles and were doing nothing to protect the ROTC building or disperse the crowds. They made no effort to stop the arsonists at the other end of the building from setting the building afire.

[redacted] noted that at this time the firemen arrived at the ROTC building and parked their trucks at the side of the building opposite that where the deputies were stationed. He also stated that a campus police car was parked at this side of the building but he did not see any police officers. The firemen unloaded their hoses and other equipment from the trucks and proceeded around the building behind the line of deputies to a position near the end of the building which had been set afire. As the firemen began their efforts to put out the fire the students and demonstrators began hurling missiles at them. In addition, he saw some individuals chop at the fire hoses with machetes and axes. They apparently cut through the hoses because the firemen lost water pressure and were helpless to put out the fire.

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The deputies ultimately moved in to protect the firemen. Some of the crowd of students began to retreat across the Commons, apparently fearing that the deputies would attack them. They bent a section of cyclone fence over until it was flattened to the ground. A small storage building located at the fence was set afire by the crowd at this time. This storage building was used to store athletic equipment and was located near the tennis courts. It was [redacted] opinion that this building was set afire as a "diversionary tactic" to distract the police and firemen from the burning ROTC building. Professor [redacted] pointed out that he did not observe any rifles or riot guns in the possession of the deputies, but he noted that they did use tear gas to disperse the crowds attacking the firemen. [redacted] also pointed out that when the equipment building was set afire, some students obtained fire extinguishers from nearby dormitories and tried to put out the fire. Others formed a bucket brigade and passed waste baskets full of water from the dormitories to the burning building. He heard some of these students express fear that flames from the storage building would set fire to a clump of trees in the vicinity.

[redacted] went on to say that after the equipment building was burned he saw several students throwing rocks and stones at Taylor Hall, breaking two or three windows. Other students chased these persons away to prevent further damage to this building. [redacted] then proceeded across the Commons toward the ROTC building, which he observed was still burning. He found a plastic container on the grass near a clump of bushes. He picked up this container, which had a one gallon capacity and observed that it was about 1/3 full. It contained a liquid which he determined to be Kerosene or some similar type of fuel oil. He left this container at the spot where he found it. As he neared the ROTC building, he noticed that the firemen had left the area. The ROTC building burst into a roaring fire and the crowds of students cheered.

At this point, the deputies dispersed the crowds around the ROTC building by dispersing tear gas. He went down a long staircase to an area below the ROTC building where he had seen many of the students run. He stood on a landing on this staircase and tried to get the students to disperse.

Many of them were running in the area and some were climbing the stairs. They were shouting obscenities and making derogatory remarks about the police. He observed a group of six to eight long haired individuals, similar to those he had previously seen setting fire to the ROTC building, on a walk near the steps breaking large bricks and pieces of concrete into smaller pieces. They were cursing the police and discussing plans to get back up above and continue the disorder. He could not identify any of these individuals.

At approximately 11:00 PM, he returned to the Commons area where he joined a group that included [redacted] who is associated with a [redacted] the University, [redacted] Professor of Education at KSU, three other [redacted] assistants and three student marshals, an [redacted] graduate assistant in the History Department at KSU. At this time they saw the National Guard assembling near Bowman Hall. Several guardsmen were using bullhorns, pleading with the crowds to disperse. The crowd responded by calling the guardsmen "pigs" and other obscene epithets. The Guardsmen lined up in formation shortly thereafter and began to march toward the crowds. [redacted] walked toward the Guardsmen to discuss the situation but was ordered to leave or be shot. He left immediately. [redacted] and the other professors entered the Student Activities Building, remained there a while and finally exited by a side door, went to his car and drove home. [redacted] estimated that he arrived home at 1:30 AM, May 3, 1970.

[redacted] advised that he spoke with [redacted] during the course of the night and [redacted] told him that at approximately 9:00 PM on May 2, 1970, before the ROTC building was set afire it became obvious that this building was a target for destruction by the crowds. He [redacted] tried to mobilize the faculty and marshals in the area of the ROTC building to try to get them to line up between the ROTC building and the student mob. [redacted] was shoved by a student, who said, "Get out of the way, or you'll get hurt". [redacted] gave up his efforts to try to control the students and went to the Campus Police Station. He spoke with a Desk Sergeant and told him that the ROTC building was under attack and requested that police assistance be sent to protect the building. [redacted] stated that the Desk Sergeant indicated that he was unable to send assistance and gave

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[redacted] the impression that no action would be taken by his department.

[redacted] advised that he wanted to make the following observations:

1) The Police and Deputy Sheriffs did not get to the ROTC building as promptly as they should have.

2) They took no positive action to disperse the crowds after their arrival; they stood around dodging the thrown missiles.

3) The Police forces made little or no effort to protect the firemen at the scene of the ROTC Building.

[redacted] expressed a willingness to be recontacted [redacted] photographs of the scenes during the disorders in order to help identify individuals in the photos.

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[redacted] Kent, Ohio, furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that she is a graduate student and teaching fellow in the History Department at Kent State University (KSU). She [redacted] that she acted as a faculty marshal with one [redacted] on May 2, 1970 at the time of the burning of the ROTC Building. She advised that about 4:00 PM [redacted] called and asked that she be at a meeting at Lowry Hall at 7:00 PM for the purpose of forming a faculty marshal group. The individuals who were to be faculty marshals, including herself, met at 7:00 PM and blue armbands were passed out to them. She an[redacted] then went to the Student Activities Office. She and Mr. [redacted] left without taking student marshal and walked to the KSU Commons. There they talked to a number of students. [redacted] stated at that time she could not remember seeing anyone she knew by name who was a student at the university either now or later in the evening, and could therefore, furnish no names of students who attended the demonstration that evening. When they got to the Commons the crowd was very fluid and amounted as far as she could tell to approximately 600 people.

A short time after they got to the Commons, for no apparent reason, the Commons cleared and the crowd moved toward Tri-Towers Dormitory. She then saw a while later the crowd returning towards the Commons after having picked up some support at that location. The crowd was very hostile and it was obvious that the target was the ROTC Building. She did not at this time or at any time during the evening see anyone she could say was the leader of the mob. She stated in fact that she felt that the crowd had no leadership but the entire course of events was spontaneous. She also stated that as far as she could tell, most of the individuals taking part in the events of the evening were students at KSU.

When the crowd returned to the Commons, they drifted towards the ROTC Building. Some people started throwing rocks and flares at the building. She stated that at no time did she see any of the former SDS members at the ROTC Building.

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She stated that before 9:00 PM, the ROTC Building had been set on fire. Initially, a couple of flares were thrown at the building but they did not go inside. The building caught fire when someone set fire to the curtains. She saw the back of the individual and could describe him only as not too long-haired, dark clothing, approximately 5'10", medium - slender build. She could not identify this individual again. He appeared to light the curtains on fire by holding up to them a piece of what looked like paper, which he had lit. He reached through the window from the outside to do this.

At this time, [redacted] reported the fire in the building. She saw no uniformed policemen on the scene. She had heard during the evening a number of people saying the ROTC Building was the target that evening. She could recall the identity of no other individuals. She stated that she was fully in sympathy with them, feeling that the present government was decadent and should be done away with. The only reason she has not joined the SDS or similar groups is that none of these groups can show her a constructive plan of any sort.

The ROTC Building burned slowly for approximately 20 minutes by the time the fire trucks showed up. Shortly after the fire truck pulled up, she saw a number of students running with the fire hose and taking it from the fire department. Dozens of persons were involved in this activity as well as chopping the hose, and she could not see them or identify them. She estimated the crowd at this time as at least 2500 people. She was unable to see the firemen or whether or not the firemen were disturbed that their hose was being taken. Shortly after this, police, whom she could not further identify, arrived on the scene and started throwing tear gas. At this time, the crowd moved away. As they went around the end she saw a shed by the tennis courts on the campus set on fire. She had no idea who had done this.

She was walking on the campus when the Ohio National Guard moved in. They walked around towards the center of town but came back to the Commons a short time later. When she returned to the Commons the ROTC Building was burning brightly. The Ohio National Guard then moved onto the campus, and the crowd was broken up.

[redacted] advised that at one point in the evening, [redacted], had gotten in front of a group of students and had actually prevented them from going to Downtown Kent. She stated that [redacted] had been a leader of the "CCC Steering Comm[illegible]"

last year. She stated that he had been elected to that position because he was the most politically naive individual in the group.

II. BURNING OF THE RCTC BUILDING

C. INTERVIEWS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

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[redacted] nt State University (KSU) Police Department, Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, [redacted] furnished the following voluntary information to FBI Visual Information Specialist [redacted] and Special Agents [redacted] hile describing the events that took place at the burning of the ROTC Building, KSU:

[redacted] dvised that at approximately 8:00 PM on May 2, 1970, he activated the uniformed officers in the parking lot located behind Ward House for the purpose of containing a disturbance in the area of KSU campus known as the Commons.

At approximately 8:40 PM, [redacted] led his uniformed unit down Portage Drive onto the Commons and formed a skirmish line on the Commons between the burning ROTC Building and the crowd of people assembled on the Commons. [redacted] and his men were hit with rocks as they formed the skirmish line, and he saw several people throwing rocks and saw about five people carrying leather bags from which they took rocks and threw at the police. He also saw other student aged people go to the people carrying the bags and get rocks from the bags. [redacted] noted in particular one individual who was carrying a leather bag as he was standing under a street light on the Commons. He described this white male as having long, dark hair; red head band; light blue shirt; levis; and wearing boots. He had a leather bag over his left shoulder. He was approximately 5 feet 9 inches to 5 feet 10 inches, 160 pounds, and average build. This person also had a beard.

After the KSU police formed the skirmish line on the Commons and fired tear gas at the crowd, the crowd moved in an easterly direction on the Commons and knocked down a fence that is located on the northwest side of the Commons.

[redacted] dvised that [redacted] and [redacted] observed the events that took place at the ROTC Building on May 2, 1970.

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The Kent, Ohio, Fire Department that had attempted to fight the fire at the burning ROTC Building had left the campus and prior to the return of the KSU Fire Department, 400 student aged people began marching southwest on Terrace Drive toward Portage Drive. After the crowd on the Commons had moved from the Commons area because of the tear gas, [redacted] took some of the men and formed a skirmish line at Portage Drive and Terrace Drive in an effort to stop the crowd of approximately 400 student aged people from advancing down Terrace Drive. This advancing crowd threw rocks at the KSU Police and the police responded with tear gas, which caused the crowd to disperse.

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[redacted] Fire Department, described what he observed on the night of May 2, 1970, the night he participated in the fighting of a fire at the ROTC building, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, to Special Agent [redacted] and FBI Visual Information Specialist [redacted] and Special Agent [redacted]

[redacted] checked his Kent Fire Department radio log and determined the following times of calls concerning the ROTC KSU burning:

Time	Date	Activity
8:49 P.M.	May 2, 1970	Fire alarm received and Kent Fire Department (KFD) Truck #3 dispatched to KSU ROTC building.
8:53 P.M.	May 2, 1970	KFD Truck #3 at KSU ROTC fire.
9:28 P.M.	May 2, 1970	KFD Truck #3 departs from KSU ROTC fire.
10:02 P.M.	May 2, 1970	KFD Truck #2 arrives at KSU ROTC fire
10:03 P.M.	May 2, 1970	KFD Truck #3 arrives again at KSU ROTC fire.
11:52 P.M.	May 2, 1970	KFD Truck #2 returns to KFD Station
1:09 A.M.	May 3, 1970	KFD Truck #3 returns to KFD station

[redacted] was driving fire Truck #3 to the KSU ROTC burning.

On the first trip to the KSU ROTC building, Fire Truck #3 entered the KSU campus on Portage Drive and

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dropped off Kent fireman [redacted] at a fire hydrant on Portage Drive and continued down Portage unrolling fire hose and stopped at the west end of the ROTC building.

[redacted] observed a student-age person run over from South Hall to the base of the south side of the ROTC building and throw a flare at the base of the ROTC building. [redacted] could only describe the person as wearing a light jacket or sweater and dark pants and this person had long hair.

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[redacted] Portage County Sheriff's Office, Ravenna, Ohio, advised that the only person brought into his jail May 20, 1970, had been one [redacted] Ohio. [redacted] was brought in after being arrested by the Kent State University (KSU) Police Department for malicious mischief. [redacted] was charged with having broken a window in the ROTC Building at KSU, at approximately 2:00 AM, May 2, 1970.

[redacted] was sentenced to thirty days in jail which he was to start serving May 20, 1970. He was also fined $200.

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SA [redacted] RDB:cjt

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[redacted], Kent State University (KSU), Police Department, Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent. [redacted] furnished the following voluntary information:

On May 2, 1970, [redacted] was on duty at the KSU Police Department and at approximately 3 PM he went to the vicinity of the ROTC Building, KSU campus. He situated himself at the southwest corner of the Student Union at the food service entrance. The Student Union is located next to the ROTC building. [redacted] was accompanied by [redacted]. The uniformed division of the KSU police was standing in the parking lot at Terrace Drive and Summit Road on the KSU campus.

[redacted] advised that when he arrived at the vicinity of the ROTC building, he observed 600 - 700 people gathered on the area of the KSU campus known as the Commons. This crowd of people were approximately 150 feet from the ROTC building at the northeast end of the building. [redacted] heard a unidentified caller, "Let's burn it before they get here." [redacted] left the area of the ROTC building for the purpose of reporting what he had heard to the headquarters of the KSU police. On his way to the headquarters, he met [redacted] Safety Director, KSU, and advised him of the threat to burn the ROTC building.

[redacted] returned to his post near the Student Union and observed several stones being thrown at the ROTC building. These stones were directed at the north side of the ROTC building. [redacted] observed two or three individuals throw rocks at the windows, however, he cannot identify these people because he was too far from their position, and it was starting to get dark. [redacted] observed a white male run up to the ROTC building and attempt to start the curtains on fire. The white male reached through the broken glass and tried to start the fire. This person's attempt was not successful. [redacted] then observed an unknown individual,

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white male, approximately 6'1"; 180-190 lbs.; wearing a brown 3/4 length Army jacket with long sleeves and brown pants. This person had long brown hair reaching a few inches above the shoulders. This person went to a motorcycle parked in the parking lot adjacent to the ROTC building and take a rag or handkerchief soak it in the gas tank of the motorcycle. This person was accompanied by a second white male, approximately 5'9"; wight - 160-165 lgs., wearing a light-weight jacket and having blond hair with an average haircut. After the first white male soaked the handkerchief into the gas tank, the second person accompanied him, and they walked to the northeast corner of the ROTC building and [redacted] believes that the white male, 6'1", held the rag and a second man lit it and walked away while the first man stuck the rag in the window and caught the curtains on fire. After this incident, the building seemed to begin to burn very rapidly. [redacted] stated that because of his distance from the people who started the fire and because it was starting to get dark, [redacted] stated he cannot identify the people who started the fire.

[redacted] left the scene of the burning and called the fire department. He then returned to the area and watched the fire truck come down Portage Drive to the west end of the ROTC building. As the fire truck came down Portage Drive, [redacted] saw about four people from the crowd gathered on the Commons run to the hose on the fire truck and began dragging it out onto the Commons. [redacted] observed a fireman trying to put out the fire with his hose. When he turned his back to the crowd on the Commons, a white male, approximately 5'10"; 185-195 lbs.; chunky build, approached the fireman from behind and grabbed the fireman with a bear hug while a second individual from the crowd pulled the fireman's fire hose away from him and dragged it out onto the Commons. [redacted] observed another person kneeling on the ground near a fire hose and pounding on the hose with what appeared to him as a rock. It appeared that this person was attempting to cut the fire hose.

[redacted] again advised because of his distance from the incidents that he described and because of the darkness of the night, he could not identify any of the people who started the fire or interfered with the firemen.

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[redacted] Fireman, Kent, Ohio, Fire Department, was shown an album of photographs, but could identify no one in these photographs as being anyone he observed during the burning of the Kent State University (KSU) ROTC Building, May 4, 1970.

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[redacted] Kent State University (KSU), Police Department, Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent.

[redacted] furnished the following voluntary information:

[redacted] advised that on the evening of May 2, 1970, he was [illegible] in the vicinity of the KSU [illegible] building [redacted] was accompanied by [redacted] observed the burning of the [illegible] building. However, because of the distance he was from the actual burning, and the fact that darkness was starting to set in, he could not identify anyone that was responsible for starting the fire or interfering with the Kent Fire Department.

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[redacted] fireman, Kent, Ohio, Fire Department, was [illegible] of the identity of the interviewing agent. Mr. [redacted] furnished the following voluntary information:

[redacted] was advised by [redacted] that his [redacted] who lives on [redacted] in the [redacted] Kent, Ohio, was at the ROTC burning at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, on May 2, 1970.

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TITLE OF CASE: [illegible] SUBJECTS; Firebombing of Army ROTC Building, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, 5/2/70		REPORT MADE BY: [redacted]	TYPED BY: ral
		CHARACTER OF CASE: SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 - INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED FACILITY	

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SECTION 2

II. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

D. INTERVIEWS WITH MEMBERS OF NEWS MEDIA

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HAROLD LAWSON SCOBIE furnished the following information:

He resides in Wright Hall, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, and is a photographer for the Kent State University (KSU) newspaper, "The Kent Stater."

On May 2, 1970, he had just arrived on campus from his parents' residence in Richfield, Ohio, and was walking past the ROTC building on the Commons when he saw that a large group of people was milling around the Commons.

He went to his room in Wright Hall to obtain his camera. After he obtained the camera, he began taking pictures of a large group of people which he estimated at 500 to 1,000 persons, which group was walking toward Tri-Towers on the campus. This group then walked toward the Commons, and he remained in Wright Hall.

At approximately 8:30 PM he looked out his window and saw what he believed to be some smoke coming from the area of the Commons near the ROTC building.

SCOBIE left the building and started to proceed toward the ROTC building when he passed someone on the Commons who told him that he should not go near the ROTC building because there were police on the campus and that he might get shot. He did not go near the ROTC building, but instead walked over to a shed located near the tennis courts on the Commons. This shed was burning intensely, and at this time he noticed a lot of people standing around in the trees near the Commons while another group of people had formed a bucket brigade and was attempting to put out the fire in the shed.

Shortly afterwards, he walked behind Engleman Hall between the Education Building and Moulton Hall. At this time he saw a large group of people running towards the Commons shouting that the National Guard was coming. He could see flames coming from the area of the ROTC building on the campus. It appeared that the ROTC building was burning intensely.

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SAs [redacted]
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SCOTT then walked back by the tennis courts near Taylor Hall and noticed that the shed was still burning, and then returned to his dormitory, Wright Hall, where he shot several pictures of the fire from the window of his dormitory, which is located some distance from the site of the fire.

The pictures were taken from such a distance that no details could be ascertained relative to the fire.

The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

Name	DAROLD LAWSON SCOTT
Sex	Male
Race	White
Birth	February 28, 1948, Cleveland, Ohio
Height	5' 11"
Weight	190 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Occupation	Student, NSU
Permanent Residence	3636 Broadview Road, Richfield, Ohio
Telephone	659-6794

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[redacted], telephone number [redacted], was interviewed regarding the firing of the ROTC Building and shootings at Kent State University on May 2 and May 4, 1970, and furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that he is a graduate student majoring in Public Administration. He stated that on Saturday, May 2, 1970, he was answering telephones in the Rumor Control Center which was maintained in the Administration Student Activity Center at Kent State University. [redacted] advised that along with himself was [redacted], a Kent State University undergraduate student; [redacted] a Kent State University graduate assistant; [redacted] Kent State University; [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he answered telephones and furnished information to individuals requesting same and that he kept in touch with events on Saturday by contacting the Administration Building at Extension 2770. He further stated that he had a police radio and he monitored the transmissions of the Kent City and Campus Security Force and through this monitor was able to keep abreast of events.

[redacted] stated that on Saturday he did not actually answer telephone calls but worked in the Rumor Control Center and on Sunday he manned telephones at extensions 2480, 2481, and 2483. [redacted] advised that any rumors received via telephonic communication were logged and names of callers were noted. He stated most of the complaints and rumors came from female callers and primarily most of the calls requested information and did not furnish any information for the Control Center.

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[redacted] advised one of the major problems both on Saturday and Sunday was that the center did not have much information and had to call to the Administration Building to keep abreast of campus events.

[redacted] stated that a group, most of whom were members of the Student Rights Party (SRP) manned their own Rumor Control Center in the Student Activity Center and were trying to decrease the effectiveness of his operation. [redacted] stated that the SRP is a legitimate body on campus, are basically anti-administration, and they occupy the offices of the Student Activity Board and the Major Events Committee offices, both of which are located in the Student Activities Center.

[redacted] stated any calls that were logged were noted on two or three sheets of manila note paper and copies of these reports could be secured from [redacted]

[redacted] further stated that the Rumor Control Center closed at 1:00 AM, May 4, 1970. He stated that the Control Center's operation was effective and that both faculty and students, along with town residents, called and were most sincere in furnishing or requesting information regarding the events on campus on Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3, 1970.

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[redacted] Ohio, furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that she is the mother of [redacted] who was contacted previously at Kent State University (KSU). She stated that [redacted] left the Saturday before the interview taking his sleeping bag and saying he was going to California to go camping.

He did not know when he was going to come back. She could furnish no information beyond this regarding his whereabouts.

On 5-18-70 at [redacted] Ohio File # CV 90-2340

By [redacted] KEB:cjc Date dictated 5-22-70

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[redacted], the father of [redacted] advised that to the best of his knowledge, his son [redacted] was now on his way to California to try and locate his wife, who moved somewhere in California after [redacted] was incarcerated due to his activities in 1969 at Kent State University.

[redacted] advised that his son had mentioned that he might possibly go camping with an individual he called [redacted] identity unknown to Mr. [redacted] and that he just wanted to unwind after having spent six months in jail. Mr. [redacted] also made known that he had in his possession a diary of his son's activities and whereabouts during the period May 1 - 4, 1970.

[redacted] advised that his son told him that he was not in Kent, Ohio, during the activities, because he did not want to be associated with them and definitely did not want to be placed in prison again. [redacted] advised that he is his son's lawyer and would definitely recommend to his son that he not say anything to the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning the activities at KSU and destruction of property in the town of Kent on May 1, 1970.

He also advised that when his son contacts him from California, which he is supposed to do, he will advise his son that the Federal Bureau of Investigation would like to talk with him as soon as possible.

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Based on information furnished by [redacted] Ohio, which he furnished to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Yorkville, Ohio, Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] accompanied by Kent State University (KSU) Police Department [redacted] went to Kent State University Johnson Hall desk area and found in a top right hand shelf, bearing the name "General Nick", a broken Kodak Instamatic film cartridge. It was noted that there was no film contained in this broken cartridge.

The shelf that the film was located in was described by [redacted] and on May 10, 1970, he gave his permission and direction to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to locate the film.

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Ohio, advised that she is the Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio. She was employed in this capacity on May 2 - 4, 1970, and was in Terrace Hall Saturday evening, when the ROTC Building was set on fire. She stated that several kids came into the building after receiving small doses of tear gas and girls were screaming and people in general were running around and talking about the disturbances on campus.

She indicated that shortly after hearing that the ROTC Building had been set on fire, she went out the rear door of the cafeteria at Terrace Hall and after walking toward the crest of the hill by the corner of the tennis courts, she could clearly see the flames from the ROTC Building. She was walking back towards Terrace Hall when five male students were running up the hill west of Terrace Hall in the direction of She recognized one of the students as (last name unrecalled), and the four other individuals with him are associates of his. They came towards her and upon seeing that she was accompanied by her husband, they continued running and headed toward the direction of the ROTC Building fire. They were shouting slogans and expressions, and were constantly talking about "the pigs". It appears as though the five of them were going towards the ROTC Building and probably had not been there that evening before this time.

These individuals, specifically have frequently eaten in the cafeteria at Terrace Hall, and all of them have caused small incidents in the cafeteria regarding complaints about food and opposition to cafeteria policy.

mentioned above, is known to as and he has recently been made the food and housing representative of Moulton Hall on campus. He is a White male, long sandy hair, slender build, and is approximately 5'3" tall. One of his associates is also a White male, who is at least 6' tall, slender build, and this person has long blond hair and wears plain glasses. advised she could identify these individuals by photograph, although she has no information to

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indicate that they were involved in the burning of the ROTC building. They were seen running towards that direction at approximately 8:30 to 8:45 PM that evening.

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Date May 18, 1970

[redacted] College Towers Apartments, 1800 Rhodes, Kent, Ohio, advised that one [redacted] is an occupant of apartment [redacted] College Towers. He stated that he had no idea whatever of whether or not [redacted] was still at that location.

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[redacted] Kent, Ohio, [redacted] Food Service at Terrace Hall, Kent State University (KSU), was interviewed at Terrace Hall. [redacted] recalls the burning of two buildings on campus Saturday, May 2, 1970, and he specifically recalls that, contrary to newspaper articles, the equipment shed near the Commons was set on fire before the ROTC Building, and he watched the equipment shed burn from Terrace Hall before the fire started in the ROTC Building.

[redacted] could not furnish any information regarding individuals responsible for setting fire to the ROTC Building, and he indicated that he was not present on campus to see the demonstrators and the shooting which took place on Monday, May 4, 1970.

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[redacted] College Towers Apartments, Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and that the interviewing Agent wished to determine if there is anyone living on the fifth floor of the College Towers Apartments from Canton, Ohio. [redacted] furnished the following voluntary information:

[redacted] advised that by checking the rental agreements in the files of the College Towers Apartments he could determine if anyone living on the fifth floor of College Towers Apartments, 1840 Rhodes Road, Kent, Ohio, is from Canton, Ohio. [redacted] and SA [redacted] examined the rental records of the College Towers Apartments for all apartments on the fifth floor of the College Towers Apartments. No record could be located indicating that any of the tenants living on the fifth floor of the College Towers Apartments is from Canton, Ohio.

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[redacted], who resides at that address with [redacted] was interviewed concerning his knowledge of the incidents which took place at Kent State University campus from May 1, 1970 to May 4, 1970. [redacted] advised that he was no longer a student at Kent State University and consequently very seldom went to the Kent State University campus.

He advised that the only personal knowledge he had concerning the incidents on the campus was that he went to the campus out of curiosity on the evening of May 2, 1970, after hearing over the radio that the ROTC building had been burned. He advised that by the time he arrived on campus that the ROTC building was burned to the ground and that everyone had departed the area. He also advised that he had passed through the town of Kent to see the damage which was done to the business district but had not stopped.

He stated that he knew no more information but that if he learned something in the future, he would contact the FBI.

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[redacted] Ohio, furnished the following free and voluntary statement:

"May 25, 1970
Kent, Ohio

"I [redacted] Ohio, make this free and voluntary statement to Special Agent [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I am a senior at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, majoring in speech. I am 21 years of age and was born September 7, 1948, at Cleveland, Ohio.

"I have observed a group photograph designated as Z-8, which was displayed to me by Special Agent [redacted] and was one photograph in a series of numerous similar-type photographs. In photograph Z-8 is an individual designated as number two, who was wearing dark trousers, dark shirt and has a jacket hanging on his right shoulder. I have previously observed other photographs of this same individual and believe him to be identical to the person I observed on the evening of May 2, 1970, throw a gasoline-soaked rag into the ROTC building located on the Kent State University Campus. This gasoline-soaked rag had been ignited before it was thrown into the building. In observing photograph number Z-8, I have observed another individual who was located in the center left quarter of the photograph. This individual is bare headed, has a beard and is wearing a shirt opened at the neck, under which appears to be another horizontal striped t-shirt. Special Agent [redacted] has identified this individual as number three on photograph Z-8.

"The unknown person who has been designated number three in photograph Z-8 positively is identical to the person I observed throwing the flaming gasoline-soaked rag into the ROTC building on May 2, 1970.

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"I have read the above statement consisting of this page and one other. I have initialed these pages and all corrections. This statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witnesses
"/s/ [redacted] ecial Agent, FBI, Akron, O., 5/25/70
"/s/ [redacted] ecial Agent, FBI, Akron, Ohio, 5/25/

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[redacted] Ohio, viewed photographs taken in the vicinity of Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, during the period May 1-4, 1970, and made the following identifications and remarks:

PHOTOGRAPH	IDENTIFICATION
A1-1	[redacted]
A47-2	Individual placing ignited gasoline-soaked rag into ROTC Building, KSU, 5-2-70
A74-1	" " " "
C81-3	[redacted]
C82-4	Individual placing ignited gasoline-soaked rag into ROTC Building, KSU, 5-2-70
F2-5	[redacted]
F5-2	[redacted]
F13-1	[redacted]
F13-6	"FARGO" KSU student and Negro poet
F43-3	[redacted]
F45-6	[redacted]
F60-2	"FARGO", KSU student, Negro poet
F88-2	[redacted]
F108-4	[redacted]

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PHOTOGRAPH	IDENTIFICATION
27-3	[redacted]
28-3	Individual placing ignited gasoline-soaked rag into ROTC Building, KSU, 5-2-70
211-1	" " " "

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[redacted], Ohio, furnished the following free and voluntary statement:

"May 25, 1970
Kent, Ohio

"I [redacted] Ohio, make this free and voluntary statement to Special Agent [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I am a senior at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, majoring in speech. I am 21 years of age and was born September 7, 1948, at Cleveland, Ohio.

"I have observed a series of photographs displayed to me by Special Agent [redacted] one of which is designated as A-47. In this photograph, located in the right center, is an individual who is barrechested, and his shirt is hanging from around his waist. This person is designated as number 2 in photograph A-47.

"The person bearing designation number 2 in photograph A-47 is identical to the person whom I observed throw a lighted gasoline-soaked rag into the ROTC Building located on the Kent State University campus, on May 2, 1970.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this one page. I have initialed this page and all corrections. This statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witnesses
"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Akron, O. 5/25/70
"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent FBI Cleveland, O.
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The following investigation was conducted by SAs [redacted] JR. and [redacted], JR., on May 26, 1970:

AT KENT AND RAVENNA, OHIO

[redacted], Records Office, Bowman Hall, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, advised that his records reflect that PETER CHARLES KLEIN transferred during Spring Quarter 1970 to KSU from Monroe Community College, Rochester, New York. KLEIN attended Monroe Community College from 1968 to 1970. He is a last quarter Sophomore at KSU and had 90 quarter hours transferred from Monroe Community College.

KLEIN was born April 11, 1948, at Rochester, New York. His campus address is Moulton Hall, KSU. His home address is 34 Highwood Road, Rochester, New York. He has Social Security Number 053-40-4012. His parents are GERARD A. and CLAIRE H. KLEIN, 34 Highwood Road, Rochester. KLEIN attended Eastridge High School, Rochester, New York, where he graduated in June, 1966.

[redacted], Portage County Sheriff's Office, Ravenna, Ohio, advised that he could locate no record for PETER CHARLES KLEIN.

[redacted] Patrolman, Kent, Ohio, Police Department, advised that he could locate no record in his files for KLEIN CHARLES KLEIN.

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F. [redacted]

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1 Date May 18, 1970

[redacted] Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents. [redacted] furnished the following voluntary signed statement:

"Hudson, Ohio
5/14/70
12:45 P.M.

"I, [redacted], furnish the following statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am a senior at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio and am 22 years old and reside [redacted] Ohio. I am presently [redacted] Ohio. My residence in Kent, Ohio is [redacted] Kent, Ohio, also known as College Towers.

"On May 8, 1970 (Friday) about 3:30 P.M. I returned to my apartment at College Towers to obtain some clothes because I have been living at my home in [redacted] Ohio because of the recent trouble at Kent State University (KSU). On May 8, 1970 when I was coming down an elevator in College Towers from the 7th. floor, the elevator stopped on the 5th floor, and a white, male, age about 19, height 5'10"-5'11", average build, poor teeth, bad complexion, long light brown straggley hair, reaching half down his neck, got on to the elevator. This person was wearing a long vest type garmet and bell bottom jeans.

"This man said he had just come from his brother's apartment. He further stated that one of his friends had just got 'busted'. The man told me that 'they' had pictures and films of his brother and friends. 'They' also had picture of his brother leading the demonstration. I do not know what demonstration he was referring to.

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"This man and I walked out of the College Towers and he asked me for a ride to Main St. in Kent, Ohio. I told him I would take him there. He further continued his conversation and said he did not live in Kent, Ohio that he lived in Canton, Ohio and he just came up Friday May 1, 1970 to visit his brother in College Towers.

"The man further stated 'they' had questioned his brother and friends but had not caught up with him yet. I believe at this point the man said his brother and his friends were glad he came to Kent because he could be more involved because he was not a student at Kent State University (KSU). The man said his brother was a student at KSU.

"I asked him how he was involved in all of this and he said that he was afraid 'they' had him on film of crawling into a window of the ROTC building on the KSU campus on May 2, 1970. He further stated that his friends and others had started the fire from the outside of the building and since he wasn't from Kent, Ohio he went into the inside of the building to start the fire from the inside.

"I did mention I had a roommate from Canton Ohio and I asked him if he would know her, and he stated he went to McKinley High School and lives in South Canton, Ohio. The man stated he did not know my roommate from Canton, Ohio but asked me to ask her if she knew him and he said his first name was [redacted] and said two of his brother's names, but I cannot recall their names.

"I left him off at the corner of Main St and Rt. 43, downtown Kent, Ohio about 3:40 PM May 8, 1970.

"I have read this statement consisting of this page and two other pages. I have initialed the other two pages and all corrections. I now sign this statement because it is true.

"/s/ 5/14/70 [redacted]

[redacted] Special Agent FBI Cleveland, Ohio 5/14/70
[redacted] Special Agent FBI Cleveland, Ohio 5/14/70"

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The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name:	[redacted]
Alias:	
Sex:	Female
Race:	White
Date of Birth:	February 14, 1948
Height:	5'2"
Weight:	105 pounds
Residence:	[redacted] Ohio
Telephone:	[redacted]
Occupation:	Student
Employment:	Kent State University (senior)
Marital Status:	Single
Address at KSU:	[redacted] College Towers Apartment Kent, Ohio

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[redacted] Canton, Ohio, voluntarily viewed photographs taken at disturbances on the Kent State University (KSU) campus, Kent, Ohio, from May 1, 1970 through May 4, 1970. These photographs are in the possession of the FBI and [redacted] viewed these photographs at the Administration Building, KSU campus, and furnished the following statement concerning a person he observed in these photographs:

"May 26, 1970
Kent, Ohio

"I, [redacted] make the following [redacted] to [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

[redacted]

"During the night of May 2, 1970, I was in a large crowd of people on the Kent State University Campus, Kent, Ohio. This group of people numbering about 1000 was marching around the Kent State campus and ended up at the ROTC building on the Kent State Campus. Prior to arriving at the ROTC building the crowd of people walked past a construction site near the Tri-Tower complex on the KSU campus. When the crowd of people walked by the construction site about five to ten people who were in front of the crowd instructed the crowd to stop and pick up rocks and stones.

"I was standing next to a white male, curley black hair, black beard about 5'9" in

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height, husky build wearing an army jacket. This person acted like a leader because he was with the other leaders in front of the crowd. This person said to the crowd something to the effect [illegible] on pick up some rocks. The people in the crowd began picking up rocks. The crowd continued on to the ROTC building. I again saw this same person briefly near the ROTC building. I did not see him throw anything at the ROTC building.

"Today, May 26, 1970 I viewed photographs of disturbances on the KSU campus from May 1, 1970 through May 4, 1970. I identified this person I described above in these pictures which are in the possession of the FBI. I identified this person in picture C-12 standing in the middle of the picture looking to the left of the picture. I identified this person also in picture C-13 standing to the right of the picture bending forward and wiping his right eye. I also identified this person in picture C-14 resting on the ground on his left side looking to the left side of the picture.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this page and one other page. I have initialed the other page and I now sign this statement because it is true.

"/s/ [redacted]

[redacted] Special Agent FBI Cleveland, Ohio
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[redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Cleveland, Ohio
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[redacted] was located for interview [redacted] Ohio.

[redacted] s advised of the official capacity of the interviewing Agents, and he was orally advised of his rights. He read same, however declined to execute a Warning and Waiver of Rights. [redacted] advised he fully understood his Constitutional rights and had no objection to the interview.

[redacted] dvised he was desirous of furnishing full information regarding his involvement in the burning of the ROTC building on the Kent State University (KSU) campus, Kent, Ohio, May 2, 1970, and indicated he would freely and voluntarily accompany the interviewing Agents to Kent, Ohio, for the purpose of furnishing a signed statement.

[redacted] as transported to Kent, Ohio, where the following signed statement was prepared and signed by [redacted] at Kent, Ohio:

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May 26, 1970
Kent, Ohio

[redacted]

I, [redacted] freely and voluntarily furnish the following statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the FBI.

I have been orally advised of my rights by Special Agent [redacted] and I have read same; however, I declined to sign a warning and waiver of rights, which constitutional rights I fully understand, but freely and voluntarily furnish the following statement:

[redacted]

I currently reside with [redacted] Ohio, and I have freely and voluntarily traveled to Kent, Ohio, to make this statement. I understand I am not under arrest and no threats or promises have been made in order that I make this statement.

On May 2, 1970, Saturday, I traveled from Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, alone to Kent, Ohio, arriving at approximately 1 PM. Upon my arrival, I went to the

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residence of [redacted], Kent, Ohio. The previous listed persons, along with [redacted] who is from Akron, Ohio, were at the residence. At the time I arrived, there were approximately eight other white males at the house whose names I do not know; however, I recognized some of these individuals as residents of Canton, Ohio.

At approximately 6 o'clock, I "dropped three hits" of LSD at the house, [redacted] and at approximately the same time, [redacted], who is a white male who resides at Peninsula, Ohio, arrived at the house. [redacted] a high school student and attends school in or near Peninsula, Ohio. Shortly after [redacted] arrival, he and I and two unknown friends of [redacted] white males, also of Peninsula, Ohio, walked from the house to downtown Kent, Ohio. However, we returned to the house after a short period of time, which was approximately 7 o'clock, in order that we could drive to the Kent State University campus.

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[redacted] and I and his four friends drove out to the Tri-Towers in his 1970 green Maverick. At about 7:55 PM, a group of approximately 300 to 500 individuals came to the Tri-Towers where [redacted] and I joined them enroute in a group to the ROTC building, Kent State campus. The group appeared to be led by five or six white males who seemed to know right where they were going. These individuals were all white males with long hair between the ages of 19 and 23, names unknown, however, all had been seen by me in the Kent area prior to this date, and I feel certain I can identify all of them should I see them again. The group stopped at a construction site, and this stopping appeared to be pre-planned by the leaders; and at this time, these leaders instructed all of us to pick up rocks. I picked up four rocks, and as the group then proceeded toward the ROTC building I gave two of them away.

At approximately 8:15 PM, the entire group arrived at the ROTC building, and I observed a small group in the driveway with Jerry Rupe holding an American flag on a stick over his head. The flag was thrown on the ground, and Jerry set fire to it; and at approximately

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this same time, someone in the background threw a rock into a window of the ROTC building. I do not know who threw the first rock, however, I do recall the organizers or leaders saying at this point, "something had to be done or the riot would die," and I feel when they made this statement they meant the ROTC building would have to be burned. I noted at this time a photographer who was attempting to take pictures and he was physically assaulted by Jerry Rupe and approximately 20 other individuals, and this photographer's film and camera were taken from him and destroyed.

I had noted in the crowd [redacted] his girlfriend [redacted] from the house. At approximately the same time, an unknown white male walked up to the side of the ROTC building; lit a flare and dropped same into the building through a broken window. I threw two rocks, the first of which went over the ROTC building, and the other went through a window. At this time, the flare which was thrown into the window glowed and the police officers and firemen arrived on the scene. The officers and the firemen got stoned as they were taking out their hoses; and at this point,

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I and many others pulled on the hoses and stretched them out, and unknown individuals cut the hoses with knives they were carrying. I did observe [redacted] cutting the fire hose with a knife he had strapped in a sheath to his leg.

I did not have a knife and did not cut any of the fire hoses myself.

I was standing by two parked motorcycles on the driveway on the Commons side of the ROTC building following the cutting of the hose, and a white male dipped rags in the gas tank of one of the motorcycles; kept one rag and handed me the other; however, I did not keep it but merely passed it on to an individual I could identify if I saw him again, and he and the "dipper" took the rags; lit them; and dropped them in the corner window of the ROTC building. I would describe the individual who dipped the rags into the gasoline tank as a white male; 5'11"; 165 lbs.; blond, long hair, curly; having a mustache and short blond goatee; age approximately 20; wearing Army field jacket with red fist on the back; black Levi's; black greasy "biker's" boots. I felt this individual was one of the leaders, and I can identify him should I see him again. I would describe the individual who I handed

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the gasoline rag to as a white male; age 19; 5'10"; reddish-brown hair, almost shoulder length; no beard or mustache; 145 lbs.; slender build; wearing cream-colored windbreaker jacket and striped bell-bottom trousers. I also noted approximately ten other individuals around the motorcycles at the time the rags were dipped in the gasoline, and it is possible that some of [redacted] individuals might have also dipped rags into the gas tanks of the motorcycles; however, I did not personally observe anyone else dipping rags into the gasoline.

I ran to the other side of the ROTC building; noted policemen coming my way; ran back; and at this time, the individual I had handed the gasoline rag to was standing at the window after having dropped same into the building. I ran down the side of the building and noted police officers coming my way. I turned around and ran back to the end of the building, and at a window on the end of the building where no rags had been dropped I and the individual who I had handed the gasoline rag to tore the screen from the window and broke out the window with our bare fists as we felt the fire needed air. The individual with me tore down the drapes by reaching through the

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window and threw them on the floor where the room was burning. This individual and I stood at the window and watched a telephone burning on the desk. I have observed a map of the Kent State University campus; noted the fire was started by dropping gasoline rags in a window on the northeast side near the east corner, and the window we broke out was on the southeast end near the east corner.

I did observe Jerry Rupe throw two milk containers, metal, through the ROTC building windows, and the other unknown individuals throw a metal trash barrel through the window.

At this time, the entire group moved away from the ROTC building toward the archery shed, and I would estimate that this was approximately 9 to 9:15. [redacted] I did not enter the ROTC building during this period of time, and I did not observe any other individual inside the building. At the archery shed, I observed same being torn down and set afire and the same group of people who appeared to be the leaders set this shed on fire.

I and the rest of the group, which would have been approximately 500, moved from the Commons area toward Main Street, and I noted Jerry Rupe still in the

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crowd, and the group moved along smashing windows with rocks and other items. At this time, I heard shouts, "The Guard is coming," and the group moved back toward the ROTC building; and upon my arrival with the group, I noted the ROTC building was engulfed in flames.

I returned to the Tri-Towers Dormatory, and it was approximately 11 PM, and I stayed there until [redacted] who had been at the Tri-Towers with me. At the time we arrived, [redacted] and his girlfriend [redacted] were at the house, and I was told [redacted] and his friends had already left town. I know [redacted] to have formerly been a student, art major, at Akron University; and Jerry Rupe formerly lived in Miami, Florida, and none of the group, including myself, who I know, are now students at Kent State University.

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Witnessed by: [redacted] Special Agent, FBI
[redacted] Special Agent, FBI. Rcd, etc
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In addition [redacted] furnished the following information with regard to his activities at Kent, Ohio, as a means of further identifying individuals with whom he had contact, and information regarding Kent, Ohio.

He stated he travelled to Kent, Ohio, on the afternoon of May 2, 1970, with an unknown individual driving a late model vehicle with New York license plates; and this individual advised that the ROTC building at KSU was going to be burned. This individual indicated he was a student at KSU and [redacted] could provide no descriptive information other than this individual was a white male.

He stated [redacted] from Peninsula, Ohio, could be identified by contacting [redacted] and also high school students at Peninsula, Ohio, friends of [redacted]

He also advised that at the time of the rioting, he received information from an unknown white female from a communication center called "Student Defense," located in Room 559 of College Towers. He stated this center was for the purpose of providing free legal counsel and assistance to any individual arrested in connection with the Kent disturbances.

He further advised that on the night of May 2, 1970, he heard [redacted]) and JERRY RUPE bragging that they had rung the bell in the Commons prior to the group marching to the Tri-Towers dorm at approximately 8:00 PM and they stated they had shouted "Let's go to Tri-Towers."

[redacted] freely and voluntarily gave verbal permission for his photograph to be taken and same was accomplished at this time.

The following descriptive information was obtained from [redacted] through observation and interview:

Name: [redacted]
Age:
Race:
Sex:
Date of Birth:
Place of Birth:

Height:
Weight:
Hair:

Education:

Residence:

Employment:
Military Service:

Relatives:
Father:

Mother:

Grandparents:

Brothers:

Sister:

At the conclusion of the interview, [redacted] was transported by SA [redacted] from Kent, Ohio, to Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, at his request, and was left in the vicinity of Second Street and Route 59, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

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G. THOMAS D. MILLER

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 27, 1970

[redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents. [redacted] voluntarily agreed to furnish the following information to the interviewing Agents:

[redacted] advised that AGNINAS, of Apartment 103, Dubetz Apartments, 134 West Summit; ALAN CONROY, Apartment 204, Dubetz Apartments; TOM GRACE, Apartment 204, Dubetz Apartments, JIM LEU (last name unknown), roommate of TOM GRACE, Apartment 204, had advised her that they smoked "pot". She also advised that the above individuals had made statements to her to the effect that they were against the United States Government. She also advised that she considered these individuals as radicals.

She advised that these individuals had made several statements to her concerning the use of dope and "pot", but she stated that she had not been in their presence when using any type of drug or any type of dope or "pot".

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by SA [redacted]
SA [redacted] Date dictated 5-27-70

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[redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents. [redacted] voluntarily agreed to furnish the following information to the interviewing Agents:

[redacted] advised that [redacted] and AQUINAS, of 134 West Summit Street, used "pot" and would be considered radicals. She also advised that she had never been in their presence when they were using "pot". She advised that AQUINAS was a weird acting individual but that she would consider him as a non-violent individual. She also advised that the individuals living at the above address were against the Establishment.

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by SA [redacted]

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H. [redacted]

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Date 5/23/70

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[redacted], Kent, Ohio, voluntarily appeared at the Kent State University (KSU) Administration Building at approximately 9:00 AM and requested to speak to Special Agents of the FBI regarding his knowledge of the incidents which took place on the KSU campus on Saturday, May 2, 1970.

[redacted] advised that he had just returned to Kent from Santa Barbara, California at 2:00 AM and several of his friends had indicated that the FBI was attempting to locate him for interview.

At the outset of the interview, [redacted] was presented a Rights and Waiver of Rights form, which he read, stated he understood, and signed. He indicated he was fully agreeable to being interviewed by the FBI and in giving an account of his activities on May 2, 1970.

[redacted] advised he is a freshman at KSU and is majoring in English with the intention of becoming a writer.

Regarding his activities on May 2, 1970, [redacted] furnished the following signed statement:

"Kent, Ohio
May 20, 1970

"I [redacted] have voluntarily appeared at the Kent State University Administration Building to be interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation because I understand that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has made inquiries to locate me. At the outset of the interview I was presented a Rights and Waiver of Rights form which I read, fully understood, and signed. I furnish the following signed statement, being aware that I am not under arrest and I do it freely and voluntarily without coercion.

On 5/20/70 at Kent, Ohio File # Cleveland 98-2140

S [redacted]

by S [redacted] Date dictated 5/23/70

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"I am aware of the identities of [redacted] as Special Agents of the FBI. I am 22 years of age and am a sophomore at Kent State University.

"On Friday, May 1, 1970 I went to Akron, Ohio to see the movie 'All the Loving Couples.' I went with [redacted] (last name unknown), and [redacted] (last name unknown), and we drove in [redacted] model Ford Torino.

"We returned after the movie to [redacted] house where I stayed over night. The two girls went home.

"Saturday morning, I got up at around noon and called [redacted] from [redacted] house. After that, I went home to the apartment I rent, 421 N. Water St., #6.

"Shortly after arriving there I went for a walk toward the Police Department as I was interested in finding out what was happening in town that day. I returned home after a short walk.

"At approximately 3 or 4 PM [redacted] called me at my apartment and we made arrangements to go to Chippewa Lake in the Barberton, Ohio area that evening. I was to pick her up at her house at seven or eight o'clock.

"After I talked to [redacted] called me to see if I wanted to go out that evening and I told him I already had plans.

"I left my apartment at about 6:30 PM and went to get a hamburger at the BBF restaurant on So. Water St. in Kent, O. I had something to eat inside that restaurant and proceeded in my 1955 Cadilac to PEGGY's house on 19th St. SW, Akron, Ohio.

"A [redacted] house I watched TV for about 1 hour and recall watching the show 'Teacher, Teacher' for a while. [redacted] brother and two friends were there also.

"We left [redacted] house in her car, leaving my car at her house, and went to [redacted] house at [redacted] Akron, O. Her last name is [redacted] We waited for [redacted] to get ready and then the three of us went to Portage Lakes to meet a friend of [redacted] I don't know this young man's name. We waited for him a while as he had to clean up, and while we were at his house we had several beers.

"All of us went to Chippewa Lake and Amusement Park with [redacted] driving her car and we first went to watch the band that was playing there. After watching the band, we went on a few rides in the park, with the 'snake' ride being last. The operator had to open the ride up for us as he had already closed down.

"We returned to the above mentioned young man's house, and all stayed there until approximately 6:30 AM. [redacted] and I returned about that time to Akron, Ohio. We dropped [redacted] off at her house and went to [redacted] house. There I picked up my car and came back to my apartment.

"I believe my roommate was at the apartment with his girl when I returned. I briefly spoke with them and then went to sleep. I stayed there until that afternoon around 4 PM when I saw [redacted] by the Dog House Restaurant.

"I believe that was the first time I had heard about the burning of the ROTC building on Kent State University campus on the evening of 5/2/70. [redacted] told me that when I talked to her.

"I was not on Kent State University campus on Saturday 5/2/70 and I was not present when the ROTC building was set on fire. I took no

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part in the burning of that building and do not know who set the building on fire.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and four (4) other pages; and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have initialed each correction, and the beginning and end of each page.

"signed: [redacted]

"Witness: [redacted], FBI 5/20/70 Kent, Ohio
[redacted], SA, FBI, 5/20/70 Kent, Ohio
[redacted], SA, FBI, 5/20/70, Kent, Ohio"

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furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that the last time she had seen or talked to one [redacted], whom she described as being tall with a beard and strawberry blond hair, worn long, was when she and [redacted] and [redacted] went to Chippewa Lake Amusement Park near Medina, Ohio. At that time, [redacted] had been wearing a tan suede pants and a striped tp of some color. [redacted] drove his car to [redacted] house. He and [redacted] then came to pick up [redacted] at her house. When they arrived, it was sometime between 8:00 and 9:00 p.m. The three of them then went to [redacted] house at Portage Lakes. All four of them then went in [redacted] car to Chippewa Lake. While they were there, they saw the last part of a group called the Ohio Express playing music for "WHLO Appreciation Day", which was an event staged by a local Akron radio station. They then had something to eat and took a few rides. The only ride she could name was the "Snake". They left the amusement park at 12:00 p.m.

From the amusement park all four persons went to [redacted] house where all four fell asleep. They left [redacted] house in the early morning of May 3, 1970. They drove to [redacted] house where [redacted] picked up his car and drove her home. She has not seen or spoken to [redacted] since that time.

She advised that she had known [redacted] for approximately one month, having met him at J. B.'s bar in Kent.

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[redacted], telephone [redacted] was interviewed concerning his son [redacted] and his present whereabouts. He advised that his son [redacted] had traveled to New York with a good friend of his [redacted] to visit another close friend [redacted] who resides somewhere in New York. He advised that his son owns a 1968 Ford Torino, yellow in color, license unknown. [redacted] advised that his son was previously with the U. S. Army and was stationed at Cape Charles, Virginia and also Fort Meade, Maryland with an Army radar unit. He advised that [redacted] was discharged from the Army with 100% disability due to a nervous condition and he is presently under heavy medication for this condition.

He stated that [redacted] lives with two other young men at [redacted] Ohio, but he could not provide the names of the two individuals.

[redacted] advised that his son telephonically contacted him from New York and stated that [redacted] who [redacted] thought had accompanied his son to New York did not actually travel to the New York area with him but was dropped off along the Pennsylvania Turnpike, exact location unknown, in order to pick up his car which broke down while [redacted] was returning to the Kent, Ohio area on May 10, 1970, following his involvement in the rallies held at Washington D.C., on May 9, 1970.

[redacted] also advised that his son was not on campus on Monday, May 4, 1970, as his grandfather had been critically ill and he spent the day with the family awaiting the outcome of his grandfather's condition. [redacted] also stated that [redacted] had informed him that he did not want to come to the Kent State University Campus as there was trouble there and he did not care to get involved in violence of any type.

[redacted] provided three photographs of his son [redacted] and described him as a White male, 6'2", 175 pounds, light brown hair, blue eyes, date of birth 11-16-45

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[redacted] advised he was not on Kent State campus during the weekend of May 2-4, 1970. He stated he was in Akron, Ohio; first, at the City Hospital where his grandfather, [redacted] died and later at the wake at the Kucko Funeral Parlor at Waterloo Street, Akron.

[redacted] advised he has no information concerning anyone who might have set the fire at the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) building and has no information concerning any organizers or instigators who incited people to damage the ROTC building. He has no information concerning any statements made by any leaders urging abolition of the ROTC. He stated he has seen no leaflets or other literature on campus or off urging abolition of ROTC. He further advised he had no knowledge of any Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) or New Left leaders involved in the burning or of any local groups who might have burned the ROTC building.

[redacted] advised he is a friend of [redacted] and last saw him on May 11, 1970 when he dropped [redacted] off at a highway where [redacted] stated he was going to hitch-hike to California. [redacted] has no information concerning [redacted] current whereabouts but stated he believes he will return to Kent State in the near future.

[redacted] stated he was returning to Kent State on May 18, 1970 in his 1968 Ford Torino, Ohio license [redacted] He advised that he could be located through his parents who reside at [redacted] Ohio.

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[redacted] was questioned concerning his knowledge of the incidents which took place on the Kent State University campus from May 1, 1970, to May 4, 1970. He advised that he was very much against violence of any type and, therefore, had pretty much stayed away from the activities at Kent State University. He stated that on Saturday, May 2, 1970, he had gone into the town of Kent to see the extent of the damage done on the evening of May 1, 1970, in the Kent business district. He stated that his grandfather was critically ill and in the hospital, which was another reason why he stayed away from the Kent State University campus and that he spent a great deal of time at the hospital. He advised that his mother, father and sisters could verify his presence at the hospital or at their residence during the activities at Kent State University.

He stated that he did not see or spend any time with [redacted] over the weekend of May 1-3, 1970, but that he did see [redacted] during the day on May 4, 1970, when [redacted] approached him concerning the possibility of some of the Kent State University students staying at [redacted] home until they could find some way of getting to their own homes after being told to leave the campus. [redacted] advised that his meeting with [redacted] was along the highway and that he [redacted] did not go near the campus on May 4, 1970.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] and [redacted] stayed with him from May [redacted], 1970, to May 13, 1970, at which time [redacted] drove [redacted] to the intersection of Route 18 and Interstate 71, where [redacted] had intended to start hitchhiking to Santa Barbara, California to visit one of his friends. [redacted] also drove [redacted] to the Cleveland-Hopkins Airport after dropping off [redacted] where [redacted] was catching a flight to her residence in New York. [redacted] then drove to New York where he spent several days at Pace College. He advised that he has not seen [redacted] since dropping him off at Route 18 and Interstate 71, but in the event that [redacted] recontacts

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him in the near future he will contact the FBI and also advise [redacted] to do the same.

[redacted] also advised that during [redacted] stay with him, he, [redacted] mentioned that he had been on the Kent State University campus on Saturday, May 2, 1970, but had not stated whether it was during the day or night. [redacted] advised he could provide no further information at this time.

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[redacted] was interviewed concerning his whereabouts and activities on Saturday, May 2, 1970. He advised that he was working as an [redacted] Saturday, May 2, 1970, and then had made arrangements to attend Radio Station WHK) Appreciation Day which was held at Chippewa Lake, Ohio, which is an amusement park. He stated that he was accompanied to the park by three of his friends, [redacted]. He stated that he was picked up at his residence by [redacted] and [redacted], who arrived at his home at approximately 7:00 PM, but that he had just gotten home from work and needed to shower and clean up in order to go to the amusement park.

He stated that upon his getting prepared to go out, [redacted] and he proceeded to the home of [redacted] and then drove to Chippewa Lake, arriving at the lake at approximately 10:15 PM.

He stated the four of them entered the park and then proceeded to the pavilion where several dance bands were performing, the names of which were unknown to him. He advised they then proceeded to take rides on several of the amusements, some of which were the Twirl-A-Whirl and the Snake. He stated they then proceeded to the concession stand, had something to eat and left the park around 12:00 midnight.

He then advised they stopped at his home and listened to records which [redacted] had previously brought to his residence. [redacted] advised they listened to records for several hours and then to the best of his knowledge, the four individuals fell asleep in his cellar and woke up at approximately 5:00 AM on May 3, 1970, at which time [redacted] drove the other two individuals to her home. He stated that to his understanding [redacted] had driven his car to the residence of [redacted] at which time [redacted] then drove [redacted] and herself to [redacted] home.

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[redacted] was asked if he could remember the clothing which [redacted] wore when attending the amusement park, at which time he advised that [redacted] was wearing a pair of suede trousers which [redacted] had designed and made himself and was also wearing what he believed was a blue and white striped shirt. He stated that the only reason he remembered [redacted] trousers was because he, [redacted] likes those particular trousers and was thinking about getting a pair of that type himself.

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[redacted] Ohio, was interviewed concerning his giving [redacted] a ride to [redacted] residence at [redacted] Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, during the time [redacted] was under surveillance by agents of the FBI on May 10, 1970. [redacted] advised that he was traveling on Bath Road, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, when he saw [redacted] whom he immediately recognized due to the fact that he had him as a student all through high school and at which time [redacted] was an editor of the school paper. He advised that he was afraid that due to the demonstrations in the area and due to [redacted]'s appearance, extremely long hair and full beard, that he was afraid that someone might possibly come along the highway and attempt to assault [redacted] advised that he then proceeded to turn around and proceeded to [redacted] location and picked him up and drove him home. He stated that [redacted] had told him that he was in Washington, D.C. at the rally and also stated when asked about the Kent State University incident that he definitely was against the individuals who had gotten involved in violence as they were like the "ass holes" who supported JERRY RUBIN.

[redacted] did not mention anything to [redacted] about his leaving the area the following day for California. [redacted] advised that [redacted] had some of the radical ideas in high school but was also against violence and felt extremely strong about the civil rights of an individual. [redacted] advised he could not furnish any further information regarding [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed concerning his son [redacted] who may possibly have some information concerning the burning of the ROTC Building, on Saturday, May 2, 1970. [redacted] advised that his son [redacted] was last seen by him on May 10, 1970 at which time he visited his parents and discussed some of the activities which took place on the KSU campus. He also advised that [redacted] had informed him that he attended the rally held in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, May 9, 1970. [redacted] advised his father that he was going to travel to California and to stay for a period of about 2 to 3 weeks and then return to the Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio area. [redacted] advised that [redacted] was very close friends with two young women who resided in College Towers located at [redacted] Kent, Ohio, and that to the best of his knowledge the girls names were [redacted]

He also advised that [redacted] had informed him that [redacted] had traveled with him to the demonstration in Washington, D.C. on May 9, 1970. [redacted] had told his father that during the weekend of the demonstration on Kent State University Campus that he had been staying with a close friend [redacted] Ohio, telephone number [redacted]

[redacted] was shown a photo of the student demonstration held on the Kent State University Campus in April, 1970, in which he identified his son [redacted] as being the tall bearded individual holding one of the two middle supports for the sign which read "Bring all the GI's home how."

[redacted] advised that [redacted] had served in the U. S. Air Force, exact periods of service unknown and had attempted to commit suicide by taking 280 aspirin tablets and then had proceeded to cut his wrists. He also advised that his son was attending Syracuse University at this time of his suicide attempt, as the U. S. Air Force was putting him through school. [redacted] was discharged by the U. S. Air Force due to his suicide attempt and received his discharge papers at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

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[redacted] then returned to his home and attended Kent State University. At this time his grades were extremely low. Consequently [redacted] stopped paying his tuition and [redacted] began to work. After several months [redacted] requested to be put in a hospital and under psychiatric care and due to an incident which took place where [redacted] saw his psychiatrist's children revolt to a situation, [redacted] decided that he no longer wanted to be treated by a psychiatrist who could not control his own children.

[redacted] then proceeded to take $900.00 of his money and then go to California where he intended to go to school. After a period of six weeks [redacted] ran out of money and rdurned to Kent, Ohio, where he contacted his father and decided to return to school at Kent State University where he has since been a student enrolled in the English Liberal Arts Course with the intention of becoming a writer. [redacted] also advised that [redacted] s living at [redacted] n Kent, Ohio, and is living with an individual who he only knows as [redacted]

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[redacted] Radio Station WHLO, 2650 West Market Street, Akron, Ohio, advised that the radio station had held what is known as "WHLO Appreciation Day" on May 2, 1970 at Chippewa Lake Amusement Park.

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[redacted] advised that on the night of May 2, 1970, she was on the Kent State campus attending a meeting at Taylor Hall. She stated someone said the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) building was on fire and she left Taylor Hall to see the fire. [redacted] stated she did not see [redacted] on the night of the fire. [redacted] stated she had no knowledge of anyone starting the fire and had no information concerning any organizers or instigators attempting to incite people to destroy the ROTC building. [redacted] further stated there were to her knowledge no leaders of the demonstrations and no speeches made urging destruction of the ROTC building. [redacted] believed the fire was a spur of the moment type thing done by an individual or individuals. [redacted] advised she saw no leaflets or other publications urging abolition of the ROTC. She stated she saw no Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) members on campus at the time of the fire and repeated she believed the fire was a spontaneous thing.

[redacted] advised that she is friendly with [redacted] and was with him last weekend in Washington, D.C. She stated they returned to Kent State on Sunday, May 10, 1970, and on Monday, May 11, 1970, she flew back to New York alone. [redacted] advised that [redacted] drove her to the airport and that [redacted] was also in the car. She stated [redacted] was going to drop [redacted] off at an unknown location from which [redacted] intended to hitchhike to California. [redacted] told [redacted] he was going to visit a friend, [redacted] further identified, in Santa Barbara, California. [redacted] advised that she does not know [redacted] present whereabouts but believes he is with [redacted] stated she was going back to Kent State on Monday or Tuesday of next week and would be attending classes there all summer.

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[redacted] Akron, was interviewed concerning her whereabouts and activities on the evening of Saturday, May 2, 1970.

[redacted] advised that she and two very close friends, [redacted] and [redacted] had decided to attend Radio Station WHLO Appreciation Day at Chippewa Lake, Ohio, and had asked another individual, [redacted] whom she had known for a period of about two months, to accompany them to the lake. She advised that Chippewa Lake is an amusement park and that she has visited that location on several other occasions.

She also stated that she was the individual in the group who had telephonically contacted [redacted] and requested that he accompany the other three individuals to the lake. [redacted] advised that [redacted] had driven his own personal car, a white Cadillac, to her home and had arrived at approximately 7:30 PM, on May 2, 1970. She advised that it had taken her a little longer than anticipated to get ready and that [redacted] had sat in her living room watching TV.

She advised that she drove her own personal car, a Volkswagon, to the lake, stopping for [redacted] and [redacted] on the way. She advised that to the best of her knowledge, the four individuals arrived at Chippewa Lake at approximately 9:30 - 9:45 PM. She stated that upon their arrival at the park they went to the pavilion to listen to the bands who were there due to the WHLO Appreciation Day activities. She stated they then proceeded to ride on several of the amusements in the park but she could not remember the names of the specific amusements other than possibly "Crack the Whip".

She stated they then went to a concession stand and had a snack and then left the amusement park at approximately 11:30 PM. Upon their departure from the amusement park they then proceeded to the home of [redacted] where they listened to records for several hours and

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then all four individuals fell asleep. She advised that they woke up approximately 5:00 - 5:30 AM on the morning of May 3, 1970, at which time she drove [redacted] to her residence and dropped off [redacted] at her residence where he had left his automobile the night before.

When asked what [redacted] was wearing the evening that he attended Chippewa Lake Amusement Park, she advised that he was wearing a pair of suede or skin trousers which he had designed and made himself and which tied up the side with two strands of rawhide. She also advised that he was wearing a striped shirt of some type.

[redacted] advised she had known [redacted] for a short period of time, approximately two months, and had met him in Kent, Ohio, at J.B.'s which is located on North Water Street. She stated that she would consider [redacted] as a casual acquaintance and stated that he has accompanied her and several of her friends on other occasions during their two month acquaintance. She also advised that she has not talked to [redacted] since dropping him off at his car in front of her residence on Sunday morning, May 3, 1970.

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K. [redacted]

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[redacted] Ohio, attending Lakeland Community Junior College, Painesville, Ohio, furnished the following information:

A friend, whose name he would not divulge, told him that one [redacted] stated to [redacted] friend that he is one of the students who burned down the ROTC building at Kent State University (KSU). [redacted] advised to his knowledge [redacted] was expelled from KSU during the 1968-69 school year for his Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) affiliation. [redacted] allegedly attended the Fall semester, 1970, at Lakeland Community Junior College in Painesville. [redacted] advised FBI agents interviewed [redacted] on May 3, 1970, but [redacted] told them he was not involved with rock throwing and did not observe any such activity. [redacted] stated that [redacted] home residence is in [redacted], Ohio, but that [redacted] usually resides in Kent, Ohio (street address unknown).

[redacted] could provide no further information.

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[redacted] Ohio, advised she is presently employed at the [redacted] located at the corner of [redacted] Ohio, as a waitress. She advised that she is not a student at Kent State University and has not been on the Kent State University Campus since JERRY RUBIN's appearance on the Kent State University Campus during the month of April, 1970. She was asked specifically about the evening of May 2, 1970, at which time the ROTC Building was burned, but she stated that she had worked from 5:00 PM until 3:00 AM at the [redacted] She stated that another waitress, [redacted] Ohio, could verify that she was working on May 2, 1970.

[redacted]

[redacted] advised she had no knowledge of what took place at Kent State University from May 1, 1970 through May 4, 1970, with the exception of what she has read in the newspaper and seen on television.

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Ohio, waitress, [redacted], at the intersection of [redacted] advised that [redacted] with whom she has been good friends for numerous years and who is working as a waitress at the [redacted] under the name of [redacted] was present and working from 5:00 PM until 3:00 AM on May 2, 1970. [redacted] advised she could not provide any further information concerning [redacted] knowledge of the incidents which took place at Kent State University.

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Q. [redacted] 7C

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[redacted], Ohio, was telephonically contacted at his place of employment, [redacted], [redacted], Ohio, advised that he did not wish to talk to the FBI regarding any matters without his attorney being present. He indicated that he heard that the FBI called his home [redacted] and talked to his mother [redacted]

It is to be noted that SA [redacted] contacted Mrs. [redacted] at the above address and she indicated that the family were "liberals" and did not wish to talk to any law enforcement agencies unless they could stipulate the conditions under which the interview was conducted. [redacted] indicated that this country was presently becoming a police state and she did not appreciate the Gestapo coming to her home. It was tactfully pointed out to [redacted] that a representative of the FBI identifying himself and requested an interview with her son was in no way to be construed as being a Gestapo. [redacted] then apologized and then furnished the telephone number of her son's employment and indicated he could be phoned this afternoon prior to 3:00.

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S. IDENTIFICATIONS FROM PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN ON, AND IN THE VICINITY OF THE KSU CAMPUS DURING MAY 1-4, 1970

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[redacted], Ohio, senior, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, was interviewed and viewed photographs of the KSU disturbances of May 1 through 4, 1970.

From these photographs, which are numbered, [redacted] identified the following people:

Picture Number	Description
A-49 #1	[redacted]
A-49 #2	[redacted]
C-17 #9	[redacted]
C-59 #7	[redacted]
C-69 #3	Doctor FRANK Professor, KSU
C-62 #2	Doctor FRANK Professor, KSU
C-70 #9	[redacted]
C-70 #10	[redacted]

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[redacted] Kent State University (KSU), after viewing approximately 200 photographs taken in the vicinity of KSU during the period May 1-4, 1970, made the following identifications:

PHOTOGRAPH	IDENTIFICATION
A19-1	Active leader-participant of rally May 2, 1970.
A22-2	[redacted]
A47-2	Active leader-participant of rally May 2, 1970.
A58-1	[redacted] (LAST NAME UNKNOWN), Engleman Hall, KSU.
174-1A	Active leader-participant of rally May 2, 1970.
C24-10	[redacted], Teaching Fellow, Speech Department.
13-1	[redacted]
F4-6	[redacted]
FD-1	[redacted] Teaching Fellow, Speech Department
F23-1	[redacted]
F31-5	[redacted]
A32-2	[redacted]
F35-1	[redacted]

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PHOTOGRAPH	IDENTIFICATION
F36-1	[redacted] 76
F37-1	
F40-5	Active leader-participant of rally May 2, 1970.
F45-4	Active leader-participant of rally May 2, 1970

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[redacted], Ohio, voluntarily appeared at the Administration Building, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, and was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent. [redacted] furnished the following voluntary information:

[redacted] is a senior at Kent State University (KSU), and he advised he was not on campus at KSU on May 1 and 2, 1970. On Sunday, May 3, 1970, [redacted] went to the KSU campus, arriving at approximately 7 PM. [redacted] furnished the following voluntary signed statement concerning what he witnessed on the KSU campus during the evening of May 3, 1970:

"May 21, 1970
Kent, Ohio

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] Special Agent Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am 22 years old and reside at [redacted] Ohio. I am a senior at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

"On Sunday night, May 3, 1970 I went to the Kent State University (KSU) campus, Kent, Ohio, accompanied by; [redacted] Ohio. I knew that because there had been trouble on the KSU campus Saturday night May 2, 1970, which resulted in the burning of a ROTC building on the KSU campus, there would possibly be trouble on Sunday night. My intention was to go to the campus and help, by talking to people that seemed to be leaders of the trouble, and hope that later I could identify the leaders of the group that caused the trouble.

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"When darkness started to set in on May 3, 1970 I was standing in a crowd of people gathered around the victory bell on the area of the KSU campus known as the Commons. The crowd around the bell was about 500-600 people. I observed about 5 to 10 people around the bell that seemed to be organizing and leading the crowd.

"I observed a white, male about 5'8" in height and about 170 lbs, with very dark curley hair full face beard and I estimate his age as about 24-25 years old. I heard this person state to the people, I considered as leaders of that crowd, standing around the victory bell, that their goal for Sunday night May 3, 1970, was to burn the KSU ROTC supply building, but before they burned it they wanted to get guns, ammunitions and gas masks out of the ROTC supply building. I also observed this same person with three or four rocks in one of his hands.

"I had never seen this person on the KSU campus before Sunday night May 3, 1970. I do not know his name. This person was wearing a green Army jacket with a name over the vest pocket.

"Today, May 21, 1970 I came to the KSU campus, Administation Building and viewed photographs taken during the disturbances on the KSU campus, May 1, 1970 - May 4, 1970. These photographs are in the possession of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. These photographs are numbered and in photograph #C12 I identified the person I heard make the statement about burning the KSU ROTC supply building on Sunday night May 3, 1970. In this photograph (C-12) this person is standing in the middle of the photograph looking to his left.

"I also identified this same person in photograph C-13. He is the third person from the right side of the photograph and is bending forward and appears to be rubbing his right eye.

"I also identified this same person in photograph C-14. He is resting on his left arm looking toward the left side of the photograph.

"I have read this statement consisting of this page and two other pages. I have initialed all corrections and the other two pages. I now sign this statement because it is true.

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witness: /s/ [redacted] Special Agent FBI Cleveland, Ohio 5/21/70

"/s/ [redacted] Agent FBI Cleveland, Ohio 5/21/70

The following description was obtained through interview and observation: [redacted]

Name	[redacted]
Alias	Mike
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	August 23, 1947
Place of Birth	Canton, Ohio
Height	6'
Weight	150 lbs.
Build	Slender
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Residence	[redacted]
Telephone	
Occupation	Student, KSU
Education	Senior, KSU

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Marital Status	Married
Wife	[redacted]
Father	
	Canton, Ohio
Mother	[redacted]
Sister	
Social Security #	
Selective Service #	
Classification	
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[redacted] senior, Kent State University (KSU), residence - Room [redacted] Stopher Hall [redacted] KSU, and on the evening of May 2, 1970, at approximately 8:50 PM, he left his room in the dormitory and proceeded to the Student Activities Center, where he observed a large crowd in the vicinity of the ROTC building and on the Commons, the size of the crowd unknown. He advised he walked from the Student Activities Center into the crowd near the ROTC building which, at that time, was burning. He stated the corner office, ground floor, appeared to be in flames and he noted the Fire Department had not arrived on the scene and he observed two or three unknown individuals walk up to the building and throw unknown objects into same. He stated after these individuals threw objects into the building, the building began to burn violently.

[redacted] described the crowd as "vicious" and he attempted to calm down some of the students and the only individuals he observed in the crowd that he knew were [redacted] (phonetic) and [redacted] and he believes that both of these individuals were also attempting to calm the crowd. He stated numerous other members of the KSU Student Government were attempting to calm the crowd without success.

[redacted] stated he returned to the Student Activities Center and thereafter from a distance followed the crowd of students around the KSU campus and he observed them go to a wooden shed which was set afire, walked to the tennis courts behind Verder Hall, moved in mass down Main Street toward downtown Kent, stacked items as if to build a bonfire, proceeded around the library, and move back into the vicinity of the ROTC building where the crowd was then dispersed by members of the Ohio National Guard who had moved on campus. [redacted] stated during the movement of the crowd on the KSU campus, he observed the following individuals who were attempting to calm the crowd:

[redacted] Student Government

[redacted], Physics Department, KSU

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He stated he returned to his dormitory between 11:00 and 11:30 PM, May 2, 1970, and due to darkness, he was unable to identify any other individuals other than those already mentioned above; however, added there were a number of individuals in the crowd moving around the KSU campus which he had never seen on the campus prior to that time. [redacted] stated the individuals were wearing red armbands who seemed to be agitating the crowd and he noted there were very few black students in the crowd and individuals known to him as the "Big 4," NEIBERGER, [redacted] were not amongst the crowd.

[redacted] observed volumes of photographs on this occasion and made the following identifications from observations:

Photograph A-9	Individual #2, white male, known to him as [redacted] KSU student Ohio
Photograph A-21	Individual #3, white male, known as former member of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), KSU campus, name unknown
Photograph A-34	Individual #4, white female, [redacted] NU), KSU student, resident of Olsen Hall
Photograph A-34	Individual #15, white male, boyfriend of [redacted] NU), mentioned above
Photograph A-47	Individual #10, white male, name unknown, KSU student, Chemistry major, who should be known by [redacted] in the Chemistry Department
Photograph C-31	Individual #1, Negro male, KSU student, name unknown, member of Black United Students

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Photograph C-36	Individual #3, white male, [redacted]NU), KSU student, resident of Johnson Hall
Photograph C-59	Individual #9 [redacted]NU), resident Stcpher Hall, KSU
Photograph C-96	Individual #2 [redacted] Instructor, Biology Laboratory, KSU
Photograph C-103	Individual #5 Possibly KSU student [redacted] OHIO
Photograph F-49	Individual #2 (FNU) [redacted] KSU student, formerly employed at Kent Stater newspaper

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[redacted] Kent, Ohio, Home Telephone [redacted] advised he is a commuting senior at Kent State University. [redacted] appeared at the Kent State University Administration Building this date and viewed photographs of individuals. These photographs were taken during the disturbances at Kent State University May 2 - 4, 1970. After viewing the above photographs, [redacted] identified an individual depicted in Photographs C12, C13 and C14 and he furnished the following statement concerning this individual:

"May 21, 1970
Kent, Ohio

"I, [redacted] furnish the following statement to Special Agent [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This statement is free and voluntary.

"Today I came to the Kent State University Administration Building to view photographs taken during the disturbances at this University on the week-end of May 2-4, 1970. From these photographs I selected an individual depicted in photographs C-12, C-13 and C-14 as a person I observed on KSU Campus Sunday evening, May 3, 1970 and on Monday May 4, 1970.

"In Photograph #C-12 he is identified with the Number 1, and he is wearing an Army fatigue jacket. His hair is dark or black and is curly.

"In Photograph #C-13 this same person is bending over apparently using a white cloth to wipe his rt. eye. He is holding papers under his left arm.

"This same person is in Photograph #C-14 and is identified as Individual #1 and is also reclining on the grass leaning on his left elbow.

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"The above person was on the Commons at KSU Sunday evening, 5/3/70 in a crowd of several hundred people. He was standing near the bell on the Commons and was talking to a person who appeared to be a friend of his. This second person, his friend, was a white male, about 25 years of age dressed similar to the man in Photograph EC 14 above. The second person also had curly hair. A third individual was standing on the wall where the bell is and he was talking to the two above described persons. The guy on the wall was a white male, about 6'3" or 6'4" tall, medium build, with long brownish-blond hair, shoulder length. All three seemed to know each other.

"The guy on the wall was saying that he wanted the group to move from this area away from the Commons because the group was 'trapped' by the 'pigs' who could close off certain areas and then the pigs would 'have us.'

"The person shown in the photographs then indicated that he wanted to get the crowd to another area, away from the R.O.T.C. supply building near the Commons at the Intersection of Portage and Eastway Drives. He wanted to burn that building and get the guns and ammunition out of it. I heard him make these comments and he told me 'I (or we) got some ammunition out of the one we burned down yesterday.'

"Either this same person or the third individual said that he wanted the crowd to have a confrontation with the 'pigs'. One of the three, I think it was the guy on the wall, said they had to get some rocks first. The three of them sort of argued for a short while about what plan they should follow first. The man on the wall was in favor of leaving the Commons right away so they wouldn't get trapped.

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"On Monday, May 4, 1970, the person in the three photographs was present in the crowd on the hill at the edge of theCommons when most of the crowd was sitting on the ground. He was sitting generally west of the tree about four feet from it. I did not see his two friends around.

"On Sunday night he seemed to be a leader or a person trying to direct the activities of the crowd, and I had the impression he was not part of the Kent State University student body.

"The above 4 page statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"Signed: [redacted]

Witness: /s/ [redacted] SA FBI, CV, O. 5/21/70
/s/ [redacted] ecial Agent FBI Cleveland, Ohio 5/21/70"

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In addition to furnishing a signed statement concerning an individual depicted in Photographs C12, C13 and C14 in an album displayed to him by SA [redacted] on May 21, 1970, [redacted] furnished the following information:

He stated that the individual depicted in these photographs definitely seemed to be a leader at the Commons on Sunday evening May 3, 1970, and he represents what [redacted] would consider a Students for a Democratic Society [redacted] would look like or would be like. This person was an organizer and his actions and comments to persons around him seemed to be planned. When this person advocated persons in the crowd gathering rocks to throw at the National Guard to keep them away from the ROTC Supply Building, he told the crowd "We have to kill some pigs." This individual and his two friends kept telling the people in the crowd that they should get rocks for throwing at Guardsmen and these rocks were up over the hill around one of the dormitories.

The individual depicted in Photograph A14, Number 4, who is wearing a hat with ruffled brim and scarf over his nose and lower face was also at the meeting on Sunday evening. He was very close to the persons in Photographs C12, C13, and C14, although [redacted] does not know if this person with the scarf talked to the individual in these photographs. The young man with the scarf and hat who [redacted] knows as [redacted] and who supposedly lives in Wright Hall was ringing the Victory Bell on the Commons at apparently the same time the other talk concerning the burning of the ROTC Building and the throwing of rocks at Guardsmen was discussed.

[redacted] and a friend of his made efforts on Sunday evening to determine the identity of the individual in Photographs C12, C13 and C14 although they were unsuccessful. On Monday, May 4, 1970, [redacted] and his friend attempted to follow [redacted] and learn more about him although they were unsuccessful.

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[redacted] is described as follows:

Name	[redacted]
Date of Birth	October 1, 1946
Place of Birth	Dennison, Ohio
Address	[redacted] Canton, Ohio
Height	5'10½"
Weight	180 lbs.
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Social Security Account Number	[redacted]
Selective Service Number	[redacted]
Education	Graduating senior, Kent State University
Major	Aerospace Technology
Parents	[redacted]
Brothers	[redacted]
Sister	
Wife	

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Firebombing of Army ROTC
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Kent State University (KSU),
Kent, Ohio,
5/2/70

REPORT MADE BY: [redacted]

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CHARACTER OF CASE

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U. RESIDENCE AT
230 East Main Street,
Kent, Ohio

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[redacted] Ohio, advised that on the weekend of May 2, 1970, she was at home and did not return to the campus until the evening of May 3, 1970. She advised that on May 4, 1970, she participated in, as a follower, the rally on the Kent State University (KSU) campus, Kent, Ohio. She stated that although she did not believe in violence she was against the war and believed that the more people that showed up for these rallies the stronger impression it would make. She advised that she was on the southeast corner of Prentice Hall at the time the students first began forming near the Bell. The National Guard was gathering in an area near Taylor Hall. Three or four of the Guardsmen in a jeep told the students to disperse and the students responded by yelling obscenities and throwing small stones. She believed she heard two or three of these stones hit the jeep and the jeep thereafter returned to the main group of Guardsmen. The Guard then went into a formation and started walking slowly toward the students at which time she was standing by the Bell, there being about 100 students spread all over the campus. The Guard started shouting [illegible] and the group started to run up the hill on either side of Taylor Hall. The Guard following them hesitated for a moment and then the students started returning to their former position. The Guard then followed them to the practice field. Some of the Guardsmen stayed at the edge of the practice field while others returned to their original position. When the group that returned were almost up the hill a group of students started to run after them. The Guards reached the top of the hill, stopped and turned to face the students, about one half of them dropped to a kneeling position and started to fire at the students that were running after them. These students were still about 30 feet away. She stated that she was too far away at this time to determine whether or not the students were throwing stones at the Guardsmen. She advised that at the time the Guardsmen were firing she was standing near Prentice Hall. She estimated that the Guards' firing lasted from five to seven seconds and that she does not remember hearing any single shot fired just prior to or just after the main

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volley of shots by the Guard. In her estimation she thought the Guard was aiming high and possibly just over the heads of the students as opposed to just shooting wildly into the crowd in front of them. She stated that she observed the above activity from a position that would place her almost perpendicular to the Guards and the students being fired on. After the Guardsmen fired, the rally turned into general confusion with many of the students running away from the area. She stated that possibly the following individuals would be able to give information concerning the above activity as she believed that they were in a better position to observe it than she:

[redacted] from Berea, Ohio

[redacted] South [redacted], Ohio

[redacted] Ohio

[redacted] Warren, Ohio

She stated that she is a good friend of [redacted] and stays in the same dormitory. She advised that [redacted] came to visit her at her home during the past week and told her that she had received information from unnamed individuals that they were going to burn the ROTC Building. She stated that [redacted] indicated that she knew this burning was to take place for sometime before the actual burning. [redacted] did not mention or name the individuals who had advised to know that were going to burn the building. During this conversation [redacted] made a comment [redacted] that since students used knives to cut the hoses they must have planned this in advance to have knives large enough to do the job and [redacted] agreed to this comment. She stated that [redacted] has many friends some of whom could have been involved in this burning.

Photographs of the following individuals were shown to her and she did [redacted]

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[redacted] telephone number [redacted] was exhibited photographs of various individuals on the Kent State University (KSU) campus, including [redacted]

[redacted] stated that none of these individuals are familiar to him and he has not seen any of these individuals personally on the KSU campus. However, he advised that he had seen the picture of [redacted] in the KSU school newspaper, "The Stater."

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[redacted] Kent State University, advised that she was present on campus from May 1, 1970, through May 4, 1970, although during these four days she hardly ever left Verder Hall. Her offices are in Verder Hall and she is concerned primarily with assisting students who live there.

On Friday, May 1, 1970, late in the evening or possibly in the early hours of Saturday morning May 2, 1970, Mrs. [redacted] was in Verder Hall as numerous girls came in for the evening. Most of these girls had been downtown in Kent, Ohio, or had been on campus that evening and had heard about some of the disturbances going on in Kent, Ohio. These girls were visibly upset and most of them were talking and running around visiting other girls in the hall. [redacted] talked to none of these girls in particular that evening and she advised she does recall seeing [redacted] in Verder Hall.

[redacted] was talking in general about the disturbances and she mentioned nothing to [redacted] about any specific plans, activities or individuals concerning the disturbances.

That evening [redacted] had brought a young female approximately age 11 or 12 with her to Verder Hall. Apparently [redacted] is in some type of program assisting young girls.

On Saturday [redacted] stayed in Verder Hall and on Saturday evening she could see that there was a fire on the Commons and there was a lot of activities with students and policemen in all parts of the campus. Several persons in Verder Hall took fire extinguishers from that building and water in various containers to the fire to assist in extinguishing it. [redacted] talked to the fire department and told them of the situation and they suggested that she encourage students not to remove the extinguishers from the building. [redacted] did not see [redacted] Saturday evening.

On Sunday, May 3, 1970 [redacted] cannot recall talking to or seeing [redacted] She does not know if the young girl previously mentioned was still staying with [redacted]

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On Monday afternoon, [redacted] could see the disturbances on the Commons and after the shooting on campus she was outside only long enough to assist in bringing girls back into the dormitory. [redacted] could see the National Guardsmen Monday afternoon on the Commons and she recalls she first saw Guardsmen on the campus Saturday evening.

[redacted] made no statements to [redacted] at any time regarding the identities of the persons responsible for setting the ROTC Building on fire and she did not tell [redacted] of her being at a certain location where individuals who knew about the fire came to.

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[redacted] Ohio, was warned of his rights as shown on an executed warning and waiver form. He advised that during the time he attended Kent State University (KSU), he resided at [redacted], Ohio.

He stated that he is presently residing with his parents at the Marquette Street address.

[redacted] advised that he arrived on the KSU Campus at about 9:00 PM on the evening of May 2, 1970. He stated that he was accompanied by his girlfriend, [redacted] Ohio, and that upon their arrival on the campus, they pulled into the parking lot located outside of Verder Hall, which overlooks the site where the destroyed ROTC building stood. He advised that he and [redacted] stood in the parking lot and watched the activities at the ROTC building for a period of approximately 15 to 20 minutes. During this period of observation, they could see an unknown number of individuals, estimated at 200 to 300, standing around the ROTC building and generally making a lot of noise. He could not remember anything in particular which was yelled.

He advised he saw a burning flare lying on the roof of the building, but that it rolled off before it started a fire and then just laid on the ground. He did not see who threw the flare.

[redacted] advised that after observing for 15 to 20 minutes he and his girlfriend returned to [redacted] residence [redacted] Ohio. He then made a phone call to one of the dormitories on the campus, the exact name of which he cannot remember, and talked to an unknown individual and asked him what events were taking place on campus. He stated that the individual advised him that the ROTC building had burned down.

[redacted] advised he then called [redacted] Main Street, Kent, Ohio, whom he knows through being a student at KSU. He stated that he also knows the following individuals who live at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, but only by their first names:

On 5/22/70 [redacted] Ohio File # CV 98-2140

SA [redacted]

by [redacted] Date dictated 5/22/70

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When [redacted] called [redacted] was not home and therefore, he talked to [redacted] (last name unknown) instead. He stated that his intent in calling was to find out what was going on in the town of Kent, as he had observed National Guardsmen and what he described as tanks moving past his residence in [redacted] and toward the KSU Campus.

He advised that [redacted] informed him that the National Guard were then in Kent and that he did not know exactly what was taking place [redacted] then informed [redacted] (last name unknown) that to the best of his knowledge, the ROTC building on campus had been burned to the ground, this information being based on his telephonic conversation with one of the dormitories on campus.

[redacted] advised that he did not know who had burned the ROTC building and definitely did not recognize anyone at the burning, in that it was too dark at that time. He advised that he could provide no further information concerning the burning of the ROTC building.

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[redacted], Ohio, telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at the [redacted] and advised that He said that [redacted] had telephoned a month or so ago to inform his wife, [redacted] that he, [redacted] and was residing at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio.

[redacted] indicated that he and his wife had no knowledge of [redacted] associates, actions, nor had they seen him during the past two or three years. He said that he had no information pertaining to the Kent State University shooting or the burning of the ROTC Building.

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RE: CANTON, OHIO, TELEPHONE
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The above telephone is listed to [redacted], Canton, Ohio. It is to be noted that [redacted] is the father of [redacted], who is a student at Kent State University and has been previously interviewed.

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During the search of the apartment located at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, 18 photographs of various parts of this residence were photographed both inside and outside the house. A photograph was also taken of an individual identified as [redacted]

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On May 19, 1970, a search warrant for the residence located at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, was returned to United States Commissioner CLIFFORD F. BRUCE, Cleveland, Ohio. This search warrant was executed on May 10, 1970 at the above residence.

On May 26, 1970, Commissioner BRUCE filed this warrant with the Clerk of the U.S. District Court, Cleveland, Ohio.

IV. INTERVIEWS TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

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[redacted] advised that he is a student at Kent State University in the School of Arts and Sciences.

[redacted] stated that he had some information that he wanted to supply to the FBI. [redacted] stated that he had not divulged this information to any organization because he wanted to check it out and determine the value before giving it to any investigative agency. According to [redacted] one [redacted] who works at the [redacted] Plant Depot, Kent, Ohio, told [redacted] several days ago that his [redacted] roommate was responsible for burning down the ROTC Building and that his roommate was the main organizer of the burning.

[redacted] emphasized that the information he received from [redacted] was strictly hearsay and that the information [redacted] gave him was also hearsay.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs [redacted]

Numerous daily attempts to contact [redacted] Akron, Ohio, from May 13 through May 23, 1970, were negative.

On May 22, 1970, [redacted] Canton, Ohio, was telephonically contacted and was advised by the interviewing Agents that information had been received that [redacted] had had a conversation with an unknown white female "hippie" who allegedly had stated on Thursday, April 30, 1970, that the unknown white female was to be one of the first to throw flares at the ROTC building at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio. [redacted] stated that she had not had the above mentioned conversation but had received this information from [redacted] Ohio. [redacted] had told [redacted] about the above conversation that [redacted] had had with an unknown white female who resided at Engleman Hall, KSU.

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[redacted] Ohio, was interviewed at [redacted] Ohio, and furnished the following information:

She did not witness either the burning of the ROTC Building on May 2, 1970 on the Kent State University (KSU) campus or the student confrontation of the Ohio National Guard (ONG), May 4, 1970, on the KSU campus. [redacted] advised, however, that a friend of hers, [redacted] a KSU student, who lives at [redacted] Kent, Ohio, stated to her that a boy she formerly dated, had been responsible for burning the ROTC Building on the KSU campus, May 2, 1970. [redacted] was unable to furnish details.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] may be uncooperative and withhold information if interviewed by Agents of the FBI.

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[redacted] Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents. [redacted] voluntarily furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that he has no information concerning the identity of the person or persons responsible for burning the Kent State University (KSU) ROTC Building on May 2, 1970. [redacted] further stated that he was not present when the ROTC Building was burned.

He was asked if he would furnish the names of the individuals responsible for the burning if he knew them, and he said he is not sure if he would furnish these names or not. It is his opinion that it would not be good for the leaders in the anti-war movement to be put in jail for burning the building if they are important to the movement.

[redacted] is in sympathy with the anti-Vietnam war movement and does not feel he would say anything if he had any information concerning the ROTC burning.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	January 22, 1940
Place of Birth	Cleveland, Ohio
Telephone	[redacted]
Remarks	[redacted] is a graduate assistant, Sociology Department, KSU

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[redacted] advised he was a student at Kent State University (KSU).

He indicated that he had not been present during the shooting on May 4, 1970, and had no information in this regard.

He advised that he was present on the campus when the ROTC Building was burned and had observed several students approximately 200 in the area of the ROTC Building soon after dark. He said he went down to the Building and observed approximately three individuals attempting to set the building on fire by throwing flares in and at the building. He said he got a fairly good look at these individuals and is of the opinion that he could possibly identify them if he observed them again. To his knowledge, they were not students at KSU or if they were students, he did not know them nor had he ever seen them on the campus before. He indicated that there was a great deal of confusion at this particular time and there possibly could have been a fourth individual involved in the attempt to set fire or interfere with fighting the fire at the ROTC Building.

He said after the fire was started and the fire department arrived to put it out, two or more individuals attempted to cut the hose that the firemen had laid out, attempting to fight the fire. In addition there was a great deal of confusion and some students were attempting to pull the hose back away from the ROTC Building. He said he had also gotten a very good look at the two or more individuals involved in the cutting of the fire hose and may be able to identify them if he had a chance to observe their photographs or the individuals in person. In regard to the individuals who attempted to cut the fire hoses, he said he did not recognize any of these individuals nor had he ever seen them on the KSU campus.

He indicated that he would be willing to go to KSU and observe any pictures in an effort to identify the above-mentioned individuals.

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[redacted] student, Kent State University, who resides at [redacted], Ohio, advised that on May 2, 1970, at approximately 8:30 PM he and his fellow student and friend, [redacted] arrived in the vicinity of the East Hall, Kent State University, where a fire truck was parked on the end of the East Hall facing the Student Union. At this time a multitude of students were gathered in the area known as the Commons. At this time [redacted] noted that students were cutting or had cut holes in the fire hoses since he saw water spurting out of the fire hoses in all directions.

Sometime after the fire hoses had been cut [redacted] saw a hippie type individual throw some kind of incendiary device through the window of the East Hall on the northwest corner. [redacted] guessed that the object thrown was some kind of a flare, but he did not know for sure. The incendiary device glowed inside the East Hall for approximately 40-50 seconds, after which [redacted] noticed the inside of the building in flames. [redacted] advised that he understood the building had been in flames prior to this ignition but also understood that this fire had been brought under control by those individuals manning the fire truck.

Shortly after the incendiary device was thrown through the northwest window, Kent State University policemen arrived on the scene to protect the East Hall which was now in flames. When the policemen arrived, students were shouting "down with ROTC", "fuck the pigs". The students then wandered over to the opposite end of the Commons nearer Taylor Hall than the East Hall, and set on fire an archery or athletic shed. At this time both [redacted] endeavored to control the athletic shed blaze. The individual responsible for the athletic shed blaze was punched in the face by another student who was trying to bring the blaze under control. [redacted] could not identify either the person who inflicted the blow or the person who received the blow.

[redacted] advised that although both fires were brought

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under control, both the East Hall and the athletic shed were destroyed.

[redacted] was not able to identify the individual who threw the incendiary device through the northwest window of the East Hall although he described same person as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Height	5' 10" - 5' 11"
Weight	175-185
Age	22-23
Build	Medium
Hair	Light brown or blonde, down to the collar or shoulder area
Distinguishing Characteristics	Had a long thin face with pointed chin and sharp pointed nose. Wore hippie type clothes, possibly consisting of jeans and a collarless shirt with vest.

[redacted] advised that although only one person threw the incendiary device, another person was with him and [redacted] described this person as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Age	22-23
Height	5' 8"
Weight	160
Hair	Black, long, to collar or shoulder
Build	Husky
Distinguishing Characteristics	Wore hippie type clothes

[redacted] advised that he could identify none of the students or individuals who participated in the burning of the ROTC building, the East Hall. [redacted] advised this was due to the fact that most of the participants were unfamiliar faces and not students who he had routinely seen on campus during classes. [redacted]

further advised that he was a [redacted] and that [redacted] was the [redacted] at Kent State University. [redacted] advised that both he and [redacted] were at the scene to do whatever they could to control the rioting students. [redacted] advised they were largely unsuccessful in controlling the participating students and concentrated mainly on advising the onlooking students to return to their dormitories.

[redacted] advised that at one point during the riot he noticed a white male in a black and white checkered jacket going to the front of the rioting students, starting the students chanting a phrase or slogan, and then when the chant was picked up by the students, retreating to the rear. [redacted] advised this individual did this several times during the rioting. [redacted] advised that a picture of this individual was taken with a camera, but that the camera was now in the possession of [redacted] who should also have the film with which this photo was taken.

[redacted] advised that he and [redacted] both resided in Stopher Hall. He advised that [redacted] would not be at Stopher Hall since all dormitories on the Kent State University campus have been closed. He advised that [redacted] is from New Jersey and that his exact address should be listed in the Kent State University Student Directory.

[redacted] advised that other observing students on the scene at [redacted] fire were CRAIG MORGAN, [redacted], and [redacted] all Kent State University [redacted] advised that CRAIG MORGAN helped him [redacted] athletic shed fire. [redacted] advised that both [redacted] and [redacted] have been somewhat sympathetic to the radical movements on campus.

[redacted] was shown a series of five photographs by interviewing Agents and [redacted] picked out a photograph depicting [redacted] and another white male. [redacted] advised that [redacted] looked very similar to the individual he saw throw the incendiary device into the northwest window of the East Hall. [redacted] further advised that [redacted] also witnessed the firing of the East Hall and might possibly be able to effect an identification.

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Date May 23, 1970

[redacted] Kent, Ohio, advised that he is the [redacted]

[redacted] stated that one [redacted] lived in the apartment at [redacted] from December 16, 1969, to May 11, 1970. He lived in the apartment with his wife, [redacted] was a student at Kent State University and had a 1965 Dodge automobile. When he left he gave a forwarding address of [redacted] Ohio.

A check of the records of the building indicated that [redacted] was married December 13, 1969, at Youngstown, Ohio. He gave as an emergency address Mr. and [redacted] Ohio, telephone [redacted]

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[redacted] Kent, Ohio, furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that she and her husband moved into the apartment at this address on May 12, 1970.

On May 18, 1970, or May 19, 1970, their little boy was playing and stuck his hand down beside the cushions of the sofa in their living room. When he did, he found two flares. [redacted] showed these flares to the interviewing agents. One was a yellow, ten-minute flare and one was a red, five-minute flare. These flares were retained by [redacted], who advised that she would hold them.

[redacted] advised that the apartments are rented furnished and the prior tenant would have been the one who left the flares in the apartment. Neither she or her husband have ever had any flares in the apartment.

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[redacted] Kent, Ohio, permanent address [redacted] Ohio, advised he is a student in the Social Problems class of Dr. THOMAS LOUGH, Kent State University (KSU) and that during the class meeting on May 4, 1970, LOUGH held a seminar in an attempt to find out what had happened on May 2, 1970 in regard to the burning of the ROTC Building.

[redacted] recalls LOUGH formerly was employed in the Armament Section of the United Nations and that LOUGH made the comment that instead of spending millions on poverty, the United States is spending millions on secrecy.

[redacted] stated LOUGH then stated if anyone wanted to know how to make a Molotov cocktail, all they had to do was go to a book in any local library as it was no big secret as to making incendiary devices.

[redacted] stated there were never any leaflets passed out on Molotov cocktails, and this was the only mention of it ever made.

On 5/14/70 at Kent, Ohio File # Cleveland 98-2140

by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 5/15/70

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Date May 22, 1970

[redacted] was contacted at her residence and apprised of the identity of the interviewing agents and of the purpose of the interview. She furnished the following information:

She is a senior at Kent State University (KSU) in the school of Secondary Education and is due to receive her B.S. Degree in August, 1970. She did not attend any rallys or demonstrations on the KSU campus or in the city of Kent, Ohio, during the period May 1-4, 1970. She was not on campus during the burning of the ROTC building on Saturday night, May 2, 1970, nor was she on campus during the shooting incident between the Guardsmen and KSU students on Monday afternoon, May 4, 1970. She has heard of the Kent Free University but has no information concerning it. She has never heard of the Kent New University Conference. She has heard of the 23 Concerned Faculty but knows nothing about the group.

[redacted] advised that she was aware of the fact that there was a Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) group on the KSU campus but she never knew any of the members. Moreover, she has never attended any meetings or functions of the SDS. She has heard that the SDS members on the campus advocate the complete overthrow of every existing principle or value that the United States stands for, however, have absolutely no solution for any problems besetting this country. She said she heard MARK RUDD speak on campus in 1969.

[redacted] did not know whether the Kent Free University, the Kent New University Conference, the 23 Concerned Faculty or the SDS at KSU had anything to do with either the burning of the ROTC building or the May 4, 1970, shooting incident.

[redacted] advised regarding [redacted] English instructor at KSU, that [redacted] has appeared to [redacted] to be a very liberal person in all her views [redacted] said that [redacted] is her instructor in Expository Prose and she had the class with [redacted] at 9:55 A.M. In this class

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by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] APM/jam Date dictated 5/20/70

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[redacted] mentioned to the students that she was very sorry to see the campus closed and the city of Kent closed due to the recent demonstrations and rioting. [redacted] did not, however, have much to say about the rally to be held at 12:00 noon that day, nor did she encourage students to attend the rally.

[redacted] pointed out that she had never heard [redacted] make inflammatory statements to the class, nor had [redacted] appeared [redacted] to be a militant individual who expouses violence. She said that [redacted] has never impressed her as being irrational but rather as a person of calm demeanor who has very definite opinions concerning the important issues of the times and does not hesitate to state them. [redacted] advised that [redacted] however, never tries to force her opinions or attitudes on any of the students.

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TITLE OF CASE

U[illegible] SUBJECTS;
Fireboo[illegible]ing of Army ROTC
Building,
Kent State University (KSU),
Kent, Ohio,
5/2/70

REPORT MADE BY [redacted]

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CHARACTER OF CASE

SABOTAGE; SEDITION;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY;
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 -
INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY
PROTECTED FACILITY

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Report of SA [redacted] 5-21-70, at Cleveland

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AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will continue intensive investigation to identify persons responsible for the burning of the Army ROTC Building at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

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SECTION 9

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/15/70

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[redacted], Ohio, [redacted] of his rights by SA [redacted] who furnished [redacted] with a Voluntary Appearance and Advice of Rights Form, which he read and executed. [redacted] was advised as to the identities of the interviewing agents and was told the interview would concern the demonstrations at Kent State University and the burning of the ROTC Building on the Kent State University campus on May 2, 1970.

[redacted] advised that he is a student at Kent State University, and has completed the equivalent of about two and one half years at the University. He advised that he has lived at 230 E. Main Street, Kent, Ohio, telephone number 673-5425, since the Spring term started in March, 1970. He advised that prior to this time, he lived at [redacted]

[redacted] was questioned as to his position at the University in relation to student activities in demonstrations concerning campus administration, and his attitude towards government in this country to which he replied he did not consider himself too political. When asked to clarify his meaning as to the term political, he stated that he was referring to the attitudes of himself and others and the extent of their activities in demonstrations, and the like against the established form of administration whether on a school, local, state or federal level. He stated that regarding the school administration, and the ROTC he was against the ROTC being on campus, and he disagreed with the administration of the school. He also stated that he was against the involvement of the United States in Vietnam and Cambodia, and had taken part in the following demonstrations in order to demonstrate his convictions in this matter:

October 15, 1969, Moratorium for peace in Vietnam
November 15, 1969, Student Mobilization Committee which engaged in peace demonstrations in Washington, D.C.
May, 1969 Cleveland Peace March.

On 5/12/70 at Cleveland, Ohio File # Cleveland 98-2140

SA [redacted]

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 5/13/70

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He also advised that in the fall quarter of 1969, at Kent State University he was active in the Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Viet Nam.

[redacted] also stated that he was active in the Student for a Democratic Society (S.D.S.) chapter which was active at Kent State University last year. He advised that he attended several meetings with his roommate, [redacted] and with his friend KEN HAMMOND. He was asked if he was an activist as far as advocating the violent overthrow of the established administration, and he replied that he was not an activist, and did not believe in violence. He admitted that he had a photo of CHE GUEVERA in the room he shared with [redacted] but insisted that he was strictly non-violent.

[redacted] was also questioned as to any possible knowledge he might have of politically active people, and he stated that it was common knowledge on the campus that the following former SDS members, [redacted] COLIN REISBERGER, and [redacted] who were recently released from the Portage County Jail after serving a sentence for Inciting to Riot were formerly connected with the breakaway group of SDS known as R.Y.M. on the campus. He was asked as to whether or not these individuals were involved in the recent campus demonstrations at Kent State University on May 1,2,4, 1970, and he stated friends of theirs made sure they were not on campus during the demonstrations, but were in Cleveland. He was questioned as to how he knew they were not on campus, and the reason for their being in Cleveland, and he stated that was common campus knowledge, that the reason was probably due to the fact they had just been released from jail. He was then asked as to whether or not he was personally acquainted with these four individuals, and he said that he was not.

[redacted] was then questioned as to the events on campus that led up to the demonstrations at Kent State University. He advised that the students had expressed various complaints about the way the school was being run, but was non-committal as to the gist of the complaints. He also said the students were quite upset and agitated after President NIXON's speech concerning the entry of United States troops into Cambodia, and he said he felt this acted as a catalyst for the demonstrations at Kent State University.

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[redacted] stated that on Friday, May 1, 1970, there were two rallies on the University campus. One was a general rally in which President NIXON's speech and the Cambodian, Viet Nam and domestic problems were discussed, and the second Black Student's rally. [redacted] stated that he met several people at these rallies however, he specifically recalled [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] advised that on Saturday, May 2, 1970, he was at the Student Union [redacted] and returned to the campus for the rumored 8:00 [redacted] rally. When he arrived at the Commons, he met [redacted] and [redacted] He also advised that he spent most of the time at the rally with [redacted] seeing him from time to time during the demonstration [redacted]

[redacted] advised that when he arrived at the Commons he talked with the above people, and then he and [redacted] stayed together most of the evening with the exceptions of the times they were separated in the crowd. He advised the crowd marched around the campus, and back to the Commons near Taylor Hall. At this time, he claimed the crowd saw the ROTC building, and broke in a run toward the building. He claimed the crowd lost control, and all hysterically attacked the building with rocks breaking the windows. He advised that he saw [redacted] at the ROTC building, and observed him in the crowd from time to time. He advised that the crowd attacked the building which according to him, represented a symbol of all their anti Viet Nam and Cambodian feelings. He advised that he observed different individuals break from the crowd, and throw objects into the building which caused the building to catch fire. He said he could not describe any of these people other than to say one person he watched was a male of small stature. He claimed it was too dark to recognize this person. [redacted] stated that after the building was afire, the firemen arrived, and their hoses were cut, and people in the demonstration pulled the hoses away. He advised that he remembered police throwing tear gas at the demonstrators who picked up the tear gas canisters, and threw them back.

[redacted] advised that the demonstrators then moved back to the tennis courts, pulled down a fence, and tore apart a shack. He added that the demonstrators then marched towards downtown Kent, but after the National Guard appeared at the main gate, the crowd dispersed. He said that this activity occurred between approximately 8:00 P.M., and 9:00 P.M. He advised that he was with [redacted] during most of the demonstration, but did not always have him in sight. He advised that he and [redacted] walked to their house at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, and when they arrived, observed the National Guard mustering in front of their house. He advised that when he and [redacted] arrived at the house, the following people were already in the house:

[redacted] known to [redacted] as [redacted] Unknown girlfriend of [redacted] described as a white female, approximately 20 years old, black hair, glasses.
A small negro girl who was with [redacted]

He added that [redacted] was visiting friends in Washington, D.C. on Friday and Saturday, and he thought he might have returned to Kent, Ohio, on Sunday.

[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not he had any knowledge concerning the burning of the ROTC building, or whether or not he himself was involved in the burning of the building. He denied having anything to do with the fire, and denied having any knowledge of the fire. He stated that he believed in non violence, and would not take any part in destructive activities. He categorically denied throwing any rocks or setting a fire, and he denied seeing anyone whom he could identify being involved in this activity.

[redacted] was advised that investigation had developed information he and other individuals who lived in his house at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, had stated they had set the fire at the ROTC building. [redacted] was extensively questioned regarding this allegation, however, he denied having anything to do with the fire, and stated that he knew

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of no one else being involved. He was then questioned as to remarks possibly being made concerning the ROTC fire at the time he arrived at 230 East Main Street, which might have led to the opinion, that he and some of his roommates set the fire. He denied hearing any comments which might have been construed this way. He added that after he and [redacted] arrived at the house, someone commented that the fire could be seen from the roof of their house, at which time he and several of the other people present in the house, went to the roof and watched the fire. He stated that he was amazed the fire had become so large, as he did not think it was very big at the time it was set.

[redacted] stated that Sunday, May 3, 1970, was quiet, but that another rally was held on the campus on Monday, May 4, 1970. He advised that he saw KEN HAMMOND at the rally, and observed a jeep drive onto the commons, and attempt to disperse the crowd with a bullhorn. He stated he saw the jeep was stoned by the students, and he observed the National Guard shoot tear gas into the crowd. He advised that he observed 10-15 National Guardsmen move towards the students, and the students moved back to the tennis courts. He also saw 20-25 National Guards move towards the students on the right side of Taylor Hall with their rifles pointed up. He added that he heard shots, but did not see anything. He added that he believed the shots were fired over the students heads, but then heard someone had been killed. He advised he did not believe this until KEN HAMMOND told him someone had been killed. He advised that all was confusion, and after it was over, he was in shock, and sat down on the campus. At this time, he was arrested by the Kent Police Department for refusing to disperse and ultimately spent the night in the Portage County Jail. He advised he and a female student named [redacted] were arrested together.

[redacted] was next questioned regarding a telephone call allegedly made by someone named [redacted] to 230 East Main Street, on Saturday, May 2, 1970, in which the caller asked for [redacted] and then talked to [redacted] who said the caller had claimed it took three flares to burn down the ROTC building. [redacted] stated that he did not recall this telephone call or [redacted] making such a statement. He identified the caller [redacted] as possibly [redacted] a student who was a friend of [redacted] who lived at [redacted] Ohio, near Kent, Ohio.

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The following is a description of [redacted]

Name
Aka
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Sex
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Height
Weight
Eyes
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Mother
Father
Sister

Brother
Address

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[redacted] Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents. [redacted] voluntarily agreed to furnish the following information to the interviewing Agents:

[redacted] advised that he was not on campus during any of the demonstrations which had taken place on May 1, 1970, May 2, 1970, or May 4, 1970. He advised that on May 1, 1970 he went to see Woodstock with [redacted] girlfriend in Cleveland, Ohio. He advised that they returned to Kent, Ohio, sometime Saturday morning on May 2, 1970. He stated that he did not leave the house at any time on May 2, 1970. He advised that while in the house on May 2, 1970, he overheard a telephone conversation of [redacted] a friend of [redacted] The conversation pertained to the burning of the ROTC building which [redacted] could observe from his residence on a hill which overlooks the campus. He advised that he did not remember at what time [redacted] received the call. He stated that he was advised on May 2, 1970, by [redacted] who stated that it was getting "hot" and that "he was going to split." He stated that [redacted] advised him that he should also "split." He stated that [redacted] had advised him to split because of his involvement in the AT and T demonstration in Cleveland when he was arrested by the Cleveland police for assault and battery.

He advised that upon leaving [redacted] moved to [redacted] on May 2, 1970. He advised that he remained at the [redacted] residence through May 4, 1970. He advised that the following individuals had resided at [redacted]

[redacted]

On 5/23/70 at Kent, Ohio File # Cleveland 98-2140

SA [redacted]

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 5/25/70

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He advised that none of the above individuals were presently residing at [redacted] He stated that they had moved because some of them had been former SDS members. He advised that [redacted] and [redacted] were former SDS members. He also advised that they had moved because of the anticipated coming of the law and because the former members of the SDS were afraid that they may be suspects because of their past affiliation with SDS.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Home Address	[redacted] Akron, Ohio
Campus Address	[redacted] Kent, Ohio
Date of Birth	October 9, 1949
Place of Birth	Akron, Ohio
Social Security Number	[redacted]
Selective Service Number	[redacted]
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Black
Height	5'9"
Weight	150 lbs.
Scars	[redacted]
Remarks	[redacted]
Lawyer	[redacted]

ATTACHED ARE CHARACTERIZATIONS OF THE STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS), PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY (PLP), STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE (SMC) AND THE YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE (YSA)

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

A source has advised that the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as presently regarded, came into being at a founding convention held June, 1962, at Port Huron, Michigan. From an initial posture of "participatory democracy" the line of the national leadership has revealed a growing Marxist-Leninist adherence which currently calls for the building of a revolutionary youth movement. Concurrently, the program of SDS has evolved from civil rights struggles to an anti-Vietnam war stance to an advocacy of a militant anti-imperialist position. China, Vietnam and Cuba are regarded as the leaders of worldwide struggles against United States imperialism whereas the Soviet Union is held to be revisionist and also imperialist.

At the June, 1969, SDS National Convention, Progressive Labor Party (PLP) forces in the organization were expelled. As a result, the National Office (NO) group maintained its National Headquarters at 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, and the PLP faction set up headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts. This headquarters subsequently moved to Boston. Each group elected its own national officers, which include three national secretaries and a National Interim Committee of eight. Both the NO forces and the PLP forces claim to be the true SDS. Both groups also print their versions of "New Left Notes" which sets forth the line and the program of the particular faction. The NO version of "New Left Notes" was recently printed under the title "The First Next Time" to achieve a broader mass appeal.

Two major factions have developed internally within the NO group, namely, the Weatherman or Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM) I faction, and the RYM II faction. Weatherman is action-oriented upholding Castrol's position that the duty of revolutionaries is to make revolution. Weatherman is regarded by RYM II as an adventuristic, elitist faction which denies the historical role of the working class as the base for revolution. RYM II maintains that revolution,

although desired, is not possible under present conditions, hence emphasizes organizing and raising the political consciousness of the working class upon whom they feel successful revolution depends. Although disclaiming control and domination by the Communist Party, USA, leaders in these two factions have in the past proclaimed themselves to be communists and to follow the precepts of a Marxist-Leninist philosophy, along pro-Chinese communist lines.

A second source has advised that the PLP faction which is more commonly known as the Worker Student Alliance is dominated and controlled by members of the PLP, who are required to identify themselves with the pro-Chinest Marxist-Leninist philosophy of the PLP. They advocate that an alliance between workers and students is vital to the bringing about of a revolution in the United States.

SDS regions and university and college chapters, although operating under the outlines of the SDS National Constitution, are autonomous in nature and free to carry out independent policy reflective of local conditions. Because of this autonomy internal struggles reflecting the major factional interests of SDS have occurred at the chapter level since the beginning of the 1968-70 school year.

A characterization of PLP is attached.

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1 PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY (PLP)

"The New York Times" city edition, Tuesday, April 20, 1965, page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary socialism" was formally founded on April 18, 1965, under the name of the PLP which had been known as the Progressive Labor Movement.

According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1962, by Milton Rosen and Mortimer Scheer after they were expelled from the Communist Party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."

A source advised on June 3, 1968, that the PLP held its Second National Convention in New York City, May 31 to June 2, 1968, at which time the PLP reasserted its objective of the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Marxism-Leninism. This is to be accomplished through the Party's over-all revolutionary strategy of raising the consciousness of the people and helping to provide ideological leadership in the working class struggle for state power.

The source also advised that at the Second National Convention Milton Rosen was unanimously re-elected National Chairman of the PLP and Levi Laub, Fred Jerome, Jared Israel, William Epton, Jacob Rosen, Jeffrey Gordon, and Walter Linder were elected as the National Committee to lead the PLP until the next convention.

The PLP publishes "Progressive Labor," a bimonthly magazine; "World Revolution," a quarterly periodical; and "Challenge-Desafio," a monthly newspaper.

The April, 1969, issue of "Challenge-Desafio" sets forth that "Challenge is dedicated to the peoples fight for a new way of life---where the working men and women control their own homes and factories; where they themselves make up the entire government on every level and control the schools, courts, police and all institutions which are not used to control them."

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Source advised on May 8, 1969, that the PLP utilizes an address of General Post Office Box 808, Brooklyn, New York, and also utilizes an office in Room 617, 1 Union Square West, New York, New York.

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STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE,
Also Known As
Student Mobilization Committee to
End the War in Vietnam;
National Student Mobilization Committee

A source advised on May 16, 1969, that the Student Mobilization Committee originally grew out of the National Student Strike for Peace conference held in Chicago, Illinois, on December 28-29, 1966, which resulted in a call for massive antiwar demonstrations in New York City and San Francisco, California, on April 15, 1967. The National Student Strike for Peace was originally called by the Communist Party. Divisions arose between elements of the Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), culminating in a take-over by the SWP element in the Summer of 1968 and the Communist Party element withdrawing. Source further advised the Student Mobilization Committee locally and nationally is controlled by the SWP and its youth arm, Young Socialist Alliance (YSA), as evidenced by their participation in Student Mobilization Committee functions and their leadership role played in the Student Mobilization Committee.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A report by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Ninetieth Congress, First Session, dated March 31, 1967, entitled "Communist Origin and Manipulation of Vietnam Week (April 8-15, 1967)" stated that the Student Mobilization Committee and the April 15, 1967, antiwar demonstrations were communist dominated and inspired.

A second source on April 3, 1969, made available a copy of "The Student Mobilizer" dated April 5, 1969, which was self-described as being published by the National Office of the Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, 857 Broadway, Room 307, New York, New York 10003. In this issue the aims of the Student Mobilization Committee were set forth as: Bring the GIs home from Vietnam now; end campus complicity with the war; and win self-determination for Vietnam and Black America.

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In this issue of the publication, the Student Mobilization Committee pledged itself to organize high school students, college students, future draftees, GIs and all young people to fight until every last GI is brought home.

A third source on August 5, 1969, advised that the Student Mobilization Committee currently occupies Room 307 at 857 Broadway, New York, New York.

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YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

A source advised on May 15, 1969, that the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) maintains its national headquarters at 41 Union Square West, New York, New York, and has as its official publication the "Young Socialist." The YSA is the youth organization of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) and has been described by the SWP as the main recruiting ground for the SWP.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE
(YSA)
KENT, OHIO

A source on December 8, 1967, advised that a Kent, Ohio Branch of the Young Socialist Alliance was being formed at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, at that time. Source said that YSA previously had a branch at KSU in 1964 and 1965.

A second source advised on May 9, 1968, that the Kent Branch of the YSA is affiliated with the National YSA organization, follows its policies and directives, and is close to the Socialist Workers Party (SWP). This source advised that activities of this branch are aimed at obtaining membership on college campuses, and it claims to be independent of the SWP.

A third source advised on May 20, 1969, that a number of current SWP members in Cleveland, Ohio, were former members of the YSA in Kent, Ohio.

A fourth source advised on May 9, 1969, that the current membership of the YSA at Kent is approximately 10 to 12 members, who hold meetings on the KSU campus approximately once per week.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: May 25, 1970

1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

FROM : C. D. Brennan

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS
Fire Bombing of Army ROTC Building
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio, May 2, 1970
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

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The purpose of this memorandum is to advise that a report dated May 21, 1970, at Cleveland in captioned matter is attached and to recommend that such be furnished to the Department and the White House.

By memorandum May 22, 1970, a copy of which is also attached, you were furnished results of the investigation set forth in this report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter to the Attorney General with copies for the Deputy Attorney General, Assistant Attorneys General, Internal Security Division, Civil Rights Division, and Criminal Division; and a letter to John D. Ehrlichman at the White House be approved, enclosing for each a copy of the above report.

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UNSUBS; FIRE BOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO SEVENTY. SABOTAGE. OO: CLEVELAND

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INSTANT DATE [redacted] T. [redacted] ILLINOIS, ADVISED HE HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM WASHINGTON THAT A FEDERAL WARRANT HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR [redacted] FOR PAROLE VIOLATION. THOSE OFFICES SEEKING TO INTERVIEW [redacted] IN CONNECTION WITH KENFOUR SHOULD INTENSIFY INVESTIGATION. NCIC NEGATIVE. WFO VERIFY ISSUANCE PAROLE VIOLATOR WARRANT AND ADVISE. P.

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1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
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1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

Honorable John D. Ehrlichman
Assistant to the President
for Domestic Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ehrlichman:

By letters dated May 15, 1970, and May 26, 1970, you were furnished reports of investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning the burning of a Reserve Officers' Training Corps Building at Kent State University on May 2, 1970.

There is enclosed for your information a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 28, 1970, at Cleveland, Ohio, which contains the results of additional investigation conducted.

A copy of this report is being furnished to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

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NOTE:

See memorandum C. D. Brennan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 6/1/70, captioned as above, prepared by GHM:kks.

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Firebombing of Army ROTC Building, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio
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CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968;
INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY-PROTECTED FACILITY

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Enclosed are four, 4 x 5 Ektacolor negatives.

The Bureau is requested to furnish Cleveland with 20, 8 x 10 prints from each of these negatives.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140)

RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

UNSUBS: FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BLDG., KENT STATE UNIV., KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY. SABOTAGE", 00: CLEVELAND.

RE CLEVELAND REPORT OF SA [redacted] MAY TWENTYONE, LAST.

SUMMARY

[redacted] KSU FACULTY, ADVISED HE WAS ONE OF THE "MARSHALS" WHO ATTEMPTED TO "COOL DOWN" STUDENTS DURING CAMPUS DISRUPTIONS EVENING OF MAY TWO, LAST. [redacted] OBSERVED STARTING OF FIRE AT ROTC BLDG. AND CUTTING OF FIRE HOSES BY UNIDENTIFIED SUBJECTS AND EXPRESSED DESIRE TO ASSIST IN IDENTIFICATION OF THESE INDIVIDUALS. [redacted] ALSO KSU FACULTY MARSHAL, ON MAY TWO, LAST, STATED SHE COULD NOT IDENTIFY SUBJECTS INVOLVED

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AND THAT SHE IS IN SYMPATHY WITH CAMPUS MOVEMENT.

[redacted] KSU STUDENT, PRESENT AT BURNING AND OBSERVED ONE UNIDENTIFIED SUBJECT CUT FIRE HOSE WITH LARGE KNIFE OR MACHETE.

[redacted] OBSERVED UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS AT FIRE CARRYING BAGS FILLED WITH ROCKS AND STATED THAT UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS IN CROWD THREW ROCKS AT POLICE OFFICERS.

[redacted] EYEWITNESS TO BURNING, VIEWED PHOTO OF A GROUP IN WHICH [redacted] AND ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE WITH LONG HAIR AND A BEARD WERE DISPLAYED. [redacted] STATED THAT [redacted] AS NOT PERSON HE OBSERVED THROWING BURNING RAG INTO ROTC BLDG. AS HE HAD INDICATED DURING A PREVIOUS INTERVIEW. [redacted] THEN IDENTIFIED THE SECOND BEARDED WHITE MALE AS THE BURNER. PHOTO ALBUM RECORDS REVEAL THE SECOND PERSON IDENTIFIED BY [redacted] TO BE PETER CHARLES BLEIK. BLEIK DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, BORN APR. ELEVEN, FORTYEIGHT. 4-11-48 OHIO HOME ADDRESS IS THREE FOUR HIGHWOOD RD., ROCHESTER, NEW YORK. CRIMINAL CHECKS NEGATIVE ON BLEIK AT KENT PD AND PORTAGE COUNTY SO.

DOUGLAS CHARLES CORMACK, CLEVELAND, OHIO, ADMITTED

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PULLING HOSE AWAY FROM FIREMEN DURING BURNING OF ROTC BLDG. HE REFUSED TO SAY WHETHER HE REALIZED HE WAS HAMPERING EFFORTS OF FIREMEN.

[redacted] KSU STUDENTS, REFUSED TO DISCUSS HIS ACTIVITIES ON MAY TWO, LAST. KENNETH AND MARILYN HAMMOND ALSO REFUSED TO BE INTERVIEWED.

[redacted] CANTON, OHIO, FURNISHED SIGNED STATEMENT INDICATING HIS INVOLVEMENT IN BURNING OF ROTC BLDG. HE MAINTAINED HE JOINED MOB EN ROUTE TO ROTC BLDG. EVENING OF MAY TWO, LAST, WITH JOHN (LNU) OF PENINSULA, OHIO. MOB APPEARED TO BE LED BY FIVE OR SIX PERSONS, WHOSE IDENTITIES WERE UNKNOWN TO [redacted] HOWEVER, HE INDICATED HE BELIEVES HE COULD IDENTIFY THESE INDIVIDUALS IF HE OBSERVED THEM AGAIN. EN ROUTE TO ROTC BLDG. THE MOB STOPPED AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE AND LEADERS INSTRUCTED EVERYONE TO PICK UP ROCKS. AFTER ARRIVING AT ROTC BLDG., [redacted] OBSERVED JERRY RUPE BURN AN AMERICAN FLAG. [redacted] ADMITTED THROWING TWO ROCKS AT ROTC BLDG. HE OBSERVED RICK (LNU) CUT FIRE HOSES. UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE DIPPED RAG INTO TANK OF NEARBY MOTORCYCLE AND HANDED IT TO [redacted] PASSED RAG

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TO UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE, AND THIS INDIVIDUAL PLACED RAG INTO ROTC BLDG. AND IGNITED IT. [redacted] AND THIS INDIVIDUAL THEN BROKE OUT WINDOW OF ROTC BLDG. IN ORDER TO ALLOW MORE AIR TO GET TO FIRE. [redacted] ALSO OBSERVED JERRY RUPE THROW TWO MILK CARTONS THROUGH ROTC WINDOWS. [redacted] DENIED STARTING FIRE HIMSELF, OR CUTTING FIRE HOSES.

THOMAS MILLER, AKA AQUINAS, ADMITTED BEING PRESENT AT BURNING, BUT REFUSED TO IDENTIFY ANYONE TAKING PART. MILLER TOLD [redacted] HE CUT HOSES. [redacted] TOLD [redacted] THAT MILLER HAD BEEN "RIGHT IN THERE WITH THE TOP GUYS WHO STARTED FIRE." [redacted] ALSO FURNISHED INFO TO BOTH [redacted] WAS HEADQUARTERS OF REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITY IN KENT, OHIO.

[redacted] FURNISHED SIGNED STATEMENT ON MAY TWENTY, LAST, INDICATING HE WAS NOT IN KENT AT TIME OF ROTC BURNING, BUT WAS AT CHIPPEWA LAKE AMUSEMENT PARK WITH THREE OTHER PERSONS. THE OTHER THREE PERSONS, [redacted] ALL VERIFIED [redacted] STORY. [redacted] FURTHER INDICATED HE DID NOT KNOW IDENTITIES OF PERSONS INVOLVED IN BURNING

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[redacted] WHITE FEMALE, AGE ABOUT EIGHTEEN, ADVISED TWO KSU STUDENTS SHE HAD "STONED THE PIGS AND CUT THEIR HOSES."

[redacted] KENT, ADVISED [redacted] FLED FROM HIS ROOM IMMEDIATELY AFTER SHOOTING INCIDENT ON KSU CAMPUS. [redacted] WAS IDENTIFIED BY [redacted] AS AN ACTIVE REVOLUTIONARY.

ALFIE TATE IDENTIFIED BY [redacted] AS INDIVIDUAL RALLYING STUDENTS TO THROW ROCKS AT TIME OF BURNING. TATE ALSO IDENDIFIED BY [redacted] AS CARRYING MACHETE.

[redacted] ADVISED HE COULD NOT POSITIVELY IDENTIFY BURNERS OR HOSE CUTTERS AND WOULD NOT DO SO EVEN IF HE COULD. [redacted] PROFESSED TO BELIEVE IN NONVIOLENCE AT THE PRESENT BUT STATED HE MIGHT RESORT TO VIOLENCE IN FUTURE IF GOALS NOT MET.

[redacted]

IN MAY TWENTYSEVEN, SEVENTY, ISSUE OF THE CLEVELAND

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PRESS," DAILY EVENING NEWSPAPER, AN ARTICLE APPEARED CAPTIONED "FBI LINKS PARMA STUDENT TO KENT ROTC FIRE." THIS ARTICLE STATES FBI TODAY REPORTED IT HAS LINKED PARMA, OHIO, YOUTH WITH BURNING OF ROTC BUILDING ON KSU CAMPUS, MAY TWO, LAST. ARTICLE DOES NOT GIVE YOUTH'S NAME BUT STATES HE IS STUDENT AT KSU. IT ALSO STATES THAT SEARCH OF YOUTH'S QUARTERS AT TWO THREE ZERO EAST MAIN ST., KENT, OHIO, FAILED TO PRODUCE INCENDIARY OR EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS LISTED IN SEARCH WARRANT OBTAINED MAY TEN, LAST.

ARTICLE FURTHER STATES IDENTIFICATION OF YOUH MADE BY ANOTHER KSU STUDENT BY MEANS OF PHOTO FOLLOWING WHICH KENT POLICE OBTAINED SUSPECT'S NAME. ARTICLE ALSO STATED CLEVELAND SAC SAID THAT SUSPECT'S FATHER TOLD FBI HIS SON WAS PRESENT WHEN ROTC BLDG. BURNED AND THAT TWO KSU COEDS TOLD FBI THEY WERE AT EAST MAIN STREET RESIDENCE WHEN SEVERAL MALE STUDENTS ARRIVED AND STATED THEY SET BUILDING AFIRE. CLEVELAND SAC ALSO QUOTED AS STATING POSTERS FOR A JERRY RUBIN RALLY, A CARDBOARD TUBE COVERED WITH ALUMINUM AND HAVING A BURN HOLE AT ONE END, A BOOK ABOUT CHE GUEVARA, AND AN SDS BOOKLET WERE FOUND IN YOUTH'S QUARTERS.

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THIS NEWSPAPER ARTICLE APPARENTLY BASED UPON INFO REVEALED IN SEARCH WARRANT EXECUTED BY CLEVELAND DIVISION AT TWO THREE ZERO EAST MAIN ST., KENT, OHIO, ON MAY TEN, LAST. WARRANT AUTHORIZED ON MAY TEN, LAST, BY ASSISTANT AG J. WALTER YEAGLEY, WHO INSTRUCTED THAT USA, CLEVELAND, BE KEPT INFORMED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS. SEARCH WARRANT WAS RETURNED TO USC CLIFFORD E. BRUCE, CLEVELAND, ON MAY NINETEEN, LAST. USC FILED IT WITH CLERK OF USDC MAY TWENTYSIX, LAST, AFTER WHICH PRESS APPARENTLY BECAME AWARE OF IT. SAC, CLEVELAND, HAS MADE NO COMMENTS WHATSOEVER RE CAPTIONED MATTER TO MEMBERS OF PRESS.

CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN CONTACTS WITH [redacted] 7C INASMUCH AS HE REPORTEDLY HAS SUCIDIAL TENDENCIES.

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CLEVELAND CONTINUING EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY SUBJECTS.

REPORT TO FOLLOW.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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MAY 6 1970
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FBI CLEVELAND

9:10 PM URGENT 5-6-70 SLO

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140)

RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

UNSUBS: FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BLDG., KENT STATE UNIV. (KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY. SABOTAGE. OO: CLEVELAND.

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SUMMARY.

RE CLEVELAND TEL, MAY FIVE LAST.

[redacted], ADVISED OSHP MADE SEARCH OF THE BODIES OF THE FOUR PERSONS WHO WERE APPARENTLY KILLED BY OHIO NATIONAL GUARD GUNFIRE ON MAY FOUR, LAST, ON KSU CAMPUS. HE SAID THAT WHEN SEARCHING BODY OF JEFFERY MILLER, KSU STUDENT, THEY FOUND SMALL SCRAP OF PAPER WHICH HAD TELEPHONE NUMBER "SIX SEVEN THREE ONE SEVEN FIVE NINE" AND WORDS "COMMUNICATION CENTER."

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OSHP INVESTIGATORS DETERMINED ABOVE NUMBER LISTED TO [redacted] TWO THREE SEVEN AND ONE-HALF, NO. WATER ST., KENT.

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KENT PD ON MAY FOUR, LAST, OBTAINED SEARCH WARRANT AND ARRESTED [redacted] AND [redacted] I ABOVE ADDRESS, CHARGING THEM WITH CURFEW VIOLATIONS. [redacted] HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN IDENTIFIED AS SDS MEMBER AND ARRESTED ON KSU CAMPUS APRIL SIXTYNINE, DURING DISRUPTION BY SDS.

KENT PD SEARCH OF ABOVE ADDRESS REVEALED SEVERAL PIECES OF LITERATURE CONTAINING NAMES OF KNOWN SDS AND YSA MEMBERS. ALSO OBTAINED WAS A LETTER FROM ABBIE HOFFMAN TO [redacted]. AMONG OTHER THINGS THIS LETTER URGED [redacted] TO "ABOVE ALL BUILD THE CONSPIRACY IN YOUR BACK YARD THAT WILL DEFEND OUR GROWING NATION". LETTER REPORTEDLY POSTMARKED APR. THIRTY, LAST. MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE, KENT, ORDERED THIS DATE THAT ALL EVIDENCE OBTAINED IN ABOVE SEARCH BE RETAINED BY KENT PD.

CLEVELAND ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN PHOTOS OF ABOVE INDIVIDUALS IF AVAILABLE AND DISPLAY TO WITNESSES. KENT FIREMEN INTERVIEWED THIS DATE BUT COULD NOT IDENTIFY UNSUBS. ARMY ROTC OFFICERS AND CADETS INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND COULD NOT FURNISH ANY PERTINENT INFO.

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DOCTORS AT KSU HEALTH CENTER FURNISHED NAMES OF STUDENTS WHO REPORTED INJURIES ON EVENING OF FIRE, AND THESE STUDENTS WILL BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED.

CLEVELAND HAS OBTAINED NEGATIVES OF PHOTOS TAKEN OF DEMONSTRATORS ON CAMPUS DURING DISRUPTION. NEGATIVES HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO BUREAU BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION FOR PRINTING OF SUFFICIENT COPIES. UPON RECEIPT OF PHOTOS, CLEVELAND WILL DISPLAY THEM TO WITNESSES. P.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. C. L. McGowan

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: May 28, 1970

1 - Mr. H. A. Schutz
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FROM : C. D. Brennan

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Reserve Officers Training Corps
Fire Bombing of Army ROTC Building
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio, May 2, 1970
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
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RECOMMENDATION:

None. For the information of the Director.

1 - Mr. H. Wenzel

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To: SAC, Cleveland (98-2140)

From: Director, FBI (98-46479)

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Reserve Officers Training Corps
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Reference is made to Bureau telephone call to SAC, Cusick, at Cleveland 6/3/70 which advised Mr. Philip Morris, Attorney, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, will depart Washington, D. C., on Northwest Airlines flight arriving Cleveland 11:35 A.M. 6/4/70.

Copies of all reports in this matter to date have been made available to Mr. Morris. Cleveland should render appropriate assistance to Mr. Morris with regard to any requests made by him and insure that he is furnished copies of subsequent reports in this matter while in Cleveland.

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NOTE:

Pursuant to request made 6/2/70 to AAG Yeagley, Philip Morris, Attorney in the Internal Security Division will arrive Cleveland 6/4/70 to correlate Department's consideration of this case. This confirms information furnished Cleveland telephonically 6/3/70 which instructed Cleveland to render assistance to Mr. Morris.

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The purpose of this memorandum is to advise that a report dated May 28, 1970, at Cleveland in captioned matter is attached and to recommend that such be furnished to the Department and the White House.

By memorandum May 28, 1970, a copy of which is also attached, you were furnished the results of investigation included in this report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter to the Attorney General with copies for the Deputy Attorney General, Assistant Attorneys General, Internal Security Division, Civil Rights Division and Criminal Division; and a letter to John D. Ehrlichman at the White House be approved, enclosing for each a copy of the above report.

Enclosures (4) Kent 8-2-70

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date June 2, 1970

Attached teletype concerning Kent State University ROTC burning, 5/2/70, identifies 10 persons who have been established by investigation as participants in violent acts directed against that facility on 5/2/70 including persons who hindered firemen endeavoring to put out blaze. Cleveland recommends Department furnish immediate prosecutive opinion and/or consider immediate Federal Grand Jury action concerning these subjects.

Accordingly, the attached information will be immediately made available to Assistant Attorneys General, Internal Security Division, Criminal Division and Civil Rights Division. Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, will be personally contacted and advised of the urgency of this request in view of the possibility of local arrests and prosecution being imminent.

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FBI CLEVELAND

10:43AM URGENT 6-2-70 AFS

TO DIRECTOR (98-46479)

FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140)

Reserve Officers Training Corps

UNSUBS: FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BLDG. KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY. SABOTAGE. OO CLEVELAND.

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RE CLEVELAND REPORT OF SA [redacted] MAY TWENTYEIGHT, LAST.

SUMMARY

INVESTIGATION TO DATE HAS IDENTIFIED TEN INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE ADMITTED INVOLVEMENT IN CAPTIONED MATTER OR WHO HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY WITNESSES AS HAVING BEEN INVOLVED. THE FOLLOWING INFO REGARDING THESE INDIVIDUALS IS SET FORTH FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BUREAU AS TO POSSIBLE PROSECUTIVE MERIT:

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[redacted] OHIO

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[redacted] FURNISHED SIGNED STATEMENT MAY TWENTYSIX, LAST. HE ADMITTED JOINING GROUP OF ABOUT THREE HUNDRED TO FIVE HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS ON KSU CAMPUS ABOUT SEVEN:FIFTYFIVE P M, MAY TWO, LAST. AS THEY PASSED CONSTRUCTION SITE ON CAMPUS EN ROUTE TO ARMY ROTC BLDG., UNIDENTIFIED LEADERS OF GROUP INSTRUCTED GROUP TO PICK UP ROCKS. [redacted] ADMITTED PICKING UP FOUR ROCKS, TWO OF WHICH HE GAVE TO SOMEONE ELSE.

[redacted] CKNOWLEDGED THAT ON ARRIVING AT ROTC BLDG., HE THREW TWO ROCKS AT BUILDING, ONE OF WHICH WENT OVER BUILDING AND ONE WENT THROUGH A WINDOW. [redacted] ADMITTED HE AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS FROM CROWD PULLED FIRE HOSES FROM FIREMEN WHEN THEY ARRIVED TO EXTINGUISH ROTC FIRE.

[redacted] DENIED HE CUT ANY FIRE HOSES. [redacted] ALSO DENIED HAVING PERSONALLY SET BUILDING ON FIRE; HOWEVER, HE ADMITTED THAT UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE SOAKED A RAG IN GAS TANK OF MOTORCYCLE AND PASSED RAG TO [redacted] THEN PASSED RAG TO SECOND UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE, WHO THEN IGNITED RAG AT BUILDING.

IN ADDITION [redacted] STATED HE AND AFOREMENTIONED

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SECOND UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE TORE SCREEN FROM WINDOW OF ROTC BUILDING AND BROKE OUT THE WINDOW WITH OUR BARE FISTS AS WE FELT THE FIRE NEEDED AIR." [redacted] ADDED HE HIMSELF, UNDER INFLUENCE OF LSD DURING THAT EVENING.

[redacted] WHITE MALE, BORN AUG. TWENTXFIVE, FIFTY-ONE.

JERRY RUPE

ONE TWO SEVEN NO. MANTUA ST., KENT, OHIO

[redacted] IN AFOREMENTINED SIGNED STATEMENT ADVISED HE SAW JERRY RUPE HOLDING AMERICAN FLAG ON STICK OVER HIS HEAD AT ROTC BLDG. EVENING OF MAY TWO, LAST, AND THAT FLAG WAS THROWN TO GROUND AND RUPE SET FIRE TO IT. [redacted] ALSO SAW RUPE AND ABOUT TWENTY OTHER PERSONS ASSAULT A PHOTOGRAPHER IN CROWD DURING FIRE. [redacted] OBSERVED RUPE THROW TWO METAL MILK CASES THROUGH ROTC WINDOWS. [redacted] ALSO NOTED RUPE WAS IN CROWD AS IT DISPERSED FROM ROTC BLDG. AND WENT INTO CITY OF KENT.

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RUPE IS WHITE MALE, BORN JULY TWENTYTHREE, FORTYFIVE.

LAST NAME UNKNOWN
(LNU) WHITE MALE

KENT, OHIO

IN AFOREMENTINED SIGNED STATEMENT ADVISED HE OBSERVED (LNU) CUTTING FIRE HOSE WITH KNIFE HE HAD STRAPPED IN A SHEATH OF HIS LEG. BELIEVED RESIDED AT SAID WAS FORMERLY STUDENT AT UNIV. OF AKRON AND IS NOT CURRENTLY A STUDENT AT KSU.

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, OHIO

DURING BURNING OF ROTC BLDG. INDICATED THAT JERRY RUPE AND (LNU) APPEARED TO BE

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LEADERS OF CROWD AT BUILDING. [redacted] ALSO SAW JERRY RUPE WITH BURNING FLAG. HE DENIED ACTIVE PARTICIPATION DURING BURNING OF BUILDING, BUT ADMITTED HE WAS IN FRONT OF THE MOB.

[redacted] 7d

[redacted] AKRON, OHIO

[redacted] ORALLY ADMITTED ON MAY TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, HE TRAVELED TO KENT, OHIO, EVENING OF MAY TWO LAST, AND WAS PRESENT AT BURNING OF ROTC BLD. [redacted] OBSERVED JERRY RUPE WITH BURNING FLAG DURNING FIRE. HE ALSO ADMITTED PULLING ON FIRE HOSE. 7d

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PRESENT WITH [redacted] AT THE FIRE.

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]WOOSTER, OHIO

ON MAY NINE, LAST, [redacted] ORALLY ADMITTED THAT AT ABOUT TWO A M, MAY TWO, LAST, HE AND HIS DATE, [redacted] WERE PASSING ROTC BLDG. AT KSU. AT THIS TIME [redacted] TOOK [redacted] POCKETBOOK AND SMASHED WINDOW IN ROTC BLDG. [redacted] DENIED BEING ON CAMPUS AT TIME OF BURNING.

[redacted] WAS CHARGED WITH MALICIOUS MISCHIEF BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES AS A RESULT OF ABOVE AND WAS SENTENCED TO THIRTY DAYS IN PORTAGE COUNTY JAIL, RAVENNA, OHIO, BEGINNING MAY TWENTY, LAST, AND WAS ALSO FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS.

[redacted] IS WHITE MALE, BORN JUNE FOURTEEN, FIFTY.

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ALFIE TATE

[redacted] KENT, OBSERVED NEGRO MALE KNOWN AS ALFIE

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TATE, GRADUATE OF JOHN HAY HIGH SCHOOL, CLEVELAND, OHIO IN KENT ON MAY ONE, LAST. HE SAID THAT TATE BRANDISHED A "SWORD," AND THAT TATE STATED, "I'M GONNA GET ONE OF THEM IF IT GET CLOSE ENOUGH." [redacted] LATER OBSERVED TATE AT ROTC FIRE. HE SAID TATE WAS RUNNING AROUND YELLING FOR STUDENTS TO GRAB ROCKS AND STICKS TO THROW AT OHIO NATIONAL GUARD TROOPERS.

[redacted] ON MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST, ADVISED HE SAW ALFRIE TATE ABOUT ONE THIRTY A M ON SAT. IN KENT PRIOR TO BURNING OF ROTC BLDG. TATE STATED HE WAS MEMBER OF BLACK PANTHER PARTY AND HAD RECENTLY BEEN IN CHICAGO. TATE WENT ON TO STATE, "I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU GUYS HOW TO RIOT." [redacted] ALSO OBSERVED TATE WAS WAVING A MACHETE WITH A BLADE ABOUT EIGHTEEN INCHES LONG.

TATE IS NEGRO MALE, DATE OF BIRTH UNKNOWN.

PETER CHARLES BLEIK

THREE FOUR HIGHWOOD RD., ROCKESTER, NEW YORK

WHEN INTERVIEWED MAY ELEVEN, LAST, BLEIK ACKNOWLEDGED HE WAS AT SCENE OF ROTC FIRE BUT DENIED HE WAS INVOLVED OTHER

OTHER THAN AS AN OBSERVER.

ON MAY TWENTYFIVE, LAST, [redacted] EYE-WITNESS TO BURNING, IDENTFIED PHOTO OF BLEIK AS BEING IDENT WITH PERSON HE OBSERVED THROW LIGHTED GASOLINE-SOAKED RAG INTO ROTC BLDG.

IT IS NOTED THAT [redacted] PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED PHOTO OF [redacted] AS THIS SUBJECT, BUT ON MAY TWENTYFIVE CHANGED HIS MIND.

IT IS FURTHER NOTED THAT BOTH [redacted] AND BLEIK ARE WHITE MALES, WELL OVER SIX FT. TALL, AND BOTH HAVE LONG HAIR AND BEARDS.

BLEIK WAS BORN APR. ELEVEN, FORTYEIGHT.

DOUGLAS CHARLES CORMACK

ONE TWO NINE FOUR ONE CHERRY LANE, CHESTERLAND, OHIO

ONE MAY TWELVE, LAST, CORMACK ACKNOWLEDGED HE AND OTHER MEMBERS IN CROWD AT ROTC BLDG. THREW ROCKS AT BUILDING. HE STATED UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL TOOK PILLOW CASE FROM HIM, STATING, "I NEED SOMETHING FOR GAS." SUBSEQUENTLY, CORMACK

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SAW INDIVIDUAL WITH BURNING RAG ON END OF STICK STARTING FIRE AT BUILDING. SUBJECT CAME FROM DIRECTION OF TWO MOTORCYCLES AND CORMACK STATED RAG COULD HAVE BEEN HIS PILLOW CASE.

CORMACK FURTHER ADMITTED ABOUT TWO HUNDRED STUDENTS, INCLUDING HIMSELF, PULLED HOSES AWAY FROM ROTC BLDG. AND AWAY FROM FIREMEN BECAUSE THEY DID NOT WANT FIRE PUT OUT.

FOLLOWING ABOVE, OHIO NATIONAL GUARD ARRIVED TO PROTECT FIREMEN, AND CORMACK AND OTHER MEMBERS OF CROWD THREW ROCKS AT THEM.

WHEN REINTERVIEWED ON MAY TWENTYONE, LAST, CORMACK AGAIN ADMITTED HE PULLED HOSE FROM FIREMEN FOR "KICKS" BUT REFUSED TO ACKNOWLEDGE HE THREW ROCKS. DURING THIS INTERVIEW, [redacted] 7C

[redacted]

CORMACK IS WHITE, MALE, BORN JAN. THIRTEEN, FIFTY.

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CLEVELAND REQUESTS BUREAU CONSIDER DISCUSSING ABOVE INFO WITH DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR PROSECUTIVE OPINION AND/OR

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DESIRABILITY OF PRESENTING THIS MATTER BEFORE A GRAND JURY.

IT IS NOTED LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE ALSO CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION INTO DISRUPTIONS AT KSU, AND ARRESTS BY THESE AGENCIES MAY BE FORTHCOMING. IT IS EXPECTED [redacted] (LNU) WILL BE IDENTIFIED BY CV DIVISION THIS DATE.

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FBI WASH DC

The Attorney General June 4, 1970

REC-35 98-4479-60

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Fire Bombing of Army ROTC Building
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio
May 2, 1970
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS --
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

Reference is made to three investigative reports which have been furnished to you in this matter by letters dated May 15, 1970, May 26, 1970, and June 2, 1970.

For your additional information a summary of information in this case was personally furnished to Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley on June 2, 1970. This summary identified ten persons who committed acts of violence against the Reserve Officers' Training Corps building on May 2, 1970, and/or interfered with firemen who attempted to put out the fire in that building.

In connection with this information Mr. Yeagley was requested to expeditiously advise whether Federal prosecution is warranted in this matter. In view of the possibility of local arrests and prosecution of some of these individuals, it would be appreciated if an early decision would be made in this case.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

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The Attorney General

NOTE: See memorandum C. D. Brennan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 6/3/70, captioned as above, prepared by GHM:pab.

6/4/70

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1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Deloach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Office, 7133
1 - Mr Aaron

TO SAC CLEVELAND (98-2140)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, NINETEEN SEVENTY; SABOTAGE, AND BUFFALO LETTER MAY TWENTYEIGHT, LAST.

NO SMOKE PARTICLES OR INCENDIARY CHEMICALS FOUND ON SUBMITTED SPECIMENS.

REPORT FOLLOWS. COPY MAILED BUFFALO.

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1 - BUFFALO (98-1235)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)

5/28/70

SAC, BUFFALO (98-1235)

URGENT;
BOMBING OF ROTC BUILDING,
Kent State University (KSU),
Kent, Ohio
May 2, 1970
SABOTAGE
(OO: CLEVELAND)

Re Cleveland tel to Buffalo, 5/26/70.

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Furnish results of examination to the Buffalo and Cleveland Divisions.

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1 - Mr. Mohr
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1 - Office, 7133
1 - Mr. Aaron

To: FBI, Cleveland (98-2140)

Date: 6/8/70

Reserve Officers Training Corps

Re: UNSUBS;
FIREBOMBING OF ROTC
BUILDING, Kent State
University (KSU), Kent, Ohio,
May 2, 1970
SABOTAGE

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.
Lab. No. PC-C6812 MK

Examination requested by: Buffalo

Reference: Buffalo letter dated 5/28/70

Examination requested: Chemical Analyses

Remarks:

This report confirms and supplements information furnished the Cleveland Office by teletype dated June 4, 1970.

Unless advised to the contrary, when all examinations in this case have been completed, specimens Q13, Q14 and Q15 will be returned under separate cover to the Buffalo Office.

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REPORT
of the

FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Cleveland
UNSUBS;

Date: 6/8/70

FBI File No. 62-1179-62

Lab. No. PC-C6812 MK

Re: FIREBOMBING OF ROTC BUILDING,
Kent State University (KSU),
Kent, Ohio,
May 2, 1970
SABOTAGE

Specimens received 6/1/70

Q13 T shirt
Q14 Trousers
Q15 Coat

Results of examination:

Specimens Q13, Q14 and Q15 were examined for the presence of smoke particles and incendiary chemical residues, but none were found.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: UNSUBS;
FIREBOMBING OF ROTC BUILDING,
Kent State University (KSU),
Kent, Ohio,
May 2, 1970;
SABOTAGE

File # [illegible]
Lab. # PC-C6812 MK

Examination requested by: ~~FBI, Buffalo (98-1235)~~ 2 copies

Letter 5/28/70

Examination requested: Chem. Anal.

Date received: 6/1/70 reg. am.

Result of Examination: original to cleveland (98-2140)

Examination by: AARON fit notes attached

2cc. Buffalo (98-1255)

Specimens submitted for examination

Q13 T shirt
Q14 Trousers
Q15 Coat

Copies for Mohr
DeLoach
Conrad
Sullivan

6/1/70 PC-C6812

Received via airmail registered
#541592 from FBI Buffalo
a cardboard box ~ 12"³ wrapped
in brown paper. PM — magra; square
station 5/29/70.
contents: each q sealed w FBI
tape in plastic bag

Descent brown size 44 "cortefiel"
94 Pr let
[illegible]

all specimens are dry, odorless
and no evidence of burning
or solid chemicals on any
clothing articles
Nothing on articles but normal
soil from use
Pockets empty

DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)

5/28/70

SAC, BUFFALO (98-1235)

PC-C.6512 EXPEDITE

UNSUBS;
FIREBOMBING OF ROTC BUILDING,
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FBI

Date: 6-1-70

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)

RE: UNSUBS;
FIREBOMBING OF
ARMY ROTC BUILDING
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
KENT, OHIO
5-2-70
SABOTAGE

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Reserve Officers Training Corps
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Enclosed undersseparate cover is one baseball bat recovered by [redacted] from an unknown subject on the evening of 5-2-70. The bat is believed to have been used in the breaking of windows of the ROTC Building.

EXAMINATIONS REQUESTED:

The FBI Laboratory is requested to examine the baseball bat for latent fingerprints and also conduct examinations to locate glass particles or paint chips which may have adhered to the bat while being used for the breaking of ROTC Building windows.

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1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mail Room (5531 JB)
June 10, 1970

1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

The Attorney General

Director, FBI

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PETER CHARLES ULRIK;
DOUGLAS CHARLES CORMACK; RICK FELBER;
THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG;
[redacted]
JERRY RUPE; DALE D. SMILEY
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

98-46479-22

Reference is made to my letters dated May 15, 1970, and June 2, 1970, which furnished you the results of investigation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning the burning of a Reserve Officers' Training Corps building at Kent State University on May 2, 1970.

There is enclosed for your information a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 4, 1970, at Cleveland, Ohio, which contains the results of additional investigation conducted.

A copy of the enclosed report is being furnished to Honorable John D. Ehrlichman at the White House.

Enclosure

1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)
1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
Civil Rights Division
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NOTE:
See memorandum C. D. Brennan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 6/10/70, captioned as above, prepared by GHM:ser/co.

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Date: 6-5-70

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (98-46479)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)

RE: UNSUBS;
Firebombing of Army ROTC
Building, Kent State
University, Kent, Ohio
5-2-70
SABOTAGE

Reserve officers Training Corp.

OO: CV

On 6-4 and 5-70, PHILIP MORRIS, Attorney, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Internal Security Division, WDC, reviewed captioned case for possibility of authorization for obtaining arrest warrants and for going to the FGJ with this matter.

Set forth below, in brief, are the main subjects and evidence against them at this time:

[redacted]

1. Furnished signed statement admitting he threw rocks and broke windows in ROTC Bldg.

2. Also admitted he was handed a rag dipped in gasoline which he handed to a second person who lit it and put it in the ROTC Bldg.

3. Admitted he and another white male broke windows with fists to get fire going.

4. [redacted] advised [redacted] told her he stated the fire. (She did not previously know [redacted] and should be shown photo of him.)

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5. Witness [redacted] has not yet seen photo of [redacted]

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3 - Cleveland
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6. [redacted] said [redacted] (LNU) and [redacted] (LNU) at fire. [redacted]

PETER CHARLES BLEIK, DOB: 4-11-48

1. BLEIK admitted being at scene but denied involvement.

2. Witness [redacted] advised from photo (which included [redacted] that BLEIK lighted the fire. [redacted] gives a good description.

3. A good prospective witness, [redacted] (student) picked out BLEIK from photo (in 44 case) as leading in the burning, but she should be reinterviewed. (Mr. MORRIS said it would be good if she could back up [redacted]

JERRY RUPE, DOB: 7-23-45

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1. Denied involvement.

2. [redacted] saw RUPE burn flag - also assault a photographer.

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3. [redacted] saw RUPE throw metal milk container through ROTC window.

4. [redacted] saw RUPE with burning flag.

5. [redacted] saw RUPE with burning flag.

6. [redacted] PD.

RICK FELBER, former University of Akron student

1. Admitted only he was at burning.

2. [redacted] said he saw FELBER cut hose.

3. Witness, [redacted] reported FELBER and RUPE were "leaders" at the burning.

[redacted]

1. Admitted present at burning.

2. Admitted pulling hose.

3. (Saw RUPE with burning flag.)

4. SMILEY said he was with [redacted] at the fire.

5. A flag that was burned belonged to [redacted]

DALE D. SMILEY, DOB: 1-8-54

1. Admitted pulling hoses.

2. Said was with [redacted] at the fire.

[redacted]

1. Admitted pulling and cutting hose.

2. SMILEY saw him burn American flag.

DOUGLAS CHARLES CORMACK, Chesterland, DOB: 1-13-50

1. Acknowledged threw rocks at building.

2. Said someone took a pillow case from him.

3. Saw individual with burning flag? start fire at building. (Came from direction motorcycles and could have been pillow case.)

4. Admitted he and 200? others pulled hoses.

ALFIE TATE - Negro male

1. [redacted] knew and identified TATE as running around yelling for students to grab rocks and sticks to throw at National Guard.

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2. [redacted] said he saw TATE earlier Sat. TATE said he was a member of the BPP and "I'm going to show you guys how to riot" (TATE had a machete).

Mr. MORRIS said it was his inclination not to go to the Grand Jury until we conduct more investigation regarding the Sabotage violation, because:

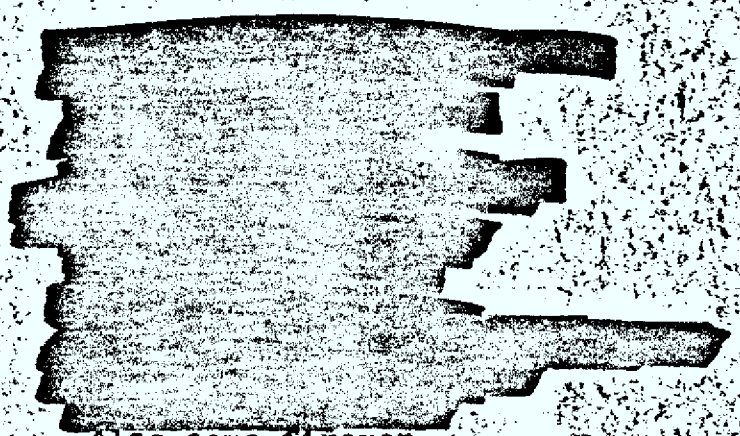
1) He saw no reason to call uncooperative witnesses

2) If he had to call uncooperative witnesses, he wants to be in a better position to interrogate them.

Mr. MORRIS said he feels more people are involved, whom we may identify in the further investigation.

Mr. MORRIS said that other than [redacted] and BLIEK, it may be more appropriate to charge the others under Section 231 (ARL). He added that before this was done there would have to be a consultation between his Internal Security Division and the Criminal Division of the Department, because the latter would handle the ARL matter.

Mr. MORRIS suggested the following persons be re-interviewed as possible witnesses against [redacted] (and shown photographs) since it appears they have knowledge of the matter:



Also some firemen

Mr. MORRIS also suggested we review previous reports to identify any further potential witnesses who may be able to identify subjects. He suggested that photos of the following persons be shown to these potential witnesses:

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(CV DIVISION ALREADY HAS PHOTO)

[redacted]

JERRY RUPE
ALAN TATE
ALAN CANFORA
THOMAS MILLER (AQUINAS)

[redacted]

TOM FOGLESONG

[redacted]

(WILL NEED TO OBTAIN PHOTOS)

RICK FELBER

[redacted]

DALE SMILEY
DOUGLAS CORMACK

[redacted]

A review of previous reports by CV Division determined these photos will have to be shown to approximately 50 additional persons.

Mr. MORRIS was advised that local or state authorities may move in this matter before we complete this investigation which will take one to two weeks. [redacted]

Mr. MORRIS telephoned Mr. WALTER YEAGLEY from CV Division and said his recommendation above had been concurred with.

The foregoing was related to USA ROBERT B. KRUPANSKY the afternoon of 6-5-70.

Mr. KRUPANSKY said it is "their decision" and when the Dept. sends in a representative, he does not get involved but lets them handle it. Mr. KRUPANSKY was advised that Mr. MORRIS was on the way over to see him since he had not yet had chance to contact him since his, Mr. MORRIS' arrival in CV, around noon 6-4-70.

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Mr. MORRIS did not take a copy of the report of SA [redacted] dated 6-5-70, at Cleveland, but said he would get one from the Bureau on Monday, 6-8-70.

UACB, CV Division will conduct investigation requested by Mr. MORRIS as expeditiously as possible.

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. C. L. McGowan

The Attorney General

June 11, 1970

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1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
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Director, FBI

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SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
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Reference is made to my letter June 4, 1970, which requested an early decision as to whether prosecution was warranted in the case of individuals involved in the burning of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps building at Kent State University on May 2, 1970.

Mr. Philip Morris of the Internal Security Division visited Cleveland, Ohio, in connection with the above request on June 4 and 5, 1970. Mr. Morris has requested additional investigation primarily directed toward establishing a [redacted] sabotage violation by subjects [redacted] and Peter Charles Bleik. Mr. Morris stated that it appears more appropriate to charge the remaining subjects with a violation of Title 18, Section 231, U. S. Code. These charges relate to their having been involved in the cutting of fire hoses and otherwise interfering with firemen who attempted to put out the blaze which ultimately destroyed the building on May 2, 1970.

Mr. Morris advised that such charges could not be made until the Internal Security Division consults with the Criminal Division which would handle such violations.

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The Attorney General

Since local arrests and prosecutive action remain imminent as to a number of subjects in this case, it is requested that an early decision be arrived at as to whether prosecutive action is warranted concerning those subjects who may have committed the above violation.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

NOTE:

See memorandum Mr. C. D. Brennan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, dated 6/10/70, captioned as above, prepared by GHM:kks.

June 10, 1970

BY LIAISON

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mail Room (5531 JB)
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
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Honorable John D. Ehrlichman
Assistant to the President
for Domestic Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)

DATE: 5/28/70

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UNSUBS SEMI COLON FIRE BOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO SEVENTY. SABOTAGE. OO COLON CLEVELAND.

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RE SPRINGFIELD TEL MAY TWENTY EIGHT SEVENTY.

INSTANT DATE BUREAU ADVISED THAT ON MAY TWENTY FIVE LAST UNITED STATES BOARD OF PAROLE, WASHINGTON, D.C., ISSUED PAROLE VIOLATORS WARRANT FOR ARREST OF [redacted] WARRANT SENT EASTERN DISTRICT ILLINOIS. BUREAU WILL REQUEST INVESTIGATION OF [redacted] AS PAROLE VIOLATOR BY ALBUQUERQUE, CHICAGO AND LOUISVILLE IN SEPARATE COMMUNICATION. FOR INFORMATION OF ALBUQUERQUE AND CHICAGO, OTHER OFFICES SEEKING TO INTERVIEW [redacted] IN CONNECTION WITH KENFOUR. RUC.

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4716 Rockford Drive,
Landover Hills, Maryland,
May 24, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Justice Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

My cousin is a member of the faculty of the University of Florida in Gainesville. Recently I had a letter from him.

He said that one of the latest additions to the faculty is a man from Ohio. This man told my cousin that he knew personally the chief instigator of the trouble at Kent University, and that he knew for a fact that the instigator is the head of the Communist Party in Ohio. The man said that in the last four years three buildings at Kent have been burned. The first was the Research Center which was burned because it received funds from the government for experiments that might be useful in warfare.

The second building burned was the music building and the third was the R.O.T.C. building

I'm sure that you know all about the Communist Party in Ohio. If these statements are true, why have they not appeared in the newspapers? If the Communists are responsible for the unfortunate events at Kent University, they should receive all the blame, rather than the President.

Kent State University

Sincerely yours
Mary Charlotte Mitchell
(Mrs. Herbert F. Mitchell, Jr.)

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Mrs. Herbert F. Mitchell, Jr.
4716 Rockford Drive
Landover Hills, Md. 20784

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June 1, 1970

Mrs. Herbert F. Mitchell, Jr.
716 Redford Drive
Glendover Hills, Maryland 20784

Dear Mrs. Mitchell:

I have received your letter of May 24th and very much appreciate the interest which prompted you to bring this matter to my attention. Since this Bureau is currently conducting inquiries regarding the recent events at Kent State, I am unable to comment concerning this investigation; however, I am enclosing material relating to some organizations which are involved in fomenting much of the unrest in colleges throughout the country.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)
Director's testimony, 3/5/70, re Black Panthers, Racial, Extremist and Communist Groups
Book, In Marxist Revolutionary Violence: SDS, 1962-1969
SDS--Target of New Left Attack

- Baltimore - Enclosure
- Cleveland - Enclosure
TD: Our files disclose prior correspondence during August, 1968, regarding her inquiries about Stokely Carmichael. Upon approval of this letter it is recommended it be furnished the Domestic Intelligence Division for any additional action felt appropriate.

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259PM URGENT 6/4/70

TO DIRECTOR

CLEVELAND

CHICAGO (98-982)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (98-982)

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO, FIVE TWO LAST, SABOTAGE, OO CLEVALAND. KENNETH L. GROTTS - FUGITIVE, PROBATION VIOLATOR.

REFERENCE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE FIVE TWENTYONE LAST AND CHICAGO TELETYPE TO CLEVELAND FIVE TWELVE LAST.

U.S. PROBATION OFFICERS, EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS ADVISED THIS AM THAT [redacted] BEING SOUGHT FOR QUESTIONNING IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE CAPTIONED MATTER, ARRESTED SIX THREE LAST BY [redacted] COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM PROBATION OFFICE, [redacted] ARRESTED IN CHICAGO, AND IS BEING CHARGED ON TWO COUNTS OF UNLAWFUL SALE OF DANGEROUS DRUGS. USM NOTIFIED AT EAST ST. LOUIS, AND THAT OFFICE IS FORWARDING FEDERAL WARRANT

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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TO CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, IMMEDIATELY LOCATE PLACE OF INCARCERATION OF [redacted] AND INTERVIEW CONCERNING HIS ACTIVITIES AT (KENT STATE UNIVERSITY. P.

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C- MR. SULLIVAN, Gale & Lug Supv

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

: DIRECTOR, FBI (98-46479) DATE: 6/8/70
(ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)

Expedite

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; Firebombing of Reserve OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS
Army ROTC Building
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio
5/2/70
SABOTAGE

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OO: Cleveland

Re Cleveland letter to Bureau, Attention: FBI Laboratory, 5/11/70.

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Transmitted to the FBI Laboratory under separate cover is one green Oakbrook Sportswear winter jacket which was voluntarily furnished by [redacted] Ohio, on May 12, 1970. [redacted] advised that he wore this jacket on the night of May 2, 1970 at which time he was present at the scene of a firebombing of the ROTC Building on the Kent State University campus.

[redacted] the mother of [redacted] advised that she had washed the jacket immediately after her son returned from KSU, however, she advised she did not see any stains on it or smell any odors which would indicate gasoline or other inflammable liquid had been spilled on the jacket. She also requested that the jacket be returned after it is examined.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to examine the above jacket for any traces of residue, smoke particles, or incendiary chemical residue, which might indicate the wearer of this jacket had started a fire through the use of a gasoline-soaked rag or flare, or any other type of device with a flammable or combustible nature.

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Copy & specs retained in Lab for Lab action & report

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3 - Cleveland

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE: June 12, 1970

TO: FBI, Cleveland

Re: UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army ROTC Building Kent State University (KSU); Kent, Ohio 5/2/70; SABOTAGE

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Laboratory Transmittal Form
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1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Office, 7133

FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Cleveland (98-2140)

Date: June 12, 1970

Re: UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army ROTC Building Kent State University (KSU); Kent, Ohio; 5/2/70; SABOTAGE

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 98-46479
Lab. No. PC-C7037 CC

Examination requested by: Cleveland

Reference: Letter 6/8/70

Examination requested: Chemical Analyses

Remarks:

Specimen Q17 is being returned to your office under separate cover by registered mail.

Enclosures 2 (2 Lab report)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Cleveland

Date: June 12, 1970
FBI File No. 98-46479
Lab. No. PC-C7037 CC

Re: UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army ROTC Building Kent State University (KSU); Kent, Ohio; 5/2/70; SABOTAGE

Specimens received 6/10/70

Q17 Jacket

Results of examination:

Nothing was observed in the examination of the jacket, specimen Q17, to associate it with an incendiary fire.

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army ROTC Building Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio
5/2/70; SABOTAGE

File # 98-46479-71
Lab. # PC-C7037 CC

Examination requested by: FBI, Cleveland (98-2140) Letter 6/8/70

Examination requested: Chem. Anal. (Gen. Chem.)

Date received: 6/10/70 reg.

Result of Examination:

Examination by: CORBLEY

Q17 - neg for chemicals and other substances associated with an incendiary fire.

Specimens submitted for examination

Q17 Jacket

1- Mr. Sullivan
1- Mr. DeLoach
1- Mr. Mohr
1- Conrad

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TITLE OF CASE

"CHANGED"

[redacted]

PETER CHARLES BLEIK;
DOUGLAS CHARLES CORMACK;
RICK FELBER;
THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG;
[redacted]
JERRY RUPE;
DALE D. SMILEY

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted]

TYPED BY: mpz

CHARACTER OF CASE

SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 - INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED FACILITY

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Title changed to include names of subjects. Title previously carried as "UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, 5/2/70, SABOTAGE."

REFERENCE

Cleveland report of SA [redacted] 5/28/70, captioned "UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, 5/2/70, SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 - INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED FACILITY."

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☐ NONE						ACQUITTALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☐ NO

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AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will continue intensive investigation to identify persons responsible for the burning of the Army ROTC building at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio.

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Copy to: 1 - USA, CLEVELAND

Report of: SA [redacted]
Date: 6/4/70

Office: CLEVELAND, OHIO

Field Office File #: 98-2140

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Title: [redacted]
PETER CHARLES BLEIK;
DOUGLAS CHARLES CORMACK;
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THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG;
[redacted]
JERRY RUPE;
DALE D. SMILEY

Character: SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 - INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED FACILITY

Synopsis:

[redacted] Ohio, advised on 5/28/70 that THOMAS MILLER, aka., Aquinas, told him on 5/3/70 that "we" cut the fire hose, and "we" were responsible for setting the fire at the ROTC building. [redacted] indicated MILLER was not a Kent State University (KSU) student but that he lives in Kent, Ohio [redacted] also expressed sympathy with individuals who burned ROTC building.

On 6/1/70, an attempt was made to interview THOMAS MILLER. However, he refused to sign a waiver of rights form and refused to discuss the burning of the KSU ROTC building.

[redacted] Ohio, acknowledged on 5/27/70 that he was present at KSU during burning of ROTC building. [redacted] denied participating in destruction of ROTC building, but advised that JERRY RUPE and RICK (LNU) appeared to be leaders in group.

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[redacted], stated that RICK (LNU) is identical with RICK FELBER, an associate of JERRY RUPE. Both RUPE and FELBER reside at 127 North Mantua Street, Kent.

[redacted] Ohio, age 17, admitted he helped pull fire hoses so that firemen could not put out ROTC fire.

[redacted], Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, age 16, admitted pulling fire hose away from firemen. [redacted] also observed [redacted] (LNU) assist in burning an American Flag, and throw a rock at Ohio National Guardsman.

[redacted] Ohio, age 17, admitted throwing rocks at ROTC building, pulling fire hose and cutting a fire hose.

THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG, Silver Lake, Ohio, age 20, admitted throwing two rocks at ROTC building and pulling fire hose.

[redacted] advised that FOGLESONG and [redacted] have previously participated in "peace marches," and that [redacted] is a "supporter" of SDS.

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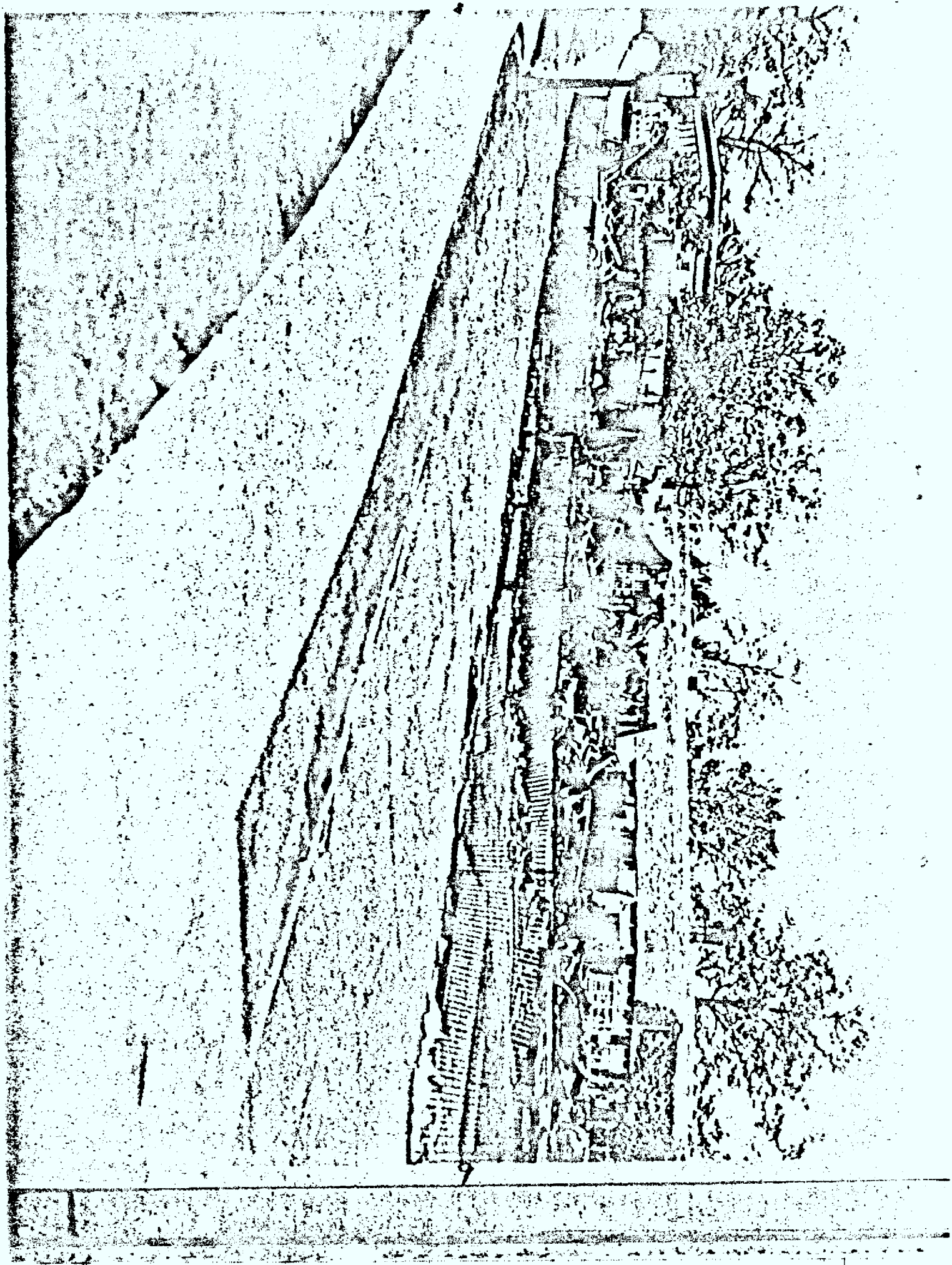
I. PHYSICAL SCENE

PHOTOGRAPHS OF U. S. ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, FOLLOWING ITS DESTRUCTION BY FIRE ON MAY 2, 1970

PHOTOGRAPH FROM NORTH CORNER
OF BURNED ARMY ROTC BUILDING

PHOTOGRAPH FROM WEST CORNER
OF BURNED ARMY ROTC BUILDING

PHOTOGRAPH FROM SOUTH CORNER
OF BURNED ARMY ROTC BUILDING



PHOTOGRAPH FROM SOUTHEAST END
OF BURNED ARMY ROTC BUILDING

II. LIST OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT LOST WHEN THE ROTC BUILDING AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU) WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE

FD-302 (REV. 3-17-69)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5-26-70

[redacted] ROTC staff, Kent State University (KSU), provided the attached list of military equipment which was lost when the ROTC Building at KSU campus was destroyed on the evening of Saturday, May 2, 1970.

On 5-26-70 at Kent, Ohio File # Cleveland 98-2140

SA [redacted]

by [redacted] Date dictated 5-26-70

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US ARMY ROTC INSTRUCTOR GROUP
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
KENT, OHIO 44240

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PROPERTY LIST

FSN	ITEM	O/H	ITEM COST	TOTAL
1005-673-7965	Pistol, Cal. 45	1	14.80	29.60
1005-694-4123	Rifle, Cal. 22	20	116.00	2320.00
1005-674-1425	Rifle, Cal, M-1	90	94.30	8487.00
1005-589-1271	Rifle, Cal. 7.62	50	122.00	6100.00
1095-899-8755	Rack, Rifle Small Arms	7	68.55	479.85
3610-540-8430	Duplicating Mach. Sten. Processing	1	772.00	772.00
7110-274-4914	Desk Right Ped. Type	2	82.00	164.00
7110-270-9836	Desk, Left Ped. Type	1	82.00	82.00
7110-270-9840	Desk, Double Ped. Type	8	75.00	600.00
7430-267-3457	Typewriter, Elec.	1	411.00	411.00
7930-286-9023	Typewriter Non-Elec.	2	218.00	436.00
3610-043-0299	Mach. Duplication Thermofax	1	377.00	377.00
7110-663-6362	Filing Cab. W/Comb Lock	2	530.00	1060.00
7110-262-6681	Top Book Case Sect	5	3.85	19.25
7110-082-2894	Book Case Section	19	23.00	437.00
7110-262-6673	Base Book Case	6	5.80	34.80
7110-281-4469	Chair W/O Arms	4	19.00	76.00
7110-273-8793	Chair Rotary W/ Arms	8	23.70	189.60
7110-286-3796	Cabinet Filing	8	61.00	488.00
6230-299-7771	Light, Desk	10	12.70	127.00
7460-579-9786	File Visible Index	1	142.00	142.00
8405-082-5807	Trousers, OG 107	93	2.20	204.60
8405-266-8061	Shirt OG 107	106	2.20	233.20
8405-155-8583	Coat, Field	59	9.80	578.20
8440-782-2171	Socks, Wool	60	.64	38.40
8430-782-3084 thru 3129	Boots, Combat Blk	30	10.20	306.00
8465-242-7843	Cup, Canteen	80	1.13	90.40
8415-240-2512	Liner, Helmet	60	2.50	150.00
5120-289-0540	Intrerching Tool Comb	40	3.20	128.00
8465-542-5842	Carrier Intrench-ing Tool	40	1.29	51.60

NSN	ITEM DESCRIPTION	O/H	ITEM COST	TOTAL COST
8465-577-4927	Case Field 1st Aid	80	.34	27.20
8405-290-0550	Poncho Nylon OG207	80	5.25	420.00
8340-853-6435	Shelter, Half Tent	70	8.59	601.30
8469-577-4926	Cover, Canteen	95	1.16	110.20
8465-889-3744	Canteen, Plastic	20	.21	22.00
8415-761-6313	Liner, Helmet	60	6.50	390.00
7210-282-7950	Blankets	80	7.97	637.60
5805-521-1320	Telephone TA-1/PT	2	40.18	80.36
NSN	Camera, Polaroid	1	70.00	70.00
6730-663-9813	Projector 16MM Sound	2	569.00	1138.00
NSN	Speaker, Projector	1	110.00	110.00
NSN	Slide Projector, Carousel	1	110.00	110.00
NSN	Yashika Reflex Camera	1	100.00	100.00
NSN	Rear View Screen and Kit	1	50.00	50.00
NSN	Camera, Equipment		150.00	150.00
NSN	Screen BM 10-A	1	33.00	33.00
NSN	Megaphone	1	16.51	16.51
8345-250-0919	Sling Flag Staff	2	14.80	29.60
8345-656-1434	Flag National Colors	2	6.10	12.20
8345-242-3656	Flag Staffs	10	6.56	65.60
NSN	Flag ROTC State Seal	1	Est 25.00	25.00
6605-846-7618	Compass, Lensetic	25	8.31	207.75
7195-275-5824	Table, Work Armorer	1	110.00	110.00
8335-267-2965	Ft. Measuring Device	1	47.50	47.50
7105-269-9275	Table, Field	6	11.90	71.40
6650-678-5627	Telescope M-48	3	181.00	543.00
6650-530-0960	Telescope	4	124.00	496.00
8415-292-9239	Coat, Shooting	10	5.35	53.50
NSN	Kit Quick Kill	1	Est 75.00	75.00
NSN	Misc. GSA Supplies		1500.00	1500.00
NSN	Army Library Books	1	2500.00	2500.00
NSN	Display Cases ROTC	3	69.80	209.40
			TOTAL	34,718.02

[redacted] provided the following figures for all equipment including the building which was lost during the destruction of the aforementioned building:

$85,000.00	Building
29,000.00	University property ($100 or greater in value)
34,718.02	Military
$148,718.02	Total

[redacted] advised that the above figures were not yet complete but that he would provide the complete estimate at the time it was compiled.

III. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

III. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

A. INTERVIEWS WITH KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU) STUDENTS

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 22, 1970

[redacted] Ohio, was interviewed by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] on May 19, 1970, at her home.

[redacted] stated that she was a sophomore at Kent State University (KSU) and lived in Room [redacted] Verder Hall. She stated that she was at the KSU campus from May 2 to May 4, 1970, and observed some parts of the disturbances.

[redacted] stated that she is a friend of [redacted] who resides in Canton, Ohio, but that she has not had an opportunity to speak with [redacted] concerning the disturbances or any of the incidents connected with the disturbances. She stated that [redacted] s a Social Work major and had recently spent a week in a black ghetto as part of her training. During this week, [redacted] had a small child with her whom she had befriended and as a result was in and out of the dormitory.

[redacted] stated that she did not participate in any demonstration and was not even a bystander. She stated that she stayed in her dormitory as ordered and the only information she has was information that she obtained second hand. She stated that the only incident that she personally saw was the burning of the ROTC Building and that she observed this from the sun deck of the dormitory.

[redacted] stated that a girl known to her as [redacted] who resides at Verder Hall at KSU and who may live in Shaker Heights, Ohio, observed a photographer being beaten after he had taken a photograph of some students burning a United States flag.

[redacted] stated that on Sunday afternoon she observed a mixed group of long hair, hippie type youths harassing the National Guard. She stated that they shouted obscenities at the Guardsmen and sang filthy songs and, in general, tried to aggravate them.

[redacted] stated that she observed some of the events on Monday, May 4, 1970, but from the distance of her

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CY 98-2140
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On 5/12/70 at [redacted] Ohio File #

SAs [redacted]

by [redacted] jm Date dictated 5/19/70

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dormitory, she would be unable to identify any of the participants who took part in the disturbances.

[redacted] stated that AVE WOLFSON, who resides at 2414 Shady Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was an observer of the demonstration and has written an article for a Pittsburgh newspaper called "The Point" about the demonstration.

[redacted] stated that she did not know for sure but stated she is confident that [redacted] who both live at Verder Hall, took part in the demonstration. [redacted] categorized [redacted] as a radical but would not elaborate on this term.

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[redacted] Ohio, upon interview at [redacted] Ohio, where she is employed, advised that she is a student at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, where she resided in Room [redacted] Metcalf Hall.

She said that during the weekend of May 1-3, 1970, she and her boyfriend, KSU student [redacted] were in Washington, D.C., and did not return to the KSU campus until late on May 3, 1970.

[redacted] resides at [redacted] Ohio, and in Kent, Ohio, he resided at 329 East College Street.

She stated that she did not observe the shooting incident on May 4, 1970, inasmuch as she was afraid of what was going on and did not agree with challenging the National Guard; therefore, she stayed in her room.

She stated that she has no personal knowledge of the burning of the KSU ROTC Building, but stated that [redacted] had told her that an acquaintance of his, whom she has seen but does not know by name, had made some statement to [redacted] about making bombs and burning more buildings, but that the burnings did not transpire because there were too many National Guard troops around on campus.

She described this individual as a Caucasian male, approximately 5'6" in height, dark brown hair, small face, who had a mustache and who wears glasses with heavy frames. She stated that this individual gives the appearance of always staring.

She volunteered information that [redacted] (last name unknown), a housemate of [redacted] is a "Communist" whose home residence is somewhere in West Virginia. After ANDY dropped

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out of KSU he went to Michigan where he got in some sort of trouble at Ann Arbor. Recently he returned to Kent and has spoke of enrolling at KSU. She believes that [redacted] is his nickname, but stated that [redacted] know his true name.

She said she has no information that [redacted] had anything to do with the burning of the ROTC building or making bombs.

[redacted] advised that she has never been in the basement of [redacted] ent residence, but has never seen anything that resembled a bomb or molotov cocktail on the premises.

She also volunteered information that [redacted] Name Unknown) from [redacted] Ohio, was a member of SDS at KSU prior to [redacted] out of college this spring, and that [redacted] roommate, [redacted] also dropped out of school at the same time. Both of these persons used to live in Clark Hall and she could not say whether they were on campus during the incidents of May 2-4, 1970.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] orks for [redacted] in Dayton, Ohio, painting houses located throughout the Dayton, Ohio, metropolitan area.

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B. APPROX. 1950

On May 20, 1970, [redacted] South Euclid, Ohio was contacted by SA J[redacted] who identified himself as a Special Agent of the FBI and informed [redacted] int the interview concerned his knowledge of the events that transpired at Kent State University (KSU), May 1-4, 1970.

[redacted] s 20 years old and a junior at Kent State University.

[redacted] began by saying that he had been approached by two Agents of the FBI previous to this interview, but had refused to talk to them. After calling Legal Aid and the American Civil Liberties Union, [redacted] ecided to talk to the FBI because "he had nothing to hide". [redacted] wanted to have an attorney present but after being told by Legal Aid that he would have to pay for an attorney himself, [redacted] decided to talk to the FBI without the presence of an attorney.

On Friday, May 1, 1970, [redacted] stated that he went to a sorority house at about 7:30 PM, then on to a Loft Bar around 10:30 PM. He was at the Loft Bar when about 11:00 - 11:30 PM, [redacted] heard students chanting. He went outside to see what was going on. Students were smashing windows and breaking bottles on the street. He and his friends went back towards KSU. On the way to KSU he saw policemen indiscriminantly hitting kids. Arriving at KSU he went to his dorm and to sleep.

Saturday, May 2, 1970, a rally was being sponsored by a faculty group called the World Historians. Organized against Racism and Exploitation. The rally began around 7:00 PM but not too many students showed up for it (approximately 1000). The rally then marched around campus picking up more students along the way. By this time, however, the faculty had lost the leadership of the rally. [redacted] id that it had been taken over by "hard core members of SDS and the Hippie faction". The marchers set the athletic shack afire. [redacted] stated that he had helped to put it out. The Guard arrived shortly after the ROTC fire. So [redacted] went to his dorm.

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He saw the fire in the ROTC building but was not close enough to see who had lit it. [redacted] had no knowledge of what SDS members if any had started the demonstration and burnings.

Sunday, May 3, 1970, [redacted] stayed in his dorms and Sunday night watched the helicopters fly around the campus.

Monday, May 4, 1970, [redacted] went over to the Commons at about 12:00 PM. The students voted to strike. Shortly thereafter the Guard was brought up to disperse the crowd. [redacted] said the Guard fired tear gas and pepper gas. [redacted] said that he was in the crowd that was pushed over the hill and down across the practice field in front of Taylor Hall. [redacted] was beneath the field when the Guard turned to go back uphill. He states that he had just climbed back over the summit of the hill and onto the practice field when the National Guard fired on the students. He saw a girl fall with her head blown off and realized the Guard was not firing blanks.

[redacted] said that he approached the body of the slain girl. Students milled about the body while the Guard back off up the hill.

While bending over the girl's body, [redacted] said a piece of concrete flew at him. He has surmised that this was caused by a bullet hitting the concrete next to him. [redacted] did not hear a report from a rifle nor did he see the spent shell or bullet. He feels that nothing else could have made the chip of concrete fly towards him like it did, except a bullet.

[redacted] stated that he would not willingly testify before a Grand Jury. He further stated that he is telling the FBI the same things that he is going to tell the American Civil Liberties Union.

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[redacted] was contacted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] at her residence, [redacted] New York.

[redacted] was made aware of the identities of the interviewing Agents and advised she was being interviewed to ascertain her knowledge and/or participation in the recent student demonstrations at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio on May 2, 1970.

[redacted] was then advised of her constitutional rights, namely that she had the right to remain silent, that anything she said could be used against her in a court of law and that she had the right to consult with an attorney prior to answering any questions. [redacted] was also furnished an Interrogation; Advice of Rights Form which she refused to sign. [redacted] was then questioned specifically about her alleged participation or involvement in the burning of the ROTC Building at Kent State University. [redacted] then stated there were no facts in the allegations and thereafter refused to discuss the matter any further.

The following descriptive data of [redacted] was gained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Height	5'8"
Weight	130-140 pounds
Hair	Brown, long
Eyes	Brown
Physical Characteristic	Wears metal framed glasses
Occupation	Student, Kent State University
Home Residence	[redacted] New York

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[redacted] Pa., advised that he was born on January 2, 1949, and is a junior at Kent State University. He will be in the senior class in the fall of 1970. [redacted] advised that he resides at Kent State University in Johnson Hall.

He recalled that sometime during the rallies and prior to the shooting by the National Guard, he saw two men on one motorcycle come over the hill in front of Taylor Hall. He noticed them because they were shouting and waving. [redacted] did not believe that this incident occurred on the night of the fire of the ROTC Building because it was during the daylight hours.

He stated that he was a spectator just outside of the dorm the night of the fire. He saw no one that he could identify set fire to the ROTC Building or tried to prolong it.

He added that on Saturday, May 2, 1970, there was talk that there was going to be an attempt to burn down the ROTC Building. [redacted] did not know the source but observed that quite a few from the Johnson Hall dorm had been to rallies.

He stated that the evening of the fire he had gone to bed between 7 and 8 p.m. He was awakened by a couple of friends who told him, "They are trying to burn the ROTC Building." He got dressed and went outside. He could see a few flames and he could see a small group trying to throw what appeared to him to be flares. He noted that he was standing approximately 300 yards away from the group and could not identify anyone. He noted that the firemen were on hand already and the hoses were on. Suddenly the flames burst out on one side of the building and it was out of control.

[redacted] stated that the only organizations involved were the Kent Chapter to End the War in Vietnam and the Student Mobilization Committee (SMC). He stated these two organizations promulgated the rallies which were occurring. There were no hard core SDS on campus although the four previously arrested

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he heard had been released a few days before the incident of the fire. [redacted] did not see any of these individuals.

[redacted] stated that he himself did not attend any of the meetings and although he was at a couple of rallies they were all disorganized.

When he returned to his home in [redacted] on Sunday, May 24, 1970, he stated that his mail contained a letter dated May 13, 1970, from "Committee of Kent State Massacre Witnesses, c/o SMC, 2102 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, 44115 621-6516." This letter was addressed to "Dear Fellow Kent Student" and contained a green enclosure soliciting funds. [redacted] made the above enclosure available.

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[redacted] Stow, Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents. [redacted] furnished the following voluntary information:

[redacted] Kent, Ohio. These apartments are approved off campus housing, and all people living in the apartments are supposed to be students at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. [redacted] advised that he has no record of renting an apartment to one THOMAS MILLER at 134 West Summit Street, Kent, Ohio.

[redacted] advised he asked someone at the Dubetz Apartments about THOMAS MILLER and that person advised [redacted] that one THOMAS MILLER had been visiting one of the apartments at the 134 West Summit Street address. [redacted] advised that a list of the people residing at the 134 West Summit Street address had been provided the FBI by [redacted]

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On June 1, 1970, the following investigation was conducted at Kent, Ohio, by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

Attempts were made to locate and interview the following people and it was determined they were not at home on June 1, 1970:

[redacted], Ohio

[redacted]
Kent, Ohio

[redacted]
Kent, Ohio

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[redacted] was contacted at the [redacted]. He stated that he attended Kent State University and will graduate this year if he finishes the correspondence courses he has received. He stated that he followed a business course at the university and was a member of ROTC. He will receive his commission this month and if he should be needed for future inquiry he can be located through his mother [redacted] Ohio.

He advised that on May 1, 1970, he went to a movie in Kent, Ohio, and got out about the time of the disturbance. He did not stay to observe it but rather returned to his apartment. On Saturday, May 2, 1970, he picked his wife up at [redacted] at 7:00 PM, where she was employed and returned to their apartment where they stayed for the rest of the evening and therefore had no idea as to who may have set fire to the ROTC building. He advised that on Sunday, May 3, 1970, he helped the officers and other ROTC students clean up the mess and try to salvage items from the ROTC building. He stated that he was so occupied on Monday, May 4, 1970, when the shooting occurred. He stated from where he was working he could observe the students throwing the gas canisters back at the National Guard, but the activity was not within his view when the actual shooting took place and therefore he could not comment on the shooting.

He stated that since most of his friends are fellow ROTC members on campus he did not have any information as to who might have caused the fire at the ROTC building.

He advised that he carries Rail Road Flares in the trunk of his car as warning devices in the event of a breakdown. He stated that he received these flares while he worked for the railroad. He stated that on the night of the disturbance in downtown Kent, Ohio, May 1, 1970, he removed these flares from his car and took them to the apartment to keep them safe from theft. He stated that they must have rolled down behind the couch when he moved from the apartment. He advised that he did not give any flares to any Kent students and did not use any flares himself in connection with the fire at the ROTC building.

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III. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

B. INTERVIEWS WITH KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU) FACULTY

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[redacted], Pittsburgh, Pa., 15217, telephone [redacted] advised as follows:

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[redacted] age 19, was a second year student at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, during the 1969-70 Fall and Spring Terms. He is majoring in broadcasting and journalism. He is currently employed by the [redacted], Pennsylvania.

[redacted] was in Pittsburgh on Saturday, May 2, 1970. He returned to the Kent University campus at about 9:00 PM on May 3, 1970. [redacted] did not witness any disturbances on the Kent State Campus on May 2, 1970.

On Sunday, May 3, 1970, some students were driven off of the campus by tear gas released by the National Guard. [redacted] witnessed some of this activity. He saw no one injured.

The students were disturbed over the war in Vietnam and Cambodia and resented the presence of the National Guard. There was a rumor that a student had been bayoneted by a guard.

On Monday, May 4, 1970, signs appeared on the campus announcing a rally. It was rumored that the campus was under marshal law and a rally would not be permitted.

At 12:00 Noon about 800 to 900 students gathered on the campus in the vicinity of Taylor Hall.

A member of the National Guard told the assembled students to dispurse. Tear gas was released by the guard.

[redacted] was hit with some tear gas and went into a nearby building to wash. In about five minutes [redacted] departed the building and took a position in about the center of the group of students, which then had increased to about 1,000.

There were a few hundred students looking out of windows in nearby buildings.

The students on the campus divided into two groups.

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They were yelling "Pigs" at the guards and were yelling for the guards to get off the campus. Several long haired and bearded individuals were up front leading the students.

Some students were throwing small flat stones, about one inch in diameter, at the guards. Some of these stones hit the guards. One individual was observed to throw a rock approximately the size of a baseball. It did not hit anyone.

The guard had split; about 20 guards in two rows of 10 proceeded across the campus toward Taylor Hall. The front line dropped to one knee and pointed their guns at the students. They did not fire at this time but stood up and proceeded in their march.

The two groups of students took turns throwing stones at the guards and while the guards turned their attention to one group of students, the other attempted to throw back the tear gas canisters and throw stones.

The guards would release gas at one group of students and then at the other.

No firearms were observed in the hands of the students. No firearms were observed in possession of any individual in buildings or trees around the area.

The students were making so much noise it was difficult to hear.

The front line of guards, about 10 in number, went down on one knee and in unison pointed their guns at the students. The rear row of the guards pointed their guns slightly over the heads of the students. Shots in unison were heard.

[redacted] who by this time was at the rear of the group of students, ran into one of the school buildings.

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All of the shots sounded alike as if coming from the same type of weapon.

[redacted] stated that in his opinion there would have been no violence if the students would have been permitted to have a rally on the campus.

He heard that there was possibly a few outsiders among the students, but he does not know who they were. He could not identify the leaders of the students. He could not identify students throwing stones. He could not identify the members of the National Guard who discharged firearms.

After the shooting, students' rooms were searched. [redacted] does not believe that the search was proper or legal.

[redacted] heard a rumor that a student was shot and killed by a police officer in civilian attire and that another was injured by this individual. He does not know the identity of this police officer.

The shooting took place at approximately 12:45 PM. The students did not entirely leave the campus until about 2:00 PM.

[redacted] did not observe a photographer being beaten. He did not observe the American flag being destroyed.

[redacted] article concerning the activity which was published in the May 7, 1970, issue of "The Pittsbrugh Point," a weekly newspaper published in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

[redacted] will certify to the accuracy of this article.

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[redacted] who resides at [redacted] West Virginia, and who is employed as [redacted] was interviewed.

[redacted] advised that he is subscriber to telephone [redacted] Huntington, W. Va. [redacted] advised he has not received any telephone calls from any persons in the vicinity of Kent, Ohio. [redacted] advised that he has a daughter, age 20, [redacted], and a student at Marshall University, Huntington, W. Va., employed part-time at [redacted] W. Va., who has an acquaintance who did attend Kent State University at Kent, Ohio. [redacted] advised that it is quite possible his daughter received telephone calls from this acquaintance whose identity is unknown to [redacted]

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I [redacted] student who resides at [redacted] was interviewed.

[redacted] advised that she resides with her parents at the above address and that her parents are subscribers to [redacted], telephone [redacted] explained that she is employed on a part-time basis at [redacted], Va. During February or March of 1970, she [redacted], who was a customer of [redacted] Store. [redacted] stated that [redacted] returned as a student to Kent State University about March, 1970, and resumed his studies at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

[redacted] advised that while [redacted] was in [redacted], Va., she believes he may have worked for [redacted] and Company, [redacted], Va.

[redacted] advised that based upon her recollection, on or about April 8, 1970, she received a long distance telephone call from [redacted] who was then at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. She learned that [redacted] attempted to telephonically contact her on two earlier occasions on that date; however, she had been at work and had not received the calls. At this time, [redacted] pursued a general conversation with [redacted]. They discussed activities in [redacted]'s French class, the fact that [redacted] had spent a sum of money on some records, and other general conversation. Miss [redacted] stated that at no time did [redacted] discuss his activities or give any indication that he was involved in any type of a demonstration, or a planned demonstration, and made no mention that demonstrations were planned at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio.

On May 5, 1970, [redacted] advised that she received another telephone call from [redacted] who stated that Kent State University had been closed due to student demonstrations, and that he was at that time in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with a friend not further identified to [redacted]. [redacted] informed [redacted] that since Kent State University had been closed, that he and his friend had intended to drive around the country giving no specific reason or basis for his travels.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] did come by her residence approximately two weeks prior to this interview, exact date unrecalled, and visited with her. At this time, [redacted] stated she asked [redacted] about the demonstration activities at Kent State University; however, he furnished her with no specific information which had not appeared in the local newspapers concerning demonstrations and the resulting death of four students at Kent State University, on or about the first week of May, 1970.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] informed her that he had stood around and watched the crowds and had observed the activities of the various persons involved in the activities at Kent State University, during the time the four students were killed, and that one of the students who was killed was a friend of his. [redacted] stated that based upon her conversation with [redacted] she does not believe that he was actively involved nor did he participate in any of the student activities involving Kent State University. [redacted] stated that she does not believe [redacted] is the type of individual who would actively engage in such activities and that he made no radical or liberal statements to her, offering an opinion one way or another. [redacted] stated this assumption is based upon the fact that [redacted] had made no forcible or aggressive comments favoring the activities of students and persons involved at Kent State University.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] previously resided at 230 East [redacted] Kent, Ohio, while he attended Kent State University. [redacted] advised that she does not know [redacted] present whereabouts and she has received no information from him since he telephonically contacted her, reportedly from Pittsburgh, Pa., approximately two weeks prior to this interview.

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[redacted] Bartender, Loft Bar, corner of West Main Street, and Franklin Avenue, Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents. [redacted] was advised that the interviewing agents wished to know the identity of [redacted] (LNU) who visits the Dubetz Apartments, 134 West Summit Street, Kent, Ohio. [redacted] voluntarily furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that the person that the FBI was attempting to locate is probably [redacted] who works part time at the Loft Bar, and resides in Aurora, Ohio. [redacted] advised [redacted] is a student at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. [redacted] drives a 1962 Chevrolet, and resides with his parents.

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[redacted] Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, and the fact that they wished to interview him concerning any knowledge he has concerning the KSU disturbances from May 1-4, 1970. [redacted] furnished the following voluntary information:

SAC See [redacted] advised that on Friday evening, May 1, 1970, he went camping near a small town thirty miles from Kent, Ohio. He left Friday afternoon, and returned on Saturday, May 2, 1970. [redacted] was accompanied on this camping trip by [redacted] According to [redacted] this group had the intention of camping out overnight; however, they had an open fire in the camping area, and the police came and told them they could not have an open fire; therefore, they went to a house owned by one of the parents of the people in the group and spent the evening in that house. [redacted] was aware of the disturbances that were taking place in downtown Kent, Ohio, on May 1, 1970, by reports he heard on the car radio. [redacted] advised he is not aware of any organized disturbances that were planned for the downtown Kent area on May 1, 1970. [redacted] further stated that he had heard that [redacted] was responsible for breaking a bank window in downtown Kent, Ohio, on the evening of May 1, 1970. [redacted] advised he had heard that [redacted] pushed a lawn seeder through the bank window. [redacted] is not aware of [redacted] current address. [redacted] employed at the [redacted] on West Main Street in Kent, Ohio. [redacted] feels that because of the people he knows and his place of employment, he would have heard about any planned rallies for Friday night, May 1, 1970.

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[redacted] advised that on Saturday, May 2, 1970, he and the party that went camping returned to Kent, Ohio, early in the afternoon. [redacted] was staying with his girl friend [redacted] in College Towers Apartments, apartment [redacted] was staying at his girl friend's apartment and wherever else he could obtain lodging from his friends. [redacted] advised that because he was late in registering for the Spring term at KSU, he was unable to obtain housing accommodations in Kent, Ohio.

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He was forced to stay wherever he could with his friends. The reason why [redacted] was late in registering was because at the beginning of April, 1970, KSU had a break and [redacted] and some of his friends traveled to Florida for the Spring vacation. [redacted] drove from Kent, Ohio, to Miami, Florida, accompanied by [redacted] This term break lasted for approximately five days, but because of the fun [redacted] was having in Florida, he decided to stay on past the break and have a friend of his register for him for the Spring term. [redacted] advised he returned to Kent, Ohio, about four days after the 1970 Spring quarter began. [redacted] drove back to Kent, Ohio, accompanied by [redacted] Last Name Unknown, a friend of [redacted] from Miami, Florida, [redacted], and other people [redacted] could not recall, lived with [redacted]

[redacted] advised that because he did not have living accommodations in Kent, Ohio, he stayed on occasion at the apartment of [redacted] and her roommates. One of [redacted] roommates was SANDRA SCHEUER. [redacted] described SANDRA as a real friendly person with a good sense of humor. SANDRA did not go to Florida with [redacted] or her roommate, [redacted] SANDRA's main interest was speech therapy, and [redacted] understands that on the day SANDRA was killed on the KSU campus, she was going to work with a patient. [redacted] never heard that SANDRA SCHEUER wanted to go to any of the political rallies on the KSU campus. SANDRA was not politically minded and when people began discussing their political feelings, SANDY SCHEUER would be more inclined to joke about the subject and would make light of the entire conversation.

[redacted] continued to relate his activities on Saturday night, May 2, 1970, by stating that the same people who went camping on Friday night, drank beer at the College Towers, most of them going from apartments 766, 602 and 765. At approximately 9:00 or 10:00 p.m., on Saturday night, May 2, 1970, [redacted] decided to walk over to the area of the KSU campus known as the Commons. They had observed a large orange glow in the sky indicating a fire from the direction of the Commons, and they had heard at the College Towers that the ROTC building on the KSU campus was burning. Before they began walking toward the Commons, they met individuals telling them "they" were firing tear gas on the Commons. [redacted] and

[redacted] decided not to continue on to the Commons; however, [redacted] continued on to the Commons. [redacted] advised that when they arrived at the Commons, they stopped at the top of the hill on the northeast side of Taylor Hall and saw about 1000 students in the Commons area. Approximately 300 to 400 people were gathered around the victory bell on the Commons. [redacted] advised the ROTC building was burning and they observed the Ohio National Guard (ONG) arriving on the west end of the Commons. [redacted] heard an announcement directed to the students on the Commons advising them that they should leave the area. At this point, [redacted] and [redacted] left the area and returned to College Towers.

[redacted] advised he could not furnish any firsthand information concerning the burning of the ROTC building.

On Sunday, May 3, 1970, [redacted] was talking with THOMAS MILLER, who resides in Dubetz Apartments, Kent, Ohio. THOMAS MILLER is known best by his nickname "AQUINAS". [redacted] advised that THOMAS MILLER told him that "we" cut the fire hose, and "we" were responsible for setting the fire to the ROTC building. THOMAS MILLER resides in the first apartment on the right on the first floor coming in the back door of the Dubet Apartments on West Summit Street, Kent, Ohio. [redacted] described AQUINAS as approximately 5 feet 9 inches, to 5 feet 10 inches, white male, meek personality, a funny, easy-going type guy. THOMAS MILLER owns a goat. [redacted] advised that THOMAS MILLER lives with KSU students, but [redacted] believes MILLER is not a student. [redacted] believes that MILLER is a poet and wanted to write poetry and other articles that he has been unable to write until coming to Kent, Ohio. THOMAS MILLER has never discussed his political convictions with [redacted] considers MILLER very intelligent, and when MILLER was discussing how he cut the fire hoses, it was during a group discussion, but [redacted] cannot recall who else was present during this discussion. [redacted] does recall MILLER stating, "we" broke the windows to the ROTC building, then "we" lit the curtains, and then someone else threw a Molotov cocktail on the roof of the ROTC building. THOMAS MILLER, according to [redacted] is trying to change his name legally to "AQUINAS MOONROCKET." [redacted] further advised that when he heard from [redacted] that the FBI wished to talk with him and that the FBI had mentioned "AQUINAS'" name, [redacted] called AQUINAS to tell him that the FBI was looking for him and to further advise him to leave town. When [redacted] telephonically contacted AQUINAS' apartment, he was advised by someone that THOMAS MILLER, "AQUINAS", had "split."

[redacted] advised he is in total sympathy with the students who burned the ROTC building on the KSU campus. The reason why [redacted] has sympathy for the burning of the ROTC building is because he feels that the burning of the building was the only way the students could wake up the administration of the KSU campus to the fact that the students must be heard. [redacted] advised that all rational attempts had been made for a long period of time to have the students' views made known to the KSU administration and they resulted in no evidence of success. [redacted] sympathy with the burning lies with the students' feelings and not the actual burning. These students believed they were doing right in burning the ROTC building because this was the only means of communication left to them.

[redacted] advised that he is aware of JERRY RUBIN's philosophy indicating that if college students cannot make their parents believe what is going on today on the campus is right, they should kill their parents. [redacted] describes himself as a complete left radical. [redacted] interpretation of RUBIN's theories concerning parents is that if parents are not part of the solution to relieve the oppressed youth of today, figuratively, the present day education system should be changed and the whole idea of rearing children should be changed. Today's children are being taught in the schools a limited scope of beliefs and they are not being educated in the problems of the oppressed people in America today. [redacted] believes that JERRY RUBIN actually means that students should kill their parents, but [redacted] only believes that the modern day education system should be corrected. [redacted] further related he has been raised in a capitalistic system and has known the better things in life. He feels that the oppressed people of America should be helped; however, if it came to a point where he would have to change places with an oppressed person, he could not do it because he is too used to the modern day conveniences he has. [redacted] advised he does not advocate the violent overthrow of the United States Government. He feels that students today do not get credit for their understanding of what is happening. The students of today have more insight into the problems of the country than the news media and the general public itself.

[redacted] advised on Sunday, May 3, 1970, he went to a rally at the Commons of the KSU campus. At approximately 4:00 or 5:00 p.m., on May 3, 1970, he was in a crowd of approximately 600 students gathered around the victory bell on

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the Commons. This group of students left the area of the Commons and marched to the Eastway Hall complex of dormitories. Some members of this crowd began throwing rocks at the windows of the dormitories, but other members told them to stop and they did. The crowd marched around to Tri Towers complex of dormitories and the number of the crowd increased to approximately 2000 people. As the crowd approached Dunbar Hall, they were met by a group of ONG who had formed on Midway Lane near Dunbar Hall. The ONG fired tear gas without any type of warning at the crowd and [redacted] and other members of the crowd ran into Dunbar Hall to escape the tear gas. At approximately 9:30 or 10:00 p.m. [redacted] left Dunbar Hall and saw helicopters flying overhead on the campus with spot lights shining on the ground. [redacted] observed students dancing in the spot lights. At approximately 10:00 p.m., [redacted] was a member of a crowd gathered on East Main Street in front of the main gate of the KSU campus. The ONG was blocking Main Street toward the downtown area of Kent, Ohio. They were also blocking Main Street heading east, placing the crowd [redacted] was in between the two lines of ONG.

A student member of this crowd gathered on Main Street approached the ONG and talked with them for a period of time. This student then spoke over a police loudspeaker and told the crowd that he had been advised that if the crowd moved back onto the KSU campus President WHITE and the Mayor of Kent, Ohio, would come and talk to the students. The crowd moved back onto the campus and about 5 minutes after they were on the KSU campus, the National Guard fired tear gas at the students. The students began to run and [redacted] ran south on Lincoln Street and into a house on Lincoln Street. As [redacted] was running down Lincoln Street, two girls were helping a boy and requested [redacted] to assist them. [redacted] saw that the boy had been bayoneted in the back. [redacted] helped this boy into a house on Lincoln Street located two houses north of Delta Gamma Fraternity House. [redacted], a friend of [redacted] who has been in the military service, held the wound shut until the ambulance came. [redacted] left the house where the wounded student was and accompanied the stretcher to the ambulance. As he walked by/Ohio National Guardsman, he asked him, "Did you find the murderer?" The Guardsman replied to [redacted] by saying, "I'd just as soon shoot you as look at you, so get the hell out." [redacted] left Kent, Ohio, early Monday morning at approximately 2:00 a.m.,

and returned to his home in Northfield Center, Ohio. [redacted] advised he was not present on the KSU campus on Monday, May 4, 1970, during the shooting. [redacted] feels that because the ONG lied to the students gathered on Main Street Sunday night, that is the reason why it was such a large turnout for the rally on Monday, May 4, 1970.

[redacted] advised that JEFFREY MILLER, who was killed on Monday, May 4, 1970, had dated SANDY SCHEUER. [redacted] only knew JEFFREY MILLER through SANDY SCHEUER. [redacted] feels that JEFF was a politically minded individual and that MILLER is a rational type person and [redacted] does not believe MILLER would have thrown any rocks at the Ohio National Guardsmen.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Alias	[redacted]
Sex	male
Race	Caucasian
Date of Birth	April 11, 1948
Place of Birth	[redacted] Ohio
Height	6 feet
Weight	165 pounds
Build	average
Hair	brown
Eyes	green
Residence	[redacted] Ohio
Telephone Number	[redacted]
Occupation	Student (junior) Biology Major KSU;
	[redacted] Pennsylvania
Marital Status	single
Family Members	
Father	[redacted]
Mother	
Brother	
Sister	

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THOMAS MILLER, 134 West Summit Street, Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identity of the Interviewing Agents. MILLER was advised that the Interviewing Agents wished to discuss with him his presence at the burning of the ROTC Building on the Kent State University (KSU) campus, Kent, Ohio on May 2, 1970. Special Agent [redacted] advised MILLER of his rights, and presented him with a warning and waiver form. MILLER refused to sign the rights form and refused to discuss the burning of the KSU ROTC Building.

The Interviewing Agents requested MILLER to furnish background information and MILLER advised he had been interviewed by the FBI in Kent, Ohio, previously, and at that time had furnished all of his background information.

The interview was concluded at this point.

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by SAs [redacted] RJN:bmd Date dictated 6/2/70

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[redacted] t, was advised of the identities of interviewing agents, the reason for which he was being contacted, and his Constitutional rights according to "Interrogation; Advice of Rights", FD 395, which he read, advised he fully understood, but which he declined to sign. [redacted] consented to be interviewed, and furnished the following information: [redacted] Ohio

[redacted]

On [redacted] 2, 1970, around 6 to 7:00 P.M., [redacted] drove [redacted] and [redacted] to Kent, Ohio, from Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, in his 1970 Green Maverick automobile. Both [redacted] and [redacted] are students at Cuyahoga Falls High School.

Upon arriving in Kent, the three wandered around in the downtown area, and then proceeded to a house located next to a church parking lot in Kent, on Mantua Street. They went into the upstairs apartment of the house which was occupied by [redacted] someone told [redacted] that [redacted] had taken "acid" (LSD), and [redacted] observed that [redacted] gave the appearance of one who was under the influence of drugs. Sometime afterward, [redacted] and [redacted] both from North Hampton, Ohio, who attend Woodridge High School, arrived in a Volkswagen bus, driven by [redacted]

About one half hour later, someone suggested going to the Kent State University campus "to see what was going on". [redacted] got into [redacted] Volkswagen, and went to KSU. Sometime between 7:30 and 8:00 P.M., they arrived at the "Pit" section of the Tri-Towers Dormatory. In the Pit, when they arrived, wer[redacted].

The Pit was full of individuals of student age, and were being fed sandwiches from somewhere upstairs. Either [redacted] was carrying a hunting knife with sheath.

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by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] Date dictated 6/1/70

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After a short space of time, most of the individuals in the Pit, including [redacted] and the above named persons, started moving out of the Pit and toward the Commons area of KSU. [redacted] did not pick up any rocks along the way, nor did he see anyone else do so. The group from the Pit appeared to be led, at least partially, by RUPE and RICK (LNU).

Individuals of student age had already gathered near a ROTC building on the edge of the Commons when [redacted] arrived there. Individuals, whom [redacted] could not identify began throwing rocks at the ROTC building and the rocks could be heard striking the building and breaking glass. [redacted] who were located near the front of the crowd facing the ROTC building, were together during the activities that followed.

People started chanting "Burn, ROTC, Burn", and numerous flare type incendiary devices were thrown at the ROTC building. [redacted] observed one flare roll off the roof and a white male with dark hair, whom [redacted] could not identify picked it off the ground, and threw it into the building. The ROTC building caught fire, and later an athletic shed located across the Commons from the ROTC building, was fired by unknown individuals.

At one point, [redacted] noticed a burning United States of America flag being held aloft and carried from place to place by RUPE, who later threw same on the ground.

Later the crowd moved off campus along Main Street in Kent, after which time units of the National Guard began arriving to maintain order. From Main Street, the crowd again moved to the KSU Commons, and sat on Blanket Hill (a section of the Commons) watching the ROTC building burn. By this time, the ROTC building was completely in flames.

Around 11:00 P.M. everyone, including [redacted] moved back to the Pit. Afterwards, [redacted] (LNU) departed and went back to the Mantua Street residence, which was vacant. [redacted] and [redacted] left for Cuyahoga Falls in [redacted] Maverick without [redacted] whose location was unknown.

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[redacted] denied taking part in any activity of a destructive nature on the night of May 2, 1970, and could not identify anyone else who did, with the exception of JERRY RUPE.

The following description of [redacted] as obtained through observation and interview:

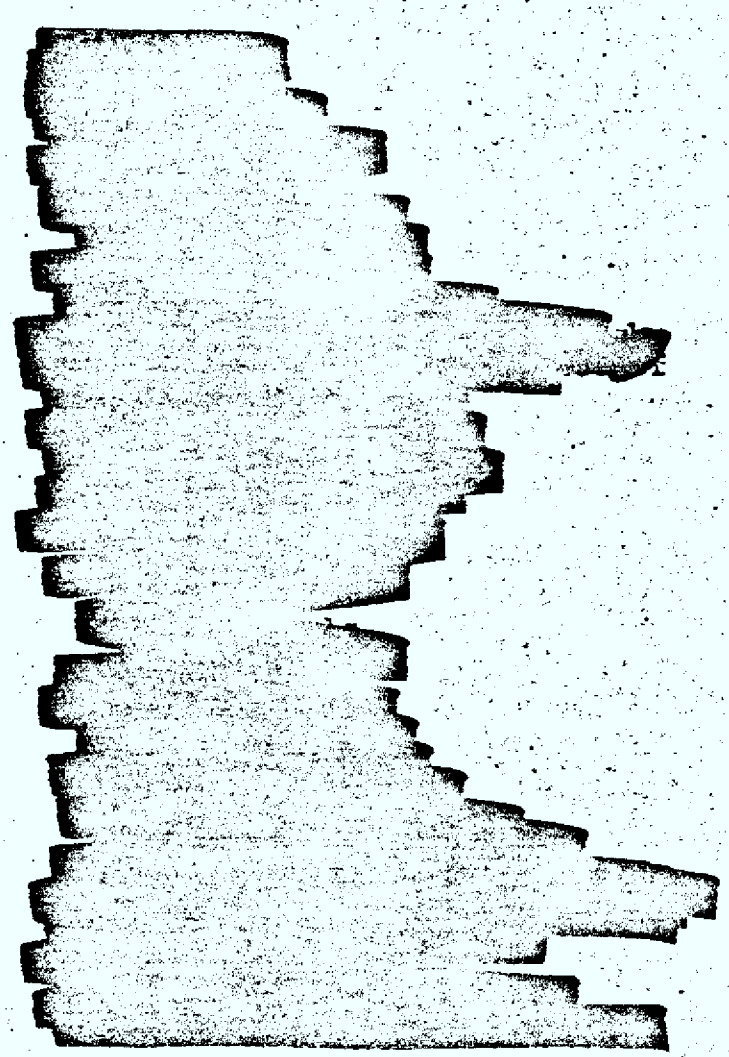
Sex
Race
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Height
Hair
Weight
Eyes
SSN
Education

Residence

Father
Mother
Sisters

Employment

Scars and/or
Marks



[redacted] declined to furnish a written statement since he thought his oral statement would suffice.

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[redacted] student, Woodridge [redacted] Ohio, was located for interview at the high school and he was immediately advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents, orally advised of his constitutional rights by SA [redacted] and he read same as indicated on an executed Warning of Rights and Waiver Form. [redacted] was interviewed thereafter in the presence of [redacted] Principal, [redacted] in view of school policy.

[redacted] advised he is 17 years of age and resides with his parents at [redacted] Ohio. He stated he traveled in his 1963 Volkswagen bus, light green in color, which bears 1970 Ohio license, to Kent, Ohio, on the evening of May 2, 1970. He acknowledged he was accompanied on this trip by a fellow [redacted] He advised upon their arrival in Kent, he and [redacted] stopped at the residence of his friend, (First Name Unknown) [redacted] who lives on North Mantua, Kent.

He advised they arrived there at approximately 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. and also at the residence upon arrival were the following individuals: [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), [redacted] student at Cuyahoga Falls High School, [redacted] and [redacted] (phonetic), friends of [redacted] and both students Cuyahoga Falls High School. He stated [redacted] and [redacted] (LNU) may have been at the residence, however, he is not sure. He does recall the brother of [redacted] and his girlfriend, [redacted] were also at the residence.

[redacted] acknowledged that [redacted] has a hunting knife and scabbard, however, he does not know whether [redacted] carried this knife when these individuals left the residence later that evening.

[redacted] advised he [redacted] BARRY

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from the North Mantua residence in his Volkswagen bus to the campus of Kent State University (KSU). He stated they arrived on the campus at approximately 8:00 p.m. and later during the evening, he did observe [redacted] and [redacted] along with [redacted] brother and his girlfriend on the KSU campus in the vicinity of the ROTC Building. He stated shortly after their arrival, the group he was with joined a large group of individuals near the Tri-Towers Dormitory and marched en masse toward the ROTC Building just off the "Commons". He stated the only leader he noted was a white male whom he did not know, who had a megaphone and was shouting orders to the crowd such as "Pick up rocks" and he acknowledged at this time that he and [redacted] picked up rocks along the march, however, he did not throw any rocks at any buildings that night. He stated he could not speak for [redacted] as to whether he threw any rocks at the ROTC Building.

He stated the only persons recognized by him in the area of the ROTC Building on the night of May 2, 1970, were those previously mentioned, and he did not personally know or did he observe any of the others set fire to the ROTC Building.

[redacted] stated after a fire was started in the corner office, first floor, of the ROTC Building, firemen arrived and he did join a large group of people and pulled on the firehose so that the firemen could not utilize same in putting out the fire. He acknowledged he observed leaks in the firehose shortly thereafter, however, he did not observe any individual cutting same. He stated just prior to the fire starting in the ROTC Building, he observed JERRY (LNU) carrying a burning American flag on a stick amongst the crowd.

[redacted] acknowledged he marched around the campus with a large group of individuals, and he observed a small shed set afire, accompanied the group down to Main Street, and then returned when the group heard the Ohio National Guard (ONG) was coming. He stated he and the group returned to a hall overlooking the ROTC Building and sat for awhile and watched same burn.

He stated at approximately 11:00 p.m., he and [redacted] left the KSU campus in his Volkswagen bus,

and they returned to their respective residences in [redacted] Ohio.

[redacted] He advised when he and [redacted] left, he observed [redacted] heading toward the Tri-Towers Dormitory.

[redacted] advised he could provide no additional information regarding the burning of the ROTC Building and did not see that it would be necessary for him to execute a statement as he has admitted his participation in the activities as stated above.

The following descriptive information was obtained through observation and interview:

Name: [redacted]
Race:
Sex:
Age:
Date of Birth:
Place of Birth:
Height:
Weight:
Hair:
Eyes:
Residence:

Occupation:

Parents:

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[redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents, the reason for being contacted, and his Constitutional rights according to "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form, which he read, advised he fully understood, but declined to sign. [redacted] consented to be interviewed and furnished the following information:

On May 2, 1970, in the late afternoon [redacted] along with [redacted] also a student at [redacted] Ohio, in [redacted] Volkswagen bus for Kent, Ohio. They were supposed to meet [redacted] at a church parking lot next to a house in Kent, Ohio, and upon observing [redacted] vehicle, a Maverick, parked outside the residence, they entered the upstairs portion, an apartment. Inside the apartment were [redacted], [redacted] observed no one taking drugs or under the influence of same.

[redacted] advised that there was supposed to be a rally at [redacted] State University (KSU), and [redacted] got into the Volkswagen bus. [redacted] drove them to KSU where they got out, wandered around for a while, and then congregated with other individuals of student age in a lounge on campus. The lounge was so crowded that it was hard to move around. Sandwiches and "pop" were being served in the upstairs portion of the lounge. [redacted] was heard to shout, "One, two, three, four, we don't want your fucking war."

People started leaving the lounge area, and [redacted] and [redacted] followed the crowd which was going in the direction of the Commons. The crowd passed a construction site, where [redacted] picked up a rock and [redacted] picked up several. [redacted] observed a large portion of the crowd picking up rocks.

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S/ [redacted]
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The crowd arrived at the Commons, and [redacted] observed people throwing rocks and flares at a campus ROTC building. [redacted] advised that he might have thrown his rock, but could not remember for sure. [redacted] assumed [redacted] threw his rocks, but did not actually see him nor anyone else he could identify throw rocks. [redacted] and [redacted] were standing approximately 60 yards from the ROTC building. At one point [redacted] observed the ROTC building being doused with a can of inflammatory liquid, which was subsequently lighted and caused the ROTC building to burn more profusely than it had previously.

At some point [redacted] took a United States of America flag, which belonged to [redacted] and while an unidentified individual held the flag, [redacted] took a cigarette lighter, frayed the edge of the flag, and then ignited the flag. The flag was burning and was later thrown on a tree limb and continued to burn. The flag was about three feet long and two feet wide.

Firemen arrived at the scene and tried to fight the fire, but their activity was curtailed by [redacted] and an individual called JERRY, whom [redacted] could not identify completely. Two hoses were laid out by the firemen, and JERRY led an attack on the first hose which was pulled away from the firemen. The second hose was also removed from the control of the firemen, and [redacted] personally helped remove the second hose by physically pulling the hose away from the firemen. [redacted] later noticed water spurting from the sides of the hoses and concluded that some hoses must have been cut by members of the crowd, none of whom he could identify.

Although [redacted] could not identify anyone who threw rocks or flares, he advised that MILLER, JERRY, [redacted] were up front in the crowd, in the vicinity from which the above items were being thrown.

The crowd and [redacted] later moved off campus to Main Street, Kent, where [redacted] observed JERRY tearing down a bus stop sign. [redacted] also observed [redacted] throw a rock at National Guardsmen in a jeep. The Guardsmen arrived during the time the crowd moved out in the Main Street vicinity.

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The crowd and [redacted] then went back to the Commons area where the ROTC building was completely in flames, having only been burning on one end when the crowd had departed for Main Street.

After watching the building burn, [redacted] and [redacted] returned to the Volkswagen bus and drove back to Peninsula, Ohio.

A written statement was not furnished since [redacted] thought that an oral statement would suffice.

The following description of [redacted] was taken through observation and interview:

Sex:	Male
Race:	Caucasian
Birth Data:	January 8, 1954, at Akron, Ohio
Height:	5' 6"
Weight:	144 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Scars and Marks:	[redacted]
Characteristics:	
Residence:	
Father:	
Mother:	
Brothers:	
Social Security Number	

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[redacted] Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, was interviewed at [redacted], in the presence of [redacted]. At the outset of the interview, [redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and of the nature of the interview. He was then furnished by SA [redacted] with a copy of a form entitled "Interrogation: Advice of Rights." [redacted] read this form, indicated orally that he completely understood it, but refused to sign the form. He then furnished the following information:

[redacted] went to a rally at Kent State University (KSU) on the night of May 2, 1970. He was picked up at his house by an individual named [redacted] who is a friend of [redacted]. [redacted] was driving a Volkswagen bus. There were [redacted] individuals in the bus, including himself, [redacted]. He could recall none of the names of the other individuals involved.

The bus with the above individuals arrived at KSU at approximately 7:00 to 8:00 PM, May 2, 1970. [redacted] stated that he could not recall if anyone else took any kind of narcotic during the evening and refused to state whether or not he had. When he got to KSU, he went right to Tri-Towers Dormitory and there was a large crowd of people at Tri-Towers when they arrived. The mob then marched to the KSU Commons. People then started running to the ROTC building. They started throwing rocks and breaking windows in the building. There did not appear at that time, or at any other time, to be any leader of the mob.

[redacted] stated that he, himself, threw several rocks at the ROTC building. He got the rocks from the ground around him. He estimated the crowd at that time to be 500 to 600 persons.

He then saw a red glow coming from a corner office in the ROTC building and the building started to catch on fire. He did not see who started the fire. He then saw people running up to the windows of the ROTC

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building and throwing in flares and what appeared to be paper. He did not know any of these people, nor could he identify them. He, himself, threw nothing of this sort into the building. He saw no one throw in what appeared to be rags, nor did he see anyone around any motorcycles.

Shortly after the building started to catch on fire, the Fire Department came. People then started to take hoses from the firemen. A group of people from the mob ran toward him with a hose and someone said pull, so he pulled the hose too. He could recall no one else who was involved with pulling this hose.

He had, by this time, become separated from the other individuals who had come to the rally with him. The hose he pulled was a hose that was trailed by the fire department as they came to the ROTC building and was hooked to a hydrant above the building. There was no water in the hose when they first got ahold of it, but the hydrant was opened shortly thereafter.

[redacted] stated that he then cut through the covering of the hose with a pocket knife. Water pressure pulled the hose away from him at that point.

He stated that after this he went to the hill behind the ROTC building and watched the building burn.

He then returned to Tri-Towers, where he was allowed to return to his home some time after that. He then recalled that one TOM FOGLESONG had been with the group when they went to the rally. He was not with TOM FOGLESONG when he was pulling on the hose.

The following description of [redacted] was taken from observation and interview:

Name:
Address: [redacted] Ohio

Height:
Weight:
Hair:
Eyes:
Scars, Marks and Tattoos:

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Social Security
Number:
Date of Birth:
Place of Birth:
Mother:

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THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG was interviewed at his home at 3046 South Oakhill Road, Silver Lake, Ohio. At the outset of the interview, he was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and of the nature of the interview. He was then furnished by SA [redacted] with a copy of a form entitled, "Interrogation; Advice of Rights," which he read, indicated orally he understood and signed. He then furnished the following information:

On May 2, 1970, FOGLESONG was picked up at his residence by one [redacted] in a green 1970 Ford Maverick. [redacted] was with [redacted] at that time. From his house, they proceeded to Kent, Ohio, where they went to a house located on North Mantua Street. This house can be reached by turning left off of Route 5 onto North Mantua Street. The house is then the first house on the right. At that house, they met [redacted], girlfriend, [redacted] and another male with long blond hair. They stayed at the house for a while and heard about a rally to take place that evening on the campus of Kent State University (KSU) about 7:30 to 8:00 PM. At about this time, [redacted] and himself went to the KSU campus in BOB's Volkswagen bus and parked in a parking lot at the school and walked to Tri-Towers dorm. FOGLESONG stated that this is where the rally was to be held. He advised that he does not know if any of the other individuals had taken any sort of narcotic, but stated that he did not do so himself.

When they arrived at Tri-Towers, there was a crowd of approximately 1000 people milling around and shooting firecrackers. Shortly thereafter, the crowd of people started marching. He does not know what started them and there seemed to be no person directing them. The mob moved toward the Commons at KSU. They got to the Commons when it started to get dark, at approximately 8:30 to 8:45 PM.

FOGLESONG advised that during the evening, he was not really with any of the individuals with whom he

On 6/2/70 at Silver Lake, Ohio File # Cleveland 98-2140

SA [redacted]

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 6/3/70

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had come to the rally, but just saw them on and off intermittently. He knew faces of some of the individuals other than those they he came to the rally with, but he knew no one by name other than those people.

Shortly after arriving at the Commons, people started throwing rocks at the ROTC building. They were rocks that were obtained by picking them up off the ground. The people throwing the rocks probably amounted to approximately 100 and were limited to those persons in front of the mob.

FOGLESONG stated that he, himself, was in front of the mob and threw two rocks at the ROTC building. He does not know where one rock hit, but the other rock landed on the roof.

FOGLESONG stated that "by that time things got out of hand." Someone was ringing the bell on the KSU Commons, but he had no idea who. Then, an unseen individual threw a flare at the ROTC building, but the flare bounced off and hit the ground. Someone else, who he could not see and could not determine if he knew him and could not identify, threw this flare inside the ROTC building. This flare did nothing and appeared to burn out. The fire department arrived a short time after that. Some one, who he could not see well enough to identify, then ran up and tried to start the curtains on fire. They caught on fire. Then approximately 60 to 70 members of the group came running around the side of the ROTC building, pulling on a hose. When they got to him, he also pulled on the hose. He did not know where the hose was coming from. After the hose had been pulled out apparently as far as it would go, some one started beating on it with a stick. He did not know who this was. He saw no one trying to cut the hose. He also saw [redacted] pulling on the same hose.

The police, at this point, came, and approximately 15 to 20 of them lined up between the mob and the ROTC building. The police started shooting tear gas at the mob and FOGLESONG got a good whiff of it. He started backing up toward the hill in back of the ROTC building and the mob appeared to scatter. They then saw the Ohio National Guard coming. He sat on the hill and watched the fire burn for a short time. He saw no one throwing anything at firemen.

A second hose on the Commons side of the ROTC building was also pulled away from the firemen by the mob, but he has no idea who pulled that hose. He saw no firemen assaulted, nor did he see any motorcycles around.

During the evening he saw no one that he recognized doing anything but standing around with the exception of [redacted] who he saw pulling on the same hose that he pulled on.

The Ohio National Guard then marched toward the hill he was seated on. He eventually got into Tri-Towers dorm and an hour and a half later he was told to go.

A friend of [redacted] gave [redacted] and him a ride in a dark colored Volkswagen sedan to [redacted] car, which was parked at the house on North Mantua Street. He then was driven to his home by [redacted]

The following description was obtained from observation and interview:

Name:	THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG
Address:	3046 South Oakhill Road Silver Lake, Ohio
Height:	6'3"
Weight:	180 pounds
Hair:	Blond
Eyes:	Blue
Social Security Number:	032-40-7730
Date of Birth:	May 7, 1950
Military Service:	None (Registered for draft with Local Board, Akron, Ohio)
Mother:	BERNADINE FOGLESONG 3046 South Oakhill Road Silver Lake, Ohio
Father:	THOMAS FOGLESONG 3046 South Oakhill Road Silver Lake, Ohio

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Sisters:

PAT FOGLESONG
Age 17
JAN FOGLESONG
Age 13
3046 South Oakhill Drive
Silver Lake, Ohio.

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Date June 4, 1970

RICHARD CONRAD FELBER, also known as RICK FELBER, was interviewed at his current place of residence, 2nd floor apartment at 127 North Mantua Street, Kent, Ohio. He was immediately advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and was informed the purpose of the interview was to discuss with him the burning of the ROTC building on the campus of Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, during the evening of May 2, 1970.

FELBER was furnished a Waiver of Rights form, which he read and stated he understood but refused to sign.

FELBER advised he was present on the KSU campus at approximately 8:00 PM on the evening of May 2, 1970. He said he witnessed the burning of the ROTC building and he was present when it was initially set on fire. He refused to identify any individuals he saw present at the fire, refused to state if he saw anyone set it on fire, and also refused to say if he saw anyone interfering with the firemen who were attempting to put out the blaze. FELBER did admit that he knew some individuals present at the fire, but he refused to furnish any of their names or if they had any part in setting the building aflame.

When FELBER was asked if he himself had any part in setting the ROTC building aflame or had any part in interfering with the firemen who were attempting to put the blaze under control, he replied by stating he could not answer that question.

FELBER was also asked specifically if he knew who set the ROTC building aflame and he replied he did not. He was also asked if he did know who set the building on fire would he identify that person to the FBI and he stated he would not.

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SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

by Date dictated 6/4/70

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The following physical description of FELBER was obtained through observation and interview:

Name:	RICHARD CONRAD FELBER
Alias:	RICK FELBER
Race:	Caucasian
Sex:	Male
Birth Data:	September 12, 1949, at Akron, Ohio
Height:	6' 1½"
Weight:	165 pounds
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Blond (shoulder length)
Eyes:	Green (always wears glasses)
Marital Status:	Single
Military:	None
Selective Service Status:	Registered with Local Board 113, Akron, Ohio; classified 2-S
Selective Service Number:	33-113-49-801
Employment:	Unemployed
Education:	High school graduate; dropped out of KSU at end of Fall Quarter 1969
Parents:	Mr. and Mrs. JOHN J. FELBER, 984 Inman Street, Akron, Ohio
Present Address:	127 North Mantua Street, second floor apartment, Kent, Ohio

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Date June 4, 1970

JERRY RUPE, 127 North Mantua Street, Kent, Ohio, (second floor apartment), was contacted by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] at his place of residence. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the purpose of the interview, an Interrogation and Advice of Rights form was afforded to RUPE. A Waiver of Rights form was executed and he then supplied the following information:

RUPE advised that on the evening of Saturday, May 2, 1970, he walked from his residence at the above location to the campus of Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio. He was unable to state the exact time he arrived nor the time he left nor the purpose of his visit to the KSU campus.

RUPE advised that he was unable to supply any information regarding the burning of the ROTC building or any of the activities that took place on the KSU campus that evening. He stated he did not like the rap of the crowd that had gathered on the Commons of the KSU campus so he left the campus and returned to his residence.

RUPE stated he did not start the fire at the ROTC building nor did he take part in the burning of the building and did not have anything to do with the destruction of the fire hoses.

RUPE advised he was unable to supply any positive information regarding the activities which took place on the KSU campus during the weekend of May 1-4, 1970. He stated he was unable to supply the names of any individuals who were on the campus of KSU at the time the ROTC building was burned.

RUPE advised he is employed with his father in installing ceramic tile and is presently working at Ohio

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University, Athens, Ohio.' RUPE was unable to supply the name of the construction firm.

The following background information was obtained from observation and interview:

Name:	JERRY RUPE
Race:	Caucasian
Sex:	Male
Birth:	July 23, 1948, at Eustis, Florida
Height:	5' 11"
Weight:	180 pounds
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Scars and Marks:	Two tattoos each on left and right upper arms; one tattoo of bird on right wrist; one tattoo on left hand
Marital Status:	Single
Social Security Number:	288-40-7579
Selective Service Status:	1-Y [redacted]
Army Serial Number:	RA 15733423

THE FOLLOWING TWO PHOTOGRAPHS WERE DISPLAYED TO [redacted] CLEVELAND, OHIO, ON May 25, 1970, AND HE IDENTIFIED PETER CHARLES BLEIK IN THESE PHOTOGRAPHS AS BEING IDENTICAL WITH AN INDIVIDUAL HE OBSERVED START THE ROTC FIRE.

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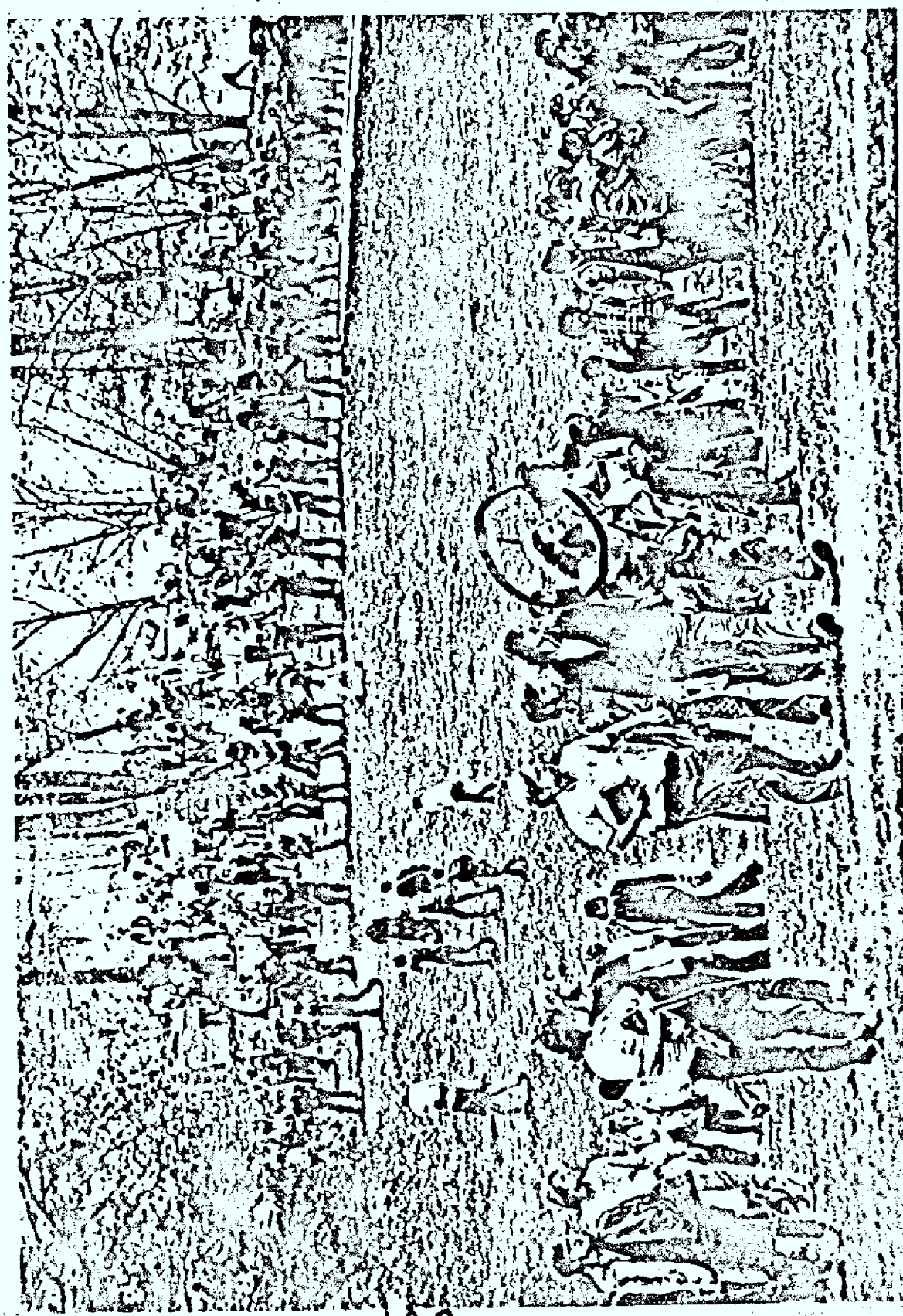



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KENT STATE SHOOTING

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FILE NUMBER: 98-46479

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. A. Rosen

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: June 3, 1970

1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

FROM : C. D. Brennan

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Fire Bombing of Army ROTC Building
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio
May 2, 1970
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise that a summary of information developed in this case which identifies ten participants in violent activity and/or persons interfering with firemen was furnished personally to Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley, Internal Security Division, with a request that a prompt decision as to prosecutive action be made.

Three investigative reports have been submitted in this case since the investigation was initiated totaling over 1,900 pages. Such have been furnished to the Department. Cleveland on 6/2/70 furnished the above summary identifying ten individuals and requested that this information be immediately furnished to the Department in order that a prompt decision could be made by the Department as to whether any Federal prosecution is warranted or whether immediate Federal Grand Jury action should be considered. At that time Cleveland advised that it is apparent local arrests and prosecution of some of the same individuals may be forthcoming.

The summary of information furnished by Cleveland was personally made available to Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley on 6/2/70 who advised that this matter would be taken under consideration and the Bureau advised. He advised that after the reports have been completely reviewed it may be appropriate for him to send an attorney from the Internal Security Division to Cleveland to coordinate any further investigation necessary. The SAC, Cleveland, has been telephonically advised.

Enclosure Sent 6-4-70

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INT. SEC.

Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Fire Bombing of Army ROTC Building
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio
May 2, 1970

Inasmuch as all information to date has been furnished directly to the Attorney General, it would appear appropriate that he be also advised of this information which has been personally furnished Assistant Attorney General Yeagley.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter to the Attorney General be approved confirming the information furnished personally to Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley which also requests a prompt opinion with regard to Federal prosecutive action against individuals involved in the burning of the ROTC building at Kent State University.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: June 12 1970

FROM: J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Fire Bombing of Army ROTC Building
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio
May 2, 1970
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS - FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

EXP. PROC.
31 JUN 16 1970

Reference is made to your memorandum of June 4, 1970, requesting this Division to advise whether Federal prosecution is warranted in this matter.

Upon receipt of the investigative reports on June 2nd and after a conference with Bureau supervisors on that date, I dispatched an attorney from this Division to Cleveland, Ohio, as I had indicated I would. He conferred on June 4 and 5, 1970 with representatives of your field office there. As a result of these conferences, our attorney requested that your field office conduct certain additional investigation in this matter, which was agreeable to the Bureau representatives.

When we receive the results of the additional investigation which has been requested, we will promptly advise you as to our decision with respect to possible prosecution.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 6/10/70

FROM : C. D. Brennan

SUBJECT: [redacted]
PETER CHARLES BLEIK;
DOUGLAS CHARLES CORMACK; RICK FELBER;
THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG;
[redacted]
JERRY RUPE; [redacted]
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise that a report dated 6/4/70, (a copy attached) has been received from Cleveland concerning the Kent State University (KSU) ROTC burning which lists nine individuals as subjects.

Jerry Rupe and Rick Felber were identified by a high school student as appearing to be leaders of group which marched to the ROTC building 5/2/70 where a demonstration led to the burning of that facility. This individual saw Rupe carrying a burning American flag. Both Rupe and Felber, former KSU students, [redacted]

Subject [redacted] a nonstudent, previously admitted handing gasoline soaked rag to an unknown person who placed it in an ROTC window and ignited it; he also admitted assisting this person breaking windows in the ROTC building to provide draft for fire.

Subject Cormack, a nonstudent, previously admitted throwing rocks at building and hindered firemen attempting to put out ROTC fire.

Subject Bleik, a KSU student, identified from two photographs as person placing burning rag in ROTC building.

Enclosure detached 302 11 — sent letters 6-10-70

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
Re: Arthur Scott Barnhardt, et al.

Subjects [redacted] Smiley, [redacted] high school students, and Foglesong, a nonstudent, all interfered with firemen and all but [redacted] threw rocks during activities 5/2 /70.

Investigation continuing to establish complicity of Thomas Miller, former KSU student, in cutting hoses and participating in burning of ROTC building as previously reported. He has refused to be interviewed although another student advised that from conversation with Miller he has implied that he was involved in this matter.

Cleveland is expediting additional investigation requested by Department designed to develop additional witnesses and in particular to recontact persons previously interviewed to exhibit photographs for identification purposes which photographs were not available at the time of original interviews. This is being closely followed and will be brought to a conclusion as soon as possible.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter to the Attorney General with copies for the Deputy Attorney General, Assistant Attorneys General, Internal Security Division, Civil Rights Division, and Criminal Division; and a letter to John D. Ehrlichman at the White House be approved, enclosing for each a copy of the above report.

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 6-15-70

Attached is reply to our 6-11-70 letter requesting an early decision on prosecution on charges of Antiriot Law violations against individuals who cut fire hoses and otherwise interfered with firemen during the burning of the ROTC building at Kent State University, 5-2-70. Our letter noted that local arrests and prosecutions were imminent.

Section 231 of Title 18, U. S. Code, mentioned on page two of attached, prohibits interference with firemen or police during civil disorders.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: June 15, 1970

FROM : J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: [redacted]
PETER CHARLES BLEIK;
DOUGLAS CHARLES CORMACK; RICK FELBER;
THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG;
[redacted]
JERRY RUPE; [redacted]
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

Reference is made to your memorandum to the Attorney General dated June 11, 1970, regarding this matter.

I appreciate your furnishing me with a copy of your memorandum since it gives me an opportunity to clarify our position concerning this case. As you noted, Mr. Morris visited your field office in Cleveland, Ohio on June 4 and 5, 1970. I had sent Mr. Morris to Cleveland, after conferring with your representatives here, in order to ascertain, on the scene, what further investigation was necessary to enable us to proceed speedily with a prosecution under the sabotage statutes. To this end, Mr. Morris was, at my request, appointed as a Special Attorney of the Department by the Deputy Attorney General with authority to present evidence to a grand jury of a violation of the sabotage statutes, if the facts warranted such action at that time. After reviewing all of the facts which had been developed by your field office, he concluded that the evidence was insufficient to warrant presentation of this matter to a grand jury. He determined, however, that additional investigation by your Bureau might develop such evidence and suggested to your Agents a number of certain specific leads for investigation. These leads are now being pursued by your Cleveland office.

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Mr. Morris has advised me that he did not intend to convey to your representatives the impression that sabotage charges could not be brought against those individuals who were involved in the cutting of fire hoses and otherwise interfering with firemen who attempted to put out the blaze at the ROTC building at Kent State University on May 2, 1970, but only that Section 231 of Title 18, U.S.C., might, in the final analysis, be a more appropriate prosecutive vehicle to proceed against those persons. He did not, however, rule out the possibility of proceeding against any individual under the sabotage statutes where such a prosecution would be justified by the evidence which might be available.

Upon receipt of the results of the additional investigation requested of your representatives in Cleveland, we will promptly advise you of our decision with respect to possible prosecution in this matter.

The usual run around by the do nothing Div.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 98-2140

FBI FILE NO.

LATENT CASE NO. A-22113

June 17, 1970

TO: SAC, Cleveland

RE: UNSUBS.;
FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
KENT, OHIO
5-2-70
SABOTAGE

REFERENCE: Airtel 6-1-70
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Cleveland
SPECIMENS: One softball bat, Q16

No latent prints of value present or developed on Q16.

You will receive a separate report regarding the results of our Laboratory examinations, as well as the disposition of Q16.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: UNSUBS;
FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING KENT STATE UNIVERSITY KENT, OHIO 5/2/70 SABOTAGE

File # [illegible]
Lab. # PC-C6847 JP LY
LC# A-22113

Examination requested by: FBI, Cleveland (98-2140) Airtel 6/1/70

Examination requested: Glass (P & O) - Instr. (Spec.) Fingerprint

Date received: 6/2/70 reg.

Result of Examination: [illegible]

Examination by: MILLER

PALMER
Rogers

Noted By: [illegible] 6/9/70

Specimens submitted for examination

Q16 Softball bat

Examination Completed [illegible] 6/5/70
Time Date

Dictated 6/5/70
Date

6-1-70

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (88-2140)

RE: UNSUBS;
BREAKING OF
ARMY ROTC BUILDING
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
KENT, OHIO
5-2-70
SABOTAGE

Enclosed under separate cover is one baseball bat which was used by [redacted] from an unknown subject on the morning of 5-2-70. The bat is believed to have been used in the breaking of windows of the ROTC Building.

REQUEST DESIRED:

The FBI Laboratory is requested to examine the baseball bat for latent fingerprints and also conduct examinations to locate glass particles or paint chips which may have adhered to the bat while being used for the breaking of ROTC Building windows.

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FBI

Date: 6/17/70

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (98-46479)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140) (P)

SUBJECT: [redacted] 7C
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SABOTAGE; SEDITION;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY;
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 -
INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED FACILITY

OO: CLEVELAND

Re Cleveland teletype to Bureau, 6/16/70.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of an LHM concerning proposed local prosecution in captioned matter.

LEADS

CLEVELAND

AT KENT AND RAVENNA, OHIO

Will continue to maintain liaison with appropriate local authorities and keep Bureau advised of their plans for prosecution in this matter.

ENCLOSURE

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Cleveland, Ohio

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

June 17, 1970

[redacted]
PETER CHARLES BIEIK;
DOUGLAS CHARLES CORMACK;
RICK FELBER;
THOMAS CRANDON ECCLESTONE;
[redacted]
JERRY RUDD;
[redacted]

SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 - INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED FACILITY

On June 16, 1970, [redacted] Arson Investigator, Division of State Fire Marshal, Chardon, Ohio, telephonically contacted the Akron, Ohio Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. [redacted] advised that Portage County Prosecutor Ron Kane, Ravenna, Ohio, had indicated that he intends to recall the currently impaneled Portage County Grand Jury into session beginning July 1, 1970.

Mr. Kane told [redacted] hat he intends to present to this Grand Jury information regarding the burning of the Army ROTC building at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, on May 2, 1970. Mr. Kane indicated to [redacted] that he will forcefully pursue indictments against suspects developed in this matter, even in instances wherein only one witness has identified a suspect as being involved in the burning.

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The Attorney General

June 22, 1970

Director, FBI

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DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

By letter to you dated June 11, 1970, it was requested that an early decision be arrived at as to whether prosecutive action was warranted concerning subjects of this case. The Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, responded by letter dated June 15, 1970, requesting that this Bureau determine whether any local prosecutive action had been taken or was being contemplated in Ohio concerning the destruction of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) building at Kent State University (KSU) on May 2, 1970, and the obstruction of fire-fighting efforts on that date.

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JUN 22 1970
COMM-FBI

On June 18, 1970, Mr. Ronald J. Kane, Prosecutor, Portage County, Ohio, advised that he had not received the results of any investigation concerning incidents at KSU. For this reason, he has initiated no prosecutive action and does not know when he will empanel a county grand jury for this purpose although he anticipates such will be done by about mid-July, 1970. Mr. Kane stated that since he has received no report concerning this matter he cannot state what tools he will have at his disposal to take before the grand jury.

EX-110 REC-15 98-46479-

It has been determined that investigations are still being conducted as to the incidents at KSU between May 1 and May 4, 1970, by the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Arson Division of the State Fire Marshal.

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The Attorney General

Mr. Kane also advised that he is interested in the prosecution of violations which have occurred at KSU and that for this reason he telephonically requested FBI Headquarters in Washington, D. C., to make available to him copies of reports in this case. There is no record that such a request was made by Mr. Kane who advised that he spoke with Mr. Robert Murphy, an Attorney in the Department of Justice, with regard to this matter. He advised that as a result he has an appointment on June 25, 1970, at Ravenna, Ohio, to discuss local and Federal prosecutive plans with Mr. Murphy and Mr. Jerris Leonard, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division. It was explained to Mr. Kane that due to the confidential nature of FBI files reports in this case could not be furnished to him.

[redacted]

In view of the apparent lack of any definite basis at this time for local prosecution of persons responsible for incidents on May 2, 1970, it is requested that you advise whether Federal prosecution is warranted.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

NOTE:

See memorandum C. D. Brennan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 6/19/70, captioned as above, prepared by GHM:pab.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
JUN 16 1970

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Mr. Tolson
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535 PM URGENT 6/16/70 MJB

TO: DIRECTOR (98-46479)

FROM: CLEVELAND (98-2140)

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[redacted] ETAL, SABOTAGE, ETAL, OO: CLEVELAND.

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[redacted], ARSON INVESTIGATOR, DIVISION OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL, CHARDON, OHIO, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT PORTAGE COUNTY PROSECUTOR RON KANE, RAVENNA, OHIO, HAS INDICATED THAT HE INTENDS TO RECALL THE CURRENTLY IMPANELED PORTAGE COUNTY GRAND JURY INTO SESSION BEGINNING ON JULY ONE, NEXT.

KANE TOLD [redacted] THAT HE INTENDS TO PRESENT TO THIS GRAND JURY INFORMATION REGARDING THE BURNING OF ARMY ROTC BULIDING AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, ON MAY TWO, LAST, AND WILL FORCEFULLY PURSUE INDICTMENTS ON SUSPECTS DEVELOPED IN THIS MATTER, EVEN IN INSTANCES WHEREIN ONLY ONE WITNESS HAS IDENTIFIED A SUSPECT AS BEING INVOLVED IN THE BURNING.

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[redacted]

JUN 22 1970

END PAGE ONE

1cc - Crim. Div., Civil Rights Div., ISD
6-18-70
GHM-SWE

TC

[redacted]

ADMINISTRATIVE:

CLEVELAND WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF PLANS FOR LOCAL PROSECUTION IN THIS MATTER.

LHM TO FOLLOW.

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END.

TRC FBI WASHINGTON DC

DJ-150
(4-26-65)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: June 15, 1970

FROM : Will Wilson
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: [redacted] Peter Charles Bleik; Douglas Charles Cormack; Rick Felber; Thomas Graydon Foglesong; [redacted] Jerry Rupe; [redacted] — Sabotage; Sedition; Civil Rights - Federally Protected Activity; Destruction of Government Property

EXP. PROC.
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With reference to your memorandum to the Attorney General dated June 11, 1970, please determine the willingness and ability of the state prosecutor to develop any prosecution of those matters which are under the supervision of the Criminal Division, i.e., destruction of the ROTC building and the contents thereof, and the obstruction of the fire-fighting efforts. We are particularly interested in what cases have been prosecuted since the events of May 2 and any failure on the part of the state prosecutor to initiate other prosecutions.

Upon receiving your advice regarding the matters requested above, the Criminal Division will respond to the requests which were made in the Bureau's memorandum of June 11, 1970.

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6/17/70

Airtel

1 - Mr. H. A. Schutz
1 - Mr. C. L. McGowan
1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

To: SAC, Cleveland (98-2140)

From: Director, FBI (98-46479)

REC-87

[redacted] et al
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

There is attached for the assistance of the Cleveland division one copy of a letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, dated 6/15/70, concerning captioned matter.

In accordance with the request of the Department in the attached letter, you will immediately ascertain whether local authorities contemplate prosecution of any persons for participating in the destruction of the ROTC building and its contents or the obstruction of fire fighting efforts by local firemen who attempted to put out the blaze on 5/2/70.

You should expedite this request and promptly submit the results thereof in form suitable for dissemination to the Department in order that a prompt decision can be made in this matter.

Enclosure

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JUN 16 1970
COMM-FBI

NOTE: By letter to the Attorney General the Bureau requested the Department expeditiously consider Federal prosecution of subjects involved in obstructing firemen who attempted to put out fire at ROTC building at KSU, 5/2/70. In accordance with the reque of the Criminal Division, Cleveland is being requested to determin whether local authorities are considering prosecution in connectio with these activities and the destruction of the ROTC building and its contents.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
JUN 19 1970

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Mr. Tolson
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2-30 PM URGENT 6-19-70 BVS

TO DIRECTOR (98-46479)

FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140) 2P

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[redacted] ETAL, SABOTAGE, ETAL, OO: CLEVELAND.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL THIS DATE AND CLEVELAND TELETYPE, JUNE EIGHTEEN SEVENTY.

AT APPROXIMATELY FIVE PM, JUNE EIGHTEEN SEVENTY, MR. PHIL MORRIS, DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY, INTERNAL SECURITY DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, TELEPHONICALLY REQUESTED ANY ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING CAPTIONED MATTER, AND SUGGESTED THAT ANY ADDITIONAL AND PERTINENT RESULTS BE FURNISHED TO HIM TELEPHONICALLY BY CLEVELAND.

CLEVELAND ADVISED MR. MORRIS THAT REFERENCED TELETYPE WAS SENT TO THE BUREAU, JUST PRIOR TO HIS CALL AND THAT PROPER DISSEMINATION WOULD BE HANDLED BY THE BUREAU. IT WAS ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE BUREAU POLICY IS QUITE CLEAR WITH END PAGE ONE

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MR. REPOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

JUN 29 1970

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REGARDS TO DISSEMINATION AND ANY FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS CASE WILL BE HANDLED IN THE SAME MANNER.

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CC- MR. SULLIVAN

FD-18 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 6/19/70

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (98-46479)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140) (P)

SUBJECT: [redacted];
ET AL
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 - INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED FACILITY

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OO: CLEVELAND

Re Cleveland airtel and LHM to Bureau, 6/17/70;
Bureau airtel to Cleveland, 6/17/70;
Cleveland teletype to Bureau, 6/18/70.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM pertaining to possible local prosecution in this matter.

In accordance with Departmental instructions contained in a memorandum enclosed with referenced Bureau airtel to Cleveland, 6/17/70, SAs [redacted] contacted RONALD J. KANE, Prosecutor, Portage County, Ravenna, Ohio, on 6/18/70. Results of this contact are contained in enclosed LHM. At the outset of the interview with KANE, he displayed a hostile attitude based upon his assumption that the FBI should have furnished him with copies of their reports in connection with the disruptions at Kent State University in order to supplement reports he will receive from the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP), and other local law enforcement agencies, and assist him in his prosecution of appropriate individuals in this matter.

EX 106 REC-33 98-46479-83

Mr. KANE was advised that the FBI is continuing intensive investigation into captioned matter. It was also made crystal clear to KANE that the FBI has no authority to release its reports, or any information contained therein.

ENCLOSURE

2 - Bureau (Enc. 8)
3 - Cleveland (1 - 44-703)
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ICC-Yeagley "D", Crim Div. Civil Rights, 904d st
GHM-SWE - 6-23-70

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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KANE, who alleged he telephonically contacted FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C. recently attempting to secure copies of FBI reports, was questioned as to why he did not direct any questions or requests through the Cleveland Division of the FBI. He stated that he desired to deal directly with FBI Headquarters.

Prior to the termination of this interview, KANE acknowledged that he now understands the confidential nature of FBI files and this interview was concluded on a friendly and cooperative basis.

Cleveland will continue to keep the Bureau advised of plans for local prosecution in this matter.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Cleveland, Ohio

June 19, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

[redacted]
PETER CHARLES BLEIK;
DOUGLAS CHARLES CORMACK;
RICK FELBER;
THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG;
[redacted]
JERRY RUPE;
[redacted]

SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 - INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED FACILITY

RE: Memorandum from Will Wilson, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, to Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, dated June 15, 1970.

In accordance with a request from the Department of Justice, as contained in referenced memorandum, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contacted Ronald J. Kane, Prosecutor, Portage County, Ravenna, Ohio, on Juen 18, 1970.

Mr. Kane advised at this time that thusfar he has not received any reports containing investigation conducted by the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP), or other authorized local law enforcement agencies, in connection with the disruptions on the Kent State University (KSU) campus, Kent, Ohio, during the period between May 2 and May 4, 1970. He indicated that he believed that these reports would possibly be forthcoming within the next two weeks. He stated that the scope of the local law enforcement investigation will include all aspects in connection with the burning of the Army ROTC building at KSU on May 2, 1970, but that, as indicated above, he has not received the results of this investigation.

LOSURE

RE: ARTHUR SCOTT BARNHARDT; ET AL
SABOTAGE; ET AL

Due to the absence of any investigative reports to refer to, Mr. Kane indicated that he cannot at this time state exactly when he will impanel a grand jury, or what tools he will have at his disposal when he takes this matter before a grand jury. He added that he has not been able to initiate any prosecutions in this matter to date inasmuch as the investigation has not been completed.

He pointed out, however, that he is extremely interested in initiating as many local prosecutions as possible, and cited his record of having convicted approximately 60 individuals as a result of disruptions on the KSU campus during April, 1969.

Mr. Kane stated that he also desired that the FBI furnish him with copies of FBI reports in order to supplement local investigation and allow him to successfully prosecute as many persons as possible.

Mr. Kane advised that he was recently contacted by Robert Murphy, Departmental Attorney. As a result of this contact, he said he has an appointment on June 25, 1970 in Ravenna, Ohio with Mr. Murphy and Jerris Leonard, Assistant Attorney General in Charge of the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice.

Mr. Kane indicated that the purpose of his scheduled meeting with Mr. Murphy and Mr. Leonard is to discuss action Kane plans to take, and for him to learn the plans of the Department of Justice in regard to this matter. In all probability, Mr. Kane will make requests at that time for copies of FBI reports to be disseminated to him.

During this interview with Mr. Kane, Special Agents made it clear to him that the FBI has no authority whatsoever to release its reports, or any information contained therein to his office.

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.

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr A. Rosen
1 - Mail Room (5531 JB)

The Attorney General

June 29, 1970

1 - Mr W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

Director, FBI

[redacted]
PETER CHARLES BLEIK;
DOUGLAS CHARLES [illegible]OK;
RICHARD CONRAD FEL[illegible];
THOMAS GRAYDON [illegible]SONG;
[redacted]
JOHN ALVIN MU[illegible]S;
[redacted]
JERRY RUBE;
[redacted]
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

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Reference is made to my letters dated May 15, 1970, May 26, 1970, June 2, 1970, and June 10, 1970, which furnished you the results of investigation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning the burning of a Reserve Officers' Training Corps building at Kent State University on May 2, 1970.

There is enclosed for your information a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 23, 1970, at Cleveland, Ohio, which contains the results of additional investigation conducted. It is noted that this report includes investigation specifically requested by Mr. Phillip Morris which was referred to in a letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, dated June 15, 1970. Investigation in this case is continuing and the results will be furnished to you promptly when completed.

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A copy of the enclosed report is being furnished to Honorable John D. Ehrlichman at the White House.

Enclosure

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The Attorney General

1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)

1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
Civil Rights Division

1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
Criminal Division

1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
Internal Security Division

NOTE:

See memorandum C. D. Brennan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 6/25/70, captioned as above, prepared by GHM:pca.

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FBI

Date: 6/23/70

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-New) (P)

SUBJECT: ALLEGED PLOTS TO DESTROY ROTC BUILDING, CLASSROOMS AND DORMITORIES AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO SABOTAGE

OO: CLEVELAND

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are six copies of a LHM pertaining to captioned matter. Locally, two copies are being disseminated to Secret Service, Cleveland, and one copy each to military intelligence agencies.

Information contained in LHM has been orally disseminated locally to interested local law enforcement agencies.

Cleveland will continue to follow this matter through logical sources and will advise the Bureau of any pertinent developments.

2 - Bureau (Enc. 6) (RM)
2 - Cleveland

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ICC - Yeagley "D", Aring, 904d St
GHM-SWE
6-24-70

INT. SEC.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Cleveland, Ohio

June 23, 1970

ALLEGED PLOTS TO DESTROY
ROTC BUILDING, CLASSROOMS,
AND DORMITORIES AT
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU),
KENT, OHIO
SABOTAGE

On June 22, 1970, [redacted], Ohio, personally contacted the Cleveland, Ohio Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and related the following information:

He was a freshman student at Kent State University (KSU) during the Fall school term, but withdrew from school in December, 1969. He was also a friend of Allison Krause, a KSU student killed by the Ohio National Guard (ONG) during the campus disruptions in May, 1970, and he maintains that he still has close friends at KSU, "who know what is going on."

During the weekend of June 13, 1970, [redacted] returned to KSU to visit with friends and join in parties being held in connection with the graduation exercises at KSU that weekend. While in Kent, he met with his friends and learned from them that rumors are circulating around the campus that there is going to be more violence at KSU. Specifically, he stated that one rumor indicates that white radical students at KSU, who promoted the burning of the Army ROTC building at KSU on May 2, 1970, intend to burn additional ROTC buildings on the campus during the second week of the Summer school session. [redacted] noted that the Summer school term commenced on June 22, 1970.

He advised that a second rumor he heard indicates that black militant students at KSU are reportedly stealing explosives from the U.S. Army Ammunition Plant, Ravenna, Ohio, and that during the second week of the Fall, 1970, school term, they plan to bomb classroom buildings and dormitories at KSU.

RE: ALLEGED PLOTS TO DESTROY ROTC BUILDING, CLASSROOMS, AND DORMITORIES AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO

[redacted] declined to identify the persons from whom he received the above information. He stated that his sources do not have any first hand information about the matter, and he does not want to involve anyone else. He maintained that the reason he is reporting this information is that he does not desire to see anymore violence on the KSU campus. In addition, he stated that he would immediately contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the event he develops any further information pertaining to this matter.

The above information has been orally disseminated to Secret Service, Cleveland; Army Intelligence, Cleveland; Portage County Sheriff's Office, Ravenna; Kent Police Department, Kent; and the KSU Campus Police Department, Kent.

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mail Room (5531 JB)

June 29, 1970

BY LIAISON

1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

Honorable John D. Ehrlichman
Assistant to the President
for Domestic Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ehrlichman:

Reference is made to my letters dated May 15, 1970, May 26, 1970, June 2, 1970, and June 10, 1970, which furnished you the results of investigation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning the burning of a Reserve Officers' Training Corps building at Kent State University on May 2, 1970.

There is enclosed for your information a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 23, 1970, at Cleveland, Ohio, which contains the results of additional investigation conducted.

A copy of this report is being furnished to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

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JUN 29 1970

Enclosure
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NOTE:

See memorandum C. D. Brennan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 6/25/70, captioned as above, prepared by GHM:pca.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 29, 1970

BY LIAISON

Honorable John D. Ehrlichman
Assistant to the President
for Domestic Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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A copy of this report is being furnished to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: June 19, 1970

1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

FROM : C. D. Brennan

SUBJECT: [redacted]
PETER CHARLES BLEIK;
DOUGLAS CHARLES CORMACK; RICK FELBER;
THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG;
[redacted]
JERRY RUPE [redacted]
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise as to the status of local prosecutive plans concerning the burning of the Kent State University Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) building on 5/2/70.

The Criminal Division of the Department by letter 6/15/70 requested it be determined what prosecutive action has been taken locally in connection with this situation and what action is contemplated. Carl Belcher, Attorney, Criminal Division, on 6/18/70 telephonically advised that in explanation of this request he did not mean to indicate any reluctance with regard to prosecution in this case. He stated that since no action has been initiated by local authorities in over 45 days, he made this request to support his position that Federal prosecution may be warranted as to violations under his supervision, such as Destruction of Government Property and Antiriot Law violations. In connection with this request, the Portage County Prosecutor, Ronald J. Kane, on 6/18/70 advised he had not received any investigative report on which he could have or will initiate prosecution. He stated that when such is received he desires to present violations to the Portage County Grand Jury hopefully by about the middle of July, 1970. Kane also claimed he had requested FBI Headquarters to furnish him reports in this case; there is no record of such a request by Kane, and he was advised as to the confidential nature of these reports. He stated that he understood and added that he has an appointment on 6/25/70 in Ohio with Jerris Leonard, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, when they will discuss local and Federal prosecutive plans.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: ARTHUR SCOTT BARNHARDT; et al
98-46479

Investigations are still being conducted with regard to incidents at Kent State University, 5/1-4/70, by the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Arson Division of the State Fire Marshal. [redacted]

The Internal Security Division by letter 6/15/70, explaining the necessity for their request that additional investigation be conducted to establish a Sabotage violation, has in so doing continued to exhibit a do nothing attitude with regard to prosecution of other Federal violations which appear apparent.

Accordingly, a letter has been prepared to the Attorney General with copies to the Deputy Attorney General, Assistant Attorneys General, Criminal Division, Civil Rights Division and Internal Security Division, pointing out the apparent lack of sufficient information at this time to initiate local prosecutions and requesting a decision as to whether Federal prosecution is warranted.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter to the Attorney General advising as to the status of prosecutive action and requesting a decision as to whether Federal prosecution is warranted be approved.

1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
6/3/70
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Office,
1 - Mr. Mill

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

IMMEDIATE

TO FBI, CLEVELAND (98-2140)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, NINETEEN SEVENTY; SABOTAGE. REURAIRTEL JUNE ONE, NINETEEN SEVENTY.

FRESH GLASS PARTICLES SUITABLE FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES FOUND EMBEDDED IN NUMEROUS FRESH CUTS ON UPPER PORTION OF SUBMITTED BAT.

EXTREMELY THIN RED AND TANNISH-GRAY PAINT SMEARS ON BAT OF EXTREMELY LIMITED VALUE FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES.

IF AVAILABLE, GLASS AND PAINT FROM LOGICAL SOURCES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO LABORATORY FOR DIRECT COMPARISONS.

REPORT FOLLOWS.

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4 JUN 26 1970

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoac
1 - Mr. Sulliv
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Office, 71
1 - Mr. Miller

To: FBI, Cleveland (8-2140) Date: 6/10/70

Re: UNSUBS;
FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO;
5/2/70;
SABOTAGE

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.
Lab. No. PC-C6847 JP L

Examination requested by: Cleveland

Reference: Airtel 6/1/70

Examination requested: Glass - Instrumental - Fingerprint

Remarks:

This report confirms the teletype sent to your office on June 3, 1970.

If available, glass and paint from logical sources should be submitted to the Laboratory so that direct comparis with the glass and paint smears on the Q16 bat can be made.

You are being advised of the results of the latent fingerprint examinations by separate communication.

The submitted bat will be retained in the Laborator and subsequently returned along with the evidence submitted in this case.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

4 JUN 26 1970

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REPORT of the

FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Cleveland

Date: 6/10/70

FBI File No.

Re:

Lab. No. PC-C6847 JP LY

UNSUBS;
FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC
BUILDING, KENT STATE
UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO;
5/2/70; SABOTAGE

Specimens received 6/2/70

Q16 Softball bat

Results of examination:

Fresh glass particles suitable for comparison purposes were found embedded in numerous fresh cuts on the upper portion of the Q16 bat.

Extremely thin red and tannish-gray paint smears were found on Q16. These smears are of very limited value for comparison purposes because of the limited amount of paint composing them and because of contamination.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: UNSUBS;
FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY KENT, OHIO; 5/2/70; SABOTAGE

File #
Lab. # PC-C6847 JP LY

Examination requested by: FBI, Cleveland (98-2140) Airtel 6/1/

Examination requested: Glass (P & O) - Instr.
(Spec.) - Fingerprint

Date received: 6/2/70 reg

Result of Examination:

Examination by: MILLER
PALMER

Specimens submitted for examination

Q16 Softball bat

6-1-70

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)

RE: UNSUBS;
FIREBOMBING OF
ARMY ROTC BUILDING
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
KENT, OHIO
5-2-70
SABOTAGE

Enclosed under separate cover is one baseball bat recovered by [redacted] from an unknown subject on the evening of 5-2-70. The bat is believed to have been used in the breaking of windows of the ROTC Building.

EXAMINATIONS REQUESTED:

The FBI Laboratory is requested to examine the baseball bat for latent fingerprints and also conduct examinations to locate glass particles or paint chips which may have adhered to the bat while being used for the breaking of ROTC Building windows.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. C.D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. A. Rosen

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 6/25/70

1 - Mr. W.C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C.D. Brennan
1 - Mr. G.H. Menzel

FROM : C. D. Brennan

SUBJECT: [redacted]
PETER CHARLES BLEIK;
DOUGLAS CHARLES CORMACK;
RICHARD CONRAD FELBER;
THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG;
[redacted]
JOHN [redacted]
[redacted]
JERRY RUPE;
[redacted]
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise that a report dated 6/23/70, (a copy attached) has been received from Cleveland concerning the Kent State University (KSU) ROTC burning which substantiated involvement of some of the subjects.

The report primarily sets forth interviews requested by the Internal Security Division of the Department for the purpose of further substantiating the involvement of the subjects by displaying photographs to the persons interviewed, which photographs were not previously available.

Many persons interviewed when displayed photographs identified numerous individuals who were present at the KSU ROTC burning 5/2/70 and several persons identified subjects Rupe and [redacted] burning American flags and along with other subjects interfering with firemen atempting to put out the blaze.

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One Kent State fireman believes Rupe was person observed placing gasoline soaked rag into ROTC window. Another individual believed it was Rupe he observed throwing barrel containing fire through ROTC window.

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
Re: [redacted] Peter Charles Bleik; Douglas Charles Cormack; Richard Conrad Felber; Thomas Graydon Foglesong; [redacted] John Alvin Miller; [redacted] Jerry Rupe; [redacted]
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Cleveland is still attempting to locate two subjects [redacted] for purposes of displaying photographs. Also, interviews conducted have identified other persons who were present on 5/2/70 who will be located and interviewed as possible witnesses. This will be followed closely in order that this matter can be resolved as soon as possible.

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached letter to the Attorney General with copies for the Deputy Attorney General, Assistant Attorneys General, Internal Security Division, Civil Rights Division, and Criminal Division; and a letter to John D. Ehrlichman at the White House be approved, enclosing for each a copy of the above report.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CLEVELAND	CLEVELAND	6/23/70	5/16/70 - 6/23/70

TITLE OF CASE
CHANGED
[redacted]
PETER CHARLES BLEIK;
DOUGLAS CHARLES CORMACK;
RICHARD CONRAD FELBER;
THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG;
[redacted]
JERRY [redacted]

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted]

TYPED: jmd

CHARACTER OF CASE

SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 - INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED FACILITY

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Title changed to include complete name of RICHARD CONRAD FELBER, as developed through interview with him on June 4, 1970. FELBER's name previously listed as "RICK FELBER". Title also changed to include name of [redacted].

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REFERENCE

Cleveland report of SA [redacted] dated 6/4/70.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					☐ NONE	ACQUITTALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☐ N PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☐ N

APPROVED: RJS with one set of enclosures

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

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Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency	~~Ice Directors office, Gen. Invest. Div.~~		
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Date Fwd.	6-28-70		
How Fwd.	RJS		
By	GHM - SWE		

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ENCLOSURES

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two sets of photographs containing 22 photographs each. These photographs are identical to those displayed to witnesses, results of which are contained in instant report. One set of these photographs is included for dissemination by the Bureau to the Department of Justice. Locally, one set of photographs is being disseminated to the USA, Cleveland.

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CLEVELAND:

1) Will continue efforts to locate [redacted] and display photographs to them.

2) Will maintain liaison with USA, Cleveland, pending a prosecutive decision in this matter.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

On June 17, 1970, at 11:30 AM, [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, advised that at 12:00 noon this date he is being admitted to Deaconess Hospital, 4229 Pearl Road, for major back surgery and believes he will be hospitalized for at least 2 weeks.

It is to be noted that [redacted] when interviewed on May 10, 1970, stated he was present during the burning of the ROTC Building at KSU but could not identify the individuals that set the fire to the building but described them as approximately 19-20 years of age with shoulder-length hair and hippie-type dress. During this interview on May 10, 1970, [redacted] gave no description of any specific individual whom he believed fired this building.

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Date June 18, 1970

[redacted] was displayed a group of photographs as listed below. He stated from this group he recognized JERRY RUPE and ALLEN TATE as having been on the Kent State University (KSU) campus on the evening of May 2, 1970. He said that he had not seen TATE in the vicinity of the U. S. Army ROTC Building at the time persons were attempting to set fire to this building, but later saw him in the area of the small archery shed that was burned and also at the Tri-Towers area.

[redacted] stated that he had seen JERRY RUPE in the immediate vicinity of the U. S. Army ROTC Building when persons from the crowd assembled around the building were attempting to set fire to the building. He commented he had never seen RUPE trying to set fire to the U. S. Army ROTC Building, but he had seen him throw stones and also had been agitating the crowd. He stated he had observed RUPE burn a United States of America flag and had later seen him beating an unknown person who apparently had attempted to take his photograph at the time he was burning the American flag [redacted] again stated that at no time had he seen RUPE attempting to set fire to the building.

The following is a list of the photographs observed by [redacted]

[redacted]

PETER CHARLES BLEIK (3 photos)

ALAN CANFORA

[redacted]

RICHARD CONRAD FELBER

THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG

[redacted]

On - 6/18/70 [redacted] Ohio File # Cleveland 98-2140

by SA [redacted]
SA

Date dictated 6/18/70

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THOMAS DAVID MILLER

[redacted]

JERRY RUPE

[redacted]

ALLEN TATE

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Cleveland

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: CLEVELAND
Date: June 23, 1970

Field Office File #: 98-2140 Bureau File #: 98-46479

Title: [redacted]
PETER CHARLES BLEIK;
DOUGLAS CHARLES CORMACK;
RICHARD CONRAD FEIBER;
THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG;
~~Xxxxx~~: [redacted]

~~Xxxxx~~ JERRY RUPE; [redacted]

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Character: SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 - INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED FACILITY

Synopsis:

PETER CHARLES BLEIK, Rochester, N.Y., reinterv
5/26/70. BLEIK again acknowledged being present at burn
of ROTC Building, but denied active involvement. BLEIK
made available clothing which was worn by him at Kent.
This clothing was submitted to FBI Lab and was examined
for presence of smoke particles and incendiary chemical
residues. Results were negative.

Photographs of suspects were displayed to
witnesses with the following results:

[redacted]
advised he believed that JERRY RUPE was one individual
who threw a gas-soaked rag in ROTC Building.

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[redacted] Ohio, advised that RUPE was one of the hard-core demonstrators at burning of the building, and possibly threw a barrel at building.

[redacted], Ohio, advised that [redacted] THOMAS FOGLESONG, JERRY RUPE, and himself, pulled hoses from firemen. [redacted] also saw RUPE throw rocks at ROTC Building, and saw [redacted] burn American flag.

[redacted] Ohio, advised he observed RUPE with a burning American flag.

[redacted] Ohio, advised that RICHARD FELBER was one of the agitators in the crowd prior to the ROTC burning.

THOMAS FOGLESONG, Silver Lake, Ohio, advised that [redacted] pulled hoses away from the firemen.

[redacted], Cleveland, Ohio, identified PETER BLEIK as person who helped start fire at ROTC Building with gas-soaked rag.

[redacted] Ohio, advised that BLEIK was present when ROTC Building was burned. She also said that [redacted] was a leader in the crowd just prior to burning.

[redacted] Kent, Ohio, pointed out an unkno subject, who he saw set fire to curtains inside the building

[redacted] Kent, Ohio, stated that photo of [redacted] closely resembled individual he saw at ROTC burning.

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ENCLOSURES:

Enclosed herewith for the U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., and for the United States Attorney, Cleveland, Ohio, are one copy each of a series of twenty-two photographs which were displayed to witnesses.

DETAILS:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/2/70

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PETER CHARLES BLIEK, 34 Highwood Road, 34 Irondequoit, was reinterviewed at his place of employment.

He was orally advised of his rights by SA [redacted] and furnished a copy of a waiver and rights form which he read and executed.

BLIEK advised that on May 2, 1970, at approximately 8:00 p.m., he attended a student rally on the commons at State University. He advised that the rally turned into a march through campus, gathering additional students and that he marched in the groups as an observer and upon the group returning to the commons, an unknown white male leader said "Let's get the ROTC Building." He advised that there appeared to be four leaders. All four were dressed in blue denim jackets and pants. One had long hair and a full beard, one was a white male, five feet, eight inches to five feet, ten inches tall, light brown hair, wearing a leather jacket, and he could not give any further description of the other two. He stated that three of these individuals siphoned gasoline from a motorcycle in the parking lot next to the commons and that two of the three threw something into the ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) Building at which time the building caught fire. BLIEK stated that he was in the middle of the commons at the time and was not in the vicinity of the ROTC Building and did not take part in the fire bombing of the ROTC Building. He stated that a group of students then proceeded to tear down a fence which led to the athletic shed. He attempted to discourage students from setting fire to the shed but his efforts were unsuccessful.

He advised during this time he was not with anyone in particular; however, he marched with a white female named [redacted] Last Name Unknown), a blond, five feet, six inches, from New York City and also talked with her while the ROTC Building burned. He stated that he was at times also with [redacted] and with other students, names unrecalled. He advised that on the evening May 2, 1970,

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On 5/26/70 at Rochester, New York File # Buffalo 98-1235

SA [redacted]

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 5/28/70

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he wore powder blue tennis shoes, blue bell bottom denims, a tee shirt, color unknown, and no jacket. He advised that he does have a brown cordoroy car coat and an orange tee shirt with red horizontal stripes which he wore on Monday May 4, 1970. BLIEK furnished the trousers, tee shirt, and car coat.

BLIEK furnished the following list of student associates at Kent State University:

[redacted]

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BLIEK furnished the following list of associates in the Rochester, New York area:

[redacted]

BLIEK advised that he is not a member of any recognized or underground group at Kent State University, is not a member of Students for a Democratic Society, and has no association with the radical leaders on campus.

BLIEK reiterated that he had no part in the fire bombing of the Army ROTC Building on May 2, 1970, and does not know the names of any students that were involved.

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REPORT of the

LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Cleveland
UNSUBS;

Re: FIREBOMBING OF ROTC BUILDING,
Kent State University (KSU),
Kent, Ohio,
May 2, 1970
SABOTAGE

Date: 6/8/70
FBI File No.
Lab. No. PC-C6812 MK

Specimens received 6/1/70

Q13 T shirt
Q14 Trousers
Q15 Coat

Results of examination:

Specimens Q13, Q14 and Q15 were examined for the presence of smoke particles and incendiary chemical residues, but none were found.

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[redacted] New York, advised that he is a student at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, [redacted] advised that on the evening of May 2, 1970, he was an observer at the rally held by students on the Common and at that time was with PETER BLIEK. He stated that at this time there were approximately 150 students near the ROTC Building, with an additional 300 to 1,000 students on the hill surrounding the Common, and that some of the students in the group of 150 stoned the ROTC Building, breaking windows. Some students threw objects through the windows. Approximately twenty minutes after the incident started the ROTC Building caught on fire.

[redacted] advised that he was on the hill observing the fire and did not take an active part in the demonstration and that prior to the buring BLIEK had left his company and could not say what BLIEK's actions were during this time, however, they rejoined during the march through the campus, after the burning.

[redacted] advised that he and PETER are not members of any groups on campus and neither are members of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS).

He advised that he and BLIEK both attended Monroe Community College, Rochester, New York, last year and that they are good friends. [redacted] stated that BLIEK was not a radical and probably did not participate in the burning of the ROTC Building and that BLIEK's involvement would probably be nothing more than stone throwing.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Race
Sex
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Height
Weight

[redacted]

On 5/26/70 at [redacted] New York File # Buffalo 98-1235

SA [redacted]

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 5/28/70

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Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Social Security Number	[redacted]

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[redacted] New York, advised he is a student at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

[redacted] He stated that at 10:00 PM, when he left the station he observed the ROTC Building on fire, however, proceeded to his room in the Tri Tower Dormitory, and stayed there for the remainder of the evening. He advised that he has no knowledge regarding the fire bombing of the ROTC Building.

He advised he has known PETER CHARLES BLIEK since the last quarter at Kent State University, through a mutual interest in modern music. He does not consider BLIEK to be a radical, nor a member of any group on campus. He stated BLIEK is not politically minded and would not be the type to become involved in the fire bombing of the Army ROTC Building, although he probably would be present as an observer.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Race	[redacted]
Sex	
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	
Height	
Weight	
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Social Security Number	[redacted]

On 5/26/70 at [redacted] New York File # Buffalo 89-1235

SA [redacted]

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 5/29/70

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[redacted]

Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, was contacted regardi
information he furnished on May 13, 1970, to the effect that
[redacted] "had something to do with" the
burning of the ROTC building at KSU. [redacted] advised that he
possessed no information to the effe[redacted] start
the fire, but that he understood that [redacted]
[redacted] had indicated that [redacted] were
associates of JERRY RUPE, who was involved in the crowd at
the burning of the building.

On 6-18-70 at Kent, Ohio File # Cleveland 98-214

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 6-22-70

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Date 6-11-70

[redacted] telephone number [redacted] Ohio, was telephonically contacted in an effort to determine who his former roommate was whose first name was [redacted] was advised that [redacted] Ohio, had advised that [redacted] former roommate, whose first name is [redacted] and whose last name is unknown to [redacted] had made a statement to [redacted] on May 3, 1970, that demonstrators used gasoline from [redacted] motorbike in setting fire to the ROTC Building at Kent State University. [redacted] was of the opinion that [redacted] Last Name Unknown) was actually present during the burning of the building.

[redacted] stated that he [redacted] was also present with [redacted] on May 3, 1970, when [redacted] made statements regarding the burning of the building. [redacted] said that [redacted] is actually [redacted] He further advised that [redacted] had actually indicated that he was not present at the burning of the ROTC Building, but had learned of the incident from other students around the campus.

[redacted] said that in his opinion, [redacted] was being truthful and had not been present at the burning of the building. He added that he believes that he knows [redacted] much better than [redacted] and that [redacted] had apparently misinterpreted [redacted] statement.

On 6-10-70 at [redacted] Ohio File # Cleveland 98-2140

SA [redacted]

by _____ Date dictated 6-10-70

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Date 6/8/70

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[redacted], Ohio, was advised of the official identity of Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] and furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that his son, [redacted] was in Kent, Ohio, on the night of May 1, 1970, with some friends from Cuyahoga Falls. He was at a bar on North Water Street, and this bar closed early due to disturbances in the area.

[redacted] told his father that when he emerged from the bar, he was informed that one of his friends had been picked up by the Kent Police Department, and was at that department.

[redacted], went to the police department, and subsequent to his arrival there, got into an argument with a member of the Kent Police Department. [redacted] lost his temper, used profanity, and was immediately jailed. One of the friends with him in Kent was RONALD HAMMOND, Cuyahoga Falls.

[redacted] continued that on the morning of May 2, 1970, he learned of the whereabouts of his son, and went to Kent. At Kent, he got [redacted], out of jail on a $200.00 bond, and [redacted], accompanied his father to the State of Pennsylvania on the afternoon of May 2, 1970, where he remained for the weekend.

[redacted] stated that his son, [redacted], did not return to the Kent area subsequent to May 2, 1970, when he was released from jail.

On 6/1/70 at [redacted] Ohio File # Cleveland 98-2140

by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] BEK:jl Date dictated 6/4/70

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Mrs. CHARLES F. (HELEN) HAMMOND, 2027 High Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, was advised of the official identity of Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] and furnished the following information:

Her son, RONALD HAMMOND, 2027 High Street, Cuyahoga Falls, was in Ocean City, Maryland, on a one week vacation. While in Ocean City, he was attempting to obtain employment there, and if successful in obtaining work, would remain in Ocean City for the summer. She stated that RONALD graduated from Cuyahoga Falls High School in June, 1969.

RONALD was currently staying at Posdey's Guest House, Ocean City, Maryland.

Mrs. HAMMOND stated that RONALD had told her that on the night of May 1, 1970, he had been in Kent, Ohio, with some friends, one of whom was [redacted] Cuyahoga Falls. They were in a bar on North Water Street, and this bar closed early, due to disturbances on that street. RONALD told her that when he left the bar, he had been told that one of his friends was in difficulty with the Kent Police, and RONALD went to the Kent Police Department, to determine the status of his friend.

While at the Kent Police Department, an official later identified as the Kent City Prosecutor, told RONALD to leave the premises. RONALD did not do this immediately, and was placed under arrest, and jailed in Kent. On the following morning, he was released from jail on bond, and did not return to the Kent area subsequent to the night of May 1, 1970.

On 6/1/70 at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio File # Cleveland 98-2140

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 6/4/70

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The following investigation was conducted on June 1, 1970, at Kent, and Akron, Ohio, by Special Agents [redacted]

[redacted] Kent Police Department, advised that he was unable to locate any address for one [redacted] of Akron. This individual allegedly had been a non student, and was one of fourteen students and/or non students arrested on the charge of disorderly conduct in connection with the disturbance in Kent, presumably on May 1, 1970, who had been released on bond, on May 2, 1970. This information had been set forth in the Akron Beacon Journal on May 3, 1970.

[redacted] advised that apparently this had been an arrest by the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and that the booking of this individual in all probability had occurred at Ravenna, Ohio, at the Sheriff's Office.

It should be noted that previous inquiry conducted in this matter at the Portage County Sheriff's Office, Ravenna, had reflected that no record had been maintained of the individuals booked through that department on the nights of May 1, 2, 3, 4, 1970. No residence address for [redacted], Akron, was located.

[redacted] Akron Credit Bureau, advised that she was unable to locate any record identifiable with [redacted]

A review of the current Akron City Directory failed to reflect a listing for one [redacted], age 19, of Akron.

[redacted]

B. APPROX.

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Date 5/25/70

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telephone number [redacted] was exhibited photographs of [redacted] He advised that none of these people were observed by him at the time of the burning of the ROTC Building.

On 5/20/70 at [redacted] Ohio File # Cleveland 93-2340

by SAs [redacted] Date dictated 5/25/70

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Date June 16, 1970

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[redacted] Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, was contacted at above residence by Special Agent [redacted] and voluntarily made himself available for photographing. Four photographs were taken.

On 6/11/70 at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio File # Cleveland 98-2140

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 6/12/70

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Date 6-11-70

[redacted] Ohio, furnished one photograph of [redacted] advised that this photo was taken in November, 1969. He advised that this photo is an excellent likeness of [redacted] as he currently appears.

On 6-10-70 at [redacted], Ohio File # Cleveland 98-2140

by SAs [redacted]

Date dictated 6-10-70

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Special Agent [redacted] contacted ALAN CANFO at his residence, 308 Newell, Barberton, Ohio, for the pupose photographing him. CANFORA was agreeable to this and was photographed in the presence of his mother, Mrs. ALBERT J. CANFORA.

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The following interviews were conducted for the purpose of displaying photographs in an attempt to identify persons responsible for the destruction of the U.S. Army ROTC Building at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, on May 2, 1970. The group of photographs shown to these witnesses included photographs of the following individuals:

[redacted]
PETER CHARLES BLEIK
ALAN CANFORA
[redacted]
RICHARD CONRAD FELBER
THOMAS GRAYDON ECCLESTONG
[redacted]
THOMAS DAVID MILLER
[redacted]
JERRY RUPE
[redacted]
ALLEN TATE
UNKNOWN SUBJECT

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Attempts were also made to obtain a suitable photograph of DOUGLAS CORMACK. However, CORMACK would not submit to being photographed when previously interviewed, and no suitable photographs were obtained in time to display to witnesses.

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Date June 18, 1970

[redacted] Kent, Ohio, was interviewed at the Kent, Ohio Fire Department, Kent. [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and [redacted] furnished the following voluntary statement:

"June 18, 1970
Kent, Ohio

"I, [redacted] furnish the following voluntary statement to [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I reside [redacted] Kent, Ohio and [redacted] as a Kent, Ohio fireman, part-time.

"On May 2, 1970 I responded to a fire at the ROTC building on the Kent State University Campus (KSU), Kent, Ohio at about 8:00 PM. When I and the fire truck I was assigned to arrived at the fire the fire was very small and just a small amount of smoke.

"When I arrived at the scene of the fire I observed two motorcycles parked on the Commons area of the KSU campus, approximately 50 feet from the ROTC Building. I was involved in attempting to put out the fire in the ROTC building. I observed three individuals approach the two motorcycles and gather around one of the motorcycles, and I saw the gas tank lid of one of the motorcycles thrown out into the Commons, I don't know which of the three people who approached the motorcycle threw the gas cap out onto the Commons. I observed one of the three people around the motorcycle dunk a rag into the gas tank, and all three ran over to a window of the ROTC building (northeast window) and laid the rag on the window sill of the window and one of the three lit the rag and

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one of the three threw the rag into the building, and the fire inside the building 'took off'.

"After I observed this I started toward the window and was going to extinguish the fire. The same three that lit the rag came at me, one had a club and he hit me on the helmet and the other two knocked me to the ground by jumping on my back, the person with the club hit me again, while I was down. The same three people took the fire hose away from me. After awhile myself and the other firemen left the scene of the buning ROTC building.

"About three weeks after the ROTC fire I was in Seavers Cafe, on North Water St., Kent, Ohio eating lunch. I observed a person in this cafe that I believe he is one of the three people I saw throw the gasoline soaked rag into the KSU ROTC building as I described above. I was unable to determine the name of the person in 'Seaver's' at that time I saw him. About one week after I saw the man in Seaver's I went to the Kent, Ohio Police Dept. and they showed me pictures of a man named Jerry Rupe. This man Jerry Rupe is the same man I saw in Seaver's.

"Today I have viewed 22 photographs displayed to me by the interviewing agents. Photograph described on back as 'Jerry Rupe, DOB 7/23/48, 5'11" 180 lbs brown hair and blue eyes' is a photograph of the person, I believe, was responsible for throwing the gas soaked rag into the ROTC building. I believe this is the same person that was involved in the ROTC burning as I described above, however, I cannot say for sure unless I am able to see Jerry Rupe in person.

"I have enitialed the back of all 22 pitchers. I have read the above statement consisting of this page and two other pages. I have enitialed all corrections and and the two other pages I now sign this Statement because it is true. /s/ [redacted]

"Witness: /s/ [redacted] FBI Cleveland, Ohio 6/18/70

/s/ [redacted] Agent FBI Cleveland, 6/18/70"

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Photographs of the following people were displayed to [redacted]

[redacted]

THOMAS DAVID MILLER, aka. Tom Aquinas

ALLEN TATE

PETER CHARLES BLEIK

UNSUB (center of photograph, facing camera)

THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG

[redacted]

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JERRY RUPE

RICHARD CONRAD FELBER

ALAN CANFORA

[redacted]

PETER CHARLES BLEIK (long hair and beard)

PETER CHARLES BLEIK (long hair and beard, no shirt)

[redacted]

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Date 6/19/70

[redacted] Ohio, was interviewed at the Painesville Resident Agency of the FBI and at that time was displayed the following photographs:

[redacted]

THOMAS DAVID MILLER, aka., Tom Aquinas
ALLEN TATE
PETER CHARLES BLEIK
UNSUB (center of photograph, facing camera)
THOMAS GRAXDON FOGLESONG
[redacted]
JERRY RUPE
RICHARD CONRAD FELBER
ALAN CANDORA
[redacted]
PETER CHARLES BLEIK (long hair and beard)
PETER CHARLES BLEIK (long hair and beard, no shirt)
[redacted]

He advised he recognized the photographs of BLEIK and [redacted] as the individuals present on the Commons of the Kent State campus in the area of the ROTC building on Saturday night, May 2, 1970 and on Sunday evening, May 3, 1970. He stated he has never seen BLEIK before. He recognized the photograph of [redacted] as being Kent State University (KSU) students.

He recognized the photograph of RUPE as being the individual described by him in a previous interview with SA [redacted] of the FBI on May 11, 1970. He remembers

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that on Saturday evening at the demonstration and burning of the ROTC building, RUPE was the individual who was wearing the red and white striped bell bottom trousers and on Sunday evening was wearing a flag wrapped around his head. He is certain that this individual was one of the hard core demonstrat at the burning of the ROTC building. He said that he is now approximately fifty per cent certain that RUPE is one of the three individuals who threw a barrel with fire inside through a ROTC building window on Saturday evening, May 2, 1970. He stated that he can picture RUPE in his mind as being one of the activists but at this point cannot be absolutely certain that RUPE was one of the individuals responsible for throwing the barrel through the window.

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Date June 19, 1970

[redacted], Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and asked to examine twenty-two photographs for a possible identification of any individual who might have been connected with the events that transpired at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, May 2, 1970.

[redacted] identified the photographs of [redacted] THOMAS CRAIGEN FOGLESONG, [redacted] and JERRY RUPE.

[redacted] FOGLESONG, [redacted] and [redacted] drove to KSU in the Volkswagen bus driven by [redacted] They had met at an apartment owned by JERRY RUPE in Kent, Ohio.

[redacted] advised that [redacted], FOGLESONG, [redacted] and himself pulled on the second firehose during the ROTC burning, thus impeding the attempt to put out the fire.

[redacted] saw [redacted] and [redacted] on the KSU campus, May 2, 1970, but did not see them participate in any of the disturbances.

JERRY RUPE was agitating the crowd in front of the ROTC building and helped to pull the firehose away from the firemen. [redacted] also saw him throw a rock at the ROTC build

[redacted] also saw [redacted] leading cha in front of the crowd, May 2, 1970. He saw [redacted] ignite an American flag, which was then paraded around the area in flames. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was agitating the crow goading them on. [redacted] was seen pulling the firehose, along with other students, away from the firemen.

The following is a list of the photographs shown [redacted]

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THOMAS DAVID MILLER, aka., TOM AQUINAS

ALLEN TATE

PETER CHARLES BLEIK

Unknown Subject (center of photograph, facing camera)

THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG

[redacted]

JERRY RUPE

RICHARD CONRAD FELBER

ALAN CANFORA

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[redacted]

PETER CHARLES BLEIK (long hair and board)

PETER CHARLES BLEIK (long hair and beard, no shirt)

[redacted]

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1 Date June 19, 1970

[redacted], Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, was contacted and after being advised of the matter under investigation and the identity of the interviewing Agents, he advised as follows:

"June 17, 1970

[redacted]
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

"I, [redacted] Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, furnished the following voluntary statement to Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

[redacted] Ohio, on a part-time basis. I have completed my senior year at Cuyahoga Falls High School with a graduation date of June 9, 1970.

"On Saturday, May 2, 1970, around 6 to 7:00 P.M., I drove two other individuals to Kent, Ohio, from Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, in my mother's 1970 Green Maverick automobile. I went to the Kent State University campus, upon my arrival in Kent. At approximately 9:00 pm, I was at the campus of Kent State University near the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) building. I observed a burning United States of America flag being held aloft and carried from place to place by Jerry Rupe, who later threw same on the ground.

"Today I have viewed 21 photographs displayed to me by the interviewing agents. Photograph described on back as 'Jerry Rupe, D.O.B. 7/23/48, 5'11", 180 lbs., brown hair and blue eyes,' is a photograph of the person I saw carrying a burning United States of America flag.

"I have inititled the backs of all 21 photographs I have read this statement consisting of this and one other page and have signed each page and initialed each correction which I made.

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"I now sign this statement because it is true_

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witnessed: [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, CV., [redacted] 6/17/70

[redacted] ial Agent, FBI, Cleveland, Ohio 6/17/70"

The following photographs were displayed to [redacted]

[redacted]

THOMAS DAVID MILLER, aka. Tom Aquinas

ALLEN TATE

PETER CHARLES BLEIK

UNSUB (center of photograph, facing camera)

THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG

[redacted]

JERRY RUPE

RICHARD CONRAD FELBER

ALAN CANFORA

[redacted]

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PETER CHARLES BLEIK (long hair and beard)

PETER CHARLES BLEIK (long hair and beard, no shirt)

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Date 6-19-70

[redacted] Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents. [redacted] viewed photographs of the following people:

[redacted]

THOMAS DAVID MILLER, aka., Tom Aquinas

ALLEN TATE

PETER CHARLES BLEIK

UNSUB (center of photograph, facing camera)

THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG

[redacted]

JERRY RUPE

RICHARD CONRAD FELBER

ALAN CANFORA

[redacted]

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PETER CHARLES BLEIK (long hair and beard, no shirt)

[redacted]

After [redacted] viewed the following photographs he stated he is acquainted with the following people:

Picture Description	[redacted] Knowledge of Person in Picture
THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG DOB: 5-7-50 6'3" 180 lbs. Blond hair - blue eyes	TOM FOGLESONG Silverlake, Ohio Graduate of Cuyahoga Falls High School
[redacted]	[redacted]
RICHARD CONRAD FELBER DOB: 9-12-49 6'1½" 165 lbs. Blond hair - green eyes	RICK (LNU) Resides in an apartment on [redacted] Street, Kent, Ohio, near Main Street and Mantua
[redacted]	[redacted]

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JERRY RUPE
DOB: 7-23-48
5'11" 180 lbs.
Brown hair - blue eyes

JERRY RUPE
Resides same place as
RICK (LNU) on Mantua Street,
Kent, Ohio

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[redacted], Ravenna, Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents. [redacted] viewed photographs of the following people.

[redacted]

THOMAS DAVID MILLER, aka., Tom Aquinas

ALLEN TATE

PETER CHARLES BLEIK

UNSUB (center of photograph, facing camera)

THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG

[redacted]

JERRY RUPE

RICHARD CONRAD FELBER

ALAN CANFORA

[redacted]

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[redacted] stated, after looking at all the above photographs, that photographs described on the back as [redacted] on the back as [redacted] resembles the person who ran into Wright Hall Lounge, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, on May 3, 1970, at about 3:30 a.m., and talked to another person about the burning of the ROTC building on the KSU campus. The person who came into Wright Hall made statements such as, "We did it; we did it; we got the riot started." "Don't worry about tonight, wait until tomorrow night, we just got the word. We're going to burn the ROTC Building." "We had better get the stuff and distribute it starting with Tri-Towers first and then hitting the other dorms."

[redacted] stated that she could not make a positive identification of [redacted] unless she could see additional pictures or see the people in person.

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Date June 19, 1970

[redacted] Ohio, was interviewed at his place of employment, [redacted] and was exhibited photographs of the following individuals:

[redacted]

[redacted]

MARSHALL J. FREEMAN

THOMAS DAVID MILLER, also known as Tom Aquinas

ALLEN TATE

PETER CHARLES BLETK

UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL (center of photograph, facing camera)

THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG

[redacted]

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JERRY RUPE

RICHARD CONRAD FELBER

ALAN CANFORA

[redacted]

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[redacted]

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PETER CHARLES BLEIK (long hair and beard, no shirt)

[redacted]

[redacted] advised the only one of the above individuals with whom he is acquainted is [redacted], whom he did not recognize as one of the participants in the ROTC Building burning at Kent State University (KSU). [redacted] identified the photograph of RICHARD FELBER as being one of the agitators in the crowd prior to the ROTC Building burning and as the individual who threw several firecrackers at the ground. He identified FELBER also as being the individual mentioned in his last interview with the FBI who had a large machete-type knife strapped to his right leg the evening of the ROTC Building burning. He advised at no time did he observe the knife unsheathed.

[redacted] stated that he did not observe any of the other above individuals participate in any of the activities surrounding the burning of the ROTC Building. He advised he does not know who burned the ROTC Building but that if he knew he does not think he would tell the FBI.

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THOMAS FOGLESONG, 3046 South Oakhill Road, was exhibited photographs of the following individuals:

[redacted]

THOMAS DAVID MILLER, also known as Tom Aquinas

ALLEN TATE

PETER CHARLES BLEIK

UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL (center of photograph, facing camera)

THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG

[redacted]

JERRY RUBE

RICHARD CONRAD FELDER

ALAN CANFORA

[redacted]

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PETER CHARLES BLEIK (long hair and beard, no shirt)

[redacted]

[redacted] FOGLESONG identified the photograph of [redacted] as being one of the individuals who pulled the fire hose away from the firemen at Kent State University (KSU) during the burning of the ROTC Building and thus hampered the efforts of the firemen extinguishing the fire. However, FOGLESONG refused to sign a statement regarding the above identification.

He advised he is acquainted with several of the other individuals mentioned above, but that he did not observe them participate in the burning of the ROTC Building. He advised he does not know who set fire to the ROTC Building, but would probably tell the FBI if he did know. FOGLESONG advised he was once a member of the Student Mobilization Committee (SMC) at KSU and is presently a member of the New Mobe. He advised the only Student for a Democratic Society member with whom he is acquainted is [redacted] with whom FOGLESONG attended elementary school in Stow, Ohio. He further advised he last saw [redacted] approximately two years prior to the date of this interview.

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[redacted] was exhibited photographs of the following individuals:

[redacted]

THOMAS DAVID MILLER, also known as Tom Aquinas

ALLEN TATE

PETER CHARLES BLEIK

UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL (center of photograph, facing camera)

THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG

[redacted]

JERRY RUBE

RICHARD CONRAD FELBER

ALAN CANFORA

[redacted]

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PETER CHARLES BLEIK (long hair and beard, no shirt)

[redacted]

[redacted] advised the only one of the above individuals with whom he is acquainted is [redacted] He advised he did not observe any of the above individuals participate in any activities regarding the ROTC Building.

He did advise, however, for the information of the FBI, after returning to his residence in [redacted] Ohio from Kent State University (KSU), he received a letter at his residence on or about May 18, 1970, which letter was signed by the Committee for Kent State Massacre Witnesses. [redacted] stated that the letter concerned a request for a donation to be sent to the Student Mobilization Committee (SMC), in Cleveland, Ohio. He advised several committee members' names were reflected at the bottom of the letter, among which were the names of MIKE ALEWITZ and MIKE FARR.

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Date June 19, 1970

Dr. GLEN FRANK, 7446 Westlake Boulevard, Twin Lakes, Ohio, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and shown a series of twenty-two photographs on June 17, 1970. FRANK identified [redacted] as the individual who accompanied [redacted], Saturday night, May 2, 1970, after the ROTC building, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, was burned. FRANK stated that after the burning of the ROTC building, the mob moved towards President WHITE's house and a dormitory nearby. The dormitory was rumored to be ablaze. [redacted] and (at that time) an unknown individual were trying to stop the crowd, but were swept aside. [redacted] was identified as [redacted] companion. FRANK said that [redacted] was also at the ROTC building when it was burned, but could not say if [redacted] was instrumental in the burning.

Dr. FRANK was familiar with only one other photograph. He recognized THOMAS DAVID MILLER as the person who was jumping up and down in the blood of one of the victims of the shooting. FRANK did not know if he was involved in the burning.

The following is a list of the photographs shown to Dr. FRANK:

[redacted]

THOMAS DAVID MILLER, aka., TOM AQUINAS

ALLEN TATE

PETER CHARLES BLEIK

Unknown Subject (center of photograph, facing camera)

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THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG

[redacted]

JERRY RUPE

RICHARD CONRAD FELBER

ALAN CANFORA

[redacted]

PETER CHARLES BLEIK (long hair and beard)

PETER CHARLES BLEIK (long hair and beard, no shirt)

[redacted]

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Date June 22, 1970

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[redacted] Ohio, was shown a set of photographs containing 19 individual photographs of the following individuals:

[redacted]

ALLEN TATE

[redacted]

THOMAS DAVID MILLER
RICHARD CONRAD FELDER

[redacted]

THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG
PETER CHARLES PEREK

[redacted]

JERRY RUPE
1 Unidentified Photograph

[redacted] stated he could not identify any of the above photographs except for the similarities of the photogra of [redacted] He stated that he believed that the individual in the photograph of [redacted] was identical with an individual he saw the night of the burning of the ROTC buildi at Kent State University. However, he could not absolutely identify the individual as [redacted]

[redacted] also stated that he believed the photograph of [redacted] was also identical with an individual who was arrested in Cleveland, Ohio at an American Telegraph and Telephone demonstration during April, 1970.

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[redacted] was shown a group of 22 photographs consisting of the following individua

[redacted]
JERRY RUBE
[redacted]
THOMAS DAVID KERR
[redacted]
RICHARD CONRAD FELBER
ALLEN TATE
[redacted]
THOMAS CRAWFORD HODGENSONG
[redacted]
ALAN CANFORA
[redacted]
Unknown Subject (White male)
PETER CHARLES BLEIK (3 different photos)

In the process of viewing the above photos which we in no particular order [redacted] upon viewing a photograph of PETER CHARLES BLEIK, stated "That's it, that's him". He then scrutinized the photograph and at this point stated, "I'd go the Supreme Court on this identification".

[redacted] recalled that on Saturday, May 2, 1970, he wa at the U.S. Army ROTC Building at Kent State University (KSU) during the time it was burned. He advised that he saw 2 your white males go over to a motorcycle which was parked near the ROTC Building on the street which faces on the Commons. One these 2 individuals opened the gas tank of the motorcycle and what appeared to be a handkerchief or a white piece of cloth into the gasoline tank. They then ran with the gasoline-soak

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cloth to a window of the ROTC Building. When they were unable to place the rag in this window they went to another window which was broken. At this window they ignited the gasoline-soaked rag and threw it into the building through the window. As a result of this act [redacted] advised that he saw the fire in the building flare up.

[redacted] advised he was unable to identify which of these 2 individuals actually lit the rag and/or threw it into the ROTC Building; however, he is positive that one of the two individual is PETER CHARLES BLEIK as identified from the photographs shown him.

[redacted] stated that he again saw BLEIK on Sunday, May 3, 1970, in the early afternoon observing the remains of the burned ROTC Building at KSU. He again saw BLEIK on Monday, May 4, 1970 at the confrontation between KSU students and the Ohio National Guard. On May 2,3, and 4, 1970, BLEIK was wearing the same clothes which consisted of a dark brown jacket, horizontal strip T-shirt, long dark blue bell-bottomed pants, light blue canvas-t sneakers. [redacted] stated he does not recall seeing this individua on the KSU campus prior to May 2, 1970.

[redacted] also identified [redacted] and ALLEN TA from the photographs as being present at the burning of the ROTC Building on May 2, 1970, but he did not see these individuals participate in the destruction of the building.

[redacted]

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[redacted] South Euclid, Ohio, was shown a group of photographs of the following individuals to determine if she recognized any of these persons as being present at the burning of the ROTC Building on Kent State University (KSU) campus May 2, 1970:

PETER CHARLES BLEIK (three different photographs)

ALLEN TATE

[redacted]

THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG

[redacted]

ALAN CANFORA

An unknown subject wearing boots, dungarees, dark jacket, and glasses, standing on hillside.

[redacted]

RICHARD CONRAD FELBER

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JERRY RUPE

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[redacted]

THOMAS DAVID MILLER

After viewing the above photographs, [redacted] advised that she recognizes the photograph of [redacted] as being the individual who was standing on the Victory Bell located on the Commons and this person was talking to the crowd of students. [redacted] could not hear what he was saying although it was obvious that he was a leader of the group and was giving instructions to the group as to what the next action would be. This person was standing on the Bell at sometime around dusk on Saturday, May 2, 1970.

[redacted] was also identified by [redacted] as being a person who was present at the burning of the ROTC Building and she noted that he was present on campus all during the weekend of May 1-4, 1970. [redacted] said she believes BLEIK is a student and recalls that he was on campus on Thursday evening, April 30, 1970, and participated in a water-fight near Engleman Dormitory where [redacted] resides.

[redacted] selected the photograph of [redacted] as being an individual she saw on several occasions during the weekend of May 1-4, 1970, although she could not recall the exact dates she saw him on campus.

Another individual who was present at the burning of the ROTC Building and who, in [redacted] opinion was giving directions and was an activist during the burning of the building, was a tall white male who wears glasses and who was supposed to set a dog on fire with napalm on the KSU campus the preceding week. [redacted] does not know this person's name and has not seen a photograph of him to date. She advised that she was not close enough to the fire to be able to identify the persons who actually started the fire.

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[redacted] observed a group of photographs consisting of 22 different individuals and after observing same, he picked the photograph of ALLEN TATE, date of birth Feburay 18, 1951, as the only individual in this group known to him as a present or former student at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. He advised he is aware TATE was arrested during the disturbances at Kent, Ohio in May, 1970; however, he, [redacted] does not recall seeing him on the night of May 2, 1970 at the time the ROTC building was burned.

[redacted] after observing the photographs, picked two photographs, both depicting white males with long hair, and stated he does not know these individuals and could not state positively that they were present on May 2, 1970 at the time the ROTC building was burned. However, they look similar to individuals who were involved in the activities involved in the destruction of the ROTC building. Photographs picked by [redacted] of the two white males are those of PETER CHARLES BLEIK and [redacted] Set forth below are the identities of all 22 individuals depicted in photographs observed by [redacted]

THOMAS DAVID MILLER
[redacted]

UNSUB (center of photograph, facing camera)
[redacted]

PETER CHARLES BLEIK (three separate photographs)
THOMAS GRAYDON KOGLESONG
[redacted]

ALLEN TATE
JERRY RUPE
[redacted]

On 6/17/70 at [redacted] Ohio File # Cleveland 98-2140

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ALAN CANFORA
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[redacted], Parma, Ohio, viewed a group of photographs in an effort to determine if he could identify any of the persons in the photographs as being identical with the persons who started the fire at the ROTC Building on Kent State University (KSU) campus on Saturday, May 2, 1970, or if he could select any individuals who were present during the time the building was burning. The following photographs were shown to him:

PETER CHARLES KLEIK (three different photographs)

ALLEN TATE

[redacted]

THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG

[redacted]

ALAN CANFORA

An unknown subject wearing boots, dungarees, dark jacket, and glasses, standing on hillside.

[redacted]

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JERRY RUPE

[redacted]

THOMAS DAVID MILLER

[redacted] advised that the only individual he recognizes by name is ALLEN TATE. TATE was on campus Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights and [redacted] recalls that TATE was carrying a sword approximately three feet long on Friday evening. [redacted] cannot recall if TATE was present at the time the ROTC Building was burned on the evening of May 2, 1970.

[redacted] selected the photograph of PETER CHARLES BLEIK as being an individual who was in [redacted] at KSU and as an individual [redacted] recalls seeing around campus Sunday night. [redacted] cannot recall if BLEIK was on campus Saturday evening at the ROTC fire.

He selected the photograph of [redacted] as an individual who is in the Chemistry Laboratory at the same time [redacted] is.

[redacted] indicated that because of the darkness at the time of the fire he doubts that he would be able to recognize any of the persons directly responsible for setting fire to the ROTC Building.

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Date June 19, 1970

[redacted] Kent, Ohio, was contacted and after being advised of the matter under investigation and the identity of the interviewing agents, advised as follows:

"June 17, 1970

[redacted]
Ravenna, Ohio

"I, [redacted] Kent, Ohio, furnished the following voluntary statement to Special Agents [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am employed [redacted] Ravenna, Ohio, and have completed approximately 3½ of college with two years at Kent State University (KSU). I attended KSU beginning spring, 1968, and ending at the termination of the fall quarter, 1969.

"On Saturday, May 2, 1970, between 8:30 p.m. and 9:15 p.m., I was at the campus of KSU near the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) building. I observed a white male at this time approach the ROTC building, light a white cloth which he carried, and then reach through the broken window, setting the curtains on the inside of the building on fire. I have previously described this white male in a signed statement.

"Today I have viewed 22 photographs displayed to me by the interviewing agents. Photograph described on the back as 'Unknown Subject, center of photo, facing camera', is a photograph of the person I saw set fire to the curtains inside the ROTC building.

"I have initialed the backs of all 22 photographs.

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"I have read this statement consisting of this and one other page and have signed each page and initialed each correction which I made. I now sign this statement because it is true.

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witnessed: [redacted] Agent FBI Cleveland, Ohio 6/17/70
[redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Cleveland, Ohio 6/17/70"

The following photographs were displayed to

[redacted]

THOMAS DAVID MILLER, aka. Tom Aquinas

ALLEN TATE

PETER CHARLES BLEIK

UNSUB (center of photograph, facing camera)

THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG

[redacted]

JERRY RUPE

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PETER CHARLES BLEIK (long hair and beard)

PETER CHARLES BLEIK (long hair and beard, no shirt)

[redacted]

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Date June 19, 1970

[redacted], Associate Professor of Sociology, Kent State University (KSU), was interviewed at his residence, [redacted] He was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents, at which time he was given a number of photographs and requested to view these photographs to determine if he could recognize any of these individuals as having been on the KSU campus or near the burning of the ROTC Building on May 2, 1970.

[redacted] viewed these photographs and stated that he recognized a number of these individuals from having seen them in the past on or near the campus of KSU. However, the only individual that appeared familiar to him that may possibly be identical with the person he saw running toward the ROTC Building while it was aflame is [redacted] He stated that the individual he was thinking of would have blond hair, weighing approximately 160 pounds, had cut-off shirt on, and at the time he saw him near the ROTC Building he would have been wearing a head band and carrying either rocks or a stick.

[redacted] stated the photograph of [redacted] appeared to be a very good likeness of this individual and although he could not positively identify him from the photograph, he felt that if he saw him in a lineup, he definitely could identify this individual or eliminate him as the person he was thinking of. He stated from viewing the photograph of [redacted] he felt that this may possibly be the individual he saw running toward the ROTC Building on May 2, 1970.

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[redacted] Senior student, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, who resides at [redacted] Pennsylvania, advised that he observed one individual whom he identified from a photograph on May 2, 1970, as being with a group of students and other persons in the vicinity of the ROTC Building. He identified this individual as ALLEN TATE. He stated that he could not state the activities of TATE on the occasion of the burning of the ROTC Building, but he was definitely with a group of persons near the ROTC Building.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] a KSU student from [redacted] Ohio, probably observed TATE on the evening of May 2, 1970 or knew of his activities.

[redacted] stated that he was accompanied by Miss [redacted] KSU student from [redacted] Ohio, on the evening of May 2, 1970, who observed the same activities as he did concerning the burning of the ROTC Building. He stated that Miss [redacted] is employed at a [redacted] and usually finishes work at approximately 4:00 p.m. He stated she is presently living at home.

[redacted] stated that he had heard that [redacted] has stated that she knew the persons who were involved in the burning of the ROTC Building, KSU, on May 2, 1970, and had further stated to persons he desired not to name that she would give the names of these individuals if required to do so.

[redacted] stated that he determined that a KSU student who was ultimately shot and killed named ALLISON KRAUSE from Pittsburgh was one of the young ladies who entered the Johnson Hall ladies' restroom on May 4, 1970. He stated she was one of the individuals whom he observed urinating in a Pepsi Cola bottle and ordered her off the premises of Johnson Hall.

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Cleveland 98-2140

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[redacted] a student at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, and a resident of [redacted], Ohio, was shown a group of 22 photographs.

[redacted] advised that some of the individuals depicted in the photos appeared familiar to him, however, he does not associate any of these individuals with the burning of the U.S. Army ROTC Building on the campus of KSU or the subsequent confrontation between the Ohio National Guard and KSU students during the period May 2-4, 1970.

He believes that he is familiar with some of the individuals depicted in the photographs as he has seen them on the campus at KSU. He noted that he knows these individuals by their face and appearance rather than by their names.

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[redacted] Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, observed the following 22 photographs and advised he did not see anyone who is identical to the persons involved in the burning of the ROTC Building on the Kent State University Campus on May 2, 1970:

[redacted]

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THOMAS DAVID MILLER, aka. Tom Aquinas

ALLEN TATE

PETER CHARLES BLEIK

UNSUB (center of photograph, facing camera)

THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG

[redacted]

JERRY RUPE

RICHARD CONRAD FELBER

ALAN CANFORA

[redacted]

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PETER CHARLES BLEIK (long hair and beard)

PETER CHARLES BLEIK (long hair and beard, no shirt)

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Date June 18, 1970

[redacted] Kent, Ohio, advised that none of the following 22 photographs he viewed on June 18, 1970, was the photograph of the individual he saw throwing flares into the ROTC Building:

[redacted]

THOMAS DAVID MILLER, aka. Tom Aquinas

ALLEN TATE

PETER CHARLES BLEIK

UNSUB (center of photograph, facing camera)

THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG

[redacted]

JERRY RUPE

RICHARD CONRAD FELBER

ALAN CANFORA

[redacted]

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[redacted]

PETER CHARLES BLEIK (long hair and beard)

PETER CHARLES BLEIK (long hair and beard, no shirt)

[redacted]

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[redacted] was contacted at his residence, [redacted] Sandusky, and shown a series of 22 photographs of individuals who might have been present at the burning of the ROTC Building at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, on May 2, 1970. [redacted] had been previously interviewed by Agents of the FBI at which time he established his position on the campus of KSU on Saturday, May 2, 1970, as being at the burning of the ROTC Building.

[redacted] could not identify any of the individuals in the photographs he was shown and could provide no further information as to the actual burning of the building; however, he did state that a friend of his from Sandusky, [redacted] was with him at the burning of the building and perhaps could identify some of the individuals in the photographs.

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[redacted], Sandusky, was contacted at his residence and shown a series of 22 photograph of individuals who might have been present at the burning of the ROTC Building at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, on May 2, 1970.

[redacted] could make no identification of the indivic in the photographs and further stated that during most of the acti burning of the building he was not in a good position to see who was actually participating as he was on top of Johnson Hall.

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[redacted] Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents. [redacted] was shown photographs of the following people, and she advised she is unable to identify any of the people in the photographs, as people who took part in the burning of the Kent State University (KSU) ROTC building on the KSU campus on May 2, 1970:

[redacted]

THOMAS DAVID MILLER, aka., Tom Aquinas

ALLEN TATE

PETER CHARLES BLEIK

UNSUB (center of photograph, facing camera)

THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG

[redacted]

JERRY RUPE

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ALAN CANFORA

[redacted]

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[redacted]

PETER CHARLES BLEIK (long hair and beard)

PETER CHARLES BLEIK (long hair and beard, no shirt)

[redacted]

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[redacted], Kent Hall, Kent State University, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, at which time he was furnished a number of photographs and requested to view these photographs to determine if any of these individuals were present during the burning of the ROTC Building at Kent State University on May 2, 1970.

[redacted] viewed all of the photographs made available to him, at which time he stated that he did not recognize any of the individuals as having been present during the burning of the ROTC Building. He stated, however, that he was not in a position to eliminate any of these individuals, he just wanted to make it known that he could not recognize any of them as persons that he recalled as having seen on campus the evening of May 2, 1970.

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[redacted] after being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents, was furnished a group of photographs and requested to view these photographs to determine if he could recognize any of these individuals as having been present on campus during the burning of the ROTC Building at Kent State University (KSU) on May 2, 1970.

[redacted] reviewed these photographs after which he stated that some of the individuals appeared familiar to him, however, the familiarity of these individuals did not necessarily indicate that he had seen them at the burning of the ROTC Building and that he was unable to make any positive identification.

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[redacted] was shown photographs of the following individuals:

ALLEN TATE
PETER CHARLES BLEIK
[redacted]
[redacted]
ALAN CALFORA
[redacted]
[redacted]
THOMAS [redacted]
[redacted]
RICHARD [redacted]
[redacted]
THOMAS DAVID MILLER

[redacted] stated that he could not identify any of the above individuals as being in the group of five or six males he had seen in the vicinity of the burning ROTC building at Kent State University on May 2, 1970, and who attempted to cause students to throw rocks and disrupt the efforts being made to extinguish the fire.

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Date June 18, 1970

[redacted] Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and was displayed a group of photographs which are listed below. [redacted] advised he was unable to identify any of these persons as having been at the scene of the burning of the ROTC Building on the Kent State University (KSU) campus on the evening of May 2, 1970:

[redacted]

PETER CHARLES BLEIK (3 photos)

ALAN CANFORA

[redacted]

RICHARD CONRAD FELBER

THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG

[redacted]

THOMAS DAVID MILLER

[redacted]

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[redacted] Akron, Ohio, was advised of the official identity of Special Agents [redacted] of the FBI. Present was his mother, Mrs. [redacted]

SA [redacted] furnished [redacted] with an Advice of Rights Form which he read, said he understood but refused to execute by signature. His mother also read a copy of the Advice of Rights Form, stated she understood the purpose of this form and was agreeable to the FBI Agents present to interview her son.

[redacted] stated he is 17 years of age and is a student at Woodridge High School, Peninsula, Ohio. He was told the purpose of the interview with him was to show him some photographs in connection with the burning of the ROTC Building on the Kent State University (KSU) campus, Kent, Ohio, on the night of May 2, 1970. [redacted] said he was agreeable to viewing these photographs.

He was shown a group of photographs which included the following individuals who he observed on the KSU campus, Kent, Ohio, on the night of May 2, 1970, at the scene of the burning of the ROTC Building:

[redacted]

(previously known to [redacted] as [redacted] (LNU).

[redacted]

JERRY RUBE, (previously known to [redacted]

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RICHARD CONRAD FELBER (previously known to [redacted] as RICK (LNU).

[redacted] stated he had no additional information to furnish the FBI concerning the burning of the ROTC Building, KSU, Kent, Ohio, on May 2, 1970.

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[redacted] was shown photographs of the following individuals:

ALLEN TATE
PETER CHARLES BLEIK
[redacted]
JERRY RUBE
[redacted]
ALAN CANFORA
[redacted]
THOMAS FORLESONG
[redacted]
THOMAS DAVID MILLER

After viewing these photographs, [redacted] said he did not recognize any of them as persons he knew or as anyone he had seen throwing rocks or burning rags at the ROTC building at Kent State University on May 2, 1970. None of these individuals was identified by [redacted] as those persons he had seen stealing a fire hose at the ROTC fire.

[redacted] stated that he doubted very seriously whether he would be able to positively identify anyone he had seen involved in the ROTC building incident, even if he saw these individuals personally.

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[redacted] Kent, Ohio, was interviewed at his place of employment [redacted] Ohio, telephone number [redacted] and advised as follows:

[redacted] stated after viewing a group of 22 photographs of individuals believed to be involved in the burning of the ROTC Building at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, on May 2, 1970, that none of the individuals viewed were identical to the individuals he observed at the burning.

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[redacted] Ch[illegible] was shown a group of 19 photographs of the following individuals:

UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL

[redacted]

PETER CHARLES BLEIK

RICHARD CONRAD FELBER

JERRY RUPE

[redacted]

ALLEN TATE

THOMAS DAVID MILLER

THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG

[redacted]

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After viewing photographs of the foregoing individuals, [redacted] advised that he did not recognize any of these individuals as persons participating in the activities that occurred on the campus of Kent State University during the period of May 2, 1970 through May 4, 1970.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs [redacted] at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, on June 18, 1970.

An attempt was made to contact [redacted] and [redacted] father, [redacted] advised the interviewing Agents that his stepson is not home. [redacted] left Cuyahoga Falls, with his parent's permission, during the first part of June, 1970, after he got out of high school for the summer. [redacted] completed his junior year at Cuyahoga Falls High School. [redacted] told his parents he wished to travel around the United States during the summer of 1970. [redacted] does not know where his stepson is or how to get in touch with him. [redacted] called his parents on about June 7, 1970, and stated he was in Florida and was planning to go to Atlanta, Georgia.

[redacted] advised he would tell his stepson that the FBI wished to show him some photographs the next time [redacted] calls home. [redacted] will contact the Akron, Ohio, FBI office as soon as he hears from his son and can possibly set up a place where photographs can be shown to [redacted] will be returning to Cuyahoga Falls for high school in September, 1970.

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On June 17, 1970, [redacted] Ohio, grandmother of [redacted] advised [redacted] left [redacted] Ohio, early A.M. this date enroute to Boston, Massachusetts. She advised she does not know his mode of travel or exact destination, however, he is to return within two or three days, and she would inform him he should contact the Canton, Ohio, Resident Agency of the FBI.

On June 17, 1970, [redacted] Ohio, advised her daughter, [redacted] is currently in Chicago, Illinois, visiting friends, exact address unknown, and is to return to [redacted] Ohio June 19, 197[illegible] and thereafter enter summer school at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, June 22, 1970. She advised her daughter would be available on or after June 19, 1970.

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[redacted] Kent, Ohio, age 22, a senior student at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, was recontacted June 23, 1970, at which time she was shown a group of 22 photographs of various male individuals.

From this group she identified a photograph of [redacted] date of birth August 25, 1951 as the only individual whom she recognized. [redacted] stated [redacted] is the person she referred to in her signed statement furnished to the FBI on May 14, 1970. She said he is the individual she talked to on May 8, 1970 at Kent, Ohio, at which time he told her he was involved in the burning of the ROTC Building at KSU on May 2, 1970. She continued that [redacted] admitted to her he crawled through a window of the ROTC Building and started the fire from the inside while some of his friends and others started the fire from the outside. [redacted] also told her he was from Canton, Ohio and was not a student at KSU but that he had a brother who was a student at KSU.

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THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG
DOB 5-7-50
6' 3" 180 lbs.
Blond hair - blue eyes

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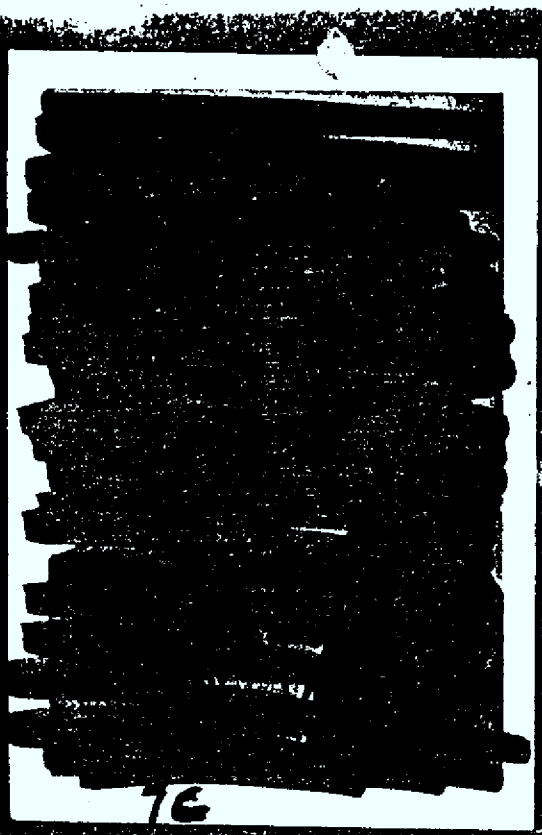
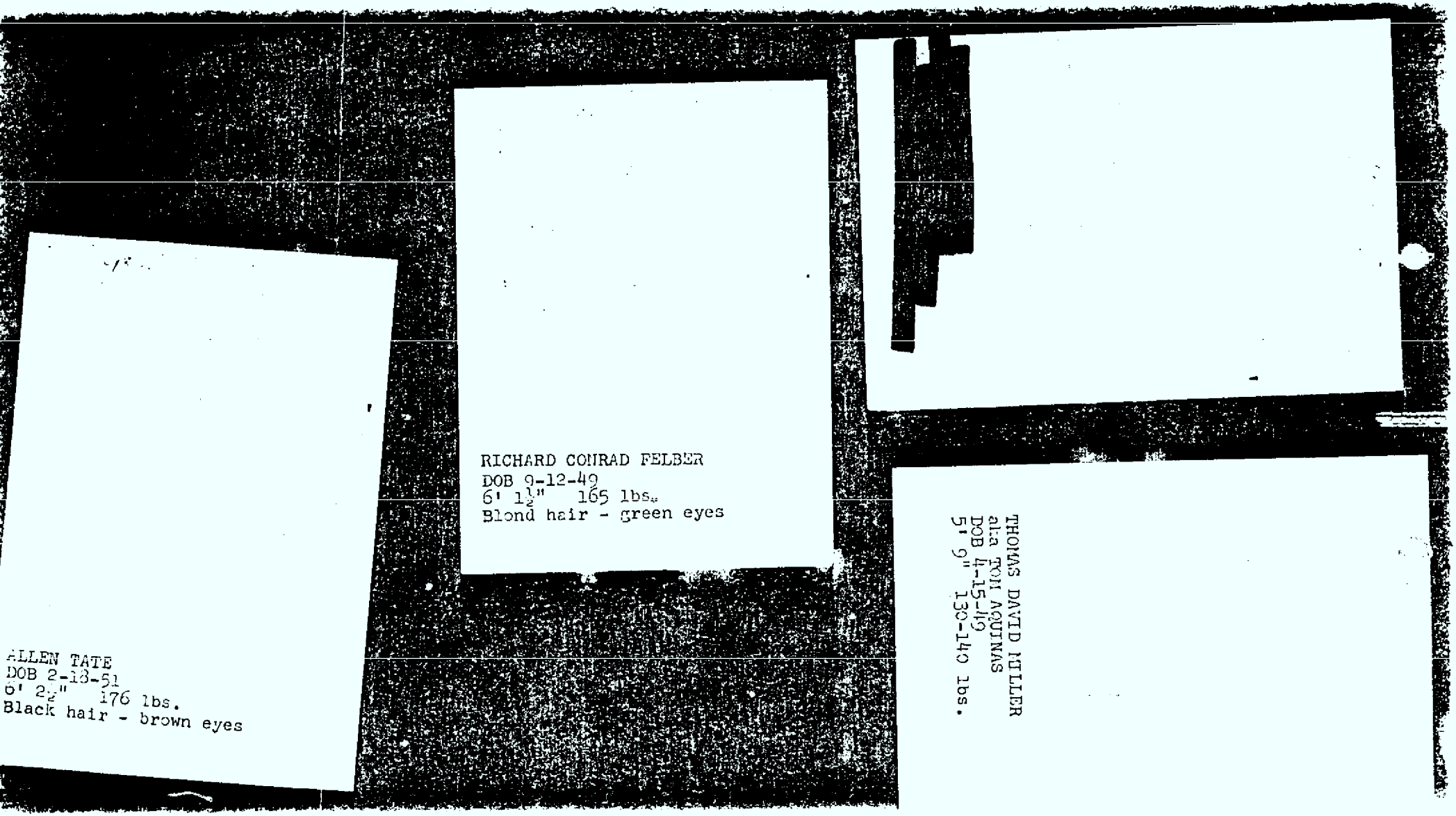
PETER CHARLES BLEIK
(long hair & beard, no shirt)











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DOB 2-13-51
6' 2½" 176 lbs.
Black hair - brown eyes

RICHARD CONRAD FELBER
DOB 9-12-49
6' 1½" 165 lbs.
Blond hair - green eyes

THOMAS DAVID MILLER
a.k.a TOM AQUINAS
DOB 4-15-49
5' 9" 130-140 lbs.

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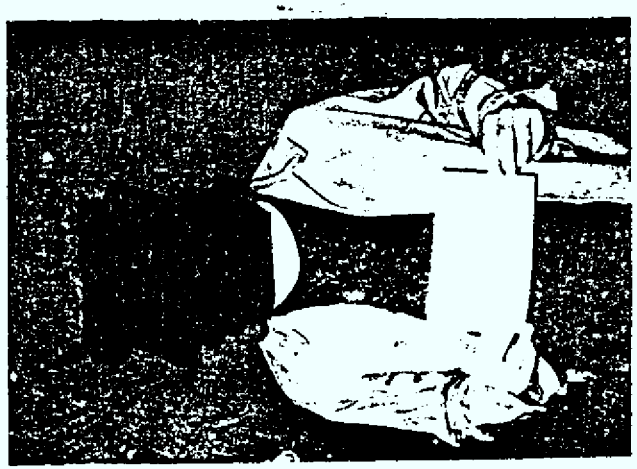

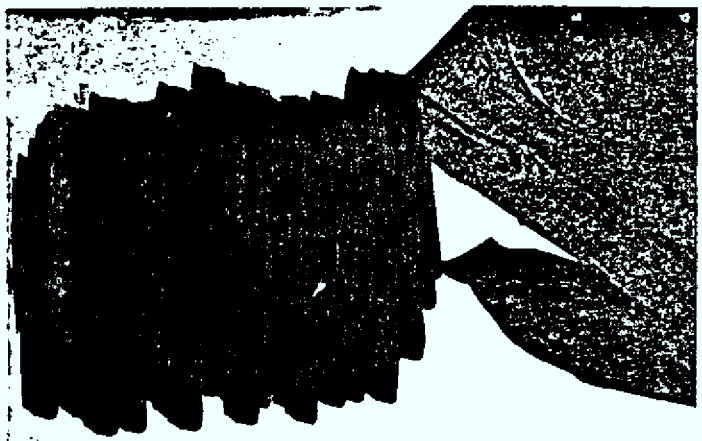



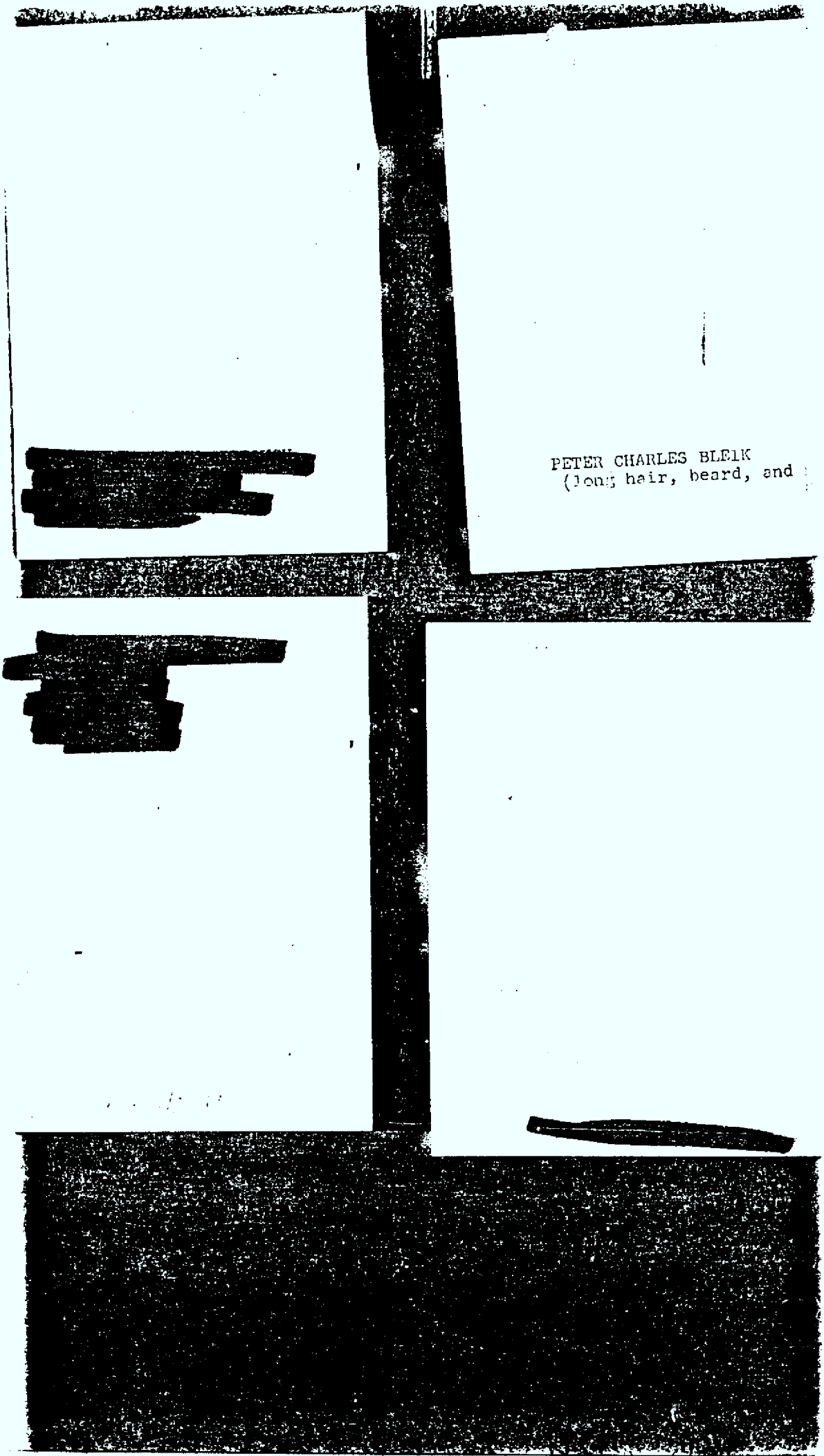
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ALAN CANFORA
DOB 2-13-49
5' 7" 135 lbs.
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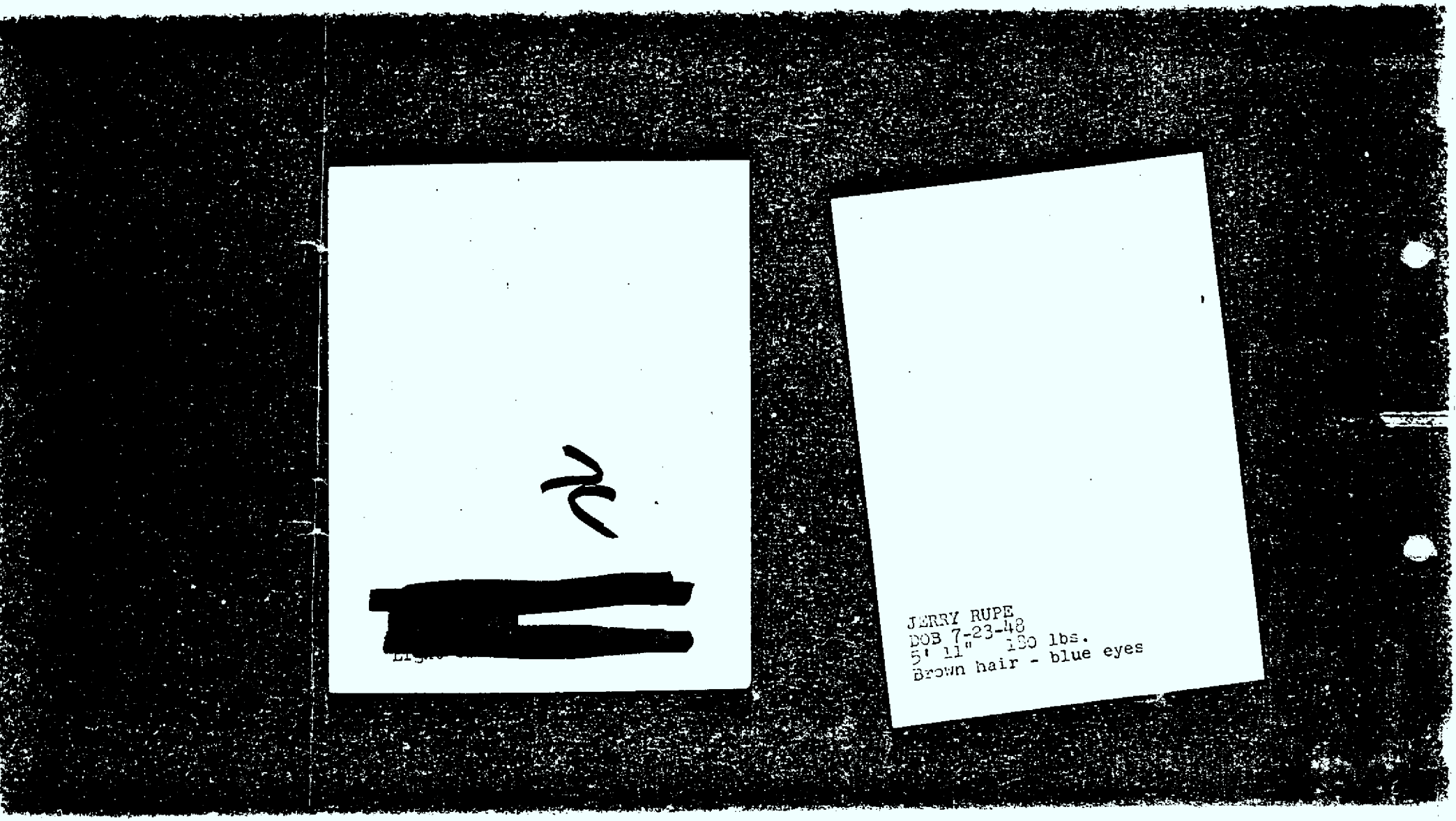

JERRY RUPE
DOB 7-23-48
5' 11" 180 lbs.
Brown hair - blue eyes

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5010-106

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. C. L. McGowan

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 6/10/70

1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

FROM : Mr. C. D. Brennan

SUBJECT: [redacted]
PETER CHARLES BLEIK;
DOUGLAS CHARLES CORMACK; RICK FELBER;
THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG;
[redacted]
JERRY RUPE; [redacted]
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

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By airtel 6/5/70, Cleveland advised that Philip Mo
Attorney, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice,
had contacted that office following a review of reports in t
investigation which concerns the burning of the ROTC buildin
at Kent State University on 5/2/70.

Mr. Morris advised he was not inclined to present
sabotage case to a Federal grand jury at this time until
additional investigation is conducted because he saw no reas
to call uncooperative witnesses and that if it was necessary
to call such persons to testify, he desired additional infor
concerning them on which he could base his interrogation. H
advised that subject [redacted]nd Bleik are the only subje
he would consider in connection with a sabotage violation.
Mr. Morris advised that he desired certain potential witness
be reinterviewed and exhibited photographs for identificatio
purposes, which photographs were not available at the time o
the initial interview.

As relates to the other subjects, Mr. Morris advis
it would be more appropriate to consider charging them with
violation of Title 18, Section 231, U. S. Code. This sectio

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Enclosure sent 6-11-70

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Memo to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
Re: [redacted]
Peter Charles Bleik; Douglas Charles Cormack;
Rick Felber; Thomas Graydon Foglesong; [redacted]
Jerry Rupe; [redacted]

of the Antiriot Law prohibits interference with firemen or police during civil disorders. Mr. Morris stated a decision on such charges could not be made until the Internal Securit Division consults with the Criminal Division which handles this violation.

It was pointed out to Mr. Morris that local or sta authorities would probably initiate prosecutive action befor the investigation requested by him could be completed. Alth apparently sufficient evidence of such Antiriot Law violatio is available, Mr. Morris advised that Assistant Attorney Gen J. Walter Yeagley, had been contacted and concurred with his recommendation to request additional investigation before an Federal prosecutive action is initiated.

It is agreed that the investigation requested woul be important in the event of a trial, particularly with resp to a sabotage violation by [redacted]nd Bleik, but it appe that this request by the Department side-steps an immediate decision on the Antiriot Law charges against seven subjects. Such a tactic is in keeping with foot dragging by the Intern Security Division.

Attached is a letter to the Attorney General reque an immediate decision as to prosecutive action against those subjects in this case who may have violated the Antiriot Law statute.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter to the Attorney General requesting an immediate decision as to prosecuting subjects for violation of the Antiriot Law be approved.

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1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. C. L. McGowan

The Attorney General

July 6, 1970

1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

Director, FBI

[redacted] and others
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS - FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

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Reference is made to my letter dated June 11, 1970, in this matter which requested an early decision as to whether prosecutive action was warranted concerning certain subjects involved in the destruction of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps building at Kent State University May 2, 1970.

A representative of this Bureau attended a meeting at Ravenna, Ohio, on June 25, 1970, with Mr. Jerris Leonard, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, who advised that he had requested this meeting on your specific instruction. Those attending the meeting also included representatives of the Portage County, Ohio, Prosecutor's Office and the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Mr. Leonard pointed out that it had always been the policy of the Department of Justice in situations of this type to defer to state authorities in lieu of Federal prosecution. He advised that it had been decided to turn over to the Portage County, Ohio, Prosecutor's Office all evidence and information relating to the investigations of incidents at Kent State University between May 1, 1970, and May 4, 1970. Mr. Ronald J. Kane, Prosecutor, Portage County, Ohio, assured Mr. Leonard that he would vigorously pursue the evidence and information received and secure prosecution against any individual who has violated state laws in connection with the above incident. Mr. Leonard was advised during this meeting that reports of investigation of these incidents by the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Ohio National Guard are forthcoming and will be furnished to Mr. Kane.

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The Attorney General

Inasmuch as Federal prosecution in this matter is no longer being considered, no further investigation will be conducted in this case unless specifically requested by you. You have been furnished the results of previous investigation and a closing report will be promptly submitted.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

NOTE:

See memorandum C. D. Brannan to W. C. Sullivan captioned as above, dated 7/2/70, GHM:pab..

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Rosen
1 - Mr. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

7/8/70

AIRTEL

To: SAC, Cleveland (98-2140)

From: Director, FBI (98-46479)

[redacted] and others
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

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ReCVteletype 6/25/70.

In view of the Department's decision in this matter that information and evidence will be turned over to the local prosecutor in Ohio in lieu of Federal prosecution, there appear to be no basis for additional investigation in this case.

Accordingly, the Attorney General has been advised that no further investigation will be conducted in this case unless such has been specifically requested by the Department.

Cleveland will therefore discontinue investigation a promptly submit a closing report. Advise by return communicati the date it is contemplated such a report will be submitted. I dissemination of information or evidence in this matter shall b made by Cleveland to local authorities until you are so advise by the Bureau.

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NOTE:

By memorandum 7/2/70, the Director was advised that the Department decided to make available to the local Ohio prosecutor all information and evidence in this case for local prosecution in lieu of Federal prosecution. It was recommende and approved by the Director that the Attorney General be advi that no further investigation will be conducted unless specifi requested. Cleveland is therefore being requested to disconti investigation and submit closing report.

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FBI

Date: 6/25/70

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (98-46479)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140) (P)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
ETAL
SABOTAGE; SEDITION;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT
PROPERTY; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 -
INTERFERING WITH FEDERALLY
PROTECTED FACILITY

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Re Bureau telephone call, 6/24/70; Cleveland report of SA [redacted] 6/23/70.

[redacted]

2 - Bureau (Enc. 4) (RM)
2 - Cleveland

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

Cleveland, Ohio

June 25, 1970

[redacted]
PETER CHARLES BLEIK;
DOUGLAS CHARLES CORMACK;
RICHARD CONRAD FELBER;
THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG;
[redacted];
JERRY RUPE;
[redacted]
SABOTAGE; SEDITION;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT
PROPERTY; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 -
INTERFERING WITH FEDERALLY
PROTECTED FACILITY

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On June 18, 1970 [redacted], was displayed a group of photographs (as listed below) by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He stated from this group he recognized JERRY RUPE and ALLEN TATE as having been on the Kent State University (KSU) campus on the evening of May 2, 1970. He said that he had not seen TATE in the vicinity of the U. S. Army ROTC Building at the time persons were attempting to set fire to this building, but later saw him in the area of the small archery shed that was burned and also at the Tri-Towers area.

[redacted] stated that he had seen JERRY RUPE in the immediate vicinity of the U. S. Army ROTC Building when persons from the crowd assembled around the building were attempting to set fire to the building. He commented he had never seen RUPE trying to set fire to the U. S. Army ROTC Building, but he had seen him throw stones and also had been agitating the crowd. He stated he had observed RUPE burn a United States of America flag and had later seen him beating an unknown person who apparently had attempted to take his photograph at the time he was burning the American flag. [redacted] again stated that at no time had he seen RUPE

RE: [redacted]
ETAL
SABOTAGE; SEDITION;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT
PROPERTY; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 -
INTERFERING WITH FEDERALLY
PROTECTED FACILITY

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attempting to set fire to the building.

The folbwing is a list of the photographs observed by [redacted]

[redacted]

PETER CHARLES BLEIK (3 photos)

ALAN CANFORA

[redacted]

RICHARD CONRAD FELBER

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THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG

[redacted]

THOMAS DAVID MILLER

[redacted]

JERRY RUPE

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RE: [redacted]
ETAL
SABOTAGE; SEDITION;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT
PROPERTY; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 -
INTERFERING WITH FEDERALLY
PROTECTED FACILITY

[redacted]

ALLEN TATE

UNKNOWN SUBJECT

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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[redacted]

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 7/7/70

The attached refers to Bureau letter to the Attorney General 7/6/70 which advised no additional sabotage investigation concerning the burning of the Kent State University ROTC Building would be conducted in absence of a specific request from the Department. Cover memorandum approving this letter is also attached.

This action resulted from the decision of the Department to turn over information and evidence to local authorities in lieu of Federal prosecution.

The attached requests no dissemination of investigation conducted be made until a procedure to be followed is received from the Department.

Cleveland has been advised to discontinue investigation and submit a closing report but not to furnish information to local authorities without advice from the Bureau.

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(Ed 4-26-65)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: July 7

FROM : Jerris Leonard
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

SUBJECT: Your Memorandum of July 6, 1970
[redacted] and others
Sabotage; Sedition; Civil Rights -
Federally Protected Activity;
Destruction of Government Property

You will please not deliver any of the information or execute in any other way the proposals set out in the referenced memorandum until you receive specific authorization from me.

A memorandum setting out the procedure to be followed relative to this matter will be forthcoming.

cc: Attorney General
Deputy Attorney General
Will Wilson
J. Walter Yeagley

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. C. L. McGowan

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: July 2, 1970

1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

FROM : C. D. Brennan

SUBJECT: [redacted] and others
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

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Investigation of the ROTC building arson at Kent State University (KSU), 5/2/70, resulted in the identification of nine subjects who were reportedly engaged in various acts including setting fire to the building and interfering with firemen fighting the blaze which destroyed structure. Since 5/2/70, Cleveland has submitted five reports consisting of 12 volumes totaling more than two thousand pages of investigation in this case.

By memorandum 6/10/70 you were advised that the Internal Security Division requested certain additional investigation in this case before any other Federal prosecutiv action would be initiated. Inasmuch as the facts then indicated prima facie violations by seven subjects of the Antiriot Law in connection with interference with firemen, this request for investigation sidestepped making a prosecutiv decision. The Attorney General by letter 6/11/70 in connectio with the foregoing was requested to promptly advise whether prosecutive action was warranted. In reply to this letter, the Internal Security Division on 6/15/70 pointed out that its request for additional investigation related only to the possible sabotage aspects of the case. The Criminal Division on 6/15/70, also in response to this letter to the Attorney General, requested the FBI determine the nature of any local prosecution at Kent, Ohio. It was explained that this informa was desired to support a position that Federal prosecution wa warranted as to such matters as Destruction of Government Pro and Antiriot Law violations considering the lack of local act in over 45 days.

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The attached teletype stated that the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, stating he was [illegible] under instructions of the Attorney General, agreed to turn over all evidence and information to the Portage County Prosecutor in Ohio for local prosecution as to all incidents at KSU between 5/1-4/70. This naturally includes the ROTC burning on 5/2/70 and the matter relating to the killing of f students on 5/4/70.

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Enclosures (2) said 7-6-70

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In view of the foregoing, there appears to be no prospect for Federal prosecution of any violation and no basis for further investigation by the FBI. Reports of investigatio by Ohio State Highway Patrol and Ohio National Guard relating to incidents at KSU between 5/1-4/70 are forthcoming and will be made available to the Portage County Prosecutor.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter to the Attorney General be approved advising that inasmuch as all evidence and informatio in this matter will be made available to local authorities in lieu of Federal prosecution, no further investigation will be conducted by the FBI. Upon approval of this recommendation Cleveland will be instructed to submit a closing report.

FBI

Date: 7/9/70

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (98-46479)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)(P)

RE: [redacted], and others
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS - FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

Re Cleveland airtel to Bureau and all offices, dated 5/10/70.

By communication dated 7/8/70, the Bureau advised in view of the Department's decision in this matter that information and evidence will be turned over to the local prosecutor in Ohio in lieu of Federal prosecution, there appears to be no basis for additional investigation in this case.

Accordingly, the Attorney General has been advised that no further investigation will be conducted in this case unless such has been specifically requested by the Department.

Consequently, all investigation regarding this matter is to be discontinued per Bureau instructions. Cleveland is discontinuing investigation in instant matter and anticipates a closing report will be submitted by 7/17/70.

Receiving offices will discontinue all investigation regarding this matter and immediately furnish Cleveland any pertinent FD-302s for incorporation into closing report, noting anticipated date, above, for submission of report.

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2 - Each Office (RM)
2 - Cleveland

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M _____
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 7/9/70

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL

_____ (Priority)

C. D. BREMAN

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (98-46479)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)(P)

RE: [redacted] ET AL
SABOTAGE; SEDITION;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY;
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 -
INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY
PROTECTED FACILITY

OO: Cleveland

Re Bureau airtel to Cleveland, 7/8/70.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, Cleveland has discontinued investigation in this matter. Auxiliary offices have been advised to also discontinue investigation and promptly submit results to Cleveland Office. Cleveland will submit closing report to Bureau by 7/17/70.

2 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Cleveland

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan

The Attorney General

July 27, 1970

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. R. L. Shackelford
1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel
1 - Mail Room (5531 JB)

[redacted]
PETER CHARLES BLEIK;
DOUGLAS CHARLES CORMACK;
RICHARD CONRAD FELDER;
THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG;
[redacted]
JERRY [redacted]
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

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MAIL (3D)

JUL 27 1970
COMM-FBI

Reference is made to my letter dated July 6, 1970, which advised that no further investigation would be conducted concerning the burning of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps facility at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, on May 2, 1970, unless specifically requested by you. You were also advised that a closing report would be submitted concerning this matter.

There is enclosed for your information a copy of the closing report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 20, 1970, at Cleveland, Ohio, which contains further investigation conducted.

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A copy of the enclosed report is being furnished to Honorable John D. Ehrlichman at the White House.

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10 JUL 27 1970

Enclosure

1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)

1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
Internal Security Division

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The Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
Civil Rights Division

1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
Criminal Division

NOTE:

See memorandum Mr. R. L. Shackelford to Mr. C. D. Brennan, dated 7/24/70, captioned as above, prepared by GHM:kks.

1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mail Room (5531 JB)
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. R. L. Shackelford
1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

July 27, 1970

BY LIAISON

Honorable John D. Ehrlichman
Assistant to the President
for Domestic Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ehrlichman:

Reference is made to my letter dated June 29, 1970, and previous letters, furnishing you the results of investigation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning the burning of a Reserve Officers' Training Corps building at Kent State University on May 2, 1970.

There is enclosed for your information a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 20, 1970, at Cleveland, Ohio, which contains the results of additional investigation conducted.

A copy of this report is being furnished to the Attorney General. EX-117 REC 18

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE:

See memorandum Mr. R. L. Shackelford to Mr. C. D. Brennan, dated 7/24/70, captioned as above, prepared by GHM:kks.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

July 27, 1970

BY LIAISON

Honorable John D. Ehrlichman
Assistant to the President
for Domestic Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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A copy of this report is being furnished to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CLEVELAND	CLEVELAND	7/20/70	6/8/70 - 7/1/70

TITLE OF CASE

[redacted]
PETER CHARLES BLEIK;
DOUGLAS CHARLES CORMACK;
RICHARD CONRAD FELBER;
THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG;
[redacted]
JERRY RUPP;
[redacted]

REPORT MADE BY [redacted]

TYPE C

CHARACTER OF CASE

SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 - INTERFERENC WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED FACILIT

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REFERENCES

Cleveland report of SA [redacted] dated 6/23/70.

Bureau airtel to Cleveland, dated 7/8/70.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

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Report of: SA [redacted] Office: CLEVELAND
Date: 7/20/70

Field Office File #: (98-2140) Bureau File #: (98-46479)

Title: [redacted]
PETER CHARLES BLEIK;
DOUGLAS CHARLES CORMACK;
RICHARD CONRAD FELBER;
THOMAS GRAYDON EGGLESONG;

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Character: [redacted]

Synopsis: JERRY RUPE; [redacted]

SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 - INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED FACILITY

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Synopsis:

[redacted], Kent, Ohio, witnessed burning of ROTC Building and furnished names of individuals she recognized in crowd at fire. She stated she observed [redacted] attempt to set the building on fire. She also saw JERRY RUPE burn an American Flag and saw RUPE and an individual she believed to be RICK FELBER attack a fireman.

Photographs of suspects were displayed to [redacted], and he identified those individuals he observed at burning.

[redacted], described burning as being "premeditated" inasmuch as some demonstrators possessed flares and machetes. He said that only about six or seven individuals appeared to actually engage in starting the fire, and a group of about 20 persons interfered with the firemen attempting to extinguish the fire.

[redacted] New York, furnished names of five individuals who he believed had witnessed the burning of the building.

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1 Date June 29, 1970

[redacted] Kent, Ohio, furnished the following information:

She stated she had been on the Kent State University (KSU) campus on the evening of May 2, 1970, with [redacted] She said they had arrived on campus at about 7:30 p.m. and had gone to the Commons area where a crowd had started to gather around the bell. She commented the crowd then began a march toward the Tri-Towers dormitory area, and upon arriving there, several more students joined the crowd.

After leaving the Tri-Towers area, the crowd then marched past the Eastway Center and returned to the Commons area, arriving there sometime after 8:00 p.m. She remarked some of the persons in the crowd began throwing stones at the United States Army ROTC Building, which is located next to the Commons. She noted the only persons she recognized in this crowd were JERRY RUPE, RICK FELBER, and [redacted]

[redacted] advised she did not observe either RUPE or FELBER attempt to set fire to the ROTC Building, but she did see [redacted] go to one of the windows which had been broken by stones and attempt to set fire to the curtains with a match. He was unsuccessful in these efforts, and the crowd had laughed at his attempts. She stated she had observed JERRY RUPE, and she believes FELBER, attack one of the firemen from the Kent Fire Department. They knocked this man down and had also pulled the firehose away from the firemen. This firehose was pulled into the crowd and cut with knives. She added RUPE and FELBER had knives in sheaths on their legs, and these were used to cut the hoses. She commented in addition to these activities, she had observed RUPE burn an American flag.

[redacted] advised she had seen some flares thrown at the ROTC Building, but they did not appear to have

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On 6/23/70 at Kent, Ohio File # Cleveland 98-2140

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started the fire in the building. She noted [redacted] had been with her during these activities, and he had not engaged in anything other than to throw a few rocks at the building. She stated a part of the crowd had then left the area of the ROTC Building and went to a small building located on the other side of the Commons where some baseball equipment reportedly was stored and this building was broken into and later burned. She commented she and [redacted] had been with this group, but had not participated in the burning of the small building.

The group then marched across the campus, down Terrace Drive to East Main Street and had then started toward downtown Kent. She said as they were marching toward the downtown area, the Ohio National Guard had arrived in the Kent area, and she and [redacted] went back on campus with several others of the crowd.

[redacted]

This group then started walking back toward the Commons area and upon arriving back at the Commons, she observed the ROTC Building was in flames. She stated neither she nor [redacted] had been present when the ROTC Building was set on fire and she does not know who set the building afire. She commented during the time she had been in the area of the ROTC Building, she had not seen anyone throw burning rags into the building, and when she and [redacted] left the area to go with the crowd, the ROTC Building was not on fire.

[redacted] advised the above information is as she recalls the burning to the ROTC Building, and she does not recall seeing anyone in the crowd, other than those she has mentioned.

She advised she would not be willing to testify to the information she has furnished.

[redacted] observed a large group of photographs from which she selected the following as being persons she either knows or recognizes. She again stated the only person she knows were at the ROTC Building burning are those she mentioned, and other than their photographs which are among this group, she does not recall seeing any of the others at the above incident.

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[redacted] The following is the group selected by [redacted]

[redacted]

RICHARD CONRAD FELBER

JERRY RUPE

THOMAS DAVID MILLER, also known as Tom Aquinas

[redacted]

(1) Date 7/2/70

[redacted] as located for interview at [redacted] Ohio. [redacted] was advised of his rights orally by SA [redacted] and of the identit of the interviewing agents and he read his rights and there- after executed a "Warning of Rights and Waiver Form".

On this occasion, [redacted] was shown a group of photographs and after viewing same he singled out the follow photographs stating the individuals depicted therein are tot unknown to him and he does not recall having seen any of the individuals on the Kent State University Campus on May 2, 19 at the time the ROTC Building was burned. Persons picked as unknown by [redacted] are as follows:

ALAN CANFORA:

[redacted]

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Center of photo facing camera;
Three Photos of PETER CHARLES BLEIK;

[redacted]

The remaining photographs displayed to [redacted] this occasion, were chosen by him as persons known to him an he furnished the following statements with regard to each of these persons:

[redacted] - an individual who he met at Kent, Ohio on May 2, 1970 and rode to the ROTC Building area prior to same being burned, known to him as a student, high school, from Penisula, Ohio.

THOMAS DAVID MILLER - known to him as a friend of JEFF MILLER, one of the individuals shot on the Kent State University Campus, May 4, 1970, THOMAS DAVID MILLER, not clo associated with or known by [redacted]

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[redacted] picked a photograph of him, [redacted] bearing the date of birth [redacted]

[redacted] - identified by [redacted] as an individual with whom he rode to the Kent State University Campus in his, [redacted], 1970 green Maverick on May 2, 1970, and thereafter traveled with [redacted] to the rally held at the Commons, near the ROTC Building.

THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG - known to him as a student who traveled from 127 N. Matawa Street, Kent, Ohio on May 2, 1970 to the Tri-Towers Dormitory and thereafter was observed at the burning of the ROTC Building on the Kent State University Campus.

[redacted] stated he recalls this individuals name was [redacted] and identified him as the individual who drove the Volkswagen Bus to the Tri-Towers Dormitory to an area near the rally and he, [redacted], rode in this bus with this individual.

ALLEN TATE - [redacted] stated he does not know this individual by name, however, he observed him at the Tri-Towers Dormitory complex and at the ROTC fire on May 2, 1970 and this individual talked to him about being involved in the incident on May 2, 1970, however, he did not observe TATE throw any rocks or set the fire.

JERRY RUPE - He stated RUPE resided with [redacted] Kent, Ohio and he recalls RUPE was wearing striped pants at the time he was present in the vicinity of the ROTC Building, which was burned on the Kent State University Campus, May 2, 1970 and he, RUPE, was observed to throw milk cases, steel, through the windows of the ROTC Building and was also carrying a burning American flag aroun the area.

RICHARD CONRAD FELBER - [redacted] stated as he recalls FELBER was wearing either striped pants or Levis on the night the ROTC Building was burned on the Kent State University Campus, May 1970, and he, FELBER, is a roommate of JERRY RUPE's and [redacted], Kent, Ohio.

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[redacted] advised he rode to the Tri-Towers Dormitory complex on the Kent State University Campus on the night of May 2, 1970, from 127 N. Matawa Street, in the 1970 Green Maverick, owned by [redacted]. He advised he recalls that JERRY RUPE and RICK FELBER rode to the Tri-Towers Dormitory from this same address in a yellow Chevrolet, owned by RICK. He stated the individual who he knows as [redacted] as the driver of the Volkswagen Bus, drove the Volkswagen Bus to the Tri-Towers Dormitory with the other individuals previously described and he and [redacted] thereafter, traveled with [redacted] and the other individuals in the Volkswagen Bus to the area of the Student Union, where the rally was to be held, near the ROTC Building, on the Kent State University Campus.

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[redacted] who has just completed his sophomore year at Kent State University (KSU), was interviewed at the [redacted] advised that he is majoring in architecture at KSU.

[redacted] advised that on the morning of Saturday, May 2, 1970, he heard that there would be a rally held at the KSU campus at 8:00 PM that evening. He advised that the rally was to be held on the Commons. He advised that he arrived about 20 minutes early that evening and saw a crowd of approximately 500 people there, and noticed several teachers in the crowd wearing blue arm bands. He advised that he does not know why these teachers were there, but did recognize one or two of them as having been involved in campus demonstrations the previous year.

[redacted] advised that the crowd seemed unorganized at this time and that shortly after he arrived two males ran over to the Victory Bell and began ringing it as a call for more people to join the crowd. He advised that "radical types" then ran up the hill toward Taylor Hall, and headed toward the Tri Towers Dormitory chanting "one two three four, we don't want your (obscene) war". He advised that some of these individuals apparently were carrying cans of spray paint concealed on their person because immediately upon arriving at Tri Towers they began spraying anti-war and anti-NIXON slogans on the sidewalks and pillars of Tri Towers.

[redacted] advised that apparently the reason for the crowds moving to Tri-Towers was to encourage the students living there to come out and join the crowd. He advised that the crowd got no initial response from those inside the dormitory and then numerous people decided to enter the dormitory and run through the halls in order to roust out some students.. He advised that he remained outside in the crowd and shortly after the dormitory

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was entered the fire arlarm sounded, many students then emptied out of the dormitory and joined the crowd.

[redacted] advised that the crowd moved to Eastway and Beal-McDowell Dormitory complexes but did not enter these buildings. He advised that some students from these dormitories came out and joined the crowd which had grown to about 1,000 people. He advised that the crowd then went toward the Army ROTC building.

[redacted] further advised that during this entire phase of the Saturday night disturbances at KSU, a guppy shaped, unmarked helicopter followed the crowd from above.

[redacted] advised that as the crowd moved across the Commons toward the ROTC building, it began to lose momentum. He advised that at this point, someone shouted "to the ROTC building" and the crowd gathered, spread and ran to the building. He advised that a handful of students in the front of the crowd began throwing rocks at the ROTC building.

[redacted] advised that the KSU police were nowhere to be seen at this point in the demonstration [redacted] advised that as some students began throwing rocks at the ROTC building the crowd began to cheer. He advised that he could not recognize anyone who was throwing rocks because it was very dark at this point. He advised, however, that these rock throwers appeared to him to be "hippie types". He advised that the crowd appeared to get braver because they did not see the KSU Police anywhere in the area. He advised that some individuals in the fore-front ran up to the building and broke windows with a big oil drum which they continuously smashed against the windows. He advised that at this point a student threw

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two lighted flares at the ROTC building, the first landing on the roof with no affect and the second being thrown carefully threw a broken window. He advised that a student approached a broken window and reached inside and set the drapperies on fire, but this fire seemed not to spread.

[redacted] advised that he feels this activity in front of the ROTC building was "premeditated" since people do not normally walk around carrying flares or the machetes which were later used to chop the fire hoses when the fire department arrived on the scene.

[redacted] advised that it appeared to him that only six or seven students were actually engaged in setting the ROTC building on fire [redacted] advised that at this point the firemen appeared from the opposite side of the ROTC building and one fireman began dragging a hose around the corner. He advised that before this fireman could make any progress in controlling the blaze, about 20 students lunged on him and he turned the hose on them. He further advised that the group of 20 or so quickly overpowered the fireman and he ran off. He advised that he was then surprised to see a number of machetes appear and to see the individuals wielding them quickly chop the fire hoses.

[redacted] advised that shortly before the firemen had arrived a "hippie" held up an American flag and set it on fire, whereupon someone in the crowd took a flash picture. He advised that a shout sounded up calling for the crowd to "get that camera". He advised that a number of individuals then jumped on the cameraman and beat him up and destroyed his camera [redacted] advised that the firemen made a second attempt to put out the fire at the ROTC building but again their hoses were chopped by machete wielding individuals in the crowd.

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[redacted] advised that in the mean time he observed from a distance another student set a fire in the opposite corner of the ROTC building and this fire began to spread. He advised that he observed someone standin near a motorcycle parked in a lot nearby. He advised that this individual made several trips between the motorcycle and the corner of the building where the fire was spreading. He advised that he does not know what this individual was doing nor could he recognize him because of the distance and darkness involved.

[redacted] advised that at this time the KSU Police arrived on the scene wearing gas masks, helmets and carrying tear gas guns. He advised that the police did not order anyone around, but only tried to protect the firemen in their efforts to exstinguish the blaze in the ROTC building. He advised that there were only about 18 KSU policemen and they lined up along the side of the building with their tear gas guns ready. He advised that the crowd approached perhaps within 20 feet of them, but quickly backed off when the police fired tear gas at them. He advised that this enabled the firemen to put out the blaze in the first corner of the building.

[redacted] advised that a number of individuals in the forefront of the crowd who were perhaps the same ones who had initiated the rock throwing, then led the crowd to the tennis courts, where they ripped down a chain linked fence and set fire to a sports equipment shed. He advised that the van guard of the crowd proceeded past President WHITES house and went down Main Street, where the crowd polorized with the "activist" marching down the street and those who were simply observing stood on the grass and sidewalks. He advised that the individuals in the street tore down signs, overturned telephone booths, broke windows and scattered trash and trash cans all over. He advised that the crowd caused traffic on Main Street to be diverted.

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[redacted] advised that at the intersection of Main and Lincoln Streets he observed the Ohio National Guard (ONG) approaching in trucks and jeeps. He advised that the people standing on the sidewalks began to scatter but then stopped when they realized that the ONG would not do anything anyway. He advised that the group in the streets, however, began throwing rocks at the ONG, which then picked up speed and proceeded into downtown Kent without ever entering the KSU campus. He advised that this was at about midnight. He advised that this seemed to encourage the crowd and as a result some students began smashing windows in a information booth located in front of the library.

[redacted] advised that the crowd then proceeded back toward the Commons at which point the KSU police again shot gas. He advised that the crowd began to scatter when numerous people began shouting "back to the Commons", and he observed large flames on the horizon near where the ROTC building was located. He advised that a cheer went up from the crowd as they realized that the ROTC building was burning out of control and would soon be destroyed.

[redacted] advised that at about 12:30 AM, he left and went back to his dormitory. He advised that throughtout the night there were small groups of people milling around the campus and he heard and saw many students leaning out the windows of the dormitories yelling obscenities at the ONG.

[redacted] advised that Sunday was very quiet and many students acutally socialized with members of the ONG and the entire atmosphere seemed to him to have calmed down considerably. He advised that he and some friends spent approximately one hour talking with some guardsmen and he would have been the last to think that any additional violence would have broken out.

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[redacted] advised that on Monday afternoon a rally formed after a declaration banning the gathering of crowds had been issued. He advised that about 4,000 students gathered in the Commons area, concentrating on the Johnson, Engelmon, West, and Prentice Halls areas. He advised that the ONG occasionally fired gas at the crowd but the wind blew this gas back in their own faces which caused the crowd to laugh. He advised that the ONG continuously urged the crowd to disperse and return to their dormitories and a student continuously ran between the crowd and the Victory Bell and rang it. He advised that the antics of this student around the Victory Bell appeared to be the main attraction at the time and the attempts of the ONG to chase this student away seemed to keep everyone in hysterics. He advised that he was on the northside of Taylor Hall and the students gathered on the south side apparently were throwing rocks, bricks, bottles, and pieces of pipe at the ONG which was gathered on the south - southwest corner. He advised that the crowd appeared to him to be "antagonizing the ONG to a very high degree." He advised that the rock-throwing students approached within a short distance of the ONG, which began to retreat from range and then turn and knelt. He advised that he then heard what sounded like a five to seven second volley of small firecrackers but it was apparently the ONG firing at the students. He advised that he did not see any students actually get shot and did not know that anyone had been shot until a short time later when he saw a student with blood streaming down his arm who said that some students had been shot.

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Date 6/16/70

[redacted] was interviewed at the Cook County Jail, 26th and California Avenue, where he was incarcerated while awaiting disposition of narcotic charges stemming from his recent arrest by Officers of the Cook County Sheriff's Police.

[redacted] advised he left Southern Illinois University (SIU) in mid April and went to New York City, where he stayed for two days. He advised that he did not meet anyone in particular in New York, and just loafed around looking at the sites. He advised that he then flew from New York's La Guardia Airport to Cleveland, Ohio, where he was met at the airport by [redacted], who he had met while both were inmates at the Federal Youth Correction Center (FYCC), Ashland, Kentucky. He advised that he then accompanied [redacted] to a house at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, where [redacted] resided while enrolled at Kent State University (KSU).

[redacted] advised that he stayed with [redacted] for seven or eight days and while there, met the following individuals:

[redacted] who played in a band called "The Measles".

[redacted], who worked for the Welfare Department and was recently discharged from the United States Navy.

[redacted] (phonetic), who appeared to be Jewish and had a girlfriend from New Jersey named [redacted]

[redacted], who was from New Jersey.

[redacted] who was a quiet guy.

[redacted], who owned a 1956 Thunderbird automobile, black in color, with a removable top.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] had a girlfriend who looked like MIA FARROW. He advised that across the street from this house where all these people lived, was a KSU Sorority House, and that a lot of the girls would come over

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to the house and talk with the guys who lived there. He advised that one of these girls called herself [redacted] (phonetic), and another was named [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] had a former girlfriend her name he does not know, who always came over to the house with food. He advised that this girl was sort of "kookie" and still had a crush on [redacted] and tried to slit her wrist one time while he was there. He advised that he told [redacted] that he better get that crazy girl out of the house before she got them all in trouble.

[redacted] advised that he did not discuss politics with any of the people who lived in this house at 230 Main S because politics do not interest him. He advised that he did not engage in any discussions about ROTC either.

[redacted] advised that he left KSU on a Monday or a Tuesday near the end of April, and hitchhiked to Gainsv Florida, to visit [redacted] who was a student at Santa Fe Junior College, and a friend of his from FYCC. He advise that he remained there about two days, and then travelled by bus to Mobile, Alabama, where he caught a flight to O'Hare Airport, Chicago, changed planes, and flew to Omaha, Nebrask He advised that he met a girl at O'Hare named [redacted] who was also flying to Omaha. He advised that from Omaha he and [redacted] hitchhiked to California. He advised that while hitchhiking outside of Salt Lake City, Utah, a hippy-type guy and girl in a Volkswagen Van stopped and told them about the shootings at KSU. He advised that this was the first time he had heard about the trouble at KSU. He advised that they told him that a lot of campuses had been closed down and that there was rioting on other campuses. He advised that they had a radio and that the news reports seemed to indicate that the shooting had occurr a day or two before.

[redacted] advised that he went from California where he spent only three or four days to SIU and then went to Parkridge, Illinois, to visit [redacted] a friend of his from SIU. He advised that while attending the Kikapoo (phon Creek Rock Festival a guy named [redacted] gave him some LSD to

sell and he was subsequently arrested by undercover agents of the Cook County Sheriff's Police.

[redacted] advised that while at KSU, he was introduced to JEFF MILLER by [redacted] who arranged through [redacted] JEFF to buy some marijuana. He advised that he thinks [redacted] was from JEFF's home town. He advised that he was introduced to JEFF MILLER at the house at 230 East Main Street. He further advised that he does not believe that [redacted] knew JEFF MILLER prior to this time.

[redacted] advised that while at KSU, he attended a rally at which a prominent person, perhaps Dr. SPOCK, was scheduled to speak, but left before the speaker arrived because there had been a delay of over one hour in starting the rally and he became bored.

[redacted] advised that he has seen photographs in magazines of the KSU shootings and believes he saw a picture of [redacted] kneeling next to a body which was perhaps that of JEFF MILLER. He advised that after viewing this photograph, in the magazine, he called [redacted]s home and was told by [redacted] mother that she did not know where he was. He advised that he then called [redacted] who said he thought [redacted] had gone to Pennsylvania.

[redacted] advised that when he was at KSU, the campus seemed to be very quiet and he had no indications of any impending demonstrations. He advised that he has no indications that [redacted] is involved in any New Left activities, but feels that if there was a demonstration, [redacted] would be in it simply out of curiosity. He advised that he did not discuss political matters with JEFF MILLER and has no indications that JEFF was involved in New Left activities. He advised that he talked briefly with [redacted] about the draft, but had no indication that ANDY was involved in New Left activities. He advised that he got the impression, however, that [redacted] was perhaps the most likely one to be involved in such disturbances. He further advised that while at KSU, he met a white male named [redacted] who was a

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[redacted], and that [redacted] once made the statement that the only way police harassment of youths could be stopped was for Negroes and hippies to band together.

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Date 6/19/70

[redacted] New York, telephone [redacted] a white male born February 24, 1949, at [redacted], upon interview advised as follows:

He was a Junior at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, during the 1969-1970 school year, and left the campus in early May, 1970.

On the evening of May 2, 1970, at which time there was a curfew in effect at Kent, he was visiting his girl friend, [redacted] at her residence at [redacted] Kent. Also present at that time was [redacted] roommate, [redacted] (phonetic) and her boy friend, [redacted]

Sometime between 8:30 P.M.-9:00 P.M. to the best of his recollection, they heard the sounds of police, fire and other emergency vehicles outside and went out on the porch of the residence at [redacted], and noted flames coming from the campus area. The four of them drove to the campus, and noted the ROTC Building on campus was ablaze and almost burned to the ground. There were crowds of several thousand students and others in the area watching the fire.

At the time [redacted] arrived at the area of the fire, the fire trucks had already left and he heard that when they had attempted to extinguish the fire the fire hoses had been cut by students or others. When [redacted] and his three companions arrived at the fire scene, the National Guard and other law enforcement officers were merely allowing the fire to burn out and were primarily concerned with keeping the crowd away from the fire at a safe distance.

[redacted] heard from unrecalled sources, that the fire had been started by a small group of students, numbering at most 150, and that had the Ohio State Police riot police, who had been on campus, taken firm steps at that time they could have prevented the building being set afire.

On 6/16/70 at [redacted] New York File # Cleveland 98-2140
Buffalo 98-1235

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[redacted] stated he is more than willing to cooperate fully with the FBI in this investigation, but inasmuch as he was nowhere near the ROTC Building at the time of the fire outbreak, he could furnish no really pertinent information.

[redacted] advised he had no idea who had actually set the fire, and could furnish no information concerning it.

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Date 6/24/70

[redacted] Pennsylvania, 15147, telephone number [redacted] advised as follows:

[redacted] is 20 years old. He is employed by the [redacted] Pennsylvania. He was a second year student majoring in physical education at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, during the school year 1969-1970.

[redacted] was home the weekend of May 1-2, 1970. He returned to the KSU campus at about 2:30 PM, on Sunday, May 3, 1970, and observed that the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Building had been completely destroyed.

[redacted] was told by various individuals that Kent, Ohio, was under Martial Law. Many students were saying that there was to be a rally on the University campus at noon the following day, Monday, May 4, 1970.

On May 4, 1970, [redacted] was hurrying from his room off the campus to attend the rally, he heard a volley of shots. He hurried to the campus Commons where he pushed to the front of about 1,500 students. Someone said that a student had been killed.

At this time, there wee a great many long haired students in the front and he is of the opinion they may have been the leaders of the students.

It was said that the leaders were graduate students or instructors. He did not know any of them. One of the students with whom he discussed the matter stated that one of the girls involved was known to be a student at Akron University. The KNAUSE girl who was killed, was previously observed on the campus by [redacted] indefinite number of days prior to the rally, carrying a cat. She had that reputation and was the "hippie" type.

On 6/23/70 at [redacted], Pennsylvania File # Cleveland 93-2140 Pittsburgh 93-1317

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 6/24/70

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Following the shooting, the National Guard attempted to disperse the crowd which remained at about 1,500 individuals. One Guard announced that the crowd had 5 minutes to disperse. Many members of the crowd hooted and used profane language and some made obscene signs with their hands. Some students sat down and refused to move [redacted] left shortly thereafter. He had no knowledge of the identities of the students involved.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1 Date 7/2/70

[redacted] Ohio, advised he is employed during the Summer as a laborer for [redacted] presently working at [redacted], Ohio. [redacted] is a Sophomore at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio.

During the weekend of May 1-4, 1970, [redacted] returned to the campus on Saturday afternoon, May 2, 1970. During the evening when the ROTC Building on campus was burned, [redacted] was in his dorm, Heer Hall, and he advised he had no knowledge of the individuals who burned the building. [redacted] advised he was in possession of no information as to who was responsible for setting the fire.

[redacted] advised that on Monday, May 4, 1970, he arrived at the Commons area subsequent to the shooting of the students, as he had a class scheduled in Van Deusen Hall. He had no information to relate concerning the shooting of the students.

Concerning both the burning of the ROTC Building and the demonstration [redacted] was of the opinion that these were spontaneous incidents. He heard no prior announcements concerning either by any individual or group. He had no suspects in the ROTC Building burning.

[redacted] volunteered the following background information:

Name:	[redacted]
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
DOB:	11/13/50
POB:	Warren, Ohio
Address:	[redacted] Ohio
Marital status:	Single

On 6/24/70 at [redacted] Ohio File # Cleveland 98-214

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 6/26/70

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Occupation:	Student - Sophomore, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio; during the Summer is a laborer for [redacted]
School address:	[redacted] Heer Hall, KSU
Major Study:	Physical Education
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	175 lbs.
Hair:	brown, long
Eyes:	Brown
Arrests:	None

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan

TO : Mr. C. D. Brennan

DATE: 7/24/70

FROM : Mr. R. L. Shackelford

1 - Mr. R. L. Shackelford
1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

SUBJECT: [redacted]
PETER CHARLES BLEIK;
DOUGLAS CHARLES CORMACK;
RICHARD CONRAD FELBER;
THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG;
[redacted]
JERRY RUPE; [redacted]
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise that a closing report dated 7/20/70 (a copy attached), has been received from Cleveland concerning the Kent State University (K ROTC burning which further substantiates the involvement of several of the above subjects in this incident.

One individual interviewed advised she observed subje[redacted] attempt to set fire to the ROTC building. This individual also saw subject Rupe burn an American flag and saw Rupe and a person she believed to be subject Felber attack a fireman. Another person advised he considered the burning of the ROTC building to be premeditated since demonstrators possessed flares and machetes. This individual believed only about six or seven persons started the fire and about twenty persons interfered with firemen fighting the blaze.

[redacted]

By letter 7/6/70, the Attorney General was advised that inasmuch as Federal prosecution is no longer being considered, no further investigation in this case would be conducted unless specifically requested by him. He was advise that a closing report would be submitted.

Enclosures sent 7-27-70
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Memorandum to Mr. C. D. Brennan
Re: [redacted]
Peter Charles Bleik;
Douglas Charles Cormack;
Richard Conrad Felber;
Thomas Graydon Foglesong;
[redacted]
Jerry Rupe;
98-46479

TC

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter to the Attorney General with copies for the Deputy Attorney General, Assistant Attorneys General, Internal Security Division, Civil Rights Division and Criminal Division; and a letter to John D. Ehrlichman at the White House be approved, enclosing for each a copy of the above report. Also if approved, in accordance with Mr. Ehrlichman's request, a copy of the report will be furnished to the President's Commission on Campus Unrest.

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Date: 8/31/70

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (98-46479)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)

RE: [redacted]
ET AL
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 - INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED FACILITY

Re Cleveland airtel, 8/24/70.

On this date, the items listed in referenced airtel, along with other material seized in the search of 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, on 5/10/70, were returned by SAs of the Cleveland Division to [redacted], Kent, Ohio. These items were all originally obtained from [redacted] on 5/10/70, and a receipt was obtained from him regarding the return of all these items to him on 8/31/70.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE: 8/25/70

TO: FBI, Buffalo (98-1235)

Re: UNSUBS;
FIREBOMBING OF ROTC BUILDING
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio
May 2, 1970
SABOTAGE

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[redacted] NY 11803
August 12, 1970

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Director of FBI Lab,
Dept. of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Shortly after the incidents at Kent State University, on approximately May 5 to May 12, FBI officers for the Cleveland office searched my son [redacted] quarters at 230 E. Main St. Kent, Ohio. The officers took clothing, books, papers to be examined in the then current investigation.

Upon the advice of [redacted] of the Patchogue, L.I. office of the FBI, I am writing to you requesting that the personal belongings of [redacted] be returned to his home, at the above address. The books and papers are of little value, but the garments you hold are valuable and in excellent condition.

I would appreciate a prompt reply if you still need the clothes for your investigation, or their immediate return. Thank you.

Sincerely yours

[redacted]

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Letter 8/31/70

1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel, 904 9th & D
1 - Mr. Williams, 7133
1 - Mr. Aaron

August 31, 1970

[redacted]
[redacted] New York 11803

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Reference is made to your letter received on August 21, 1970, requesting advice concerning the return of certain items belonging to your son which were reportedly taken from 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, in May 1970.

A number of items were obtained from this address during an investigation conducted by this Bureau as the result of the execution of a search warrant on May 10, 1970.

At the direction of United States Attorney Robert B. Krupansky, the items obtained as the result of this search warrant are being returned to [redacted], 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, or to some other person in charge of those premises. Inquiry concerning these items should be directed to that address.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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(SEE NOTE PAGE 2)

Mr. Bernard Novick

NOTE:

Reply co-ordinated with Supervisor G. H. Menzel, Domestic Intelligence Division. Delay in replying to addressee necessitated by obtaining information from the Cleveland Office. See Cleveland airtel to the Director dated 8/24/70, Re: [redacted] et al.; Sabotage; Sedition; Destruction of Government Property; Civil Rights Act of 1968 - Interference with Federally Protected Facility.

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FBI

Date: 8/24/70

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (98-46479)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140) (P)

RE: [redacted] 7C
ET AL
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DESTRUCTION OF
GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968-
INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED FACILITY

Re Cleveland telephone call to Laboratory this date.

Inasmuch as requests have been received for the return of certain items previously submitted to the Laboratory in this with Cleveland letter to the Bureau, 5/11/70, captioned "UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army ROTC Building, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, 5/2/70, SABOTAGE", the Laboratory is requested to return the following items to the Cleveland Division:

Item #1 3/4 length gray winter jacket (parka) with fur-lined hood and orange lining.

#2 One pair blue denim jeans

#3 One pair tan suede gloves

#4 One blue man's shirt (cotton)

#5 One hippie-type headband

#6 One pair purple levis

#7 One tan corduroy coat in plastic dry-cleaners bag

#8 Two make-shift peace armbands, made from dungarees

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#9 Items found in first floor bedroom:

6 rubber balloons
1 tube Elmer's contact cement
1 tube Duco Cement
1 cardboard tube partially covered with aluminum foil, with burned hole in one end (makeshift marijuana pipe?)

The above items were among those seized in the search of 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, under authorization of a search warrant issued 5/10/70, by U.S. Commissioner CLIFFORD E. BRUCE, Cleveland, Ohio. This search warrant was executed 5/10/70, by searching the aforementioned residence for clothing, incendiary material or any other material that could be used for destructive purposes by explosion, thermal or incendiary destruction.

The occupants of the aforementioned premises were subsequently determined not to have been involved in the burning of the ROTC building and the actual perpetrators have been identified. As a result, U.S. Attorney ROBERT B. KRUPANSKY has advised the above listed items may now be returned.

Cleveland Division obtained the above items from [redacted] who signed the certification regarding these items taken from his premises at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, where other persons were also living in this communal-type residence. In order to preclude several individuals making claim on us for the same items, the Cleveland Division will return all these items taken from the 230 East Main Street address to [redacted] at that address, or, in [redacted] absence, to any other person in charge of those premises.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE: 9/9/70

TO: SAC, Cleveland

Re: UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO, 5/2/70; SABOTAGE

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/1/70

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2152) (C)

SUBJECT: ALLEGED PLOTS TO
DESTROY ROTC BUILDING,
CLASSROOMS AND DORMITORIES AT
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)
KENT, OHIO
SABOTAGE

OO: Cleveland

Re Cleveland airtel and LHM to the Bureau, 6/23/70.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are six (6) copies of a Letterhead Memorandum (LHM) pertaining to captioned matter. Locally, two copies are being disseminated to Secret Service, Cleveland and one copy each to military intelligence agencies.

In the absence of any acts to burn or bomb KSU buildings during the summer school session at KSU, and in the absence of any known plots to perpetrate such acts during the coming fall school session, the Cleveland Office is not contemplating any additional inquiries in this matter, UACB.

Logical sources have been alerted to the possibility of violence at KSU, and in the event pertinent information is subsequently received indicating that acts of violence are imminent, the Cleveland Office will promptly advise the Bureau and all interest agencies.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Cleveland, Ohio

September 1, 1970

ALLEGED PLOTS TO DESTROY
ROTC BUILDING, CLASSROOMS
AND DORMITORIES AT
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)
KENT, OHIO
SABOTAGE

Reference is made to memorandum, captioned as above and dated June 23, 1970, at Cleveland, Ohio.

The following individuals, when contacted on June 23, 1970, advised that they were unaware of any plans by individuals, or organizations, to burn or bomb any buildings on the KSU campus:

[redacted] 7d

[redacted] recalled that there had been a theft of explosives from the United States Army Ammunition Plant, Ravenna, Ohio, early in the Spring of 1970, but that no recent thefts of this nature had been reported.

The above individuals did advise, however, that the atmosphere surrounding the KSU campus continues to be tense, and that there are a variety of rumors circulating as to the possibility of additional acts of violence at KSU. Each of the above individuals indicated that they would advise the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the event they learned of any actual plans for violence.

/s [illegible]

ENCLOSURE

RE: ALLEGED PLOTS TO DESTROY
ROTC BUILDING, CLASSROOMS
AND DORMITORIES AT
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)
KENT, OHIO
SABOTAGE

When contacted on July 29, 1970 and August 24, 1970, [redacted] supra, advised that there had not been any attempts to burn, or bomb, KSU buildings during the summer school session. He reinterated that he would notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the event he learned of any plans of violence on the campus during the fall school term.

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FBI

Date: 10-28-70

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (98-46479)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)

RE: [redacted] 7C
ET AL.
SABOTAGE; SEDITION;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVT. PROPERTY;
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 -
INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY
PROTECTED FACILITY

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau are two copies of an article which appeared in the 10-23-70 issue of "The Cleveland Press", a daily evening newspaper published in Cleveland.

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Kent State riot charges explained

By DOUGLAS McCORMICK
Press Ohio Bureau

RAVENNA — Of the 25 persons indicted by the Portage County Grand Jury, some have been charged with first-degree riot and some with second-degree riot.

Other charges include inciting to riot and obstructing a fireman.

Under state law enacted in 1968 first-degree riot involves five or more persons in violent and tumultuous conduct with intent to commit a felony or facilitate a felony or any forceful offense against a person, or when a violator knows somebody uses or intends to use a deadly weapon or explosive.

Possible examples would be the rioter who as one of a group bombs a building or clobbers a guardsman with a rock.

A person convicted for first-degree riot may be put in prison for 1 to 3 years under a felong penalty. Or he may be fined up to $1000 or imprisoned up to one year, or both, which is a misdemeanor penalty. Judges are given discretion in levying punishment.

If the person carried a firearm during the riot he could be sentenced to an additional 1 to 3 years.

Second-degree riot involves five or more persons in violent and tumultuous conduct with intent to do a lawful act with unlawful force and violence in such a manner as to create a clear and present danger to person or property.

Or the violators may be acting with intent to prevent or coerce official action, or hinder a function of government, or commit or facilitate the commission of a misdemeanor.

Thus a possible example of a second-degree rioter would be a person who is in a protest march (lawful) that gets out of hand, surges into the street and ties up traffic (unlawful) so that a fire truck can't get to a burning building.

Another example might be a person who as a member of a group rages over the campus smashing windows.

Penalty for second-degree riot may be imprisonment for up to one year, a fine of up to $1000, or both.

Inciting to riot means inciting to first-degree riot. Penalty is the same as for first-degree riot.

Obstructing a fireman can result in a sentence of 30 days to six months, or a fine of $50 to $500.

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FBI

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (98-46479)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)

RE: [redacted]
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CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968-
INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY
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Enc. for the Bureau are two copies of articles re captioned matter, which appeared in the 10/16, [redacted] and 10/19/70 issues of "The Cleveland Press", a daily evening newspaper published in CV.

[redacted] Ravenna, Ohio, made available on 10/19/70, the following names of individuals who have been indicted by the Special Grand Jury investigating the Kent State shootings on 5/4/70:

DOUGLAS CHARLES CORMAK
12841 Cherry Lane
Chesterland, Ohio

JOSEPH B. COLLUM
2506 Vera Place
Canton, Ohio

JOHN GERBETZ

RUTH GIBSON

KENNETH J. HAMMOND

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DR. THOMAS LOUGH

THOMAS D. MILLER

CAROL LYNN MIRMAN
1012 Page Street
San Francisco, California

JAMES M. RIGGS

JERRY RUPE

LARRY A. SHUB

DAVID O. ADAMS

WILLIAM G. ARTHRELL

PETER BLIEK

ALAN M. CANFORA
308 Newell Street
Barberton, Ohio

ROSE ANN CANFORA

RICHARD G. FELBER
Portage County Jail

THOMAS GRAYDON FOGLESONG
3046 South Oak Hill Road
Silver Lake, Ohio

JEFFREY D. HARTZER

JOSEPH J. LEWIS

CRAIG A. MORGAN
Apartment 718
College Towers
Kent, Ohio

MARY HELEN NICHOLAS

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ALLEN TATE

RONALD WEISSENBERGER

MICHAEL STEVEN ERWIN

[redacted]

It is to be noted that five of the above individuals are subjects in instant 98 case.

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PROF, 4 OTHERS ARRESTED IN KSU VIOLENCE ROUNDUP

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By MARY SWINDELL
Press Staff Writer

RAVENNA—A Kent State professor and a convicted drug peddler were the first persons put under arrest today as deputies rounded up 25 persons indicted in the campus disorders of last May.

Two of the first five in custody were Greater Clevelanders.

Prof. Thomas S. Lough, 42, professor of sociology indicted for inciting to riot, surrendered voluntarily, apparently having learned that he was to be arrested. He was accompanied by his attorney.

The other also was easy to find. He was Richard C. Felber, 21, of Akron, a freshman at Kent State last year and presumably a student at the time of the fatal clash. He was already in jail.

Felber was charged with first degree riot, attempting to burn property, assault and interfering with a fireman at the scene of a fire. The fire was that which razed the ROTC Bldg. May 2.

He recently was convicted of selling drugs and is in the Portage County Jail here awaiting transfer to the Mansfield Reformatory to begin a sentence of 20 to 40 years.

Lough was released on $5000 personal recognizance bond.

The Greater Clevelanders, both of whom surrendered voluntarily, were James M. Riggs, 20, of 29235 Sunset Dr., Westlake, a sophomore in business administration, and Larry Shub, 1676 Glenmont Dr., Cleveland Heights, a freshman last year.

Each is under indictment for second-degree riot.

The fifth in custody is Jerry Rupe, 21, of Kent, not a student, who already was in Stark County Jail on a charge of possession of narcotics. He was indicted for arson, assault, striking a fireman, interfering with a fireman and first-degree riot.

DEPUTIES, armed with warrants, were rounding up the others. None will be named until arrested.

None of those indicted last week by a special Grand Jury was among the National Guard troops who killed four students and wounded nine as a climax to four days of rioting on the KSU campus.

University officials chafed at the continuing court orders banning discussion of the jury report.

Kent State President Robert I. White said he had been given permission by the presiding judge to comment but not to criticize. He said he would not hold any press conferences as a consequence.

MEANTIME, the Case Western Reserve Student Mobilization Committee to end the War in Vietnam announced a public meeting

on the Kent State jury report would be held Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom, 11111 Euclid Ave.

Jerry Gordon, coordinator of the National Peace Action Coalition, will speak. Cosponsors include the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, Young Socialist Alliance and the Peace Action Committee.

Five other groups will sponsor a rally tomorrow at 8 p. m. in the CWRU student union ballroom. Theme will be "Avenge Kent—Jail the Murderers, Free the Students." Students from Kent will speak. Sponsors are Youth Against War and Fascism, Cleveland State University Conference, Artists for Peace, Dostal Defense Committee and CWRU Strike Community.

In Columbus, the American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio called for a Federal Grand Jury investigation of the Kent State killings on the grounds that National Guardsmen had deprived students and others of their civil rights.

IN CLEVELAND, Cong. Louis Stokes said in a press conference that the jury findings had given new fuel to radicals. He said it was unfortunate that the jury could find no reason to return indictments against those who pulled the triggers.

In a speech in St. Louis last night, Robert W. Morse, former president of Case Western Reserve called the shootings "an act of assassination against American youth." He said he still found it impossible to believe that "Middle America's sons and daughters were shot down in an open field on their own campus."



Prof. Thomas S. Lough

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KENT JURY INDICTS 25

Guard absolved in report

Campus rally is peaceful

Riot panelist disagrees

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By HASKELL SHORT, Press Ohio Bureau Chief

RAVENNA — A special state's Grand Jury today indicted 25 persons for 43 offenses as it returned its investigative report of the May rioting at Kent State University which saw four students killed and nine wounded by National Guard troops.

The jury ruled that the guardsmen, placed in an untenable position with only deadly weapons to control an onrushing, rock-throwing crowd, fired in self-defense and cannot be prosecuted under Ohio laws.

Names of the persons indicted were kept secret until they have been arrested. Those accused were not identified in any way—but they definitely did not incude guardsmen.

Robert Balycat, the state's chief investigator in the inquiry, would not detail the offenses charged against the indicted 25 other than to say no narcotics offenses were involved and the offenses all occurred between May 1 and May 4.

THE COURTROOM in Ravenna and the KSU campus five miles away were tense as the jury returned its report pinning responsibility for the four days of rioting upon the university administration's permissive policies toward radicals, which left the administration powerless to control its campus.

The report said it is reasonable to believe that the tragic events of Sunday and Monday (May 3 and 4), following the Saturday night burning of the campus ROTC building, would not have occurred if KSU police had moved in to chase away the four or five students actively fighting firemen at the scene.

Jurors mentioned no names but they sharply criticized the conduct of National Guard commanders, the university administration, a segment of the faculty and university policy developed over the years recognizing all radical student groups wanting to use campus facilities.

IN CONTRAST to the report by the President's Commission on Student Unrest that the Kent shootings were unnecessary and unjustified, this jury of Portage County residents said it uncovered evidence beyond that found by the FBI and other investigative agencies.

While criticizing guard commanders for giving the troops only deadly M-1 rifles, called inappropriate to use in student disorders, the Grand Jury said the retreating soldiers, under rock attack by a riotous mob, fired "in the honest and sincere belief . . . they would suffer bodily injury had they not done so."

"They are not, therefore, subject to criminal prosecution under the laws of this state for any deaths or injuries resuting therefrom," the 18-page report stated.

THE FBI HAD TURNED over all evidence it gathe to the state to help the Grand Jury in its investigati

Although the Justice Department could continue Kent investigation it would be highly unusual if the F eral Government would build a case against the Natio Guard with evidence that a jury of local citizens fou the shootings justified.

The Grand Jury also concluded that the same c ditions which led to the tragic events still exist and continue until the university, faculty and students "t a strong stand against radicals bent upon violence destruction of the school."

It urged that all who would disrupt the university expelled.

THE GRAND JURY report came after 25 days of stu ing evidence gathered by federal and state agenc and hearing testimony from more than 300 witnesses.

Special security precautions were evident as the port was released because Robert White, KSU preside warned two days ago that radicals were surfacing ag on campus.

The report gave a detailed description of events le ing to the shootings as the 74 guardsmen on cam duty retreated across the practice football field tow Taylor Hall when their tear gas barrage failed to br up a student rally at noon. It said 58 guardsmen w hit by rocks.

"The most discouraging aspect of t university's role in the incidents . . . that the administrative leadership h totally failed to benefit from past event

"Whatever may have been in the minds of those harassed and otherwise taunted the national guardsm it is clear that from the time the Guard reached practice football field they were on the defensive had every reason to be concerned for their own fare," the jury said.

Student participants were branded as "guilty of liberate criminal conduct . . . those who stood b cheer leaders and onlookers, while not liable for c inal acts, must assume a part of the responsibility what occurred."

"TEAR GAS WAS admittedly ineffective becau wind direction and velocity, and it was the beli most of those guardsmen present on the field tha supply of tear gas had been exhausted," the jury sa

"The circumstances present at the time indicate that 74 men surrounded by several hundred hostile rioters were forced to retreat back up the hill toward Taylor Hall under a constant barrage of rocks and other flying objects, accompanied by a constant flow of chants such as, 'Kill, kill, kill.'

"Photographic evidence has established beyond any doubt that as national guardsmen approached the top of the hill adjacent to Taylor Hall a large segment of the crowd surged up the hill led by small groups of agitators, approaching to within a short distance of the rear ranks of the guard."

Although some of the student demonstrators claimed only a few rocks were thrown, the Grand Jury reported that construction workers in the area testified that 200 bricks were taken.

OTHER WITNESSES testified students carried bags of rocks to the rally while others had gas masks and equipment in obvious anticipation that something was going to happen.

Rocks were also stockpiled in the area, some witnesses testified.

"There is additional evidence that advance planning had occurred in connection with the rally held that fatal noon," the jury report said.

"Agreeing with the principle of law that words are not enough to justify use of lethal force the verbal abuse directed at the guardsmen by men and women students was such that the jurors would not have believed it except that it was confirmed by much testimony and audio tapes.

The jurors obviously were shocked by the "verbal abuse" referred to, saying:

"(It) represented a level of obscenity and vulgarity which we have never before witnessed . . . It is hard to accept the fact that the language of theg utter has become the common vernacular of many persons posing as students in search of higher education.

"THE FACT THAT the Guard fired in self-defense is not an endorsement of the manner in which those in command of the Guard reacted.

"To the contrary . . . the order to disperse crowd on the Commons put the guard in an untena and dangerous position with weapons inappropriate dealing with campus disorders.

"Unfortunately, however, under current practices other weapons have been made available to the gu by the Department of the Army."

The jurors said "23 concerned faculty members" issued a statement attacking President Nixon, his V nam policies, racism, Governor Rhodes and the sch administration, although coupled with a plea for un standing of campus issues, committed "an irrespons act clearly not in the best interests of Kent State."

The report stated that d o c u m e n t, distribute domrmitories early Sunday evening before the shoot Monday, was prepared in the office of the dean for ulty council, known as the ombudsman.

The report slapped at a small minority of fac members who "devote their entire class periods to ing their students to openly oppose our institutior government, even to the point where one student, dared defend the American flag, was ridiculed by professor before his classmates."

THE GRAND JURY declared as "riots" in a l sense the disorders of Friday night in downtown when the trouble began, the Saturday rally that le the burning of the ROTC building, the Sunday stu sitdown in the streets and the Monday rally. It said students ignored proper orders to disperse.

The evidence is that the National Guard was ord into Kent following Kent Mayor Leroy Satrom's sc call to Governor Rhodes' office for help because mayor felt local authorities could not handle the s tion and no more policemen were available.

"The guard was called solely for the purpose of assisting the civil authority," the jury said and "at no time during the period was martial law declared."

THE JURY SAID the campus police department is "totally inadequate to perform the function of a law enforcement agency" and recommended it be placed under control of a professional police officer.

A clear example of the campus police inadequacy, the jurors said, was "the shocking inability" to protect city firemen responding to the ROTC building fire.

A squad of university police was mobilized three blocks away but "it was decided by those in command not to expose the officers to risk."

This, the jurors said, was a question of judgment but showed a complete inability to respond in the manner expected of a police department.

"It is hard to accept the fact that the language of the gutter has become the common vernacular of many persons posing as students in search of higher education."

AS IT TURNED OUT, the jurors said, no more than four or five students attacked firemen and no more than 10 or 12 persons were involved in burning the building. Early reports had been that a mob of students had chased firemen away.

"It is obvious that the burning of the ROTC building could have been prevented with the manpower available," the jurors said. "If the burning had been prevented it is reasonable to believe that the events which followed on May 3 and 4 would not have occurred."

The jurors heaped criticism upon university pol developed over the years that "fostered an attitu laxity, overindulgence and permissiveness with the dents and faculty to the extent it can no longer reg the activities of either."

This situation, the jurors said, made Kent "partic ly vulnerable to any pressure applied from radica ments from within the student body or faculty."

AS AN EXAMPLE, the jurors said, the universit delegated disciplinary authority under a student co code that is "totally ineffective."

"As a matter of policy all criminal offenses unco by campus police except felonies are given to st judicial boards with the disposition, if any, being, r mended counseling or other meaningless sanctions jurors said.

Another example of the university contributing own crisis, the jurors said, is overemphasis on the to dissent.

The jury said this is the procedure that allowe dents for a Democratic Society, Young Socialist All Red Guard, Student Religious Liberals, and others upon violence to use the campus.

The jurors, expressing the hope that "out of this will emerge order and purpose," called Kent Stat versity a valued part of the community and urg university to quickly expel trouble makers and bent on campus disorder.



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Enclosed for the information of the Bureau are two (2) copies of an article which appeared in the 10-16-70 issue of "The Record-Courier" a daily newspaper published at Kent, Ohio. This article sets forth the text of the Special Grand Jury report on the disturbances at Kent State University (KSU) 5/1-4/70.

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The order of this Court made and entered into September 5, 1970 pertaining to the Special Grand Jury which convened September 14, 1970 is supplemented in the following respect:

1) Paragraph 7 of said order of September 5, 1970 is supplemented by the addition of the following paragraph:

Special Counsel for the Attorney General may hold one (1) press conference on October 16, 1970 at which time they may present to the news media that portion of the report of the Special Grand Jury which is not secret and may answer only general questions pertaining to such portions of the report of the Special Grand Jury without giving any specific information, commenting on any of the evidence presented to the said Special Grand Jury or making any interpretation of such report.

It is further ordered that a copy of this supplemental Order shall be made available to the Special Counsel of the Attorney General and to all representatives of the news media participating in said press conference.

It is further ordered that the Clerk of this Court shall enter this Supplemental Order upon the Journal of this Court. DATED THIS 15th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1970.

Edwin W. Jones,
Albert L. Caris

ENTRY ON SPECIAL GRAND JURY

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE SPECIAL GRAND JURY:

This day appeared at the bar of this Court the Special Grand Jury heretofore impaneled and sworn in and for this Portage County, viz:

1. Robert R. Hastings
2. Robert W. Brown
3. Norman B. Hill
4. Elizabeth H. Heisa
5. Lewis B. Miller
6. James H. Deffenbaugh
7. Otha O. Drake
8. Edward M. Gannon
9. Carol Ann Balogh
10. Thomas W. Yeager
11. Lewis G. Bacon
12. Anna R. Kaminsky
13. Dallas Pigott
14. Malcom P. Avery
15. Lowell T. Davis

Marjorie L. Allman (Alternate)

and by their Foreman presented to the Court, their certain 30 bills of indictments covering 25 defendants and 43 offenses; each endorsed by Robert R. Hastings the said Foreman of the Special Grand Jury, "A True Bill," to which endorsement said Foreman subscribed his name, and against the following named persons for the following specified offenses, viz:

Also their report in writing to the Court in the following words and figures, viz:

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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL GRAND JURY

TO THE HONORABLE Edwin W. Jones, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Portage County, Ohio.

The Special Grand Jury of the Court of Common Pleas of said County of the September term, A.D. 1970, hereby report to the Court that they have been in session 25 days, and herewith by their foreman present to the Court the Indictments found by said Jury.

We have carefully examined all such matters as have legitimately come to our notice and within our charge, having examined over 300 witnesses, and presented 30 true bills covering 25 defendants and 43 offenses considered by us. The business of this Special Grand Jury has been transacted in as expeditious a manner as possible.

As has already been reported here, this Special Grand Jury received testimony from more than 300 witnesses who have fairly represented every aspect, attitude, and point of view concerning the events which occurred in the city of Kent, Ohio and on the campus of Kent State University during the period from May 1, 1970, to May 4, 1970, inclusive. The persons called as witnesses, the order of their appearance, and the questions presented, clearly indicated an effort at complete impartiality with a full and complete disclosure of all available evidence. We are satisfied that each of these objectives was accomplished.

Many persons, some of whom claimed publicly to be in possession of pertinent information, and who were not subject to subpoena were invited to testify. Some of those invited did appear, while others declined. All persons who requested to testify were permitted to do so.

In addition to the many witnesses summoned to testify, this Grand Jury viewed and otherwise received all physical evidence believed to have any probative value, including numerous audio tapes, photographs, motion picture films, and physical evidence recovered at the scene.

All requests for further information made by this Grand Jury have been complied with by the Special Counsel for the Attorney General as to the law applicable and the facts.

The Grand Jury has had available the independent investigative reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Ohio Highway Patrol, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, and all other police agencies involved. Their reports and all pertinent information and evidence have been examined in detail. The Grand Jury expresses its appreciation to all investigative agencies for their cooperation.

In addition, the Grand Jury has received a substantial amount of additional information and evidence that was not available to the police agencies at the time of their investigations. Some facts were discovered subsequent to the investigation of other agencies.

This Grand Jury expresses its appreciation to Judge Edwin W. Jones for his leadership and guidance during our deliberations. We further commend the Court for its foresight in providing an atmosphere of judicial dignity within which our work could be accomplished. It is our sincere belief that the Court's order restricting publicity in no small measure provided this atmosphere. The Grand Jury wishes further to express its appreciation to the radio, TV, and press media for following not only the letter, but the intent of the Court's order.

The Grand Jurors have determined numerous questions of fact relative to the issues presented. The Grand Jurors wish to stress the fact that our findings are entirely our own and no outside influences were exerted. In view of the many conflicting and contradictory accounts previously published concerning these events, we feel it appropriate to report those findings at this time. They are as follows:

I.

The incidents originating on North Water Street in Kent, Ohio on Friday, May 1, 1970, and which spread to other parts of the downtown area and the University, constituted a riot.

We find that no provocation existed for the acts committed there and that many persons participating in this riot were not students, but were of a type who always welcome the opportunity to participate in the unjustified destruction of property.

The investigative techniques utilized by law enforcement agencies in connection with the suppression of the riotous conduct of May 1, 1970, were not adequate to permit the successful prosecution of many of the persons who participated. It is apparent that new methods and techniques designed to preserve the identity of future participants (rioters, etc.) must be made available to our law enforcement agencies. That those responsible for riots, etc. be held accountable, without exception, and to the maximum extent provided by law, is obvious.

II.

We find that the rally on the Commons on Saturday, May 2, 1970, which resulted in the burning of the R.O.T.C. building, constituted a riot. There can never exist any justification or valid excuse for such an act. The burning of this building and destruction of its contents was a deliberate criminal act committed by students and non-students. Nor did the rioters stop with the burning of the R.O.T.C. building. They also set fire to the archery shed and moved from there to East Main Street on the front campus where they engaged in further acts of destruction and stoned the members of the National Guard as they entered Kent.

Arson is arson, whether committed on a college campus or elsewhere. The fact that some of the participants were college students changes nothing, except perhaps to further aggravate the seriousness of the offense.

It should also be said that the many hundreds of students who described themselves as merely "observers" or "cheerleaders" are not totally free of responsibility for what occurred there. It seems to us that many students are quick to say that "this is our campus," but slow to realize that this carries with it a responsibility to care for and protect that campus and the buildings situated there.

III.

The Grand Jury finds from the evidence that the Kent State University Police Department, as presently constituted, is totally inadequate to perform the functions of a law enforcement agency. A clear example of this inadequacy was the shocking inability to protect the Kent City firemen who responded to the fire at the R.O.T.C. building on May 2nd. The fire was reported to the Kent Fire Department by a University Police dispatcher. One squad of Kent State University Police officers had mobilized in an area approximately three blocks from the R.O.T.C. building. They were readily available to lend the protection to which the firemen were entitled. That it was decided by those in command not to expose their officers to risk represents more than a question of judgment; it indicates a complete inability to respond in a manner expected of any police department. The persons who attacked the firemen numbered no more than 4 or 5. The total number of those persons who actually attempted to fire the building did not exceed ten or twelve. It is obvious that the burning of the R.O.T.C. building could have been prevented with the manpower then available. If the burning had been prevented it is reasonable to believe that the events which followed on May 3rd and 4th would not have occurred.

The inadequacy of the Kent State University Police Department was further demonstrated with its failure to respond to the events which occurred on Friday night, May 1, 1970, the early morning of Saturday, May 2nd, and Sunday night, May 3rd. This is not intended to criticize any individual officer of that department. If the responsibility for providing adequate law enforcement on campus is to remain with an agency physically situated on that campus, the ultimate command, supervision, and control of that agency must be divested from the University administration and placed in the hands of professionally trained personnel.

IV.

The Grand Jury finds that the events of Sunday, May 3, 1970, on campus and at the corner of Lincoln Street and East Main Street in Kent, Ohio, constituted a riot.

The avowed purpose of the leaders of this group was to march into the city of Kent in protest of, and in direct violation of the 8:00 P.M. curfew established by the mayor of Kent. As the students attempted to leave the campus, they were stopped at the intersection of Main and Lincoln Streets by the Ohio National Guard, Kent City Police Department, Ohio Highway Patrol and the Portage County Sheriff's Department. The protesters then sat down in the street and engaged in their usual obscenities, rock throwing, and other disorderly conduct. Had it not been for the combined efforts of the law enforcement agencies present, further extensive damage to persons and property would have resulted in the city of Kent that night. After their removal from the intersection of East Main and Lincoln Streets, the rioters were dispersed by tear gas and retreated to the dormitory complex known as Tri-Towers where some members of the mob continued to advocate further acts of violence and destruction.

V.

The gathering on the Commons on May 4, 1970, w violation of the directive of May 3rd, issued by the U sity Vice President in charge of Student Affairs. We that all the persons assembled were ordered to disper numerous occasions, but failed to do so. Those orders en by a Kent State University policeman, caused a vi reaction and the gathering quickly degenerated into a ous mob. It is obvious that if the order to disperse been heeded, there would not have been the consequ of that fateful day. Those who acted as participants agitators are guilty of deliberate, criminal conduct. who were present as cheerleaders and onlookers, whil liable for criminal acts, must morally assume a part o responsibility for what occurred.

VI.

We find that as of 5:28 P.M. on Saturday, May 2nd circumstances then present in the city of Kent, Ohio cessitated the request for assistance of the National G

The events which led to this request began with a phone call at 12:47 A.M., May 2nd by Mayor LeRoy Sa to the Governor's office to advise him of the riot an struction which had taken place in Kent. This phone resulted in the dispatching of an officer of the Na Guard to assess the situation. As of Noon on Satu May 2nd, it had been determined by the Adjutant G al that the situation did not require the presence o Guard.

At 5:28 P.M. on Saturday, May 2nd, Mayor Satrom called the office of the Governor and at this time for requested the assistance of the National Guard. The fa which prompted Mayor Satrom to make this decision

1. Threats by students to downtown merchants of a damage if they did not post signs on the premises protested the war in Vietnam and Cambodia.

2. Reports that two carloads of members of the We men faction of the Students for a Democratic Society in Kent and-or the University campus area.

3. Information that various weapons had been see the Kent State University campus.

4. Reports that the R.O.T.C. building, the Kent Pos fice, and the Army Recruiting Office in Kent wou burned or otherwise destroyed.

In addition to receiving this information, Mayor Sa had, by this time, been advised that substantial assis would not be available from any local law enforce agencies to assist in protecting the city and its reside

We feel that it should be made clear that the Ohi tional Guard was called solely for the purpose of ass the civil authority. At no time during the period of 1st through May 4th was martial law declared.

VII.

It should be made clear that we do not condone all of the activities of the National Guard on the Kent State University campus on May 4, 1970. We find, however, that those members of the National Guard who were present on the hill adjacent to Taylor Hall on May 4, 1970, fired their weapons in the honest and sincere belief and under circumstances which would have logically caused them to believe that they would suffer serious bodily injury had they not done so. They are not, therefore, subject to criminal prosecution under the laws of this state for any death or injury resulting therefrom.

Fifty-eight Guardsmen were injured by rocks and other objects hurled at them as they moved across the "Commons" to Taylor Hall Hill and down to the practice football field, and were then forced to retreat. Whatever may have been in the minds of those who harassed and otherwise taunted the National Guard, it is clear that from the time the Guard reached the practice football field, they were on the defensive and had every reason to be concerned for their own welfare. Tear gas was admittedly ineffective because of wind direction and velocity and it was the belief of most of those Guardsmen present on the football practice field that their supply of tear gas had been exhausted. That it was later determined that one of ten grenadiers still had a small supply of tear gas remaining in no way changes this fact. The circumstances present at that time indicate that 74 men surrounded by several hundred hostile rioters were forced to retreat back up the hill toward Taylor Hall under a constant barrage of rocks and other flying objects, accompanied by a constant flow of obscenities and chants such as "KILL, KILL, KILL". Photographic evidence has established, beyond any doubt, that as the National Guardsmen approached the top of the hill adjacent to Taylor Hall, a large segment of the crowd surged up the hill, led by smaller groups of agitators approaching to within short distances of the rear ranks of the Guardsmen.

The testimony of the students and Guardsmen is clear that several members of the Guard were knocked to the ground or to their knees by the force of the objects thrown at them. Although some rioters claim that only a few rocks were thrown, the testimony of construction workers in the area has established that 200 bricks were taken from a nearby construction site. Various students were observed carrying rocks in sacks to the "rally", others brought gas masks and other equipment from off campus in obvious anticipation of what was to happen. Rocks had been stockpiled in the immediate vicinity and cries of "GET THE ROCKS" were heard as the Guardsmen went onto the practice field. There was additional evidence that advance planning had occurred in connection with the "rally" held at Noon on May 4th.

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The Grand Jury takes note of some who have advoc
that the Guard be committed to action without live amm
tion. With this we cannot agree. Guardsmen shoul
furnished with weapons that will afford them the neces
protection under the existing conditions.

VIII.

Among other persons sharing responsibility for the t
consequences of May 4, 1970, then must be include
"23 concerned faculty of Kent State University" who
posed and made available for distribution on May 3,
the following document:

"The appearance of armed troops on the campus of
State University is an appalling sight. Occupation o
town and campus by National Guardsmen is testimo
the domination of irrationality in the policies of our
ernment.

"The President of the United States commits an i
act of war and refers to his opposition as "bums".
students and faculty are, indeed, all thinking people
his position is not only rational but patriotic. True, burn
building at Kent State University is no joke; we reject
tactics. Yet the burning of an ROTC building is no
dent. We deplore this violence but we feel it must be v
in the larger context of the daily burning of buildin
people by our government in Vietnam, Laos, and now
bodia.

Leadership must set the example if it is to persuade. There is only one course to follow if the people of this country — young and old — are to be convinced of the good faith of their leaders: The war must stop. The vendetta against the Black Panthers must stop. The Constitutional rights of all must be defended against any challenge, even from the Department of Justice itself. If Mr. Nixon instead continues his bankrupt, illegal course, the Congress must be called upon to impeach him.

"Here and now we repudiate the inflammatory inaccuracies expressed by Governor Rhodes in his press conference today. We urge him to remove the troops from our campus. No problem can be solved so long as the campus is under martial law.

"We call upon our public authorities to use their high offices to bring about greater understanding of the issues involved in and contributing to the burning of the ROTC building at Kent State University on Saturday, rather than to exploit this incident in a manner that can only inflame the public and increase the confusion among the members of the University community."

Signed by 23 concerned faculty,
Kent State University, Sunday Afternoon,
May 3, 1970

Several hundred copies of this unusual document were distributed in the various dormitories situated on the Kent State University campus during the late afternoon and early evening of May 3, 1970. The offices and facilities of the Dean for the Faculty Council, known as the Ombudsman, were made available to those persons who participated in its preparation. If the purpose of the authors was simply to express their resentment to the presence of the National Guard on campus, their timing could not have been worse. If their purpose was to further inflame an already tense situation, then it surely must have enjoyed some measure of success. In either case, their action exhibited an irresponsible act clearly not in the best interests of Kent State University. Although the 23 persons referred to at the close of the statement did not actually affix their signatures to the document, they, together with one additional party, did leave their signatures with the Dean for the Faculty Council as evidence of their authorship and approval.

It should be pointed out that at least 60 faculty members were invited to the meeting, but a majority apparently elected not to be associated with the product that resulted.

The conduct of these faculty members is in sharp contrast to those of the faculty who, through their efforts on May 4th., restored order and prevented further rioting after the shooting.

IX.

We find that the major responsibility for the incidents occurring on the Kent State University campus on May 2nd., 3rd., and 4th. rests clearly with those persons who are charged with the administration of the University. To attempt to fix the sole blame for what happened during this period on the National Guard, the students or other participants would be inconceivable. The evidence presented to us has established that Kent State University was in such a state of disrepair, that it was totally incapable of re-acting to the situation in any effective manner. We believe that it resulted from policies formulated and carried out by the University over a period of several years, the more obvious of which will be commented on here.

The administration at Kent State University has fostered an attitude of laxity, over-indulgence, and permissiveness with its students and faculty to the extent that it can no longer regulate the activities of either and is particularly vulnerable to any pressure applied from radical elements within the student body or faculty. One example of this can be clearly seen in the delegation of disciplinary authority under a student conduct code which has proven totally ineffective. There has been no evidence presented to us that would indicate that college students are able to properly dispose of criminal offenders within their own ranks any more than they are capable of devising their own curriculum, participating in the selection of faculty, or setting the standards for their admission to or dismissal from the University. Neither have we been convinced that the faculty is necessarily equipped to assume and successfully carry out responsibilities of a purely administrative character which for many years were considered to be totally outside the area of responsibility normally associated with the teaching faculty of our colleges and universities. In short, a segment of the student population and the faculty have demanded more and more control of the administrative functions of Kent State University. The administrative staff has constantly yielded to these demands to the extent that it no longer runs the University.

The student conduct code, as already indicated, has been a total failure. As a matter of policy, all criminal offenses uncovered by the University Police Department, except those which constitute felonies, were referred to judicial boards composed solely of students residing in the dormitory where the alleged offender resided. These students determined the guilt or innocence of the accused and prescribed the punishment. The end result has been, of course, that where any final disposition has been made at all it has consisted of recommended counseling or some other meaningless sanction.

Offenses for which suspension or dismissal from the University could be imposed were heard by the Student Faculty Judiciary Council. Membership consists of two faculty members, two students, and a fifth member who shall be a Dean of the defendant's college or a faculty member designated by him. A total of only 5 students were dismissed for non-academic reasons during the academic year 1969-70 out of a total enrollment of more than 21,000.

A second example of where the University has obviously contributed to the crisis it now faces is the over-emphasis which it has placed and allowed to be placed on the right to dissent. Although we fully recognize that the right of dissent is a basic freedom to be cherished and protected we cannot agree that the role of the University should be to continually foster a climate in which dissent becomes the order of the day to the exclusion of all normal behavior and expression.

We receive the impression that there are some persons connected with the University who believe and openly advocate that one has a duty rather than a right to dissent from traditionally accepted behavior and institutions of government. This is evident by the administrative staff in providing a forum and available facilities for every "radical group" that comes along and the "speakers" that they bring to the campus. It has been the policy of Kent State University to routinely grant official recognition to every group that makes application. The few conditions that have been imposed are meaningless and we have been unable to find a single instance where recognition has been refused. This is the procedure by which the Students for a Democratic Society, Young Socialist Alliance, Red Guard, Student Religious Liberals, and other groups who advocate violence and disruption were granted recognition. Provisional recognition is automatic upon filing. During the period that is required to process the application, the organization is permitted to the same use of the University facilities that it has when fully recognized. No distinction is made between ordinary student organizations whose objectives are related to legitimate activities on campus and the politically active organizations whose membership openly advocates revolution and anarchy. Once temporary or permanent recognition is granted the organization may sponsor speakers from off campus and have the use of University facilities and equipment for that purpose. It was in this manner that Jerry Rubin was brought to the campus in April, 1970, by the Student Religious Liberals. The inflammatory speech given by Mr. Rubin was so interspersed with vulgarity and obscenity that it could not be reported by the local news media.

A further example of what we consider an over-emphasis on dissent can be found in the classrooms of some members of the University faculty. The faculty members to whom we refer teach nothing but the negative side of our institutions of government and refuse to acknowledge that any positive good has resulted during the growth of our nation. They devote their entire class periods to urging their students to openly oppose our institutions of government even to the point where one student who dared to defend the American flag was ridiculed by his professor before his classmates.

We do not mean to suggest that these faculty members represent a majority of the faculty at Kent State University. To the contrary, we suspect that they form a small minority of the total faculty, but this does not mean that their presence should be ignored.

The most discouraging aspect of the University's role in the incidents which have been the subject of our investigation is that the administrative leadership has totally failed to benefit from past events. The same condescending attitude toward the small minority bent on disrupting the University that existed last May is still present. On Wednesday, October 7, 1970, the Youth International Party, more commonly known as the "YIPPIES", applied for and were granted permission from the University to use its auditorium. The request for use of the University facilities was granted in the customary routine manner with no apparent interest in the purpose of the gathering. The meeting was later billed as a "Yippie Open Smoker" and was attended by some 250 persons. The agenda consisted of several speakers who exhorted in the usual obscene rhetoric with the customary demands to free Bobby Seale, remove R.O.T.C. from campus, and to put an end to the Liquid

On Sunday night, October 11, 1970, two appearances w scheduled at the Memorial Gymnasium for a rock mu group known as the "Jefferson Airplane." During second performance and while the "Airplane" were do their musical numbers, color slides were projected ont screen behind the group consisting of psychedelic colo scenes of the Ohio National Guard on Kent State camp and scenes of the shooting on May 4th, complete w views of the bodies of the victims.

On October 12th, the "YIPPIES" scheduled a sec meeting at the Auditorium which was supposed in so manner to relate to the activities of this Grand Ju Again, on October 14, 1970, the same "YIPPIE" gr scheduled a Noon rally on the Commons. Neither of th events attracted more than a handful of spectators this is to the credit of the student body. What distu us is that any such group of intellectual and social m fits should be afforded the opportunity to disrupt the fairs of a major university to the detriment of the v majority of the students enrolled there.

CONCLUSION

The members of this Special Grand Jury find that the conditions that led to the May tragedy still exist is apparent that an apathetic university community allowed a vocal minority to seize control of the univer campus. This will continue until such time as the citiz university administration, faculty and students take strong stand against the radical element bent on viole

The time has come to detach from university soc those who persist in violent behavior. Expel the tro thakers without fear or favor. Evict from the campus th persons bent on disorder.

This Grand Jury has in this report been critical of K State University, but let no one assume that we do consider the University a valued part of our commun It is our hope that out of this chaos will emerge order purpose. It is our belief that Kent State University the capacity to become a greater university in the futur

Respectfully submit

Robert R. Bast

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October 16, 1970

There being no further business for said Special G Jury, they are recessed subject to the further order of Court.

Edwin W. J

Judge — Common Pleas C

SAC, Cleveland (98-2140)

8/25/71

1 - Mr. T. J. McNiff

Director, FBI (98-46479)

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ET AL.
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DGP;
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1969;
INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED
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Furnish Bureau with communication concerning status of local prosecution involving 25 individuals indicted as a result of violence occurring 5/70 at Kent State University. No active investigation is to be conducted in this matter but requested information should be obtained through public source material and contact with established sources.

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NOTE:

The Cleveland Office conducted an extensive sabotage investigation concerning the burning of an ROTC Building at Kent State University 5/2/70. As a result, 9 individuals were identified as having reportedly engaged in acts in violation of several Federal statutes. The Department, after reviewing the reports, deferred prosecution in favor of local authorities. Subsequently, local grand jury indicted 25 individuals as a result of this action. Last information in file indicates that 20 of these individuals were arrested and 5 others were fugitives

It is felt that this matter should be followed, in the event local prosecution is dismissed, so that this matter could then be re-presented to the Department for an opinion regarding Federal prosecution. In view of the recent decision of the Department not to conduct additional inquiries concerning the shooting by the National Guard on the Kent State University campus 5/4/70, Cleveland is instructed to obtain the desired information in a manner not designed to initiate controversy or speculation.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (98-46479)

DATE: 10/29/71

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140) (P*)

SUBJECT: ARTHUR SCOTT BARNHARDT
ET AL
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL
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ACTIVITY; DGP

OO: Cleveland

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of an LHM concerning developments in the local prosecution regarding captioned matter.

The Cleveland office is placing this matter in a Pending Inactive status and will continue to follow local prosecution and report any significant developments.

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On October 20, 1971, [redacted] Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, advised that the trials of the 25 individuals who were indicted by the Special Portage County Grand Jury for their alleged participation in the May, 1970, disruptions at KSU have been postponed indefinitely pending appeals on behalf of those indicted and on behalf of the prosecution for the Grand Jury.

The October 22, 1971, edition of the Akron Beacon Journal, a daily newspaper of general distribution in the Akron, Ohio, area, reported that the U. S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, Cincinnati, Ohio, dismissed a second appeal by Ravenna attorney, SEABURY FORD, a special prosecutor for the Grand Jury, "to let the controversial Kent State University grand jury report stand." This article went on to advise that "the court also confirmed a lower court decision which upheld grand jury indictments against 25 persons in the KSU tragedy. The appellate court also reserved a lower court decision which had ruled a "gag rule" imposed on persons connected with the grand jury unconstitutional.

A second article appearing in the aforementioned edition of the Akron Beacon Journel reported that Cleveland, Ohio, attorney, GERALD MESSERMAN had indicated that decisions by the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals paved the way for U. S. District Court Judge WILLIAM K. THOMAS, Cleveland, Ohio, to carry out his January 28, 1971, ruling ordering the controversial Portage County Grand Jury report to be destroyed. This article went on to advise that to complicate matters

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further, appeals have been pending in both Federal and State Courts. The article indicated that MESSERMAN, representing 32 KSU faculty members, was pursuing his appeals through the Ohio State Courts, while attorneys, DAVID SCRIBNER, of New York, and BENJAMIN SHEEREP, of Cleveland, were representing a group of KSU students and had appealed to the Federal Courts. According to the article, these groups were originally joined together, but that they split on January 28, 1971, when Judge THOMAS ruled out the grand jury report and allowed the indictments against the 25 persons to stand. "Judge THOMAS said the report which exonerated National Guardsmen and blamed the KSU uprising on the university faculty and administration, made fair trials for the 25 impossible and violated free speech" this article further reported.

In a separate article appearing in the Akron Beacon Journal on October 20, 1971, it was reported that aides to the Ohio Attorney General were in Ravenna, Ohio, on October 18 and October 19 interviewing those who might testify for the prosecution in the cases of the 25 persons indicted. According to this article, Ohio Attorney General WILLIAM BROWN is concerned about the trials starting before 1972 because "State law requires that a person be brought to trial within three court terms after he is indicted." The third court term since the indictments were returned on October 5, 1970, will end on December 31, 1971. The article went on to indicate that "there has never been a ruling on whether the three-term requirement is waived while appeals are pending."

[redacted] advised that the situation involving the prosecution of the 25 persons indicted by the Portage County Grand Jury is further complicated by the fact that KSU students are petitioning for a Federal Grand Jury regarding the May, 1970, violence.

RE: ARTHUR SCOTT BARNHARDT
ET AL

An article appearing in the October 21, 1971, edition of the Akron Beacon Journal reported that KSU students, GREG RAMBO and PAUL KEANE, accompanied by KSU President Dr. GLENN A. OLDS, were in Washington, D.C. to present a petition to the White House asking for a Federal Grand Jury investigation. This article said that the aforementioned individuals met with Presidential Aide LEONARD GARMENT, "who promised to solicit a response from President NIXON within a month." It also stated that these individuals were attempting to arrange a meeting with Justice Department officials. According to the article, "more than 10,380 KSU students, faculty, and local residents signed the petition." It stated that "the petition charges there is a 'discrepancy' between Attorney General JOHN MITCHELL's decision of August 13 that there is 'insufficient evidence' to warrant a Federal Grand Jury probe and the FBI's report that the shooting was 'unjustified.'" The article further indicated that the aforementioned individuals were being assisted in Washington by Senator EDWARD KENNEDY, who was attempting to arrange a meeting for the students with Justice Department officials, and being assisted by Senator GEORGE MC GOVERN, who had arranged for a press conference for the students.

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FILE NUMBER: 98-46479

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11/29/71
1 - Mr. C. W. Bates
1 - Mr. T. J. McNiff

TO SACS BUFFALO (98-1235)
CLEVELAND (98-2140)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (98-46479)

[redacted], ET AL.; SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT - INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED FACILITY

RECVTEL NOVEMBER TWENTYEIGHT, LAST.

THIS IS TO CONFIRM BUREAU TELEPHONE CALLS, THIS DATE, FROM SA [redacted] TO SA [redacted] CLEVELAND, AND SA [redacted] BUFFALO, NOTIFYING OF DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION FOR SA [redacted] BUFFALO, TO APPEAR AT PORTAGE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RAVENA, OHIO, NOVEMBER THIRTY, NEXT, FOR PURPOSE OF TESTIFYING AT LOCAL PROCEEDINGS IN CAPTIONED MATTER. BUFFALO CONTACT CLEVELAND TO INSURE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR ABOVE TRAVEL AND PRESENTATION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS ARE EFFECTED. SHOULD AGENT [redacted] NOT BE ABLE TO APPEAR AS DIRECTED, NOTIFY DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION OF REASONS THEREFORE BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS.

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NOTE:

Captioned matter relates to Bureau investigation of destruction of ROTC Building, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio 5/2/70. Concurrently, Bureau also conducted investigation of incident involving killing of four students at Kent State Unive 5/4/70, by members of Ohio National Guard. Department did not authorize Federal prosecution in either of the above matters, b deferred action pending prosecution by local or State authoriti As result of local grand jury action, 25 individuals were indic for their participation in activities occurring on Kent State University campus, 5/1-4/70. Trial of first defendant began in local court 11/22/70. Local authorities had requested of

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RE: [redacted] ET AL.
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NOTE CONTINUED:

Department appearance of SA [redacted] to testify in local proceedings in captioned matter 11/30/71. Evening of 11/29/71, Department Attorney Robert A. Murphy advised that such authorization has been granted. A letter to the Department confirming above authorization is being prepared.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. A. Rose
1 - Mr. D. J. Dalbey
1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop

TO : Mr. E. S. Miller

DATE: 11/23/71

FROM : R. L. Shackelford

1 - Mr. C. W. Bates
1 - Mr. E. S. Miller
1 - Mr. T. J. Smith
1 - Mr. R. L. Shackelford
1 - Mr. T. J. McNiff

SUBJECT: [redacted] ET AL.
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; CIVIL RIGHTS - FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY

PURPOSE:

To advise that trials of 25 individuals indicted by local grand jury for violations occurring out of violent activities on campus of Kent State University (KSU), 5/1-4/70, commenced 11/22/71, and to recommend that Cleveland submit weekly summary airtels keeping the Bureau abreast of developments.

DETAILS:

Captioned matter relates to Sabotage investigation of destruction of Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Building at KSU, Kent, Ohio, 5/2/70. As a result of this Bureau's investigation, nine individuals were identified as having reportedly engaged in acts in violation of several Federal statutes.

Concurrent with the above, this Bureau also conducted an extensive investigation of the incident involving the killing of four students at KSU, 5/4/70, by members of the Ohio National Guard.

The Department of Justice did not authorize Federal prosecution in either of the above matters, but deferred action pending prosecutive action by local or State authorities. The Department made available to local authorities results of investigation conducted by the FBI.

As a result of local grand jury action, 25 individuals were indicted 10/16/70, for their participation in activities occurring on the KSU campus 5/1-4/70. Five of these individuals are subjects of the above ROTC Sabotage investigation. We have

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been following local action in this matter in the event local prosecution was dismissed, consideration would then be given to representing facts to the Department for an opinion regarding Federal prosecution.

Available information indicates that State officials intend to try each of the 25 defendants separately. Trial against the first defendant began 11/22/71. A crowd of approximately 25 individuals, some affiliated with the SDS, gathered outside the courthouse to protest the trial. No incidents or arrests occurred. It is expected protest activity will occur on a daily basis; however, no information has been received indicating acts of violence are planned.

In view of our interest in current local proceedings as stated above, there is attached an airtel to the Cleveland Office instructing that these proceedings be followed through sources and a weekly summary airtel be furnished the Bureau commencing 11/29/71. Information having a bearing upon operation of the FBI or that which is determined to be of national import, should, however, be furnished the Bureau by the most expeditious means deemed necessary.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached airtel be approved and sent.

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5:00 PM NITEL 11-28-71 SLO

TO DIRECTOR 98-46479

BUFFALO 98-1235

FROM CLEVELAND 98-2148

[redacted]; ET AL. SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT -- INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED FACILITY. OO: CLEVELAND.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND BUFFALO, PORTAGE CO., OHIO AUTHORITIES, RAVENNA, OHIO, CURRENTLY BRINGING TO TRIAL APPROXIMATELY TWENTY FIVE INDIVIDUALS ON VARIOUS STATE CHARGES ARISING OUT OF DISTURBANCES AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU) KENT, OHIO, DURING MAY TWO DASH FOUR, SEVENTY.

TRIAL OF PETER CHARLES BLIEK, THIRTY FOUR HIGHWOOD RD., ROCHESTER, N.Y. COMMENCES NOV. TWENTYNINE NEXT IN PORTAGE CO., OHIO, PROBABLY ON LOCAL ARSON CHARGES, AND JAMES D. PRIMM, JR. SPECIAL ATTORNEY AND ASSISTANT TO ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE OF OHIO HAS REQUESTED THE PRESENCE

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OF SA [redacted], BUFFALO OFFICE, AT PORTAGE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RAVENNA, OHIO, ALONG WITH ORIGINAL FD ~~THREE-TWO-ZERO~~ THREE TWO TWO AND EXECUTED WAIVER OF RIGHTS FROM BELIEVED EXECUTED BY BLIEK DURING INTERVIEW BY BUAGENTS DURING MAY TWENTYSIX, SEVENTY. SA [redacted], EXPECTED TO TESTIFY RE INTERVIEW OF BLEIK AND ANY STATEMENT RE CLOTHING BLEIK MAY HAVE BEEN WEARING ON THE NIGHT OF THE BURNING OF THE KSU ROTC BUILDING ON THE EVENING OF MAY TWO, SEVENTY.

ATTORNEY PRIMM WAS ADVISED TO FORWARD HIS REQUEST THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AS THIS PROCEDURE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE BUREAU FOR THE HANDLING OF THIS TYPE OF REQUEST IN THIS MATTER. THEREAFTER IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE APPROPRIATE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WILL ADVISE THE BUREAU REGARDING THE DISPOSITION OF THE SPECIFIC REQUEST.

IN THE EVENT THE DEPARTMENT APPROVES THE APPEARANCE OF SA [redacted] TO TESTIFY IN LOCAL COURT, THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO EXPEDITIOUSLY ADVISE BUFFALO OFFICE OF SAME.

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1-MR. BATES

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 11/29/71

Attached reports presence of Special Agent [redacted] Buffalo Office, has been requested at Portage County Courthouse, Ravenna, Ohio, on 11/29/71 in connection with trial of one of about 25 individuals being brought to trial on various state charges arising out of disturbances at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, in May, 1970. Request made by Special Attorney and Assistant to Ohio Attorney General, who also requested waiver of rights form executed by defendant and FD-302 (information that may become testimony) be made available. Special Agent [redacted] would be expected to testify regarding interview of defendant and any statement regarding clothing defendant may have been wearing on night KSU Reserve Officers Training Corps building was burned.

SAC, Cleveland, advised requesting Attorney that this request should be forwarded through the Department in accordance with previously-established procedure. Domestic Intelligence Division agrees with SAC, Cleveland, regarding this procedure. Following Department's consideration of the request you will be advised and appropriate reply will be furnished Cleveland Office.

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1 - Mr. C. L. McGowan
1 - Mr. T. J. McNiff

Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

December 1, 1971

Director, FBI

[redacted]

SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; CIVIL RIGHTS

This is to confirm telephone call November 29, 1971, from Acting Chief Robert A. Murphy, Criminal Section, Civil Rights Division, to Special Agent [redacted] of this Bureau authorizing Special Agent [redacted] of our Buffalo Office to appear at Portage County Courthouse, Ravenna, Ohio, November 30, 1971, to testify at local proceedings concerning violent activities which occurred at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, May 1 - 4, 1970. Such authorization included possible introduction into evidence, by Special Agent [redacted] the executed Waiver of Rights and form FD-302 containing results of interview by Bureau Agents with Charles Bliek, one of the individuals being tried on local charges in this matter.

For your information, Special Agent [redacted], upon receipt of the above telephone call, was promptly instructed to appear as directed above.

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NOTE:

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140) 2P

[redacted], AKA; ET AL; SABOTAGE, SEDITION, DGP CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF SIXTYNINE, INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED FACILITY.

TRIALS BEGAN IN PORTAGE CTY, COMMON PLEAS COURT, RAVENNA, O., THIS DATE AGAINST FIRST OF THE KENT TWENTYFIVE DEFENDENTS.

SEPERATE TRIALS ARE TO BE AFFORDED EACH DEFENDENT AND JERRY RUPE IS THE FIRST TO STAND TRIAL. FIRST DAY WAS DEVOTED TO SELECTION OF JURY.

APPROX TWENTYFIVE INDIVIDUALS, SOME OF WHOM ARE CURRENTLY AFFILIATED WITH SDS, GATHERED OUTSIDE COURTHOUSE AT ABOUT ONE PM TO PROTEST THE TRIALS. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS OR ARRESTS AND THE PROTESTORS DISPERSED IN ABOUT AN HOUR.

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE OBSERVED IN THE GROUP: NORM CAULFIELD, WILLIAM ARTHRELL, JEFF BEUTLER, TOM GRACE, TONY WALSH, WILLIAM WHITTAKER, JERRY PERSKY, JODY ZALER, GREGG RAMBO, PAUL KEEN, DEBBIE SHYROK, BOBBY FRANKLIN.

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HOWARD ALLISON, AN ATTORNEY FOR KENT TWENTYFIVE WAS ALSO OBSERVED IN THE GROUP.

ON NOV. TWENTY, LAST, PORTAGE CTY COMMON PLEAS COURT ISSUED ORDER BANNING ANY DEMONSTRATIONS NEAR THE COURTHOUSE WHICH WOULD INTERFER WITH THE ADMINISTATION OF JUSTICE. HOWEVER, NO ACTION WAS TAKEN AGAINST THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS IN CONNECTION WITH THE COURT ORDER.

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INDICATED HE EXPECTS PROTEST ACTIVITY ON A DAILY BASIS DURING THE TRIALS BUT HAS NO INFO INDICATING THAT ANY ACTS OF VIOLENCE ARE PLANNED.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN PORTAGE CTY ARE COGNIZANT OF ABOVE.

ADMINISTRATIVE

IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY VIOLENCE NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED RE THE ABOVE. HOWEVER, CLEVELAND OFFICE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW PROSECUTION AND KEEP BUREAU ADVISED ON A TIMELY BASIS.

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CC-MR. BATES

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TO SAC CLEVELAND (98-2140)

1 - Mr. E. J. McDonough
1 - Mr. T. J. McNiff

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (98-46479)

[redacted] ET AL; SABOTAGE, SEDITION, DGP, CIVIL RIGHTS.

K. WILLIAM O'CONNOR, DEPUTY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, ADVISED DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM MICHAEL R. SZOLOSI, SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE OF OHIO, FOR BUREAU AGENTS TO TESTIFY AT LOCAL PROCEEDINGS IN CAPTIONED MATTER. O'CONNOR AUTHORIZED THE FOLLOWING: REGARDING TRIAL OF DOUGLAS CORMAK, SPECIAL AGENT [redacted] SHOULD APPEAR AT PORTAGE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RAVENNA, OHIO, MONDAY, DECEMBER SIX, NEXT, AT EIGHT THIRTY A.M. WHERE HE SHOULD CONSULT WITH STATE SPECIAL COUNSEL JOHN HAYWOOD; REGARDING THE TRIAL OF MARY NICHOLAS, SPECIAL AGENTS [redacted] AND [redacted] SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR A TELEPHONE CALL MONDAY MORNING (TIME NOT SPECIFIED), DECEMBER SIX, NEXT, FROM STATE SPECIAL COUNSEL JAMES D. PRIMM AND BE PREPARED TO POSSIBLY TESTIFY PORTAGE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TUESDAY, DECEMBER SEVEN, NEXT. SHOULD ABOVE

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RE: ARTHUR SCOTT BARNHARDT, ET AL.
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AGENTS NOT BE ABLE TO COMPLY WITH ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS, NOTIFY DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION OF REASONS THEREFOR BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS. MR. O'CONNOR ALSO AUTHORIZED YOUR CONTACTING LOCAL USA TO REQUEST REPRESENTATIVE OF THAT OFFICE TO BE PRESENT AT LOCAL PROCEEDINGS TO PROTECT INTERESTS OF AGENTS AND BUREAU.

NOTE:

Captioned matter relates to Bureau investigation of destruction of ROTC Building, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, May 2, 1970. Concurrently Bureau also conducted investigation of incident involving killing of four students at KSU, May 4, 1970, by members of Ohio National Guard. Department did not authorize Federal prosecution in either of the above matters, but deferred action pending prosecution by local authorities. Local grand jury indicted 25 individuals for their participation in activities occurring on KSU campus May 1-4, 1970. Two of above indicted individuals have been tried this past week with one individual being found guilty on one charge and the second individual acquitted. Department previously authorized testimony of one Agent at one of the above trials. Department authorization mentioned in this teletype was received by Special Agent [redacted] General Investigative Division. A letter to the Department confirming above authorization is being prepared.

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4:34 PM URGENT 11-30-71 JMK

TO DIRECTOR (98-46479)

FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140) 1P

[redacted] ET AL; SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; CR - FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL TO CLEVELAND, NOV. TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE.

JERRY RUPE, FIRST DEFENDENT OF KENT TWENTYFIVE ON TRIAL IN COMMON PLEAS COURT, RAVENNA, OHIO, WAS FOUND GUILTY THIS DATE ON CHARGE OF INTERFERRING WITH FIREMEN. OTHER THREE CHARGES AGAINST RUPE WERE DISMISSED DUE TO HUNG JURY.

CHARGES AGAINST SECOND DEFENDENT ON TRIAL, PETER CHARLES BLIEK, WERE DISMISSED BY JUDGE WHEN STATE WITNESS FAILED TO POSITIVELY IDENTIFY BLIEK.

SA [redacted] BUFFALO DIVISION, WHO WAS SUBPOENAED IN BLIEK TRIAL, DID NOT TESTIFY DUE TO DISMISSAL OF CHARGES.

NO ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE AS TO SCHEDULING OF ADDITIONAL TRIALS.

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CLEVELAND WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW AND KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

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TJT FBI WASH DC CLR

cc Mr. Bates

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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727PM URGENT 12/7/71 RJB

TO DIRECTOR (98-46479)

FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140) 2P

[redacted] ET AL. SABOTAGE. SEDITION. DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY. CIVIL RIGHTS - FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY. OO: CLEVELAND.

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT SDS GROUP AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU) IS ORGANIZING DEMONSTRATION TO PROTEST TRIALS OF KENT TWENTYFIVE ON DECEMBER EIGHT, NEXT. SDS INTENDS TO HOLD RALLY ON KSU CAMPUS AT NOON AND THEN PROCEED TO RAVENNA, OHIO, TO PROTEST OUTSIDE THE COURTHOUSE. ACCORDING TO A SECOND SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, TWENTY SDS MEMBERS ARE INVOLVED IN PLANNING THE DEMONSTRATION. HOWEVER, THEY HOPE TO OBTAIN ABOUT TWO HUNDRED SYMPATHIZERS FROM THE KSU STUDENT BODY. AFOREMENTIONED SOURCES ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY PLANS TO UTILIZE VIOLENT TACTICS.

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LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE COGNIZANT OF THE ABOVE.

ADMINISTRATIVE.

RE CLEVELAND AIRTEL TO BUREAU DECEMBER THREE, LAST.

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CLEVELAND WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW AND KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

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END

cc - Mr. Bates

[redacted]

1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. D. J. Dalbey
1 - Mr. C. W. Bates

Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

December 8, 1971

1 - Mr. E. S. Miller
1 - Mr. E. J. McDonough
1 - Mr. R. L. Shackelford
1 - Mr. T. J. McNiff

Director, FBI

[redacted]
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DESTRUCTION OF
GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; CIVIL RIGHTS

This is to confirm telephone call December 3, 1971, from Deputy Assistant Attorney General F. William O'Connor, Civil Rights Division, to Special Agent [redacted], of this Bureau, authorizing the appearance of Special Agents [redacted] of our Cleveland Office, at Portage County Courthouse, Ravenna, Ohio, December 6 - 7, 1971, to testify at local proceedings concerning violent activities which occurred at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, May 1 - 4, 1970.

For your information, upon receipt of the above telephone call, instructions were forwarded to our Cleveland Office instructing the above Special Agents to appear as indicated.

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TJM:cae
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NOTE:

See memorandum R. L. Shackelford to Mr. E. S. Miller, captioned as above, dated 12/6/71, prepared by TJM:cae.

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Memorandum to Mr. E. S. Miller
Re: Arthur Scott Barnhardt
98-46479

Agents would testify to results of interviews they conducted with defendants Cormak and Nicholas during above-mentioned Bureau investigation of destruction of ROTC Building.

Cleveland Office was advised of information received from Mr. O'Connor by urgent teletype dated 12/3/71. Cleveland has been instructed to keep the Bureau fully advised of pertinent developments.

Attached is a letter to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, confirming above instructions received from Deputy Assistant Attorney General K. William O'Connor.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter to Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, be approved and sent.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. D. J. Dalbey
1 - Mr. C. W. Bates

TO : Mr. E. S. Miller

DATE: 12/6/71

1 - Mr. E. S. Miller
1 - Mr. E. J. McDonough
1 - Mr. R. L. Shackelford
1 - Mr. T. J. McNiff

FROM : R. L. Shackelford

SUBJECT: [redacted]
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; CIVIL RIGHTS

PURPOSE:

To advise that Department has authorized three Special Agents of the Cleveland Office to testify at local proceedings in captioned matter on 12/6-7/71.

DETAILS:

Captioned matter relates to this Bureau's investigation of destruction of ROTC Building, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, 5/2/70. Concurrently, this Bureau also conducted investigation of incident involving killing of four KSU students 5/4/70, by members of Ohio National Guard. Department did not authorize prosecution in either of the above matters, but deferred in favor of local prosecution.

As a result of local grand jury action, 25 individuals were indicted for their participation in activities occurring on KSU campus 5/1-4/70. Each subject is to be given a separate trial. The first two defendants have recently been tried, with one being found guilty on one count, with the second being acquitted. Department authorized appearance of one Agent at one of the above trials for purpose of offering testimony.

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On 12/3/71, Deputy Assistant Attorney General K. William O'Connor, Civil Rights Division, telephonically advised Special Agent [redacted] General Investigative Division, that he had received request from Michael R. Szolosi, Special Assistant Attorney General, State of Ohio, for Bureau Agents to testify at local proceedings in forthcoming trial of defendants Douglas Cormak and Mary Nicholas. Mr. O'Connor authorized the appearance of Special Agent [redacted] at Portage County Courthouse, Ravenna, Ohio, 12/6/71. He also authorized consultation of Special Agents [redacted] with local prosecutor Monday morning 12/6/71, in preparation for possible testimony 12/7/71.

Enclosure 12-8-71
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730PM URGENT 12/7/71 RJB

TO DIRECTOR (98-46479)

FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140) 2P

[redacted]. ET AL. SABOTAGE. SEDITION

OGP. CIVIL RIGHTS.

CHARGES AGAINST MARY HELEN NICHOLAS, KENT TWENTYFIVE DEFENDANT ON TRIAL IN COMMON PLEAS COURT, RAVENNA, OHIO, WERE DISMISSED DURING HER TRIAL THIS DATE.

STATE PROSECUTOR SUBSEQUENTLY REQUESTED THAT CHARGES BE DISMISSED AGAINST ALL REMAINING KENT TWENTYFIVE DEFENDANTS AND TRIAL JUDGE IS TAKING THE MOTION UNDER ADVISEMENT.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES WHO HAVE FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT THE SDS DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER EIGHT, NEXT, MAY BE CANCELLED DUE TO THE ABOVE.

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RE CLEVELAND TEL TO BUREAU THIS DATE.

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CLEVELAND WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW AND KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

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cc- Mr Bates

[redacted]

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FBI

Date: 12/3/71

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (98-46479)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140) (P)

RE: [redacted] 7C
ET AL
SABOTAGE; SEDITION;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT
PROPERTY;
CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY

OO: CV

Re Buairtel to CV, 11/24/71.

SUMMARY AIRTEL

Three of the 25 individuals indicted by the Portage County Special Grand Jury which investigated the campus disruptions at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, during May, 1970, have been tried in Common Pleas Court, Ravenna, Ohio.

On 11/30/71, the first individual to be tried, JERRY RUPE, was found guilty of interfering with a fireman, which is a misdemeanor. RUPE had also been charged with arson, striking a fireman and first degree riot. However, the jury could not reach a decision on these charges.

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Also on 11/30/71, charges were dismissed against the second defendant, PETER CHARLES BLIEK, by the Judge, when a witness for the State of Ohio failed to positively identify BLIEK, and a special state prosecutor requested that the charge be dropped. BLIEK had been charged with burning an uninhabited building and first degree riot.

On 12/1/71, LARRY SHUB, the third defendant, entered a plea of guilty to first degree riot. SHUB had also been charged with attempted arson and second degree riot. State prosecutors indicate that the latter charges will probably be dismissed.

The next trials are scheduled to begin on 12/6/71; they will involve MARY HELEN NICHOLAS, who is charged with interfering with a fireman, and RICHARD C. FELBER, who is charged with first degree riot, attempted arson, assault and striking a fireman. The trial of DOUGLAS CORMACK was also scheduled for next week. However, CORMACK's attorney, DAVID SCRIBNER, filed an affidavit of prejudice charging that Judge ALBERT CARIS would not be able to provide a fair trial. A decision on whether Judge CARIS can hear the case will be decided by the Ohio Supreme Court.

During the week of 11/29/71 through 12/3/71, no attempts were made by dissident groups to disrupt the court proceedings.

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CLEVELAND:

AT KENT, OHIO

Will continue to follow the prosecutions and keep the Bureau advised.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (98-46479)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)(P*)

RE: [redacted]
ET AL
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL
RIGHTS - FEDERALLY PROTECTED
ACTIVITY; DGP

OO: Cleveland

Re Cleveland teletype to Bureau, 11/22/71; and Cleveland airtel and LHM to Bureau, 10/29/71.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of an LHM concerning developments in the local prosecution regarding captioned matter.

The Cleveland Office will submit a weekly airtel summary regarding local prosecution in this matter. However, Cleveland will continue to immediately notify the Bureau of any unusual developments.

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Cleveland, Ohio

November 26, 1971

[redacted]

An article appearing in the November 18, 1971, edition of the Akron Beacon Journal, a newspaper of general distribution in the Akron, Ohio, area, reported that the spokesman from the White House Press Office had advised that the Justice Department is studying the advisability of initiating a Federal Grand Jury in connection with captioned matter and that the White House would have nothing to say about it until the Justice Department reports back to the President.

Trials for the 25 individuals indicted by the Portage County Grand Jury in connection with the May, 1970, campus violence at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, began in Common Pleas Court, Ravenna, Ohio, on November 22, 1971. Separate trials are to be afforded each defendant, with JERRY RUPE the first to stand trial. RUPE is being charged with arson, striking a fireman, interfering with a fireman and first degree riot in the burning of the campus ROTC building on the KSU campus on May 2, 1970. Jury selection for this trial took place on November 22 and 23, 1971.

On November 22 and 23, 1971, approximately 25 persons, some of whom are currently affiliated with the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), gathered outside

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the courthouse in Ravenna, Ohio, at about 1:00 PM to protest the trial. These individuals were peaceful and there were no incidents or arrests. The protestors dispersed after about an hour, and some of them entered the courtroom where they peacefully observed the proceedings.

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS)

Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) was founded during June, 1962, at Port Huron, Michigan, and in the 1960's functioned as the leading New Left campus-based student organization in the United States. From a stance of "participatory democracy," the SDS moved to a radical-revolutionary position. It maintained a national office at 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, until February, 1970. Internal factionalism during 1969 produced three main factions: Weatherman, Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM) and Worker Student Alliance (WSA). The Weathermen and RYM no longer consider themselves associated with the SDS. The WSA faction continues to use the name SDS.

The following individuals were observed in the group of protestors:

NORM CAULFIELD
WILLIAM ANTHRELL (Arthur?) Williams
JEFF BUTLER
TOM GRACE
WILLIAM WHITTAKER
JERRY PERSKY
JOLY ZALER
BOBBY FRANKLIN.

Also observed was Kent, Ohio, attorney HOWARD ALLISON, who is employed as one of the lawyers for the "Kent 25." According to [redacted]

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RE: [redacted] ET AL

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Department, ALLISON advised the protestors to maintain a peaceful assembly, but told them he was there to represent any who might be arrested for unlawful assembly.

An article appearing in the November 23, 1971, edition of the Akron Beacon Journal reported that PAUL KEANE, who along with GREG RAMBO, forwarded to President NIXON a petition containing over 10,000 signatures asking for a Federal Grand Jury probe of the KSU violence, was present in Ravenna on November 22, 1971, to protest the local prosecution of the "Kent 25." The article quoted KEANE as saying that "The taxpayers of Ohio don't want to pay for a mockery of justice. The taxpayers ought to insist the trials stop." This article also reported that KEANE was critical of other protestors who chanted, "Ho, Ho, Ho Chi-Minh" and "Seig Heil, Judge JONES." KEANE maintained that such action would divide, not unify, the citizenry.

On November 20, 1971, Judge ELWIN JONES, who is presiding over the trials of the "Kent 25," issued an order which established the rules of conduct for the trials; and, among other things, prohibits any demonstrations near the courthouse which would interfere with the administration of justice.

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[redacted] advised on November 22, 1971, that the protests at the courthouse were organized by the SDS group from KSU and that he anticipated that they would continue to picket the trials for an indefinite period. He added, however, that he possessed no information indicating that this group intends any acts of violence or intends to disrupt the court proceedings.

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On November 24, 1971, [redacted] advised that the court would recess for Thanksgiving November 25, 1971, and would not convene again until Monday, November 29, 1971.

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.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. D. J. Dalbey
1 - Mr. C. W. Bates

TO : Mr. E. S. Miller

DATE: 12/10/71

1 - Mr. E. S. Miller
1 - Mr. E. J. McDonough
1 - Mr. R. L. Shackelford
1 - Mr. T. J. McNiff

FROM : R. L. Shackelford

SUBJECT: [redacted]
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; CIVIL RIGHTS

PURPOSE:

To advise that after local court trials involving 5 of 25 individuals indicted in connection with the 1970 disorders at Kent State University (KSU), local authorities have requested court permission to dismiss charges against remaining 20 defendants.

DETAILS:

Captioned matter relates to this Bureau's investigation of destruction of ROTC Building, KSU, Kent, Ohio, 5/2/70. Concurrently, this Bureau also conducted investigation of incident involving killing of 4 KSU students 5/4/70 by members of Ohio National Guard. Department did not authorize prosecution in either of the above matters, but deferred in favor of local prosecution.

As a result of local grand jury action, 25 individuals were indicted for their participation in activities occurring on KSU campus 5/1-4/70. Each subject was to be given a separate trial. First trial began 11/22/71. Since that time, 5 individuals have been tried. One, Jerry Rupe, was convicted for interfering with firemen; two, Larry Shub and Thomas Foglesong, pleaded guilty to first degree riot; and two, Mary Nicholas and Peter Bliek, have been acquitted.

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On 12/7/71, Special State Prosecutor, State of Ohio, admitting he lacked sufficient evidence to proceed, requested court permission to dismiss all charges against the remaining 20 defendants that had been indicted by local grand jury. Two local Judges hearing these cases stated they could not dismiss the charges until the Ohio Supreme Court had ruled on Affidavits of Prejudice, filed against them by one of the defense attorneys.

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Memorandum to Mr. E. S. Miller
Re: [redacted]
98-46479

The Ohio Chief Justice has stated that he could not dismiss the affidavits without a formal request to do so from the defense attorney. It is expected that these local technicalities will be cleared up shortly and that a dismissal order will be forthcoming.

ACTION:

None. Above submitted for information. You will be kept advised.

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FBI

Date: 12-10-71

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via Airtel _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (98-46479)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140) (P)

SUBJECT: [redacted] ET AL
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DGP;
CIVIL RIGHTS - FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY
SUMMARY AIRTEL

OO: Cleveland

Re Bureau airtel, 11/24/71.

On 12/6/71, THOMAS FOGLESONG, Kent 25 Defendant entered plea of guilty in Common Pleas Court, Ravenna, Ohio, on charge of first degree riot in connection with May, 1970, disturbances at Kent State University (KSU). FOGLESONG had also been indicted for interferring with a fireman. Sentencing of FOGLESONG on the riot charge was deferred.

On 12/7/71, charges against Kent 25 defendant, MARY HELEN NICHOLAS were dismissed during the trial proceedings.

Subsequently, on 12/7/71, the prosecution for the State of Ohio filed a motion to dismiss charges against all remaining defendants. The judge took the motion under advisement, indicating that he would favorably consider the motion if attorneys for defense would withdraw previous charges of prejudice against common pleas judges handling the trial.

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Special Agent in Charge

On 12/7/71, the Akron Beacon Journal, a daily newspaper of general distribution in the Akron, Ohio, area reported that defense attorneys had announced that they were withdrawing their charges of prejudice. Common pleas court has recessed until 12/13/71.

On 12/8/71, the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) organization at KSU held a demonstration at noon on KSU campus and speakers discussed the fact that charges against remaining defendants were being dropped. Approximately 100 persons attended the rally; however, most of them were spectators. This rally was peaceful and orderly and there were no incidents or arrests.

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CLEVELAND:

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will continue to follow and keep Bureau advised.

FBI

Date 12-17-71

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via Airtel (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140) (P)

SUBJECT: [redacted] 7C
ET AL
SABOTAGE; SEDITION;
DGP; CIVIL RIGHTS - FEDERALLY
PROTECTED ACTIVITY
SUMMARY AIRTEL
OO: Cleveland

Re Cleveland teletype to Bureau, 12/10/71. 7d

On 12/17/71, [redacted] Ravenna, Ohio, advised that judges of common pleas court had not rendered a decision concerning the motion by prosecution for State of Ohio regarding dismissal of charges against remaining "Kent 25" defendants. [redacted] went on to advise that he expected a decision regarding this matter to be forthcoming in the near future.

UACB, Cleveland division will submit an LHM concerning prosecution in captioned matter when this matter is finally adjudicated by local authorities.

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6:10 PM URGENT 12-8-71 SLO

TO DIRECTOR 98-46479

FROM CLEVELAND 98-2140

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[redacted]. ET AL. SABOTAGE. SEDITION. DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY. CIVIL RIGHTS - FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY. OO: CLEVELAND

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[redacted]

KENT, OHIO, ADVISED THAT SDS DEMONSTRATION TOOK PLACE AS SCHEDULED THIS DATE AT NOON ON CAMPUS AT KSU. DEMONSTRATION LASTED ABOUT THIRTY MINUTES AND DEMONSTRATORS DID NOT PRECEED TO RAVENNA, OHIO, AS PREVIOUSLY PLANNED. APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS, MOST OF WHOM WERE OBSERVERS, ATTENDED. SPEAKERS INCLUDED KEN HAMMOND, JERRY PERSKY, ROBERT FRANKLIN, THOMAS LOUGH, BILL ARTHERELL, AND JEFF BEUTLER.

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SPEECHES GENERALLY CONCERNED THE FACT THAT PROSECUTION FOR THE STATE OF OHIO HAS REQUESTED THAT CHARGES AGAINST REMAINDER OF KENT

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TWENTYFIVE DEFENDANTS BE DISMISSED. A CEREMONY WAS HELD WHEREIN A DOCUMENT PURPORTED TO BE AN INDICTMENT WAS BURNED.

OBSERVED IN ATTENDANCE AT THE DEMONSTRATION WERE THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

ROSEANN CANFORA; MARY HELEN NICHOLAS; JERRY ALTER; NORMAN CAULFIELD; RON TOMPKINS; JERRY LEWIS; TOM GRACE; TONY WALSH;

DEMONSTRATION WAS PEACEFUL AND ORDERLY AND THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS OR ARRESTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE CLEVELAND TELS TO BUREAU DECEMBER SEVEN, LAST.

CLEVELAND WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW AND KEEP THE BUREAU ADVISED.

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CC-MR. BATES

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (98-46479) DATE: 2/8/72

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)(C)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
ET AL
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DGP;
CIVIL RIGHTS - FEDERALLY
PROTECTED ACTIVITY

OO: Cleveland

Re Cleveland airtel to Bureau, 12/17/71.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM concerning the disposition of local prosecution of the "Kent 25."

Inasmuch as this matter has been adjudicated locally and there is no federal prosecution outstanding, the Cleveland Office contemplates no additional inquiries in this matter UACB.

ENCLOSURE

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Memorandum to Mr. E. S. Miller
Re: [redacted] et Al.
98-46479

On 2/3/72, Clerk of Courts, Portage County, advised that in addition to charges being dismissed against the remaining 20 defendants, charges were also dismissed against Foglesong, supra, and it was anticipated that charges would shortly be dismissed against Shub, supra. The Clerk of Courts added that the court is not aware of any other local charges currently pending against any of the above-referred-to 25 defendants.

All of the above information has been furnished to the Department. The Department has been advised that no further action will be taken by this Bureau concerning this matter unless a specific request for same is received from the Department.

ACTION:

None. Above submitted for information.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Cleveland, Ohio

February 8, 1972

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ET AL

Investigation in this matter was initiated as a result of violence which erupted on the campus of Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, during May 1-4, 1970. This disruption included the destruction by fire of a United States Army Reserve Officers Training Corp (ROTC) building and culminated with the slaying of four KSU students by members of the Ohio National Guard.

As a result of this disruption, on August 3, 1970, former State of Ohio Governor JAMES A. RHODES ordered that a Special Grand Jury be convened to investigate the events. On October 16, 1970, the Special Grand Jury returned indictments against the following 25 individuals who were allegedly involved in the disruptions:

NAME	CHARGE
LARRY SHUB	First Degree Riot
THOMAS FOGLESONG	First Degree Riot
PETER BLEIK	First Degree Riot; Arson
RICHARD FELBER	Attempt to Burn Property; Assault and Striking a Fireman; Interfering with a Fireman at the Scene of the Fire; First Degree Riot
DOUGLAS CORMACK	First Degree Riot; Inciting to Riot; Interfering with a Fireman

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RUTH GIBSON	Malicious Destruction of Property; Second Degree Riot
RONALD WEISSENBERGER	First Degree Riot; Second Degree Riot; Inciting to Riot; Interfering with a Fireman
Dr. THOMAS LOUGH	Inciting to Riot
DAVID ADAMS	Second Degree Riot
WILLIAM ARTHRELL	Second Degree Riot
ALAN CANFORA	Second Degree Riot
ROSEANN CANFORA	Second Degree Riot
JOSEPH CULLUM	Second Degree Riot
JOHN GERBETZ	Second Degree Riot
MICHAEL ERWIN	Second Degree Riot
KENNETH HAMMOND	Second Degree Riot
JEFFREY HARTZLER	Second Degree Riot
JOSEPH LEWIS	Second Degree Riot
THOMAS MILLER	Second Degree Riot
CRAIG MORGAN	Second Degree Riot
JAMES RIGGS	Second Degree Riot
JERRY RUPE	First Degree Riot; Arson; Assaulting a Fireman; Interfering with a Fireman
MARY HELEN NICHOLAS	Interfering with a Fireman

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CAROL MIRMAN	Warrant never executed, specific charges unknown.
ALLEN TATE	First Degree Riot; Arson

The above individuals were referred to locally as the "Kent 25." Only five of the 25 individuals indicted were tried. FOGLESONG and SHUB entered pleas of guilty. RUPE was found guilty on the charge of interfering with a fireman, and subsequently received a six month sentence to run concurrently with a previous sentence on a narcotics charge. Charges against BLEIK and NICHOLAS were dismissed during their trials.

Two of the 25 defendants were never located and arrested by Portage County authorities. They were MIRMAN, who reportedly went to California, and TATE, who reportedly went to New York.

On December 7, 1971, Special State Prosecutor JOHN HAYWARD asked Common Pleas Judge EDWIN JONES to dismiss charges against the remaining 20 individuals under indictment due to lack of evidence.

On December 29, 1971, [redacted] 7d Portage County, Ravenna, Ohio, advised that on December 23, 1971, Common Pleas Judges EDWIN JONES and ALBERT CARIS signed orders dismissing the charges against the remaining 20 defendants. She noted that the request for dismissal was made by the State prosecutors on December 7, 1971, and that the request reportedly emanated from the office of the Ohio Attorney General WILLIAM BROWN. She added that she is not aware of any other charges by local authorities currently pending against any of the 25 defendants. She further advised that the only individuals who has been sentenced was RUPE and that FOGLESONG and SHUB were expected to be placed on probation.

On February 3, 1972, [redacted] 7d advised that on December 30, 1971, charges against FOGLESONG were also dismissed and that charges against SHUB will probably be

dismissed inasmuch as they both entered pleas of guilty. She reiterated that she is not aware of any other local charges currently pending against any of the 25 defendants.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. D. J. Dalbey
1 - Mr. C. W. Bates

TO : Mr. E. S. Miller

DATE: 2/24/72

1 - Mr. E. S. Miller
1 - Mr. E. J. McDonough
1 - Mr. R. L. Shackelford
1 - Mr. T. J. McNiff

FROM : R. L. Shackelford

SUBJECT: [redacted] ET AL.;
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; CIVIL RIGHTS

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PURPOSE:

To advise that after local court trials involving five of 25 individuals indicted in connection with 1970 disorders at Kent State University (KSU), local Judges signed orders dismissing charges against remaining 20 defendants.

DETAILS:

Captioned matter relates to this Bureau's investigation of destruction of ROTC Building, KSU, Kent, Ohio, 5/2/70. Concurrently, this Bureau also conducted investigation of incident involving killing of four KSU students 5/4/70 by members of Ohio National Guard. Department did not authorize prosecution in either of above matters, but deferred in favor of local prosecution.

As a result of local grand jury action, 25 individuals were indicted for their participation in activities occurring on KSU campus 5/1-4/70. Each subject was to be given a separate trial, first trial beginning 11/22/71. Since that date, five individuals were tried. Jerry Rupe was found guilty on a charge of interfering with firemen and received a six-month sentence to run concurrently with a previous sentence on a narcotics charge. Larry Shub and Thomas Foglesong pleaded guilty to first degree riot. Charges against Mary Nicholas and Peter Bleik were dismissed during their trials.

On 12/7/71, Special State Prosecutor, State of Ohio, admitting he lacked sufficient evidence to proceed, requested court permission to dismiss all charges against the remaining 20 defendants that had been indicted by local grand jury. On 12/23/71, two Common Pleas Judges, Portage County, Ravenna, Ohio, signed orders dismissing the charges against the remaining 20 defendants.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (98-46479) DATE: 5/9/73

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140) (C)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM concerning a newspaper article about captioned matter.

Enclosed LHM is being submitted for the information of the Bureau and for dissemination to the United States Department of Justice if warranted.

The Cleveland Office does not anticipate making any additional inquiries in this matter, but will keep the Bureau advised of any pertinent developments.

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The following newspaper article, which appeared on May 4, 1973 in the "Akron Beacon Journal," a daily newspaper of general distribution in the Akron, Ohio area, reported that United States Representative JOHN SEIBERLING of Akron intends to request that the United States Department of Justice re-examine the 1970 slaying of four students at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio by members of the Ohio National Guard:

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Seiberling, To Ask KSU Shooting Quiz

By DAVID HESS
Boston Journal Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Complaining of a "double standard of justice," Rep. Seiberling (D) of Akron says he personally will ask newly-named Attorney General Elliot Richardson to reexamine the 1970 Kent State University shootings.

In a telegram to KSU President Glenn A. Olds, Seiberling said he and Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) have been trying without success for months "to get the Justice Department to provide a full explanation for its refusal to conduct a Federal grand jury investigation."

THEIR efforts spring from the killing of four and wounding of nine students by Ohio National Guardsmen during a campus disturbance on May 4, 1970.

The President's Commission on Campus Unrest, headed by former Pennsylvania Gov. William Scranton, called the shootings "unnecessary, unwarranted and inexcusable."

Scranton himself urged the Justice Department to convene a grand jury.

But then-Atty. Gen. John Mitchell declined on the ground that his investigators could find no violation of Federal law.

MITCHELL'S successor, Richard Kleindienst, later subscribed to the same position.

Since then, both have resigned and have been implicated in the Watergate scandal.

Seiberling, a former Harvard classmate of Richardson, and Kennedy, who is a personal acquaintance of the new attorney general, conceivably could convince him to take a fresh look at the case.

"Whether we can get anywhere with Richardson or not remains to be seen," Seiberling says. "But Kennedy's chief counsel on the Judiciary subcommittee and I have agreed that we ought to try to approach him on the matter as soon as we can."

FOR A while early last year, Sen. Kennedy was considering holding subcommittee hearings on the Kent State and related cases.

Meanwhile, the parents of four students slain also called on Richardson to convene a jury. The parents sent the telegram to Richardson Thursday night.

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Did he trigger May 4?

Terry-Norman: insolved mystery

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vspaper, city and state.)

By Bill Gordon

On May 4, 1970, Terrence Proo[illegible] Norman, then a 21-year-old KSU student, came to a noon rally on the Commons equipped with a camera, a gas mask, and .38 caliber pistol.

Minutes after the Ohio National Guard opened fire that day, Norman ran from the scene of the shootings, chased by two university staff members, toward a group of Guardsmen and campus policemen lined up on the site where South Hall used to stand. There the pistol Norman had been waving about was taken away from him and, shortly after that, Norman was escorted to the campus police station for questioning.

Immediate speculation began that Norman's actions that day had precipitated the shootings. Three justifications were given for such speculation. First, Guard spokesmen initially claimed that their troops fired only after a sniper fired at them first. Second, a single shot of unknown origin was heard and tape recorded before the troops unleashed their barrage of gunfire. Finally, other than Guardsmen, Norman was the only person on campus that day to have been observed with a gun.

The campus police, however, later put an end to such speculation when they announced that Norman's weapon had not been fired. They also denied Norman's claims that he had been photographing student demonstrators for them. Statements by a former Ohio National Guardsman and a former NBC newsman who witnessed the action, however, contradict the official explanation of the incident.

In separate interviews, ex-Guardsman Michael Delaney and newsman Fred DeBrine, formerly with WKYC-TV's Akron bureau, gave similar versions of startling comments they attributed to Norman and to a campus policeman after Norman stopped running from Blanket Hill. Delaney and DeBrine both maintained that they heard Norman say: "I had to shoot. They were going to kill me."

Furthermore, they both said that a campus policeman who handled Norman's gun in their presence exclaimed that it had been fired. Delaney quoted the policeman as saying: "My God! The gun's been fired." DeBrine assented, remembering the officer's words as: "My God! He fired four shots. What are we going to do now?"

Patrolman Harold Rice and detective Tom Kelley were the two K.S.U. officers who handled and examined the weapon at the scene. Both wrote in official K.S.U. police reports about the Norman incident that they opened the cylinder of Norman's gun there and that – in Rice's words – "all of the cartridges were fully loaded."

Norman, whose present whereabouts have eluded newsmen and researchers of the killings – could not be reached for comment. He had claimed to reporters that he had only used his camera that day.

The Justice Department's summary of the F.B.I.'s investigation of the killings states that Norman "was with the Guardsmen most of the time during the confrontation. A few students observed his weapon and claim that he fired it at students just prior to the time the Guardsmen fired. Norman claims that he did not pull his weapon until after the shooting was over and then only when he was attacked by four or five students."

The circumstances surrounding [illegible] killings – and Norman's [illegible] 1970 – have never been definitely explained by any investigative body.

Although he has been described as a surveillance photographer several students and newsmen who covered the campus disorders preceding reporting at on May 2 and May 3, Norman *claimed to have taken photographs* to show the campus police or the F.B.I.

DeBrine, who is now an anchorman at KATV in Little Rock, Arkansas, said that "Norman told me that he took pictures of demonstrators on the college campus" and then turned his pictures over to the F.B.I.

After the shootings, when Norman was asked by a Kent Record-Courier reporter if he was then employed by the K.S.U. police, he replied: "Of course I was working for them."

Former K.S.U. security chief Donald Schwartzmiller and others connected with the police department have said otherwise. In an interview, Schwartzmiller said that on May 4, 1970 after being informed that Norman had been taken into custody – he was surprised to learn that Norman was even on campus. Schwartzmiller also said he was surprised to learn that individuals had seen and talked to Norman on campus May 2 and May 3.

The former police chief said he had ordered the photographer "off campus and not to return" in the spring of 1969 after receiving reports of [illegible] which Norman brought several rifles onto campus. Schwartzmiller said that [illegible] his officers instructions in 1969 that if Norman was "seen on campus again, he was to be arrested for trespassing."

Schwartzmiller said however, that before the 1969 incident was brought to his attention, Norman provided the campus police with photographs of outside radical speakers who addressed campus rallies. Schwartzmiller described the deal the police had with Norman as "a mutual agreement" in which Norman offered to furnish the photographs "for nothing." Schwartzmiller also said that "I didn't see him from the time that I ordered him off campus until the day on May 4."

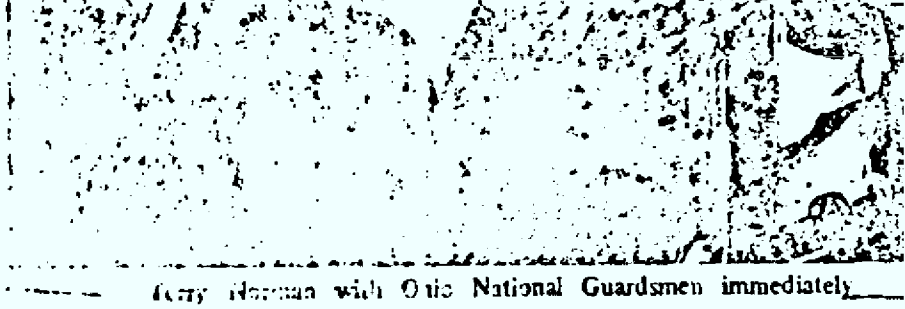
After Norman was taken into custody that day, Schwartzmiller declared: "I had full intentions of arresting him and filing charges for carrying a concealed weapon." But, he explained, he became "so wrapped up with reporters, gathering [illegible] issue credentials to Norman [illegible] but finally relented, [illegible] after another university official intervened on Norman's behalf – the [illegible] time a campus police officer.

The policeman, according to Delaney, told him that Norman had to be given credentials because the photographer was "with the F.B.I." The policeman, Delaney added, clarified that statement under questioning by saying "He's not really with the F.B.I., but he's shooting pictures for them. He's under contract to the F.B.I."

According to three sources, the F.B.I. began its investigation of the May 1970 disorders a day before the shooting – on May 3.

Delaney and DeBrine's reconstruction of the dialogue between Norman and the campus policeman after the shooting, which will appear in conspiracy theorist Peter Davies' forthcoming book on the tragedy, apparently has not been fully reported elsewhere.

Neither Delaney nor DeBrine was contacted by the President's Commission on Campus Unrest. The Commission, which held the only open hearings into the shootings, did not try to determine responsibility for the killings for fear of interfering with future judicial proceedings.



Terry Norman with Ohio National Guardsmen immediately [illegible]

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CINCINNATI	CLEVELAND	11/19/73	11/8 - 14/73

TITLE OF CASE

KILLING OF FOUR STUDENTS AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO, MAY 4, 1970; ALLISON KRAUSE; ET AL - VICTIMS

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] TYPE V.

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE:

Cleveland airtel to Cincinnati 11/5/73.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

All persons interviewed during this investigation were advised that this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of the U. S. Department of Justice, and that any information they furnished could be used in a court of law.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED				NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] Office: CINCINNATI
Date: 11/19/73

Field Office File #: 44-1249 Bureau File #: 44-45339

Title: KILLING OF FOUR STUDENTS AT
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY,
KENT, OHIO, MAY 4, 1970;
ALLISON KRAUSE;
ET AL -
~~CHANGED~~ VICTIMS

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS
~~SUBJECT~~:

Synopsis: The Administrative Assistant, Ohio National Guard (ONG), advised that a roster of all ONG personnel has previously been furnished and that no photographs are available for ONG personnel. Adjutant General, ONG, advised that all "ball-type" ammunition supplied to the ONG was issued by the U. S. Government, and no records maintained as to brands of ammunition maintained. Mrs. [redacted] Ohio, provided photographs of activities at Kent State University (KSU), in May, 1970 as taken by her son, [redacted] Ohio, [redacted] ONG, recalls observing an individual described as a white male, early 20's, blond hair, 5'8", 160 to 170 pounds, being allowed through the ONG lines and saying, "Some students grabbed my camera and began beating me, so I shot him", or words to this effect. This individual, presumed to be TERRY NORMAN by [redacted] produced either a chrome plated or a nickel plated revolver and turned the same over to an individual appearing to be a KSU police officer. Official Sundry Claims Board, Columbus, Ohio, advised that no claims for property damage have been filed as a result of the shootings at KSU. Officers, ONG, advised that all M-I rifles were shipped to the Letterkenny Army Depot, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania in October, 1971. Adjutant General, ONG, requests that all pending and subsequent requests for investigation be in writing.

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DETAILS:

AT WORTHINGTON, OHIO

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted] Department, Ohio National Guard, (ONG), [redacted] telephone number [redacted] was contacted for the purpose of conducting additional investigation relating to the killing of four Kent State University, (KSU), students at Kent, Ohio, on May 4, 1970.

[redacted] was specifically requested to determine the present or last known whereabouts of ONG personnel who were on the campus of KSU during the period May 1 through 4, 1970, and they were identified as follows:

[redacted]

In response to the above request, [redacted] stated that ONG personnel are represented by Attorney at Law CHARLES BROWN, who has offices at 42 East Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio. He suggested that BROWN be contacted in an attempt to secure the current whereabouts of the above individuals, inasmuch as BROWN would have the most recent address for ONG personnel.

[redacted] was also requested

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to furnish a roster of all ONG personnel who were eith
in the city of Kent, Ohio, or on the KSU campus from
May 1 through 4, 1970, including the identification of
these individuals and the identification of the weapons
issued to them. [redacted] commented
that it is his belief that this information had
been previously furnished to the Federal Bureau of
Investigation, (FBI), during the investigation conducted
at KSU in May, 1970. He further commented that within
the last two months, the Adjutant General and Major
General DANA L. STUART, had personally furnished this
same information to Departmental Attorneys of the Civil
Rights Division of the United States Department of
Justice and this information was given to these
Attorneys in the office of the Attorney General of Ohio,
at Columbus, Ohio. He further advised that Major
General STUART had been interviewed by these Depart-
mental Attorneys. [redacted] stated
that for these reasons, he would decline to furnish
additional rosters.

[redacted] was further ques-
tioned as to the existence of a handprinted entry
appearing under Item Number 51 of the Duty Officers
Log, Page 4, as compiled by the Headquarters Troop,
Second Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry, and dated
May 4, 1970. [redacted] advised that
inasmuch as this log was compiled and maintained by
the aforementioned Unit of the ONG located at the
Akron - Canton Airport, Akron, Ohio, this question
could only be resolved by contacting appropriate
military officers assigned to that Unit. He stated
that [redacted] has been succeeded
by [redacted]

[redacted] was also requested
to furnish a physical description of all Lieutenants
present on Taylor Hall Hill at the time of the shootings
on May 4, 1970, including all Lieutenants in Troop
G, of the 107th ARC, Company A, of the 145th Infantry
Regiment, and [redacted] of H Troop, 107th ARC.

In addition he was requested to furnish a physical description of [redacted], 145th Infantry Regiment, and also to identify the particular ONG Unit that was in the vicinity of the Newman Center and Verder Hall, on the campus of KSU, at approximately 10:00 P.M. on May 3, 1970. [redacted] again commented that this information could most readily be obtained from the particular ONG Unit who were assigned to the KSU Campus during the period May 1, through 4, 1970, as previously identified in investigation conducted by the FBI, and which Units are located in the Akron, Ohio, area. He commented that the personnel files including the physical examinations of these ONG personnel would be located within the particular ONG Unit.

In continuing, [redacted] related that no photographs are available of any ONG personnel, as none are required.

AT COLUMBUS, OHIO

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CHARLES E. BROWN, Attorney at Law, a partner in the law firm of Crabbe, Brown, Jones, Potts, and Schmidt, which is located in Suite 1400, 42 East Gay Street, was contacted at his office in an effort to determine the current or last known whereabouts of various Ohio National Guard personnel, who were on the campus of Kent State University during the period May 1, through 4, 1970.

Mr. BROWN explained that he has been retained by the office of the Attorney General of the State of Ohio to represent Ohio National Guard personnel and in this way he has appeared for and corresponded with some of the Ohio National Guard personnel, but certainly not all of them. Mr. BROWN consented to make available his correspondence file showing the most recent address of personnel with whom he had corresponded.

An examination of this file identified the most recent address for [redacted] Florida, telephone number [redacted] His previous address was identified as [redacted] Connecticut.

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SA [redacted] 11/13/73

by Date dictated

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Major General DANA L. STUART, the Adjutant General, Ohio National Guard, returned a telephone call to the Columbus Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, (FBI), in response to a previous telephone call made to the Adjutant General Department for the purpose of contacting Major General STUART.

Major General STUART was advised that in the current investigation concerning the killing of four students at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, on May 4, 1970, it has been determined that there is a locked metal cabinet maintained in a vault at the Akron, Ohio, Police Department, and is reported to be under the control of the Ohio National Guard. Major General STUART was advised that investigation was being conducted in an effort to identify the type, brand, and caliber of ammunition issued to Ohio National Guard personnel and furthermore that the locked metal cabinet maintained in the Akron, Ohio, Police Department may provide this information.

Major General STUART commented that all "ball-type" ammunition supplied to the Ohio National Guard is issued by Federal sources of the United States Government. He commented that those specific records are maintained as to the brand of ammunition issued to members of the Ohio National Guard.

Major General STUART also advised that prior to providing his authority to examine the locked metal cabinet maintained at the Akron, Ohio, Police Department, for the Ohio National Guard, he is desirous of conferring with the Commanding Officer of the 145th Infantry, responsible for the maintenance of this cabinet.

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AT DAYTON, OHIO

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[redacted], Dayton Daily News, made available two photographs taken by [redacted] a former student at Kent State University (KSU), at Kent, Ohio, during May, 1970. [redacted] was formerly a part-time reporter for the Dayton Daily News.

The above photographs appeared in the Dayton Daily News immediately following the killing of four students at KSU on May 4, 1970.

An examination at the Photo Laboratory and the Newspaper Morgue at the Dayton Daily News was unable to locate any additional photos taken by [redacted]

On November 10, 1973, the above two photographs were forwarded to the Cleveland Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by registered mail.

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[redacted] Department, Ohio National Guard, advised that the records of that organization revealed the following last known addresses of five Ohio National Guard personnel:

[redacted]

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[redacted], Ohio State Highway Patrol Headquarters, was contacted in an effort to determine if his organization possessed any information relating to the extent of property damage to automobiles parked in the Prentice Hall parking lot during the shooting of four Kent State University students on May 4, 1970, at Kent, Ohio.

[redacted] commented that he does not specifically recall the extent of property damage to the vehicles that were parked in the Prentice Hall parking lot, but did say that such information would have been included in the investigative report of the Ohio State Highway Patrol (previously furnished to the Federal Bureau of Investigation).

[redacted] suggested that [redacted] of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, who was responsible for the overall investigation of the Patrol Units at Kent State University be contacted for any information he might have in this regard.

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[redacted] Ohio, advised that her son, [redacted] presently residing Kent, Ohio, authorized her to furnish eleven colored photographs of various scenes and activities taken at Kent State in May, 1970. [redacted] furnished these eleven colored photographs but requested that they be returned.

[redacted] was advised that these photographs could be used as evidenciary material in a court of law.

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[redacted] was contacted at his place of employment, [redacted], telephone number [redacted]. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and that information was desired of him regarding his recollections of any events which had occurred on or about May 4, 1970, at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio.

[redacted] noted that he would be desirous of furnishing such information, however, he desired to do so in the presence of his attorney. He noted that in view of various lawsuits regarding this matter, he desired that his attorney be present during his furnishing such information.

The following information was thereafter volunteered by [redacted] in the presence of his attorney, [redacted] at [redacted], Ohio:

He is currently a [redacted] in the Ohio National Guard (ONG) and is assigned to [redacted]y, ONG, Wooster, Ohio, and has been a member of that organization for about six (6) years. On May 2, 1970, his unit was called to active duty at KSU, Kent, Ohio, in regard to some disturbances at that place. His unit and he were at that place through May 5 or 6, 1970.

At about 11:00 A.M., Monday, May 4, 1970, he was placed in charge of a security element of some eleven to thirteen troops, guarding some ONG vehicles containing radio equipment, which were parked near the previously burned Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) building on the KSU campus. His troops were in a semi-circular formation, about twenty yards from the ROTC building, facing the hill on which the college's Taylor Hall was located. At about 12:00 noon, or shortly thereafter, about sixty other ONG troops formed near his location and thereafter went up the hill, disappearing from his sight on the other side of the hill. They were out of his sight for about fifteen to thirty minutes. He then observed a few of these troops reappear on the crest of the

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hill. He then heard what sounded like gunfire, although he did not observe any shots being fired.

At about this time, the previously mentioned ONG troops came back over the crest of the hill and proceeded back down behind his security group. A few minutes thereafter, he observed some two to four individuals, who he believes were students, run down from the crest of the hill towards his position. He is unable to further describe these persons, but he could see that they were shouting something. As they reached a point about ten to twenty meters from his position, he was able to understand that they were shouting, "Stop him, he shot somebody", or possibly, "he killed somebody", or words to that effect.

He was standing on the left end of his line of troops. He then looked to his right, where he saw an individual, whom he recalls as being a white male, early twenties, about 5'8" tall, 160 to 170 pounds, blond hair, not long, wearing slacks and a jacket, colors unrecalled, and a white shirt, talking to one of his troops. As he moved in that direction, he observed that this individual had displayed something to the trooper, which he was later told was a press credential. This individual was then allowed through the ONG lines.

[redacted] continued that he had walked towards this individual who had been allowed through the line, however, before he reached him, he observed this individual being stopped by two persons who he assumed were KSU Security Police, as well as some two or three ONG officers. The individuals who he assumed to be Security Police were dressed in shirt sleeves, ties and trousers. He noted that he could not further describe these two persons and doubts if he would recognize them if he were to see them again.

As he neared this group, which was standing in a semi-circle about ten yards behind his security troops, he overheard the individual who had been allowed through his troops' lines say words to the effect that "Some students grabbed my camera and started beating me, and I shot him." [redacted] noted that he could not recall the exact words. He then saw this individual reach under his coat, and thinking he might be reaching for a weapon, he, [redacted] said "easy", and readied his rifle.

The individual slowly pulled a revolver from beneath his jacket, which was taken by one of the plainclothes individuals previously mentioned. He observed this person flip the cylinder open on the weapon, which he thinks opened to the right. As the cylinder was opened, the individual stepped to the side, and said, "There are two spent cartridges", or words to that effect. He noted that he did not see the cartridges himself, as he was not close enough to the individual to make out details regarding the weapon.

The two plainclothesmen then led the individual who had produced the gun away, and he has never seen any of these persons again.

[redacted] added that he recalls the gun as being a snub-nosed revolver, which was nickel or chrome plated. He noted that he owns a snub-nose .38 caliber Colt revolver, and this weapon appeared to be about the same size as his.

He noted that the next day, he saw an article which had appeared in the Akron, Ohio "Beacon-Journal" newspaper, which indicated that the person who had the revolver was named TERRY NORMAN. He noted that he does not know this individual personally, although he has seen several newspaper articles in which NORMAN was mentioned with regards to the events at KSU on May 4, 1970.

[redacted] continued that the ONG trooper who had allowed the individual through the line was named [redacted] (phonetic), who was released from the ONG shortly after these events due to the expiration of his enlistment. He noted that [redacted] lives somewhere near Wooster, Ohio.

He also noted that he does not desire to furnish the names of other members of the ONG who were present during the above events, as he has discussed this matter with them, and they have requested that he not do so in view of current lawsuits in which some of them have been named as principals. He noted that all officers of the ONG who were present at KSU in May, 1970, were named in various lawsuits which have been filed in regard to this matter. He noted that inasmuch as he has promised these persons that he would not involve them, he does not desire to do so at this time, noting that their names would be available from other sources, including the ONG Armory at

Wooster, Ohio. He noted, however, that he would furnish such names if called to testify before a grand jury or similar event. He also noted that the great majority of these persons were previously interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in 1970 regarding this matter. However, these persons did not volunteer any information, as they had been instructed, apparently by the ONG, to only answer specific questions that were asked and not to volunteer any information.

He also noted that the Company Commander of his ONG company at the time of the above events was [redacted] who resides near Wooster, Ohio. [redacted] is now assigned to the headquarters of the ONG in Columbus, Ohio, although he still resides near Wooster. He noted that [redacted] could provide the names of persons present during the above events. He noted that he does not recall if [redacted] was present during these events or not. He noted that he does not know [redacted] home address, however, the ONG Armory at Wooster could provide it. He also noted that he had turned in a written statement regarding his seeing the gun recovered from the individual to [redacted] the same day (May 4, 1970) that these events occurred. This statement was made part of an ONG report regarding this matter. [redacted] furnished a xerox copy of this statement, which reads as follows:

I [redacted] observed
May 4, 1970 the following: A number of peo
running down the hill yelling "stop that m
he shot someone". I glanced to my [illegible] a
saw a young man showing a press pass to a
guardsman and passing him. I moved tow
him along with a number of other people.
He was stopped 10 yds behind our line by
or 5 people. A plain closed, official [illegible] sto
him and was asking him questions. I hi
the young man say: "a student grabbe
camera and started to beat me up —
shot him" — He then reached insid
his jacket a removed a silver colore
pistol which was taken from him and
was led away. He was a short and blond
haired, wearing slacks, white shirt, jacket
had a camera around his neck.

[redacted]

He also noted that during the past summer of 1973, he also furnished a more detailed statement regarding his recollections of these events to a [redacted] of the ONG Judge Advocate General's Office. He noted that [redacted] is located in Columbus, Ohio.

[redacted] also noted that in the summer of 1970, investigators from the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) were at Camp Perry, Ohio, while his ONG unit was at firearms training. These investigators were conducting the investigation regarding the KSU matter for the state. He asked one of these persons, name unknown, regarding TERRY NORMAN. This person told him that NORMAN had been working for another law enforcement agency, and would not be prosecuted.

He also advised that an ONG Sergeant, name unknown, had been in charge of giving out press credentials at KSU in May, 1970. He noted that this person, name not known to him, is assigned to Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 145th Infantry, ONG, Akron, Ohio. He noted that this Sergeant should be able to furnish information regarding press credentials issued. [redacted] also noted that he heard from an unrecalled source that TERRY NORMAN had been granted press credentials because he claimed to be working for the FBI. He noted that he has no personal knowledge of this information.

[redacted] noted that he has directed correspondence to various persons inquiring regarding what action is to be taken, if any, regarding TERRY NORMAN. He noted that such correspondence was directed to the United States Department of Justice, the Ohio Attorney General, and several United States Senators. He noted that one of the replies received by him in response to these communications was a letter dated September 21, 1970, from PAUL W. BROWN, Attorney General, State of Ohio, which advised as follows:

PAUL W. BROWN
ATTORNEY GENERAL

CHARLES S. LOPEMAN
FIRST ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

SHELBY V. HUTCHINS
CHIEF COUNSEL

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENER

STATE OF OHIO
COLUMBUS 43215

September 21, 197

[redacted]

Dear Mr [redacted]

I have checked out your information and it appears to be correct except for the fact that men from my Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation who are ballistics experts examined Mr. Norman's gun after it was taken away from him and found that it had not been fired. No witnesses other than yourself claims to have heard Mr. Norman say that he had fired his weapon. All of the details except for your testimony will be heard by the current Grand Jury in Kent. I have sent your letter to Mr. Balyeat in the event he wishes to call you. Thank you for writing to me.

Yours very truly,

PAUL W. BROWN,
Attorney General

PWB:hg
CC: Robert L. Balyeat

[redacted] also noted that he now resides at [redacted], Ohio, home telephone number [redacted] He also indicated that he did not desire to furnish a signed statement regarding the above at this time. He noted that as previously stated, he has furnished signed statements to the ONG regarding this information.

[redacted] is a white male, born [redacted] at [redacted] Ohio, [redacted] in height, weighing [redacted] pounds, and [redacted] He has no obvious physical handicaps which would impair his ability to recall events or to be a witness. [redacted] was advised that information furnished by him in this matter might be used in court, or become subject to testimony in judicial proceedings.

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[redacted] was contacted in an effort to determine whether or not he was in the possession of the exact extent of property damage to automobiles that were parked in the Prentice Hall parking lot during the shootings of four Kent State University students at Kent, Ohio, on May 4, 1970.

[redacted] recalled that there were probably four vehicles which had property damage as a result of the shootings. He stated that the investigation concerning the damage to these vehicles would have been included in the investigative report of the Ohio State Highway Patrol which has previously been furnished in this investigation.

[redacted] remarked that if any claims for property damage had been filed such claims would have been filed with the Kent State Unnversity Police at Kent, Ohio.

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[redacted] Ohio National Guard, Newark, Ohio, furnished the following information:

He stated that to his knowledge, there are no M-1 Rifles stored at the Ohio National Guard in Newark, Ohio.

He telephonically contacted [redacted], Worthington, Ohio, telephone number [redacted] and the interviewing Agent spoke with [redacted] on the telephone.

[redacted] advised that during the period from March, 1971 until September, 1971, that there were 12,096 weapons which included M-1 Rifles, declared as excess, and were shipped during this period to the arsenals at Rock Island, Illinois, or Letterkenny, Pennsylvania.

He stated that after these weapons were shipped received by the arsenals that they were either destroyed or sold as surplus. He stated that he would have to conduct a search by Serial Number of the weapons to determine to which arsenal they were sent.

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Mr. JOEL TAYLOR, President, Sundry Claims Board, State of Ohio, 62 East Broad Street, telephone number 466-3848, advised that any claims filed against the State of Ohio as a result of property damage inflicted on automobiles at Kent State University during the shootings on May 4, 1970, would have been filed through his office. He stated that he had no knowledge of any claims being filed against the State of Ohio and the only claims filed have been claims for the recovery of Attorneys fees for defending Ohio National Guardsman who participated in crowd control during the hearings of the President's Commission and the Portage County, Ohio, Grand Jury.

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[redacted] National Guard, advised that the records of his office show that the Ohio National Guard shipped via Roadway Express, all of the M-I Rifles, totalling 12,906 rifles to the Letterkenny Army Depot located in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, in approximately October, 1971.

[redacted] continued that all of the Units of the Ohio National Guard turned their weapons into the State National Guard Headquarters during the period of March, through September, 1971.

[redacted] continued that the M-I Rifles were shipped in boxes of ten to twenty weapons with the Serial Numbers stenciled on the outside of the boxes. He commented that there were no numerical sequence to the boxes and the Ohio National Guard has no record of when individual weapons were shipped. He also advised that the weapons were shipped by Government Bill of Ladings and were shipped in three different shipments.

In ending, [redacted] stated that the M-I Rifles had been replaced by M-14 and furthermore, that the Ohio National Guard maintains records for only three fiscal years and there is no way to check Serial Numbers of weapons issued to individual Guardsmen.

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Major General DANA L. STUART, the Adjutant General of Ohio, Ohio National Guard, telephonically advised that all pending and subsequent requests for investigation concerning the killing of four Kent State University students at Kent, Ohio, on May 4, 1970, as it relates to the Ohio National Guard and its personnel will have to be in writing. General STUART stated that upon receipt of the specific written request he will make the request available to Attorney CHARLES BROWN, Special Counsel, retained by the Attorney General for the State of Ohio to represent Ohio National Guard personnel. Upon examination of the written request by Attorney BROWN, a determination will be made as to compliance with the request for investigation.

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RE: KENFOUR

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies each and for PG one copy each of two articles appearing in the 10/17/74 editions of "The Cleveland Press" and "The Plain Dealer" respectively, both of which are daily newspapers of general circulation in Northern Ohio. "The Plain Dealer" article is entitled "Agent denies calling guard FBI's target", and "The Cleveland Press" article is entitled "Battisti's ruling vital in Kent State case".

Also enclosed for the Bureau are two copies and for PG one copy of an article appearing in the 10/16/74 edition of the "Akron Beacon Journal", an Akron, Ohio, daily newspaper, entitled "FBI: Didn't Tell Guardsmen They Didn't Need Attorneys", wherein mention is made of questioning by defense counsel of Cleveland SA's DAVE J. COOK and THOMAS J. MURPHY, wherein each denied that he placed his service weapon on a table during the questioning of defendant MATHEW J. MC MANUS.

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In the enclosed Cleveland newspaper articles, several allegations are attributed to SA ROBERT L. BURTON of the PG Office relating to alleged conversations that BURTON had with a National Guard officer. These allegations emanated from cross examination questioning by defense counsel C. D. LAMBROS who is representing several of the National Guard defendants.

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Inasmuch as SA's COOK, MURPHY, and BURTON have each emphatically denied under oath the allegations attributed to them in the hearing in U.S. District Court, CV, Ohio, and inasmuch as the court record confirms the respective denials, no further action is being taken.

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FBI: Didn't Tell Guardsmen They Didn't Need Attorneys

By JOHN M. DUNPHY
Beacon Journal Staff Writer

CLEVELAND — Two FBI agents involved in the questioning of Ohio National Guardsmen in 1970 denied Tuesday they told one of the Guardsmen he didn't need an attorney after he reportedly requested one.

Special agents John J. Brennan and Gary Harmon both denied they told former Guardsman Lawrence Shafer of Ravenna he didn't need an attorney present to witness the questioning.

Shafer's attorney, Bernard Stuplinski, said he is prepared to put Shafer on the witness stand to testify that he requested an attorney and was told he didn't need one.

BRENNAN and Harmon were among nine FBI agents called to testify in Federal Court Tuesday in pre-trial hearings to determine whether the FBI statements will be admitted into evidence at the trial scheduled to start Monday.

Shafer and seven other former Guardsmen were indicted on Federal civil rights charges in connection with the May 4, 1970, shootings on the Kent State campus.

Brennan, a 20-year veteran FBI agent, and Harmon, employed by the bureau since 1969, questioned Shafer for three hours on May 7, 1970, three days after four students were killed and nine wounded by Guard gunfire.

BOTH AGENTS testified they supplied Shafer with a waiver form outlining his constitutional rights to silence and having a lawyer present during questioning.

The agents testified Shafer read the form and signed it.

Here is how the FBI reported Shafer reacted during the shooting.

Sergeant Lawrence Shafer heard three or four shots come from his "right" side. He then saw a man on his right fire one shot. He then dropped to one knee and fired once in the air. His weapon failed to eject and he had to eject the casing manually. He then saw a male with bushy, sandy hair, in a blue shirt advancing on him and making an obscene gesture (giving the finger). This man had nothing in his hands. When this man was 25-35 feet away, Shafer shot him. He then fired three more times in the air."

BRENNAN said he told Shafer the purpose of the FBI investigation was to determine if possible civil rights violations were committed and that Shafer might become a possible defendant in future prosecutions.

He also testified Shafer commented he wanted to "cooperate with us."

Stuplinski then asked Brennan the following questions:

Q—Do you deny Shafer asked for an attorney.

A—I deny that.

Q — Do you deny that either you or your partner (Harmon) told Shafer that whatever he said wouldn't go beyond that room and you were just trying to please some people and get the investigation over with?

A — I deny that.

Harmon denied the same set of questions and also denied the agents took Shafer from the interrogation room to view the shooting scene before returning to the room to answer further questions.

Shafer is the only Guardsman identified so far who allowed agent Harmon to prepare a written statement outlining his activities at the time of the shooting.

HARMON testified that the only portion of the statement written by Shafer was the last paragraph in which Shafer acknowledged the information written by Harmon was correct.

Harmon testified that Shafer signed the statement freely.

In other questioning from Guard defense lawyers, special agents Dave Cook, of Youngstown, and Thomas J. Murphy, of Canton, both denied they laid their service weapons on the table during the questioning of former Guardsmen Mathew J. McManus.

Stuplinski, who also represents McManus, said his client is prepared to testify the agents laid their weapons on the table during his questioning on May 6, 1970.

Both Cook and Murphy testified that McManus was presented a waiver form and signed it before questioning began.

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Agent denies calling guard FBI's target

By Christine J. Jindra

FBI agent Robert L. Burton testified yesterday in U.S. District Court that he did not recall telling an Ohio National Guard officer shortly after the May 1970 shootings at Kent State University that the FBI was out to get the guard.

Burton made the denial yesterday during a hearing on a motion to suppress statements the eight former guardsmen indicted in the shootings made to the FBI, the State Highway Patrol and the Portage County Grand Jury.

In mid-May of 1970 Burton asked guardsmen to try to identify themselves and other guardsmen in a photograph printed in Life magazine.

He said none of the guardsmen he questioned ever asked if they should have a lawyer present and that those questioned, including five of those indicted, had signed forms waiving their right to counsel and protection from self-incrimination.

Burton was among six FBI agents who testified yesterday that they advised guardsmen of their rights before questioning them. The ex-guardsmen are expected to contradict the FBI agents when they take the stand today.

Defense lawyers are trying to show that the only way FBI agents knew whom to question is because they had access to guard records.

These records, which contain statements the guardsmen made shortly after the shooting, have been ruled inadmissible at the trial because the guardsmen were not advised of their legal rights before they gave the statements.

Defense lawyers contend the ex-guardsmen talked to the FBI and highway patrol only because they were under orders to cooperate with law enforcement agencies investigating the incident.

None of the 15 FBI agents who have testified during the hearing said which guardsmen had acknowledged firing into the crowd of students.

Nor would the agents say that guard officials had furnished the names of those who shot. Under oath, the agents said they did not know or could not recall who told them to interview the eight defendants.

The eight are scheduled to go on trial Monday in the courtroom of Chief Judge Frank J. Battisti on charges that they violated the civil rights of students, including the four killed and nine injured May 4, 1970.

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Battisti's ruling vital in Kent State case

By JIM DUDAS

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Lambros also asked if Burton, in referring to his statements to the general had ever said that if his statements got back to the FBI he (Burton) would be fired.

Burton emphatically denied the allegations.

During the proceedings the eight defendants sat in the jury box intently listening to the proceedings.

Next week jurors will sit in those same seats and decide whether the guardsmen violated the rights of students on May 4, 1970.

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RE CLEVELAND NITEL TO BUREAU, OCT. 18, 1974.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, PROCEEDINGS IN UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CLEVELAND, OHIO, ARE STILL CONCERNED WITH JURY SELECTION AND IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT WITNESS TESTIMONY WILL BE ENTERED THIS WEEK.

HORACE HEAFNER OF THE EXHIBIT SECTION HAS CONCLUDED HIS CONFERENCES WITH ROBERT A. MURPHY ALONG WITH ADDITIONS TO PERTINENT VISUAL AIDS WHICH INCLUDED ON-THE-SCENE MEASUREMENTS AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO. MURPHY HAS ADVISED THAT HEAFNER'S TESTIMONY WILL NOT BE NEEDED UNTIL TUESDAY, OCT. 29, 1974. HOWEVER, MURPHY REQUESTED THAT HEAFNER CONFER WITH HIM ON THE AFTERNOON OF MONDAY, OCT. 28, 1974.

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ACCORDINGLY, HORACE HEAFNER WILL RETURN TO BUREAU HEADQUARTERS AFTERNOON OF OCT. 23, 1974 AND SHOULD EXPECT

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TO RETURN TO CLEVELAND ON LATE AFTERNOON OF OCT. 28, 1974.

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Memorandum

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TO : Assistant Attorney General
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

DATE: 10/29/74

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: KILLING OF FOUR STUDENTS AT KENT UNIVERSITY,
KENT, OHIO;
MAY 4, 1970;
ALLISON KRAUSE, ET AL - VICTIMS
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Reference is made to _____ memorandum dated _____ (your file _____).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent _____ dated _____ at _____.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☒ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☐ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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Note:
Also enclosed are 1 copy each of 2 LHM's dated 10/21/74 entitled "KILLING OF FOUR STUDENTS AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO, MAY 4, 1970, ALLISON KRAUSE; ET AL - VICTIMS "; at Cleveland, Ohio.

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2:15 PM URGENT 11/5/74 RJB JPS

TO: DIRECTOR (44-45339)

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FROM: CLEVELAND (44-703)

KENFOUR.

RE CLEVELAND NITEL, NOVEMBER 4, 1974.

ROBERT A. MURPHY, DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY IN CHARGE OF PROSECUTION OF TRIAL IN CAPTIONED MATTER, REQUESTED SPECIAL AGENTS [redacted] ALBANY, [redacted] ATLANTA, AND [redacted] CHICAGO BE AVAILABLE TO TESTIFY IN USDC, CLEVELAND, OHIO, ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1974. RESPECTIVE AGENTS SHOULD EXPEDITIOUSLY PROCEED TO CLEVELAND.

FOR INFO OF BUREAU, MURPHY OR HIS ASSISTANTS HAVE BEEN IN TELEPHONIC CONTACTS WHITH FBI LAB SPECIAL AGENTS [redacted] AND [redacted] RE THEIR TESTIFYING IN THIS MATTER.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-45339)

CLEVELAND (44-703)

FROM PHILADELPHIA (44-1790)

KENFOUR

RE PH LET TO BUREAU, AUG. 8, 1974, WITH ENCLOSED MEMOS.

ON NOV. 1, 1974, ANN ROWLAND, LAW CLERK, KAHN-KLEINMAN LAW FIRM, CLEVELAND, OHIO, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SA ROBERT T. DAULL AND ADVISED THAT HE WILL BE SUBPOENAED AS A WITNESS FOR THE DEFENSE IN THE KENT STATE TRIAL.

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ROWLAND ADVISED THAT SA DAULL WOULD APPEAR ON OR ABOUT NOV. 25, 1974, HOWEVER, A DEFINITE DATE WILL BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. ROWLAND FURTHER STATED SA DAULL'S TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES WILL BE BORNE BY KAHN-KLEINMAN AND IN ADDITION, HE WILL RECEIVE 20 DOLLARS PER DAY.

IT IS ASSUMED SA DAULL WILL TESTIFY AFTER SUBPOENA HAS BEEN SERVED.

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11/5/74

To: SACs, Cleveland (44-703)
Philadelphia (44-1790)

From: Director, FBI (44-45339) REC-56

1 - Mr. Boyd

KENFOUR

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RePHnitel 11/1/74.

CV, at earliest opportunity, discuss with Departmental Attorney Robert Murphy or one of his staff, the possibility of SA [redacted] being subpoenaed as a witness for the defense as set out in retel. Obtain Murphy's views and advise the Bureau.

The Bureau should be immediately notified when Daull is actually subpoenaed, along with any other specifics known concerning desired testimony.

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2:4 AM NITEL OCTOBER 26, 1974 SLO

TO: DIRECTOR (44-45339)

FROM: CLEVELAND (44-703)

KENFOM.

ROBERT A. MURPHY, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CURRENTLY IN CLEVELAND, OHIO, ADVISED THAT HE DESIRES TO TRACE THE CHAIN OF CUSTODY RE THE ORIGINAL TAPE RECORDING MADE AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU) ON MAY 4, 1970 BY [redacted] WHICH HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS Q-153, INCLUDING THE PERIOD THAT THE ORIGINAL RECORDING WAS OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, COLUMBUS, OHIO, AND THEREAFTER FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU.

MURPHY NOTED THAT SOMETIME AROUND AUG., 1973, AT THE INSTRUCTION OF JOHN HOYLE AND PAUL LAWRENCE OF HIS DIVISION, WHILE IN COLUMBUS, OHIO, ONE OR TWO BOXES OF EVIDENCE WERE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU ALONG WITH AN INVENTORY OF THE CONTENTS OF THE BOX(ES). MURPHY BELIEVES THAT AFTER THE ORIGINAL RECORDING WAS FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU, IT WAS OBTAINED AT BUREAU HEADQUARTERS BY EITHER HOYLE, LAWRENCE,

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OR HIMSELF AND THEREAFTER HAND CARRIED BY ONE OF THEM TO CLEVELAND FOR USE DURING FEDERAL GRAND JURY, DECEMBER, 1973 TO JANUARY, 1974.

ACCORDINGLY, THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE RE THE CONTENTS OF ANY INVENTORY PARTICULARY AND NOTATIONS AS TO THE RECEIPT AND/OR DISPOSITION OF THE ORIGINAL [redacted] TAPE RECORDING. IT IS NOTED THE DISPOSITION OF THE ORIGINAL RECORDING IS GENERALLY ACCOUNTED FOR AFTER ITS USE DURING THE GRAND JURY.

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ALSO, FOR INFO OF BUREAU, TRIAL IN THIS MATTER WILL COMMENCE OCTOBER 29, 1974, WITH TESTIMONY OF HORACE HEAFNER OF THE EXHIBITS SECTION, ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION, SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 31, 1974. IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR HEAFNER TO TRAVEL TO CLEVELAND FOR CONFERENCE WITH MURPHY DURING LATE AFTERNOON OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1974.

adv 10/29 Epm

END

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F.J. McDONOUGH, DIV 6 - ADVISED 11/5/74 THAT CV HAS BEEN [illegible] ADVISED RE CUSTODY DETAILS OF Q153 [illegible]. NO FOR [illegible] ACTION [illegible]

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AIRTEL

11/4/74

To: SAC, Cleveland (44-703)

From: Director, FBI (44-45339) 1 - Mr. Boyd

KENFOUR

ReCVtelcall 11/4/74.

Enclosed herewith is 1 copy for completion of your file of a Bureau O-70 (F) memorandum dated 10/23/73, a copy of a Civil Rights Division memorandum dated 9/20/73, and a receipt dated 7/12/74, signed by Departmental Attorney Paul Lawrence.

Enclosures (3)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

DATE: 10/23/73

ATTENTION: MR. JOHN HOYLE

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: KILLING OF FOUR STUDENTS,
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO, 5/4/70;
ALLISON KRAUSE, ET AL. - VICTIMS:
SUMMARY PUNISHMENT
CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference is made to urlet memorandum dated 9/27/73 (your file RAM-DJ 144-57-338).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent _____ dated _____ at _____.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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Enc. SEE NOTE PAGE 2.

CC placed in KENT STATE FILE - 44-45339-584 LS Wash

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This will confirm receipt of your letter dated 9/20/73 settir forth an inventory of some of the materials collected by you office in the course of captioned investigation. It will serve to acknowledge receipt by this office of the items set forth therein except for Item 17 (State Highway Patrol Photo Album A) which you indicate you have retained, and Items 16 and 17, which were delivered to Mr. Hoyle on 10/19/73 as per his request. All other items listed therein received by this Bureau will be sealed in the original box that they were received in and held for your disposition.

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TO MR. WALSH

DATE: 11/1/74

FROM J. P. DUNPHY

SUBJECT: KENFOUR

This case involves the trial in United States District Court, Cleveland, Ohio, of eight Ohio National Guardsmen who have been indicted in connection with the shooting incident on the Kent State University Campus on May 4, 1970.

On October 21, 1974, Visual Information Specialist Horace J. Heafner proceeded to Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Heafner was to testify concerning exhibits previously prepared by him. Heafner conferred with Departmental Attorney Robert Murphy re testimony in captioned case. Mr. Murphy requested that additional measurements be made on the campus of Kent State University and that these measurements locate distance shown in photograph taken by students on May 4, 1970. In addition, he requested that measurements be made of trees located in the vicinity of Taylor Hall and that these locations be plotted on diagrams for use in trial of captioned case concerning which Mr. Heafner would testify.

Since jury selection had not been made, Mr. Murphy requested that Heafner return to Washington, D. C., on 10/23/74 and return to Cleveland on 10/30/74 for testimony.

Heafner returned to Cleveland, Ohio, 10/30/74 and testified in U. S. District Court on 10/31/74. The 5-man defense counsel attempted to prevent admission of the exhibits into evidence by attacking Mr. Heafner's qualifications. However, 23 years of experience in addition to his art training was sufficient for the Judge, and the exhibits were admitted.

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After testimony, Mr. Murphy advised Heafner that he is subject to recall for additional testimony regarding measurements made in connection with photographs taken by students on May 4, 1970. He will advise the Bureau if such testimony is needed. Heafner returned to WDC on 10/31/74.

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RECOMMENDATION:

For information only.

1 - Mr. McDonough (General Investigative Division)

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11/6/74
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The trial of the eight Ohio National Guardsmen who were on duty at Kent State University (KSU), on 5/4/70, is currently underway at Cleveland, Ohio, in U. S. District Court. Defendants have been charged with violating the civil rights of four students who were killed and others who were wounded.

The attached advises that Civil Rights Division (CRD) Attorney Robert A. Murphy has requested our Cleveland Office furnish a 12 gauge shotgun from the Cleveland Office inventory for the purpose of displaying same in Federal Court. Two subjects are charged with firing 12 gauge shotguns at the time of the confrontation and two of the wounded students were hit with shotgun fire.

SAC Cleveland has observed that introduction of a Bureau shotgun could carry a stigma or adverse inference with those in attendance at the trial and recommends against it. The General Investigative Division concurs with the SAC, Cleveland, and Cleveland is being instructed to suggest to Departmental Attorney Murphy that he use a suitable photograph or obtain a shotgun on loan or rental from a local gun dealer for his purpose.

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3:40PM URGENT 11/6/74 SMD

TO: DIRECTOR (44-45339)

FROM: CLEVELAND (44-703)

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ON THIS DATE, ROBERT A. MURPHY, CR USDJ, REQUESTED THE LOAN OF A TWELVE GAUGE SHOTGUN FROM CLEVELAND'S INVENTORY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISPLAYING SAME IN FEDERAL COURT IN TRIAL OF CAPTIONED MATTER INASMUCH AS TWO OF THE SUBJECTS ARE CHARGED WITH THE DISCHARGING OF TWELVE GAUGE SHOTGUNS DURING THE CONFRONTATION ON THE KENT CAMPUS ON MAY FOUR NINETEEN SEVENTY AND TWO OF THE WOUNDED VICTIMS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN HIT WITH SHOTGUN FIRE.

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MURPHY EXPECTED THAT THE SHOTGUN, IF MADE AVAILABLE, WOULD BE RETURNED ON THE SAME DATE TO THE CLEVELAND OFFICE. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE WEAPON SHOULD HAVE TO BE KEPT THROUGH THE DURATION OF THE TRIAL, IT WOULD BE IN THE SECURE POSSESSION OF THE CLERK OF THE CHIEF JUDGE TRYING THE CASE.

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IT IS NOTED ALSO THAT MURPHY IS UNABLE TO SECURE AN EXEMPLAR OF THIS TYPE OF SHOTGUN FROM THE OHIO NATIONAL GUARD AS THE GUARD NO LONGER USES OR MAINTAINS SHOTGUNS IN THEIR INVENTORY.

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To: SAC, Cleveland (44-703)

From: Director, FBI (44-45339) 77

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KENFOUR

1 - Mr. Boyd

ReCVtel 11/6/74 and Butelcall to CV, 11/7/74.

This will confirm reButelcall advising that the Bureau concurs with the recommendation of SAC, Cleveland, as set out in retel and instructing that you suggest to Departmental Attorney Murphy that he use a suitable photograph or obtain a shotgun on loan or rental from a local gun dealer for his purpose.

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NOTE: This refers to Departmental Attorney Murphy's request of the CVO that it furnish a 12-gauge shotgun from the office inventory to display in Federal Court during the current trial of subjects. SAC, Cleveland, observed that introduction of the Bureau shotgun could carry a stigma or adverse inference wi those in attendance at the trial and recommended against it. Informative note of 11/6/74 attached to retel set out instructions for CV as contained in this airtel.

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10:45 AM URGENT 11/7/74 RJB

TO: DIRECTOR (44-45339)

PHILADELPHIA (44-1790)

PITTSBURGH

FROM: CLEVELAND (44-703)

KENFOUR.

RE CLEVELAND TELCALL TO PITTSBURGH, NOV. 7, 1974.

ON NOV. 7, 1974, ROBERT A. MURPHY, DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY, ADVISED SA [redacted] PITTSBURGH OFFICE, IS NECESSARY WITNESS IN TRIAL IN THIS MATTER CURRENTLY IN SESSION IN USDC, CLEVELAND, OHIO. SA [redacted]S EXPECTED TO TESTIFY CONCERNING PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION OF SUBJECT GUARDSMEN.

FOR INFO OF BUREAU AND PHILADELPHIA, DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY MURPHY HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SA [redacted] BEING SUBPOENAED AS A WITNESS FOR THE DEFENSE IN THIS MATTER. IT MAY BE NOTED THAT PHILADELPHIA WAS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED A TENTATIVE DATE OF NOV. 25, 1974 RE SA [redacted] POSSIBLE TESTIMONY.

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IN VIEW OF THE APPARENT ACCELERATED PACE OF THE TRIAL IN

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THIS MATTER, POSSIBILITY EXISTS DAULL MAY BE CALLED AT AN EARLIER DATE. MURPHY ANTICIPATES CONCLUDING PROSECUTIVE ACTION THIS WEEK.

IN DISCUSSING THIS MATTER WITH MURPHY, HE EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO SPEAK WITH SA [redacted] WHEN HE ARRIVES IN CLEVELAND.

CLEVELAND OFFICE AND MURPHY UNABLE TO SPECULATE AS TO SIGNIFICANCE OF SA [redacted] TESTIMONY IN VIEW OF THE CONTENTS OF HIS INTERVIEW OF MAY 15, 1970 OTHER THAN THE FAVORABLE IMPRESSION AN FBI AGENT WOULD HAVE ON THE COURT AND JURY IN BEHALF OF THE DEFENSE, MERELY BECAUSE OF HIS PROFESSION. IT IS NOTED THAT [redacted] WAS A STUDENT AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO, DURING 1970 PRIOR TO HIS BUREAU EMPLOYMENT.

BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED EXPEDITIOUSLY RE ANY OTHER SPECIFICS CONCERNING [redacted] POSSIBLE TESTIMONY AS THEY BECOME KNOWN TO CLEVELAND.

UACB, SA [redacted] SHOULD IMMEDIATELY PROCEED TO CLEVELAND FOR TESTIMONY.

END

JAC FBIHQ CLR

11/8/74

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case in which 8 former Ohio National Guardsmen (ONG) were being tried in U. S. District Court, Cleveland, Ohio, for violating the Civil Rights of 4 students who were killed and other students who were wounded at Kent State University on 5/4/70.

The attached from Cleveland Office advises that at approximately 11 a.m., today, Chief Judge Frank J. Battisti returned a directed verdict of acquittal on all 8 subjects. Judge Battisti contended that the Government's testimony had not shown sufficient willful intent by any of the 8 subjects to specifically deprive any of the victims of their Civil Rights.

JJB:bap

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1:40PM URGENT 11-8-74 KAM

TO: DIRECTOR (44-45339)

FROM: CLEVELAND (44-703) (P)

KENFOUR.

ON THIS DATE, ROBERT A. MURPHY, DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY IN CHARGE OF THE PROSECUTION OF THIS CASE AT CLEVELAND, OHIO, ADVISED AT APPROXIMATELY 11:00 AM THAT CHIEF JUDGE FRANK J. BATTISTI, USDC, CLEVELAND, OHIO, RETURNED A DIRECT VERDICT OF ACQUITTAL OF THE CHARGES AGAINST ALL EIGHT SUBJECTS IN THIS MATTER. MURPHY STATED THAT IT WAS CHIEF JUDGE BATTISTI'S CONTENTION THAT THE TESTIMONY OFFERED BY THE GOVERNMENT HAD NOT SUFFICIENTLY SHOWN THE WILLFUL INTENT ON THE PART OF ANY OF THE EIGHT SUBJECTS TO SPECIFICALLY DEPRIVE ANY OF THE VICTIMS OF ANY CIVIL RIGHTS AS WAS CHARGED IN THE INDICTMENT.

REPORT WILL FOLLOW.

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David L. Engdahl, Esq.
Steven A. Sindell, Esq.
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Guidubaldi
1400 Leader Building
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Dear Messrs. Engdahl and Sindell:

This is in reply to your letter of October 3, 1974. In that letter you appealed from a denial by the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division of your request for the data collected by the FBI in the course of its investigation of the shooting incident that took place at Kent State University on May 4, 1970.

Having given your appeal careful consideration, I am affirming the denial. As you have acknowledged, the requested records are 'investigatory files compiled for law enforcement purposes' and therefore are exempt under exemption seven of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)) from compulsory disclosure. Furthermore, I have concluded that it would be inappropriate for me to dire a discretionary release at this time. There is pending in a federal court a criminal case involving much of the materi in the requested files. As the Assistant Attorney General pointed out to you, it would be inconsistent with the Government's obligation to present an effective case for the prosecution and to insure a fair trial for defendants to release these records at the present time.

You have also suggested a stipulation for a delay in the disposition of the matter until after the conclusion of the criminal trial, with the entire matter to be finally decided by me at that time. I am unable to agree to your suggestion for two reasons. First, by the time the trial is over much of the requested material may well be a part of the public record and therefore become available to you, thus obviating or substantially modifying any basis for additional release. Second, subsequent to the criminal

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proceedings it would be more appropriate to direct any request to the Civil Rights Division for consideration in accordance with the normal administrative procedure.

I agree with the suggestion of the Assistant Attorney General that you consider resubmitting your request after the criminal proceedings are completed, in light of the situation as it then exists.

Sincerely,

William B. Saxbe

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gebhardt

DATE: November 13, 1974

FROM : C. L. McGowan

1 - Mr. Gebhardt
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Helterhoff
1 - Mr. McDermott
1 - Mr. Mintz

SUBJECT: KENFOUR

This is the case involving the shooting deaths of 4 students and wounding of others at Kent State University, Ohio, on 5/4/70.

Reference is made to my memorandum dated 10/17/74 and addendum of Legal Counsel Division, 10/21/74.

The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend that no additional affidavits be obtained from Bureau Agents concerning certain allegations made by 2 defendants in this case regarding the manner in which they were advised of their rights by these Agents.

Affidavits were previously requested and received from these Bureau Agents and the Legal Counsel Division reviewe these affidavits and advised that while the affidavits suffice for administrative, intra-Bureau purposes, they are not in form usable by the U. S. Attorney. The Legal Counsel Division also advised that at present, there does not appear to be any necessity for further action beyond the refinement and possible changes in emphasis of the actual affid to be submitted for the use of the U. S. Attorney.

Since this review by the Legal Counsel Division, the Bureau Agents had the opportunity to refute under oath these allegations in judicial proceedings before Chief U. S. District Judge Frank J. Battisti, Cleveland, and the Judge subsequently held these statements from the defendants furnished to the Bureau Agents, admissible. Subsequently, on 11/8/74, Chief Judge Battisti returned a direct verdict of acquittal on the charges against all 8 defendants in this matter. This acquittal was not based upon any allegations made by the two defendants at issue in this matter.

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ACTION: Neither the U. S. Attorney nor the Department has requested any affidavits from Bureau Agents in this matter and since the Agents subsequently refuted these allegations under oath, no additional affidavits are being requested at this time.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO Mr. Gebhardt

DATE: 10/17/74

FROM C. L. McGowan

1 - Mr. Gebhardt
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Boyd
1 - Mr. McDermott
1 - Mr. Mintz

SUBJECT KENFOUR

This is the matter in which we conducted extensive investigation resulting in 8 members of the Ohio National Guard (ONG) being indicted by a Federal Grand Jury for violating the Civil Rights of 4 Kent State University students who were shot and killed by the ONG on 5/4/70. Trial is scheduled for 10/21/74 in U. S. District Court, Cleveland, Ohio, and a hearing on defendants' motions to suppress their statements began on 10/15/74.

In connection with the suppression hearing, SAC Fehl of our Cleveland Office received a subpoena on 10/11/74 to produce the FBI Agent's Handbook and any other manuals or instructions setting forth the procedure by which the Bureau takes statements from witnesses or potential accusees. Assistant Director John Mintz, Legal Counsel, has been in contact with Attorney John Hoyle of the Civil Rights Division and Hoyle concurred with Mr. Mintz's suggestion that a motion to quash be prepared on the grounds that the documents requested were not material to the defense. Our Cleveland Office has advised that as of close of business 10/16/74, the court had not heard the matter concerning the subpoena of SAC Fehl but instead had gone directly into testimony of the Special Agents who had previously interviewed the various defendants.

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Three of the defendants (McManus, Perkins and Shafer) have filed motions to suppress their signed statements furnished to our Agents. Perkins and Shafer do not deny they were advised of their constitutional rights, but both claim when they asked the Agents if they needed an attorney, they were allegedly told that there was no need for an attorney, and that "whatever was said would go no further" and that the Agents "were just trying to please some people with the investigation and get it over with." The Agents who interviewed Perkins and Shafer have submitted affidavits denying the allegations; McManus made no allegations against the FBI.

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Memorandum to Mr. Gebhardt
RE: KENFOUR

Enclosed with this memorandum is a copy of each of the following documents:

(1) Motion to Suppress by defendant McManus and reply brief to the Government's brief in opposition to McManus' motions.

(2) Motion to Suppress of defendant Perkins with sworn affidavit and Perkins' reply brief to the Government's opposition to his motion to suppress.

(3) Motion of defendant Shafer and affidavit to suppress, along with Shafer's reply brief to the Government's brief in opposition to his motion.

(4) The Government's answer to defendants' motions to suppress.

(5) Sworn affidavits from SAs [redacted] all of whom interviewed defendants Perkins and Shafer, which affidavits deny the defendants' allegations.

ACTION: That the above documents and affidavits be forwarded to the Office of Legal Counsel for review.

You will be promptly advised of any subsequent pertinent developments.

ADDENDUM: LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION PCD:vlb 10/21/74

Legal Counsel Division has reviewed the allegations made and the affidavits submitted in this matter. While the affidavits suffice for administrative, intra-Bureau purposes, they are not in form usable by the United States Attorney. It is noted that the language of Special Agent [redacted] affidavit is much more tentative than that of Special Agent [redacted] but that both use the form of stating that they do not recall certain rather important things they are alleged to have said or Perkins said. If they actually do not recall these things, that is proper; however, if the usage of the term is stylistic and the Special Agents actually know that something was said or not said, the statements should be declarative of those facts. It is noted that Special Agent [redacted] affidavit is much better in terms of form, language and substance than the other three and that he is able to make positive statements on the points raised even though over four years have elapsed. The resolution of this matter is an issue of fact to be decided in the criminal case and hopefully will absolve the Special Agents concerned. At present, there does not appear to be any necessity for further action beyond the refinement and possible changes in emphasis of the actual affidavits to be submitted for the use of the United States Attorney.

This has been resolved in favor of the motion to suppress 10/22/74 motion denied on basis I suggested to USA.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-45339)

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FROM: CLEVELAND (44-703)

KENFOUR.

ON NOV. 4, 1974, ROBERT A. MURPHY, DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY IN CHARGE OF PROSECUTION OF TRIAL OF SUBJECT IN THIS MATTER, ADVISED AGENT TESTIMONY MAY BE NECESSARY BY FOLLOWING SPECIAL AGENTS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6, 1974:

SA [redacted] ALBANY; SA [redacted] ATLANTA; SA [redacted] CHICAGO; AND FBI LAB EXAMINERS [redacted] MURPHY NOTED THAT TESTIMONY BY [redacted] WOULD LIKELY BE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

THE ABOVE SPECIAL AGENTS OF RESPECTIVE DIVISIONS AND BUREAU HEADQUARTERS SHOULD MAKE NECESSARY RESERVATIONS FOR TRAVEL TO CLEVELAND FOR TESTIMONY BY NOV. 6, 1974.

CLEVELAND WILL CONFIRM SPECIFIC TIME AND DATE AND ADVISE.

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November 25, 1974

Honorable J. Stanley Pottinger
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pottinger:

Special Agent in Charge Frederick C. Fehl of our Cleveland Office has brought to my attention the outstanding performance of Robert A. Murphy, Paul S. Lawrence, John C. Hoyle and Miss Marjorie L. Jones of your staff in connection with the prosecution of eight individuals growing out of the incident which took place in May, 1970, at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

This case was unusually complicated and the preparation for trial required an assessment of the significance and relevance of a great number of witnesses, photographs and other physical evidence. This very difficult task was handled with efficiency and dispatch by the members of your staff and their performance was in keeping with the highest traditions of their profession. My associates in our Cleveland Office share my appreciation for their dedicated efforts.

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Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: SAC Cleveland recommended letter of appreciation and the GID concurred. Bufiles and Cleveland files contain no information to preclude such a letter. Full name of Department of Justice employees, including correct name of Miss Marjorie L. Jones, obtained by phone call to Cleveland Office.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CLEVELAND	CLEVELAND	9/19/74	9/11/74

TITLE OF CASE

KENFOUR

REPORT MADE BY

SA [redacted]

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] 9/16/74, at Cleveland.

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UNI D STATES DEPAR MENT OF J TICE
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Cleveland

Report of: SA MARTIN V. HALE
Date: 9/19/74

Office: Cleveland, Ohio

Field Office File #: (44-703)

Bureau File #: (44-45339)

Title:
KILLING OF FOUR STUDENTS AT
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
KENT, OHIO
5/4/70;
ALLISON KRAUSE, et al -
VICTIMS

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

[redacted], advised he was a [redacted] with the Ohio National Guard during May, 1970. He advised he was also issued a .45 caliber pistol and about four rounds of ammunition. [redacted] stated he did not give a statement to the Inspector General or the Ohio State Highway Patrol in 1970 as he was never asked to do so.

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[redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment, [redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and of the fact that he was being interviewed in connection with his activities as an Ohio National Guardsman present at Kent State University on May 4, 1970. He was advised of certain rights to which he wa entitled as contained in an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form and waived these rights by executing the form.

[redacted] stated that he was a [redacted] with the Ohio National Guard, and that when his unit was called up in connection with the Kent State University disturbance of May, 1970, he was issued the grenade launcher regularly assigned t him along with several rounds of projectile, canister-type tear gas. He advised that he was also issued his regularly assigned .45 caliber pistol and about four rounds of ammuniti [redacted] advised that his unit maintains weapon cards for ea weapon in its inventory; however, he does not recall who issu him his weapons and ammunition or what procedures were used t reflect his personal accountability for the weapons.

[redacted] advised that during the period his unit w on the Kent State University campus, he had possession and co of his weapon and ammunition. He stated that an inventory of the ammunition was taken by an officer, possibly [redacted] on a daily basis; however, he does not recall if an inventory of ammunition was taken following the shootings whi occurred on the Kent State University campus. [redacted] stat that he did not draw or fire his .45 caliber pistol at any ti during this period.

He said the .45 caliber ammunition was turned in to his unit at the time he checked in his grenade launcher and .45 caliber pistol.

Interviewed on 9/11/74 [redacted] File # Omaha 44-36

SA [redacted]

by SA [redacted] LPK:dds Date dictated 9/12/74

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[redacted] denied previously telling Special Agent[illegible] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he was not carrying a pistol, or telling them that if he had been carrying a pistol he would have used it. He said he recalls making a statement about a rifle to the effect that if he had had a rifle, he might have used it.

[redacted] advised that he has not seen his grenade launcher or .45 caliber pistol since surrendering it to his National Guard Unit following the Kent State shootings, and does not know that this pistol was ever submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for testing purposes.

[redacted] advised he did not give a statement to the Inspector General or to the Ohio State Highway Patrol in 1970 as some members of his unit did, because he was never asked to do so.

In addition to the above, when interviewed on September 11, 1974, [redacted] stated he would be leaving [redacted] to return to [redacted] Ohio, exact address unknown, and will be employed by the [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio.

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Date: 10/23/74

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-45339)
(ATTENTION: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION, MECHANICAL SECTION-PHOTOGRAPHIC UNIT)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-703) (P)

RE: KENFOUR

10/24/74 HSB

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is one copy each of nineteen 5 X 7 color photos taken at the Kent State University Campus on 5/11/70 by SA [redacted]

Also enclosed are three rolls of 35 mm Kodacolor negatives taken by SA [redacted] which contain the negatives for the above-described 19 prints.

ROBERT A. MURPHY, Chief Departmental Attorney for the prosecution of this matter in USDC, has requested four copies each of the 19 prints in 8 X 10 size for utilization in trial purposes.

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The Photographic Unit is requested to identify the respective negatives for the 19 prints.

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It is anticipated that MURPHY will have one of his representatives pick up the developed prints som[redacted] the weekend of 10/26-28/74 for their available use when trial reconvenes on the morning of 10/29/74 at CV, Ohio.

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The Bureau will be expeditiously advised when more specific arrangements are made for the pick up of the requested prints.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gebhardt

DATE: 11/19/74

FROM : C. L. McGowan

1 - Mr. Gebhardt
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Walsh

SUBJECT: KENFOUR
OO: CV

SAC, Cleveland, recommends a letter be addressed over the Director's signature to J. Stanley Pottinger, Assis Attorney General (AAG), Civil Rights Division (CRD), U. S. Department of Justice (USDJ), bringing to his attention the individual efforts of 4 Departmental employees in connection with their participation in the prosecutive proceedings in this case. SAC also recommends individual letters of commen for the case Agent and field supervisor for the commendable manner in which they handled the investigation in this case.

BACKGROUND: This case involves an extensive Civil Rights investigation conducted by the Bureau in connection with the killing of 4 students and wounding of se others by the Ohio National Guard (ONG) in May, 1970, at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

Upon request of the Department of Justice, the Bur instituted an extensive investigation into the above inciden shortly after it occurred in May, 1970. After an extensive, thorough investigation, the results of which were disseminat to the USDJ, the Department decided at that time not to pres the case to a Federal Grand Jury (FGJ). 310-326

Subsequently, in August, 1973, the Department decided to reopen the investigation. The Department then asked for certain additional investigation which was promptly and thoroughly handled by the Cleveland Division.

The Department thereafter presented this matter t a FGJ in Cleveland. Eight former guardsmen were indicted and the matter was brought to trial in Cleveland beginning in October, 1974. On 11/8/74, at the conclusion of the presentation of the Government's case, Chief U. S. District Court Judge Frank J. Battisti directed a verdict of acquitta on all charges against all 8 defendants stating the Governme had not sufficiently proved willful intent on the part of subjects to deprive the victims of their Civil Rights.

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Addendum of Administrative Division... Page 5.....

Memorandum to Mr. Gebhardt
RE: KENFOUR

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SAC, CLEVELAND:

(1) SAC, Cleveland, recommends that a letter be addressed over the Director's signature to J. Stanley Pottinger, AAG, CRD, USDJ, bringing to his attention the individual efforts of 4 Departmental employees under his direction in connection with their participation in the prosecutive proceedings of this case.

Throughout the re-opening of the investigation, the presentation to the FGJ and those phases preparatory and during the proceedings in USDC, CV, the bulk of the gathering of all of the evidence was under the direction of Robert A. Murphy, Chief, Criminal Section, Civil Rights Division, and his assistants, Paul Lawrence, John Hoyle, and Marjorie Jones.

SAC, Cleveland, pointed out that this matter possesse an almost limitless number of witnesses, photographs, and other physical evidence. The responsibility of attempting to assess the significance and relevance of each witness, each photograph, and any and all physical evidence required degrees of competence, diligence, and dedication not always evident in attorneys in our criminal justice system. However, it is the measured opinion of the CV Office, based upon the almost daily contact with Robert Murphy and his colleagues since the Fall of 1973, that Murphy and each of his above-named colleagues brought to the prosecution of this case the kind of professionalism which would warrant their efforts b brought to the attention of the Director.

SAC, Cleveland, feels that such a commendation letter from the Director would not suggest any implication or inference one way or another in regard to the Bureau's opinion on the decision to re-open and prosecute this matter or the outcome which has brought this matter to a close.

In their continuous contact with the case Agent in th matter, each of the above Departmental officials has expressed high regard for the Bureau's work product and Bureau personnel, it is felt each would value such a letter concerning his association with one of the most important, if not the most important, cases each has been associated with.

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(2) SAC, Cleveland, also recommends that SA [redacted] the Cleveland case Agent since the inception of this case, receive a letter of commendation from the Director for his efforts throughout the entire handling of this matter. Since the re-opening of this investigation, this matter has required continuous contact with the above-named Departmental officials with resulting requests for investigation, many with short deadlines. In addition, SA [redacted] had to assist in the coordination of Bureau evidence and statements made to BuAgents with the prosecutive goals of the Department.

The Civil Rights Section of the GID further points out that SA [redacted] has handled this case in a most thorough, outstanding manner. He handled the submission of voluminous reports in this matter and obviously reviewed them thoroughly and with his knowledge and initiative, was most influential in making sure they were of the highest quality. He also coordinated the multitude of exhibits, including hundreds of photographs. Through his outstanding coordination, organization, and know-how, not an item requested by the Department was out of place at the time of the judicial proceedings even though some of this material was collected or obtained nearly 4 years previously. He displayed the highest caliber of performance in handling this case. SA Hale has not previously been commended in this case.

(3) SAC, Cleveland, also recommends that SA [redacted], who was recently transferred from CV to Bureau Headquarters, receive a letter of commendation from the Director for his excellent supervision of this case. SA [redacted] who was connected with this case since its inception, exhibited an informed understanding of the Kent State case and also assisted SA [redacted] in liaison with the Departmental attorneys while still having supervision over a desk with a volume case load.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION (GID):

(1) The GID concurs with SAC's recommendation that a letter be addressed over the Director's signature to J. Stanley Pottinger, AAG, CRD, USDJ, bringing to his attention the individual efforts of 4 Departmental employees under his direction in connection with their participation in the prosecutive proceedings of this case.

(2) The GID concurs with SAC that SA [redacted] should be commended; however, recommends that since he handled this matter in such an outstanding professional manner, that he receive an incentive award (rather than SAC's recommendation for a letter of commendation), the amount to be determined by the Administrative Division.

(3) GID concurs with SAC's recommendation that SA Helterhoff receive a letter of commendation in this matter.

(4) In addition, GID recommends that a general letter be directed to the SAC, Cleveland, commending through him all other CV Agents who participated in the investigation.

ADDENDUM OF ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION TEA:pms 11-21-74

SAC, Cleveland, recommended a letter of commendation for SA [redacted] for his performance in handling of evidence in the liaison with U. S. Attorneys during the trial in U. S. District Court, Cleveland, during October, 1974, regarding the shooting at Kent State University. GID recommends that the performance of SA [redacted] deserving of an incentive award and Administrative Division concurs with GID. File reviewed and nothing noted therein to preclude recommended recognition.

SAC also recommended SA [redacted] recently transferred from Cleveland Division to FBIHQ, for an individual letter of commendation for his efforts in this matter. GID and Administrative Division concurs. SAC, Cleveland, with the concurrence of GID had also recommended a letter of appreciation to the Attorney General's Office recommending the individual efforts of 4 Departmental employees. External Affairs handling. It is also agreed that a general letter of commendation should be directed to SAC, Cleveland, to commend through him other participating personnel.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That an incentive award in the amount of $150 be afforded SA [redacted]

2. That an individual letter of commendation be afforded SA [redacted] who is on transfer to FBIHQ.

3. That a general letter of commendation be directed to SAC, Cleveland, to commend through him other participating personnel.

Appropriate letters attached.

12-15-74

FBI

Date: 11/11/74

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-45339)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-703) (P)

RE: KENFOUR

In 8/73, the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice re-opened the investigation concerning the circumstances relating to the shooting at Kent State University (KSU) on 5/4/70. Thereafter, indictments were sought and obtained via a FGJ, and eight subjects were thereafter brought to trial in USDC, CV, Ohio, 10/74.

On 11/8/74, at the conclusion of the presentation of the Government's case, the defense counsel sought and obtained from Chief Judge FRANK J. BATTISTI a directed verdict of acquittal of all charges against all eight subjects based upon the Chief Judge's contention that the Government had not sufficiently exhibited willful intent on the part of subjects to deprive the victims of their civil rights.

Throughout the re-opening of the investigation, the presentation to the FGJ and those phases preparatory and during the proceedings in USDC, CV, the bulk of the gathering of all of the evidence was under the direction of ROBERT A. MURPHY, Chief, Criminal Section, Civil Rights Division, and his assistants, PAUL LAWRENCE, JOHN HOYLE, and MARGARET JONES.

As the Bureau is already aware as indicated by the voluminous reports prepared in the investigation of this case since 5/70, this matter possesses an almost limitless number of witnesses, photographs, and other physical evidence. The responsibility of attempting to assess the significance

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and relevance of each witness, each photograph, and any and all physical evidence required degrees of competence, diligence and dedication not always evident in attorneys in our criminal justice system. However, it is the measured opinion of the CV Office, based upon the almost daily contact with ROBERT MURPHY and his colleagues since the Fall of 1973, that MURPHY and each of his aboved-named colleagues brought to the prosecution of this case the kind of professionalism which would warrant their efforts being brought to the attention of the Director. Accordingly, I recommend that a letter be addressed over the Director's signature to J. STANLEY POTTINGER, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice, bringing to his attention the individual efforts of his four employees in connection with their participation in the prosecutive proceedings of this case.

I feel that such a commendation letter from the Director would not suggest any implication or inference one way or another in regard to the Bureau's opinion on the decision to re-open and prosecute this matter or the outcome which has brought this matter to a close.

It may be noted that the re-opening of the investigation of this matter and the subsequent decision to seek prosecution were accompanied by national notoriety. Also, the controversy attached to this case was not unlike past such cases some of which have been characterized as being "political" in nature. In this instance although the Bureau was the prime investigating agency, the Bureau has not been subject to any adverse criticism or publicity.

In their continuous contact with the case agent in this matter, each of the above Departmental officials has expressed his high regard for the Bureau's work product and Bureau personnel, and it is felt each would value such a letter concerning his association with one of the most important, if not the most important, cases each has been associated with.

CV possesses no information which would preclude the preparation of such a letter.

I am also recommending that SA [redacted] the Cleveland case agent since the inception of this case, receive a letter of commendation from the Director for his efforts throughout the entire handling of this matter. Since the re-opening of this investigation, this matter has required continuous contact with the above-named Departmental officials with resulting requests for investigation, many with short deadlines. In addition, SA [redacted] had to assist in the coordination of Bureau evidence and statements made to BuAgents with the prosecutive goals of the Department.

I am also recommending that SA [redacted], who was recently transferred from CV to Bureau Headquarters, receive a letter of commendation from the Director for his excellent supervision of this case. SA [redacted] exhibited an informed understanding of the Kent State case and also assisted SA [redacted] in liaison with the Departmental attorneys while still having supervision over a desk with a volume case load.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CLEVELAND	CLEVELAND	12/16/74	11/8/74 - 12/16/74

TITLE OF CASE

KENFOUR

REPORT MADE BY

SA [redacted]

CHARACTER OF CASE

CIVIL RIGHTS

REFERENCE

Cleveland teletype to Bureau, 11/8/74.

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ENCLOSURES

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are one copy each of eight disposition sheets re subjects MC GEE, MC MANUS, MORRIS, PERKINS, PIERCE, SHAFER, SMITH and ZOLLER.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED [X] NONE

CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES	ACQUITTALS
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CASE HAS BEEN:

PENDING OVER ONE YEAR [X] YES [ ]

PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS [ ] YES [X]

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CLEVELAND:

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will follow and report any status or disposition of any evidentiary items.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The primary purpose of this report is to record the acquittal of all eight subjects in this matter.

This case is being maintained in a pending status in view of the voluminous amount of evidence still retained by the Cleveland Office.

It is noted that a civil action in this matter is still pending in U.S. District Court, Toledo, Ohio.

Cleveland is withholding the return or other disposition of any evidence pending specific instructions and approval from the CRD, USDJ.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Cleveland

Report of: SA MARTIN V. HALE
Date: 12/16/74

Office: CLEVELAND

Field Office File #: 44-703

Bureau File #: 44-45339

Title: KILLING OF FOUR STUDENTS AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO - May 4, 1970; ALLISON KRAUSE, ET AL. - VICTIMS

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: On 11/8/74, in USDC, Cleveland, Ohio, Judge FRANK J. BATTISTI returned a directed verdict of acquittal of charges against all eight subjects - JAMES DANIEL MC GEE, MATHEW JUNIOR MC MANUS, BARRY WILLIAM MORRIS, WILLIAM EARL PERKINS, JAMES EDWARD PIERCE, LAWRENCE ANTHONY SHAFER, LEON HERBERT SMITH, and RALPH WILLIAM ZOLLER. The subjects had been charged with violations of Title 18, Sections 2 and 242, U.S. Code.

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DETAILS: AT CLEVELAND, OHIO:

On November 8, 1974, ROBERT A. MURPHY, Criminal Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice (CRD, USDJ) who was in charge of the prosecution of this case in U.S. District Court, Cleveland, Ohio, advised that on that date Chief Judge FRANK J. BATTISTI, at the conclusion of the presentation of the Government's case, returned a directed verdict of acquittal of all charges against all eight subjects in this case. The subjects included JAMES DANIEL MC GEE, MATHEW JUNIOR MC MANUS, BARRY WILLIAM MORRIS, WILLIAM EARL PERKINS, JAMES EDWARD PIERCE, LAWRENCE ANTHONY SHAFER, LEON HERBERT SMITH, and RALPH WILLIAM ZOLLER.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

DATE: **12/20/74**

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: **KILLING OF FOUR STUDENTS AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO - MAY 4, 1970; ALLISON KRAUSE, ET AL-VICTIMS CIVIL RIGHTS**

Reference is made to _____ memorandum dated _____ (your file _____).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated **12/16/74** at **CLEVELAND**.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. XXX [illegible] for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☐ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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NOTE: Our Cleveland Office is withholding the return and/or other disposition of evidence in this case pending specific instructions from the Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice.

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FBI

Date: 12-31-74

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-45339)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-703) (P)

SUBJECT: KENFOUR

Re Cleveland airtels to the Bureau, 10-30-73, and 12-4-73, with accompanying LHM.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of a self-explanatory LHM regarding a contact at the Cleveland Office by [redacted] Ohio.

One copy also being furnished for the Office of the United States Attorney, Cleveland, Ohio.

The contact by [redacted] is set forth in LHM form for dissemination in view of her apparent propensity for contacting several government agencies, including the FBI, CIA, and the CRD, USDJ. [redacted] is well known by name to officials of the Criminal Section of the CRD, USDJ, particularly those having a working knowledge of the Kent State investigation and prosecution.

[redacted] was advised that the only action that the Cleveland Office could take concerning her information would be to forward same to the USDJ.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Cleveland, Ohio

December 31, 1974

KILLING OF FOUR STUDENTS
AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
KENT, OHIO
MAY 4, 1970;
ALLISON KRAUSE;
ET AL -
VICTIMS

Reference is made to memoranda at Cleveland, Ohio, of October 30, 1973, and December 4, 1973, both of which were comprised of the results of interviews of [redacted] 23371 Farringdon, Euclid, Ohio 44123.

On December 30, 1974, [redacted] appeared at the Cleveland Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and exhibited a clipping which she stated she had observed on Page 9-A of the December 29, 1974, edition of "The Plain Dealer," a Cleveland, Ohio, daily newspaper of general circulation in Northern Ohio. It is noted that this article is headlined "Ex-CIA agent details his activities in U.S." [redacted] made repeated references to the contents of the above mentioned article and in response to a specific question as to how her situation relates to the article, she replied that it is her belief that during the years 1968 and 1969 she may have been the type of individual that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is alleged to have placed under surveillance. She recalled her trip to Europe during those years for approximately a six month period, which included travel and temporary residence on the island of Crete and travel through Belgium and England while en route back to the United States.

[redacted] by her own admission, noted that she had been a "pest" with regard to her repeated efforts to speak with J. STANLEY POTTINGER, ROBERT A. MURPHY, PAUL LAWRENCE, JOHN HOYLE, and other officials of the Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, both during the seating of the Federal Grand Jury at Cleveland, Ohio, and during several trips to Washington, D.C.

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RE: KILLING OF FOUR STUDENTS
AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
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[redacted] also stated that she had personally gone to the headquarters of the CIA in Virginia in an effort to ascertain the extent to which that agency may have maintained a file on her activities during 1968 through May, 1970. She also advised that she had personally visited the headquarters of the FBI, Washington, D.C., in connection with her rights under the Freedom of Information Act and was advised by a representative of the FBI that no file was maintained on her or her activities and no record existed concerning her other than the information which she had freely and voluntarily provided at Cleveland, Ohio, on October 30, and December 4, 1973, respectively.

[redacted] was questioned as to what specifically she desired of the FBI or the U. S. Department of Justice based upon her impressions of the contents of "The Plain Dealer" article relating to alleged CIA activities. She responded that it is her belief that the individuals she previously referred to as "they" may, in fact, have been agents of the CIA and that she can perceive the possibility that the shooting incident at Kent State University on May 4, 1970, may have been provoked directly or indirectly by agents or activities of the CIA inasmuch as her harassment terminated the day of the shooting.

Set forth below is a photostatic copy of an article entitled, "Ex-CIA agent details his activities in U.S.," which appeared on Page 9-A of the Sunday edition of "The Plain Dealer," Cleveland, Ohio, dated December 29, 1974.

Ex-CIA agent details his activities in U.S.

© New York Times Service

NEW YORK — A former CIA agent has told the New York Times how his work in domestic spying grew from relatively minor liaison duties into complex intelligence gathering.

By the time the agent, who insisted on the right to remain anonymous, left the CIA in 1972, he said his unit in New York was maintaining huge files on American radicals, antiwar professors and attorneys and others, he told the Times.

He was involved in infiltration of radical groups, attempts to convert radicals into CIA informers and collection of psychological profiles on more than 40 top radicals, he said.

The former agent said New York City became a prime CIA domestic spying target during the Nixon administration because it was considered a big training ground for radical activities in the United States.

The agent, who spent more than four years in the late 1960s and early 1970s spying on radical groups in New York, said more than 25 CIA agents were assigned to the city at the height of antiwar activity at Columbia University and elsewhere.

The agents were tightly controlled by senior officials in the New York office of the domestic operations division, a little-known domestic unit set up in 1964 by the CIA in more than a dozen cities across the nation, the former intelligence official said.

The division's ostensible function then was legal: To coordinate with the American corporations supplying "cover" for CIA agents abroad and to aid in the interrogation of American travelers after their return from foreign countries.

The former agent's description of life as a domestic CIA spy was provided during a series of interviews last week. The contact with the Times came after publication last Sunday of the first account of the massive spying.

The former agent said that his involvement began with the advent of the Black Panther movement in 1967 and the increase of antiwar dissent during the last months of the Johnson administration. "And then it started to snowball from there," he said.

The Times, working with details supplied by the former agent, was able to verify that he served as an undercover intelligence spy, although it was impossible to check all of his information.

The former agent said that if he was exposed he would be forced to publicly deny any link to the agency.

A high-ranking government intelligence official, informed of the story, said his description of day-to-day life as a domestic spy "seemed a little bit far out." But the official added that he was unable to deny any specific allegations pending a check of files.

The Times, quoting well-placed sources, reported last Sunday that the CIA had violated its charter by conducting massive and illegal intelligence operations inside the United States.

The former intelligence agent said the CIA had supplied him with "more than 40" psychological assessments of radical leaders during his spy career.

High-ranking CIA officials, including Richard Helms, the former director of the agency and now ambassador to Iran, told Congress in the wake of the Watergate scandals that only two such assessments — done by psychiatrists working for the agency — have ever been prepared on Americans citizens.

"What we were trying to do," the former CIA agent said in an interview, "was to find out what the radicals were marketing and to learn if they had any new products.

"They were a target company and we were like another company in competition. We were interested in their executives and that's why we did the profiles, so we could learn what we'd have to offer in order to buy them over to us."

The 1947 legislation setting up the CIA bars the agency from any internal security or police function inside the United States.

A number of well-informed sources confirmed that the bulk of the actual domestic spying throughout the United States was conducted by various offices of the domestic operations division, initially assigned in the mid 1960s to such tasks as infiltrating agents into various ethnic and emigre groups in large cities.

"When I first came to DOD," the former agent said, "it was a low-key operation. Mostly we did liaison" with other intelligence agencies.

"And then someone started noticing those kids," the former agent said, referring to the antiwar activists.

"The first actual (physical) surveillance came when people like Mark Rudd started moving around," he said. Rudd was a leader in the student demonstrations that disrupted Columbia University for two weeks in the spring of 1968.

"We'd go out, take some photographs and follow them," he said. "We had different ID's for different jobs. We'd use newspaper ID's, or flash a badge and say we were a reporter for a magazine — it made things a lot easier."

One of the domestic operations division's first functions was to attempt to infiltrate its agents into a radical unit targeted for domestic spying, the former CIA said. A second major goal was to "turn somebody around" — that is, persuade a member of a group to become an informer.

By the time he left the agency in early 1972, the former agent continued, his unit's domestic files were huge. "At the end," he said, "we were working on antiwar professors and attorneys. We'd figured out a way to log and map up the whole world."

"The goal of our operation," he said, "was to find out beforehand what the radicals were going to do — it was preventative. We just wanted to find out what they were up to and pass it on."

In that regard, the former agent said, "the professors were great. They wanted to work with you.

"A professor — no matter how liberal he was — he was mad. He didn't want those kids to tell them how to run his university."

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Airtel

1/20/75

To: SAC, Cleveland (44-703)

From: Director, FBI (44-45339)

KENFOUR
CIVIL RIGHTS

EX-101

- Mr. Heiterhoff

Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated 1/16/75 along with its enclosure.

SUBJ: when requested items are returned.

Enclosures - 4

NOTE: Department requests Cleveland Division to return certain items to Ohio State Highway Patrol and this orders Cleveland to return these items.

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JAN 30 1975

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FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 1/22/75

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-45339)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-703)(P)

KENFOUR
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re Bureau airtel to Cleveland, 1/20/75.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are four (4) copies of a self-explanatory LHM concerning the return of the indicated documents to a representative of the Ohio State Highway Patrol as authorized and requested by the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

A copy of instant LHM also designated for the USA, Cleveland.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Cleveland, Ohio

January 22, 1975

KENFOUR

[redacted], Ohio State Highway Patrol, Cleveland, Ohio, appeared at the Cleveland office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) concerning the following matter:

44-45327 304

FD-302 (REV. 11-27-70)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 1/22/75

Subsequent to a telephonic conversation on January 21, 1975 with [redacted] Ohio State Highway Patrol, 14000 Broadway, Cleveland, Ohio, [redacted] appeared at the Cleveland office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. [redacted] noted that he had been instructed by [redacted] of the Ohio State Highway Patrol to contact Special Agent [redacted] relative to the return of various documents previously obtained from the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

The pertinent documents were made available to [redacted] for his review after which [redacted] executed a receipt for the return of the documents to him, a copy of which is attached hereto.

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Interviewed on 1/22/75 at Cleveland, Ohio File # Cleveland 44-7

by SA [redacted] /bms Date dictated 1/22/75

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1/28/75

To: SAC, Cleveland (44-703)

1 - Mr. Helterhoff

From: Director, FBI (44-45339)

KENFOUR

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum from the Director to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division.

Enclosed memorandum sets forth the Bureau's position relative to any subpoenas issued in the civil suit regarding captioned matter and is being forwarded to your office for information purposes.

Enclosures - 2

NOTE: Enclosed memorandum sets forth Bureau policy relative to subpoenas in civil case regarding captioned matter.

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ORIGINAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

DATE: February 14, 1975

ATTN: MR. ROBERT MURPHY

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: KILLING OF FOUR STUDENTS
AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY,
KENT, OHIO,
MAY 4, 1970,
ALLISON KRAUSE, ET AL - VICTIMS

FILE COPY

Reference is made to BY memorandum dated 1/27/75 (your file).

There is enclosed one copy of ~~the report of Special Agent~~ an LHM dated 2/13/75 at Cleveland.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☒ Please advise whether ~~you desire any further investigation.~~ **evidence can be returned.**

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☐ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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NOTE: Our Cleveland Division also advised that on 2/13/75 Kevern again made inquiry concerning the evidence. Please advise whether this evidence can be returned.

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Date: 2/11/75

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~44-45449~~)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-703) (P)

SUBJECT: KENFOUR

Enclosed for the Bureau are (4) copies of an LHM setting forth two requests for the return of various items of evidence previously made available to the FBI in this matter.

One copy of instant LHM being designated to the USA, Cleveland, Ohio.

It is requested that the Bureau obtain a response from the CRD, U.S. Department of Justice relative to whether or not Cleveland may return the items to the respective contributors.

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Approved: FEB 25 1975 Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

GPO : 1970 O - 402-735

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Cleveland, Ohio

February 11, 1975

KILLING OF FOUR STUDENTS
AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY,
KENT, OHIO,
MAY 4, 1970,
ALLISON KRAUSE, ET AL - VICTIMS;

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In addition, [redacted] of Kent, Ohio, in November, 1973, furnished to Special Agents of the FBI negatives of photographs which he described as having been taken by him on the Kent State University Campus, Kent, Ohio, on May 4, 1970.

Recently both [redacted] have each requested the return of those items furnished to the FBI.

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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Airtel

2/28/75

To: SAC, Cleveland (44-703)

1 - Mr. Helterhoff

From: Director, FBI (44-45339)

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Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated 2/25/75.

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Enclosures - 2

NOTE: The Department has requested the return to contributors of certain negatives in this matter.

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To: SAC, Cleveland (44-703)

1 - Mr. Helterhof

From: Director, FBI (44-45339)

KENFOUP

Enclosed are two copies of a Departmental lette dated 2/6/75.

The enclosed Departmental letter sets forth the position of the CRD, USDJ, relative to producing certain documents in the civil suits in this matter, and this le is being furnished to your office for information.

Enclosures - 2

NOTE: Enclosed letter sets forth position of CRD re producing documents in civil suits.

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Date: 3/13/75

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Via Airtel _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-45339)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-703) (P)

SUBJ: KENFOUR

Re Bureau airtel to Cleveland, 2/28/75.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of an LHM setting forth the fact that the 57 negatives were returned to [redacted] on 3/11/75, and receipt obtained reflecting the return.

Copy of LHM being furnished to USA, Cleveland.

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Approved: _____ Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Cleveland, Ohio

March 13, 1975

KILLING OF FOUR STUDENTS AT
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
KENT, OHIO - MAY 4, 1970
ALLISON KRAUSE, ET AL - VICTIMS

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On March 11, 1975, a total of fifty-seven (57) .35 mm negatives previously furnished to the Federal Bureau of Investigation were returned to [redacted] ent, Ohio.

A receipt was obtained from [redacted] reflecting the return of these 57 negatives.

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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Airtel

3/14/75

To: SAC, Cleveland (44-703)

From: Director, FBI (44-45339)

1 - Mr. Helterhoff

KENFOUR

Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum with enclosures from the Director to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division.

The enclosed sets forth information relative to the Freedom of Information Act re captioned matter and is being forwarded to your office for information purposes.

Enclosures - 3

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FBI

Date: 3/14/75

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-45339)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-703) (P)

SUBJECT: KENFOUR

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are four (4) copies of an LHM in captioned matter.

Instant LHM was prepared and is submitted in response to a telephonic request received at the Cleveland Office from ROBERT A. MURPHY, CRD, USDJ, on 3/13/75. In his call MURPHY stated he was calling from Boston, Massachusetts and requested that the Cleveland Office attempt to ascertain what transcripts of testimony offered before the local Ohio Grand Jury may currently be maintained by the Cleveland Office. Instant LHM sets forth the names of those individuals who appear to have testified before the local Grand Jury in this matter and for whom transcripts are currently in possession of the Cleveland Office.

Copy of LHM being furnished USA, Cleveland.

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

DATE: March 18, 1975

ATTN: MR. ROBERT A. MURPHY

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: KILLING OF FOUR STUDENTS AT
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY,
KENT, OHIO - MAY 4, 1970
ALLISON KRAUSE, ET AL - VICTIMS

FILE COPY

Reference is made to my memorandum dated 3/17/75 (your file).

There is enclosed one copy of ~~the report of Special Agent~~ an LHM dated 3/14/75 at Cleveland.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☒ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☐ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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7 MAR 21 1975

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NOTE: Furnished per request of Mr. Robert A. Murphy.

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FBI

Date: 3/28/75

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Via AIRTEL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-45339)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-703) (P)

SUBJECT: KENFOUR

For information of Bureau, on the morning of 3/28/75 ROBERT A. MURPHY, CRD, USDJ, telephoned the Cleveland Office to advise that he was requesting his Assistant, MARGIE JONES of the CRD to travel to Cleveland during the week of 3/31/75 - 4/4/75 and most likely specifically on Wednesday, 4/2/75. The purpose of the trip is to bring to the Cleveland Office several documents pertaining to State Grand Jury testimony previously furnished to the Department in this matter and also for Miss JONES to review similar documents currently in possession of the Cleveland Office. MURPHY explained that he will then authorize the return of State Grand Jury testimony transcripts to a representative from the Attorney General's Office for the State of Ohio and that he will be in correspondence with that office.

MURPHY advised that he would communicate in writing with the Bureau concerning the return of State Grand Jury testimony. In this regard, MURPHY stated it is his desire that "we", the Bureau and the Department, return any requested evidence to the contributor, including the State of Ohio, for any appropriate disposition rather than make same available direct to attorneys for the Plaintiffs. MURPHY noted that by such a procedure, the Department would not be open to any accusation of favoring one particular side over the other in the civil suit.

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

GPO : 1970 O - 402-735

Above for information of Bureau only. No LHM being submitted inasmuch as MURPHY stated he would be corresponding with the Bureau re this matter.

For additional information of the Bureau, the Cleveland Office is currently the repository in this case for a voluminous amount of evidence, including physical evidence such as M-1 rifles, .45 automatic pistols, etc. Cleveland is desirous of disposing of same consistent with the exigencies with regard to the pending civil case in U.S. District Court in the Northern District of Ohio. Accordingly, the Bureau is requested to ascertain through the Department whether or not much of the evidence obtained by the Bureau, particularly the physical evidence as opposed to documents, can be returned. If so, certain authorization from the Department should be obtained.

Airtel

3/27/75

To: SAC, Cleveland (44-703)

From: Director, FBI (44-45339)

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1 - Mr. Helterhoff

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Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated 3/21/75.

SuLHM when negatives are returned.

Enclosures - 2

NOTE: Department has requested return of certain negatives in this case.

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