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Reference is made to previous correspondence between your office and the Bureau, the latest being your airtel 11-10-64, concerning information furnished your office by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division (ATTD) regarding a group known as "Minutemen" operating in the Fort Worth, Texas, area. Your referenced airtel 11-10-64 set forth the results of your initial interview with Van Pollard who is the source of the information ATTD furnished your office. Reference is also made to Bureau airtel 11-10-64 captioned "Alleged Klan Participation In Insurrection Plot, Racial Matters."

A review of the correspondence submitted by your office in this matter discloses that there are numerous unanswered questions which should be pursued by your office through interviews of Pollard and intensive investigative effort by your office. For example, there is no information indicating that Pollard's "group" is associated or affiliated with the "Minutemen" organization headed by Robert DePugh of Norborne, Missouri. In this regard, it is noted that, according to the ATTD agent who has been in contact with Pollard, he advised that when he queried Pollard if the groups were the same all over the country, Pollard seemed surprised that anyone would think there were several such groups. Another example is seen in the fact that the ATTD agent on one occasion stated he "believes his informant to be reliable" while on another occasion he advised he was "unable to evaluate the reliability of his informant."

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You are instructed to have Pollard immediately and thoroughly interviewed by two experienced Agents for all information in his possession regarding his "group." Prior to the interview, the Agents should thoroughly review all of the information furnished by ATTD during its contacts with Pollard and Pollard should be questioned thoroughly regarding such information. The results of your interviews should be furnished the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination and you should include, at least in your transmittal communication, your evaluation of Pollard, his reliability and the accuracy of the information he has furnished.

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You should insure this matter receives expeditious continuous and intensive investigative attention and in this regard you should insure that the instructions contained in referenced Buairtel dated 11-10-64 are taken into consideration and closely followed.

In the event it is determined Pollard's "group" is not affiliated with DePugh's "Minutemen," your communications should be submitted under a caption so that your investigation in this matter will not be confused with the investigation of DePugh's organization.

You should furnish the Bureau with ten copies of all correspondence prepared for dissemination with at least four copies of the transmittal communication designated for the Bureau.

The importance of determining the facts in this matter at the earliest possible date cannot be emphasized too strongly and the Bureau should be kept promptly advised of all pertinent developments.

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