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FOIPA Request No.: 1432486-000  
Subject: Citizens Councils

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

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Sincerely,

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David M. Hardy  
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You should closely follow the activities of the captioned organization in accordance with Section C of SAC letter 54-67; however, no active investigation is desired at this time.

You should be alert for any indication the activities of this organization come within the purview of Executive Order 10450 whereby the Attorney General may designate organizations which have "adopted a policy of advocating the commission of acts of force and violence to deny others their rights under the Constitution of the United States."

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There is enclosed herewith for your information a copy of an article which appeared in "The Mobile Register" on November 30, 1954, concerning the above-named organization.

No investigation concerning this matter is being conducted by our Mobile Office and the above is being submitted for your information.

cc: 1- Mobile  
1- New Orleans  
1- Mr. R. G. Thau, Room 1704

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# 1200 Assemble To Seek Answer To Segregation

SELMA, Ala. — (AP)—Some 1200 white men met here in the heart of Alabama's Black Belt Monday night seeking a solution to the problem of racial segregation.

The occasion was for a mass meeting of the newly organized White Citizens Council.

The gathering which filled the auditorium of the Selma Junior High School, came expecting to be told how the issue could be met and defeated, but they were disappointed.

The three speakers on the program—all from Mississippi where similar organizations have been formed recently—spoke largely in generalities. They made no reference to any method in which desegregation might be successfully combatted.

The only reference to a publicized "economic blockade" was made by Alston Keith, prominent Selma attorney, and chairman of the Dallas County White Citizens Council.

Keith, who presided at Monday night's meeting, is also chairman of the Dallas County Democratic Executive Committee.

### Claims Legality

In his closing remarks, Keith said, "no economic pressure will be applied, that has not already been sanctioned by the courts of Alabama and the U. S. Supreme Court."

Although billed as an open meeting, in which the organization would "lay its cards on the table," the Dallas County group barred all news photographers and ordered that all news stories be approved by the executive committee.

However, at the conclusion of the meeting, Keith noted nothing "controversial" had been said on the program and the stories were not censored.

The three speakers on the program were Rep. J. S. Williams and Sen. T. M. Williams, both members of the Mississippi Legislature, and the Rev. M. H. Clark, a Presbyterian minister.

Rep. Williams, a tall, not unhandsome man wearing a bright red bow tie, insisted the Mississippi organization is "not one of violence."

"The citizens committee of Mississippi is not a Ku Klux Klan, but our purpose is to give a direct answer to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. We have a heritage in the South for which we should ever be vigilant," he said. "The NAACP's motto is 'the

Negro shall be free by 1963' and shall we accept that?"

### No Fence Straddling

"We can't have it, for if we do, it would ruin the economic system of the South," he continued, Williams added "the men of the South are either for our council or against it. There can be no fence straddling."

Purpose of the group in Dallas County as well as those organized in Marengo, Hale and Perry Counties, is to uphold segregation of the races.

Of considerable significance in all four counties is that the colored population far outnumbered the white.

A total of 65 per cent of the Dallas population is colored; 67 per cent in Perry, 66 in Marengo; and 70 in Hale.

Meanwhile, in Marengo County more than 150 people attended a mass meeting of the Marengo County Citizens Council at the Marengo courthouse in Linden.

A representative of the Mississippi citizens explained the purpose of the organization and plans were made to hold another meeting at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6 at the courthouse.

Circuit Solicitor Tom Boggs was named temporary chairman of the council. Mayor W. G. Little of Linden presided at the meeting.

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ENCLOSED FOR THE BUREAU'S INFORMATION ARE TWO COPIES OF NEWS ARTICLE ENTITLED "1200 ASSEMBLE TO SEEK ANSWER TO SEGREGATION" APPEARING ON PAGE 4-A IN 11/30/54 ISSUE OF MOBILE REGISTER, DAILY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED AT MOBILE. ARTICLE CONCERNS FORMATION OF WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL, DALLAS COUNTY, SELMA, ALA., AT A MEETING HELD IN SELMA ON THE NIGHT OF 11/29/54.

ALSTON KEITH, ATTORNEY, REFLECTED AS CHAIRMAN. ARTICLE IDENTIFIED THREE SPEAKERS AT MEETING AS REPRESENTATIVE J. S. WILLIAMS AND SENATOR T. M. WILLIAMS, BOTH MEMBERS OF MISS. STATE LEGISLATURE, AND REV. M. H. CLARK, IDENTIFIED ONLY AS A PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER. THESE SPEAKERS DISCUSSED SIMILAR ORGANIZATION IN MISS., THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE OF MISS. THE STATED PURPOSE OF THE DALLAS COUNTY GROUP IS TO UPHOLD SEGREGATION, BUT NO METHODS GIVEN AND NO DIRECT STATEMENTS MADE AS TO "ECONOMIC BLOCKADE" AGAINST ANY NEGRO OR NEGRO GROUP. ARTICLE REFLECTED THAT WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL ORGANIZED IN THREE OTHER ALA. COUNTIES IN WHICH COLORED POPULATION OUT NUMBERS WHITES. NO INVESTIGATION BEING UNDERTAKEN BY MOBILE

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/9/54

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

SUBJECT: WHITE CITIZENS' COUNCIL  
INTERNAL SECURITY -X

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Re Bureau memo to Mobile dated 12/3/54 captioned as above and Mobile airtel to the Bureau and New Orleans 11/30/54 entitled "White Citizens Council, Information Concerning (Civil Rights)."

On 10/30/54 Captain [redacted] Selma, Alabama, Police Department reported that a White Citizens' Group was being formed in Dallas County, Selma, Alabama, to defend segregation and that this group was to be patterned after similar groups that had already been formed throughout the State of Mississippi. The goal of the group is to enlist the support of all white businessmen, bankers, lawyers, and other professional groups to exert economic pressure against any Negro advocating the end of segregation and against any white man who refuses to support this organization. One objective of the group is to enlist a representative number of police and law enforcement personnel including all officers with the rank of Lieutenant and up in the Police Department.

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A semi-secret or unpublicized meeting was held in the Court House on 11/4/54 at which time approximately 200 persons were present. M. ALSTON KEITH, a Selma attorney was "drafted" to act as Chairman of the Group, and an executive meeting was held in his office on 11/24/54. At that time KEITH telephonically inquired of Captain [redacted] the names of all representatives of the NAACP located in Selma, and it was indicated that the attention of the White Group would be directed against the Negro Organization leaders.

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On 11/21/54 the activity of the Mississippi State Councils received widespread publicity with the result that the next meeting of the Dallas County Group was an open, publicized meeting held in the Junior High School. According to ARTHUR CAPELL, newspaper reporter, approximately 1,200 white men were in attendance. [redacted] advised that a total of approximately 1,300 members had been signed up at the two meetings, each member paying dues of \$3.00. He added that leaders of the Group had assured members that the membership rolls would be kept secret, the purpose of this being to prevent Negroes from exerting economic pressure themselves against the white people.

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Active leaders of the Group in Selma, according to [redacted] include M. ALSTON KEITH, Chairman; CHRIS HEINZ, Mayor of Selma; BERNARD REYNOLDS, Probate Judge, Dallas County; W. GIVHAN, State Senator. In addition the Group has the active support of ED MULLEN, Chief of Police, and W. C. McCAIN, Sheriff, Dallas County.

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Pertinent excerpts from Press accounts on the activities of the various Councils are being noted below.

THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS, 11/21/54: (Daily newspaper published at Birmingham, Alabama)

"A new type of anti-Negro vigilante movement - using boycotts instead of bullwhips - has arisen in at least one state in the South. ----- Citizens' Councils have been formed in 22 of Mississippi's 82 counties and are spreading. Their purpose is to apply economic pressures to 'troublemakers' who would upset the 'Southern way of life'. -----The ire of the councils is directed against 'outside agitators' in general and the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People in particular. ----- The first Citizens' Council was organized in Sunflower County's seat, the town of Indianola. According to the minutes (of the first meeting) 'it is the thought of our group that the solution to this problem may become easier if various agitators and the like could be removed from the communities in which they now operate. We propose to accomplish this through the careful application of economic pressures'." The article continues with an interview with Attorney General J. P. COLEMAN who was asked whether the activities of the councils might



DIRECTOR, FBI

violate the conspiracy sections of the Civil Rights Sections of Federal Law. "COLEMAN replied: Frankly, I don't know. They'd have to be indicted by a Mississippi Grand Jury and tried before a Mississippi Petit Jury, and it would not take long to see that justice was done."

THE MOBILE PRESS, 11/8/54: (Daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama)

An Associated Press article with a dateline of Jackson, Mississippi, is reported on a three day meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. A spokesman for the NAACP made reference to Citizens' Councils organized by white men to maintain segregation through economic pressure, and then stated, "Names of companies and officials who threaten colored persons will be turned over to the NAACP's national office in a two-part program. ----- Under the plan, the national office would investigate to see if Federal Laws have been violated. In addition, the names would be circulated to branch NAACP offices for a 'rigid boycott of the products or services sold by these companies inside or outside of Mississippi'."

THE SELMA TIMES JOURNAL, 11/28/54: (Daily newspaper published at Selma, Alabama)

"A group of Dallas County white citizens who will use 'economic pressure' as a weapon to battle for continued racial segregation will openly reveal its campaign strategy Monday ----- The Council, for which the ground work was laid in semi-secrecy, is now ready to 'lay its cards on the table' a spokesman said. 'The white population in this county controls the money and this is an advantage that the Council will use in a fight to legally maintain complete segregation of the races'. The spokesman clarified 'economic pressure' only to this extent, 'We intend to make it difficult, if not impossible, for any Negro who advocates de-segregation to find and hold a job, get credit, or renew a mortgage'. The spokesman "heatedly" criticized - Associated Press accounts of the Council as a new type of anti-Negro vigilante movement-using boycotts instead of bullwhips. The spokesman continued, "We are not vigilantes. We will operate openly, and violence is the furthestest thing from the minds of the Council members."

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THE SELMA TIMES JOURNAL, 11/29/54: (Supra).

An Associated Press report with a Mobile date-line reported a statement of a Mobile, Alabama, Attorney who opposed the organization of the White Citizens' Councils and who urged the President of the Alabama Bar Association to denounce the movement. VINCENT F. KILBORN, the Mobile Attorney, stated, "Most of us favor segregation, but we are unalterably against such movements as this plan to deny work, credit, and basic human needs simply because some Negro exercises his right to advocate peacefully what he thinks ought to be done. We may disagree, but we must defend his right to think and speak as his own conscience dictates."

THE BIRMINGHAM POST HERALD, 12/2/54: (Daily newspaper published at Birmingham, Alabama)

"Judge WALTER B. JONES, in his capacity as President of the Alabama Bar Association shrugged off a suggestion today that he denounce a Selma Attorney's plan for opposing de-segregation. Judge JONES said, 'Segregation is a controversial issue in our state today. Those who oppose it are using, as they have the right to do, all legal means within their power, and the forces of such social, political and economic pressures as they are able to mobilize. Those who favor segregation likewise will doubtless use all legal, social, political and economic weapons at their disposal in order to hold firm what they conceive to be their individual and community rights. The lawful exercise of those measures is the privilege of all such citizens. Neither side to this controversy can expect to be unopposed by counter measures so long as measures taken by either side are within our constitutional framework, no one can rightly complain.'"

No active investigation is being conducted by this office of instant organization in the absence of any indication of a violation within the jurisdiction of the Bureau. However, any future activity of the Council thought to be of interest to the Bureau will be promptly called to the attention of the Bureau and interested offices.

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"ALA. UNIT GIVES SCHOOL RACE WARNING"

Linden, Ala. Dec. 7 (AP) A warning that "blood will be spilled on the campus" if Negroes try to enter white school in Alabama was voiced last night at an organizational meeting of the Marengo county White Citizens Council.

Another speaker, State Senator Givhan charged that "the whole United States Army is not big enough to force that (integration) upon us."

More than 400 white persons from this predominately Negro-populated South Alabama county attended the W.C.C. organizational session.

Attorney McClain Pitts, of Selma, said, "We intend to maintain segregation and do so without violence."

"BLOOD WILL BE SPILLED"

"But I know the first time a Negro tries to enter Parrish High School at Selma, or any other white school, blood will be spilled on the campus, he warned.

Givhan declared that the goal of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People "is to open the bedroom doors of our white women to Negro men." He added:

"This is white man's country. It always has been and always will be."

Givhan said Walter White, head of the NAACP, is a tool of the Communist party and that the goal of the Communists is to elect a Negro as Vice President of the United States.

"White is neither a Negro nor a white, but a mulatto," Givhan continued. "He favors integration and intermarriage because it will raise his own social standing."

Chairman Lawrence Crawford of the Perry county W.C.C. said results of the organization in his county are already becoming evident.

He said a member of the Perry board of registrars had told him no Negroes would have been registered to vote in the county if the W.C.C. had been organized a year ago "to back us up."

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SAC, Mobile

December 17, 1954

Director, FBI

**WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL  
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ReBulet dated December 3, 1954, captioned as above.

By memorandum dated December 10, 1954, the Department requested the Bureau to conduct an investigation of the Citizens Councils (of Mississippi) and the American States Rights Association. Appropriate instructions have been directed to New Orleans, Memphis and Birmingham in regard to these organizations.

In view of the Department's interest in organizations whose activities may fall within the purview of Executive Order 10450, you are instructed to immediately initiate an investigation of the captioned organization in accordance with instructions contained in Section 87 D of the Manual of Instructions. It is desired that a report suitable for dissemination be submitted no later than February 16, 1955.

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

William F. Tompkins, Assistant Attorney General,  
Internal Security Division

Letter from [redacted] Counsel  
Washington Bureau of the NAACP  
dated December 27, 1954

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Transmitted herewith for your information is a copy of  
a letter, with enclosure, which recently was received by this  
Division from [redacted] Counsel for the Washington  
Bureau of the NAACP.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: 2/18/55

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X  
(MOBILE ORIGIN)

*EW 4-1*

Re report of SA JOHN P. BRADY dated 2/18/55 at Mobile

During the course of the investigation of this matter contact was had with [redacted]

[redacted] and both of whom have expressed a desire to co-operate with the Bureau by making the information in their files available for review.

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[redacted] Both men are well known to the investigating Agent.

It is contemplated, unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, that both [redacted] will be contacted from time to time as the circumstances and developments of this case might dictate.

Enclosed herewith are six copies of referenced report.

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TITLE <b>CHANGED CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - X</b>

### SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Citizens Councils, patterned after similar councils organized in Miss., were first formed in Ala. in 10/54 at Selma, Dallas Co. Other councils since reported organized in Hale, Perry, Marengo and Autauga Counties. Purpose of the organization is said to be to defend segregation of the races in the South through legal means and resulted from Supreme Court decision of 5/17/54 declaring segregation in public schools unconstitutional. Spokesmen advocate economic pressure against negroes who seek integration of the races. Constitution and slate of officers of Dallas County Citizens Council set forth. Mobile T-1 advises Dallas Co. Council has one incident under investigation involving a group of negroes who "crashed" a white KA dance being held in Officers' Club at Craig AFB. First mass meeting held at Selma drew audience of approximately 1200 on 11/29/54. Second meeting on 1/31/55 attended by approximately 500. Future meetings scheduled every two months.

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- B) ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE
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① The title of this report has previously been carried as WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL and is now marked "Changed" to reflect the proper name as CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA.

Mobile Confidential Informants T-1 and T-2, both of known reliability, have advised, under date of January 31, 1955, that the formation of COUNCILS in Alabama resulted from the Supreme Court decision of May 17, 1954, wherein segregation in public schools was held unconstitutional. Further, that it is the intention of the COUNCILS to organize the white men of the South for the purpose of maintaining segregation through whatever legal means may be available. COUNCILS had been formed in Mississippi and were under consideration by various leaders in Alabama when a statement was issued by an official of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at Selma, Alabama, stating the goal of the Negro to be complete integration. The organization of the Dallas County Citizens Council at Selma, Alabama, immediately followed in October 1954, and similar county organizations were then formed in Hale, Perry, Linden and Autauga Counties. T-1 added that newspapers have commonly referred to the organization as WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS but the proper name is simply CITIZENS COUNCIL.

A) ORIGIN AND PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION

The organization of WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS was prompted by the United States Supreme Court Decision of May 17, 1954, declaring that segregation in public schools was unconstitutional. The first such council began with a meeting of five or six men in a private home in Indianola, Sunflower County, Mississippi, and the plan for the council was reportedly drawn from the book "Black Monday" by Circuit Judge TOM P. BRADY of Brookhaven in which the theory of economic pressure is advanced. According to the minutes of the first meeting, ARTHUR J. CLARK, JR., an Attorney, is said to have explained: "It is the thought

of our group that the solution to this problem may become easier if various agitators and the like could be removed from the communities in which they now operate. We propose to accomplish this through the careful application of economic pressures....." (Source - THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS, November 21, 1954)

Mrs. WILMA B. ~~AS~~SLEDGE, Mississippi assembly representative from Sunflower County, made a statement to the Mississippi Legislature in which she alleged that the organization was made up of a "widespread group composed of reliable white male citizens who believe that segregation is not discrimination and are organized for the sole purpose of maintaining segregation. They do not and will not advocate violence in any form. The existence and purpose of each council is nonsecretive. However, there are some operations which for obvious reasons cannot be publicized. Such operations will be legal. I am sure you agree with me that such motives and methods are laudable, timely and imperative. They deserve the sanction and participation of all who are willing to mutually pledge their lives, their fortunes and their honor to the preservation of an unsullied race. To falter would be tragic; to fail would be fatal. These will neither falter nor fail." (Source - THE MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER, December 5, 1954)

CONSTANCE B. ~~M~~MOTLEY, member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Legal Staff in New York, addressed a meeting at the First Baptist Church for Colored in Selma, Alabama, on November 14, 1954, at the close of a three day meeting of the Alabama Conference, NAACP. She related "I want to tell you what the NAACP is going to do in Alabama. We are going to wage a legal battle to open the University of Alabama's law, medical and graduate schools to Negroes or any other schools on that campus that members of our race may want to attend. We are also going to fight that any other educational institution supported by Negro tax money is opened to members of our race." MOTLEY also predicted law suits to abolish segregation of the races on buses, street cars, trains or "anything else that rolls" and told of plans to carry the fight into fields of public recreation, housing and the civil service administration. "Our ultimate goal is full integration and I am confident we will achieve this goal." (Source - THE SELMA TIMES JOURNAL, Selma, Alabama, November 15, 1954)

On October 30, 1954, Captain [redacted] Selma, Alabama, Police Department, advised the writer that a Citizens Council was being formed in Dallas County, Alabama, to defend segregation and this group was to be patterned after similar groups that had already been formed throughout the State of Mississippi. He advised that it was the goal of the group to enlist the support of all white businessmen, bankers, lawyers and other professional groups to exert economic pressure against any Negro advocating the end of segregation and against any white man who refuses to support this organization. One objective of the group was said to be to enlist a representative number of police and law enforcement personnel including all officers with the rank of Lieutenant and up in the Police Department. A semi-secret or unpublicized meeting was held in the Court House on November 4, 1954, at which time approximately <sup>ALP</sup> 200 persons were present. M. ALSTON KEITH, a Selma Attorney, was drafted to act as Chairman of the Group and an Executive meeting was held in his office on November 21, 1954. At that time KEITH telephonically inquired of [redacted] the names of all representatives of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People located in Selma and it was indicated that the attention of the white group would be directed against the Negro organization leaders.

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Mr. J. G. <sup>ALP</sup> MELVIN, President of the Selma National Bank, advised the writer on December 17, 1954, that he had served on the nominating committee set up to organize the Citizens Council in Selma. The committee had selected M. ALSTON KEITH, an Attorney who serves as Chairman of the Democratic Committee for Dallas County and who is also currently the President of the Dallas County Bar Association, as Chairman of the Council. MELVIN continued that it was his hope that KEITH would maintain "a level head" with respect to the proposed organization. He stated that it was not intended that the council be radical or to use violence in any form but rather it was intended to exert pressure on politicians. He pointed out that organizations such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People are able to approach political leaders with the proposition that they represent "so many votes" and thereby wield a certain amount of influence and in fact in some States appear to hold the balance of power. He continued that he had been informed that some white and negro agitators had visited Mississippi from the North and it was the purpose of the council to counteract



the activities of these agitators through the use of economic pressure. MELVIN added that he has attended some meetings of the council but is no longer active in any administrative capacity.

"A spokesman" for the Dallas County White Citizens Council announced that an open meeting would be held in the Junior High School auditorium on November 29, 1954, and Mississippi State Senator T. M. WILLIAMS, a leader in the council movement in Mississippi, would be the guest speaker. The "spokesman" related that "The white population in this county controls the money and this is an advantage that the council will use in a fight to legally maintain complete segregation of the races." Further, "we intend to make it difficult, if not impossible, for any Negro who advocates desegregation to find and hold a job, get credit, or renew mortgage. We are not anti-Negro, we only want segregation maintained, and we are not vigilantes. We will operate openly and violence is the furthestest thing from the minds of the council members. We have lived with Negroes all of these years without trouble and it is our utmost desire to continue this happy relationship, but on a segregated basis." The "spokesman" reported that similar groups were being formed in Perry and Hale Counties and a fourth group would be formed in Marengo County on November 28. He predicted that a State Council is a "probability" in the near future but emphasized that the group in Selma and others, wherever they are organized, will be strictly "local organizations" that have no affiliations with or responsibilities to a central headquarters. Each will operate independently, working out its own problems he stated, and, if a State Council is formed, it will be the servant of the county groups and not the governing body in the move. The "spokesman" continued that the Councils being formed in Alabama were patterned after those which are in operation in Mississippi but added that there are no tie-ins between these in Alabama and those in the neighboring state. He revealed that the Mississippi leaders of the move have aided in organizing the Councils in Alabama but except for the fact "that we are fighting for a common cause, there is no connection between the organizations in the two states."

R. B. PATTERSON, Executive Director of the Mississippi Citizens Council, and M. L. BRANCH, Winona, Mississippi Banker, outlined the program of that state to a group of merchants and farmers at Orville, Dallas County, Alabama, on November 22, 1954. (Source - THE SELMA TIMES JOURNAL, November 28, 1954)

Mr. ARTHUR CAPELL, reporter, The SELMA TIMES JOURNAL, on November 29, 1954, identified the spokesman referred to above as being M. ALSTON KEITH, Selma Attorney.

Mr. ALSTON KEITH, Attorney, presided over a meeting of the Dallas County Citizens Council held in Selma on November 29, 1954. KEITH told an estimated 1100 to 1200 farmers, merchants, bankers, professional men and public office holders that "We formed to meet a public need; to create an opportunity to express ourselves, disseminate information and help mold public opinion that will be in the best interests of both white and colored races. The group is not anti-Negro. We've always gotten along with our colored brethren and intend to maintain this happy relation, but on a segregated basis. Thru the Council we intend to face our mutual problems and work them out without violence." He added that "no economic pressure will be applied that has not already been sanctioned by the Courts of Alabama and the United States Supreme Court." (Source - THE SELMA TIMES JOURNAL, November 30, 1954)

Representative J. S. WILLIAMS, Noxubee County, Mississippi, spoke at the Selma meeting on November 29, 1954, and charged that "we have a just cause for which to fight: a common Christian cause to which we are honorbound." He asserted that the Citizens' Councils are the direct answer to the NAACP goal for Negroes of "free by '63". "Shall we let a Negro minority group dictate policy to us?" he asked. "What we need is your minds, your cool, comprehensive collective thinking. That is the way you accomplish things. But you must either be for this organization or against it. There is no time for fence straddling now for we have set idly by too long." (Source - THE SELMA TIMES JOURNAL, November 30, 1954)

ALP M. H. CLARK, identified as a minister, was a featured speaker at the Selma Citizens Council meeting on November 29, 1954. He told the audience that he appeared not as a minister but as a private citizen who "came to instill in you a sense of rightness for your cause.". He stated that the segregation situation now facing the south was "catapulted to us by nine almost obscure men in the U. S. Supreme Court. These men did not follow good legal procedure. The Supreme Court is not a legislative body but is designed to follow precedent of the law and to interpret the law. It is not designed to make a declaration of policy for the nation." He contended that even in the Bible equality is not taught and quoted the

following passages, among others, to emphasize his point: "Man was created a little lower than the angels" and "some shall be rulers over many and some over few." The minister outlined christianity as "relationship of man to God" and not something that is primarily "socialistic or humanitarian." "And there is not one text or passage in the Bible that speaks of "one race, one society or family of nations. Segregation is the best way we know and which He teaches to keep God's will of separation." (Source - THE SELMA TIMES JOURNAL, November 30, 1954)

Senator T. M. WILLIAMS, Lexington, Mississippi, was the last speaker at the Selma meeting of the Citizens Council on November 29, 1954. He stated that "the time has come and the opportunity is here for every citizen who loves his country to make a sacrifice. We need leadership in this fight for we are charged with defying the United States Supreme Court." (Source - THE SELMA TIMES JOURNAL, November 30, 1954)

WILLIAMS also was quoted as stating "The Citizens Committee of Mississippi is not a Ku Klux Klan but our purpose is to give a direct answer to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. We have a heritage in the South for which we should ever be vigilant. The NAACP's motto is the Negro shall be 'free by 1963' and shall we accept that?" (Source - THE MOBILE REGISTER, November 30, 1954)

Sheriff T. WILMER SHIELDS advised Agent on November 29, 1954, that Council groups were being formed in Marengo, Hale and Perry Counties in Alabama, in addition to the Council formed in Dallas County and that an organizational meeting was first held in Linden, Marengo County on November 29, 1954. A second meeting was planned for the night of December 6, 1954, and was to be held in the Court House.

Four hundred white men, of predominately Negro populated Marengo County attended a meeting of the Marengo County Citizens Council at Linden, Alabama, on December 6, 1954. Principal speakers included Alabama State Senator WALTER C. GIVHAN, Safford, Alabama; McLEAN PITTS, Attorney, Selma, Alabama, and Dr. LAWRENCE CRAWFORD, Chairman of the Perry County Citizens Council. GIVHAN charged that "the goal of the NAACP is to open the bedroom doors of our white women to the Negro men." "This is a white man's country, it always has been and always will be", he added. "It is our duty to train our boys and girls to fight the

the same battle as we are now fighting." GIVHAN was particularly bitter in his denunciation of WALTER WHITE, head of the NAACP and stated "WHITE is neither a Negro nor a white - but a mulatto and he favors integration and intermarriage only because it will raise his own social standing." GIVHAN also said WHITE was a tool of the Communist Party and warned it was their goal to have a Negro Vice President of the United States elected in the near future. "And after that happens, what would prevent them from assassinating the president, thus making the Negro become President", GIVHAN continued. "You say it can't happen here, but I say it can and will unless we stand up and fight. As far as integration in the schools is concerned, the whole U. S. Army is not big enough to force that upon us." GIVHAN urged the county boards of registrars to do all they can to keep down Negro registration. "Under the present law which I helped to pass, the board can refuse registration to anyone who does not meet the qualifications. More and more Negroes are registering to vote everyday. Even in Dallas County we have about 250 Negro voters, much to my sorrow." GIVHAN added that Negroes can enter Alabama schools only through the ballot box and stated, "It is the purpose of the WCC to see that this does not happen."

Dr. LAWRENCE CRAWFORD warned, in his address to the Marengo meeting, of the danger of racial intermarriage. "Only through organizations such as this can we keep the Negroes out of our schools, out of our churches and out of the bedrooms of our white women" CRAWFORD asserted. He continued that results of the Perry County WCC were already becoming evident. He quoted one member of the Perry board of registrars as saying "If the WCC had been organized a year ago, to back us up, no Negro would have been registered to vote."

The third speaker at the Marengo WCC meeting, Attorney McLEAN PITTS, criticized the Montgomery Advertiser for what he charged was an "Unfavorable and unfair editorial" printed in the Montgomery paper with reference to the Councils. PITTS continued "We intend to maintain segregation and do so without violence if possible but I know the first time a Negro tries to enter Parrish High School at Selma or any other white school, there is going to be blood spilled on that campus." (Source - THE MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER, Montgomery, Alabama, December 7, 1954).

McLEAN PITTS, Selma Attorney, in a letter dated December 11, 1954, and printed in the SELMA TIMES JOURNAL on December 12, 1954, charged that he had been misrepresented by



the Montgomery Advertiser in the article describing the WCC meeting at Linden on December 6. PITTS related "The full theme of my speech was to avoid any violence of any kind or any trouble at our schools and this could best be accomplished by maintaining segregation in our schools." Further, "In connection with predicted trouble that might arise if segregation is done away with in our schools, I made the following statement, 'We intend to maintain segregation legally and so without violence. You know and I know the first time a Negro enters any of our schools at Selma or in Marengo County blood may be spilled. We want to avoid this.' I had no knowledge at that time nor do I have any knowledge at the present time of any person or group of persons that would do any act of violence." PITTS adds "----the organization represents the thought of the most prominent and best citizens of Dallas County; its goal or aim is, by legal means, to maintain segregation."

B) ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Mr. J. G. MELVIN, President of the Selma National Bank, advised Agent on December 17, 1954, that Councils were planned at that time for Dallas, Perry, Marengo and Hale Counties in Alabama and that as he understood the plans, the organizational structure would be similar to the Councils that had previously been formed in Mississippi.

Basically, the Mississippi Councils are led by five officers and an executive committee. Four other committees are also included in the chapter framework and these are described as follows:

- 1) Political and Elections Committee - Screen all candidates in local and state elections against those who might be seeking the Negro vote. If necessary, organize a white private election within our group to combat the Negro bloc vote (as our old white primary). Discourage Negro registration by every legal means.
- 2) Information and Education Committee - Gather information pertaining to segregation from all over the nation. Seek information about racial problems and present the truth about racial questions. Educate both black and white to the advantage of segregation and dangers of integration. Handle press, radio and speakers.

- 3) Membership and Finance Committee - Seeks white patriotic voters for membership (men only). Mobilize public opinion.
- 4) Legal Advisory Committee - Anticipates moves by agitators and devises legal means for handling any problems that may arise. Provide legal counsel for all members. Recommends application of economic pressure to trouble makers.

There are four qualifications for membership: you must favor segregation of the races, you must pay \$3.00 (In Alabama) to join, you must be a man and you must be white. (Source of the Mississippi organization outlined above - THE MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER, December 5, 1954)

Mobile T-2 furnished the writer on January 31, 1955, with a copy of the Constitution of the Dallas County Citizens Council which Constitution is outlined below. He noted that the organization is not incorporated, nor does it have any affiliation with any other Council.

CONSTITUTION OF THE DALLAS COUNTY CITIZENS' COUNCIL

ARTICLE I -- Name and Object:

The name of this association shall be the Dallas County Citizens' Council.

The object of the association shall be to engender and promote good feeling between the colored and white people of our section; to consult and advise with the various boards, commissions, organizations and officials, both public and private, to the end that friction between the races will be avoided; to act as a sounding board and to investigate the submission of complaints, suggestions, and criticisms relative to the treatment of individuals or groups in order that individuals of both races will be fairly treated and their legal rights protected; to consult, counsel and advise with the leaders and members of the colored race toward the equalization of facilities, a fair division of the tax betterments, of welfare and other relief payments and the equitable division of public housing, school appropriations and charitable donations; to maintain, protect and preserve

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the legal, moral, and ethical separation of the races as provided by law and as sanctioned by our usages, customs, training and tradition.

ARTICLE II -- Membership:

Any white male citizen who is approved for membership by the executive committee shall be eligible for membership in the association other than such persons as are judicial or quasi judicial officials. Quasi judicial officials are defined as including members of the Jury Board, Board of Registrars, Board of Equalization, City and County School Board.

A member may be dropped from the roll after a hearing by the executive committee and refunding of dues paid. Membership may likewise be transferred from our organization to a similar organization on request. Such dues that have been paid or the prorated portion thereof will be paid to the succeeding organization.

No member of the association shall be responsible for any act of the other members or of the officers and executive committee unless directly requested to participate therein.

ARTICLE III -- Dues:

The annual dues of the association shall be in the sum of Three Dollars (\$3.00) for each member. Such dues shall be collected for the year beginning October 1 and ending September 30. The Treasurer, in his discretion, may prorate such dues over such period. Contributions and donations may be accepted from non-members.

No member of the association, as such, shall have access to the books of the association nor be entitled to a report of the disposition of such funds.

ARTICLE IV -- Meetings:

Meetings of the association shall be held at such time and place as may be designated by the executive committee. Such meetings shall be open or closed to non-members, and to the press at the election of the executive

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committee. Notice of the meetings may be given by mail, word of mouth, publication, announcements over the radio or such other means as may be designated by the executive committee.

ARTICLE V -- Officers:

The officers of the association shall consist of:

Chairman  
Vice-Chairman representing the Fork District  
Vice-Chairman representing the Southside District  
Vice-Chairman representing the West Dallas District  
Secretary-Treasurer

An executive committee composed of four representatives residing in the Southside District, four residing in the West Dallas District, four residing in the Fork District and four residing in the City of Selma or its police jurisdiction.

Officers and members of the executive committee shall serve from the date of their election to the close of the annual year of the association which is September 30 and until their successors are elected and qualified.

A majority of the executive committee, including the officers, shall constitute a quorum.

Any two officers or any three members of the executive committee shall have authority to call a meeting in the event the Chairman refuses or neglects to do so. Notice of all meetings of the executive committee shall be given by the Secretary-Treasurer or such other person as said committee shall designate. Such notices shall be in writing.

The executive committee shall meet not less than once in each calendar month.

The members and particularly the chairman of each standing committee may, in the discretion of the executive committee, be invited to attend such meetings

of the executive committee as shall be designated by it. Such persons shall not be entitled to vote on any matter not directly concerning the committee of which they are members.

ARTICLE VI -- Duties:

It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at all meetings of the executive committee and at all general meetings. The Chairman in conjunction with the officers of the association and subject to the approval of the executive committee shall appoint all committees.

Each Vice-Chairman shall have general supervision and responsibility for the membership in his district including the activity of the members of the committees from said district.

Secretary-Treasurer shall keep all the records of the association including finances and shall pay all expenses. He shall make a financial report to the executive committee at each meeting. The expenditure of all funds must be approved by the executive committee.

All officers including members of the executive committee shall at all times have access to the books of the association.

It shall be the duty of the Chairman and officers to appoint the following committees: Membership, Speakers, Political and Investigating, and such other committees.

The officers of the association, subject to the approval of the executive committee shall also annually appoint a nominating committee, such nominating committee to be composed of Mayor, Probate Judge, members of the Board of Revenue and a person from each political district of the County other than the City. Membership committee shall be charged with the duty of making nominations for all officers to be voted on at the annual meeting of the association which annual meeting shall be held in the month of October.

The nominating committee shall also designate an audit committee, such committee to be composed of a



representative from each bank in Dallas County. It shall be the duty of the audit committee to, at least annually, and as often in their opinion as may be necessary, to audit the books of the association and to report their findings thereon to the executive committee.

The executive committee shall meet at such time and place as may be designated by the Chairman. Meetings shall be held not less than once a month.

The officers and executive committee shall be responsible for making the policy of the association. No person other than one designated shall have the authority to act for and in behalf of the association in any manner whatsoever. The officers and members of the executive committee of the association shall have the entire responsibility for any action taken by the association.

The executive committee is authorized to fill a vacancy arising by any reason among its membership, including the right to declare a vacancy due to such member failing to regularly attend its meetings.

ARTICLE VII -- Amendments:

The constitution and by-laws of the association may be amended by the executive committee on the vote of the majority of its members. Such constitution and by-laws may also be amended at a meeting of the members of the association provided such amendment has been passed by a majority of the members and such an amendment is subsequently ratified by a majority of the executive committee.

Mobile T-1 furnished the writer on January 31, 1955, with a schedule reflecting the following individuals to be officers and leaders in the Dallas County Citizens Council. 29  
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<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
Chairman	M. ALSTON KEITH	Attorney
Vice-Chairman, Fork District	W. H. <del>KING</del> ALP	Cattleman

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Vice-Chairman, Southside District JIM ~~X~~ RISHER Landowner, farmer

Vice-Chairman, West Dallas District JOHN ~~X~~ MOORE Mayor, Orville, Ala.

Executive Secretary THOMAS B. ~~X~~ STRONG President, Strong Oil Company

Executive Committee:  
Southside District: G. R. ~~X~~ BEERS  
L. ~~X~~ EDWARDS, JR. ALA.  
E. L. ~~X~~ CASEY  
MORROW ~~X~~ CHANCE

West Dallas District: K. ~~X~~ LATHAM  
J. E. ~~X~~ JONES ALA.  
J. T. ~~X~~ MOORE  
W. W. ~~X~~ FINCH

Fork District: E. L. ~~X~~ PICKERING  
THORNTON ~~X~~ GILES ALA.  
HOWARD ~~X~~ LONG  
KENNETH ~~X~~ HORTON

Selma area: McLEAN W. ~~X~~ PITTS  
Dr. J. R. ~~X~~ WILLIAMS ALA.  
CECIL F. ~~X~~ SHUPTRINE  
JAKE ~~X~~ BENDERSKY

COMMITTEES:  
Membership HARMON ~~X~~ CARTER, Chairman ALA.  
Speakers GRAHAM ~~X~~ KIRKPATRICK, Chairman ALA.  
Political and Complaints AUBREY ~~X~~ ALLEN, Chairman ALA.

T-1 further advised that at Linden, Marengo County, Alabama, THOMAS H. ~~X~~ BOGGS, Circuit Solicitor, had served as Temporary Chairman of the Marengo County Citizens Council but has been succeeded by one ~~X~~ MILLER, who is now Chairman. Mr. W. G. ~~X~~ BITTLE, Mayor of Linden, had presided at the initial meeting.

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In Marion, Perry County, Alabama, Dr. LAWRENCE CRAWFORD was reported by T-1 to be Chairman of the Council.

In Greensboro, Hale County, Alabama, W. R. WITHERS, Attorney, was reported by T-1 to be Chairman of the Council.

T-1 advised that he did not know the Chairman of the Autauga County Citizens Council.

T-1 advised that as of January 31, 1955, the total Dallas County membership was 700 but that an effort would be made to increase that total at an open meeting to be held that night.

C) OPPOSITION TO COUNCILS

VINCENT F. ~~KILBORN~~<sup>ALICE</sup>, a Mobile Attorney, wired Judge WALTER B. JONES, President of the Alabama Bar Association on November 28, 1954, urging him to denounce the movement (formation of Citizens Councils) "in the name of the Bar." KILBORN was quoted as stating "The Bar of Alabama, sworn to uphold the Constitution of the United States and our state, and to abide by the code of ethics your illustrious father first formulated, will be wanting in basic Christian duty toward our neighbors if we do not take the lead in crushing such movement as this. Most of us favor segregation, but we are unalterably against such movements as this plan to deny work, credit and basic human needs simply because some Negro exercises his right to advocate peaceably what he thinks ought to be done. We may disagree, but we must defend his right to think and speak as his own conscience dictates." (Source - THE SELMA TIMES JOURNAL, November 29, 1954)

Replying to KILBORN, Judge JONES stated "The State Bar Association is always concerned with the rights and privileges of our people. Segregation is a controversial issue in our state today. Those who oppose it are using, as they have the right to do, all legal means within their power, and the forces of such social, political and economic pressures as they are able to mobilize. Those who favor segregation likewise will doubtless use all legal, social, political and economic weapons at their disposal in order to hold firm what they conceive to be their individual and community rights. The lawful exercise of those measures is the privilege of all such citizens.

Neither side to this controversy can expect to be unopposed by countermeasures so long as measures taken by either side are within our constitutional framework, no one can rightly complain. The Bar of the State of Alabama includes all shades of political opinions and sects and races. Those favoring the abolition of segregation have been unhampered by bar association pressurers or pronouncement in their political, economic and social movements looking to its abolition. Regardless of my feelings with respect to the matters to which you called my attention, I do not feel that I, as president of the Bar Association, am authorized to censor them unless I, as such president, should also take unto myself the right to censor political, social and economic activities looking to the abolition of segregation. If when all facts are at hand, it should appear that any unlawful activities exist aiming at depriving any of our citizens of their constitutional and statutory rights, they have adequate remedies in our state and Federal courts, and will find those courts open to hear their complaints and members of the Alabama Bar ready to assert and defend the rights of our citizens." (Source - THE BIRMINGHAM POST HEARLD, December 2, 1954)

The Mississippi Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People issued a statement at the close of a three day meeting at Jackson, Mississippi, on November 7, 1954, that they would boycott products of Mississippi firms that use economic pressure to keep colored persons from fighting segregation. Names of companies and officials who threaten colored persons will be turned over to the NAACP's national office in a two part program, the Branch's statement said. Under the plan, the national office would investigate to see if Federal laws have been violated. In addition, the names would be circulated to branch NAACP offices for a "rigid boycott of the products or services sold by these companies inside or outside of Mississippi. (Source - THE MOBILE PRESS, November 8, 1954)

Dr. CHANNING H. ~~X~~ TOBIAS, <sup>MISS. A.C.A.</sup> Chairman of the Board of the NAACP, telegraphed the President on December 20, 1954, requesting a conference at the earliest convenience of the President to discuss what he called "undisguised economic intimidation" of Negro leaders advocating desegregation in Mississippi. TOBIAS asked that the Federal Government and the personal moral assuasion of the President be used to halt the practice. (Source - THE BIRMINGHAM POST HEARLD, UNITED PRESS release, December 28, 1954)

Dr. COLLIER P. ~~CLAY~~ <sup>ALA</sup>, Negro President of the Union Theological Seminary, Birmingham, was the main speaker at a meeting sponsored by the Southern Negro Improvement Association of Alabama, Inc., held at Notasulga, Alabama, on January 22, 1955. CLAY indicated that the Association is in direct conflict with the NAACP and CLAY referred to members of the latter group as "these outside troublemakers". CLAY continued "I hope that none of you will allow radicals of either race to confuse and agitate you. We are sitting on a powder keg. All our help is going to come from the white man and I beg you to stand by them." (Source - THE MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER, January 23, 1955)

D) INCIDENTS REFLECTING POSSIBLE RACIAL TENSION

Mr. J. G. MELVIN, President of the Selma National Bank, advised Agent on December 17, 1954, that the Black Belt area of Alabama, which comprises four of the counties in which Councils have been formed, has been generally free of any racial tensions. He noted that the negro constitutes approximately 65 percent of the Dallas County population; 67 per cent of the Perry County population; 69 per cent of the Marengo County population and 70 per cent of the Hale County population. Only recently, he continued, he has noted several minor incidents which he thought indicated an undercurrent of racial tension. Specifically he advised that: [REDACTED] <sup>ALA</sup>

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<sup>ALA</sup> [REDACTED] had given a blood donation at the local blood bank sponsored by the Red Cross. As was customary, the newspaper listed the names of all donors including the name of [REDACTED] and, as has been customary in referring to Negroes, the newspaper omitted any prefix and did not refer to the donor as [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that the donor was very bitter in her complaint concerning the matter.

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A Negro school teacher from the Payne School appeared at the bank to make a deposit and while waiting for the teller to complete the transaction, entered into a conversation with a nearby friend. When the teller finished posting her passbook he put it on the counter and in order to attract the

customer's attention made some comment such as "here you are girl". MELVIN stated that the customer became highly indignant and rebuked the teller for calling her a girl instead of "lady".

- c. A representative of the Hudson High School had made a cash deposit at the bank and after he had left the teller discovered a \$1 bill included in the deposit on which several obscene remarks had been written in pencil referring to white people in uncomplimentary terms. MELVIN expressed the opinion that the handwriting on the bill was neat and appeared to have been more likely made by an adult than by one of the students. Further, that it was obviously intended that the writing on the bill would come to the attention of someone in the bank. He continued that he was concerned less some teacher at the high school was teaching the Negro youngsters to hate the white race.

MELVIN stated that it had been suggested to him that he turn over the mutilated dollar bill to the Citizens Council but had decided to hold it for the Secret Service as possibly constituting a violation of Treasury regulations.

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E) ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCILS TO IMPLEMENT THEIR PROGRAMS

Captain [redacted] advised Agent on January 26, 1955, that the Executive Committee of the Dallas County Council has met a number of times in the offices of ALSTON KEITH and that KEITH had made several inquiries of his office indicating the interest of the Council. Specifically, KEITH had inquired as to:

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- a. The names, addresses and occupation of all Negroes connected with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.
- b. He made reference to a report that a white fraternal organization had used the facilities of the Officers Club at Craig Air Force Base for a dance and that several local Negro couples were at the Base at the time and visited the ballroom during the dance, and he asked if [redacted] could identify the Negro couples. [redacted] added that he declined to

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do so although he knew who they were and considered them to be responsible and reliable Negroes.

- c. He made reference to an incident wherein a member of the Citizens Council observed one of his children reading a book concerning Negroes which the child had obtained at the school library. The member complained to the Council and KEITH advised that he would refer the book to a committee for review. BAKER added that the School Superintendent, W. E. SNUGGS, had expressed concern over the action of the Council and had noted that the book in question was of a type that has been in the school library for generations.

Mobile T-1 advised Agent on January 31, 1955, that the only matter that has been approved by the Council for investigation to date concerns the incident that occurred at Craig Air Force Base. He related that an Alumni Association of the KA fraternal organization had arranged to use the facilities of the Officers' Club for a dance. While they were there a Negro Captain, whose name he believed to be [redacted] visited the Officers' Club with a number of Negro civilians from Selma. He continued that he was informed that these civilians included

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It is his understanding that there were several others in the party as well. He continued that the Negroes entered the ballroom and occupied a table and later made use of the dance floor. He stated that he believes the Negroes were deliberately attempting to create an incident since it is widely known that the KA organization is a strictly white southern group.

Mobile T-1 continued that an open meeting was to be held on the evening of January 31, 1955, and after the principal addresses, a closed business meeting for members only would be held. Among the items up for discussion at the business meeting was the above mentioned incident. He continued that no suggestion of economic pressure or other retaliation would be urged upon the members but the facts would be made known to all of the members. He advised that it is a practice for many employers of Negro labor, particularly the landowners, to pay the medical and dental bills of Negroes in their employ and he would not be surprised if these employers would decline to pay such bills in the future if the employee used the services of [redacted]

[redacted] He expressed the opinion that they would be well within

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their legal rights if they cared to take such action. He noted that in the past month a number of Negroes, prompted by the NAACP, have called at his place of business and informed him that they would no longer do business with him.

Mobile T-2 advised Agent on February 1, 1955, that approximately 500 persons were in attendance at the meeting held in Selma on the preceding evening. He noted that speeches in defense of segregation were delivered by [redacted]

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T-2 added that further meetings would be held about every two months and that speakers scheduled for addresses in Selma included [redacted]

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[redacted] and United States Senator JIM EASTLAND of Mississippi.

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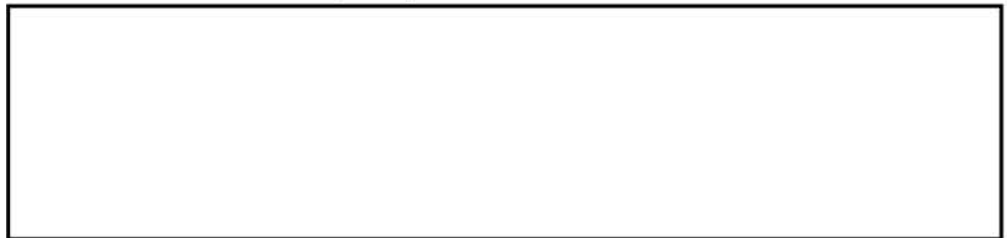
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Copies of this report are designated for New Orleans, Memphis and Birmingham because of the existence of similar type organizations in the territory covered by those offices.

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THE MOBILE DIVISION:

AT SELMA, ALABAMA

Will continue to report on the organization and activities of Citizens Councils in Alabama.

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Mobile dated 12/17/54



1-Belmont  
1-Williams

Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins

March 8, 1955

Director, FBI

CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X  
FBI FILE 105-33955

There is being furnished you herewith one copy of the report of Special Agent John P. Brady dated February 18, 1955.

You may desire to review this report in detail in connection with the provisions of Executive Order 10450.

Attachment

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SAC, Atlanta

March 22, 1955

Director, FBI (105-34237)

CITIZENS COUNCILS  
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At the suggestion of the Department, the New Orleans and Memphis Offices are conducting an investigation of the "Association of Citizens Councils (of Mississippi)" for consideration by the Department pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The Mobile Office is also conducting an investigation on the Citizens Councils of Alabama.

The first Citizens Council was organized July 11, 1954, at Indianola, Mississippi, and as of February, 1955, councils were formed in twenty-five counties of Mississippi with a total membership of approximately 30,000. The Citizens Councils of Alabama pattern after the councils organized in Mississippi and were first formed in Selma, Alabama, in October, 1954.

The Citizens Councils disclaim affiliation with or similarity to the Ku Klux Klan. The stated objectives include discouraging Negroes from voting and maintaining segregation in public schools. These objectives are being carried out by economic pressure brought to bear on Negroes seeking to vote or who are in favor of integration in schools. The councils claim no violence will be used and only legal means employed.

All offices receiving copies of this letter are instructed to be alert for the formation of Citizens Councils in the territory covered by your offices. Upon the receipt of such information you should advise the Bureau immediately by letter setting forth all pertinent data concerning the organization and the offices thereof. No investigation should be conducted without prior Bureau authority.

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TITLE <b>CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - X</b>

### SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mobile T-1 advised on 5/11/55 that no changes in organization or aims of Council since last contacted 1/31/55. No open meetings held since that date. Next meeting is now planned for 6/22/55 at Memorial Stadium where principal speakers are to be HERMAN TALMADGE, TOM P. BRADY and R. B. PATTERSON. Selma Police Captain advises Councils appear to have been more or less dormant past few months. Additional organizational data re Marengo County Council lists speakers at meeting of 12/6/54. No indication of a Council formed in Autauga County.

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### DETAILS: AT SELMA, ALABAMA

Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported on May 11, 1955 that there had been no changes in the organizational structure or in the aims and purposes of the Citizens Council since he had last reported on January 31, 1955. He related that there had been no open meetings held in Selma since January 31, 1955 although the

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 by W. J. [unclear]  
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Executive Committee had continued to meet at regular intervals. Discussions at these meetings had developed the general theme that there were only a few Negroes in Dallas County, not more than six, who were considered troublemakers by the Council. These Negroes were those active particularly in the work of the National Association for the Advancement for Colored People. He advised that to his knowledge there had not been any instances where any action, either economic or any other kind, had been taken against these Negroes. He pointed out that the Council was determined to avoid violence and to keep a tight control on its activities so as to avoid either violence or illegality. It was his opinion that the purposes of the Council were being met simply by holding an occasional meeting and he stated that the next open meeting is currently planned for the night of June 22, 1955. He stated that the meeting will be open to the public and will be held at Memorial Stadium. Principal speakers are scheduled to be HERMAN PALMADGE, former Governor of the State of Georgia; Circuit Judge TOM P. BRADY of Brookhaven, Mississippi, author of the book, "BLACK MONDAY"; described by T-1 as a sort of unofficial textbook of Citizens Councils; and R. B. PATTERSON, Executive Director of the Mississippi Citizens Councils. It is further planned that copies of the book "BLACK MONDAY" will be distributed at the Stadium. A/A

In addition, T-1 reported that no additional Councils had been formed in the State to his knowledge, although inquiries had been received from most counties as to the type of organization that had been set up. He noted that a committee representing several Councils from Dallas, Marengo, Perry and Hale Counties had been formed to consider and make a recommendation as to the advisability of organizing a State Council, but this committee had not as yet taken any action.

ALSTON KEITH, Chairman of the Dallas County Council, issued a Press statement printed in the Selma Times Journal, daily newspaper published at Selma, Ala., in issue of March 8, 1955 in answer to an article that appeared in Look Magazine by HODDING CARTER, editor of the Greenville, Mississippi, Delta Democrat Times. CARTER had charged, according to the Selma Times Journal, that the "Citizens Councils are threatening to become a modern day Ku-Klux-Klan." In his statement to the Press, KEITH announced, "We organized to prevent violence, but I will say this. If people like CARTER keep sounding off for selfish interests and stirring up the Negroes with false



accusations, there will be trouble and bloodshed. And nothing can prevent it." The newspaper article continues: "The Mississippi editor writes that 'So far, they have agreed that violence must be ruled out' but he said that economic pressure is their weapon to discourage Negro political activity and desegregation efforts in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, South Carolina and Northern Florida. Despite their non-violent intent, CARTER says, 'But I can imagine hoodlums taking over if today's leaders give way to boredom or anger or despair. These Citizens Councils can become instruments of interracial violence. The ingredients are there. The incentive and incendiary spark are lacking - so far. If and when these should appear, I say, soberly and in warning, that the men in white robes will seize control.'

"KEITH said Tuesday that 'economic pressure, as the means that the Councils use to force continued segregation has been completely overplayed, sensationalized. It's ridiculous to even consider that such action could be applied to the masses of Negroes in the south.' He stated for example that there are approximately 35,000 Negroes in Dallas County and that he cannot foresee having to employ this 'extreme' means of control on more than a half-dozen trouble makers, at the most.' KEITH continued that 'With the vast majority it boils down to nothing more than simply sitting down with the recognized Negro leaders who have the best interests of their race at heart, talking over our mutual problems and working out a peaceable solution beneficial to both races.' The Council leader described the 'few troublemakers' as those 'individuals who have been misled by the communist inspired NAACP into working actively for it.' KEITH reaffirmed that the Council will continue to 'in every legal way possible' to oppose any breaking down of the segregation barriers 'but we will make just as strong an effort to aid our Negroes in any way they seek to better their conditions on a segregated basis'

Captain [redacted] Selma Police Department, advised on May 12, 1955 that it appeared to him that the Councils had become more or less dormant and that no activity had come to his attention in recent months.

AT MARENGO COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Mobile Confidential Informant T-2 under date of March 21, 1955 made available a report on the organizational meetings of the Marengo County Citizens Council.

WHO IS IN A POSITION TO FURNISH RELIABLE INFORMATION BUT WHOSE RELIABILITY IS UNKNOWN.

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This report included the following information:

November 22, 1954 - Group of local leaders met with other Black Belt County leaders and discussed White Citizens Councils' plans.

November 29, 1954 - First public meeting held at the Marengo County Court House. Attended by 20 white men. Each was asked to bring five others to meeting on December 6th. Elected Circuit Solicitor THOMAS H. ~~BOGGS~~ temporary Chairman and ROY ~~DARKSLEY~~ temporary secretary. ALA

December 6, 1954 - Meeting attended by approximately 200 men. Mr. BOGGS presided. Speeches were made by State Senator WALTER ~~GIVHAN~~ of Dallas County; Dr. CHARLES W. ~~COLLINS~~ of Hale County; Dr. LAWRENCE ~~CRAWFORD~~, Perry County; Mr. MCLEAN ~~BITTS~~, Selma Attorney; Mr. FURNISS ~~ELLIS~~ of Orville, Dallas County; and JOHN ~~GIVHAN~~, brother of WALTER GIVHAN. ALA

AT AUTAUGA COUNTY, ALABAMA

Inquiry of the following [REDACTED] informed sources b6  
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by Special Agent  failed to establish the existence of a Citizens Council in Autauga County.

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Sources concealed in this report have been so handled after due consideration and for good reason.

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MOBILE DIVISION

AT SELMA, ALABAMA

Will continue to report on the organization and activities of Citizens Councils in Alabama.

REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN P. BRADY, 2/18/55, Mobile.

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MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

May 16, 1955

MR. A. H. BELMONT

CITIZENS COUNCILS AND STATES'  
RIGHTS MOVEMENTS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X  
BUFILE 105-34237

Background:

Since Supreme Court decision of 5-17-54 re integration of Negroes and whites in public school autonomous organizations under various names have been formed in Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland for the ostensible purpose of maintaining segregation. These organizations are for the most part made up of prominent citizens such as state legislators, doctors, lawyers, bankers, et cetera, who are opposed to any use of force and violence in maintaining segregation. These organizations disclaim any affiliation with or similarity to the Ku Klux Klan and intend to achieve their purpose through economic pressure brought to bear on members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), individuals seeking Negro votes, Negro voters and integregationista.

Example:

One of the better examples of these organizations is the Association of Citizens Councils ( of Mississippi) which claims 30,000 members in 25 counties in Mississippi. The Internal Security Division of the Department by letter 12-10-54 suggested investigation of this organization with a view toward designating it under Executive Order 10450. According to the letter particular emphasis should be placed on any policies or activities which indicate that the organization had "adopted a policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force and violence to deny others their rights under the Constitution of the United States." Investigation has been conducted and reports submitted to the Department. The Criminal Division of the Department has made several requests for investigation of possible civil rights violations in connection with the Association of Citizens Councils. These possible violations concern alleged attempts to prevent Negroes from voting and refusal by employees of the Federal Home Administration to make loans to Negroes affiliated with the NAACP. The NAACP was quick to secure affidavits in the latter cases and furnish them to the White House.

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- 1 - Mr. Boardman
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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Memo - Belmont-Boardman  
dated May 16, 1955

Current Bureau Policy:

Current Bureau policy is that we do not investigate groups that advocate and employ legal means to achieve their objectives; however, where advisable the field is authorized to investigate organizations established for purpose of combatting or advocating affirmative action against racial minorities. Such groups may result in civil rights violations and in cases such as these organizations it is believed desirable that determination of those involved be made and activities of the organization be followed. This investigative background will be most useful in the event civil rights violations should occur in the future in connection with their activities.

By letter dated 3-22-55 twelve southern offices were informed of the rapid spread of these groups and were instructed to be alert for the formation of such organizations in their territory. These offices were instructed that upon receipt of such information to advise the Bureau immediately by letter setting forth pertinent data concerning the organization and officers thereof. No investigation was to be conducted without prior Bureau authority.

Observations:

It is reported that the attitude of the people in the southern states is that the Supreme Court decision is objectionable not only from the standpoint of its social obligations but is actually unconstitutional and an infringement of states rights. Therefore, it appears that strong opposition will be registered by the southern states at such time as integration is made mandatory. Inasmuch as the people connected with these organizations appear to be leaders and respected citizens in their community investigations conducted could be attended by adverse criticism of the Bureau.

The Supreme Court has not yet handed down any date on which integration is to take place. At the time it is probable that these organizations will become more active and that extra legal steps will be taken to prevent integration. Therefore, it is believed that we should have information concerning these groups and the individuals connected therewith prior to any incidents which may take place. In view of the above the field has been following the activities of these organizations to determine whether others are being denied their rights under U. S. Constitution and reports have been furnished Department for consideration under Executive Order 10450.

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Memo - Belmont-Boardman  
dated May 16, 1955

RECOMMENDATION:

If you approve we will continue having the field follow the activities of these organizations and will continue to furnish reports thereon to the Department for consideration under Executive Order 10450.

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SAC, Mobile (105-121)

June 2, 1955

Director, FBI (105-33955)

CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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Reference is made to previous correspondence in this matter. In view of the nature of this organization and the prominence of the individuals connected therewith it is desired that any inquiries made concerning its activities be most discreetly handled in order to avoid any possible embarrassment to the Bureau. In setting forth leads for other offices you should caution those offices to be discreet in any investigation conducted.

ON YELLOW:

Captioned organization is similar to the Citizens Councils of Mississippi. It was formed for the purpose of maintaining segregation in public schools and its members are prominent citizens in Alabama. The Department suggested an investigation of this organization for consideration under Executive Order 10450.

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TITLE <b>CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - X</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mobile T-1 advised on 5/11/55 that no changes in organization or aims of Council since last contacted 1/31/55. No open meetings held since that date. Next meeting is now planned for 6/22/55 at Memorial Stadium where principal speakers are to be HERMAN TALMADGE, TOM P. BRADY and R. B. PATTERSON. Selma Police Captain advises Councils appear to have been more or less dormant past few months. Additional organizational data re Marengo County Council lists speakers at meeting of 12/6/54. No indication of a Council formed in Autauga County.

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**DETAILS: AT SELMA, ALABAMA**

Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported on May 11, 1955 that there had been no changes in the organizational structure or in the aims and purposes of the Citizens Council since he had last reported on January 31, 1955. He related that there had been no open meetings held in Selma since January 31, 1955 although the

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TITLE <b>CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - X</b>

### SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mass meeting held by CITIZENS COUNCILS at Selma, Ala., 6/22/55 attended by approximately 5000. Program set forth, principal speakers being HERMAN TALMADGE, TOM P. BRADY and ROBERT PATTERSON. Copies of Black Monday and other literature reflecting aims and purposes of COUNCILS distributed at meeting. Some individuals, including [redacted] restrained from distributing literature not approved by COUNCILS. National organization reported to be formed in New Orleans, La. known as FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT led by JOHN U. BARR. Dallas County CITIZENS COUNCIL will affiliate with this group. COUNCIL formed in Autauga County with C. D. JACKSON as chairman. No additional meetings planned in Selma at this time, but rally planned at Birmingham, Ala. by AMERICAN STATES RIGHTS ASSOCIATION, INC. to include same speakers as appeared in Selma. Dallas County COUNCIL presently concerned with newspaper entitled THE SELMA MIRROR being distributed by Negroes and containing what is described as a grossly untrue account of a Selma police case.

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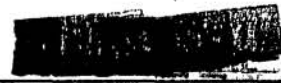
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DETAILS: AT SELMA, ALABAMA

On July 1, 1955, [redacted]

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reported that the open mass meeting of CITIZENS COUNCILS took place as planned at Selma on June 22, 1955. [REDACTED] continued that approximately 5000 persons were present from Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia, and the program that was followed is outlined below:

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Invocation

~~Reverend HARRY W. FANCHER,~~  
Retired Baptist Minister

Speakers

~~HERMAN TALMADGE~~  
Former Governor of State of Georgia

~~TOM P. BRADY~~  
Circuit Judge, Brookhaven, Mississippi, and Vice-President, Mississippi Bar Association

~~ROBERT PATTERSON~~  
Executive Secretary of the Mississippi CITIZENS COUNCILS

~~SYD SMYER~~  
Retired Legislator and Attorney, Birmingham, Alabama

~~M. ALSTON KEITH~~  
Chairman, Dallas County, Alabama CITIZENS COUNCIL

~~W. C. GIVHAN~~  
State Senator, Dallas County, Ala.

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[redacted] noted that guests of honor who were seated on the speakers' stand included Alabama State Senators E. O. EDDINS, Marengo County; M. H. MOSES, DeKalb County; GERALD BRADFORD, Clarke County; SAM ENGELHARDT, Macon County; JAMES COLEMAN, Greene County; ROLAND COOPER, Wilcox County; ALBERT BOUTWELL, Jefferson County; ALBERT DAVIS, Pickens County; DAVE YARBROUGH, Autauga County; JOE DAVIS, Lowndes County; H. P. JAMES, Bibb County and STATE TATE, Coosa County, Alabama. An invitation was extended to Governor JAMES E. FOLSOM and Lieutenant Governor GUY HARDWICK of Alabama, but both declined to attend.

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[redacted] advised that details of the mass meeting had been in the hands of the following:

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| <del>JAKE BENDERSKY</del>  | Publicity     |
| <del>COMER SIMS</del>      | Grounds       |
| <del>McLEAN PITTS</del>    | Program       |
| <del>W. C. GIVHAN</del>    | Reception     |
| <del>CECIL SHUPTRINE</del> | Entertainment |
| <del>HARMON CARTER</del>   | Membership    |
| <del>TOM STRONG</del>      | Treasurer     |

It is observed that all of the above are Selma, Alabama residents.

The Selma Times Journal, daily newspaper published in Selma, in issue of June 23, 1955, attributed the following comments to the speakers at the mass meeting held in Selma on June 22nd:

HERMAN TALMADGE

"Former Governor HERMAN TALMADGE outlined a four-point program by which the South can meet the threat of desegregation ---- The Georgian called for a united South and offered the following four points as a solution .....

1. State legislative action which would abolish the public school system.

2. Elimination of public funds for any school where white and colored children attend.
3. An application of stern economic and social pressure on all 'modern day scalawags' who favor integration or who won't fight to maintain segregation.
4. United public opinion in the South which would express itself at the polls against anyone 'who would sell us down the river.'

TOM P. BRADY

"----veteran jurist called for impeachment of present U.S. Supreme Court Justices and proposed that members of the Supreme Court should be elected to office so they could be held accountable to the people. BRADY warned 'segregation is only a small segment of the overall design. The ultimate objective is to socialize and communize. The NAACP has no concern for the Negroes of the South. It is pledged to integrate and mongrelize the nation and is a willing and ready tool in the hand of Communist front organizations --- We must give our Negro good but separate schools, libraries, playgrounds, hospitals and an opportunity to develop to the fullest of his inherent possibility'."

REVEREND HENRY M. FANCHER *a/a*

"The Southside Baptist pastor, keynoted the session with a prayer for strength, wisdom and courage to fight those who would destroy the purity of our race."

ROBERT PATTERSON

"PATTERSON asserted that 'bitter words and fancy phrases will get us nowhere. We have got to make our votes count, our sentiments known at the ballot box' ----challenged his audience ---'if 40,000,000 white southerners let the 250,000 members of this group dictate our future, then whatever our fate be, it will be too good for us!.."

SYD SMYER

"SYD SMYER, who is now a leader in the Methodist Church's battle for continued segregation of its membership, sounded an alarm for members of other churches to be on the alert for 'the same thing that is happening to the Methodists is happening to your church'. He charged his audience to have the courage to stand up and be counted."

M. ALSTON KEITH

"KEITH promised that 'segregation will be maintained in our public schools. No Negro will enter a white school, nor will any white child enter a Negro school, and we must voice our opposition to the weak-kneed and self seeking politicians who advocate integration'. He asserted that 'the best way to express our opposition to integration is through a strong group such as the Citizens Council'."

W. C. GIVHAN

"GIVHAN pictured the South as facing its most serious threat in history in the segregation crisis. 'Our long established customs will be shattered if we submit to the decree of nine men who have violated every principle of states rights and individual freedom granted in the constitution of the United States. We must stand and fight today, tomorrow and forever against those who, for personal gain, would destroy our Southern way of life'."

Captain [redacted] Selma, Alabama Police Department, advised on July 7, 1955, that no incidents had been reported to the Selma Police Department either before or after the mass meeting held by the CITIZENS COUNCILS on June 22nd. He made available copies of the literature distributed by the COUNCILS at the meeting and called attention to a mimeographed sheet which he understood had been distributed by unidentified individuals from Georgia. This sheet bears a heading "Thumbs Down" and is unsigned. [redacted] related that inquiry had been made by council members of HERMAN TALMADGE as to the propriety of distributing this sheet and TALMADGE had indicated that he knew nothing about it, whereupon council members prevented any further distribution.

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The mimeographed sheet calls for a boycott of certain companies and charges readers to "strike back at the race-mixers! Refuse to patronize those who contribute large sums of money to race mixing organizations and those who insult you and your family by projecting mixed performers right into your living room via radio and television". The sheet then lists various sponsors of ARTHUR GODFREY, a television producer and of EDWARD R. MURROW. The sheet also attacks a number of companies, including the Ford Motor Company, Philip Morris Cigarettes, Kellogg Cereal and Schenley Distilleries, for their contributions to foundations or organizations dealing with Negroes.

The remaining literature distributed by the COUNCILS and made available by [redacted] is briefly described below:

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I. BLACK MONDAY

By Tom P. Brady *MI 55- a/g.*

Copies of this book were sold at the Selma meeting for \$1. The author is identified as a Vice-President of the Mississippi Bar Association and a Circuit Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial District in Mississippi. The book is published by the Association of Citizens Councils, Winona, Mississippi, and it gets its name from the date of Monday, May 17, 1954, upon which date the Supreme Court of the United States handed down a decision on segregation cases on appeal from the States of Kansas, South Carolina, Virginia and Delaware. Council leaders have previously referred to the book as a sort of unofficial text for the organization of CITIZENS COUNCILS.

The major portion of the book deals with an analysis of the background of the racial problem with comments on the decision of the Supreme Court. Of interest here, however, is the suggested solution for the problem which outlines the organization that should be set up and defines the aims and purposes of such an organization. The book reads in part---

"The racial question, which is squarely presented by the 'Black Monday' decision of the Supreme Court, is but one vital part of this problem. The great threat to this nation is that of creeping Socialism and Communism. The inter-racial angle is but a tool, a means to an end, in the overall effort to socialize and communize our Government. The grading down of the intelligence quotient of one-third of the people



of this country through amalgamation of the white and Negro race would be a great asset in the communizing of our Government."

The program outlined is as follows---

1. The enactment and enforcement of rigid immigration restrictions.

2. The teaching of children the basic fundamental differences between a Democratic state and a Communist state.

3. Exposure of the Neo-Socialist and Marxian Christians.

4. Conferences with Negro leaders in the seventeen southern states are proposed. It is asserted that "95% or more of the Negro race in the South do not want to be integrated ---all they want is an opportunity to enjoy the privileges and rights which, in many instances, have been denied them. The attitude and intention of these Negro leaders should be ascertained, and a firm and binding agreement reached. These Negroes should likewise be told, in no uncertain terms, what a contest can produce for the Negro in the South." It is suggested that these conferences take place on a county wide basis under the supervision of a state organization.

5. The creation of an organization is proposed with the suggested name of "The National Federation of Sovereign States of America". This organization would include ---

1. A National Board of Directors

(a) A Political Department

(1) Constitutional and Legislative Committee

(b) An Educational Department

(c) A Religious Department

Further suggested organizational steps would include ---



1. A committee of credentials would operate in each department to prevent infiltration.
2. The National Board would be concerned with coordinating the various state organizations.
3. The state organizations must not be secret and must not resemble in any manner the Ku Klux Klans.
4. The state organizations will be the medium for raising funds necessary for the efficient operation of the plan.
5. An Editorial Bureau consisting of outstanding editors should methodically and consistently supply information to Congress, the Supreme Court and other branches of our Government, truthfully reflecting the situation as it actually exists.
6. Utilization of the Electoral College is recommended to prohibit any Socialist or Communist from becoming President of the United States.
7. The creation of a 49th state, such as on lower California, in Alaska, or in islands of the Pacific, is discussed wherein the Negro would be transported and given the opportunity to develop to the fullest extent of his ability.
8. The National Organization, which it is suggested might be converted into a third national party, is urged to accept as its first objective the enactment of an amendment offered by Senator JAMES O. EASTLUND of Mississippi which reads as follows - "There shall be no interference with or limitations upon the power of any state to regulate health, morals, education, marriage and good order in the state; and exclusive jurisdiction is reserved to the states".
9. It is proposed that the Supreme Court and the office of the Attorney General should be elective.

10. It is proposed that Supreme Court Judges should be required to possess certain qualifications in the way of previous judicial experience.
11. Action recommended for consideration by affected states should include --
  - (a) The immediate repeal of any constitutional requirement requiring children to attend school.
  - (b) The separation of boys and girls in classes.
  - (c) Establish the right of Counties or school districts to adopt rules and regulations governing the membership, attendance, maintenance and operation of the schools.
12. The re-organization of the school system and the use of the referendum is proposed.
13. The abolition of the public schools is recommended if all other methods fail.
14. As a last step, the declaration "of a cold war and an economic boycott", is proposed.
15. A special court is recommended "in which all undesirables, perjurers, subversives, saboteurs and traitors can be promptly tried and punished. The right of trial by jury must be fair and impartial, but it should be speedy. It is deplorable that two or three years must lapse before a traitor can be punished."

II. A MIMEOGRAPHED SHEET ENTITLED "CITIZENS COUNCILS"

This sheet, signed "Dallas County Citizens Council" outlines the aims and purposes of the Council and calls attention to the fact that the Councils are not secret organizations and membership is open to all white adult male citizens. Aims and purposes are said to be (1) Resisting the announced program of

the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; (2) Maintaining segregation in our public schools, theaters, restaurants, hotels and other public places; (3) Education of our children in the importance of segregation; (4) Maintaining the good relations between the white race and the Negro race that has existed all these years in the Black Belt; (5) To prevent a mongrelized race in the South and (6) Accomplishment of its program without violence.

III. A PAMPHLET ENTITLED "THE CITIZENS' COUNCIL"

This pamphlet is published by the Association of Citizens' Councils, Winona, Mississippi which also outlines the aims and purposes of the Councils and sets forth information as to the basic organizational structure of the Council.

On July 1, 1955 [redacted]

[redacted] was contacted at which time he outlined the following current activity of the CITIZENS COUNCILS.

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A National Organization is presently being formed with headquarters in New Orleans, Louisiana, and it is presently known as the "FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT." One JOHN U. BARR, American Bank Building, New Orleans, is reported to be the head of the organization. It is proposed that two directors will be selected from each state to serve on the National Board. The Alabama delegates have not yet been selected, but those men under consideration are political leaders who were active as States Righters. WALTER C. GIVHAN, State Senator from Dallas County, Alabama, is the Dallas County Delegate to the New Orleans organization. The Dallas County Citizens Council has affiliated with the New Orleans organization. [redacted] expects this organization to be active in supporting the candidacy of Governor SHIVERS of Texas for the Presidency, but whether or not this would be through the medium of a third party, he could not say at this time.

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The Dallas County Citizens Council is not otherwise affiliated with any other organization, although it cooperates in the exchange of information with organizations in other areas and in other states. [redacted] advised that one such organization is the AMERICAN STATES RIGHTS ASSOCIATION, INC., with a temporary address of 2112 First Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama. OLIN H. HORTON is president of this organization. [redacted] also recalled correspondence with the "Grass Roots League" of South Carolina and with the "Defenders of States Rights" of Virginia.

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[redacted] noted that the organization of CITIZENS COUNCILS in Alabama at this time includes the following:

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>CHAIRMAN</u>
Dallas	M. ALSTON KEITH
Perry	<del>DR. LAWRENCE CRAWFORD</del>
Marengo	<del>MR. CHARLES MILLER</del>
Hale	<del>MR. MASON PASCHAL</del>
Autauga	MR. C. D. JACKSON

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In addition a Council is reported to have been organized in Macon County, but has been virtually inactive since its organization. A Council is to be organized in Wilcox County and Mr. FRED HENDERSON is presently serving as temporary chairman. Inquiry was received by the Dallas County Council from one ALBERT ELMORE, Mobile, Alabama, who sought assistance in organizing a Council in Mobile. [redacted] noted, however, that it had appeared to the officers of the Dallas County group that ELMORE was a type of "radical" and not the type they desired to head a Council. It was added that ELMORE has a connection with a group known as THE SOUTHERNERS and has distributed literature entitled "Common Sense" which [redacted] considered violently anti-semitic and anti-Catholic.

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[redacted] continued that at the meeting held in Selma on June 22nd, representatives were present from Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia, but he was not aware of the identity of any individuals from Georgia, who were prohibited from passing out their literature. He noted that the National Citizens Protective Association of St. Louis was unknown to him and he did not know whether representatives were in attendance at Selma. He did recall that [redacted] Alabama, was at the meeting and had intended to distribute copies of "Common Sense" and similar literature, but was prevented from doing so by representatives of the CITIZENS COUNCILS. He noted that no plans have been laid for the next meeting, although a big rally is planned by the AMERICAN STATES RIGHTS ASSOCIATION, INC. in Birmingham in the near future featuring the same speakers who appeared in Selma.

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[redacted] reported that the Dallas County Citizens Council had endeavored to arrange a meeting with Negro leaders

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in Selma in line with the suggestion contained in "Black Monday", but had been rebuffed by the Negro leaders who declined to attend a joint meeting. [ ] advised that these leaders were the officers of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

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[ ] stated that one matter presently being considered by the officers of the Dallas County Council concerned an article appearing in the Selma Mirror, a Negro publication which he charged contained a grossly untrue article on the first page concerning the trial of a Negro, WILLIE FIKES, who is presently under sentence to death in Alabama. He noted that this is the type of propaganda which the COUNCILS hope to expose.

On July 7, 1955, Mr. TOM STRONG, President of the Strong Oil Company, advised that he was Executive Secretary of the Dallas County Citizens Council and through his personal acquaintanceship with TOM P. BRADY, he had been largely instrumental in having councils organized in Alabama. He advised there are five active councils at this time, the most recent being formed in Autauga County where C. D. JACKSON, a farmer, is chairman. He noted that a council had been formed in Macon County, but due to ineffective leadership, was more or less inactive. He advised that some interest had been indicated in Montgomery County for the formation of a council there.

With reference to the Selma meeting of June 22nd, he recalled that there had been a group from Georgia distributing a printed sheet entitled "Thumbs Down", but the distribution of this sheet had been stopped by council members and the supply of sheets had been seized. He recalled that [ ] of Atmore, Alabama, had been at the meeting and had attempted to take part in the meeting and to distribute literature, but had been prevented from doing so. He stated that [ ] was a most convincing conversationalist and had influenced a number of people in Selma to contribute funds for the further distribution of articles such as "Common Sense". [ ] added that a man whose name he cannot recall, but who he believes is President of the National Association for the Advancement of White People had wired from Columbus, Georgia, prior to the meeting and had requested permission to speak at the rally. He was advised that the program was complete.

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[ ] reported that the only item of serious concern to the Council at this time is the distribution of a newspaper by Negroes that contains an article bearing what he described as a grossly untrue perverted account of a Selma police case.

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He referred to a copy of the Selma Mirror, Volume 19, #6, dated June 25, 1955, which makes reference to a Negro, WILLIAM FIKES, and which reads in part as follows:

"Late in 1953 was noted for one of Selma's largest manhunts in the City's history. Someone had raped a white woman, and an armed posse of 200 white citizens went through the City searching for the rapist. It was reported that they broke into homes of negroes, overturned farmers' wagons of cotton in their angered quest for no particular man as long as he was Negro. At this time a dragnet was thrown around this City. William Earl Fikes of Marion (Alabama) was enroute to West Selma to make a social call on his fiancée. His automobile ran out of gasoline and he started walking toward a service station to purchase fuel for his vehicle. He took a short cut through a predominantly white neighborhood and was reported to be in the vicinity of a school. He was soon apprehended by several irate mobsters who held him at gunpoint and marched him to a service station until local law enforcers arrived".

The article continues by alleging that FIKES was denied counsel and his arrest had been illegal because no warrant was sworn. A plea is made for contributions and [redacted] Negro, was named Chairman of the New Fikes Fund Campaign.

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[redacted] commented with reference to the above, that during the early part of 1953, there had been a series of night time assaults on white women in Selma. He noted that the incidents took place in the spring of the year and there most certainly would be no "farmers' wagons of cotton" anywhere in the South at that time of the year. He noted that FIKES was said to be enroute to call upon his fiancée, although in fact, FIKES was married and had four children in Marion. Further, FIKES had been apprehended by [redacted] white citizens, who were enroute to their home when they observed FIKES in an alley. [redacted] continued that FIKES was given the services of two prominent white attorneys and subsequently retained two Negro attorneys from Birmingham. He had confessed in considerable detail to the assaults and was found guilty. He is presently under sentence of death, the sentence having been upheld by the Alabama Supreme Court on June 23, 1955.

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[redacted] observed that Council members resent the propaganda being distributed by the Selma Mirror and consider it



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[redacted] to be a NAACP influenced project to raise money. He noted that [redacted] is a Negro insurance agent prominent in NAACP activities in Selma, who is presently under indictment for embezzlement of funds obtained in some previous Negro campaign.

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[redacted] related that the Selma Mirror is believed to be published in Birmingham and to have a state-wide distribution. It appears that the name "Selma" may be inserted in those copies distributed in Selma and that the names of other towns would be inserted depending upon where it was being distributed. He advised that he had ascertained that one [redacted] 510 Philpot, Selma, has solicited ads for the paper and checks in payment of these ads are endorsed The Selma Mirror, 1100 Broad St., [redacted] Managing Editor.

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A copy of this report is being furnished the New Orleans, Memphis, Birmingham and Atlanta Offices because of the existence of closely allied activity in the territories covered by those offices.

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MOBILE DIVISION

AT SELMA, ALABAMA

Will continue to follow and report activity of the CITIZENS COUNCILS in Ala.

REFERENCE

Report of SA JOHN P. BRADY dated 5/18/55 at Mobile.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: 10/20/55

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (44-646)

SUBJECT: *MR* CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
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Rerep of SA JOHN P. BRADY, July 14, 1955,  
Mobile.

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau is literature printed by captioned organization, which is apparently being circulated throughout Mississippi. The enclosed material was mailed to Resident Agent [redacted] advised he has no idea how his name was placed on the mailing list of this organization.

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# THE CITIZENS' COUNCIL

AUGUST, 1955

ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF MISSISSIPPI

WINONA, MISS.

## ANNUAL REPORT

In July 1954, the first Citizens' Council was formed in Indianola by 14 men, who met and counselled together on the terrible crisis precipitated by the United States Supreme Court in its Black Monday decision of May 17, 1954. For the first time in American history, racial segregation, the way of life regulating the daily activities of tens of millions of American citizens, black and white, in a well known pattern of familiar and satisfactory conduct, had been decreed illegal.

Despite the long range dangers to our constitutional safeguards apparent to many men, North, South, East and West, in legislation by judicial fiat, the immediate and pressing danger to men and women in Mississippi and the rest of the South was the potential flood of negro invasion into our schools, parks, swimming pools, restaurants, hotels, trains, buses, into our very neighborhoods and homes, and into public office.

To thoughtful men, concerned for the safety and welfare of their families and children's children, the prospect opened up by this politically inspired decree appeared utterly unthinkable.

The best of prophets of the future is the past. History proves that the supreme power in the government of men has always been public opinion. Public sentiment is the law!

These 14 men, having no idea that such a small beginning would in a few months' time expand miraculously into a virile and potent organization, worked out the basic ideas underlying the Citizens' Councils method of operation.

The idea for the four committees was born: Membership and Finance, Legal Advisory, Political and Elections, Information and Education. Within the scope of these four fields of activity lies the real heart and muscle of the Citizens' Councils.

The idea of solid and unified backing of circuit clerks, sheriffs, and local and state officials in the proper discharge of their sworn duties was worked out.

The concept of assembling non-political community leadership into a unified body to provide the best thinking on the local level, dealing with local problems, became deeply rooted.

It was acknowledged that the impending threat was of such magnitude that our elected officials would be unable to deal with it without the unyielding and organized support of thousands of responsible white citizens to counter the steadily mounting pressure and unceasing attacks from left-wing groups, which were and are liberally financed, skilled in revolutionary techniques that are literally a closed book to most of our political leaders, and irrevocably dedicated to our destruction.

The word spread. Neighboring towns and counties heard of the plan, and began to organize. When some 20 counties had organized themselves, a State Association was formed to coordinate the separate efforts and to act as an information center.

Speakers were made available to carry the message to interested groups and to civic clubs all over Mississippi and

nearby sister states. A steady stream of printed information on the nature of the racial integration crisis was disseminated from the headquarters established at Winona.

The first major accomplishment and the first project undertaken by our Councils on a state level was the passage of the Constitutional Amendment to raise voter qualifications in Mississippi. Although this same amendment failed to pass in 1952, it passed by a tremendous majority when the people of Mississippi, through the Citizens' Councils, were informed of the necessity and reason for the passage of this amendment. It is impossible to estimate the value of this amendment to future peace and domestic tranquility in this state.

Our next major effort was the school amendment. On December 21st of last year the people of Mississippi passed the amendment that gave the Legislature the power to abolish public schools as a last resort in order to prevent racial integration in these schools. In passing this amendment we told the world in no uncertain terms that before we would submit to integration we would abolish our schools and set up state-supported private schools. Against organized opposition, the Citizens' Councils threw their strength behind the passage of this bill. The Council officers felt that if integration came to Mississippi our schools would automatically be destroyed, and we felt that this amendment was merely a legal statement of principle and fact that expressed the sentiment of the people of Mississippi.

During the first year of existence, the Citizens' Councils have shown an impressive statistical growth. Today, in less than a year's time, there are 253 Citizens' Councils in Mississippi, with a white male membership of over 60,000. We have Councils organized in each Congressional District in the State. In addition, we have a ladies' auxiliary and many lady members of various Councils.

The Citizens' Councils of Mississippi, backed by 60,000 members, has received national publicity, and your State Office is now corresponding regularly with interested Americans in forty-six states, Iceland, Alaska, South Africa and Mexico. This is evidence of the potential strength of this movement.

Your State Office has published many fine writings, pamphlets, documents and other literature which give concrete, convincing reasons for the absolute necessity of maintaining segregation in the Nation. We have mailed this literature into all forty-eight states and to every civic and patriotic organization in every county in Mississippi, as well as to interested individuals and public officials in every county in Mississippi and in every state in the Union. We are mobilizing public opinion so that it may express itself from every direction against every attempt at integration. We are attempting to present the case for segregation to the entire Nation, as well as to the South.

Members and officials of the State Association have traveled in nine Southern states telling them what we have accomplished in Mississippi and helping them to organize. We are exchanging ideas and methods to be used in the battle that lies ahead. Citizens' Councils have been formed

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in Louisiana, Texas, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina and Missouri have similar organizations. From everywhere comes encouragement and moral support for our righteous cause.

While certain Council members may feel that they have contributed very little as individuals, the fact that they have organized and have developed a voting membership has given your State Office the numbers necessary to prove that we mean business, and their dues have helped finance our state-wide movement.

Many of our local Councils have anticipated and prevented racial tensions from developing in their communities. We have proven to our negro citizens that the NAACP is a left-wing, power-mad organ of destruction that cares nothing for the negro. We have the support of the thinking conservative negro people who believe in segregation and who have pride in their race. We want to help them develop racial pride in a segregated society.

Representatives of the State Association have made hundreds of talks and speeches before Councils and groups of all sizes, kinds and descriptions, from the small crossroads school-house meeting attended by 25 God-fearing and determined farmers to massive rallies numbering in the thousands.

Press relations have been established with the newspapers, wire services, radio and TV stations in the state. Editorial support as well as adequate and fair news treatment has been noted. A surge in membership in many Councils in recent months has been attributed to favorable front page news treatment pursuant to the filing of demands by the NAACP upon the public schools in Vicksburg, Jackson, Natchez and Clarksdale.

Independent investigations have been conducted by Councils in some instances in connection with the filing of these demands, and the inroads of the NAACP upon local negro sentiment have been severely checked. School officials have been bolstered considerably by Council efforts in this direction, and by the creation of a strong moral tone of unified public resistance to the arrogant behavior of the NAACP.

An outstanding accomplishment of the Citizens' Council movement that has become increasingly acknowledged is the channelling of popular resistance to integration into lawful, coherent and proper modes, and the prevention of violence or racial tension.

~~The contrast between the right kind of organization and no organization has been particularly noted in some other states which have been slow to take forethought of the future of race relations within their boundaries.~~

### **We Must Strengthen and Build Our Organization for a Long, Hard Fight . . .**

It is the duty and responsibility of every Citizens' Council member to encourage his friends and relatives in other counties and states to organize so that they can do their part in this righteous cause. Organized aggression must be met with organized resistance. The NAACP, CIO and other left-wing groups are well organized and highly financed. There are 40 million white Southerners and only 250 thousand members of the NAACP in the entire Nation. Forty million white Southerners, or a fraction thereof if properly organized, can be a power in this Nation, but they must be thoroughly organized from the town and county level up. It must be an organization supported and controlled by the people and not by any politician or political party. The Citizens' Councils think and plan as a group and then they are able to act as individuals within their various churches, schools and any

other organization to which they may belong. This has already proven effective in the various church denominations in Mississippi. The issue is segregation and States' Rights. We can not argue and fight among ourselves over methods and personalities.

The Black Monday decision of the Supreme Court should unite the South more solidly than any other issue. Counties and towns that have not organized should take pride in organizing so that others will not have to bear their burden for them. A man should be just as proud to serve in this cause as he would be in military service for this country.

The fate of this Nation may rest in the hands of the Southern white people today. If we white Southerners submit to this unconstitutional judge-made law of nine political appointees, the malignant powers of mongrelization, communism and atheism will surely destroy this Nation from within. Racial intermarriage has already begun in the North and unless stopped will spread to the South.

~~Integration represents darkness, regimentation, totalitarianism, communism and destruction. Segregation represents the freedom to choose one's associates, Americanism, state sovereignty and the survival of the white race. These two ideologies are now engaged in mortal conflict and only one can survive. They cannot be fused any more than day can exist in night. The twilight of this great white nation would certainly follow. "Choose ye this day whom you will serve."~~

R. B. PATTERSON, Executive Secretary

## **FINANCE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

From the very beginning your State Office has been and is now operating on a day-to-day basis. How so much has been accomplished is a mystery to me. It speaks well for the patriotism and patience of our Executive Secretary.

Your directors request and urge that all Councils, beginning with January 1, 1956, put their membership on a calendar year basis; collect all dues in November and remit to the State Office **at least \$1.00** for each member of each Council. Some Councils, appreciating the great work being done at the state level—and most of the work is being done there—have passed resolutions to remit **\$2.00** per member. It is ~~hoped that other Councils will do likewise.~~

If we can get in these dues, all of them, not later than January 1, 1956, we will then know what we have to work with and can budget ourselves accordingly.

Frankly, we must get organized on a business-like basis. Our cause is too vital to have to be worried about whether we can pay salaries and expenses for next week or next month, as has been the case heretofore.

It is the world's tragedy that anyone starting a movement like ours has to battle all the way for funds, whereas anyone starting a left-wing movement advocating mongrelization can get all the financial aid and publicity required. Our fight is moving upstream, and although its progress is slow, this progress is, nevertheless, definite.

Each Council will be sent sufficient 1956 membership cards. These cards are in three parts, one for member, one for local Council, and one for the State Office, and they are numbered. This will be a much better record for all concerned and in addition, the State Office will have the actual name of every member in Mississippi.

ELLETT LAWRENCE, Finance Chairman

## PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

- Black Monday**—Judge Tom P. Brady's book.....\$1.00  
Pamphlets
- A Christian View on Segregation**—An address by Rev. G. T. Gillespie, D. D., President Emeritus of Belhaven College, Jackson, Mississippi, before the Synod of Mississippi of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S.—\$6.00 per hundred
- Conflicting Views on Segregation**—Reprints of a Series of letters between Dr. D. M. Nelson, President of Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi, and an unnamed alumnus—\$6.00 per hundred
- A Review of Black Monday**—An address by Judge Tom P. Brady of the Fourteenth Circuit Court District, made to the Indianola Citizens' Council.—\$5.00 per hundred
- The Citizens' Council**—Its aims, objectives, and plan of organization—\$3.00 per hundred

## TO ALL WHITE MEN AND WOMEN IN JACKSON

(From The Jackson Daily News, Jackson, Miss.)

On Monday the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the radical Negro organization dominated by Communist-front leaders, threw down the gage of battle at Vicksburg. The NAACP states it will file similar petitions demanding the ending of segregation in the public schools in Jackson, Clarksdale and Natchez by August 1st.

Thurgood Marshall, mulatto chief counsel for the NAACP, threatens to sue not only county by county, but school by school, to drive the entering wedge in every community of the land. The NAACP is dedicated to widening this wedge, which was handed them by a subversive Supreme Court, to include integration of the white and Negro races in every conceivable phase of daily life.

Based on the accomplishments of the NAACP to date, there is every reason to expect that an all-out attempt will be made. In concert with their well positioned allies in the CIO-PAC, ADA, Federation Council of Churches, Committee for an Effective Congress, The Advance (Republican ADA), the Ford, Rockefeller and Carnegie Foundations, and a host of others, we may expect that less resolute sections of the South will permit themselves the humiliation of de-segregation.

Many "liberals" to the contrary notwithstanding, there is nothing mysterious or "inevitable" about the campaign of the NAACP dating from 1909 to accomplish its socialistic aims by de-segregating us. We are simply seeing the results of skilled and ruthless exploitation by leftists of Negro blocoting in the key Northern states.

There is only one way to meet the attack of the NAACP. Organized aggression must be met by organized resistance.

If the declaration of war issued by the NAACP at Vicksburg means anything, it means that a mandate has been hurled at the white people of Mississippi to organize IMMEDIATELY.

In Jackson we are fortunate indeed. A group of public-spirited men who did not propose to sit supinely by and say to the NAACP, "Come on and integrate us," formed the Jackson Citizens' Council. In full knowledge of Jackson's position in the state, they made considerable sacrifice of time, effort and resources to give this Council its fine beginning, and to set an example of firmness and determination.

Men like Ellis W. Wright, C. H. (Dick) King, Marvin Hollum and dozens of other civic leaders provided a level-headed and impeccable leadership that any man or woman

should be proud to be identified with, particularly in such a cause.

The Daily News is not alone in urging that immediate organization be formed to wage the fight we are facing.

In a recent speech Senator James O. Eastland said:

"It is essential that a nation-wide organization be set up. It will be a people's organization, an organization not controlled by fawning politicians who cater to organized racial pressure groups. A people's organization to fight the Court, to fight the C.I.O., to fight the N.A.A.C.P., and to fight all the conscienceless pressure groups who are attempting our destruction. We will mobilize and organize public opinion. We will attempt to pledge candidates in advance as they attempt to pledge them.

"We are about to embark upon a great crusade, a crusade to restore Americanism, and return the control of our government to the people. In addition, our organization will carry on its banner the slogan of free enterprise and we will fight those organizations who attempt with much success to socialize industry, and the great medical profession of this country. This will give us recruits and add to our support in the North and West.

"Before God, I now make the people of Mississippi this solemn promise: I will carry it in the North as well as in the South. We have no other alternative: The choice is between victory and defeat. Defeat means death, the death of Southern culture and our aspirations as an Anglo-Saxon people. With strong leadership and the loyalty and fortitude of a great people, we will climb the heights. Generations of Southerners yet unborn will cherish our memory because they will realize that the fight we now wage, will have preserved for them their untainted racial heritage, their culture, and the institutions of the Anglo-Saxon race. We of the South have seen the tides rise before. We know what it is to fight. We will carry the fight to victory."

Clearly and unequivocally, Senator Eastland issues a clarion call for mobilization. It is a call that should not be unheeded. It should sink into the hearts of all Anglo-Saxon people in this community and elsewhere in the South.

The Jackson Citizens' Council has opened its membership drive on a systematic scale. It ought to have 10,000 members, men and women, in Jackson. There is every reason to expect that it will, unless the people of Jackson have forgotten how to recognize the evil face of personal tyranny, and what is more vital, unless they have forgotten how to fight it.

We call on every white man and woman in Jackson, here and now, to declare himself and take his stand. If you believe that segregation provides the only stable arrangement for mutual respect and right conduct between the races, then you owe it to yourself, to your friends and neighbors, and to your children and grandchildren, and to those yet unborn, to get in touch immediately with the Jackson Citizens' Council headquarters at the Walthall Hotel and JOIN NOW.

The clock is about to strike. It is already 11:30.

FREDERICK SULLENS

## LAND OF ONE RACE

"In Brazil, you will find blue eyes and black skin, flat skulls with triangular faces, hair plaited in pigtailed, white babies at the breasts of colored mothers, colored babies at the breasts of white mothers and colors running from ebony to eggshell via copper, olive, caramel, and banana.

"A mixture of this sort has made any attempt at racial

segregation out of the question in Brazil—because no one could possibly tell where white begins and black ends.

"Brazil has long since passed the rest of the world in its race relations. The so-called race problem simply does not exist in Brazil." —Washington Afro-American News.

Is this to be the fate of our beloved Nation, decreed by nine political appointees to impress the Asiatics and using as their authority the writings of Socialist and Communist tinged authors?

This amalgamation has already begun in the North, but it can be checked by an aroused public opinion to nullify this infamous BLACK MONDAY decree.

\$1.50 per 100 reprints of above.

## OUR OWN NEWSPAPER

For quite some time, your Directors have been studying ~~the feasibility of a newspaper for the Citizens' Councils. They~~ have long realized that a paper would be the very best medium possible for the dissemination of news for and about your Council.

However, starting a newspaper is a big undertaking. It costs a lot of money. In addition, it would necessitate the

employment of additional help since Mr. Patterson is already doing the work of some three or four men.

This newspaper would have still been in the "studying stage" had it not been that Mr. W. J. "Bill" Simmons, unpaid Administrator of the State Council and secretary of the Jackson Citizens' Council, offered at a meeting of the board of directors on Tuesday, August 25, 1955, to edit this paper without salary. Your directors fell all over themselves to accept this proposition.

Publication will begin in September (October at the latest). It is hoped that this paper can be put into the hands of every member of the Citizens' Councils in Mississippi—and also every white citizen of Mississippi—and will grow into the official organ of all the Citizens' Councils in the nation.

Naturally, this paper cannot be published except on a subscription basis, and it would seem that the best way to handle this subscription would be to have each Council contact their members and send the subscriptions in a lump. The subscription price has been set at \$2.00 per year, the lowest figure possible since no advertising will be accepted.

If preferred, you can send your subscription direct to Mr. W. J. Simmons, Administrator, Room 203, Walthall Hotel, Jackson, Mississippi.

ASSOCIATION OF  
CITIZENS' COUNCILS  
WINONA, MISS.



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Jackson, Miss.

## To All Citizens' Council Members

### IN MISSISSIPPI

"The Citizens' Council" is your newspaper, and your State Directors in authorizing its publication, did so with the feeling that the great majority of our members want such a paper and will subscribe to it.

As an introduction, every effort is being made to place a free copy of this issue in the hands of each member.

The best way for Council members to handle their subscriptions is for the local Council to vote to subscribe for the entire membership. Many Councils have already done this. When this is done, the secretary should forward to the Jackson office in the Walthall Hotel the membership list with proper addresses and remittance at \$2.00 per member.

Subsequent issues will be mailed direct to each member.

### TO OTHER STATES

To all Citizens' Council members in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Alabama, and South Carolina; to members of: Tennessee Society For The Maintenance of Segregation; Tennessee Federation For Constitutional Government; American State Rights League;

## Mississippi Citizens' Councils Are Protecting Both Races

**EDITOR'S NOTE**—The following is the first in a series of three articles, which were carried on the front pages of the Charleston, S. C., News and Courier, and are the only articles appearing to date by a writer who has studied the Citizens' Council movement sufficiently to speak with authority.

By Thomas R. Waring

*Editor of The News and Courier*  
JACKSON —Citizens' Councils, 60,000 strong and growing fast, are mobilizing Mississippi to guard both whites and Negroes.

Their aim is to preserve separation of the races against assaults from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in alliance with the federal government. At the same time, they are dedicated to protect the rank and file of Negroes from the wrath of ruffian white people who may resort to violence.

"Economic pressure," a method of combating Negro pressure from the North, is not organized by the Councils. Individuals who belong to councils may have persuaded Negroes to remove their names from school integration petitions by various means short of violence. These means could include firing employes, or refusing to renew leases for sharecroppers who have followed the NAACP line.

If such tactics have been used—and there seems little doubt

ple of the state. The council policy is to screen members carefully for character and dependability, as well as for their determination to keep the races separate.

At the last count, 263 councils had been organized throughout the state. They start at the grass roots level as a sort of town meeting. Neighbors get together and form a council. Its leaders make up a county organization. The counties then are grouped by congressional districts. Each district elects members of a state association.

The association has set up an office here to help the movement spread. It publishes pamphlets and soon will start a monthly newspaper. There is no state chairman. Nominal leadership rotates among the directors. Robert B. Patterson of Winona is executive secretary and W. J. Simmons of Jackson is administrator.

Expenses so far have been held to a minimum because most of the work has been voluntary. The local councils are autonomous. They expect only advice from the state association. The association urges, however, that annual dues of members be set at \$5 of which \$2 is sent to support state headquarters.

## Probe By Assembly Of NAACP At State College Proposed

*News And Courier*

ORANGEBURG, S. C. (Special)—An investigation of activities of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People among the faculty and students of State College by the South Carolina General Assembly was asked here last night.

Meanwhile, the Rev. Matthew D. McCollum, president of Orangeburg NAACP chapter, was quoted by a Negro newspaper as saying all NAACP and allied records of the chapter have been destroyed.

Rep. Jerry M. Hughes, in calling for the investigation, said:

"Such an investigation would determine who are members and sympathizers of the NAACP among the faculty and student body, the extent of such member participation in such activities and whether or not its members are misleading the Negro citizens and misrepresenting the aims and objectives of the NAACP to the Negro people."

He added that the investigation, which he will seek in the next term, would determine whether or not the activities of members of

ed about the article, said he would not deny making the statements to representatives of the Negro newspaper. "I have no comment to make," he stated.

Sheriff George L. Reed said Rev. McCollum has not reported any death threats to his office. "We haven't heard a thing from him," Sheriff Reed said.

Another article appearing in the same issue of Afro-American reported that Negroes were boycotting stores "suspected of supporting the Citizens' Council's economic pressure campaign against persons who signed an integration petition."

The article bylined John H. McCray, said 23 Orangeburg merchants were named on a "Do Not Patronize" list of NAACP leaders.

McCray reported that the store believed heaviest hit by the "boycott" is an exclusive women's apparel store "for many years patronized by women who teach at S. C. State and Claflin Colleges and the public school in and around Orangeburg."

McCray also wrote, "campaigns among school children have been organized and these are expected

We want you to feel that "The Citizens' Council" is your newspaper just as much as it is for Mississippians. It could just as easily have originated in South Carolina or another state. There is no pride of origin or pride of publication.

"The Citizens' Council" is simply designed to serve a useful purpose, to provide a means of exchanging authoritative information among the responsible movements throughout the South, and to present, at least in a small way, something of the Southern viewpoint to our friends, and to some not so friendly, in the North and West.

There are already established official correspondents for our paper with some of your organizations, and we trust that by the time our next issue goes to press the roster will be complete.

Every effort is being made to place a free copy of this issue in the hands of each member of your groups.

The subscription method being followed by many of the Mississippi Councils is also suggested for your states.

#### TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

"The Citizens' Council" is being offered, of course, to the public at large. It is by no means limited to circulation among members. All members are being encouraged to spread the circulation as much as possible outside the Councils in the hope that a better understanding of the aims and purposes of the Council movement will result, and that a great deal of misinformation, intentional or unintentional, will be corrected.

A much larger hope is that a wider understanding of the deadly attack upon our society will result, and that the Council movement will gain added momentum among patriotic Americans.

The councils have served to channel public feeling away from violence and toward an orderly handling of race relations in a state where whites and Negroes are evenly divided.

Especially do they deny NAACP charges that the councils have created an atmosphere that incites murder and lynching. In fact, they cite instances in which they have prevented bloodshed.

This article is the first of three articles prepared after an on-the-spot inspection of Citizens' Councils in Mississippi by the editor of The News and Courier. It tells how the councils are set up and how they operate.

A quick check of citizens here, without attempt at completeness, indicates a generally favorable public opinion. Even though the "man in the street" may be hazy about the council methods, he approves of resisting attempts to mingle white and Negro people in public schools and elsewhere.

Opposition to the councils appears to be centered among some members of the clergy, who have accepted the idea of race equality as a Christian principle, and others whose interest in the public schools is so intense they regard public education as more important than racial separation. Some opponents still are relying on legal action in the courts for amicable settlement of the problem.

Everybody questioned, however, agreed on one thing: The leadership of the Jackson Citizens' Council, with 1,100 members, represents the best citizens in this capital city of 116,000 population. Not even the clergyman, who called the movement a "tragedy," had a word to say against the caliber of the officers and directors of the Jackson unit.

Spokesmen for the council say that for the most part, councils throughout Mississippi are equally representative of the best people

studying its operations and conferring with its leaders, this observer from South Carolina believes the councils are both sound and decent, and loaded with power for good. More details will be told in articles to follow this one.

### CARTER'S "MIDDLEGROUND"

By John Temple Graves

"Alone, alone—all, all alone,  
Alone on a wide, wide sea."

My nationally distinguished friend Hodding Carter hinted to Duke University's commencement audience how "lonely and beset" his "middle ground" makes him and what penalties his "combative journalism" imposes on him.

Hodding should be of good cheer—and count his blessing!

The fine art of not following things through on the desegregation situation, which he calls the "middle ground," has worked well for him, North and South. As for his "combative journalism" the penalties are small in comparison with the rewards reaped.

He has no inkling of what the real Taboo can be.

If his Mississippi legislature got mad at him and enabled him to tell it to "go to hell" before his national audience, the legislators had good cause.

Instead of using his national audience to tell the nation how tragic a situation has been forced on the South by the desegregation decision—and he admits it is tragic—he confines himself to criticizing measures being taken to relieve the situation, at the same time giving a lip service to segregated schools. A "middle ground" like his is enough to make any troubled legislature mad.

A man so able to eat his cake and have it too isn't very "beset", it seems to me.

A man who manages to get applause in most of the North and half of the South is a glutton for company if he still feels "lonely."

members and after several efforts were made by unnamed residents (in Orangeburg) to obtain the list."

The article also stated that Rev. McCollum claimed he had received numerous threats against his life but "had fortified his home against invasion by packers of the white Citizens' Council local chapter, furiously waging a death war with the NAACP in Orangeburg."

Rev. McCollum, when question-

local firms exerting economic pressures, unless it has no alternatives."

W. T. C. Bates, president of the Orangeburg Citizens' Council, said last night that any boycott planned by the NAACP is "a sure way for us to get the names of NAACP members and supporters of this un-American group. Boycott or no boycott, Orangeburg schools will continue to operate on a segregated but equal basis."

## Senator Olin D. Johnston Backs Citizens' Councils

### MEMBERSHIP NOT PROHIBITED BY HATCH ACT

ORANGEBURG S. C.—Henry D. Richardson, Orangeburg post office clerk, has made public a letter from the office of Sen. Olin D. Johnston saying the senator was heartily in favor of Citizens' Councils as a method of fighting the integration of schools.

Mr. Richardson had written Sen. Johnston to ask if his membership in a Citizens' Council was a violation of the Hatch Act or rules of the Civil Service Commission.

Mr. Richardson received his answer from H. W. Bawley, executive director at Sen. Johnston's office. It said in part:

"I have been advised by the Civil Service Commission that your joining this organization will not violate the Hatch Act or any other act in regard to Civil Service Employees' outside affiliations.

"In talking with Senator Johnston before he left the city, he stated emphatically that, had the Commission ruled that it would be a violation of the Hatch Act or Civil Service regulation he would have immediately taken steps to remove such legislation from the

laws of the country. He also expressed his absolute agreement with the principles of the various Citizens' Councils that are being organized throughout South Carolina."

### ECONOMIC PRESSURE

An organization calling itself "Help Negro Entertainers Get Employment" has started a post card campaign demanding that TV networks hire more negro entertainers (as if there were not already too many) on sponsored shows. All negroes are asked to boycott television-advertised products unless the sponsors use negro performers. The first flood of postcards was aimed at the Jackie Gleason show, which the outfit charged, never uses negroes. The cards asked that readers refuse to buy Nestle Company products as Gleason is sponsored by Nestles.

The NAACP has advanced one of its former officials into an executive job on the President's staff at the White House. The Negro's name is Everet Frederic Morrow and his selection was made by Sherman Adams.





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**Mississippi Councils  
Complete Organization  
By Congressional  
Districts**

During September, in a series of meetings by Congressional Districts held at Indianola, Starkville, Winona, Canton and Port Gibson, pursuant to a recommendation of the State Executive Committee, the organization of Councils by counties and districts was com-

Lowndes Walter Swoope, Colum-  
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DISTRICT**  
Executive Committee  
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man

**Best Defense Is Good Offense,  
Lake City Citizens' Council Told**

By Eldridge Thompson  
News and Courier Roving  
Reporter  
LAKE CITY, S. C. "The best de-  
fense is often a good offense,"  
Hugh G. Grant of Augusta, Ga.  
said at a meeting of the Lake  
City Citizens' Council.

"A vigorous counter-attack  
should be started immediately in  
South Carolina and in every other  
state in which the National As-  
sociation for the Advancement of  
Colored People is attempting to  
force racial integration," he said.

Addressing about 400 people,  
Mr. Grant, former U. S. minister  
to Albania and Thailand, said "the  
sovereign rights of our people are  
in great danger. The integrity of  
both white and Negro races is  
jeopardized since the ultimate  
goal of the NAACP is complete in-  
tegration."

Mr. Grant said the white citi-  
zens of this state should organize  
in every community and county.  
Every white citizen should be as-  
ked to "stand up and be counted  
on this issue," he said. "There is  
no middle ground. You are either  
for or against segregation."

Mr. Grant said delaying tactics  
are not sufficient. "This battle to  
preserve the segregation pattern  
must be fought on a national level  
as well as within the state.

"This can be accomplished only  
through widespread grassroots or-  
ganization," Mr. Grant said. "The  
voices of millions of white citi-  
zens must reach the floors of  
Congress."

The Georgia Citizens' Council  
leader urged the group here to  
insist by contact with their sena-  
tors and representatives to sup-  
port the resolution introduced by  
Sen. Eastland of Mississippi call-  
ing for an investigation of mem-

I dislike people who are of the  
school of waiting and hoping. We  
must openly and vigorously  
launch our offensive against those  
who would destroy our way of  
life."

**The Myth Of  
'World Opinion'**

News and Courier  
Citizens of the Southern region  
of the United States, mocked and  
abused for political reasons by  
their own countrymen, can sym-  
pathize with the race problems of  
South African white men. The  
proportion of blacks in that coun-  
try is much greater than in the  
Southern states of this republic.  
Measured in terms of population,  
its problems are greater than  
ours.

The South African Observer,  
published at Cape Town, has this  
to say about the picture of South  
Africa being given to the outside  
world.

"In our era of the conditioned  
proletariat, those who own and  
control the press throughout the  
world are able to guide and mis-  
guide at will. This is particularly  
evident in the treatment of fore-  
ign news. Every journalistic  
trick is used to arouse feeling  
against any country marked out as  
the enemy.

"United Nations, Unesco, the  
empires of Wall Street and Mos-  
cow and their dupes, viz. inter-  
nationalists, liberals, liberal-  
democrats and leftists generally,  
have marked out South Africa as  
an enemy because it is a bastion  
of white conservatism; because it

**Reunion of Redhead  
With Tan Hubby, via  
Kisses in Union Station  
Is Shocking**

From The Pittsburgh Courier  
(Negro Newspaper)

Already shy of 50,000 male  
marital prospects, the Capital's  
supply of eligible men for tan  
girls was further decimated, be-  
ginning in the late "forties" with  
a sudden resumption of plural in-  
ter-racial marriages.

On the very night that one of  
the biggest administrative bigots  
of the city was shouting defiance  
at the "rising tide of jungle-  
breeds" in D. C., his very own  
daughter, then 24, was registered  
on an all-night uptown hotel in-  
terlude with a famous jazz musi-  
cian of a famous orchestra.

While the president of a Dixie-  
focused civic association was  
screaming at the U. S. Supreme  
Court, while it weighed the re-  
strictive covenant codes, or ex-  
claimed, in loud tones: "... they  
shall not squat here," four Negro  
women and fifteen Negro men had  
filed for interracial marriage li-  
censes in the municipal court  
house (civil side) on E Street,  
N. W.

On a sunny October afternoon,  
in 1953, at the huge Washington  
terminal, a dazzling, dashing Nor-  
dic redhead . . . about five feet,  
nine inches tall . . . weighing  
about 130 pounds, wearing a  
black, silken dress that held on  
tightly, going 'round the curves,  
matched with shoes and gloves  
. . . attracted the attention of the  
usual thousands found therein.

Eyes, trained on her, blinked  
with mounting interest.

Impetuously, she suddenly lunged  
into the arms of a chocolate

State Executive Committee to include the many new counties which have organized during recent months and to take preliminary steps toward setting up district lines of responsibility. It is felt that this will materially strengthen and make more efficient various administrative procedures.

There was remarkable enthusiasm and determination shown at every district meeting, as indicated by the fact that every single organized county in Mississippi was represented by local chairmen or alternates.

The meetings were conducted by Robert B. Patterson, Executive Secretary, and all followed a similar agenda as listed below:

1. Explanation of District Organization in each Congressional District.
2. Designation of County Chairman or Director from each county.
3. Election of State Executive Committeemen. (2 or 3 depending upon number of counties organized in each District.)
4. Election of District Chairman.
5. Reregistration of all county voters.
6. The absentee ballot.
7. Discussion of the District Legal Advisory Committee and District Information and Education Committee.
8. Membership.
9. The Citizens' Council Newspaper.

#### FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

##### Executive Committee

John B. Cunningham, Brooksville—planter and merchant  
Will E. Ward, Starkville—attorney

##### District Chairman

Eugene J. Hardy, Columbus—planter

##### County Chairmen

Attala H. E. Jenkins, Sallis—school superintendent

Tate John M. Calicut, Coldwater—planter, mayor  
Tallahatchie Harvey Pennington, planter, state senator  
Carroll Bernard Sanders, Vaiden—planter, hardware store  
Yalobusha S. A. Swearingen, Oakland—planter  
Montgomery M. L. Branch, Winaona—planter  
Grenada C. C. Carpenter, Grenada—planter

#### THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

##### Executive Committee

Wilburn Hood, Lexington—merchant, planter, insurance, state representative  
Fred Jones, Inverness—planter, board of supervisors, ex-senator  
Pete F. Williams, Sr., Clarksdale—wholesale grocer

##### District Chairman

Edd Britt, Indianola—planter, cotton ginner  
County Chairman  
Leflore W. S. Curry, Itta Bena—lumber company  
Tunica John Dulaney, Jr., Tunica—attorney  
Coahoma Eddie Peacock, Clarksdale—banker  
Bolivar Guy Simpson, Shaw—lumber company  
Washington Martin Heard, Lealand—real estate, insurance  
Sunflower C. K. Holland, Sunflower—planter  
Holmes William Moses, Lexington—auto dealer  
Humphreys Gladstone Mortimer, Belzoni—auto dealer  
Quitman Just organized

#### FOURTH AND SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

##### Executive Committee

Fred A. Anderson, Jr., Gloster—attorney, lumberman  
Judge Tom P. Brady, Brookhaven—circuit judge  
Ellis W. Wright, Jackson—funeral director  
District Chairman  
Edgar A. McCla, Port Gibson—REA manager

to manage their own affairs without federal interference, then I favor the formation of an independent party before the 1956 election," Mr. Grant declared.

The Augusta man said that ministers, regardless of their church affiliation, should support the South's moves to retain segregation. "Any preacher, Baptist, Methodist or what have you, who favors integration should be asked by his congregation to move on to other parts," Mr. Grant said.

He told the Lake City audiences that the Ku Klux Klan is not the answer to the segregation fight. "I detest violence of any kind but

#### County Chairmen

Hinds Ray Cannada, Edwards—planter  
Yazoo Nick Roberts, Yazoo City—merchant  
Claiborne Lewis N. Ellis, Port Gibson—store manager  
Jefferson W. M. Drake, Church Hill—cotton merchant  
Adams George Gullede, Natchez—dept. supt., Armstrong Tire & Rubber Co.  
Franklin Robert B. Haltom, Roxie—lumberman  
Amite Charlie Barron, Smithdale—merchant  
Lincoln Hugh Mitchell, Brookhaven—manager Creosote plant  
Walthall Edd Duncan, Tyertown—county superintendent of education  
Jeff Davis Dewey Meyers, Prentiss—cold storage, oil, packing house

#### FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

##### Executive Committee

J. O. Hollis, Carthage—attorney  
Marion Simpson, Canton—sheriff  
District Chairman  
Jack Armstrong, Jr., Forkville  
County Chairmen  
Madison G. B. Herring, Canton—attorney

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opinion". A captive and controlled press—with its fellow vehicles of propaganda, the radio and the cinema—has succeeded in endowing this meaningless term with a mystic quality and made a fetish . . . "World opinion today is not the opinion of the peoples of the world. It is a highly unreal myth manufactured and purveyed by the press, the radio, television and the news agencies. It is Moscow's and Wall Street's instrument for liberalizing conservatism, reddening liberalism and communizing labour.

"World opinion welcomes the destruction of white nations, supports the national struggles of black and brown men. It hails the end of segregation of black and white—a segregation that men by their very nature seek and prefer. It sees nothing wrong with British women being sired by blacks. Englishmen becoming colored.

"If South Africa were to submit to world opinion, even as enunciated by Adlai Stevenson, whose intellectual equipment and moral character are so much revered by The Cape Times, it is easy to guess where it would lead us. Mr. Stevenson is the representative of the USA's Democrats—a political hotchpotch of assorted bedfellows, most of whom hate most of the others. Just examine something of that party's record—a party very largely dominated and directed by persons of Eastern European origins:

"It recognized (1933), courted, made deals with Russia and Stalin, saving the crumbling Communist economy at that time.

"It is the party primarily responsible for establishing the communist grip on the world today.

"It is the party that handed treasury printing blocks to Russia and planned to establish an

hesitating crowd that bordered on confusion, as the duo, arm in arm and apparently very happy in reunion, boarded a taxicab on the Massachusetts Avenue elevation of the terminal and sped away.

atom bomb factory in Russia after the war.

"It is the party that employed, encouraged and protected Communist personnel in high places in the U. S. Government, Treasury, Uno, Unesco and every international agency.

"It was responsible for Yalta and Teheran.

"It left Russia astride Europe and Asia after the war and gave her Manchuria. It disarmed Chiang Kai-Shek and virtually handed over China to the Communists.

"It plotted the destruction of the British Commonwealth, and under the cloak of 'anti-colonialism,' built up a dollar empire.

"It was responsible for Hiroshima . . . Nagasaki . . . Dresden.

"It was responsible for the Korean debacle.

"It packed the courts to put through its New Deal policy.

"It flooded the Northern cities with Negroes for their votes, and is primarily responsible for enforced integration of white and black in the USA today."

"World opinion" as described by The South African Observer is opposed to the Southern states of North America—at least, as that opinion is reflected by the metropolitan press. Today the white people of South Africa and the white people of the Southern states are the targets of many critics. Those critics do not live with the same race problems that exist in the two regions. The pressures against the Southerners of Africa and North America seem to take on some of the same vicious character that the critics themselves deplore.



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**CILLS**  
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 Hillsboro—  
 ndent  
 iderson, Carthage  
 il dealer  
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 hia—circuit clerk  
 T. R. Irby, Goshen  
 gs—planter

**LIST OF OFFICERS FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

- 1. The Executive Committee (3 men):** This Committee is a part of the State Executive Committee that directs the State Association and sets its policies. In addition these committeemen maintain a constant liason with the district chairman and with all county chairman in their district. They attend the regular monthly meeting of the State Executive Committee and assist the County Chairman in the solution of any problems that apply to his district.
- 2. The District Chairman:** This officer maintains constant liaison with all County Chairmen within his District. He maintains a list of all local Chairmen and officers within his District. He assists County Chairmen in solving County problems when called upon. He calls meetings of all County Chairmen within his District when necessary. He seeks cooperation from the County Chairmen in providing speakers for Council meetings in his District and in completing its organization.
- 3. The County Chairman:** This officer maintains contact with all local chairmen within his county and with the District Chairman. He should be able to contact any neighboring County Chairman when necessary. He should be able to contact the District Executive Committee at any time for advice or to make recommenda-

**Jackson Council Pledges Support of LEAC Program**

The board of directors of the Jackson Citizens' Council strongly commended Governor Hugh L. White and the Legal Education Advisory Committee for positive action taken in approving six legislative proposals.

The Council's sentiments were expressed in a letter to the Governor as follows:  
 Honorable Hugh L. White, Chairman  
 Legal Education Advisory Committee  
 Jackson, Mississippi  
 Dear Governor White:

The Board of Directors of the Jackson Citizens' Council wish to express to you and to the members of the Legal Education Advisory Committee their warm commendation for the action taken this week by the committee in approving the six legislative proposals listed hereunder.

- 1) Prohibition of common-law marriages by statute.
- (2) Repeal of compulsory school attendance law.
- (3) Provide penalties for champerty, unauthorized practice of law and "agitation court suits" to end segregation.
- (4) Provide penalties for persons interfering with state law under color of federal authority.
- (5) Provide penalties for abusive and obscene telephone calls and define and provide penalties for criminal libel.
- (6) Creation of a state authority for maintenance of segregation.

We particularly approve and support the exist-

**Mississippi Notebook**

BY TOM ETHRIDGE  
 (Feature Columnist Clarion-Ledger)

**NAACP Witch Doctors**

The NAACP and their associates, seeking to exploit the unfortunate Till affair, have dug deeply into their bag of tricks. In a sense, they have reverted to ancient tribal instincts. They have unsuccessfully tried to replace American concepts of justice with those of the African Congo in centuries past.

Since the horrifying details of the Till crime first came to light, the NAACP has harped on a curiously un-American theory. They have argued that the guilt and responsibility rests not merely with Emmett Till's killers but with the entire state of Mississippi as well. Their hysterical outbursts blame our entire clergy, press and citizenry.

**In African Jungles Long Ago,** cunning witch doctors preached a similar doctrine. The Congo witch doctor was happiest when inciting his emotional followers to anger. Trouble was his business and he thrived on it. He loved the limelight and lost no opportunity to strut, talk big and throw his weight around.

When a fellow tribesman was slain by rivals, the witch doctor immediately sprang into action. He ordered the victim's mangled body displayed for all to see. As infuriated tribesmen filed by, the dead one's family sobbed and moaned. Meanwhile the witch doctor screamed, raved and ranted. In the language of Churchill—this was his finest hour.

could please the NAACP more. They have torn their shirts trying to bring about such intervention.

**Federal Troops and Martial Law** would have another black eye for Mississippi and a big feather in the NAACP cap. Such a situation might have given that organization the "foot in the door" it has so desperately wanted. Federal intervention might have made it easier to overthrow established customs in a state that is a formidable stumbling block to the unrelenting NAACP drive for integration.

While our leaders were urging sanity and justice in the brutal Till affair, NAACP leaders seemed to be doing just the opposite. Their inflammatory statements only added fuel to flames which could have gotten out of hand had our people of both races been less sensible.

**Two Wrongs Never Make A Right.** The overwhelming majority of all races and creeds in America recognize this fact. That is why law-biding people have refused to be stampeded into rash actions by headline-hungry hate mongers and latter-day witch doctors.

That is why the State of Mississippi has moved swiftly to insure justice. That is why the U. S. Government has refused to interfere, as agitators hotly demand. That is why not one single act of violence between white and colored citizens has resulted from the tragic Till case.

And last but not least, that is why the American concept of justice and fair play will never hold innocent persons responsible for

**Texans Will Fight To Preserve Segregation**

*The Southern Conservative*

There's a rainbow of hope in the dark "integration" sky in Texas.

The courageous spirit of Texas manhood which had been somewhat dulled by more than twenty years of imported propoganda, brought into this country by way of Washington, is re-asserting itself and definite steps are being taken to counter the worst blow directed against the South since the Civil War.

Following the Supreme Court's ruling which applied only to certain Negro children in Virginia, South Carolina, Delaware, Kansas and the District of Columbia, the NAACP, composed partly of Negroes but mostly of rich white trash, saw a chance to put a fast one over. They gave the South the rush act, with their attorneys and representatives spilling out into each State and insisting that de-segregation was now the law of the land. They were about to get by with it when the people of Texas, as well as its officials waked up and went into action.

As a result of this awakening, Citizens Councils have sprung up in many sections of the State composed largely of parents whose children would be affected by integration and who have joined these organizations in order to do everything within legal limits to prevent this tragedy from being visited on the schools, now and in the future.

A majority of school boards throughout the State have taken the position that segregation will continue in the 1955 school term.

to serve on the District Information and Education Committee. It is suggested that these selections include Educators, Doctors, Ministers, Newspapermen or others who have training in research and dissemination of information. These men should be devoted to our cause and should have the time to give to thought and action on this committee.

The purpose of this Committee is to devise means of nullifying the tremendous propaganda assault being waged against the minds of our young people and our citizens. It is hoped that the good influence of this committee will be felt in our schools, our churches, our homes, our radio programs, our newspapers, our State Legislature and eventually in our moving pictures, our Federal Government and in every other media possible.

This Committee should meet from time to time as necessary and make recommendations to the County Chairmen or the State Executive Committee.

#### THE DISTRICT LEGAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Each County Chairman with the recommendation of his Board of Directors is asked to submit the name of one man from his county to serve on the District Legal Advisory Committee. This selection should be a prominent lawyer and preferably the Chairman of your County Legal Advisory Committee.

The purpose of this Committee is to devise legal means for preventing integration. Many legal problems that will arise in the future can be anticipated and solved by this committee. This Committee will be expected to furnish legal advice to counties within their District, and to the State Association. Various legal information and advice pertinent to our great problem will be submitted to this committee from time to time for their information.

national Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The action of the Legal Education Advisory Committee is in the finest tradition of constitutional American government, backed by ample historical precedent. Many of us have long realized that the most logical and in fact the only, course of action designed to meet head on the continuing crisis forced upon us by the creeping socialisms and racemixers is one based upon a positive assertion of our State's Rights.

The clearest and most immediate danger arising from the assault upon the South is of course that of racial integration. Your actions are calculated to meet that threat with a sharp counter-attack. But we trust that the deep significance of your historic legislative proposals, insofar as they suggest a pattern of future action in dealing with the entire question of unconstitutional seizure of powers by enemies of the American Republic acting within departments of the federal government, will not be lost upon our people.

A giant stride has been made on our side of the struggle, and we are heartened by this evidence of courageous and intelligent leadership. We offer the full and active support of our Council in implementing your program.

#### REVERSE PETITION

In Santee, S. C., fourteen of the 21 negroes who signed an NAACP anti-segregation petition which was presented to the school trustees, later put their signatures on a counter petition FOR SEGREGATION circulated by the Citizens' Council. The NAACP did not understand what the NAACP petition meant and that they were confused by a high pressure agitator brought in by the NAACP.

man and child must pay. All are bad and all are guilty!" That was years ago, in darkest Africa. Yet our nation has just heard almost identical utterances in the violent statements from NAACP's headquarters in New York City. True these outbursts did not urge bloodshed, but the leaders must have been aware that it might easily result from this angry outburst.

**The Nation Was Shocked At The Fury of a senseless Mississippi crime. It was further shocked by the carefully-staged Congo circus at a Chicago funeral home, where the youngster's last rites were used as an occasion to collect funds for promoting further racial strife and perhaps to fatten the wallets of agitators.**

For a brief time it appeared as if the witch doctors and their associates might be entirely successful in employing jungle techniques to incite mass hatreds, and perhaps violence. They had all the cards necessary, but failed, possibly because they do not really understand their people. Like other Americans the great majority of Negroes apparently want no part of Congo concepts.

Thousands of Respectable Negroes who viewed Till's remains were understandably disturbed and indignant. Yet to their eternal credit they kept their heads and refrained from rash actions which would only have complicated an already deplorable situation. If the ill-considered Chicago demonstration was intended to touch off more violence, it failed in its purpose.

Analyzing possible motives, it is conceivable that the funeral frenzy was deliberately contrived to further aggravate the situation in Mississippi. Had federal intervention been necessary to preserve order here, nothing on earth

forever rides in vain. Hodding Carter is plump—and rides with profit and applause. But his heroic begin to look a bit foolish—even in North.

In a fascinating second piece about himself (as the South) in the current Look Magazine he tells how lonely and ganged-up-on he is—and at the same time how his Southern mail runs three to two in his favor and his national 10 to one, and how sociable people are with him at home.

He speaks of "venomous attacks on (his) freedom of the press" even as he prints proudly his front page editorial freely telling the Mississippi Legislature to go to hell for denouncing him (advising his Look audience as freely meanwhile that "a Mississippi legislative majority is mentally and morally incapable of insulting anybody.")

But it is when he writes of himself as "this battered Episcopalian" that he just about breaks your heart—or something.

Mr. Carter was turkey-hunting with four friends in his private boat with a private cook when the cruel words of the Mississippi Legislature were rayed to him. A simple man at simple play—cut down in his prime by a horrid, sweaty legislative majority merely because he chose to tell tales up North rather than help down South.

I continue to believe Mr. Carter a gentleman who honestly doesn't think things through and is sincerely unaware of his convenient and highly profitable inconsistencies. But I suspect that a time has come when he must stop and think.

And, also, do something about his ego.

The founders of the American government sought to curb the depravities of human nature by limiting the powers of those who governed.

fen the spines of Texans who expect to exhaust every legal source in preserving segregation and prevent, if possible, hot-headed and illegal organizations from taking the matter into their own hands.

The turning of the tide from abject surrender to active resistance is believed to have been inspired largely by the insolent and overbearing attitude of the brown boys in this National Association for the Agitation of Colored People who got drunk on what they thought was power of their race over white people's institutions and who acted accordingly.

The people of Texas, like those of the Deep South, have always been extremely fond of good Negroes and have been their best, and only, friends among the people of the forty-eight States of the American Union.

But in the final analysis and when the chips are down, they just don't go much for arrogant Mulattoes who come barging into the State from out of the East making threats, giving out insulting interviews through the press and issuing orders to school boards, before rolling away in long black Cadillacs.

This big-shot behavior backfired with a bang that reverberated throughout the State and provided a needed shot-in-the-arm to apathetic Texans and served as a warning of what the future might hold unless the citizens went into action and asserted their Constitutional rights. They are doing that now.

While the matter is far from settled, it is now clear that Texas, along with other States in the South, will exhaust every legal resource available in resisting the attempt of a Marxist-conscious Supreme Court to bring about mongrelization of the white race by judicial ruling.



# Conflicting Views On Segregation

Dr. D. M. Nelson, President  
Mississippi College  
Clinton, Mississippi  
Dear Sir:

You have met me only once, last May, at chapel services at Mississippi College. I accompanied my pastor, and one or two others from our church. I was introduced to you in your office prior to the chapel service. It was I who accompanied at the organ.

Today I received a package of materials from the Citizens Council of Mississippi. I was greatly surprised to find that the President of Mississippi College had written an article that was either with or without his permission included in this package.

I now speak only my own convictions, but convictions that I believe are held by a rapidly growing multitude of Southern Baptists. I was born in Arkansas and reared in the south. While a student at college I was associated with many students who I am sure would disagree with your views on the race question. Then later, while I was a student at the Seminary, our professor, taught a course in race relations; I am convinced that he would not agree with your views on the race question.

I am enclosing in this letter some pamphlets published by the Christian Life Commission of our Southern Baptist Convention. I am inclined to believe, and sincerely hope that these come nearer representing the convictions of our denomination than does your pamphlet included in the Citizens Council material.

Without question, you are far

August 31, 1955

Mr. Robert \_\_\_\_\_  
Minister of Music and Education  
Dear Brother \_\_\_\_\_:

I have read your letter with interest and conflicting emotions. You can imagine my deep regret that my views on the mixing of the races can not be in accord with yours nor of your schoolmates nor of some of your teachers.

No, Robert, I do not claim to speak for Mississippi Baptists or Southern Baptists. As its long-time president, I do claim the right to speak for Mississippi College, and when the occasion presents itself and the interest of the college demands it, I do respond promptly and as correctly as the light given me and study and long experience direct me.

**Bible Does Not Justify Integration**

It is my considered judgment, free from personal bias and prejudice, that the mixing and mingling of the equally numbered white and colored races in the public schools of Mississippi poses the most serious situation which this state has ever faced. And what aggravates it and adds to the difficulty of solution, so many of our religious leaders like you, are trying to justify integration on religious grounds, and to make it appear that segregation is Bible condemned and unchristian. Such a position is untenable and cannot be sustained either by the Word or the works of God, and must, therefore, fall of its own weight.

**Evolution Fad**

At the turn of the present century, as this writer can remember, the disturbing word was "evolution." The theory grew out of the

## UN DELGATE URGES GIFTS FOR THE NAACP

Cleveland, Ohio — Charles H. Mahoney, negro U. S. delegate to the United Nations General Assembly, told the convention of the National (negro) Insurance Association to get ready for a fully race-mixed society. Mahoney ominously stated: "The recent U. S. Supreme Court anti-segregation ruling has implications no one can follow. It doesn't rest with schools or parks or playgrounds." He ended his speech by urging all negro insurance companies to give \$1,000 to the NAACP. Did Ike appoint this negro to the UN—to run around at the American taxpayers' expense soliciting funds for the NAACP?

## MONGRELIZERS' WRATH DESCENDS ON DR. PEALE

In his nationally syndicated column, the Rev. Norman Vincent Peale, famous clergyman from New York, gives advice on personal problems. In a recent column he advised a negro not to marry a white person. Dr. Peale didn't know what hit him. He was torn to shreds by the NAACP and allies in bitter personal vituperation. At last reports he had refused to back down to appease the wrath of the race-mixers. It is later than we think when a prominent and highly respected man of God is savagely attacked for opposing miscegenation.

## Integration Communist Inspired

The big word today, Robert, which is Communist inspired, is not evolution, but "integration". As the evolutionist would unify life by reducing it to a common origin, the cell, so the integrationist would break down all racial barriers and merge all classes and nationalities and races into one

# Integration Poll

By H. E. SULLIVAN

A Special Writer Savannah, Ga.

Here is what I believe to be a final summation up of the South's racial dilemma, together with one rational solution.

This solution is based on one significant proposal of the South Carolina "Committee of 52" in its report to the General Assembly. If this solution is too much trouble, then the sooner we obey the new so-called "law of the land," the better. Let the South eliminate the white race as something not even evil or pernicious, but as something merely too troublesome to be annoyed with. In short, it is not worth preserving.

1. We know that the Fourteenth Amendment was secured by force and fraud and therefore was not a true expression of the will of the people.

2. We know, as Sen. Russell has stated, that the May 17 (1954) edict was based on the writing of left-wing "psychologists." Sen. Eastland has fully documented this charge, and has also proven that Myrdal's "An American Dilemma" (the main basis of the court edict) was virtually a project of the NAACP. The court justices themselves, according to Eastland, have many personal ties with leaders of the NAACP, not to mention the many awards received by them from the NAACP. Yet the NAACP was the main litigant in the case!

3. Now, South Carolina's "Committee of 52" has suggested to the South Carolina General Assembly that it take steps as necessary to interpose the sovereignty of the state between the federal courts and the local school officials in regard to court usurpation of state

legally qualified voters themselves is truly decisive either way, the duly elected leaders of the state government will have a clear mandate from them. If this be a democracy (which we were told in World War II we were fighting for), then the Voice of the People is a higher Court of Appeal than any politically-nominated left-wing court. The people should be the final Court of Appeal.

7. Here, then, would be the implementation of the proposal of that highly respectable "Committee of 52" in the only truly democratic procedure that we know: namely, the legal exercise of the people's voting privileges.

## FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Citizens' Councils  
Winona, Mississippi, U. S. A.  
Dear Sirs:

In South Africa we are fortunate in having a government and the majority of the European population standing four-square behind a segregation policy. Determined efforts, however, have been made and are being made by UNO, UNESCO, World Communism and Wall Street's financial junta to discredit South Africa and smash down our policy.

They have not succeeded so far, but it is alarming to what extent Liberalism and the multi-racial idea have paralysed so many English people in England and in Africa.

I have been following closely political trends in the U. S. A., and have felt very keenly for the true American descendants of the Founding Fathers who would turn



of the Citizens Councils and the materials they mail are repulsive and absolutely insulting to my intelligence. I am embarrassed that the President of Mississippi College, where six of the finest youths from our church are now students, and where three additional ones will enroll this fall, has contributed to a "hate" campaign as un-Christian and un-American as I believe this to be.

Dr. Nelson, I do not expect you to agree with me, but I am compelled to speak my convictions.

Sincerely, in His service,  
/S/ Robert \_\_\_\_\_  
Minister of Education

In the negro "republic" of Liberia, no white man is allowed to vote, own property or hold office.

of agitation and discussion, materialism was in the saddle and God was given a small place in His world, if indeed He existed at all. Then the encouraging thing was that the conservative religious forces revolted at the idea and threw their weight against it. It was argued with telling effect that all of the various forms of life were created after their kind and this order in the natural world is still maintained. With this continuous assault, aided by succeeding scientific discoveries which reveal that matter itself may be only another form of energy, and only the intangible and spiritual are real and abiding, the material evolutionist has been driven from his high seat and the word, evolution, once so popular, is seldom used now.

theory of organic evolution, much of it is being used today to accelerate the coming of a classless society and a raceless world. Such a position finds as little support in the Scripture as the theory of evolution. And in nature, the handwork of God, variety and differences and distinction are found everywhere. No two flowers on the same bush are alike. No two leaves on the same tree are identical. Finger printing is possible because the palm of every hand is different. The sensitive feeling of some people are hurt when the terms inferiority and superiority are used in speaking of different races, but the fact remains that races are different, radically different, and man is not responsible for this difference, but God. And for a people not to recognize and respect these racial characteristics and dissimilarities, but attempt to merge them in the crucible of miscegenation, expecting therefrom an improved race, is the height of blasphemy.

#### Nature of Citizens' Council

In your letter you speak disparagingly of the Citizens' Council. You must know that its membership is composed of the descendants of those who suffered much and sacrificed all to build and preserve for us our cherished southern way of life. These members are the first citizens of our communities. They are supporters of all good causes and are interested in transmitting our rich heritage untarnished to coming generation.

We greatly enjoyed the visit of you and your associates to our college and our chapel exercises. Come again and inspire us with your messages and melodies. From our short acquaintance with you we are convinced that you have greater possibilities as a musician than as a philosopher.

Fraternally yours,  
D. M. Nelson, President

(though many people have done so over matters of far less importance), it must either yield to force and fraud, or it must "interpose the sovereignty of the state" between the federal courts and its own people.

5. Following that line of reasoning. I submit what would appear to be the only sensible plan. Let the legitimate voice of the Southern people be heard clearly on this problem for the first time ever. Let us use the polls for the very purpose for which they were designed. By the democratic process, let the qualified voters of each affected state decide the fate of their highly significant bi-racial civilization. In short, do the people of the affected state want race-mixing or race-separation?

6. This time we will not have a fraudulent vote purporting to represent the opinion of a disfranchised people under military rule during a period of radical Reconstruction. The Fourteenth Amendment was not a product of either democratic or constitutional processes. This time we will not have an undemocratic edict, or ukase, handed down by nine allies of the NAACP, selected for their well-known left-wing views. No, this time, if the decision of the

I am coming to the conclusion that although it is necessary to inveigh against crime, it is more necessary to expose the criminals. In the same way, it seems that we are inveighing far too much against Communism, Liberalism and Multi-racialism, instead of exposing the names and identities of the individuals and groups whose master plan it is to destroy the European race and make the world safe for World Communism.

Many Whites in Africa will be heartened by the news that you are organizing as you are doing, because our local English newspapers—and the U. S. Information Services—give the impression that Integration is becoming an accomplished fact in the U. S. A. The news of your fight will not only give a great measure of moral support here, but will help us to burst through the Press iron curtain.

S. E. D. Brown, Editor  
South African Observer  
Cape Town

(Mr. Brown ordered 2,000 copies each of Dr. Gillespie's A CHRISTIAN VIEW ON SEGREGATION, our pamphlet THE CITIZENS' COUNCIL and Judge Brady's BLACK MONDAY).

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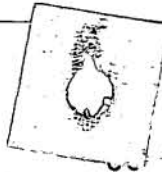
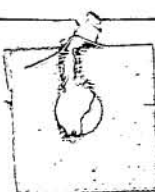
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CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
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The reports furnished you do not reflect the results of a full investigation of this organization but only information obtained through limited inquiries being made to ascertain the influence, if any, in this organization of Ku Klux Klan members or others who advocate repressive tactics against minorities; to determine whether its programs and activities bring it within purview of Executive Order 10450; and to develop data regarding this group's potential for violence.

In the event an investigation of this organization is initiated as a result of data obtained through inquiries being conducted you will be furnished the results of the investigation and at that time informed that an investigation rather than an inquiry is being conducted.

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Liaison Section  
Mr. Williams

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Date: November 7, 1955  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.  
Attention: Chief, Security Division  
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Subject: CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Letter is being directed to all field offices conducting inquiries re these groups to disseminate copies of initial report on each one of these groups prepared in future by cover letter advising as above and to advise Intelligence Agencies as above on cases in which reports previously disseminated.



TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237)  
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (105-167)  
SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS AND  
STATES' RIGHTS MOVEMENTS

DATE: 11/18/55

Re Bureau memo to Atlanta 10/28/55.

To date the racial situation within the Mobile territory has not brought forth any serious incidents. Two pro-segregation organizations were formed in this area, namely The Southerners Inc., and Citizens Councils of Alabama.

The Southerners Inc., Bufile 105-28906, was formed in Mobile in May, 1954 and advocated retention of segregation by lawful means. No indication of unlawful activity or inclination toward violence was noted. This organization has ceased activity due to lack of interest on the part of members and a closing report will be submitted.

Citizens Councils of Alabama, Bufile 105-33955, were organized in the fall of 1954 and have chapters in six counties. Leadership centers are in Selma, Alabama, where leaders are two well-known attorneys. No acts of violence have been noted and informants report that the Councils have a policy of engaging only in legal activity and will not condone violence.

No Negro organizations have been noted in opposition to the Citizens Councils, except of course the NAACP. One Communist Party member in Mobile, Alabama, indicated interest in the segregation matter and previously indicated that he would try to arrange attempts by Negroes to try and register in white public schools in the school year which began in September, 1955. However, he did not follow up in the City of Mobile.

No major incidents of racial nature have occurred. Two minor incidents which have been noted are set out:

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1) On 9/2/54, a white man, [redacted] [redacted] Montgomery, Alabama, took a number of Negro children to a white elementary school in Montgomery and attempted to assist them in registering at the school. The children were not allowed to register and the attorney for the group stated the matter would be taken into court. No violence occurred in connection with the matter and no further activity of this nature followed. (See report of SA WILBOR J. HUST, 9/10/54, Mobile, entitled, [redacted] [redacted] UNKNOWN VICTIMS, CR."

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2) On 8/29/55, a petition signed by 29 Negroes calling for admittance of Negro children in all-white school in Selma, Alabama, was presented to the City Superintendent of Education. Newspaper accounts 9/8/55 reflected that about 16 of the 29 had lost their jobs. M. ALSTON KEITH, Chairman of Citizens Council in Dallas County, noted, according to the news article, that some employers who fired signers of the petition are Council members and others are not. No violence was noted in connection therewith.

Any pertinent information received in the future relative to racial tension in connection with Citizens Councils or their opposites will be brought immediately to the attention of the Bureau.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE <b>CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - X</b>	

### SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Dallas Co. Citizens Council held meeting, Selma, Ala., 10/31/55, with approximately 800 in attendance. List of officers set out. Membership, Dallas Co. estimated at 1,300. News article reflects on 8/29/55, petition signed by 29 negroes calling for admittance of negroes into white schools received by City Superintendent of Schools, Selma, Ala. News article 9/8/55, reported that an estimated 16 of the signers had lost jobs. Additional Citizens Councils formed at Butler, Wilcox and Montgomery Counties.

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### DETAILS:

On June 28, 1955, [redacted]

[redacted] Alabama, advised Special Agent [redacted] that he had done research concerning captioned organization and had determined Citizens Councils had been operating in Dallas, Marengo, Perry, Hale and Macon Counties in Alabama. Concerning the Hale County group, [redacted] stated that a [redacted]

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[redacted] Superintendent of Schools at Greensboro, Alabama, had advised that a meeting had taken place at Greensboro during December, 1954, of ten community leaders who deliberated the matter of integration and segregation in a calm and deliberate manner. He said that no mention was made at the meeting of economic pressure to be taken against negroes who advocate integration. He added that no further meeting of this group has been known to take place.

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Concerning Macon County, the Montgomery Advertiser, daily newspaper published at Montgomery, Alabama, in the issue of December 15, 1954, reflected that about 50 persons met at Notasulga, Alabama, and that a spokesman for the group issued a statement to the press that the groundwork was being laid for a chapter of the White Citizens Council.

[redacted] had no additional information concerning the chapters in Dallas, Marengo or Perry Counties. [redacted] stated that the Citizens Council have claimed to have chapters in Green, Picken, Wilcox and Autauga Counties and that he had conducted inquiries concerning the councils in these four counties and does not feel that they exist in these counties.

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DALLAS COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL

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[redacted] Alabama, advised Special Agent JOHN P. BRADY on November 3, 1955, that the Dallas County Citizens Council had held a meeting for members and guests at Selma, Alabama, on October 31, 1955, at the Junior High

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School Auditorium. Approximately 800 persons were in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to elect new officers, it being noted that the Council has been in effect for one full year.

[redacted] continued that the former Chairman, Mr. M. ALSTON KEITH, presided over the meeting. Dr. GEORGE CHEEK, Pastor of the Alabama Avenue Presbyterian Church, pronounced the invocation. Mr. OLIN HORTON, Birmingham, Alabama, President of the Alabama States Rights Association, was the principal speaker.

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[redacted] advised that matters under consideration at the meeting included the subject of dues, it being the decision of the group that annual dues of \$3.00 would be continued. Some reference was made to the possibility of forming a state organization in the near future and the suggestion of admitting women as members was also discussed.

[redacted] advised that the following were elected as officers of the Council to serve for the next year:

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Chairman, HENRY KING, Burnsville, Alabama  
Vice-Chairmen, JOHN T. MOORE, Orrville, Alabama  
JIM RISHER, JR., Tyler, Alabama  
HOWARD LONG, Burnsville, Alabama  
Secretary-Treasurer, EARL ELIZEY, Selma, Alabama  
Executive Committee, JOHN W. BRESLIN, Selma  
EDGAR SHEFFIELD, Selma  
C. F. SHUPTRINE, Selma  
JAKE BENDERSKY, Selma  
KENNETH NAUGHTON, Selma  
WATSON PIERSON, Forks District  
THORNTON GILES, Forks District  
HORACE ZIMMERMAN, Forks District  
JOHN GIVHAN, West Dallas District  
Dr. JACK MOORE, West Dallas District  
CHARLES POTTER, West Dallas District  
L. E. TATE, West Dallas District

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Executive Committee, E. L. ~~CASEY~~, Southside District  
G. R. ~~BEERS~~, Southside District  
*ala.* MORROW ~~CHANCE~~, Southside District  
CRAWFORD ~~HENRY~~, Southside District  
C. ~~ER~~ ~~SIMS~~, Southside District

[redacted] Alabama, advised Special Agent JOHN P. BRADY, on November 3, 1955, that it remains the policy of the Council to preserve segregation in Alabama by all legal means. He emphasized that the Council has not and will not condone violence. He estimated the membership in the Dallas County Council at the present time to be approximately 1,300.

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Racial Incidents, Item #1

*ala* The Selma Times Journal, daily newspaper published at Selma, Alabama, in its issue of August 30, 1955, reflected that on August 29, 1955, a petition signed by 29 negroes calling for the admittance of negroes into city elementary and secondary high schools was received via Registered Mail by Superintendent of City Schools W. E. SNUGGS. The mimeographed document was sent by the local office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, counselled by Reverend J. D. ~~HUNTER~~. It asked for "immediate steps to reorganize the public schools under your jurisdiction on a nondiscriminatory basis." The petition in full, reads as follows:

"We, the undersigned, are the parents of children of school age entitled to attend and attending the public elementary and secondary high schools under your jurisdiction. As you undoubtedly know, the United States Supreme Court on May 17, 1954 ruled that the maintenance of racially-segregated public schools is a violation of the Constitution of the United States and on May 31, 1955, reaffirmed that principle and requires 'good faith compliance at the earliest possible date' with the federal courts authorized to determine whether local officials are proceeding in good faith.



"We therefore call upon you to take immediate steps to reorganize the public schools under your jurisdiction on a nondiscriminatory basis. As we understand it, you have the responsibility to reorganize the school systems under your control so that the children of public school age attending and entitled to attend public schools cannot be denied admission to any school or be required to attend any school solely because of race or color.

"The May 31st decision of the Supreme Court, to us, means that the time for delay, evasion or procrastination is past. Whatever the difficulties in according our children their constitutional rights, it is clear that the school board must meet and seek a solution to that question in accordance with the law of the land. As we interpret the decision, you are duty bound to take immediate concrete steps leading to early elimination of segregation in public schools. Please rest assured of our willingness to serve in any way we can to aid you in dealing with this question."

*Selma, Ala.*

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Those signing the document were:

MR + MRS ~~SOTIS AND SADIE MAH~~ WASHINGTON, 417 Buckeye

Reverend SEABORN ~~ACOFF~~, 1721 Small

OLIVER W. ~~BRYANT~~, 1400 Vine

Reverend L. S. ~~SMITH~~, 1310 St. Phillips

LUCINDA ~~STEELE~~, 1416 Kayser

A. D. ~~BUSH~~, Route #1

ETHEL ~~GRIFFIN~~, 1402 Legrand

H. S. ~~JONES~~, 833 Small

H. W. ~~SHANNON~~, 1519 Church

MINNIE BELLE ~~HARRIS~~, 1522 St. Phillips

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~~JOSEPH~~HOLMES, 528 George Washington Carver Homes  
~~LOTTIE B.~~BRIDGES, 2300 First  
~~ELCANIA~~PAGE, 1603 Union  
~~ISAAC~~RHODES, 122 Minter  
K. S. ~~STALLWORTH~~, 1914 St. Phillips  
J. H. ~~SCOTT~~, 1916 St. Phillips  
~~ROMIE~~SMALL, 1324 Philpot  
~~VELHERTA~~CHESTNUT, 320 St. Ann  
ELIZABETH D. ~~SMITH~~, 2026 Eugene  
~~ADA~~JACKSON, 2031 Eugene  
~~JOE~~VANN, SR., 1417 Union  
~~DAISY~~PHILLIPS, 824 Small  
LELA B. ~~SUTTLES~~, George Washington Carver Homes  
ERNEST L. ~~DOYLE~~, 1506 Franklin  
RICHARD ~~WINSTON~~, Route #2  
~~DANIEL~~STEVENSON, 1515 Leroy  
~~ROSA~~PURIFOY, 127 Minter  
Reverend J. D. HUNTER, 1602 Henry

The following data appeared in the Montgomery Advertiser, daily newspaper, Montgomery, Alabama, under date of September 8, 1955:

"A number of Selma negroes who last week filed a petition with the Selma City School Board calling

for the desegregation of schools have lost their jobs. A total of 29 signed the document -- of that group, M. ALSTON KEITH, Chairman of the Dallas County White Citizens Council said an 'educated guess' as to the number who have lost their jobs would be about 16'.---

"OTIS WASHINGTON, a former employee of the Selma Marble and Granite Works for nine years, was fired, he said, Wednesday at noon less than 24 hours after his name appeared in the newspaper as having signed the petition. He said his employer, J. C. COLLINS, asked him to remove his name from the petition. WASHINGTON said he refused and in a few minutes he was given his paycheck.

"ETHEL GRIFFIN, a maid for ALLEN SCOTT, said she was dismissed Friday. She added her employer told her if she removed her name from the petition she could return to work.

"J. H. SCOTT, who was employed at a furniture factory, said he lost his job this week because he supposedly could not meet his production quota. He said he was 'having difficulty' getting unemployment compensation.

"Two other negro women who signed the petition said they had been 'misinformed' as to its purpose. ROSA PURIFOY said after she found the petition to be one for desegregation she went to the school board and had her name removed.

"White Citizens Council Chairman M. ALSTON KEITH commented that he had been out of town attending a convention of the National Bar Association held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at the time the petition had been presented and was not familiar with all of the facts. He noted that some of the employers who had fired signers of the petition were members of the Council while others were not.

"An unidentified source said that six others who had signed the petition had lost their jobs shortly thereafter. They were identified as follows:

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LUCINDA STEELE, a cook at the Selma Junior High School

JOSEPH HOLMES, Cloverleaf Creamery

ELEANIAE PAGE, Miller Lumber Company

ROMIE SMALL, cook at the Selma Country Club

RICHARD WINSTON, Ford Construction Company

DANIEL STEVENS, Janitor, YMCA

"In addition it appeared that pressure had been applied to two barbers who were told to find new locations for their shops. The barbers were identified as

OLIVER N. BRYANT

HENRY W. SHANNON

"No pressure was evident against the following signers:

Reverend SEABURN ACOFF

Reverend L. S. SMITH

JOE VANN, SR., a federal employee at Craig Air Force Base

VELHERTA CHESTNUTT, Beauty Shop Operator

ISAAC RHODES, house painter

EARNEST L. DOYLE, carpenter

"W. E. SNUGGS, Superintendent of the Selma City Schools, said that four of the negroes who signed the petition have withdrawn their names and a fifth has announced the intention.

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WIDELL PARRISH, Association General Secretary of the YMCA, said STEVENS didn't lose his job because of the fact he signed the petition but because he wasn't doing the job. The negro had been employed as a janitor for less than a year."

The following information is summarized from an article appearing in the Selma Times Journal, Selma, Alabama, on September 8, 1955:

M. ALSTON KEITH, Chairman of the Council said that his group would take neither credit nor censure for the developments. He asserted that the Council has operated entirely within its legal rights in whatever action may have been taken in connection with the school petition.

W. E. SNUGGS, Superintendent of Education, reported that five of the signers had asked in writing that their names be removed. He listed these as follows:

SADIE MAE WASHINGTON, Bayuk Cigar Company

J. H. SCOTT

KEMP S. STALLWORTH, Insurance Agent

MINNIE BELL HARRIS, Maid

ROSA PURIFOY

W. P. BAKER, Manager of the local unemployment office, reported that "There was absolutely no basis for the statement of J. H. SCOTT that he is having trouble drawing unemployment compensation." BAKER reviewed administrative procedures for processing these claims and noted that there had not been sufficient time for the claim to have been acted upon. SCOTT denied having made the statements attributed to him by the Montgomery Advertiser.

On September 13, 1955, the following information was obtained by Special Agent HARLAN C. FLINNER from Mobile Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past. The informant, a member of the White



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Citizens Council at Selma, advised that immediately following the petition to the School Superintendent the Council had prepared a memorandum to all members under date of September 1, 1955. This memorandum reads as follows:

"Dear Fellow Member:

We give you below copy of Petition of the twenty-nine Negroes, which was filed with the City of Selma School Board.

Yours very truly,

/s/ TOM STRONG, Acting  
Chairman, Dallas County  
Citizens Council"

The memorandum then quoted the petition in full and listed the signers. The memorandum does not contain any further information nor does it recommend any action. A copy of the memorandum made available by T-1 is being retained in the file.

On September 8, 1955, Mobile Confidential Informant T-2, of unknown reliability, but who is in a position to have reliable and accurate information, advised Special Agent BRADY that the Petition Signer [redacted] who had been employed at the Cleveland Furniture Factory did not lose his job because of the Petition. T-2 noted that [redacted] had been warned some time before that his work was unsatisfactory and that the paper work involved in separating him from the job had been started prior to his signing the Petition. T-2 added that with respect to [redacted] who had been discharged as a janitor by the YMCA, that this action followed a meeting of the YMCA Board held immediately after the petition had been presented and at a time when Board members were aware that [redacted] had signed the petition.

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Racial Incidents, Item #2

On October 12, 1955, Captain [redacted] Selma Police Department, related to Special Agent BRADY that on October 7, 1955, one [redacted] negro,

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[redacted]  
 [redacted] had passed a note to [redacted] a white  
 matron of Selma, when [redacted] called at his store to  
 collect money for the [redacted]  
 [redacted] it is noted, operate the [redacted] near  
 Selma. This note asked [redacted] to call [redacted] that  
 afternoon between 2 and 3:00 p.m. The call was placed that  
 afternoon from Police Headquarters and Captain [redacted] who  
 listened to the conversation on an extension, reported that  
 [redacted] attempted to have [redacted] agree to meet him  
 someplace "where they could talk." [redacted] added that the  
 incident became known to a number of people and had created  
 a considerable amount of indignation.

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[redacted] continued on October 20, 1955, that on  
 October 13, 1955, four white men picked up a negro man, one  
 [redacted] near the [redacted] store and carried him  
 out into the country. [redacted] was released unharmed when  
 it developed that the four men thought they had picked up  
 [redacted] The four men were subsequently identified as  
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[redacted] advised that on October 17, 1955, a man  
 and a woman, subsequently identified as Police Officer WILLIAM  
 D. BAILEY and [redacted] set fire to the house  
 next door to that occupied by [redacted] having apparently  
 intended to set fire to [redacted] house. On the night of  
 October 18, 1955, these two same individuals rode by the  
 [redacted] house and fired two shots at the house. All six  
 of the above subjects were arrested and charged by local  
 authorities. On October 25, 1955, Officer BAILEY [redacted]

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On October 20, 1955, [redacted]

[redacted] advised Special Agent  
 [redacted] Montgomery, Alabama, that he had received  
 information from [redacted]  
 [redacted] who in turn had received the  
 information from an unidentified source at Selma, that the

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above incidents were related to the school petition filed at Selma. [redacted] asserted that one of the negroes who had signed the petition and who had been fired had been employed by the Cloverleaf Creamery products. These products are handled by [redacted] at his store and immediately after the negro had been fired the sale of Cloverleaf products fell off sharply while the products handled by [redacted] had risen sharply. [redacted] continued that it was his information that [redacted] had sought to discuss this situation with [redacted] and had asked her to call him for that reason.

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On October 24, 1955, Mobile Confidential Informant T-1 advised Special Agent FLINNER that the incidents involving the attempt of [redacted] to date a white woman and the subsequent kidnapping, arson and shooting, was in no way connected with the Citizens Council. He added that some members of the Council felt that [redacted] was something of a plant for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People who had perhaps been encouraged to create an incident that was sure to cause violence in the area.

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On October 20, 1955, Police Captain [redacted] related to Special Agent BRADY that the attempt by [redacted] to date [redacted] was known to the Citizens Council and he believed that they had made some inquiries and had determined that [redacted] would be susceptible to economic pressure because of several mortgages on his store and because of a number of bad checks he usually had outstanding. However, he does not believe that the Council had taken any action in the matter whatever when [redacted] and the others took it upon themselves to take direct action against [redacted].

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WILCOX COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL

The following information is summarized from an article appearing in the Selma Times Journal on August 7, 1955:

Following are the officers of the Wilcox County Citizens Council elected at an open meeting at the Court House in Camden, Alabama:

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FRED HENDERSON, Millers Ferry, Chairman.  
HENDERSON was described as a prominent Wilcox County landowner and cattleman-farmer and the brother of BRUCE HENDERSON, former Wilcox Senator and staunch segregationist who was unsuccessful in a bid for the Alabama Governorship during the 1954 election.

S. C. GODBOLD, Vice-Chairman. President of the Bank of Camden.

LESLIE JOHNSON, Vice-Chairman. President of the Camden National Bank.

BRYON HALE, Vice-Chairman. President of the Pine Apple Bank.

FRED VAUGHAN, Vice-Chairman, President of the Pine Hill Bank.

The following information was taken from an article appearing in the Selma Times Journal for November 2, 1955:

*ala* The Wilcox County Citizens' Council planned a Thursday night rally at which S. E. ~~ROGERS~~, prominent South Carolina attorney, would make the principal address. ~~FRED HENDERSON~~, Chairman, advised that the Council has approximately 350 members. He identified ~~ROGERS~~ as the attorney who represented Clarendon County, South Carolina, in the recent case of BRIGGS versus ELLIOTT.

#### MARENGO COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL

The following information was taken from an article appearing in the Selma Times Journal for July 29, 1955:

*ala* A meeting of the Marengo County Citizens Council was held on July 27, 1955, at Linden, Alabama. THOMAS MILLER, Linden, was Chairman of the meeting. Speakers included:

State Senator E. O. ~~EDDINS~~, Demopolis, Alabama

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State Senator SAM ENGLEHARDT, Macon County,  
Alabama

Mr. ROBERT PATTERSON, Executive Secretary,  
Citizens Council, Winona, Mississippi

Mr. OLIN HORTON, President, American States  
Rights Association, Birmingham, Alabama

M. ALSTON KEITH, Chairman, Dallas County  
Citizens Council

State Senator ALBERT DAVIS, Pickens County,  
Alabama

Approximately 400 persons were reported in  
attendance.

The following information was taken from the  
Selma Times Journal, Selma, on September 14, 1955:

The Marengo County Citizens Council met at the  
County Court House on September 12, 1955. Mr. ~~HUBERT~~  
~~BAUGHN~~, Editor and Publisher of The South, a magazine, was  
the principal speaker. THOMAS MILLER, Chairman, reported  
that the Marengo County Council had 335 members as of  
that date.

#### BUTLER COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL

The September 10, 1955, issue of the Montgomery  
Advertiser, a daily newspaper published at Montgomery, Alabama,  
reflected that a White Citizens Council had been organized  
in Butler County at Greenville, Alabama, on September 8, *ala*  
1955. Chairman of the group was listed as JEFF P. ~~BEELAND~~.  
The article quoted BEELAND as stating he is against any type  
of economic boycott and that he believed the White Citizens  
Council in Butler County would prevent desegregation there.

On September 12, 1955, Chief of Police L. E.  
TOWERY, Greenville, Alabama, advised that there were approxi-  
mately 3,000 people at the organizational meeting of the  
White Citizens Council at Greenville, Alabama. He stated that



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JEFF P. BEELAND owns a large wholesale grocery business at Greenville.

On September 19, 1955, [redacted] Alabama, referred to above, advised Special Agent [redacted] that he had attended the first open meeting of the Butler County Citizens Council at Greenville, Alabama, which he stated was on September 7, 1955 (not September 8, 1955, as a news article indicated). He estimated that there had been approximately 800 in attendance at this meeting and stated that Mr. BEELAND had told him, [redacted] that the Butler County Citizens Council was not affiliated with any other state organization or with any other county council.

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An article written by BOB INGRAM in the Montgomery Advertiser, issue of October 7, 1955, reported that the Butler County Citizens Council met in Greenville on October 5, 1955, and that the attendance had been estimated at 150, which was a drop from the 800 which had shown up for the first meeting several weeks before.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL

The October 2, 1955, issue of the Montgomery Advertiser, contained an article to the effect that a Citizens Council would be organized in Montgomery County on the night of October 3, 1955, and reflected that LUTHER ~~INGALLS~~, Montgomery Attorney, would serve as the temporary Chairman.

An article appearing in the Montgomery Advertiser on October 4, 1955, reflected that the first meeting of the Montgomery County Citizens Council had been held on the night of October 3, 1955, at the Montgomery City Auditorium. The speakers at this meeting were SAM ~~ENGELHARDT, JR.~~, State Senator from Macon County and OLIN HORTON, listed as President of the American States Rights Association, a pro-segregation group. INGALLS presided over the meeting.

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[redacted] referred to above, advised Special Agent [redacted] on October 19, 1955,

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that he had attended the above meeting on October 3, 1955, and estimated the attendance at approximately 450 people.

An article in the Montgomery Advertiser on October 23, 1955, reflected that the Montgomery County Citizens Council has Post Office Box 2563, Montgomery, Alabama.

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A copy of this report is furnished to Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis and New Orleans because of similar activity in these divisions.

Concerning Racial Incident #2, beginning at the bottom of page 10, the Bureau is referred to the case entitled [REDACTED] ETAL - VICTIMS, CIVIL RIGHTS, Mobile origin.

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were used in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

INFORMANTS

T-1 is [REDACTED]

T-2 is [REDACTED]

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Will continue to report on activities of subject organization.

REFERENCE

Report of SA JOHN P. BRADY, Mobile, 7/14/55.

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DATE: December 12, 1955 BY COURIER SERVICE

TO: Director of Special Investigations  
The Inspector General  
Department of the Air Force  
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14th and Adams Drive, S. W.  
Washington, D. C.

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FROM: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

There is being furnished you herewith one copy of the report of Special Agent Joseph P. Boston dated December 2, 1955, at Mobile, Alabama, concerning the captioned organization.

In connection with this organization on November 17 and 18, 1955, Special Agent [redacted] Office of Special Investigations, Craig Air Force Base, Selma, Alabama, contacted an Agent of the Mobile Office of this Bureau concerning [redacted] who was one of the signers of a petition for school desegregation at Selma, Alabama. [redacted] advised that an article in the "Daily Worker" reflected that [redacted] had been discharged from his job at the Cloverleaf Creamery, Selma, Alabama, and that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was going to ask the Air Force to discontinue the purchase of products from the Cloverleaf Creamery. [redacted] advised that the Cloverleaf Creamery has a contract with Craig Air Force Base and is doing approximately \$6,000 worth of business a month.

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On November 18, 1955, [redacted] advised an Agent of the Mobile Office that it had been reported to him that another signer of the school petition is [redacted] who has been employed by the Ford Building and Construction Company, Selma, Alabama. [redacted] stated that the Ford Building and Construction Company holds contracts with the Air Force and noted that there are antidiscrimination clauses in the contracts with the Cloverleaf Creamery and the Ford Building and Construction Company.

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[redacted] noted that if the two companies mentioned above actually dropped the two employees because they had signed the school petition the companies were possibly violating the terms of their contracts.

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lcc - AAG Tompkins by 0-6, same date, with enclosure.

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

Memorandum to Director of Special Investigations  
Department of the Air Force

Your attention is directed to page 6 of the enclosed report wherein information is set forth which was contained in an article which appeared in the "Montgomery Advertiser" in its issue of September 8, 1955. This article revealed that [redacted] were two of the signers of the petition who lost their jobs shortly after signing the petition.

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later be requested to determine the reasons the two negroes had been fired. [redacted] was advised by SA BRADY that if the companies had violated the anti-discrimination clauses of their contracts such violations would not appear to be a criminal or security matter, but rather an administrative matter to be followed and handled by Air Force authorities.

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The above is called to the Bureau's attention as a matter of information and no further action concerning the matter is being taken other than furnishing OSI copies of each report submitted in the above-captioned case.

SAC, Mobile

December 12, 1955

Director, FBI

BUTLER COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL  
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OP Rerep of SA Joseph T. Boston dated 12-2-55 at Mobile, Alabama, captioned "Citizens Councils of Alabama, Internal Security - X."

On page 15 of rerep information is set out to the effect that the Butler County Citizens Council is not affiliated with any other state or county organization.

In the event your inquiries determine the above to be correct a separate case on the captioned organization should be opened and separate reports submitted on this organization. You are instructed to advise the Bureau promptly whether the Butler Citizens Council is an autonomous organization.

In the event it is determined that other pro-segregation groups which have been formed in the territory covered by your office are autonomous they should be handled in the same manner.

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**ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS  
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The Bureau is in receipt of an article which appeared in the December 4, 1955, issue of "The Birmingham News," Birmingham, Alabama, which was furnished by your office.

This article reveals that plans are being made to organize Citizens Councils in every Congressional district in Alabama. The council at Tarrant, according to the article, was the first of these organizations. Information concerning this council at Tarrant was set forth in Bureau letter dated December 5, 1955.

The Birmingham and Mobile Offices are instructed to advise the Bureau promptly whether these councils being formed are connected in any manner with the Citizens Councils of Alabama (Mobile origin) or the American States' Rights Association (Birmingham origin).

In the event these are separate autonomous organizations a separate report should be submitted on each council formed; however, if all of the councils being organized are affiliated with one state-wide organization their activities should be reported under the caption of that organization.

In order for the Bureau to follow these councils administratively it is necessary to know their exact status.

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# Citizens plan councils over all Alabama

Plans to organize Citizens Councils in every congressional district of Alabama were disclosed Saturday night at a meeting of the Tarrant City chapter of the Citizens Councils which more than 300 persons attended.

The Tarrant group, first of the council units to be formed in North Alabama, heard Judge Hugh Locke and Ace Carter speak on plans to fight racial integration at all levels.

Carter, executive secretary of the Citizens Councils in North Alabama, said eight to 12 more groups may be formed in Jefferson County.

CARTER ALSO asked the council's approval on a telegram he sent today to Gov. Marvin Griffin of Georgia in which he congratulated the Georgia executive for the stand he has taken on Georgia Tech playing in the Sugar Bowl against a Pittsburgh team which has a Negro player.

The Georgia governor objected to the fact that fans were not to be segregated in the stands at the New Year's Day game.

Carter's telegram said the governor's actions were "a beacon of hope to the besieged white people of the South."

BOTH CARTER and Judge Locke charged that the move to break down segregation barriers in the South is Communist-inspired.

The meeting was the second since the group was organized only a few days ago and the president of the council, Druggist John Whitley, said that beginning in January meetings would be held at the Civic Center which provides more space than is available at the City Hall.

Judge Locke pointed out that Birmingham has never had a lynching, a race riot or racial friction because segregation has been maintained. He said cities where segregation is not maintained have been besieged with racial strife.

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- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mason \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
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*C. F. Wilkins*

THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: 12/16/55

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
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Rerep SA JOSEPH T. BOSTON dated 12/2/55 at Mobile.

As instructed by the Bureau this report has been declassified and the intelligence agencies who received copies have been so advised.

Auxiliary offices should reflect on the copies of referenced report that same has been declassified.

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SAC, Mobile (105-121)

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CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
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Reurlet dated January 5, 1956, in which you advised that each citizens council in Alabama is a separate organization. You advised that information has been received that a state-wide organization is possibly being formed and that all of the individual councils would be affiliated with this state-wide organization.

You are instructed to furnish the Bureau promptly a list of the names of the individual councils in Alabama.

Thereafter, you are instructed to follow closely this situation and take appropriate action to keep the Bureau promptly informed of action being taken to form the state-wide organization.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 1/5/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COJNCILS OF ALABAMA  
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Reference is made to Bureau memo to Mobile dated 12/12/55, entitled "BUTLER COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL, IS - X". Reference is also made to ~~Mobile~~ <sup>Bureau</sup> memo to Birmingham dated 12/19/55 entitled "ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS, IS - X".

The Bureau requested to be advised whether or not the various Citizens Councils are separate autonomous organizations and instructed that if such is the case, a separate report should be submitted on each council formed, but if all councils are affiliated with one state wide organization, all activity should be reported under caption of the state wide organization.

On 12/29/55 [redacted]

[redacted] advised that at the present each Citizens Council in Alabama is a separate organization, although there is a close degree of cooperation between the councils. He stated that it is the expressed intention of the councils, however, to come together as soon as possible under a state wide organization. The problem in forming a state organization has been in finding the right man to head the state office.

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[redacted] advised on 12/29/55 that he is still the legal advisor of that county organization. He stated that a state organization is to be formed of the various councils in Alabama when the right type of man to head the group is found. He stated that an additional reason for not having formed the state organization as yet is the desire to form a few additional county councils first in order that the state organization will be more effective when formed.

While the various councils in the different Alabama counties are presently separate groups, this Office will

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continue, unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, to report all information concerning the various Citizens Councils in the main file captioned "CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA", Bufile 105-33955. This is being done in view of the information that a state wide organization is to be formed in the not too distant future.

It is noted that both  have previously furnished reliable information concerning the Citizens Councils to this Office.

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This matter will be followed and in the event information is received indicating that a state organization will not be formed as presently planned, separate reports will then be submitted on each individual council.



# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: 1/13/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mason	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
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Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

On January 5, 1956, the Dallas County Citizens Council, Selma, Alabama, held an open meeting at the Selma Junior High School attended by a reported 1,100 members. Information concerning the speakers and statements made at the meeting as reported by the Selma Times Journal on January 6, 1956 is being set out below as being of interest to the Bureau and to the Little Rock Office. Speakers at the meeting included the following:

HENRY KING, <sup>Ala</sup> Chairman of the Dallas County Citizens Council, who presided over the meeting;

HENRY W. FANCHER, Dallas County, Alabama, invocation;

GIVEAN who introduced the principal speakers;

CURT COPELAND, Hot Springs, Arkansas <sup>Ala</sup> newspaper Editor, who made the principal address;

JIM JOHNSON, Crossett, Arkansas, Attorney, speaker;

SA. ENGLEHARDT, Alabama <sup>D.C.</sup> State Senator, speaker;

M. ALSTON KEITH, Attorney, Dallas County, Alabama, concluded the meeting.

In his address, COPELAND is reported as having attacked the lack of support for the pro-segregation movement being received from Arkansas politicians, newspapers, radio and television stations and then in making reference to the

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Bureau, the Times Journal states that "COPELAND praised J. EDGAR HOOVER's work as head of the FBI crediting him with saving this country from losing its freedom on many occasions."

The Times Journal then further quotes COPELAND as follows:

"But in recent years the FBI has become infiltrated by agents with a storm trooper complex who couldn't establish a private practice and enjoy toting a pistol and running over people rough-shod. And these are the kind of individuals that they sent to Arkansas to investigate the Councils. BUT I tell you what needs investigating is the NAACP. I promise you they couldn't stand to be checked as a Communist front or for other subversive activities."

JIM JOHNSON, described as a former Arkansas State Senator and now Director of Citizens Councils in Arkansas, was reported to have attacked the NAACP and to have asserted that the Citizens Councils will solve the integration problem in a legal and peaceful manner.

Alabama State Senator SAM ENGLEHARDT called attention to a "move by the Justice Department to have the Councils investigated because they proposed to use economic boycotts to preserve segregation" and then drew attention to an economic boycott now being pursued by Negroes in Montgomery, Alabama against the City Bus Lines which is not being investigated.

One copy of the article from the Selma Times Journal, 1/6/56, referred to above, is enclosed herewith for the Bureau. Another copy will be obtained and forwarded to Little Rock.

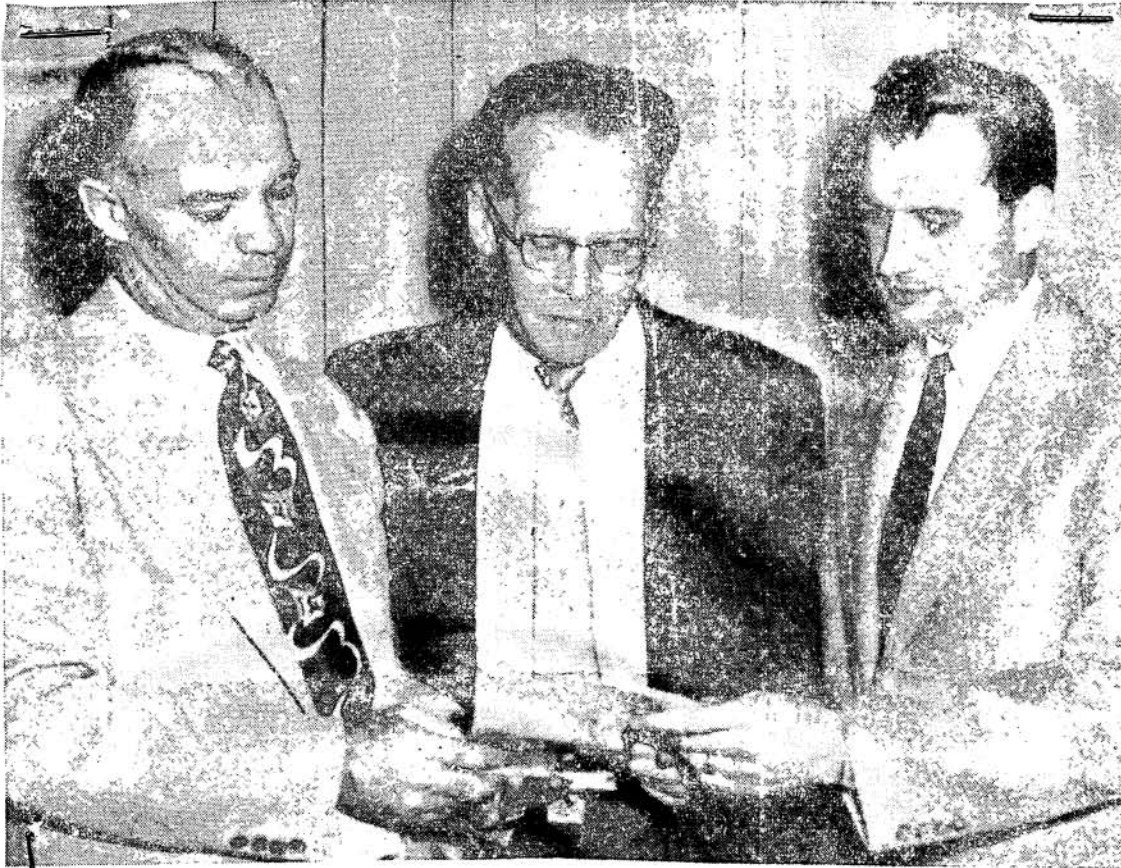
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**WHITE COUNCIL SPEAKERS**—Two Arkansians who were the principal speakers for a Thursday night mass meeting of the Dallas County Citizens' Council explain to Henry King, center, a publication that is being used in their state in the segregation fight. King is the recently-elected chairman of the Dallas County Citizens' Council and presided over the session. Court Copeland, Hot Springs newspaper editor, left, and Jim Johnson, director of the Arkansas Councils, warned the 1,100 member audience what would happen in Alabama if the Supreme Court de-segregation rulings are taken lying down. (Another picture on page 10).

## Big Audience Cheers Fiery Speeches At White Council

By ARTHUR CAPELL

Fiery addresses by two Arkansians turned a Thursday night rally of the Dallas County Citizens' Council into the most enthusiastic session staged to date by the year-old group and strongly warned the 1100-member audience of the dangers ahead if the segregation ruling is taken "lying down."

Nine counties were represented at the meeting which almost filled the Junior High School auditorium and balcony to capacity.

Two unbilled speakers, Curt Copeland, Hot Springs, Ark., newspaper editor, and Jim Johnson, Crossett, Ark., attorney, made the principal talks. Sen. Sam Engle-

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leader also made a brief address.

#### **Rounds of Applause**

Copeland, whose entire talk was punctuated with roaring rounds of applause, used his state as an example of what Alabama would become if it submitted to integration threats without a fight. He condemned the Arkansas capital for being filled with "the worst mess of trash that ever infested a governmental building in the world."

The editor also branded the press of that state unmercifully and told his audience that newspapers can be the "biggest help or the most damnable curse" in the segregation battle.

"So for God's sake support your local newspaper as long as it supports you," he charged. "Don't ever let it get out from under local control."

Copeland said there is not a newspaper, radio station or television station, "very few preachers and no public officials in Arkansas who will say they are white men or want anyone else to admit they are white."

The press ignores the Citizens' Councils, he said, not even giving their meetings a mention either pro or con.

#### **Meetings Difficult**

The speaker also pointed out that it is difficult to procure a public building in his state in which to hold a meeting. "But let the NAACP hold forth," he accused, "and the politicians will trample children underfoot in a rush to get up on the speakers platform and be identified with the move."

"In Arkansas it is just like it is in your state's top echelon of politics," he said. "There is no way to go from the governor's seat but up."

In urging all-out support of the Citizens' Council move as the only way to fight de-segregation effectively, Copeland assured his audience that "the politicians will join you when you have the strength to attract them."

With this remark he turned to several public officials seated on the speakers platform and added:

"Gentlemen, I was not speaking of you in my comments about politicians, for I regard you as statesmen."

#### **Courage Lacking**

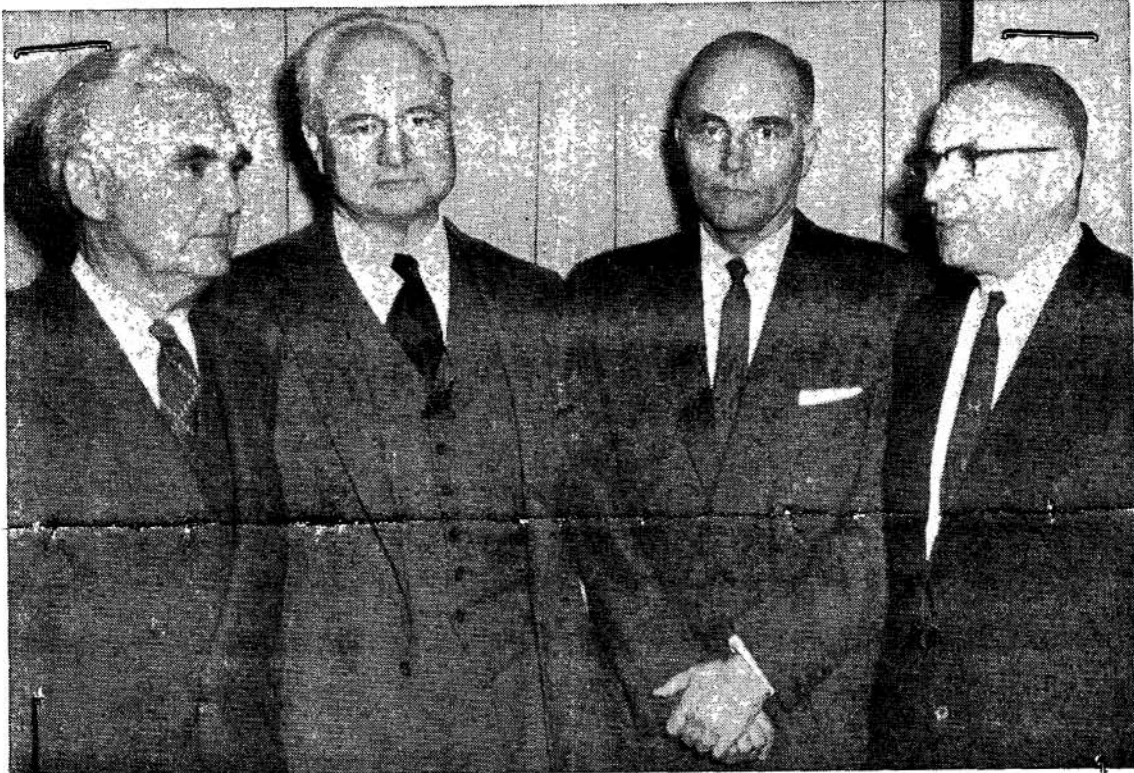
"In Arkansas," he said in explanation, "we didn't have and still don't have an office holder with the courage to stand up on his own two feet and declare publicly he is a white man."

"I asked our governor point-blank," he continued, "whether or not he is proud to be white. To me, that seemed like a simple, perfectly reasonable, easily-answered question."

"But do you know what he said?—'no comment'—and any newspaperman knows that this could only mean two things: that his thinking was in the negative or he had no



Selma Times Journal  
Selma, Alabama  
January 6, 1956



**ON SPEAKERS' PLATFORM**—These four state senators and other public officials on the speakers' platform at a Thursday night meeting of the Dallas County Citizens' Council were labeled as "statesmen, not politicians" by the principal speaker for the occasion. An Arkansas newspaper editor made this high praise after stating that office holders in his state are afraid to stand up and admit being white men. Left to right they are Sen. Albert Davis, Pickens County, Sen. James Coleman, Green, Sen. Sam Englehardt, Macon, and Sen. W. C. Givhan, Dallas. Former Wilcox County Sen. J. M. Bonner, a white supremacy leader in the senate for many years was also seated on the stage and recognized during the meeting.

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opinion on the subject. So I agreed with him.

"And apparently," Copeland continued, "he's about the same caliber as this mess of trash you have over here in this state."

Copeland assured, however, that Alabama is ahead of Arkansas in the segregation fight because, on a local level, at least, and in some legislators "there is enough guts for them to take a stand."

#### Supremacy Held Goal

He stated that if de-segregation in schools was the only issue at stake he might not be too alarmed. "But Negro supremacy is the ultimate objective," he declared, "and the federal government, Arkansas government, and I might as well say the Alabama government is helping them achieve this end."

The speaker pointed out that in Arkansas, as in Alabama, practically every education district has bankrupted itself to give Negroes not only equal but better facilities than the whites have.

"But you see, they still aren't satisfied," he said.

#### Supreme Court Hit

He said that only the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the constitution are the only two of concern any longer to the U. S. Supreme Court and heatedly declared, "I have nothing but contempt for that court that handed down the mixed classroom and other similar decisions."

Copeland gave assurance that the Citizens Council have great strength by stating that without the group in Arkansas every school in the northern part of the state and many in the southern regions would have opened integrated last fall.

"The will of the people is the supreme law of the land and what we stand for shapes the destiny of this country," he declared. "And we must stand united for segregation."

Copeland praised J. Edgar Hoover's work as head of the FBI crediting him with saving this country from losing its freedom on many occasions.

#### FBI Trend Deplored

"But in recent years the FBI has become infiltrated by agents with a storm trooper complex who couldn't establish a private practice and enjoy toting a pistol and running over people rough-shod," he accused. "And these are the kind of individuals that they sent to Arkansas to investigate the Councils."

"But I tell you what needs investigating is the NAACP," he declared. "I promise you they couldn't stand to be checked as a Communist front or for other subversive activities."

Johnson, former state senator and now director of Citizens' Councils in Arkansas, accused the people of his state with "not wanting to know the truth about the NAACP."

"But they are learning," he promised. "At first we could get no support from anyone for the Citizens' Council move and were even asked on many occasions not to hold a meeting in a town. But now the people are receiving us and soon we will have the strength to whip the politicians in line."

#### No Middle Ground

The young attorney warned his listeners that there is no middle ground in the fight. "You are either for complete segregation or against it and you must take a stand," he declared.

"But, if there could be a middle-ground, the Councils are taking it," he contended. "On the far left lies violence, for integration cannot escape violence. On the far right there is also violence; violence which will come from the man who will take the law in his own hands as a last resort."

"In between, however," he continued, "lies the Citizens Councils which will solve the problem in a legal and peaceful manner. That is why I say, if there is a middle-ground, we are taking it."

Johnson warned that integrated schools can only mean an integrated faculty—"your child being taught by a Negro school teacher."

"And what white parent could consent to mixed classrooms when he sees the future of his child unfolded?" he concluded.

Sen. Englehardt, the first speaker, labeled Tuskegee Institute, located in his home county as "the seat of all agitation between the races in this section of the south."

Englehardt, an author of a bill to junk Alabama's public school system if mixed classrooms become mandatory told of a move by the justice department to have the Councils investigated because they proposed to use economic boycotts to preserve segregation, if necessary.

"But right now in Montgomery, 40,000 Negroes are boycotting the city bus lines and between 30-40 drivers are out of jobs as a result," he said. "Where is the justice in that? Why isn't that investigated? I'll tell you why—because the Negroes are doing the boycotting."

In an obvious slap at the governor but without calling his name, Englehardt made this remark in concluding: "That long, lanky man in the northeast corner of the ground floor of the capital wasn't lying when he made a public statement that Negro children wouldn't be forced to attend school with white children; he was just deceiving."

M. Alston Keith, former chairman of the local Council concluded the meeting with a warning that "you can't straddle the fence."

Henry King, recently-elected chairman of the Dallas County Council, presided over the meeting and introduced Sen. Englehardt and others on the speakers platform.

Sen. Walter C. Givhan introduced the two Arkansas speakers.

Seated on the speakers stand were Probate Judge Bernard Reynolds, Mayor Chris Heinz, John T. Moore, Howard Long and Jim Risher, vice-chairmen of the Council, former state Senator J. M. Bonner, Wilcox County; Sen. Albert Davis, Pickens and Sen. James Coleman, Green, and Henry W. Fancher, Southside, who gave the invocation.

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ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurlet dated January 13, 1956.

By letter dated January 17, 1956, the Mobile Office was instructed to furnish the Bureau promptly a list of the names of the individual councils in Alabama. That office was instructed thereafter to follow closely the situation concerning the possible formation of a state-wide organization and to keep the Bureau promptly informed of action being taken in that regard.

The Birmingham Office is instructed to do likewise.

cc - Mobile (105-121) (Information)

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 1/13/56

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-272)

SUBJECT: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X.

ReBulet to Birmingham, copy to Mobile, 12/19/55, and Mobile letter to Bureau, 1/5/56.

The Citizens Council at Tarrant City, Alabama, is the only council of this type known to have been organized in the Birmingham territory. Indications are that others will possibly be organized. J. H. WHITLEY, Tarrant City druggist, and President of Tarrant Citizens Council, when contacted in another connection recently, volunteered the information that Tarrant City Council is an autonomous organization at this time although it is loosely connected with the White Citizens Councils in South Alabama and Mississippi. He said Tarrant Citizens Council is not affiliated with American States Rights Association of Birmingham.

It will be appreciated if the Bureau will send to Birmingham a copy of any letter answering Mobile letter of 1/5/56. It has been ascertained that the same planning exists in the Birmingham territory as exists in the Mobile area. [redacted] formerly connected with American States Rights Association, recently voluntarily furnished the information that he is organizing White Citizens Councils in Northern Alabama; that a state-wide organization is being planned as soon as the proper leader can be found. [redacted] said the Tarrant City Council is self-governing at this time.

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However, a separate report will be submitted in the near future on the Citizens Council of Tarrant, Alabama, inasmuch as it is at present an autonomous organization.

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ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurlet January 25, 1956, in which you reported on a meeting held on January 17, 1956, to organize a Citizens Council in Eastern Birmingham.

You are instructed to advise whether this organization is autonomous or whether it is connected with one of the pro-segregation organizations about which you have previously advised the Bureau.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 1-25-56

FROM : SAC, Birmingham

SUBJECT: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS  
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Remylet January 13, 1956.

According to an article in the "Birmingham News" for January 17, 1956, an estimated 1500 persons, from various eastern section communities of Birmingham, met to organize a Citizens Council in Eastern Birmingham. State Senator WALTER GIVHAN, a veteran of twenty years in the Alabama Legislature, said that "We must use strictly legal action. Violence can only bring bad will. And we need the good will of the nation." Senator GIVHAN predicted that before the end of 1956 there will be 200,000 members of the Citizens Councils in Alabama. Referring to Alabama U. S. Senators JOHN SPARKMAN and LISTER HILL, he was quoted as saying "We've not heard much from them" on the segregation-integration issues. ACE CARTER, Birmingham service station man, allegedly made a fiery talk. Senator GIVHAN was further quoted as saying "The reason we're here and the reason we've fought these battles is your little boy and your little girl. That's what we're fighting for. We're going to keep these little white boys and these little white girls pure. We're going to do it legally. There is no other way than legally."

*John J. Sparkman*

Birmingham will follow this matter through established sources.

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CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
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Reurlet January 27, 1956, in which you set forth the names of seven Citizens Councils which have been formed in your territory.

While it is realized that all of these organizations may be consolidated into a state-wide organization it does not appear that this action will be taken in the near future, therefore, you are instructed to open a separate case file on each of the seven organizations listed in the referenced letter. Discreet inquiries should be initiated concerning these groups and a separate report containing the results thereof should be submitted on each. Your inquiries should be conducted in accordance with instructions set forth in SAC Letter 55-66.

In the event a state-wide organization is formed and all these organizations merge with that organization the separate cases can be closed and thereafter each of them can be reported in connection with the state-wide organization.

cc - Birmingham (For Information)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-33955)

FROM : SAC, Mobile (105-121)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
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DATE: 1/27/56

ReBulet to Mobile, dated 1/17/56, instructing that the Bureau be furnished with a list of the individual Councils in Alabama, and that the situation be closely followed as to formation of a state-wide organization.

The following individual Councils have been organized in this portion of Alabama covered by the Mobile Division:

- 1) Dallas County Citizens Council
- 2) Hale County Citizens Council
- 3) Perry County Citizens Council
- 4) Marengo County Citizens Council
- 5) Wilcox County Citizens Council
- 6) Butler County Citizens Council
- 7) Central Alabama Citizens Council

Information was previously developed reflecting formation of Councils in Macon and Montgomery Counties, although these Councils were consolidated into the Central Alabama Citizens Council. Mobile will continue to report on the above mentioned Councils ~~and~~ reports bearing the title of this communication. The Bureau will be kept informed as to the action taken toward formation of a state-wide organization and in the event same is not done, the Bureau will be notified and separate files opened on each of the above listed Councils.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE 2/1/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
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ReMememo to Bureau 1/27/56.

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[Redacted] Ala., advised 1/30/56 that he recently learned from JIM KYESS, NY Times reporter, who interviewed Hon. SAM EMGLEHART, Chairman, Central Ala. Citizens Council, that a public meeting will be held 2/9/56 at the Coliseum, Montgomery, at which plans will be announced for forming a state organization of captioned group. Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND will be featured speaker at that meeting. [Redacted] will attend, and will furnish details of state organization as announced at the meeting. Bureau will be advised. ALa

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: February 2, 1956

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FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-272)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
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On February 1, 1956, [redacted] Alabama, furnished the Birmingham Office with a leaflet which he said was distributed at Bessemer. The leaflet purports to be a speech of [redacted] Professor of Howard University, Washington, D. C., at a National Association for the Advancement of Colored People meeting at Jackson, Mississippi. [redacted] works for the Street Department of the City of Bessemer and is also a ministerial student. He said he received the leaflet from a fellow employee, whom he did not name.

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Above mentioned leaflet is enclosed for the information of the Bureau.

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Roosevelt Williams...Professor Howard University - Washington, D. C.  
Speaking at N.A.A.C.P. meeting in Jackson, Mississippi

"N.A.A.C.P. is affording you the leadership...emancipation is now at hand. White and methodist women have approved our demand for equality. When our demands have become an actuality...we will honor the leaders of Mississippi with blunt persecution. We demand that the War and Navy departments eliminate Jim Crow. Our good friend Marshall Zukov reported to Stalin that he could never understand why the American negro fought for America that so long as the U. S. had those splendid negro soldiers they could never whip America. The negro is the white man's superior. The negro has always excelled. There has never been a white man who could compete with Jackie Robinson...Nat King Cole...Ralph Bunche...Duke Ellington... We demand the abolition of all state laws which forbid intermarriage of the different races. We demand the removal of the last vestige of barriers. The whole world knows that the white man prefers the negro woman. The white women have been subjected to persecution and restriction. The recent announcement by white women's church organizations serves notice they intend to strike their own shackles. It is well known that the white woman is dissatisfied with the white man, and they along with us demand the right to win and love the negro men of their choice, so they can proudly tell the world he is my man...a man in every respect. The average negro man has adopted the attitude that why buy a cow when he can get plenty of mountain butter for nothing. We demand the right for every negro man or woman to marry the white of his or her choice, if he can find one fit to marry. I am proud of my negro heritage...and I will not mix that negro blood with the stock of an inferior race.

And now allow me to bring you the good news of Arkansas Winthrop Rockefeller, our good friend...has assured us that the Governor, Orville...is our friend and will be anxious to meet all our demands though playing along with the segregationists...will do all he demands of him...and all we demand of him...he has promised that we will have representation and control of the State Democratic Committee and that we will dominate that Committee in organization. He has promised us representation and control in the State Educational Department...You can imagine what benefits will accrue to the negro from this appointment...he has promised he will appoint negro to Alcoholic Control Board...he has promised to remove the hideous word "colored" from all toilets and water fountains he has promised that during his second term...the Adjutant General of the Arkansas National Guard will be an outstanding negro. He has promised us that negroes will be integrated into all state colleges. He has promised not to approve any legislation until it is approved by our own the honorable I. S. McClendon. Promised to appoint negroes to the State Pardon and Paroles Board...will fill vacancy on Arkansas University Board with a negro...and the chaplain in the next Arkansas legislature will be an outstanding negro minister. Now hear this we will absolutely control the next election in Arkansas....."

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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BIRMINGHAM

REPORT MADE AT BIRMINGHAM	DATE WHEN MADE 2/2/56	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/11,31/56	REPORT MADE BY CHARLES B. STANBERY	MFL
TITLE CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA BIRMINGHAM DIVISION			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - X	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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Citizens Council organized at Tarrant, Ala. on 11-19-55. JOHN H. WHITLEY, druggist of Tarrant, elected President. According to newspaper article, WHITLEY said, "We want to put pressure on politicians who are not upholding segregation." Tarrant Council held public meeting 1-7-56 with 500-600 present. Informants advise that several individuals present are members or ex-members of Tarrant Klavern No. 15, Ku Klux Klan. Citizens Council organized in East Birmingham on 1-17-56, with estimated 1500 individuals present. Citizens Council reportedly organized in Central Park section on 1-27-56, to be known as West Central Park Citizens Council.

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- 1 - OSI, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1 - G-2, 3rd Army, Ft. McPherson, Ga.
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DETAILS: AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

The "Birmingham News," a daily newspaper, published an article on November 9, 1955, entitled "Tarrant Group Patterns itself along White Council Line." This article stated that a Citizens Council was being organized at Tarrant to "help put pressure" on public officials to maintain segregation of the races. The article stated that JOHN H. WHITLEY, Tarrant druggist, advised that the Tarrant Council would be patterned after White Citizens Councils in Mississippi. Mr. WHITLEY was subsequently quoted in this article that "We want to put pressure on politicians who are not upholding segregation."

According to an article published in the "Birmingham News" for November 21, 1955, a Citizens Council was organized at Tarrant, Alabama, on the night of November 19, 1955. JOHN H. WHITLEY, Tarrant druggist, was elected President.

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1 of unknown reliability, advised on January 11, 1956, that he attended a meeting of the Citizens Council of Tarrant at the Recreation Hall in Tarrant on the night of January 7, 1956. He said it was an open meeting and that anyone might attend who so desired. Informant said that [redacted] opened the meeting with a prayer. T-1 said he knows [redacted] to be a member of Tarrant City Klavern No. 15 of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Informant estimated that there were between 500 and 600 individuals present at this meeting. He stated that Dr. J. H. WHITLEY, druggist of Tarrant, and recently elected President of the Tarrant Citizens Council, presided at this meeting. Informant said that [redacted]

[redacted] made a short talk in favor of segregation; that he played a record of an alleged National Association for the Advancement of Colored People meeting at Jackson, Mississippi. T-1 said that a man was talking on the record about the white people and the Negro people in Mississippi. T-1 said that the man sounded like a Negro talking. T-1 said that the speaker on the record stated in essence that some Negro men were tired of their Negro wives and some Negro women were tired of their Negro husbands; that if they wanted to take white spouses, they should be allowed to do so if they could find any white people fit to marry. T-1 said that as this part of the record was played, the sound of laughter and shouts could be heard. Alabama State Senator SAM ENGLEHARDT of Macon County, Alabama, made a talk attacking Communism and mentioned that Marshal ZUKOV of Russia has praised Negro soldiers and said they were better than white soldiers.

T-1 stated he saw the following individuals whom he knows as members of Tarrant Klavern No. 15, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, present at the above mentioned meeting of the Tarrant Citizens Council: RAYMOND MAULDEN, W. C. WALKER, W. H. JONES, and ROY MANNING. T-1 said that ROY

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MANNING is employed by the City of Birmingham as a truck driver and that RAYMOND MAULDIN is an employee of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad.

T-1 further stated that individuals representing the communities of Central Park, East Lake and Center Point were present at the above meeting on the night of January 11, 1956. T-1 said he has heard that [redacted] former professional baseball player, was prominently mentioned as a possible president of a citizens council at Roebuck, a community in East Birmingham. ALA

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Birmingham Confidential Informant T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in the Spring of 1954, that the name [redacted] not further identified, appeared on a membership list of the Dr. L. S. Fennell Ku Klux Klan No. 15 of Tarrant, Alabama, for the year 1951.

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The Ku Klux Klan has been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Birmingham News" for January 10, 1956, published an article entitled, "Citizens Council Hears Plans for Maintaining Segregation". This article stated that several hundred members of the Tarrant Citizens Council heard Alabama State Senator SAM ENGELHARDT, JR., of Macon County, author of "Segregation Legislation," speak of similar citizens' groups in other sections of Alabama and the South. The article stated that Senator ENGELHARDT spoke on Saturday night, January 7, 1956, at Tarrant, Alabama. He indicated that plans are being shaped to help maintain segregation of the races in Alabama. The article quoted JOHN H. WHITLEY, Tarrant druggist, Council President, to the effect that a recording of a National Association for the Advancement of Colored People meeting at Jackson, Mississippi was played "to give further proof to our members of that organization's aims." WHITLEY was further quoted as saying, "Our council is fighting not only to help maintain segregation in our schools and in our parks and playgrounds, but we are waging a fight on Communism." WHITLEY said, according to this article, that the Tarrant Council now had more than 300 members and that a membership fee of \$3.00 is charged those who join, which money is used for mailing expenses. This article indicated that CURRY JIBB is Vice President and EARL BAILEY is Secretary-Treasurer of the Tarrant Citizens Council. ALA

~~EAST BIRMINGHAM CITIZENS COUNCIL~~ ALA

According to an article in the "Birmingham News" for January 17, 1956, an estimated 1500 persons from various eastern section communities of Birmingham met to organize a citizens council in Eastern Birmingham. State Senator WALTER GIVAN, a veteran of 20 years in the



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Alabama Legislature said, "We must use strictly legal action. Violence can only bring bad will and we need the good will of the nation." Senator GIVHAN predicted that before the end of 1956, there will be 200,000 members of the Citizens Councils in Alabama. According to the above mentioned article, Senator GIVHAN stated that, "We've not heard much from them", referring to U. S. Senators JOHN SPARKMAN and LISTER HILL of Alabama. According to the article, ASA CARTER, Birmingham service station man, allegedly made a fiery talk. Senator GIVHAN was further quoted as saying, "The reason we're here and the reason we fought these battles is your little boy and your little girl. That's what we're fighting for. We're going to keep these little white boys and these little white girls pure. We're going to do it legally. There is no other way than legally." Alb

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-3, another governmental agency conducting intelligence investigations, advised on January 13, 1956, that it had obtained some literature concerning the organizational meeting of the East Birmingham Citizens Council, referred to above. This literature included a letter which is as follows:

"Dear Fellow Citizen:

"The first open meeting of the Citizens Council of the Eastern Section of Birmingham, will be held at the Cascade Plunge, 68th Street and Second Avenue, South, on Monday night January 16th at 8 P.M.

"This meeting will feature an address by State Senator WALTER C. GIVHAN of Safford, Ala., with information on segregation and the recent regional meeting of the Federation for Constitutional Government; and also an explanation of the Citizens Council movement by ACE CARTER, executive secretary, North Alabama, Citizens Councils.

"You will be given an opportunity to associate yourself with this movement - an opportunity to ACTIVELY support segregation.

"Nothing can be done individually, but much can be done collectively.

"Many have said that it will never happen here, BUT the University of Alabama has been ORDERED to admit Negroes beginning this month.

"We know that big money is against us, but no amount of money can whip a determined organization of white people, if we will organize.

"THIS WE CAN DO -- THIS WE ARE DOING.

"If you are unalterably opposed to integration we need you and you need us.

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"Plan now to attend this meeting and bring a friend. Membership is open only to white men and women of determination.

"CITIZENS COUNCIL  
EASTERN SECTION OF BIRMINGHAM."

The above mentioned literature contained a reprint allegedly from "Twin City Sentinel," Winston-Salem, North Carolina, August 31, 1955, entitled "Intermarriage to Follow Integration, Man Thinks". This article quoted ALBERT A. KENNEDY, a graduate of the South Carolina State College and State Counselor for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, to the effect that, "once the two races are integrated, intermarriage is the natural consequence." Also in this literature was a reprint of an article entitled, "Land of One Race", allegedly taken from the "Washington Afro-American News." T-3 said that the literature included a large photograph of a Negro soldier and a white girl, posed together, and underneath the picture, the following article:

"A few minutes before this picture was taken, a marriage license was issued to them in the Winnebago County Courthouse. About 20 minutes later they were married.

"The bride's name was ARDELLE A. DOUGLAS, age 18, 2915 Barlow St., Madison, Wis. The groom was Airman CHARLES ADAMS, 23, stationed at Truax Field outside of Madison. His home address was given as 308 W. 42nd Pl., Chicago, Ill.

"They had known each other for two years before deciding to become man and wife. Both were happy to be photographed and the lovely Miss ARDELLE DOUGLAS, unfearful of sharp tongues which might be aimed at the marriage, sweetly said: 'I'm not afraid of what people will say. I love CHARLES!'"

WEST CENTRAL PARK CITIZENS COUNCIL *ALA*

T-3, above mentioned, advised on January 25, 1956, that it had received some literature concerning a proposed meeting of the West Central Park Citizens Council, to be held in Birmingham on January 27, 1956. T-3 said this literature contained an application for membership in the West Central Park Citizens Council; that this application indicated dues to be \$3.00, which should be returned to P. O. Box 3755, West End Branch, Birmingham, Alabama. This material contained a letter similar to the letter set out above in connection with the East Birmingham Citizens Council. This letter stated: "We say integration will never happen, BUT, already the University of Alabama has been ordered to admit all Negroes. Do you think integration will stop there?"

"If Negroes are permitted to attend school with our children, what is to prevent them from mixing at social functions... and doesn't it naturally follow that if they are allowed to associate with our children in every phase of their lives that courtships, love and marriage could result?

"We say it will never happen and yet our governor, JIM FOLSON, has stated, while in the company of a Negro congressman from New York, that it is inevitable and there is nothing you can do about it. The Citizens Council movement says there is something you can do about it...."

This literature also contained what appeared to be a reprint of an article by PAUL ROBESON, entitled "Mississippi Today - History in the Making." A reprint from the "Daily Worker" of May 26, 1928, setting forth some demands being made by the Communist Party. This article contained the following:

"The Communist Party considers it as its historic duty to unite all workers regardless of their color against the common enemy, against the master class. The negro race must understand that capitalism means racial oppression and Communism means social and racial equality."

The Communist Party has been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-3 said this literature contained one page entitled, "What You Can Do as an Individual to Preserve White America!!" also one reprint of a page containing photographs of white girls and Negro men and Negro women and white men. One of these photographs appears to be a picture of AVA GARDNER, the movie actress, and a Negro man. Below these photographs of mixed couples is the following: "If our buildings, our highways, our railroads should be wrecked, we could rebuild them. If our cities should be destroyed, out of the very ruins we could erect newer and greater ones. Even if our armed might should be crushed, we could rear sons who would redeem our power. But if the blood of our white race should become corrupted and mingled with the blood of Africa, then the present greatness of the United States of America would be destroyed and all hope for the future would be forever gone. The maintenance of American civilization would be as impossible for a negroid America as would the redemption and restoration of the white man's blood which had been mixed with that of the Negro."

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<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity Or Description of Information</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent to whom Furnished</u>	<u>File Number where Located</u>
T-1: [redacted]	Re Citizens Council of Tarrant, Ala.	1-11-56	CHARLES B. STANBERY	105-281-7
T-2: [redacted]	Klan membership of [redacted]	February, March & April, 1954.	[redacted]	BH 65-398-1092, p. 610
T-3: [redacted]	Re literature of East Birmingham Citizens Council	1-13-56	CHARLES B. STANBERY	BH 105-272
"	Re literature of West Central Park Citizens Council	1-25-56	CHARLES B. STANBERY	BH 105-272

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CAREFUL CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO EACH SOURCE CONCEALED AND "T" SYMBOLS WERE USED IN THIS REPORT ONLY IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE THE IDENTITIES OF THE SOURCES MUST BE CONCEALED.

A copy of this report is furnished to the Memphis, Mobile and New Orleans Offices because of similar activity in these divisions.

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THE BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

At Birmingham, Alabama

Will continue to report on activities of subject organization.

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REFERENCE: Bureau Letter to Birmingham dated January 5, 1956, in the case entitled, "Citizens Councils, Tarrant, Alabama; Internal Security - X," Bureau file 105-43031.

Birmingham Letter to Bureau dated January 13, 1956, in the case entitled, "Alabama Citizens Councils; Internal Security - X," Bureau file 105-33955.

Bureau Letter to Birmingham dated January 27, 1956, in the case entitled, "Alabama Citizens Councils; Internal Security - X."

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: February 2, 1956

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-272)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA,  
BIRMINGHAM DIVISION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Rebulet to Birmingham dated January 5, 1956, in the case entitled "Citizens Councils, Tarrant, Alabama; Internal Security - X."

Referenced letter requested that a report suitable for dissemination be submitted to reach the Bureau no later than February 6, 1956, concerning Citizens Council at Tarrant, Alabama.

At the present time there are only three known Citizens Councils in the Northern District of Alabama--the Tarrant, Alabama Council, the East Birmingham and the West Central Park Councils. Both Birmingham and Mobile have received information and have advised the Bureau that apparently all Councils in Alabama will shortly be consolidated into one State organization. Mobile has advised the Bureau that they will continue to submit reports under the general caption, "Citizens Councils of Alabama; Internal Security - X" unless advised to the contrary. Mobile has also advised that when the State organization is perfected, the Bureau will be advised and a determination can be made as to the proper office of origin. In view of the above information, it was deemed feasible for the Birmingham Office to submit a report under the caption "Citizens Councils of Alabama, Birmingham Division; Internal Security - X" and set forth information which has been received concerning the three councils in the Birmingham territory. Birmingham will be carried as office of origin in the above mentioned file unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

who is organizing White Citizens Councils in Northern Alabama, has recently stated publicly that he intends to set up a state-wide organization in Alabama when the proper leader can be found. If this is true, it will only be a short time apparently until all the Citizens Councils are consolidated into one state-wide organization in Alabama.

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Reference is made to Bureau letter to Birmingham dated January 27, 1956, in the case entitled "Alabama Citizens Councils; Internal Security - X."

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Referenced letter of January 27, 1956 refers to a letter from the Bureau to Mobile dated January 17, 1956, in which the Mobile Office was instructed to furnish the Bureau promptly with a list of the names of the individual Councils in Alabama and to follow closely the situation concerning the possible formation of a state-wide organization and to keep the Bureau informed of action being taken in that regard. The Birmingham Office was instructed to do likewise.

The desired information has been set forth above and the Birmingham Office will closely follow the situation concerning the possible formation of a state-wide organization in this matter.

ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU: Six copies report of SA CHARLES B. STANBERY, Birmingham, dated February 2, 1956, captioned "Citizens Councils of Alabama, Birmingham Division; Internal Security - X."

ENCLOSURE TO MOBILE: One copy report of SA STANBERY as described above.

cc Liaison Section  
cc Mr. Williams

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Date: February 8, 1956

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To: Director of Special Investigations  
The Inspector General  
Department of the Air Force BY COURIER SERVICE  
Building Tempo E  
4th and Adams Drive, S. W.  
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

On January 25, 1956, a Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigations, Craig Air Force Base, Selma, Alabama, contacted the Mobile Office of this Bureau for the purpose of securing a list of the members of the citizens council in Dallas County, Alabama. Reportedly this information was needed in connection with a letter dated January 24, 1956, addressed to the Commanding Officer of Craig Air Force Base which was signed "Anonymous" and in which it was alleged that "civilians who are associated with an organization whose aim is to promote racial segregation" had recently been employed in the civilian personnel office of that base. The anonymous sender of the letter solicited the help of the Commanding Officer in insuring fair and just treatment for Negroes.

The Mobile Office of this Bureau advised the Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigations that all pertinent information concerning the captioned organization had previously been furnished to the Office of Special Investigations in investigative reports.

The above is being furnished you for your information. Four investigative reports concerning the Citizens Councils of Alabama have been furnished you by this Bureau.

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Harbo \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Sizoo \_\_\_\_\_
- Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: 1/30/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile (105-121)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

On 1/25/56, [redacted] Special Agent, OSI,  
Craig Air Force Base, exhibited the following quoted letter:

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"Jan. 24, 1956

"Commanding Officer  
Craig Air Base  
Selma, Alabama

"Dear Sir:

"We are a group of negro civilians employed at  
Craig Air Base. We have just learned that civilians  
who are associated with an organization whose aim is  
to promote racial segregation have recently been  
employed in the Civilian Personnel Office. How can  
the policy of the Federal Government regarding fair  
employment practices be enforced when personnel respon-  
sible for classification, hiring and promotions have  
publically displayed prejudice against the negro.

"We earnestly solict your help for we know that  
as a representative of the Federal Government you will  
insure us fair and just treatment.

"We, in appreciation, must remain

"Respectfully,  
Anonymous "

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DATE 10/21/99 BY [signature]

The envelope was postmarked "Selma, Ala., Jan. 25, 1956,  
7:30 A.M." Three one (1) cent stamps were used as postage. The  
envelope was addressed to:

"Col. HARRY HAWTHORN  
Craig Air Base  
Selma, Alabama "

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Director, FBI (105-33955)

1/30/56

[ ] stated that Col. HAWTHORNE had requested the OSI office at Craig AFB to ascertain the names of all the civilian personnel employed in the Civilian Personnel Office. Thereafter, HAWTHORNE stated he would like to know if any of those persons so employed were members of the local White Citizens Council in Dallas County, Ala. He merely wants this information as background in the event the allegations are made again.

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[ ] related HAWTHORNE expressly stated this information and letter must remain confidential and no active or open investigation was to be made.

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[ ] advised he plans to obtain the names of the individuals employed in the Civilian Personnel Office in an after hour search of the base locator files, in that way avoiding any inquiring of personnel in the locator office.

[ ] stated he thought perhaps the FBI had a roster of the membership in the local White Citizens Council and a cross check could be made of the names. [ ] also advised he could discreetly ascertain if such alleged incidents have taken place which would cause such a letter. [ ] stated he would immediately keep this agent informed of any further activity.

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[ ] was advised that OSI has been furnished with investigative reports in this matter and all pertinent available information has been furnished OSI.

The above is submitted for information of the Bureau.



Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 2-10-56

FROM : Mr. Price

SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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This is to record that at 4:50 p.m. on 2-10-56, Supervisor [redacted] of the Civil Rights Unit was telephonically advised by [redacted] Civil Rights Section, Criminal Division that [redacted] had received a telephone call from Thurgood Marshall, General Counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. According to [redacted] Marshall was referring to a meeting scheduled to be held in Montgomery, Alabama. [redacted] was going to furnish a memorandum to the Bureau regarding the conversation. [redacted] stated he had mentioned the conversation to [redacted] felt the information should be forwarded to the Bureau. [redacted] requested no action. Memorandum submitted for information.

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The attached memorandum from the Criminal Division was received at 5:06 p.m. and contains a description of the conversation between Marshall and [redacted]. The transcript indicates that Eastland (probably Senator James Eastland of Mississippi) is going to be at a meeting in Montgomery, Alabama, and that individuals who had been arrested in connection with the demonstration at the University of Alabama over the attendance of [redacted] at the University, would speak at the Montgomery meeting. By teletype 2-8-56 the Birmingham Office advised that a meeting of the White Citizens Council was scheduled to be held in Montgomery, Alabama, on 2-10-56. Allen Hayfield, Marshal, University of Alabama Police, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, had advised the Mobile Office that [redacted] both of Montgomery, had sought permission to use public address system of the University of Alabama campus 2-7-56 to advertise such meeting. Marshall feared there would be trouble at the meeting.

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ACTION:

As this concerns the meeting of the White Citizens Council, this information has been brought to the attention of the Internal Security Section of the Domestic Intelligence Division, for any necessary action.

\* MEMORANDUM WAS FURNISHED TO INTERNAL SECURITY SECTION AT 5:08 PM 2/10/56. CLM

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cc: 1 - Mr. Baumgardner

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(EASTLAND)

MONTGOMERY, ALA.--SEN. JAMES O. EASTLAND TOLD A WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL RALLY HERE TONIGHT THAT "EVERY COUNTY, EVERY CITY AND EVERY COMMUNITY" MUST ORGANIZE TO FIGHT RACIAL INTEGRATION.

THE MISSISSIPPI DEMOCRAT, SPEAKING TO A LARGE CROWD OF SEGREGATIONISTS AT THE HUGE STATE AGRICULTURAL COLISEUM, PRAISED THE ALABAMA LEGISLATURE FOR PASSING AN "INTERPOSITION" RESOLUTION WHICH DECLARES THAT THE U.S. SUPREME COURT SEGREGATION RULINGS ARE "NULL, VOID AND OF NO EFFECT" IN ALABAMA.

"GENERATIONS YET UNBORN WILL BLESS YOUR NAME," EASTLAND SAID OF THE LEGISLATURE.

"YOU HAVE ASSERTED IN PLAIN AND UNEQUIVOCAL LANGUAGE THAT THE PEOPLE OF ALABAMA WILL NOT BE SUBJECTED TO JUDICIAL TYRANNY BY A NINE-MAN OLIGARCHY THAT HAS DEPARTED FROM EVERY PRECEDENT OF LAW AND REASON."

ALABAMA GOV. JAMES E. FOLSOM SAID EARLIER TODAY AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT HE HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS BUT ADDED THAT "NOTHING BASED ON HATE CAN EXIST FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME IN A CHRISTIAN DEMOCRACY."

"I FAVOR WHITE COUNCILS, RED AND BLACK COUNCILS," THE GOVERNOR SAID. BUT HE ADDED THAT "I CANNOT LEAD THIS STATE IF I BASE MY THINKING ON HATE."

FOLSOM WAS NOT INVITED TO THE RALLY. A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID THE GOVERNOR WAS OPPOSED TO THE MOVEMENT.

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- Mr. Williams

SAC, Birmingham (105-272)

February 20, 1956

Director, FBI (105-33955)

CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Rerep of Special Agent Charles B. Stanberry dated February 2, 1956.

This report is captioned "Citizens Councils of Alabama, Birmingham Division, Internal Security - X," although it pertains to Citizens Council, Tarrant, Alabama, which you previously advised is an autonomous organization. This report also contains information concerning citizens councils at Roebuck, East Birmingham and West Central Park.

Although these citizens councils may be affiliated with the Citizens Councils of Alabama, a separate report on each should be submitted if they are autonomous; therefore, you are instructed to submit immediately a report captioned "Citizens Council Tarrant, Alabama," and also advise whether the other three citizens councils mentioned in rerep are autonomous.

In the future when information is received relative to a citizens council being formed, you should immediately establish whether it is separate and self-governing or whether it is merely a local chapter of a state-wide organization. In the former event a separate report should be submitted under the caption of the name of the citizens council rather than under the caption of the state-wide group. As an example, the Savannah Office is submitting separate reports on approximately 50 citizens councils organized in the State of South Carolina, many of which are affiliated with but not chapters of a state-wide organization.

cc - Mobile (For Information)

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cc Bufile 105-43031

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- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
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FROM : SAC, Mobile (105-121)

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Re Mobile teletype to Director, 2/11/56.

Attached hereto are two copies each of the following newspaper items pertaining to the Central Alabama Citizens Council rally on 2/10/56, held at Montgomery, Ala.:

(1) Item appearing in "Montgomery Advertiser", Montgomery, Ala., under date of 2/11/56, captioned "Senator Hits NAACP Move at Rally Here".

(2) Item appearing in "Montgomery Advertiser", Montgomery, Ala., under date of 2/11/56, captioned "Reception for EASTLAND".

(3) Item appearing in "Montgomery Advertiser", Montgomery, Ala., under date of 2/11/56, captioned "Coliseum Crowd Overflows to Hear 'Dixie Defender'".

(4) Item appearing in "Montgomery Advertiser", Montgomery, Ala., under date of 2/11/56, captioned "Sellers and Gayle Cheered".

In addition to the remarks of Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND appearing in the clippings, the additional remarks of Senator EASTLAND during the same address are paraphrased from notes taken by SA [redacted] who monitored the radio broadcast of the meeting:

Senator EASTLAND inferred that pressure groups "control the Supreme Court and the President of the United States".

During a section of the speech in which Senator EASTLAND was advocating the organization of every county, city and community in a "grass roots" organization like the Citizens Council, and in which he referred to the Citizens Council as a "hard and inflexible core of resistance" to integration, and urging that every "legal means" be used to

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preserve the system of segregation, he quoted ABRAHAM LINCOLN as either writing or saying, "Overthrow not the Constitution, but the men who pervert it". Defining "Anglo-Saxon" law as the codification of the will and custom of the people, he stated "When you follow custom, you follow the law".

Senator EASTLAND referred to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People as a "front organization", and an "action group" behind which are the Ford Foundation, labor groups, and "a half-dozen foundations", all of which expend enormous amounts of money to secure "civil rights" and to "bring about racial amalgamation in the South". He charged that UNESCO, a branch of the United Nations organization, largely financed by the United States government, spends great amounts of money for propaganda to bring about racial amalgamation.

He charged that the Supreme Court decision against segregation in schools is an attempt to destroy the power and sovereignty of the States of the United States.

Referring to an alleged statement by President EISENHOWER that integrated schools would be "glorious and shining examples" of how well the integrated system would work, Senator EASTLAND said that the President is "trying to hide his examples". The Senator had previously charged that in those schools where recent integration had taken place, the scholastic averages had been lowered, and that "indecent proposals" had been made to "little girls".

Senator EASTLAND said also that a fundamental principle of the Citizens Council should be to see "that no man is mistreated". He said, "Acts of violence hurt the cause of the South", and are used as propaganda against "us". He said, "We can and will win within the law".

He pointed out the possibility of segregation being maintained in the schools by basing it not on color or race, but on a "moral" basis, and on the basis of the inherent police power of the state, and to "promote peace". He urged that each state adopt legal means of some similar nature to preserve segregation. He urged the "constitutional and legal" means of "interposition", and cited the historical success of this device.

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Characterizing the present era as "an era of Judicial tyranny", the Senator said, "Resistance to tyranny is obedience to God".

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[redacted] advised on 2/13/56 that he attended the above rally, but noted no incidents of disorder or violence. His account of the speeches added nothing to information already possessed. [redacted]

[redacted] advised on 2/13/56 that the rally was free of any violence or any disturbances. No direct inquiry was made of [redacted] concerning the organization, inasmuch as his discretion is not so well established that he could be trusted not to mention to other officers of the Central Alabama Citizens Council that such inquiry had been made. *Ala*

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# Senator Hits NAACP Move At Rally Here

By BOB INGRAM

U.S. Sen. James O. Eastland (D-Miss) told a cheering throng at the State Coliseum last night he was sure that "you and Alabama are not going to permit the NAACP to take over your schools."

This remark, in obvious reference to rioting on the University of Alabama campus earlier this week, came at the outset of his address when he mentioned he was an alumnus of the University.

"I am sure you are not going to permit the NAACP to control your state, and you are not going to permit that organization to use your little children as pawns in a game of racial politics," Eastland told the crowd.

## RECORD CROWD

Eastland spoke at a Citizens Council rally which attracted the largest crowd in history to the huge coliseum. Coliseum Manager Tom Reid estimated the crowd at 11,000. Montgomery Police Commissioner Clyde Sellers, one of the speakers on the program, said the figure might run as high as 15,000 counting several hundred who couldn't find seats.

Robert Patterson, executive secretary of the Mississippi White Citizens Council, in speaking on the program, said the crowd in attendance last night was the "largest segregation gathering in recent history of the South."

## ONE MENTION

Sen. Eastland made but the one mention of the University situation and completely sidestepped Montgomery's own bus boycott in his 36-minute address. He deleted the last six pages of his prepared address as the crowd began to move toward the exits in increasing numbers.

Eastland called on the white people of the South to organize in a massive "grass roots" campaign to resist racial integration.

But he insisted the "fight we wage must be a just and legal fight. Acts of violence and lawlessness have no place in our organization."

## SINGLE COURSE

There is only one course open for the South to take, and that is stern resistance; there is no other alternative," he continued. "We must fight them with every legal weapon at every step of the way. Southern people are right both legally and morally."

Eastland said there was but "one prescription for victory" and that was to "organize and be militant."

In calling for the creation of a "regional commission" to answer the attacks made upon the South, Eastland said it was imperative that public funds be employed in this effort.

Calling the U.S. Supreme Court's desegregation decree "illegal, immoral, dishonest and a disgrace," the Mississippi senator said the South had entered an "era of judicial tyranny."

## HOLDING STEADFAST

"And the Anglo-Saxon people have held steadfast to the belief that resistance to tyranny is obedience to God," he added.

Eastland was given a thunderous ovation when he was introduced, while a band played "Dixie."

The program opened with a prayer by the Rev. George W. Cheek of the Alabama Avenue Presbyterian Church in Selma who prayed that God "end the cold war that exists between Federal bureaucracy and local self government."

State Sen. Sam Engelhardt Jr. of Macon County, chairman of the Central Alabama Citizens' Council which sponsored the rally, was the opening speaker.

Engelhardt said the time had come for "white men to stand up and be counted."

"This is no time for pussy-foot" (See EASTLAND, Page 8A)

# Eastland

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ing, but a time to take a stand and be counted on one side or the other," Engelhardt declared.

Later, as Engelhardt introduced a number of guests on the speakers' platform, the crowd began to yell, "Where's Big Jim?" Gov. Folsom had said earlier in the day he would attend a Mental Health Society dinner in Birmingham.

Mayor W. A. Gayle and Commissioners Sellers and Frank Parks also spoke briefly.

"We are all for equal facilities for the races," Gayle said, "but we are also for segregation."

He was given a tremendous ovation when introduced, exceeding that given any of the other speakers.

Sellers also brought a rousing cheer when he opened his remarks by saluting a Confederate flag adjoining the rostrum.

"If any Negro wants desegregation, then let him go where there is desegregation," Sellers declared. "And let me say again what I have said before: I will not sell my Southern birthright for any number of Negro votes."

Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook of Georgia, another featured speaker on the program, said for years he had used "polite and legal terms" in fighting the Supreme Court decision, but added "the time has now come to instead use defiance, nullification and refusal to obey."

"We will not permit racial suicide in Georgia at any price," the fiery Cook declared, "and I am sure the people of Alabama feel the same way."

Cook said the real goal of the NAACP is to "strike down all racial barriers, including that of racial intermarriage."

At the close of the program Sen. Engelhardt appealed to the crowd to "go home peacefully and orderly."

The audience took with them thousands of printed copies of what the Citizens' Council described as a transcript of a speech made at an NAACP meeting in Mississippi in December, 1954 demanding an end to all segregation.

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### RECEPTION FOR EASTLAND

Sen. James O. Eastland, of Mississippi, second from right, discusses White Citizens Council plans with other leading WCC figures shortly after arriving in Montgomery by plane yesterday. Pictured, left to right, are Eugene Cook, Georgia attorney general, who is accompanying Eastland, Luther Ingalls, president of Central Alabama Citizens Council, and State Senator Sam Englehardt, Macon County.—Photo by Owens



SEN. SAM ENGLEHARDT  
CACC Leader

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### IN DEFENSE OF SOUTH

Sen. James O. Eastland (left) of Mississippi discusses the organization of the Citizens Council and defense of the South with Sen. Walter Givhan of Dallas County at the CACC rally last night at the Alabama Coliseum. Eastland spoke to an estimated crowd of 12,000 people.—Photo by Kraus

### ALL WALKS OF LIFE

## Coliseum Crowd Overflows To Hear 'Dixie Defender'

By JOE AZBELL  
Advertiser City Editor

Riding in shiny new Cadillacs, pickup trucks, rattletrap old Fords and atomic-age Jaguars, the largest political crowd in the recent history of the state packed the Alabama Coliseum last night to "rededicate themselves to the Southern way of life."

They came from everywhere—Lowndes, Dallas, Jefferson, Tuscaloosa, Macon, Covington, Mobile, Gadsden — to hear Sen. James O. Eastland, spokesman of the Southern way of life. The crowd began to pack the huge coliseum before 6, filled half of it before 7 and by 8, the line of

cars headed to the mammoth building stretched to Madison avenue.

They filed in the coliseum doors in long lines, millionaires mingling with farmers, as many women as men, all with eager looks on their faces like people going to a Billy Graham revival. As they entered the door, they were handed a copy of a magazine, "Arkansas Faith" with the battlecry line, "The South Will Fight." Inside this was a booklet, "The Citizens Council," which was an allegiance to the states rights and segregation, a reprint of a letter to the editor of the Alabama. (See CROWD, Page 8A)

## Crowd Greet Sen. Eastland After Arrival

By FRANK McARDLE

A smiling, cigar-smoking Sen. James O. Eastland alighted from a Delta airlines DC3 plane yesterday and was whisked away by a distinguished reception committee to a local hotel preparatory to a Citizens Council address last night at the Alabama Coliseum.

Sen. Eastland, accompanied by Eugene Cook, Georgia Attorney General, a leader in Citizen Council activities, arrived around 4:50 p.m. and left immediately for the Jefferson Davis Hotel.

### ADVANCE MATERIAL

Eastland, carrying a large portfolio containing advance material for his speech, greeted an enthusiastic crowd at the airport. The reception committee, including two state legislators, Sen. Walter Givhan, of Dallas County, and Sam Engelhardt, Macon County, and Luther Ingalls, director of Central Alabama Citizens Council.

Eastland, senior Mississippi senator, is a leader in the organization of Citizens Councils. He helped form the Mississippi Citizens Council and called the group a "fine, strong organization." However, he pointed out that the purpose of citizens councils is "not political."

"The U.S. Supreme Court has been destroying harmonious relationships between the races in the South," the senator said, and "strong measures must be taken to prevent invasion of states rights by the federal government."

Sen. Eastland declined to comment on material planned for his speech last night before an important meeting of the Central Alabama Citizens Council.

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bama Journal on states rights, and applications for the WCC.

### SHOW BIG JIM

A doorman handed a magazine to a friend: "We're going to show old Big Jim tonight." He then expounded on his impression of the governor. Inside against the wall were huge floor sweep barrels with signs above them. "Donations." Tacked on front of the barrels were red, white and blue shields. At each of the entrances were two long banquet tables with five people seated behind each. They had cigar boxes for cash boxes and White Citizens Council application blanks before them. Business was of the land office variety. One girl complained before the end of the night that she had "writer's cramps."

Signing up were all manner of people, teen-agers who handed over their money, old people with walking canes, young businessmen, women and political figures. Inside the atmosphere was "popcorn, Rebel yells and Dixie." As a band made up mostly of Alcazar Shrine Temple band members led by Happy Hurst beat out "Dixie," the huge coliseum thundered under a Rebel yell. The audience stood in reverence.

The coliseum was decorated with flag buntings, red, white and blue paraphernalia and the Stars and Bars. Two men carried a Confederate flag to the speakers rostrum and anchored it beside the speakers' stand.

### LARGE CROWD

Seated down in the arena were an estimated 2,000 people, while some 30 political figures had seats on the platform. Overall, in the coliseum seats and aisles were an estimated 12,000. The catcalls were clear: "Where's Big Jim?" And a loud holler: "He's in Birmingham to see Lucy." Behind which came a thundering, "Yea, Dixie." It was a pep rally and a political convention and an old fashioned revival all mixed in a big pot.

As Luther Ingalls, CC director, introduced the various speakers, the roof of the coliseum popped with the cheers. When Mayor W. A. Gayle spoke, the audience cheered and gave him a rising ovation. The same occurred as Commissioner Clyde Sellers spoke. Commissioner Frank Parks also received a thunderous ovation. Sellers and Gayle said they would hold the line against Negro integration and the house fell in again with cheers. Parks said he was "with 'em."

As Sen. Sam Englehardt spoke, he too received the Caesar cry. It was a well dressed audience; it could have been a crowd at a Sunday church meeting or civic club. It was a Southern crowd. Mention that the South will fight integration and the key was turned for ovation.

### WORKING PRESS

Down at the speaker's rostrum were lined newspapermen from New York, Chicago, Birmingham, Atlanta, Nashville and TV cameras of CBS and movie cameras of Movietone News, Fox News, Tele-News and the grinding cameramen of a half dozen TV men. Sen. Eastland rode into the coliseum in a Highway Patrol car. He stepped on the platform amid flashing bulbs and momentous cheering.

The flags, the intoxicating popcorn odors and an atmosphere of march music and Dixie renditions did something to this cheering, enthusiastic crowd. The audience was the important thing—as one political figure put it: "This is what the people think. This is what they have been waiting for a chance to say how they feel."

Bruce Henderson, Mayor Chris Heinz, Revenue Board members, the legislative delegation and scores of other political personalities including many members of the Legislature were there. No one could say these were people from any section of Montgomery — as many came from Cloverdale as from Oak Park, as many from Capitol Heights as West End.

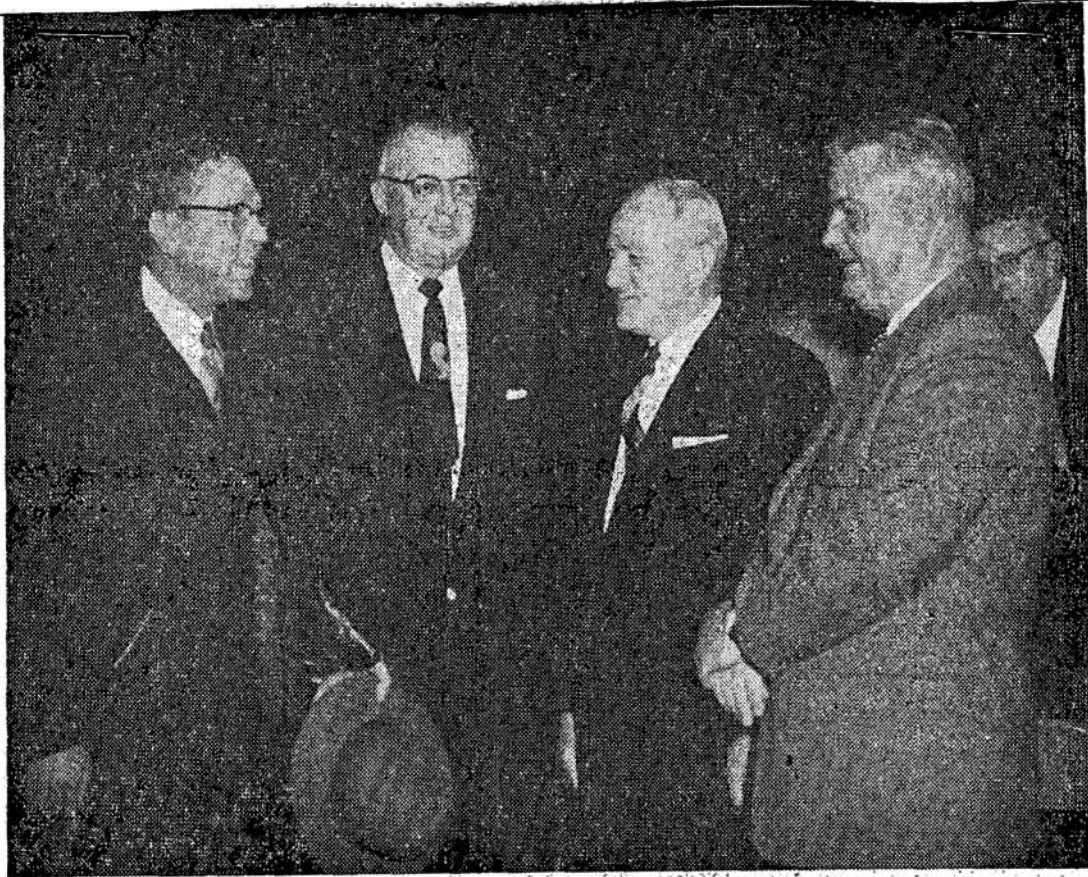
They came to hear leaders express themselves on segregation. They went away satisfied. They seem to be fresher in a determination to hold the line.

Said a woman: "God bless 'em. God bless 'em. God, give us more of 'em—men like those men. God, give us more of 'em."

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### SELLERS AND GAYLE CHEERED

Commissioner Clyde Sellers (right) and Mayor W. A. Gayle (second from left) discuss the segregation issue with Sen. Bruce Henderson, of Miller's Ferry (left), and Gen. Crack Hanna, of Birmingham. Sellers and Gayle received standing ovations from the crowd for their stand on the segregation question.—Photo by Kraus.

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The title of this case is marked changed to reflect the complete name of subject organization as ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA.

Reference is made to Bulet to Mobile and Birmingham 2/3/56 concerning the opening of separate files on the various citizens' councils in Alabama in the absence of a state-wide organization.

For the information of the Bureau and Birmingham, news articles reflected that a state-wide organization was formed at Montgomery, Alabama on 2/17/56 to be known as ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA.

News articles reflect that the state headquarters of the organization will be at Montgomery and that Dr. JOHN WHITLEY, a Tarrant City druggist, was elected chairman of the organization and State Senator SAM ENGELHARDT, JR. of Macon County was named executive secretary.

An article appearing in The Mobile Register newspaper 2/18/56 reflected that the final organization was completed at a closed meeting by a committee of eleven men who had been named to carry out this plan at a state meeting held in Montgomery the past week. According to this news article, the state constitution of the subject organization specifies that the organization is dedicated to maintain peace, good order and domestic tranquility and to preservation of states' rights. The article stated that ROBERT PATTERSON of Winona, Mississippi, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi White Citizens' Council, had helped in the organizational session.

Others present other than WHITLEY and ENGELHARDT were identified in this article as "Col. ALSTON KEITH of Selma, Sen. WALTER C. GIVHAN of Safford, LUTHER INGALLS of Montgomery, TED HAGEN of Birmingham, EARL BAILEY of Tarrant City, FRED HENDERSON of Millers Ferry, CLAUDE KELLY of Atmore, TELFAIR WASHBURN

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*Member of Subject ORGANIZATION*  
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According to the news article, the organizers' constitution provides that the organization will be financed by an annual assessment of \$1. from each member in the recognized and qualified county councils.

In view of this information, separate files will not be opened on the individual county councils and all information concerning citizens' councils in that portion of Alabama covered by Mobile will be reported in one file captioned as above.

Inasmuch as the state headquarters of the organization is at Montgomery, the Mobile Office should be considered office of origin in instant investigation.

The Bureau is referred to previous communications entitled "CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL" in which the Bureau was advised that a separate report would be submitted under caption "CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL." In view of the formation of the state-wide organization, this separate report will not be submitted but this information will be included in one report which will be submitted in the near future.



cc Mr. Williams

SAC, Mobile (105-121)

March 1, 1956

Director, FBI

**ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA**  
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Reference is made to previous correspondence concerning individual citizens councils in Alabama and also concerning the formation of a state-wide organization.

Information set out in an article in "The Tuscaloosa News" in its February 18, 1956, issue reveals that State Senator Walter C. Giuhan on February 17, 1956, at a citizens council meeting in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, stated the state-wide organization being formed would act as a clearing house for action of all the united but autonomous 67 or more county councils.

From other information received it appears that the councils formed in Alabama are self-governing and merely affiliated with the state-wide organization. Therefore, Mobile and Birmingham are instructed to furnish the Bureau promptly a list of all citizens councils active in your territories. A separate file should be opened on each and a report suitable for dissemination submitted on each organization. No deadline is being set for the submission of these reports in view of the number of councils; however, this matter should receive continuous attention and reports should be submitted promptly.

You are reminded that your inquiries concerning these organizations should be most discreet and conducted in accordance with instructions set forth in SAC Letter 55-66.

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Rebulet to Mobile March 1, 1956.

BH Office preparing individual reports on Citizens Councils in this territory. Bureau advice is requested re whether these reports should be disseminated locally to ONI, OSI, and G-2.

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Dear

Your letter postmarked March 1, 1956,  
together with the enclosure, has been received  
and the motives which prompted your communication  
are indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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cc - Birmingham

Correspondent's letter states that enclosed  
material may be inspired by Communists <sup>and</sup> is a sample of  
what is being distributed in Alabama to stir up strife  
between the races. He states that he is of the white  
race.

Correspondent's letter enclosed a leaflet  
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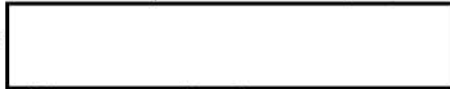
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Letter to



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anyone wishing to help prevent the aim of the NAACP being attained contact Ace Carter, Executive Secretary, Alabama Citizens' Council, Birmingham, Alabama. Bufiles contain no data re correspondent. The files reflect that your office forwarded an identical leaflet to Bureau by letter dated 2-2-56.

**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

A copy of the leaflet was furnished to AAG Tompkins on 2-15-56.

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STARNES PARK  
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Dear Sir,

This is a sample sheet of the  
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all over Alabama to stir up the  
feeling between whites and colored.

This may or may not be Communist  
inspired but is certainly doing a  
good job in keeping everyone at each  
other's throats.  
I am white and not a great believer  
in desegregation but anything that will  
further the Communist doctrine should  
be investigated.

Sincerely,

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Roosevelt Williams . . . Professor of Howard University — Washington, D. C. . .

Speaking while organizing the N.A.A.C.P. in Jackson, Mississippi

"N.A.A.C.P. is affording you the leadership . . . emancipation is now at hand. White and methodist women have approved our demand for equality. When our demands have become an actuality . . . we will honor the leaders of Mississippi with blunt persecution. We demand that the War and Navy departments eliminate Jim Crow. Our good friend Marshall Zhukov reported to Stalin that he could never understand why the American negro fought for America, that so long as the U. S. had those splendid negro soldiers they could never whip America. The negro is the white man's superior. The negro has always excelled. There has never been a white man who could compete with Jackie Robinson . . . Nat King Cole . . . Ralph Bunche . . . Duke Ellington . . .

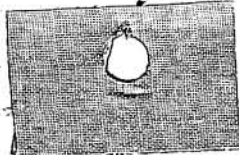
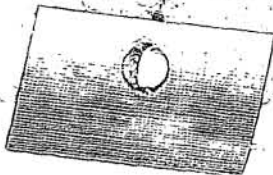
We demand the abolition of all state laws which forbid intermarriage of the different races. We demand the removal of the last vestige of barriers. The whole world knows that the white man prefers the negro woman. The white women have been subjected to persecution and restriction. The recent announcement by white women's church organizations serves notice they intend to strike their own shackles. It is well known that the white woman is dissatisfied with the white man, and they along with us demand the right to win and love the negro men of their choice, so they can proudly tell the world he is my man . . . a man in every respect. The average negro man has adopted the attitude that why buy a cow when he can get plenty of mountain butter for nothing. We demand the right for every negro man or woman to marry the white of his or her choice, if he can find one fit to marry. I am proud of my negro heritage . . . and I will not mix that negro blood with the stock of an inferior race.

And now allow me to bring you the good news of Arkansas Winthrop Rockefeller, our good friend . . . has assured us that the Governor, Orville . . . is our friend and will be anxious to meet all our demands though playing along with the segregationists . . . will do all he demands of him . . . and all we demand of him . . . he has promised that we will have representation and control of the State Democratic Committee and that we will dominate that Committee in organization. He has promised us representation and control in the State Educational Department . . . You can imagine what benefits will accrue to the negro from this appointment . . . he has promised he will appoint negro to Alcoholic Control Board . . . he has promised to remove the hideous word "colored" from all toilets and water fountains he has promised that during his second term . . . the Adjutant General of the Arkansas National Guard will be an outstanding negro. He has promised us that negroes will be integrated into all state colleges. He has promised not to approve any legislation until it is approved by our own the honorable I. S. McClendon. Promised to appoint negroes to the State Pardon and Paroles Board . . . will fill vacancy on Arkansas University Board with a negro . . . and the chaplain in the next Arkansas legislature will be an outstanding negro minister. Now hear this we will absolutely control the next election in Arkansas . . . . ."

If you wish to help prevent the aim of the N.A.A.C.P., contact Ace Carter, Executive Secretary, Alabama Citizens' Council, 517-18 Lyric Building, 3rd Avenue and 18th Street North. — Phone 54-2295 — 4-7797, Birmingham, Ala.

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Reurairtel March 6, 1956. Reference is also made to Bureau letter to Atlanta dated November 3, 1955, captioned "Citizens Councils and States' Rights Movement, Internal Security - X."

Copies of all reports prepared concerning citizens councils should be disseminated locally to ONI, OSI and G-2. You should adhere to instructions set forth in reBulet in disseminating copies of the initial report in each case.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 15, 1956

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FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-272)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

*Citizens Councils of Alabama*

Rebulet to Mobile, 3-1-56. *105-33955-30*

The Birmingham Office has opened files on 35 Citizens Councils. A list of these individual files and the Birmingham file numbers are as follows:

Alabaster ✓	105-290	Greenwood (Bessemer)	105-291
Anniston ✓	105-276	Holt	105-320
Ashland	105-315	Homewood	105-295
Bayview	105-325	Hueytown	105-303
Bessemer	105-304	Industrial City	105-307
Bibb County, Ala.	105-318	Lincoln	105-316
Calera	105-319	Lineville	105-317
Centreville	105-318	Lipscomb	105-310
Columbiana	105-294	Midfield	105-305
Concord	105-306	North Birmingham	105-311
East Birmingham	105-292	Roebuck	105-309
Ensley	105-323	Sylacauga	105-296
Etowah County,	105-314	Talladega	105-297
Gadsden		Tarrant City	105-281
Eutaw	105-302	Tuscaloosa	105-299
Fairfield	105-324	Warrior	105-300
Fosters	105-298	West Central Park	105-293
Gadsden	105-314	(Birmingham)	
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Reports will be submitted in above files.

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[redacted] stated that a county council becomes affiliated with the State organization by accepting the State Constitution and by paying to the State group dues of \$1.00 per year per member. Each individual council continues to enjoy the rights of local self-government, including selection of its officers. The State group, however, exercises control over all affiliated councils in order to prevent any affiliated group from being taken over by radicals or rabble-rousers. [redacted] stated that if any affiliated council elects officers not acceptable to the State organization, that council is subject to being expelled from the State organization. In addition, he stated that the State organization controls the speakers who appear before meetings of the county councils. He cited as an example that [redacted] a student at the University of Alabama who was involved in the opposition to entrance of Negro [redacted] [redacted] at the University, was scheduled to speak before the Houston County Council at Dothar, Ala. on 3/8/56. The State organization, however, does not consider [redacted] an acceptable person to speak before the Citizens' Councils, and would not approve him as a speaker before the Dothan group, and consequently the group withdrew the invitation for [redacted] to speak.

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[redacted] called off from memory that the following county councils have become affiliated with the Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama under the conditions described above:

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| Barbour  | Lee        |
| Bibb     | Lowndes    |
| Butler   | Marengo    |
| Choctaw  | Montgomery |
| Dallas   | Perry      |
| Escambia | Pickens    |
| Greene   | Samter     |
| Hale     | Tuscaloosa |
| Houston  | Wilcox     |

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[redacted] also noted that county councils have recently been formed in Clarke and Mobile Counties, and are becoming affiliated with the State organization. He stated further that the councils in the following counties were organized and are believed to have become affiliated with subject organization:

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Crenshaw  
Chilton

Elmore  
Jefferson  
Macon  
Pike

On 3/9/56, Mr. EUGENE S. HALL, Chairman, State Education Committee, Montgomery County Citizens' Council, who has furnished reliable information in the past concerning subject organization, advised SA [redacted] that the State organization appears destined to exercise an increased control over county councils affiliated with subject organization. He stated that the Constitution of the State organization provides for expelling county groups which do not act in the best interests of the State organization. He noted that the State organization receives one-third of the membership fees collected from members of each county council.

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[redacted] <sup>Member</sup> stated that the North Alabama Citizens' Council is not in any way connected with subject organization, and he characterized [redacted] as a type of hate monger who jumped into the council movement for his own personal benefit and that the State organization is determined to keep him out of the movement. He stated that [redacted] has claimed 45 or more organizations in the North Alabama Citizens' Council, but has been forced to admit that he only has three groups in the North Alabama area. [redacted] stated that the subject organization intends to run [redacted] out of business.

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The Bureau is requested to advise whether or not the above information constitutes sufficient affiliation and connection of county councils with the State organization to warrant maintenance of one main file or if individual files should properly be opened on each county council. In the event the Bureau feels that all affiliated councils should be reported on in one main file, any county council which might not actually affiliate with the State organization should be reported on separately.

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ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
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Reurlet dated March 13, 1956.

The information set forth in relet indicates that the county organizations which have been formed in Alabama are affiliated with and subservient to the captioned organization. Therefore, it will not be necessary to submit a separate report on each organization. However, if information is received in the future that any of these organizations are autonomous the Bureau should be notified immediately and thereafter reports submitted on these autonomous organizations.

In order for the Bureau to be in possession of complete information regarding each county organization, your reports on the captioned organizations should be broken down by county showing the activities of each of the separate organizations.

cc SAC, Birmingham (105-272) (Information)

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FROM : SAC, Mobile

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Reference is made to Eulet to Mobile and Birmingham, 3/1/56, noting that a news article had referred to the county councils as autonomous, and instructing that separate files be opened on each of the county councils.

The following information has been furnished to this office concerning the organizational setup of the councils which are affiliated with the Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama.

This information relates to the Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama, and does not apply to the ~~North~~ Alabama Citizens' Council under [redacted] which group has no connection with subject organization.

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On 3/9/56 [redacted] who is a [redacted] and who is presently a member of the State Committee of the Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama, furnished the following information to SA JOHN P. BRADY, it being noted that [redacted] has furnished reliable information in the past concerning Citizens' Councils.

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He noted that the State organization has adopted a State Constitution which states that the aims and purposes of the organization are to maintain segregation in Alabama by legal and peaceful means. The goal of the State organization is to have organized a council in each county of Alabama affiliated with the State group, although no policy has been adopted which would prohibit the organization of more than one council in any particular county.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/15/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
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- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mason \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

For the information of the Bureau, there is enclosed herewith one copy of a news article from the Montgomery Advertiser, daily newspaper published at Montgomery, Alabama, dated 3/14/56 page 1, entitled "BOYKIN JOINS TWO COUNCILS, EYEING THIRD."

This article reflects that U. S. Representative FRANK BOYKIN of Alabama's First District has joined two Citizens' Councils in Alabama and is to join a third. In a letter dated 3/6/56 BOYKIN was quoted as saying he belongs to the organization in Marengo County and Wilcox County and "they are forming one in Mobile, where he will also join."

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## Boykin Joins Two Councils, Eyeing Third

U.S. Rep. Frank Boykin of Alabama's First District has joined not one, but two White Citizens' Councils in Alabama and plans to join a third when it is organized.

"I not only belong to the organization in Marengo County, but also the Wilcox County organization," Boykin said in a letter dated March 6, "and they are forming one in Mobile, where I will also join."

In a letter written to a resident in Wilcox, of which a carbon copy was sent to The Advertiser, Rep. Boykin denied he would support the candidacy of New York Gov. Averell Harriman for president.

Noting that he had learned that the WCC chapters were not satisfied with an earlier statement on segregation, Boykin wrote:



**BOYKIN**

"I think perhaps what they are worried about is Gov. Harriman's statement. You will recall we had Gov. Harriman down for a hunt at our place at McIntosh. I have known him for many, many long years and have worked with him here in Washington for the past 20 years; however, I am sure that no one would expect me or anybody else to vote for Averell Harriman for President, after he made the statement he did about the federal troops, the National Guard, etc., taking over in Tuscaloosa, and I certainly would not vote for Averell Harriman or any other man who felt that way about segregation and our beloved Southland."

In the same letter Boykin also took issue with a recent article in The Advertiser regarding a poll of Alabama's congressional delegation on the nullification resolution.

Boykin was one of three members of the delegation who were not reached for comment despite repeated efforts.

The congressman said he was amazed that such an editorial was allowed to appear, adding "some reporters are always anxious to stir up strife."

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**Date:** March 15, 1956

**To:** Director of Naval Intelligence  
Department of the Navy  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

**From:** John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

**Subject:** ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS  
OF ALABAMA  
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The "Birmingham News," a Birmingham, Alabama, newspaper, in its issue of March 10, 1956, carried an article which revealed that a meeting of the North Alabama Citizens Council was held on the night of March 9, 1956, at the Municipal Auditorium, Birmingham, and was attended by approximately 3,000 persons.

Asa Carter, executive secretary of the councils, spoke at this meeting and charged Governor James E. Folsom with failure to uphold segregation laws. He pointed out that Alabama needs a governor who will say to the Supreme Court that the first Negro who sets foot in our white schools will be put in jail, and who will say to a Federal judge that if he connives with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to put Negroes in schools he, the judge, would be put in jail also. A petition was circulated at the meeting calling for the impeachment of Governor Folsom.

Another speaker was Rear Admiral John Cronnelin, United States Navy, retired, who is a candidate for United States Senator from Alabama. He told the group that he recognized the fact that citizens councils could not endorse any candidate for public office, but that as a candidate for public office he could endorse the councils.

William F. Tompkins (sent by form 0-6, same date)

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**Letter to Director of Naval Intelligence  
Department of the Navy**

He further stated that he was going to make his opponent, Senator Lister Hill, join the citizens councils or tell the voters why he will not. Crommelin indicated that Alabama is run by one of the most vicious political machines in its history and he called for a bloodless revolution to overthrow the alien forces that have seized the government. He also promised his audience that if elected to the Senate he would demand an investigation of the justices of the United States Supreme Court and would introduce a bill to have the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People investigated for Communist affiliations.

The above is being furnished you for your information. Copies of reports concerning citizens councils in Alabama have been furnished you previously. Any additional pertinent information received concerning the above will be furnished you promptly.

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OF ALABAMA  
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The BIRMINGHAM NEWS, afternoon daily, issue of 3/10/56, carried a two column front page article captioned, "GOVERNOR UNDER FIRE - OUST FOLSOM, COUNCIL RALLY SPEAKER URGES." This article indicated that a meeting of the North Alabama Citizens Council was held on the night of 3/9/56 at the Municipal Auditorium, Birmingham, and was attended by about 3000 persons.

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ASA CARTER, aka. Ace Carter, Executive Secretary of the Councils, made an hour and one-half speech to the group, the high point of which was the circulation of a petition calling for the impeachment of Governor JAMES E. FOLSOM of Alabama. CARTER charged that FOLSOM had failed to uphold segregation laws and had not followed the State Constitution as he had taken an oath to do. CARTER criticized each of the Justices of the U. S. Supreme Court individually and charged that a large number of officers of the NAACP have been active in Communist front organizations. CARTER stated that segregation issue would be settled within two years, one way or the other. He pointed out that Alabama needed a governor that would say to the Supreme Court that the first Negro who sets foot in our white schools will be put in jail and also say to a Federal judge that if he connives with the NAACP to put Negroes in the schools, he, the Governor, would put him in jail, too.

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The above is submitted for the Bureau's information and the results of further meetings and action taken therein by subject organization will be immediately furnished the Bureau.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/22/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
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As of possible interest to the Bureau, I am enclosing herewith two copies of a newspaper item appearing in the Montgomery Advertiser, Montgomery, Alabama, 3/21/56, captioned "COUNCILS SEND QUERY TO CANDIDATES."

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# Councils Send Query To Candidates

White Citizens Councils in Alabama have mailed questionnaires to candidates in the May 1 Democratic primary which specifically ask whether they would join such an organization.

The same questionnaires ask: "Do you here and now deny the Negro vote?"

Macon's State Sen. Sam Engelhardt Jr., chairman of the Central Alabama Citizens' Council at Montgomery, and executive of the State Citizens Council Assn., said he already has received about 50 replies.

The questionnaire provides a place for the candidates' signature, for what office he is seeking, and a form for his signature to be sworn to by a notary public.

Engelhardt said the answers given by the candidates will be made public when it is apparent that most of the questionnaires to be returned have been received.

Meanwhile, the board of directors of the Montgomery County Citizens Council, which is affiliated with the Central Alabama organization, passed a resolution calling on the state Legislature for an "investigation of all our state supported institutions of higher learning for possible subversive activities."

The resolution urged the Legislature to appoint an interim committee to conduct the investigation.

Eugene Hall, chairman of the Montgomery Council's education committee, released a written statement yesterday charging that recent racial unrest at the University of Alabama "was planned by the Communists and the NAACP and abetted by so-called liberal sympathizers."

Three different sets of questionnaires have been sent out—one by the state group another by the Central Alabama Council at Montgomery, and a third by the Marengo County Citizens Council.

Engelhardt said the one sent which requests that answers be given "yes or no,"—with no other answer acceptable, follows:

"1. Will you give your wholehearted support to the action which has already been taken by

the Legislature of Alabama toward maintaining segregation?"

"2. Are you willing to advise those voters, Negro or otherwise, who favor the policy of integration, that they may not only expect no support for their policies from you, but also that they may expect you to fight with every means at your disposal any attempt to bring integration to this state?"

"3. Has the NAACP or any other organization dedicated to the break-down of Alabama policies on segregation made any financial contribution directly or indirectly to your campaign?"

"4. Do you here and now deny the Negro vote?"

"5. Do you here and now say to the Negro that you do not want his vote?"

"6. Are you willing to submit to this office a notarized list of organizations contributing to your campaign?"

"7. Do you believe in the Citizens Councils of Alabama movement?"

"8. Are you a member of a unit of the Citizens Councils of Alabama?"

"9. If not, will you join a unit of the Citizens Councils of Alabama?"

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TO : Director 6/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA IS - X

Reference is made to Birmingham memo to Bureau, 4/4/56, entitled CITIZENS COUNCIL OF WEST END, Birmingham, Alabama, IS - X, indicating that a new file was opened on the Citizens Council of West End which has affiliated with the Alabama Citizens Council with headquarters at Montgomery. Birmingham advised that Mobile would be carried as Origin in that case and all Citizens Alabama cases affiliated with the state organization at Montgomery.

Birmingham is referenced to Bulet to Mobile and Birmingham dated 3/23/56 setting forth that it would not be necessary to submit separate report on each organization which is affiliated with and subservient to the state organization. If, however, a county organization is autonomous, the Bureau should be notified and thereafter separate reports submitted on the autonomous organization.

Accordingly, it would appear that the Citizens Council of West End could be reported in the main file on the state organization as captioned above, with Mobile Origin. Any separate cases, however, on Citizens Councils in the Birmingham Division should carry the Birmingham Office as Origin.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: 4/10/56

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FROM:

SAC, Birmingham (105-272)

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATIONS OF CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

On 3/30/56, [redacted] whose name should be kept confidential, furnished SA DUDLEY F. PEELER of the Birmingham Office some literature concerning captioned organization which he received in the mail from SAM M. ENGELHARDT, JR., Executive Secretary, Citizens Council of Alabama, P. O. Box 2563, Montgomery, Alabama. This literature consisted of an alleged reprint of a speech made by ROOSEVELT WILLIAMS, "a Negro high in the Council of the NAACP," a copy of the constitution of the Citizens Councils of Alabama, a copy of a proposed constitution for County Citizens Council organizations, and two small cards to be filled out by applicants to the Alabama Citizens Council organization. The speech of ROOSEVELT WILLIAMS has been previously forwarded to the Bureau by Birmingham. Photostatic copies of the constitution for the Citizens Councils of Alabama and the proposed constitution for County Councils are being forwarded as enclosures with this letter.

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[redacted] exhibited to SA PEELER a letter he received from State Senator SAM M. ENGELHARDT, JR., in connection with this matter. A portion of this letter is as follows:

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"We are doing our utmost to have councils headed by good substantial people who will not stand for rabble-rousing, but will stand absolutely for segregation in all of its phases. I am enclosing a copy of a local citizens council constitution and also a copy of the state council constitution. Please read these constitutions and their dealing with the object of the organizations. You will note that we intend to solve the problem peacefully and legally."

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"The Citizens' Council is not a political organization. It is merely an organized and orderly revolt by white people of Alabama and the South against the left-wing, political U. S. Supreme Court. In order to make the revolt strong, we are going to mail out questionnaires to every candidate for public office from constable to Congress. We intend to know how each politician stands on this very vital question. There can be no middle-ground; you are either on the white side or you are on the colored side.

"You have, no doubt, heard of boycotts being advocated by the Council. This is merely an effort by agitators to hurt our cause. This has been done, however, in other states and in one or two instances in Alabama.

"You might be interested to know we have over 50,000 members and about sixty Councils in Alabama. By the end of next week, we expect to have ten or twelve more units formed and by the end of 1956, we expect a membership of 200,000.

"I am sure you realize that agitators are working in your county day and night. I am enclosing a copy of a very inflammatory speech made at an NAACP meeting in Jackson, Mississippi, by a negro professor from Howard University, in Washington, D. C. We know the same types of meetings are held every night somewhere in Alabama and this is being done in your county every week in a number of places. The NAACP has organized and if we do not organize the white people, our 'jig is up'."

The above is being submitted for the information of the Bureau.

# CONSTITUTION OF THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA

## ARTICLE I

### NAME

The name of this Association is "The Citizens' Councils of Alabama." Its principal office shall be in Montgomery with such other office or offices as the Executive Committee may designate.

## ARTICLE II

### PURPOSE

This Association is dedicated to the maintenance of peace, good order and domestic tranquility in our communities and in our state and to the preservation of States' Rights.

## ARTICLE III

### RESTRICTION ON POWERS

This Association shall not endeavor to advise, instruct or control any Citizens' Council, or member thereof as to any proposed course of action. It shall not have and shall not assume any power or control of any kind over any Citizens' Council or member thereof and shall not have and shall not assume any responsibility for any act of any Citizens' Council or member thereof.

## ARTICLE IV

### DIRECTORS

Section 1. Each county within the State of Alabama having one or more recognized Citizens' Councils therein may from and by the membership of such Council or Councils elect one director and one alternate director of this Association to serve until his successor shall have been elected. No county shall have more than one director and one alternate director.

Section 2. The Executive Committee of this association may at its pleasure request any director, or his alternate, to be recalled; and if the Citizens' Council or Councils of the county from which he was elected fails to recall him, then the directors of this Association may by a majority vote expel him from his office of director or alternate director.

Section 3. An alternate director may vote and act as a director when the director for whom he is alternate is not present.



## ARTICLE V

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The directors of this Association shall elect from its membership a temporary Executive Committee to serve until their successors shall be elected as hereinafter set forth.

Section 2. The temporary Executive Committee shall divide the State of Alabama, or such part thereof as they think proper, into districts for the election of Executive Committeemen. No county may be partly in one district and partly in another.

Section 3. The directors of each district shall from among the directors in that district elect such member as the Executive Committee may designate to serve on the Executive Committee. The Committeemen so elected and the officers of this Association shall constitute the Executive Committee, and shall serve until their successors are elected.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall have full power to operate and conduct the Association; to adopt by majority vote suitable by-laws for the Association, and from time to time to amend any such by-laws by majority vote; to elect the officers of this Association; and from time to time to change the boundaries of the districts provided for in Section 2 hereof and to establish new districts.

Section 5. The term "recognized Citizens' Council as used in this Constitution shall be construed to mean such Citizens' Councils in Alabama as are recognized by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may at any time in its discretion refuse to recognize any Citizens' Council or withdraw recognition from such Council. No Citizens' Council not recognized by the Executive Committee shall take part in any election herein provided for or in any activity of this Association.

Section 6. The temporary Executive Committee shall have all of the powers herein conferred upon the Executive Committee.

Section 7. The Executive Committee may in its discretion incorporate this Association or cause same to be incorporated under the laws of Alabama as a non-profit corporation without stock or stock-holders.

## ARTICLE VI

### OFFICERS

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall elect a Treasurer, an Executive Secretary and such other Executive officer as the Executive Committee determines to be necessary and proper. The only

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qualification for said officers is that the person so elected shall be a member in good standing of some recognized Citizens' Council in Alabama, and such person may or may not be a director or a member of the Executive Committee at the time of his election. Every officer so elected shall by virtue of his office be and become a member of the Executive Committee if he is not already a member thereof.

Section 2. All officers except the Executive Secretary and/or other executive officer or officers elected by the Executive Committee shall serve without remuneration. The Executive Secretary and/or other executive officer or officers shall have their salary fixed from time to time by the Executive Committee. All such officers shall hold office at the pleasure of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The term of office of all officers of this Association shall be as provided in the by-laws of the Association made under the authority of this Constitution.

## ARTICLE VII

### MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. The directors shall be elected annually at such time or times as the by-laws of this Association shall provide.

Section 2. The directors shall, once each year, or at such shorter intervals as the by-laws of this Association shall provide, elect members of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. A majority of the directors present in person shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Any alternate present shall in the absence of the director for whom he is substituted be considered a director.

Section 4. A majority of the Executive Committee present in person shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 5. Meetings of the directors and Executive Committee shall be held at such times and places as may be provided by the by-laws of this Association; and in addition to this, the Chairman and the Executive Secretary shall each have power to call special meetings of the directors and of the Executive Committee by giving five days written notice of the time and place of the meeting.

## ARTICLE VIII

### DUES

Section 1. Each director shall pay such annual contributions as shall be fixed by the Association. In the event of a failure of the by-laws to provide for such contributions, then each director



shall pay annual dues in the amount of \$1.00 for each member of a recognized Citizens' Council within the County from which he was elected.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended or changed by a majority vote at any regular or special meeting of the directors.

The name of this association shall be the County Citizens  
Council.

The object of the association shall be: To engender and promote good feeling between the colored and white people of our section; to consult and advise with the various boards, commissions, organizations and officials, both public and private, to the end that friction between the races will be avoided; to act as a sounding board and to investigate the submission of complaints, suggestions, and criticism relative to the treatment of individuals or groups in order that individuals of both races will be fairly treated and their legal rights protected; to consult, counsel and advise with the leaders and members of the colored race toward the equalization of facilities, a fair division of the tax betterments of welfare and other relief payments and the equitable division of public housing, school appropriations and charitable donations; to maintain, protect and preserve the legal, moral and ethnical separation of the races as now provided by law and as sanctioned by our usages, customs, training and tradition; by legal and peaceful means.

#### A R T I C L E II - - MEMBERSHIP:

1. All white citizens who are 18 years of age and over are approved for membership by the Executive Committee shall be eligible for membership in the association, other than judicial or quasi judicial officials, and law enforcement officers. Quasi judicial officials are defined as including members of the Jury Board, Board of Equalization, Board of Registrars, City and County School Board.

A member may be dropped from the roll for cause after a hearing by the Executive Committee and refunding of current dues paid. Membership may likewise be transferred from our organization to a similar organization on request. Such dues as have been paid, or the pro rata portion thereof, will be paid to the succeeding organization, at the discretion of the Secretary.

#### A R T I C L E III - - DUES:

The annual dues of the organization shall be in the sum of THREE DOLLARS (\$3.00) for each member. Such dues shall be collected for the year beginning October 1 and ending September 30. The Treasurer, at his discretion, may prorate such dues over a period. Contributions and donations may be accepted from non-members and members.

Whenever this association shall become a member of a State Organization, by whatever name called, the Treasurer is authorized to assess each member the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00), to be paid as dues to such State Organization.

ARTICLE IV - - MEETINGS:

Meetings of the association shall be held at such time and place as may be designated by the Executive Committee. Such meetings shall be opened or closed to non-members, and to the Press, Radio and Television, at the election of the Executive Committee. Notice of the meetings shall be given by mail, word of mouth, publication, announcements over the radio or such other means as may be designated by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V - - OFFICERS:

The officers of the association shall consist of:

- Chairman;
- Vice-Chairman, representing \_\_\_\_\_ District;
- Vice-Chairman, representing \_\_\_\_\_ District;
- Vice-Chairman, representing \_\_\_\_\_ District;
- Vice-Chairman, representing the City of \_\_\_\_\_, and its Police Jurisdiction.

Secretary-Treasurer;

An Executive Committee, composed of four representatives residing in each of said Districts, except that the City of \_\_\_\_\_ shall have ten representatives.

Officers and members of the Executive Committee shall serve from the date of their election to the close of the annual year of the association on September 30th, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

The Executive Committee shall meet at such time and place as shall be designated by the Chairman. Meetings shall be held not less than once a month.

A majority of the Executive Committee, including the Officers, shall constitute a quorum.

Any two Officers, or any three Members of the Executive Committee, shall have authority to call a meeting in the event the Chairman refuses or neglects to do so. Notice of all such meetings of the Executive Committee shall be given by the Secretary-Treasurer, or other such person as said Committee shall designate. Such notices shall be in

writing.



The Members, and particularly the Chairman of each standing committee, may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, be invited to attend such meetings of the Executive Committee as shall be designated by it. Such persons shall not be entitled to vote on any matter not directly concerning the committee of which they are members.

#### A R T I C L E VI - - DUTIES:

1. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and at all general meetings. The Chairman in conjunction with the officers of the association, and subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint all committees, which said committees shall include Membership, Speakers, Political and Educational and such other committees as may be designated.

2. Each Vice-Chairman shall have general supervision and responsibility for the membership in his district, including the activity of the members of the committees from said district.

3. Secretary-Treasurer shall keep all the records of the association, including finances and shall pay all expenses. He shall make a financial report to the Executive Committee at each meeting. The expenditures of all funds must be approved by the Executive Committee.

4. All Officers, including members of the Executive Committee, shall at all times have access to the books of the association.

5. The Executive Committee shall annually, and at any time, in the event of a vacancy, name one of the four Vice-Chairmen as first Vice-Chairman. Such Vice-Chairman shall serve as acting Chairman in the event of the absence, illness, resignation or death of the Chairman.

6. The Executive Committee is authorized to fill a vacancy arising for any reason among its membership, including the right to declare a vacancy due to such member failing to regularly attend its meetings.

7. The Officers and Executive Committee shall be responsible for making the policy of the association. No person other than one designated shall have the authority to act for and in behalf of the association in any manner whatsoever. The Officers and Members of the Executive Committee of the association shall have the entire responsibility for any action taken by the association.

8. The Executive Committee is authorized to affiliate with our Council with any National or State Organization or Organizations, espousing our principles. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to nominate one or more members to be a representative in

such organization or organizations, and also to pay such costs and expenses in joining such organizations, and in attendance by our representative at its meetings as is reasonable.

9. The Officers of the association, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, shall also annually appoint a nominating committee, to be composed of the Mayor, Probate Judge, members of the Board of Revenue, and a member from each political district of the county. The nominating committee shall be charged with the duty of making nominations for all officers to be voted on at the annual meeting of the association which annual meeting shall be held in the month of October of each year.

10. The nominating committee shall also designate an audit committee, such committee to be composed of a representative from each bank in \_\_\_\_\_ County. It shall be the duty of the audit committee to, at least annually, and as often as in their opinion may be necessary, to audit the books of the association and to report their findings thereon to the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE VII - - AMENDMENTS:

The Constitution and By-Laws of the association may be amended by the Executive Committee on the vote of the majority of its members. Such Constitution and By-Laws may also be amended at a meeting of the members of the association, provided such amendment has been passed by a majority of the members, and such amendment is subsequently ratified by a majority of the Executive Committee; provided, however, that the objectives of this association may not be amended by changing the purposes for which this association is formed.



William I-Williams

SAC, Mobile (105-121)

April 10, 1956

Director, FBI (105-43132)

CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurlet March 30, 1956.

Inasmuch as the captioned organization is affiliated with a state-wide group it will not be necessary to submit a separate report on the Central Alabama Citizens Council but its activities may be reported in connection with Citizens Councils of Alabama.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 4/11/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS'  
COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
IS - X

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mason	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Mr. Winterrowd	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	
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The following is submitted for the Bureau's information.

On 3/15/56, [redacted] Professor of Sociology, Springhill College, Mobile, Alabama, who is local chairman of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, which organization is interested in the peaceful promotion of integration of the races, appeared at the Mobile Office and furnished the following information to SA JOSEPH T. BOSTON.

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[redacted] has been interested in following the activity of the Citizens' Councils, and sent several of his sociology students to attend a council meeting held in Mobile, Alabama on the night of 3/9/56. He stated that these students reported to him concerning the meeting, which was entirely peaceful. [redacted] stated that his students had reported that the principal speaker of the evening was Mr. M. ALSTON KEITH, attorney from Selma, Alabama, who, it is noted, is a member of the Executive Committee of the Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama. [redacted] stated that these students had reported that KEITH had made some reference to the FBI in his speech. The students could not recall exactly what was said, but reported that [redacted] had said something to the effect that the FBI had said the Citizens' Councils were OK.

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It is noted that [redacted] has previously furnished reliable information of value concerning subject organization both on a local level and on a policy level, to SA JOHN P. BRADY, Senior Resident Agent at Selma, Alabama. [redacted] was

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[redacted] but presently has no office in the county council, but rather is [redacted]

In view of [redacted] allegations made by [redacted]

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To: Director, FBI

4/11/56

Re: ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS'  
COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
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[ ] was contacted on 3/20/56 by SA BRADY at Selma, Alabama. [ ] stated that he had spoken briefly at the meeting at Mobile on 3/9/56 without notes, and accordingly he could not with complete certainty state exactly what he had said. He related, however, that he had made reference to the fact that the Citizens' Council is not a subversive organization and is not on the Attorney General's subversive list. He stated that he had made reference to the FBI in his speech in saying that the files of the Citizens' Councils are open to the FBI. He stated that his purpose in making these references was to make clear to the membership that acts of lawlessness would not be condoned on the part of the council and that inasmuch as the organization is not on the Attorney General's subversive list, there would be no objection to civil service employees joining.

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[ ] emphatically stated that he had not said anything which could logically be construed as meaning that the councils had been cleared or endorsed by the FBI. [ ] was very friendly during the interview with SA BRADY, and appeared to understand thoroughly the Bureau's position, and he agreed that the matter might best be solved if in future meetings he refrained from making any reference to the FBI.

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is an ad from the "Selma Times Journal", daily newspaper published at Selma, Alabama, issue of 3/28/56, soliciting membership for the Dallas County Citizens' Council, Selma. It is noted that this ad states in part "that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has checked your Dallas County Citizens' Council and in it they could find nothing wrong."

On 4/5/56, [ ] was recontacted by SA BRADY in view of the information appearing in this ad. [ ] advised that he had been embarrassed by the appearance of this ad, particularly in view of his previous conversation with SA BRADY. He advised that he had not seen the ad until several

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To: Director, FBI

4/11/56

Re: ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS'  
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days after it had appeared, and that he has since talked to

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and had prevailed upon them to cancel the ad. He stated that he had been advised that the ad had been withdrawn from the paper, and the paper was advised not to run it anymore.

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[redacted] He noted that the ad had not been discussed at any meeting at which he was in attendance, and that publication of the ad therefore slipped by him. He stated that he is in agreement that references to the FBI by the council are undesirable and that he will exert his influence to see that such a situation does not again arise.

It appears that [redacted] is sincere in his desire to cooperate with this office and to refrain from references to the FBI in speeches and publications put out by the council. In view of his explanation that he was not responsible for the reference to the FBI in the enclosed ad but rather had arranged to suppress further use of it and in view of the

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[redacted], contact will be maintained with him and he will be recontacted when necessary, UACB. This matter will be followed very closely, however, and should any other information appear which is contrary to the information set out above, further contact with [redacted] will be suspended and the Bureau promptly notified.

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# Did You Know...

That the sole purpose of the Dallas County Citizens council is to maintain segregation and our normal way of life here in the south.

**Did You Know--** That there is no other organization in the entire United States that has this as their sole purpose other than the other Citizens Councils of the various counties and states.

**Did You Know--** That the south is not the only section that has formed Citizens Councils and that they have actually been formed in forty states.

**Did You Know--** That the Federal Bureau of Investigation has checked your Dallas County Citizens Council and in it they could find nothing wrong.

**Did You Know--** That the Supreme Court does not have a single member that was elected or chosen by the people, but that they were all politically appointed.

**Did You Know--** That the Supreme Court admits that it's decision was not based on law but instead it was based on a fictional book written by a foreigner with definite Left Wing ideas.

**YOUR DALLAS COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT AND IF YOU ARE WHITE AND PROUD OF IT AND IF YOU WANT TO KEEP SEGREGATION IN THE SOUTH WE URGE YOU TO JOIN NOW.**

**YOU ARE EITHER FOR SEGREGATION OR AGAINST IT. YOU ARE EITHER WITH US OR AGAINST US.**

**LET'S ALL STAND UP AND BE COUNTED AND AT LEAST HAVE THE COURAGE TO TELL THE WORLD EXACTLY WHICH SIDE WE ARE ON, AS THERE IS NO MIDDLE GROUND.**

**YOUR FRIENDS WILL NOT SOON FORGET THE ONES THAT DO NOT STAND WITH THEM IN THIS STRUGGLE WHICH CERTAINLY IS YOURS AS MUCH AS IT IS THEIRS AND WE ARE GOING TO WIN.**

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**Ladies  
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**ORGANIZE FOR VICTORY!  
REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP  
WHITE ONLY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT SEND CASH IN MAILS**  
Mail check or money order (\$3.00) to: Dallas County  
Citizens Council, 2196 Water Avenue, Selma, Ala.



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Date: 4-13-56

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mason	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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From SAC, Birmingham (105-272)

To: Director, FBI (105-33955)

ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
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Will [Signature]

On this date, [redacted] an office employee of captioned group, called BH office and invited "officials of FBI" to attend a rally of Association of Citizens Councils. She said the rally would be at 7:30 p.m., at Birmingham Municipal Auditorium today. [redacted] stated that the group would be most happy to have representatives of the FBI present as there is nothing wrong with their organization. [redacted] stated she called from the Redmont Hotel. [redacted] was thanked for extending this invitation, but no commitment or comment was made. Obviously, no personnel of this office will attend the rally. It appears probable that this group will announce or otherwise publicize the fact that they have invited the FBI to attend in an effort to offset any fears on part of members or prospective members that this organization is being investigated.

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Mr. Belmont

CC: MR. BELMONT  
ASST. SUPERVISOR  
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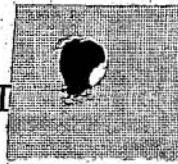
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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT



TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 4/11/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA IS - X

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Reference is made to Bureau memo to Mobile and Birmingham dated 3/23/56, entitled CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL, IS - X.

The Bureau referred to a publication entitled "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation", which was circulated at the meeting of the Central Alabama Citizens' Council at Montgomery, Ala., 2/10/56. Mobile and Birmingham were instructed to make discreet inquiries to determine who prepared this leaflet and information concerning its publication, as well as information concerning a book, "Declaration of Segregation", which was mentioned at the bottom of the publication.

It is noted that on 2/20/56, a copy of "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation" was furnished to this office by Sheriff PRESTON HORNSBY, Macon County, Tuskegee, Ala. The document purported to be a copy of a handbill distributed at a Citizens' Council rally at Montgomery, Ala. 2/10/56. Sheriff HORNSBY advised that the handbill was received through the mail on 2/18/56 by State Senator SAM ENGLEHARDT, who is President of subject organization. ENGLEHARDT received same in an envelope postmarked 2/18/56, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

According to Sheriff HORNSBY, ENGLEHARDT stated that he has no knowledge of such handbill having been distributed at the Citizens' Council rally at Montgomery 2/10/56. HORNSBY further stated that other persons in attendance at this 2/10/56 meeting had been able to furnish no information that such a handbill was passed out at the meeting. HORNSBY expressed the opinion that the handbill was drawn up by colored persons for inflammatory purposes. HORNSBY, however, advised that he was reporting the matter for the general information of the Bureau. It is noted that HORNSBY has

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To: Director, FBI

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always been very cooperative with the Bureau and appears to have a sincere desire to preserve the peace and to avoid any incidents which might lead to violence between the races.

On 4/5/56, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past to this office, advised SA [REDACTED] that he had received a copy of the leaflet "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation". [REDACTED] stated that he had received this copy from [REDACTED] 603 Delaware Street, Mobile, Ala., who furnished same to [REDACTED] on or about 3/10/56, and which bore the notation that it was distributed at the Citizens' Council meeting at Montgomery, 2/10/56. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] is a Negro and [REDACTED] does not know how [REDACTED] came into possession of the leaflet.

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[REDACTED] was unable to furnish any other information concerning this leaflet. He stated, however, that he was in attendance at the 2/10/56 meeting and did not see any indication that this leaflet was distributed at the meeting.

Contact will be had with [REDACTED] Selma, Ala., who is a member of the State Executive Committee of the subject organization, to determine if he can furnish any information concerning this leaflet or the book, it being noted that [REDACTED] has furnished reliable information in the past.

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Birmingham should advise the Bureau and Mobile of any information developed by Birmingham concerning the origin and distribution of this leaflet.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: 4/20/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

SUBJECT: THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA,  
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Enclosed herewith are 6 copies of the report of SA JOSEPH T. BOSTON dated 4/20/56, at Mobile.

It is noted that the state officers of subject organization are listed in the synopsis of the report. For indexing purposes, it is further noted that officers of the individual county councils are listed in the body of the report in sections broken down by counties.

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DETAILS: The title of this case is marked changed to reflect the correct name of the organization as THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, as reflected in the Constitution of the organization.

This report is being broken down into one section for the state organization and one section for each of the county councils.

The Ku Klux Klan has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

1. MOBILE PRESS is a daily newspaper published in Mobile, Alabama.
2. MOBILE REGISTER is a daily newspaper published in Mobile.
3. MOBILE PRESS REGISTER is a Sunday edition published in Mobile.
4. MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER is a daily newspaper published in Montgomery, Alabama
5. ALABAMA JOURNAL is a daily newspaper published in Montgomery.
6. SELMA TIMES JOURNAL is a daily newspaper published in Selma, Alabama.
7. DOTHAN EAGLE is a daily newspaper published in Dothan, Alabama.
8. OPELIKA DAILY NEWS is a daily newspaper published in Opelika, Alabama.
9. TUSCALOOSA NEWS is a daily newspaper published in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.
10. COLUMBUS ENQUIRER is a daily newspaper published in Columbus, Georgia.

#### STATE ORGANIZATION

The February 18, 1956, issue of MOBILE REGISTER reflected the formation of the Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama to work with the county councils in the preservation of racial segregation. This article reflected that the statewide organization was formed at Montgomery, Alabama, on February 17, 1956, with Dr. JOHN WHITLEY, Tarrant City druggist being elected AAA.

Chairman and State Senator SAM M. ENGELHARDT, JR. of Macon County, Alabama, being elected Executive Secretary, state headquarters to be in Montgomery, Alabama. ALA

An article in the MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER, March 6, 1956, issue, quoted ENGELHARDT as saying that the councils planned to find out how candidates stand on racial issues and let the people know. He was quoted as saying that the councils were not going to support anyone and that the councils were fighting integration only. He was quoted as saying that the subject organization at that time had 65,000 members throughout the state.

An article in the MOBILE REGISTER on March 6, 1956, quoted ENGELHARDT as saying that subject organization has no connection with the North Alabama Citizens Councils headed by ASA E. (ACE) CARTER of Birmingham, Alabama. ENGELHARDT stated that his organization was fighting only for segregation and its membership included Jews and Catholics, whereas CARTER's group was reported as being confined to white Christians. ALA

On March 9, 1956, [redacted] a member of the State Executive Committee of subject organization, advised Special Agent JOHN P. BRADY that the aims and purposes of subject organization are to maintain segregation in Alabama by legal and peaceful means. The organization plans to have affiliated councils in each county in the state, although some counties may have more than one council. [redacted] advised that a local county council becomes affiliated with the state organization by accepting the State Constitution and paying the state group dues of \$1 per member. Each county council will continue to enjoy the right of self-government, although the state organization exercises control over all affiliated councils to prevent any of the groups from being taken over by radicals or trouble-makers. He stated that if any council, affiliated with the state organization, should elect officers not acceptable to the state group, the county council would then be expelled from the state organization. He further stated that the state group would control speakers who appear before meetings of the county councils. By example, he stated that [redacted] who was recently expelled from the University of Alabama, was scheduled to be a featured speaker at the county council meeting in Dothan, Alabama. The state group informed the Dothan group that [redacted] was no longer an acceptable person to appear before council meetings; therefore, the invitation to [redacted] to speak was withdrawn. b6  
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[redacted] stated that the headquarters of subject organization will be in Montgomery, Alabama, and that the [redacted]

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[redacted] furnished from memory the following councils which are active and affiliated with the state organization:

Barbour  
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Butler  
Choctaw  
Dallas  
Escambia  
Greene  
Hale  
Houston

Lee  
Lowndes  
Marengo  
Montgomery  
Perry  
Pickens  
Sumter  
Tuscaloosa  
Wilcox

[redacted] also stated on March 9, 1956, that a council had been formed in Clarke County, Alabama, on March 8, 1956, and one was being formed in Mobile, Alabama, on March 9, 1956, and that both of these councils would also become affiliated with the state organization. He stated that councils are also active in the following counties and may have now become affiliated with the state organization:

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[redacted] stated that the North Alabama Citizens Council, headed by [redacted] has no connection with subject state organization. He classified [redacted] as a "hate monger". He stated that [redacted] has claimed to have 45 or more county organizations in his group, although recently [redacted] had admitted that his organization has only three groups, all in North Alabama.

In March 9, 1956, issue of SELMA TIMES JOURNAL there was contained therein a letter to the editor signed by HENRY KING, Chairman, and 4 other members of the Dallas County Citizens Council. This letter stated that the various county councils are affiliated with subject state organization. This letter criticized the North Alabama Citizens Council and stated that no one has the right to use the connotation "Citizens Council" who

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subscribes to secrecy, violence, religious bigotry or personal politics. This letter stated that the only requirement for membership in the councils is to be a white law-abiding citizen.

On March 9, 1956, [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that this county council is a member of state organization. He stated that the State Constitution provides for expelling local county councils which do not act in the best interest of the state organization. He also noted that subject organization differs from the North Alabama Citizens Council in that the latter group is anti-Jewish.

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The March 13, 1956, issue of the MOBILE PRESS quoted ASA E. CARTER, North Alabama Citizens Council, as criticizing the officials of the University of Alabama for expelling LEONARD RAY WILSON in a racial dispute. This same article quoted Mr. M. ALSTON KEITH, member of the Executive Committee of subject organization, as commending the University of Alabama officials for expelling WILSON.

An article in the MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER, March 14, 1956, issue, quoted Congressman FRANK BOYKIN of the First District of Alabama, Mobile, Alabama, as saying that he had already joined citizens councils in Marengo and Wilcox Counties, Alabama, and that he intended to join the council being formed in Mobile County.

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On March 16, 1956, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he had learned subject organization intends to circulate questionnaires to all faculty members of white colleges in Alabama to ascertain their views on integration. The results reportedly will be published in order to acquaint parents of students at such colleges.

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On March 19, 1956, [redacted] furnished a copy of the Constitution of subject organization, which is set out as follows:

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this Association is "The Citizens' Councils of Alabama". Its principal office shall be in Montgomery with such other office or offices as the Executive

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Committee may designate.

## ARTICLE II

### PURPOSE

This Association is dedicated to the maintenance of peace, good order and domestic tranquility in our communities and in our state and to the preservation of States' Rights.

## ARTICLE III

### RESTRICTION ON POWERS

This Association shall not endeavor to advise, instruct or control any Citizens' Council, or member thereof as to any proposed course of action. It shall not have and shall not assume any power or control of any kind over any Citizens' Council or member thereof and shall not have and shall not assume any responsibility for any act of any Citizens' Council or member thereof.

## ARTICLE IV

### DIRECTORS

Section 1. Each county within the State of Alabama having one or more recognized Citizens' Councils therein may from and by the membership of such Council or Councils elect one director and one alternate director of this Association to serve until his successor shall have been elected. No county shall have more than one director and one alternate director.

Section 2. The Executive Committee of this association may at its pleasure request any director, or his alternate, to be recalled; and if the Citizens' Council or Councils of the county from which he was elected fails to recall him, then the directors of this Association may by a majority vote expel him from his office of director or alternate director.

Section 3. An alternate director may vote and act as a director when the director for whom he is alternate is not present.



ARTICLE V

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The directors of this Association shall elect from its membership a temporary Executive Committee to serve until their successors shall be elected as hereinafter set forth.

Section 2. The temporary Executive Committee shall divide the State of Alabama, or such part thereof as they think proper, into districts for the election of Executive Committeemen. No county may be partly in one district and partly in another.

Section 3. The directors of each district shall from among the directors in that district elect such member as the Executive Committee may designate to serve on the Executive Committee. The Committeemen so elected and the officers of this Association shall constitute the Executive Committee, and shall serve until their successors are elected.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall have full power to operate and conduct the Association; to adopt by majority vote suitable by-laws for the Association, and from time to time to amend any such by-laws by majority vote; to elect the officers of this Association; and from time to time to change the boundaries of the districts provided for in Section 2 hereof and to establish new districts.

Section 5. The term "recognized Citizens' Council as used in this Constitution shall be construed to mean such Citizens' Councils in Alabama as are recognized by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may at any time in its discretion refuse to recognize any Citizens' Council or withdraw recognition from such Council. No Citizens' Council not recognized by the Executive Committee shall take part in any election herein provided for or in any activity of this Association.

Section 6. The temporary Executive Committee shall have all of the powers herein conferred upon the Executive Committee.

Section 7. The Executive Committee may in its discretion incorporate this Association or cause same to be incorporated under the laws of Alabama as a non-profit corporation without stock or stock-holders.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall elect a Treasurer, an Executive Secretary and such other Executive officer as the Executive Committee determines to be necessary and proper. The only qualification for said officers is that the person so elected shall be a member in good standing of some recognized Citizens' Council in Alabama, and such person may or may not be a director or a member of the Executive Committee at the time of his election. Every officer so elected shall by virtue of his office be and become a member of the Executive Committee if he is not already a member thereof.

Section 2. All officers except the Executive Secretary and/or other executive officer or officers elected by the Executive Committee shall serve without remuneration. The Executive Secretary and/or other executive officer or officers shall have their salary fixed from time to time by the Executive Committee. All such officers shall hold office at the pleasure of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The term of office of all officers of this Association shall be as provided in the by-laws of the Association made under the authority of this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. The directors shall be elected annually at such time or times as the by-laws of this Association shall provide.

Section 2. The directors shall once each year, or at such shorter intervals as the by-laws of this Association shall provide, elect members of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. A majority of the directors present in person shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Any alternate present shall in the absence of the director for whom he is alternate be considered a director.

Section 4. A majority of the Executive Committee present in person shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of

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business.

Section 5. Meetings of the directors and Executive Committee shall be held at such times and places as may be provided by the by-laws of this Association; and in addition to this, the Chairman and the Executive Secretary shall each have power to call special meetings of the directors and of the Executive Committee by giving five days written notice of the time and place of the meeting.

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### DUES

Section 1. Each director shall pay such annual contributions as shall be fixed by the Association. In the event of a failure of the by-laws to provide for such contributions, then each director shall pay annual dues in the amount of \$1.00 for each member of a recognized Citizens' Council within the County from which he was elected.

#### ARTICLE IX

##### AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended or changed by a majority vote at any regular or special meeting of the directors.

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Also on March 19, 1956,  identified the members of the Executive Committee of subject organization as follows:

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~~WALTER C. GIVHAN, Safford, Alabama~~  
M. ALSTON KEITH, Keith & Keith, Attorneys-at-Law,  
P.O. Box 18, Selma, Alabama  
~~CLAUDE D. KELLY, Atmore, Alabama~~  
~~LAWRENCE CRAWFORD, Marion, Alabama~~  
~~FRED HENDERSON, Miller's Ferry, Alabama~~  
LUTHER INGALLS, Attorney, 21 South Perry Street,  
Montgomery, Alabama  
~~TELFORD WASHBURN, Bay Minette, Alabama~~  
~~JEFF BEELAND, Greenville, Alabama~~  
~~EARLY BAILEY, Tarrant City, Alabama.~~

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The February 18, 1956, issue of the MOBILE REGISTER had originally listed the members of the Executive Committee of subject organization, which list is identical with that furnished above by [redacted] with the exception that originally [redacted] of Birmingham, Alabama, was listed as a member instead of JEFF BEELAND, who was listed later by [redacted]

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In the March 18, 1956, issue of the MOBILE PRESS REGISTER, State Senator ENGELHARDT stated that the Citizens Council will solve its problems without violence, "for if we resort to violence, we will destroy the South and we must not destroy the South". In this article he was quoted as saying that by the end of 1956, subject organization expects to have 200,000 members. As of that time he stated that his organization had county councils in 32 Alabama counties. He was critical of the Supreme Court, stating, "We will never give in to the sociological theories of the Supreme Court".

The March 21, 1956, issue of the MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER quoted ENGELHARDT to the effect that questionnaires had been sent out by subject organization to candidates in the May 1st Democratic Primary, which specifically asked whether they would join such an organization and also asked each candidate, "do you here and now deny the Negro vote?" He stated the answer given by the candidate will be made available to the public when most of the answers to the questionnaires have been received.

On March 20, 1956, [redacted] advised SA JOHN P. BRADY that subject organization had not incorporated and probably would not incorporate.

On April 4, 1956, [redacted] advised SA BRADY that there are now 62 county councils affiliated with subject organization throughout the State of Alabama, which county councils have been approved by the state organization and have accepted the State Constitution. He said that he would later furnish the list of these councils with the Chairman of each.

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[redacted] stated on April 4, 1956, that originally his group opposed to having [redacted] speak at meetings of the organization because of some of his radical statements. [redacted] stated, however, that while [redacted] is still considered a bit too radical, he does have a considerable following throughout the state for which reason the subject organization is trying to control [redacted] and to channel his activities into a more reasonable approach, and will, therefore, allow [redacted] to speak at



certain county council meetings.

[redacted] advised that a group of southern states were planning to form a national organization of Citizens Councils to exchange ideas, to encourage a closer working relationship between the various state movements and to co-ordinate their activities. He stated that he would be one of the delegates to attend a meeting in this regard in New Orleans, Louisiana, in the near future.

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The April 8, 1956, issue of the TIMES PICAYUNE, daily newspaper published at New Orleans, Louisiana, reflects that on Saturday, April 7, 1956, delegates from 11 southern states met in New Orleans and formed the Citizens Councils of America. Officers were not announced and delegates were not listed, although the following states were represented:

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|-----------|----------------|
| Alabama   | Mississippi    |
| Arkansas  | North Carolina |
| Florida   | South Carolina |
| Georgia   | Tennessee      |
| Louisiana | Texas          |
| Virginia  |                |

This article stated that "This organization is formed to preserve the reserved natural rights of the people of the states, including primarily the separation of the races in our schools and all our institutions involving personal and social relations and the maintenance of the rights of the states to regulate public health, morals, marriage, education, peace and good order in the states, under the Constitution of the United States".

On April 5, 1956, [redacted]

[redacted] advised Special Agent [redacted] that [redacted] had been preparing a paper on the Citizens Councils and in this connection had interviewed [redacted] who is active in subject organization. [redacted] stated that [redacted] related that [redacted] had stated that the Citizens Council of Mississippi is the source of publications which are distributed by the Citizens Councils of Alabama.

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~~X~~ AUTAUGA COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL

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On March 20, 1956, [redacted] member of



the Executive Committee of subject organization, advised SA JOHN P. BRADY that that night he would address a meeting of the Autauga County Citizens Council, Prattville, Alabama.

The March 21, 1956, issue of the MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER reported KEITH spoke to more than 200 persons in the Autauga County High School Auditorium on March 20, 1956. In this article KEITH is reported to have reaffirmed the stand of subject organization against violence. This article reported the Autauga County Citizens Council to be a member of subject organization and reported that ~~BILL GAINES~~ of Autaugaville, presided at the meeting. KEITH was introduced by Prattville Attorney ~~GEORGE TAYLOR~~. Other officers of the county council were identified in this article as ~~W. P. JONES~~ of Mulberry - Vice-President, and ~~JAMES GOLSON~~ of Independence Community - Secretary-Treasurer.

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~~BALDWIN COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL~~

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The March 11, 1956, issue of the MOBILE PRESS REGISTER reflected that the Baldwin County Citizens Council was organized on the night of March 9, 1956, at Robertsdale, Alabama. BEN TEW, retired school teacher at Atmore, Alabama, was the principal speaker, saying, "segregation prevents sudden animosities; it enables people to live near each other without mixing". Other speakers at this meeting were listed in this newspaper article as ~~CLAUDE KELLY~~, ~~ORIS DAVIS~~ and ~~BOB ANDERSON~~, all of Atmore. ~~TELFAIR MASHBURN~~, Bay Minette Attorney and former Circuit Judge, was chosen Temporary Chairman. Committee members were identified in this article as ~~ROBERT R. WAHRGANG~~, Fairhope, Alabama; ~~BILL ANDERSON~~ and ~~BUDDY FITTS~~, Foley, Alabama; ~~PAUL CHILDRESS~~, Loxley, Alabama; ~~BILL WINGO~~ and ~~LONNIE BAGGET~~, Robertsdale, Alabama; ~~ALTON~~ and ~~ELZIE HANKINS~~, Rosinton, Alabama; ~~FRY JOHNSON~~, Silverhill, Alabama; ~~JOHN R. UNDERWOOD~~, Magnolia Springs, Alabama, and ~~NICK GRABLEDINGER~~, Elberta, Alabama.

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The March 16, 1956, issue of the MOBILE REGISTER reflected the meeting of the Baldwin County Citizens Council would be held at the Coliseum on March 23, 1956, at Robertsdale, Alabama. I. V. SIMMONS, Citizens Council leader in Mississippi, was scheduled to be principal speaker. This article reported that ~~TELFAIR MASHBURN~~, Bay Minette, Alabama, stated that the purpose of the council would be to maintain segregation and to promote a better understanding between the races.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **MOBILE**

REPORT MADE AT <b>MOBILE</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/20/56</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/10, 18, 20, 23, 28; 3/2, 6, 8-10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 23; 4/4, 5/56</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOSEPH T. BOSTON :Amd</b>
TITLE <b>CHANGED: THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, Aka Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - X</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

News releases reflect formation state organization 2/17/56, with headquarters in Montgomery, Ala. Chairman - Dr. JOHN WHITLEY, Farrant City druggist; Executive Secretary - SAM M. ENGELHARDT, JR., State Senator, Macon County, Alabama. Executive Committee members identified as WALTER C. GIVHAN, M. ALSTON KEITH, CLAUDE D. KELLY, LAWRENCE CRAWFORD, FRED HENDERSON, LUTHER INGALLS, TELFAIR MASHBURN, TED HAGEN and EARL BAILEY. List of committee members obtained 3/19/56, identical except TED HAGEN deleted and JEFF BEELAND added. Constitution states, "dedicated to the maintenance of peace, good order and domestic tranquility in our communities and in our state and to the preservation of States' Rights". In speeches officials critical of Supreme Court desegregation ruling, but state that organization aims to maintain segregation by legal and peaceful means. Information set out concerning 25 county councils reported as active in Mobile Division. SAM M. ENGELHARDT, in speech 3/17/56, quoted as saying that by end of 1956, would have 200,000 members. News release, 4/8/56, reports organization affiliated with "The Citizens Councils of America", organized New Orleans, La. by representatives of 11 Southern states. *u*

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~~X~~ BARBOUR COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL - ALA.

The February 25, 1956, issue of the MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER reflected that the ~~X~~Barbour County Citizens Council was organized at Clayton, Alabama, on the night of February 24, 1956, at a meeting at which 300 persons became members. The article noted that Negroes outnumbered the Whites in Barbour County. According to the article, Probate Judge MARSHALL WILLIAMS acted as temporary presiding officer and ARTHUR ~~X~~MARTIN of Clayton, Alabama, was elected as Temporary Chairman of the group. ALA.

The February 29, 1956, issue of the DOTHAN EAGLE reported that the next meeting of the Barbour County Citizens Council would be on March 9, 1956, and that Governor MARVIN ~~X~~ GRIFFIN of Georgia would be the principal speaker. Probate Judge WILLIAMS was quoted as saying that the county council would remain clear of politics and that later on Negroes would be invited to attend meetings, as the purpose of the organization is to maintain segregation and promote good will between the races. GA- ALA.

The March 11, 1956, issue of the DOTHAN ~~X~~EAGLE reported that an estimated 4500 persons attended the March 9th meeting of the Barbour County Citizens Council at Clayton, Alabama. Georgia Governor MARVIN GRIFFIN was quoted as saying that "a great manifestation of public opinion .... can win the South's fight to maintain segregation". He charged the U. S. Supreme Court with usurping power that did not belong to it. GRIFFIN was quoted as saying that the U.S. Supreme Court Justices were "vagabonds who went off and got authorities in sociology, psychology and anthropology" in banning segregation. ALA.

The March 10, 1956, issue of the MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER gave a similar report on the March 9th meeting and also listed the other officers of the Barbour County Citizens Council in addition to ARTHUR C. ~~X~~MARTIN, Chairman. These persons were identified as: T. J. ~~X~~WILLIAMS, Bakerhill, Alabama - Co-Chairman; RICHARD ~~X~~SENN, Clayton, Alabama - Treasurer; CLARENCE ~~X~~MILDRUM, Clayton, Alabama - Acting Secretary.

~~X~~ BULLOCK COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL ALA.

The February 23, 1956, issue of the UNION SPRINGS HERALD, weekly newspaper published at Union Springs, Alabama, reported that the original meeting of the Bullock County Citizens Council was held at the Inverness High School on the night of



February 16, 1956. The paper reported 300 persons were in attendance and that approximately 100 became members of the organization. State Senator ALBERT DAVIS of Aliceville, Alabama, was principal speaker, and was critical of the Supreme Court de-segregation ruling. He was also critical of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and in urging support for the citizens council, stated, "we can either choose segregation or amalgamation".

The March 22, 1956, issue of the UNION SPRINGS HERALD reported that another meeting of the Bullock County Citizens Council would be held in Union Springs on March 26, 1956, stating that previous meetings had been held at Inverness, Midway, Corinth and Tanyard, Alabama. The only officer of this council listed was Representative BRYANT McLENDON, Secretary. J. MILLER BONNER was listed as the principal speaker for the scheduled meeting on March 26, 1956.

~~BUTLER COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL~~ ALA.

On February 13, 1956, Chief of Police L. E. TOWERY, Greenville, Alabama, reported to Special Agent JULE R. HERBERT that the Butler County Citizens Council had held several recent meetings, having been organized by Mr. JEFF P. BEELAND, who is Temporary Chairman of the group. He stated that BEELAND is a member of one of the leading families in the county and has an excellent reputation. TOWERY stated that BEELAND had announced the group would operate entirely within the law.

The February 28, 1956, issue of the MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER reported that the Butler County Citizens Council held a meeting at the Greenville Community House, Greenville, Alabama, on the night of February 24, 1956. The Chairman of the group was JEFF P. BEELAND, SR. The County Constitution was amended at this meeting to permit the county organization to become affiliated with the state organization. The article reported that many new members enrolled, but gave no further report on the meeting.

~~CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL~~ ALA.

Previous information has been reported concerning the Central Alabama Citizens Council, also known as Montgomery County Citizens Council.

The February 29, 1956, issue of the ALABAMA JOURNAL reported that the name of the Central Alabama Citizens Council



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had been changed to the Montgomery County Citizens Council. State Senator SAM M. ENGELHARDT was quoted in this article as saying that the Central Alabama Citizens Council had existed to encourage formation of county-level councils and now that such groups have been organized on a county level throughout Central Alabama, the Central Alabama Citizens Council no longer exists.

On April 5, 1956, [redacted]

[redacted] advised SA JOHN P. BRADY that the Central Alabama Citizens Council is no longer in existence and that the Montgomery County Citizens Council occupies the space previously used by the Central Alabama Citizens Council.

~~CHILTON COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL~~ ALA.

On March 9, 1956, [redacted]

[redacted] advised SA BRADY that among the counties wherein a citizens council is active is Chilton County. No information was available concerning the officers or activity of the Chilton County Citizens Council, but [redacted] advised that he believed that the Chilton County Council has now affiliated with the state organization.

~~CHOCTAW COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL~~ ALA.

On March 9, 1956, [redacted]

[redacted] advised SA BRADY that among the counties wherein a citizens council is active is Choctaw County. No information was available concerning officers or activity of the Choctaw County Citizens Council, but [redacted] advised that he believed the Choctaw County Council has now affiliated with the state organization.

~~CLARKE COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL~~ ALA.

On March 9, 1956, [redacted]

[redacted] advised SA BRADY that among the counties wherein a citizens council is active is Clarke County. No information was available concerning officers or activity of the Clarke County Citizens Council, but [redacted] advised that he believed the Clarke County Council has now affiliated with the state organization.

~~CRENSHAW COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL~~ ALA.

The February 15, 1956, issue of the MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER reported that an estimated crowd of 1000 met in

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Luverne, Alabama, the past week to organize the Crenshaw County Citizens Council. Principal speakers at the original meeting were State Senator SAM M. ENGELHARDT, Executive Secretary of the state organization, and LUTHER INGALLS, Attorney, Montgomery, Alabama. Mayor FRANK SIKES welcomed the speakers and ALTON TURNER, Luverne Attorney, was selected Temporary Chairman of the group. The article carried no further information concerning this meeting.

The March 8, 1956, issue of the MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER reported that a crowd of approximately 400 attended a meeting of the Crenshaw County Citizens Council at Luverne on the night of March 7, 1956. ALTON TURNER, Attorney, was elected Chairman. No other officers were listed in the article. Speaker, in addition to TURNER, was CLYDE SELLERS, Police Commissioner, Montgomery, Alabama. Luverne Mayor FRANK SIKES also spoke and declared that nothing less than 100% segregation will ever be accepted in Crenshaw County.

X DALLAS COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL

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The January 4, 1956, issue of the SELMA TIMES JOURNAL reported that the Dallas County Citizens Council would meet at Selma on the night of January 5, 1956. HENRY KING, the new chairman, reported that meetings would be held every 2 months.

The SELMA TIMES JOURNAL, on January 6, 1956, reported that approximately 1100 persons had attended the meeting held at Selma on January 5, 1956. Principal speakers at the meeting were CURT COPELAND, Hot Springs, Arkansas, newspaper editor, and JIM JOHNSON, Crossett, Arkansas, Attorney. According to the news report, JOHNSON ridiculed the Supreme Court's decision on segregation as "illegal and treasonable". JOHNSON was quoted as saying the real goal of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is amalgamation of the races.

An advertisement appearing in the January 2, 1956, issue of the SELMA TIMES JOURNAL called for additional members of this organization, requesting that \$3 annual membership fee be forwarded to the Dallas County Citizens Council, 2196 Water Avenue, Selma, Alabama.

The February 15, 1956, issue of the SELMA TIMES JOURNAL reported that HENRY KING announced on that date that at a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the County Council it had been decided to open the door to membership in the council

to women. He added that membership in the council now exceeded 2000 and this group now influences more than 50% of the vote in the county. KING also announced that membership in the council was in no way a violation of the Hatch Act or any other act in regard to employees of Civil Service.

The February 27, 1956, issue of the SELMA TIMES JOURNAL reported that C. B. CHANDLER, Financial Secretary of Local 240, Selma Lodge of the Brotherhood of Railway Car Men of America, refused, on behalf of his lodge, to contribute to the Railway Labor's Political League without a "direct pledge that its contribution will not be used to further de-segregation efforts". CHANDLER made this statement in a letter to ROBERT H. JAMISON, Deputy Treasurer of the League in Kansas City, Missouri. CHANDLER deplored the action of the CIO in contributing \$75,000 to the NAACP and he denounced the attack GEORGE MEANY and other labor leaders had made on the students of the University of Alabama. CHANDLER also defended the Citizens Council and pointed out, "our entire membership (Local 240) are members of the Citizens Council of Dallas County. We hold positions on the Executive Committee of the Council, attend all of its meetings and are thoroughly familiar with its objectives and methods. They are entirely peaceable and legal, and to the best interests of us all, individually and collectively".

The March 4, 1956, issue of the SELMA TIMES JOURNAL reported that HENRY KING, Chairman of the Council, announced on that date that a council meeting would be held at the Selma Junior High School on March 8, 1956. He added that dues had been increased to \$4, which includes the membership fee for belonging to the state organization.

The MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER, on March 9, 1956, reported on a meeting of the Dallas County Citizens Council, reportedly attended by 1800 persons. The main speaker was Senator JIM JOHNSON of the State of Arkansas, who charged that politicians were "prostituting themselves for the 10% Negro vote".

The March 9, 1956, issue of the SELMA TIMES JOURNAL also reported on this March 8th meeting and quoted Senator JOHNSON as accusing the U.S. Supreme Court of playing politics in the de-segregation ruling. Also speaking at the March 8th meeting was Dr. HENRY W. FANCHER, retired Baptist minister, who stated that the Bible teaches segregation. A report made at this meeting placed the membership of the Dallas County Council at 2515.



~~ELMORE COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL~~ ALA.

The March 1, 1956, issue of the ALABAMA JOURNAL reported that the Elmore County Citizens Council had been organized at Wetumpka, Alabama, on the night of February 29, 1956, officers being named as: ~~GLENN CURLEE~~, Wetumpka, Alabama - Chairman; ~~JOHN FRICHARDS~~, Tallassee, Alabama - Vice-Chairman; ~~CHRISTIAN WINGARD~~, Court Clerk in Wetumpka, Alabama - Secretary and ~~EDWARD ENSLIN~~, Wetumpka, Alabama - Treasurer. This article identified CURLEE as Circuit Solicitor for the 19th Judicial Circuit and reported that about 200 persons were in attendance at this unpublicized meeting. No details of the meeting were given.

On March 6, 1956, when contacted by Special Agent [redacted] on another matter, [redacted] brought up the formation of the Elmore County Citizens Council and stated that he had accepted the chairmanship of the council because he knew that there were undesirable persons in the county who would like to have been chairman and who possibly would have given faulty and improper leadership to the group. He said he accepted the chairmanship for the purpose of leading the organization in as straight a path as possible.

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b7C~~ESCAMBIA COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL~~ ALA.

The February 7, 1956, issue of the DOTHAN EAGLE reported that 800 persons were in attendance at the organizational meeting of the Escambia County Citizens Council in Flomaton, Alabama, on the night of February 6, 1956. State Senator ~~WALTER GIVHAN~~ of Dallas County was the principal speaker and was quoted as saying that there are approximately 40,000 citizens council members in the state. The article reported that J. ~~ROBIN SWIFT~~, former U.S. Senator and former Alabama Senator, was elected Chairman, SWIFT being a retired Atmore, Alabama, lumber man.

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On March 6, 1956, Chief of Police JESSIE TULLIS, Flomaton, Alabama, volunteered to SA JULE R. HERBERT that there had been from 500 to 800 persons present at the organizational meeting of this county group on February 6, 1956. He stated that [redacted] merchant at Flomaton, Alabama, was elected Secretary of the group, and approximately 200 people reportedly joined the organization at the organizational meeting.

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b7C~~HALE COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL~~ ALA.

The March 6, 1956, issue of the SELMA TIMES JOURNAL.

reported that a meeting of the Hale County Citizens Council was held in the high school auditorium at Greensboro, Alabama, on March 5, 1956, which was attended by an over-flow audience of approximately 600. Speakers at this meeting were listed as Senator ~~JAMES COLEMAN, JR.~~, Eutaw, Alabama; ~~JOHN WHITLEY~~, Tarrant City, Alabama, President of the State Citizens Council; ~~P. A. TUTWILER~~, Greensboro, Alabama, Chairman of the Hale County Council and ~~LEONARD WILSON~~, Student, University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The council went on record to affiliate with the state organization and resolutions were adopted to (1) urge the legislature of Hale County to see that sufficient taxes are passed to build and maintain schools in Hale County, and (2) to urge that the Constitution be amended to abolish public schools in Hale County if necessary to avoid integration.

~~HENRY COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL~~ - ALA. 5/23/56

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The February 24, 1956, issue of the DOTHAN EAGLE reported that the Henry County Citizens Council would be organized permanently next month. The article reported that a temporary organizational meeting had been held (no exact date given) and that about 150 persons had attended. ~~WILSON HOLMAN~~, Funeral Home Director, was elected Temporary President; ~~Mr. M. W. ESPY, JR.~~, Secretary and ~~H. G. HAWKINS~~, Treasurer. Permanent officers were to be elected at the March meeting, which, according to this article, was scheduled to be held in the Union School near Abbeville, Alabama.

The March 8, 1956, issue of the DOTHAN EAGLE reported that the Henry County Council had been formally organized at a meeting on the night of March 7, 1956. ~~GROVER W. RAY~~, former Headland, Alabama, Mayor, was selected as permanent chairman. Other officers listed in this article were: District Vice-Chairmen ~~WILSON R. HOLMAN~~, Headland, Alabama; ~~RALPH CHAMBERS~~, Haleburg, Alabama; ~~LOUIE CORBITT~~, Abbeville, Alabama, and ~~LOUIE WEED~~, no address given. Directors - ~~H. C. HAMBY~~; ~~FRANK SLOCUMB~~; ~~DEWEY SHELLEY~~; ~~WILLIE SHELLEY~~; ~~H. V. GRANBERRY~~; ~~CLAUDE WILLIAMS~~; ~~ALBERT SCOTT~~; ~~GEORGE FENUEL~~; ~~BILL HERRING~~; ~~JAMES EARL MOBLEY~~; ~~JESS JOHNSON~~; ~~MARVIN MURPHY~~; ~~YANCEY TAYLOR~~; ~~LLOYD GRIFFIN~~; ~~HARMON BLANKENSHIP~~; ~~TAYLOR TRAWICK~~; ~~J. T. VICKERS~~; ~~W. R. MILLS~~; ~~HOWARD BLAND~~; ~~CLYDE MATHISON~~; ~~ROBERT BRYANT~~; ~~LUTHER SMITH~~; ~~CLARENCE LIPSCOMB~~; ~~J. C. MATHISON~~; ~~JIM SOWELL~~; ~~ALBERT LINN~~; ~~W. O. PALMER~~ and ~~DOYLE WHITE~~.

Principal speakers at this meeting were Retired Admiral ~~JOHN CROMMELIN~~, who is a candidate for the U. S. Senate



and SAM M. ENGELHARDT, JR., Executive Secretary of the state organization. Admiral CROMMELIN was quoted as saying, "An alien breed is trying to take our country away from us. We are fighting one of the best organized and highly financed organizations the world has ever known - the Communist Party". ENGELHARDT declared that "White Citizens Councils will obliterate the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People". Also speaking at this meeting was Circuit Judge GEORGE WALLACE, Clayton, Alabama, who confined his remarks to attacking the federal "encroachment on the rights of the states".

On March 9, 1956, Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised Special Agent JOHN W. LILL, JR., that he had attended the meeting of the Henry County Citizens Council on March 7, 1956. He stated the meeting was very orderly except for a few remarks by a [redacted] [redacted] which remarks appeared to have been made for the sole purpose of inflaming the group. Informant T-1 stated that he saw no indication of any Ku Klux Klan influence at this meeting and that [redacted] is a very level-headed and highly respected businessman who would not allow any radical element to take charge of the group. Informant stated that this group had adopted a Constitution which states that the object of the group is to promote good feeling between the colored and white people and to maintain, protect and preserve the superiority of the white race as now provided by law and as sanctioned by our usages, customs, training and tradition by legal and peaceful means.

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~~HOUSTON COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL~~ *ALA.*

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The March 1, 1956, issue of the DOTHAN EAGLE reported that the Houston County Citizens Council had been organized in Dothan on the night of February 29, 1956, by approximately 35 persons who met at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall. The article identified B. W. ~~CONNELL~~ as Temporary Chairman; JOHN W. ~~RISH~~, Temporary Vice-Chairman and C. W. ~~JOHNSON~~, Temporary Secretary-Treasurer. This news article described JOHNSON as a former county superintendent of education and as having formerly been secretary of the old Ku Klux Klan. The article announced plans for a mass meeting to be held March 9, 1956, in Dothan.

The March 11, 1956, issue of the DOTHAN EAGLE reported on a meeting of this group held at Dothan on March 9, 1956. The principal speaker was CURT ~~COPELAND~~, editor of a pro-segregation magazine "The Arkansas Faith". ~~COPELAND~~ was quoted as

urging the audience to defy the U.S. Supreme Court, saying, "it is not the supreme law of the land. You sitting right here tonight are the supreme law of the land". Also speaking at this meeting was LUTHER INGALLS, Attorney, Montgomery, Alabama, who was quoted as accusing the ~~NAACP~~ of subversive tendencies.

This article also reported that Sheriff ALVIN D. DAVIS, JR. had told newsmen that the Sheriff's Department would join the county organization 100% and that an amendment was approved to the county organization Constitution permitting law enforcement officers to join. This article identified the county Executive Board members as REUBEN ~~WRIGHT~~, Ashford, Alabama; JACK ~~STUCKEY~~, Midland City, Alabama; FOREST ~~FIELD~~, Columbia, Alabama; WILLIE ~~LEWIS~~, Cottonwood, Alabama, and nine men from Dothan, Alabama - WALLACE D. ~~MALONE~~, JOE ~~JOHNSON~~, P. C. ~~WHITE~~, SAM ~~STEPHENS~~, W. O. ~~STEWART~~, JIMMIE ~~JONES~~, F. G. ~~NORTHCUTT~~, Dr. F. B. ~~EDWARDS~~ and W. M. ~~RAY~~. ALA

Informant T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported to SA JOHN W. LILL, JR. that he had attended the March 9, 1956, meeting of the Houston County Council. He stated that the leaders of the county group had assured him that the aims and purposes of the group were to preserve segregation and promote friendly relations between white and Negro people. Informant stated these persons have urged only legal action. He stated the meeting had been very orderly and he described the officers of the group as being level-headed and well respected citizens of the county.

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Informant T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported to SA JOHN W. LILL, JR. on March 12, 1956, that the officers of the Houston County Citizens Council were selected with great care to see that only highly respected citizens had any voice or control in the organization. He stated that the county council Constitution allows a member to be removed by the County Executive Committee for cause without a vote of the membership. This was provided for in order that undesirable members could be weeded out by the committee without depending upon the entire membership to vote them out. T-3 advised that [redacted]

[redacted] had been shown the Houston County Citizens Council Constitution and had been assured that the group was sincere in trying to promote good will between the Negro and white races. ALA

The April 8, 1956, issue of the DOTHAN EAGLE reported on the meeting of the Houston County Citizens Council

held at Dothan on the night of April 6, 1956. U. S. Congressman JOHN BELL WILLIAMS of Mississippi was the principal speaker. The article reported that WILLIAMS leveled repeated blasts at the U.S. Supreme Court and the "northern press" during his hour long address. Congressman WILLIAMS was reported as saying the U.S. Supreme Court "tore the heart out of the Constitution with its Black Monday decision May 17, 1954, which ordered integration in public schools".

~~LEE COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL~~ A6A

The March 7, 1956, issue of the OPELIKA DAILY NEWS reported that the Lee County Citizens Council had been organized in Auburn, Alabama, on the night of March 6, 1956, with Colonel O. P. LEE, Opelika Attorney, being named Temporary Chairman. Mrs. LUCY PITTS GRAFFENRIED was named Acting Secretary-Treasurer. The article reflected that this organization would be affiliated with the state organization with headquarters in Montgomery. A1A

On March 9, 1956, Chief of Police FLOYD H. MANN, Opelika, Alabama, advised Special Agent [redacted] that [redacted] Opelika, had assisted Colonel O.P. LEE in starting the Lee County Citizens Council. Chief MANN stated that [redacted] had been active in the Ku Klux Klan in Lee County when the KKK existed several years ago. b6 b7C

The March 20, 1956, issue of the MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER reported that the first open meeting of the Lee County Council was held at Opelika, Alabama, on the night of March 19, 1956. ROY HARRIS, Editor of the Augusta, Georgia, Chronical, was the principal speaker and was quoted as saying, "moderation and patience mean the end of segregation in the South". This article identified ZEBULON JUDD as Chairman of the Lee County Council, JUDD being a retired Dean of Education at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Alabama. SAM ENGELHARDT, JR., Executive Secretary of the state organization, was also a speaker and cautioned, "we must have no violence". GA A1A

The March 20, 1956, issue of the OPELIKA DAILY NEWS announced the identities of the members of the Board of Directors of the Lee County Council as: EDWARD M. JONES, SR., Opelika, Alabama; GENE D. HURT, Auburn, Alabama; J. H. PITTS, Auburn; G. T. SHARMAN, Beulah, Alabama; W. K. COFIELD, Beulah; MILLIGAN EARNEST, Auburn; ALBERT CARTER, Opelika; FRANK WELLS, Auburn; W. M. MAYBERRY, Waverly, Alabama; H. M. MAYFIELD, Waverly; JIM WARD, Leachapoka, Alabama; A. R. WILLIAMS, JR., Leachapoka; J. A. A6A



~~7A~~ ~~WHATLEY~~, Beauregard, Alabama; ~~W. L. JENKINS~~, Beauregard; ~~L. H. PARKMAN~~, Salem, Alabama; ~~M. D. STILLWELL~~, Salem; ~~JACK OLEGG~~, Opelika; ~~W. O. BAKER~~, Opelika; ~~Dr. W. L. INGRAM~~, Marvin, Alabama; ~~Dr. M. E. MEADOWS~~, Smiths, Alabama; ~~CLAYTON NEWMAN~~, Bleeker, Alabama; ~~D. O. BURDETTE~~, Bartlett's Ferry, Alabama; ~~FRED STROUD~~, Bleeker; ~~ALBERT J. INFINGER~~, Beulah, and ~~J. V. WINRIGHT~~, Opelika. ALA.

The above article also named Mayor EALON LAMBERT, Opelika, Alabama, as a Vice-Chairman of the Lee County Citizens Council.

~~LOWNDES COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL~~ ALA.

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The February 17, 1956, issue of the ALABAMA JOURNAL announced that a membership rally of the Lowndes County Citizens Council would be held at Hayneville, Alabama, on the night of February 17, 1956. The article listed the officers of the Lowndes County Council as ~~J. A. TILL~~, President; ~~DIX SULLIVAN~~, ~~ROBERT REEVES~~, ~~L. G. RAMBO~~, ~~J. P. CAFFEY~~, ~~CLIFF CHANCE~~, Vice-Presidents and ~~SNOW DAVIS~~, Secretary-Treasurer. TILL was quoted as saying the council had a membership of 200, but he expected to triple that figure at the membership meeting that night.

The February 18, 1956, issue of the MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER reported that the Lowndes County Citizens Council had held a meeting the previous night at which meeting ~~ROBERT B. PATTERSON~~, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Citizens Councils was the main speaker. PATTERSON was quoted as saying, "Vice-President RICHARD NIXON this week admitted in a speech the GOP and this administration helped bring about the Black Monday decision. The whole thing is dirty politics. They have no interest in the Negro welfare or concern for the white children of the South". This article reflected that the members voted to admit women to the organization and identified the following men as members of the Executive Committee of the County Council: ~~E. R. MEADOWS~~, ~~O. D. WOODRUFF~~, ~~WALTER BOZEMAN~~, ~~W. E. RAHN~~, ~~J. B. CROOK~~, ~~MONTIE WHEELER~~, ~~FORREST WATERS~~, ~~B. B. FREDERICK~~, ~~WILLIE PAYNE~~, ~~W. E. COLVARD~~ and ~~G. P. McPHARSON, SR.~~ The next meeting of this group was scheduled for March 9, 1956, at Fort Deposit, Alabama.

Informant T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past concerning Ku Klux Klan activities in Lowndes County, Alabama, advised SA [redacted] on February 18, 1956, and February 23, 1956, that he is a member of the Lowndes County Citizens Council. He stated he had not been in attendance at the meeting on February 17, 1956, but had received information from

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other persons concerning the meeting. He stated that there were approximately 400 members in the county council, which membership consisted largely of "higher type" people of the county. T-4 stated that most of the former members of the old KKK group, which existed in Lowndes County around 1950, have joined the Lowndes County Citizens Council. He stated that at meetings of the county council no violence has been urged, although he has heard individual members make statements advocating violence, if necessary. He stated that the county council had voted not to allow police officers to join in order to avoid any possible embarrassment where police officers might have to take the stand in court and testify concerning racial matters. Informant stated that some members of the county council have suggested that pressure be put on the Negro people to get them to leave Lowndes County as one possible solution to the problem.

Informant T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted] Chairman of the Lowndes County Citizens Council, had reportedly stated that any teacher in Lowndes County who is observed or reported as attending meetings of the NAACP and any teacher reported as favoring integration of the races in public schools will be discharged from their jobs. b6 b7c

X MACON COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL ALA.

On February 10, 1956, PRESTON HORNSBY, Sheriff of Macon County, Alabama, advised Special Agent CHILTON B. CREASON that he knew of no Macon County Citizens Council in existence, although there had been talk of organizing a county council.

The March 13, 1956, issue of the MOBILE PRESS reported that Representative JAMES MORROW of the Mississippi State Legislature had accepted an invitation to be featured speaker at a meeting of the Macon County Citizens Council to be held on the night of March 13, 1956. MORROW was described as an outspoken segregationist. ALA.

The March 14, 1956, issue of the MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER reported that the Macon County Citizens Council had met at Notasulga, Alabama, the previous night. Representative JAMES MORROW of the Mississippi Legislature was the principal speaker and was particularly critical of ministers in the South who "suddenly decided that segregation was ungodly and unchristian." Also speaking was State Senator SAM ENCELHARDT, JR., Executive Secretary of the state organization.

The April 4, 1956, issue of the MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER reported that the Macon County Citizens Council held a meeting on the night of April 3, 1956, at Tuskegee, Alabama, at which meeting the speakers were ZEBULON JUDD, Chairman of the neighboring Lee County Citizens Council, and SAM ENGELHARDT, JR., Executive Secretary of the state organization. JUDD had blamed the unrest in the South on outside agitators. E. P. LIVINGSTON of Notasulga was described as Chairman of the Macon County Council. DAN CLEMENTS, Principal of Notasulga High School, introduced the speakers.

~~MARENGO COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL~~ ALA.

The March 9, 1956, issue of the SELMA TIMES JOURNAL reported that a meeting of the Marengo County Citizens Council was scheduled for 7:30 p.m., March 12, 1956, at Demopolis, Alabama.

The March 13, 1956, issue of the TUSCALOOSA NEWS reported that approximately 500 people attended a meeting of the Marengo County Citizens Council at Demopolis the previous night. OLIN HORTON, President of the American States Rights Association, was one of the speakers and was reported as urging parents to inquire into schools to see what is being taught to determine if students are being brain-washed on the subject of segregation. Also on the speakers' program were M. ALSTON KEITH, Selma, Alabama, Attorney; THOMAS MILLER, Chairman of the Marengo County Citizens Council, and State Senator JAMES COLEMAN, Eutaw, Alabama. The article identified Reverend CLAUDE HAIGOOD as a member of the Board of Directors of the county council and reported that the speakers showed no effort to arouse the crowd to prejudice, but appealed for lawful and legal deliberations.

~~MOBILE COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL~~ ALA.

The February 25, 1956, issue of the MOBILE PRESS reported the organizational meeting of the Mobile County Citizens Council was held near Mobile, Alabama, on the night of February 24, 1956. JOHN E. McFERRIN of Tillman's Corner, conducted the meeting, at which JOHN A. DUPONT was elected Chairman; JUNIOR HOUSTON, Treasurer; JOE A. AWAIT, Secretary, and McFERRIN, Vice-Chairman. Chairman DUPONT was reported as saying the Mobile County group is affiliated with the state organization in Montgomery, Alabama, and the group is pledged to work to preserve segregation and work for harmony between the races, and to settle differences without violence.

The March 3, 1956, issue of the MOBILE REGISTER reported that approximately 1000 persons attended the second meeting of the Mobile County Citizens Council held at St. Elmo, Alabama, on the night of March 2, 1956. Membership in the Mobile County Council was reported at approximately 200. Principal speakers at the meeting were identified as JOE M. BONNER, Circuit Solicitor of Wilcox County, Alabama; JOHN L. MOORE, Mobile Attorney and TOM GEARY, Mobile real estate agent. Temporary office of the county council was reported as established at the McConnell-Houston Store, Tillman's Corner.

The March 8, 1956, issue of the MOBILE REGISTER reported that approximately 300 persons had attended a meeting of the Mobile County Council held at Prichard, Alabama, on the night of March 7, 1956. Speakers at the meeting were T. CHRONIS, former councilman who stated the time has come for men to stand up and be counted on their stand on segregation, and MARION FARNELL, well drilling company executive, who pointed out that integration in schools is only a stepping-stone to integration of the races. This news article also reflected that JOHN C. McFERRIN, who presided over the meeting, also spoke and stated, "our fight is not with the Negro, but with the NAACP".

On March 15, 1956, [redacted] Professor of Sociology, Spring Hill College, Mobile, Alabama, reported that there had also been a county council meeting in Mobile at the Shrine Auditorium on the night of March 9, 1956, at which meeting M. ALSTON KEITH, Selma, Alabama, Attorney, was the principal speaker. [redacted] reported several of his students at the college had attended this meeting on March 9, 1956, at the request of [redacted]. He reported that his students had stated that KEITH was critical of the NAACP and advocated the use of economic pressure against enemies of the white race. He stated that it was announced at this meeting that the Mobile County Citizens Council would pattern its Constitution after the Dallas County Council Constitution and would affiliate with the state organization with headquarters in Montgomery.

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The March 18, 1956, issue of the MOBILE PRESS REGISTER reported on a meeting the previous night of the Mobile County Council held at the Carpenters Hall in Mobile. SAM ENGELHARDT, JR., Executive Secretary of the state organization, was the principal speaker and criticized men in high places in Alabama for not taking a definite stand on segregation and criticized the U.S. Supreme Court for defying the 10th Amendment. This article reported that ENGELHARDT stated, "There will be no



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racial peace until we destroy the NAACP", but that "aims of the citizens council are going to be achieved by peaceful and legal means." This article reflected that the Mobile County Council had affiliated with the state organization in Montgomery.

Informant T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past concerning Ku Klux Klan activity in the Mobile County area, advised on February 28, 1956, and March 2, 1956, that he did not participate in the activity of the Mobile County Citizens Council. He stated that he has been in contact with persons who were formerly active in the KKK in Mobile County in 1950, but that none of these members have been active in the citizens council. He stated that of the officers of the Mobile County Council, as listed in Mobile papers, only 1 was ever connected with the KKK in Mobile County. Informant identified this man as [redacted] who operates a grocery store at Tillman's Corner, and who is mentioned above as Treasurer of the Mobile County Citizens Council. Informant stated that [redacted] was a member of the St. Elmo Klavern of the Federated Ku Klux Klan for a few months during 1949, but was never an active member of the KKK. He stated that [redacted] is not a "rabble-rouser" or a "trouble-maker."

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It is noted that previous activity of the citizens council in Montgomery, Alabama, was reported under the caption Central Alabama Citizens Council, also known as Montgomery County Citizens Council.

The February 29, 1956, issue of the ALABAMA JOURNAL reported that the name of the Central Alabama Citizens Council had been changed to the Montgomery County Citizens Council. This article also reported that approximately 3000 persons had attended a closed citizens council meeting in Montgomery on February 28, 1956. At this meeting a resolution was drawn up commending the Montgomery County Grand Jury which indicted 100 Negroes for violating Alabama's anti-boycott law in their protest against racial segregation.

On April 5, 1956, [redacted]

[redacted] furnished to SA [redacted] a letter signed Montgomery County Citizens Council and dated March 20, 1956, enclosing a copy of an alleged speech made by [redacted]

[redacted] This literature alleges that [redacted]

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[redacted] In this reported speech of [redacted] he is represented as making statements concerning the superiority of the Negro race over the white people and demanding that inter-racial prohibitions be abolished and that the Negro is demanding the right to marry a member of the white race "if we can find one fit to marry".

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Also furnished by [redacted] was a resolution urging the State Legislature to set up an un-American investigations committee, and urging persons to write to the President, Congressmen and other public officials pointing out opposition to race mixing and upholding the Southern way of life.

[redacted] stated that he had obtained the above document from [redacted] on March 28, 1956. It is noted that the enclosure listed the officials of the Montgomery County Citizens Council as follows: SAM ENGELHARDT, JR., Chairman; W. T. JOHNSON, Vice-Chairman; EDNA ALEXANDER, Secretary; J. S. KELLY, Treasurer; LUTHER INGALLS (General Counsel), WARREN MARSHALL, WALTER MURSE, TRAVIS WILLIAMS, K. G. INGLE, RUSSELL CARTER, EUGENE S. HALL, L. B. DINKINS, L. R. JOHNSON, JACK S. RILEY, B. A. PARSON, J. R. SYFRETT, JOHN C. CANTEY, WEBSTER BOZEMAN, FOREMAN ROGERS and LLEWELLEN DUGGAR, Directors.

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[redacted] also furnished on April 5, 1956, a copy of a leaflet, "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation" which is quoted as follows:

"When in the course of human events it becomes necessary to abolish the Negro race, proper methods should be used. Among these are guns, bows and arrows, sling shots and knives.

"We hold these truths to be self evident that all whites are created equal with certain rights; among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of dead niggers.

"In every stage of the bus boycott we have been oppressed and degraded because of black slimy, juicy, unbearably stinking niggers. The conduct should not be dwelt upon because behind them they have an ancestral background of pigmies, head hunters and snot suckers.

"My friends it is time we wised up to these black devils. I tell you they are a group of two

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legged agitators who persist in walking up and down our streets protruding their black lips. If we don't stop helping these African flesh eaters, we will soon wake up and find Rev. King in the White House.

"LET'S GET ON THE BALL WHITE CITIZENS

"The Book 'Declaration of Segregation' will appear April, 1956. If this appeals to you be sure to read the book.

"NOTE: The above is a copy of handbills circulated at the White Citizens Council meeting at the State Coliseum Friday night February 10, 1956."

[redacted] stated that this leaflet was furnished to him by [redacted]

[redacted] It is noted that the leaflet indicates it was distributed at a citizens council meeting in Montgomery, Alabama, on February 10, 1956. [redacted] stated that he, himself, had attended this meeting and had not seen any indication that this leaflet had, in fact, been distributed at that meeting.

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In this connection it is noted that on February 20, 1956, a copy of this same leaflet had been furnished by Sheriff PRESTON HORNSBY, Macon County, Alabama, at Tuskegee, to SA CHILTON B. CREASON. Sheriff HORNSBY advised that this leaflet had been received through the mail on February 18, 1956, by SAM ENGELHARDT, JR., Executive Secretary of the state organization. Envelope was postmarked Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. According to Sheriff HORNSBY, ENGELHARDT had stated that he had no knowledge of such leaflet having been distributed at the citizens council meeting at Montgomery on February 10, 1956, or at any other meeting. HORNSBY stated that persons in attendance at that meeting could furnish no information that this leaflet was actually so distributed. HORNSBY expressed the opinion that the leaflet was drawn up by colored persons for inflammatory purposes.

~~PERRY COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL~~

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On March 9, 1956, [redacted]

[redacted] furnished to SA JOHN P. BRADY a list of counties wherein citizens councils are active and affiliated with THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA with headquarters in Montgomery. Perry County is included in

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this list, although no other information is available concerning activity of the council in Perry County.

~~X~~ PIKE COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL - ALA.

On March 9, 1956, [redacted]

[redacted] furnished to SA BRADY a list of counties wherein citizens councils are active and believed to be affiliated with THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA with headquarters in Montgomery. Pike County is included in this list, although no further information is available concerning council activity in Pike County.

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~~X~~ RUSSELL COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL ALA.

The COLUMBUS ENQUIRER, issue of March 23, 1956, contained an article concerning a meeting to be held of the Russell County Citizens Council on March 28, 1956, at Hurtsboro, Alabama. This article identified E. W. CALHOUN as Chairman of the group and reflected that LEONARD WILSON, expelled student from the University of Alabama, would speak at the meeting.

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The March 29, 1956, issue of the COLUMBUS ENQUIRER reported on the meeting held by the Russell County Citizens Council at Hurtsboro, Alabama, on March 28th. Speakers at the meeting were LEONARD WILSON, referred to above, and ROY V. HARRIS, Augusta, Georgia, who is described as a long-time pro-segregation leader in Georgia. WILSON made an attack on President OLIVER C. SARMICHAEL of the University of Alabama on his views on segregation. HARRIS was quoted as attacking the view that segregation is "unchristian, un-American, un-Constitutional and un-scientific", and stated that "only so-called liberals preaching the gospel of Moscow and nine buzzards who sit on the Supreme Court oppose segregation on any of these grounds". This news article reported that this meeting was presided over by Russell County School Superintendent H. B. HAMNER and the following were named as directors in this county council: O. B. BROWN, BENNIE HUGULEY, WALTER CAPP, MILLARD HERRING, JOHN T. SMITH, R. C. POSTER, W. W. McGAIN, WILLIAM HOLLINGSWORTH, C. D. RUTHERFORD, E. E. JOHNSTON, WILLIAM BRYAN BEES, C. H. McCANN, E. W. CALHOUN, WILLIAM SCHROEDER, HARRY COCHRAN, WILLIAM L. RUSSELL.

~~X~~ WILCOX COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL ALA.

The SELMA TIMES JOURNAL edition dated February 17, 1956, reported that a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Wilcox County Citizens Council was held in Garden, Alabama, on

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February 15, 1956, at which time plans were made for future meetings. Assistance was also pledged to counties which have requested assistance in forming new organizations. FRED HENDERSON, Chairman of the Wilcox County Council, presided.

The SELMA TIMES JOURNAL issue of March 5, 1956, reported that a council rally was held at the Pine Hill School Auditorium on March 1, 1956. The guest speakers at this meeting were BRUCE HENDERSON, Catherine, Alabama, and JOE M. BONNER, Circuit Solicitor of Wilcox County, Alabama. A second meeting was planned for Pineapple, Alabama.

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

An information copy of this report is furnished to Atlanta, Memphis and New Orleans inasmuch as this report contains information of interest to those offices.

INFORMANTS

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity And/or Description of Information</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent to Whom Furnished</u>	<u>File N Where Locate</u>
T-1 - [redacted] [redacted] (requested)	Citizens Council meeting, Abbeville, Ala., 3/7/56	3/9/56	JOHN W. LILL, JR.	105-121-181
T-2 - [redacted] [redacted] (requested)	Citizens Council meeting, Dothan, Ala., 3/9/56	3/10/56	JOHN W. LILL, JR.	105-121-202
T-3 - [redacted] [redacted] (requested)	Citizens Council meeting, Dothan, Ala., 3/9/56	3/12/56	JOHN W. LILL, JR.	105-121-202
T-4 - [redacted] [redacted] (requested)	Meeting, 2/17/56	2/18/56 2/23/56	[redacted]	105-121-114

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T-5 - [redacted] Opposition to 3/13/56 [redacted]  
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T-6 - [redacted] Citizens Council 2/28/56 JOSEPH T. Instant  
organization, 3/2/56 BOSTON Report  
Mobile County, Ala.  
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LEADS

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

1. Will follow and report the activity of subject organization in the northern portion of Ala. Will note that on 3/9/56. [redacted]

[redacted] stated that councils affiliated with subject organization are active in the following counties covered by Birmingham:

- Bibb
- Green
- Pickens
- Sumter
- Tuscaloosa

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On this same date [redacted] advised that a council was also active in Jefferson Co., Ala. and may have by that time affiliated with subject organization.

MOBILE DIVISION

AT MOBILE, ALABAMA

1. Will continue to follow and report activity of subject organization within the limits imposed by SAC Letter 55-66 and will report on new county councils which may be formed.

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A specific lead is set forth below to follow the activities of each county council within subject organization; however, in the interest of avoiding repetition only the location and name of the county council to be followed will be set forth where the lead is solely to follow the activity of that county council.

2. Mobile County Citizens Council.

AT CHATOM, ALABAMA (1A)

1. Will determine if Washington Co. Citizens Council has been formed and if so, arrange coverage within limitations contained in SAC Letter 55-66.

AT BAY MINETTE-ROBERTSDALE, ALABAMA (1B)

1. Baldwin County Citizens Council.

AT SELMA, ALABAMA (2)

1. Will recontact [redacted]

[redacted] and ascertain if any publications are regularly issued by subject organization, and if so, arrange to obtain regular copies thereof.

2. Will report further information furnished by [redacted] on the establishment of other county councils within subject organization.

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3. Dallas County Citizens Council.

AT BUTLER, ALABAMA (2)

1. Will verify the establishment of the Choctaw

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County Citizens Council and ascertain the identity of officers, activity and affiliation with subject organization.

AT JACKSON, ALABAMA (2)

1. Will verify the establishment of the Clarke Co. Citizens Council and ascertain identity of officers, activity and affiliation with subject organization.

AT GREENSBORO, ALABAMA (2)

1. Hale County Citizens Council.

AT LINDEN, ALABAMA (2)

1. Marengo County Citizens Council.

AT MARION, ALABAMA (2)

1. Perry County Citizens Council.

AT CAMDEN, ALABAMA (2)

1. Wilcox County Citizens Council.

AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA (3)

1. Through established sources will obtain information concerning any publications regularly issued by subject organization and arrange to receive copies thereof.

2. Montgomery County Citizens Council.

AT PRATTVILLE, ALABAMA (3)

1. Autauga County Citizens Council.

AT CLANTON-JEMISON, ALABAMA (3)

1. Will verify establishment of the Chilton Co.

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Citizens Council and ascertain identity of officers, activity and affiliation with state subject organization.

AT WETUMPKA, ALABAMA (3)

1. Elmore County Citizens Council.

AT HAYNEVILLE, ALABAMA (3)

1. Lowndes County Citizens Council.

AT ROCKFORD, ALABAMA (3)

Council has been formed and if so, arrange coverage within limitations contained in SAC Letter 55-66.

AT OPELIKA, ALABAMA (4)

1. Lee County Citizens Council.

AT ALEXANDER CITY, ALABAMA (4)

Council has been formed and if so, arrange coverage within the limitations contained in SAC Letter 55-66.

AT WEDOWEE, ALABAMA (4)

Council has been formed and if so, arrange coverage within the limitations contained in SAC Letter 55-66.

AT LAFAYETTE, ALABAMA (4)

Council has been formed and if so, arrange coverage within the limitations contained in SAC Letter 55-66.

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AT CLAYTON, ALABAMA (5)

1. Barbour County Citizens Council.

AT UNION SPRINGS, ALABAMA (5)

1. Bullock County Citizens Council.

AT TUSKEGEE-NOTASULGA, ALABAMA (5)

1. Macon County Citizens Council.

AT TROY, ALABAMA (5)

1. Will verify the establishment of the Pike Co. Citizens Council and ascertain identity of officers, activity and affiliation with state organization.

AT PHENIX CITY-HURTSBORO, ALABAMA (5)

1. Russell County Citizens Council.

AT HEADLAND, ALABAMA (6)

1. Henry County Citizens Council.

AT DOTHAN, ALABAMA (6)

1. Houston County Citizens Council.

AT ENTERPRISE, ALABAMA (6)

1. Will determine if Coffee Co. Citizens Council has been formed and if so, arrange coverage within limitations contained in SAC Letter 55-66.

AT OZARK, ALABAMA (6)

1. Will determine if Dale Co. Citizens Council has been formed and if so, arrange coverage within limitations of

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SAC Letter 55-66.

AT GENEVA, ALABAMA (6)

Will determine if Geneva Co. Citizens Council has been formed and if so, arrange coverage within limitations contained in SAC Letter 55-66.

AT GREENVILLE, ALABAMA (11)

1. Butler County Citizens Council.

AT LUVERNE, ALABAMA (11)

1. Crenshaw County Citizens Council.

AT FLOMATON-BREWTON, ALABAMA (11)

1. Escambia County Citizens Council.

AT EVERGREEN, ALABAMA (11)

1. Will determine if the Conecuh Co. Citizens Council has been formed and if so, arrange coverage within limitations contained in SAC Letter 55-66.

AT ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA (11)

1. Will determine if Covington Co. Citizens Council has been formed and if so, arrange coverage within limitations contained in SAC Letter 55-66.

AT MONROEVILLE, ALABAMA (11)

1. Will determine if Monroe Co. Citizens Council has been formed and if so, arrange coverage within limitations contained in SAC Letter 55-66.

REFERENCE: Report SA JOSEPH T. BOSTON, 12/2/55, Mobile.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: 4/30/56

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
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In report from Mobile 4/20/56 on captioned organization information was set out that U. S. Congressman Frank Boykin of the First District of Alabama, at Mobile, had made a statement that he had joined citizens councils in Marengo and Wilcox Counties, Alabama, and that he intended to join the council being formed in Mobile County.

Marengo, Wilcox and Mobile Counties have groups affiliated with captioned organization which was formed subsequent to Supreme Court decision 5/17/54 relating to integration in public schools.

We are following activities of captioned organization through discreet inquiries limited to established reliable sources and review of public records.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be forwarded to Mr. Nichols for his information inasmuch as U. S. Congressman Boykin is affiliated with captioned organization.

cc - Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Williams

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SAC, Mobile

May 3, 1956

Director, FBI (105-33955)

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THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS  
OF ALABAMA  
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Rerep of Special Agent Joseph T. Boston dated April 20, 1956.

On page twenty-four of rerep information attributed to T-4 reveals most of the former members of the Ku Klux Klan in the vicinity of Lowndes County have joined the Citizens' Council in that county which is an affiliate of the captioned organization.

T-4 should be recontacted and the names of the former Klansmen who are members of the Lowndes County Citizens' Council should be ascertained. In the event any of these former Klansmen are now officials or in a position to influence the activities of this citizens' council, you should include the names and information concerning their Klan membership in the next report submitted.

In every instance where information is received concerning current or former members of the Klan being active in citizens' councils this information should be set forth in your investigative reports.

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SAC, DETROIT (100-25025)

THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, IS-X. Reurairtel 4-30-56 captioned "Racial Situation" with which you furnished clippings from newspapers indicating attempts on the part of the captioned organization to create citizens councils in various cities in Michigan.

The Detroit Office is instructed to initiate discreet inquiries to ascertain if citizens councils have been formed in Michigan. In the event pro-segregation organizations have been formed you should promptly advise the Bureau and thereafter conduct inquiries concerning those groups in accordance with instructions set forth in SAC Letter 55-66.

There are being furnished the Mobile Office two newspaper articles furnished the Bureau with reairtel, a copy of which was furnished your office.

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Assistant Attorney General  
Warren Olney III

Director, FBI

ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS'  
COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
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EX. 12 Reference is made to your memorandum dated May 7, 1956, captioned "White Citizens Council, Montgomery, Alabama."

[redacted] with which you furnished Photostats of a handbill allegedly circulated at a meeting on February 10, 1956, at Montgomery, Alabama. You requested that originals of this handbill be obtained and in this connection requested [redacted] be interviewed.

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By memorandum dated March 31, 1956, captioned "White Citizens Council" from Assistant Attorney General William F. Tompkins the Bureau was furnished a copy of an identical handbill. According to that memorandum it was received by the Department from an unidentified source. It is not known whether the Department received at that time an original of this handbill.

As a result of the memorandum from Mr. Tompkins inquiries were initiated in the State of Alabama for the purpose of determining the source of these handbills and the extent of their dissemination. To date no information has been obtained showing the source or the exact extent of the distribution; however, our inquiries are continuing and any additional pertinent information received relative thereto will be furnished you and Mr. Tompkins.

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In accordance with your request [redacted] will be interviewed. The results of this interview will be furnished you promptly.

1cc - Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins

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2cc - Little Rock (W/Enclosures - 3) (See note page 2)  
2cc - Mobiles (W/Enclosures - 3) (See note page 2)  
2cc - Birmingham (W/Enclosures - 3) (See note page 2)

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Handwritten signatures and initials, including "JTB", "WEEK", and "1-1".



Memorandum to Assistant Attorney General  
Warren Olney III

ATTENTION SACs LITTLE ROCK, MOBILE, BIRMINGHAM:

There is being furnished you herewith one Photostat each of the referenced memorandum from the Department dated May 7, 1956; a letter addressed to the Attorney General dated April 18, 1956, from [redacted] and a handbill entitled "A Preview to the Declaration of Segregation."

The Little Rock Office is instructed to interview immediately [redacted] for any information in her possession relative to the source or distribution of this handbill and you should also ascertain if [redacted] has an original or can furnish information relative to where an original may be obtained.

By letter dated March 23, 1956, to Mobile, copies to Birmingham, Mobile and Birmingham were instructed to make discreet inquiries to determine who prepared the handbill referred to above and other information concerning its distribution. Mobile and Birmingham should furnish the Bureau promptly an original or originals of this handbill if it is available to your offices. Your attempts to ascertain the source and extent of distribution of this handbill should continue and the Bureau should be promptly advised of the results.

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AGRICULTURAL, MECHANICAL AND NORMAL COLLEGE  
PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS

April 18, 1956

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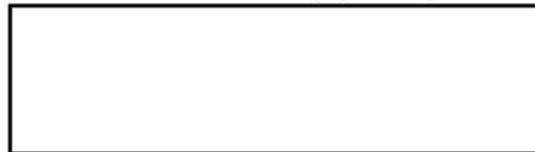
The Attorney General  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are copies of two items which I feel are self-explanatory. Some of this is still rather ridiculous. How long will it be, however, before it becomes tragic? The Little Rock letter reads as a sober and thoughtful one. In my estimation, this makes it even more dangerous than the handbill from Alabama.

There are rumors that a Civil Rights Bureau is being established in the Department of Justice. If these rumors are not true, they certainly ought to be.

Sincerely yours,



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\*COPY (Montgomery, Alabama)

A PREVIEW TO THE DECLARATION OF SEGREGATION

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary to abolish the Negro race, proper methods should be used. Among these are guns, bows and arrows, sling shots and knives.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all whites are created equal with certain rights; among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of dead niggers.

In every stage of the bus boycott we have been oppressed and degraded because of black, slimy, juicy, unbearably stinky niggers. The conduct should not be dwelt upon because behind them they have an ancestral background of Pigmies, head hunters, and snot suckers.

My friends, it is time we wised up to these black devils. I tell you they are a group of two-legged agitators who persist in walking up and down our streets protruding their black lips. If we don't stop these African flesh-eaters, we will soon wake up and find Rev. King in the White House.

Let's get on the ball White Citizens.

The book "Declaration of Segregation" will appear April, 1956. If this appeals to you be sure to read this book.

\*Handbill circulated at the White Citizens Council meeting at the State Coliseum, Friday night, February 10, 1956.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE:

May 7, 1956.

FROM : Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

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SUBJECT: White Citizens Council,  
Montgomery, Alabama.

[Redacted] Informant

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We are enclosing herewith two copies of a letter from [Redacted] Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and two copies of a handbill allegedly circulated at a meeting of the White Citizens Council on February 10, 1956, at the State Coliseum, Montgomery, Alabama.

Please see if one or more of the original of these handbills can be obtained. In this connection, please interview [Redacted] for any further information she may have. Perhaps she may have one of these handbills.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-33955) DATE: 5/16/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile (105-121)

SUBJECT: THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA,  
aka. Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama  
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(Origin - Mobile)

Reference is made to Bureau memo to Assistant Attorney General WARREN OLNEY, III, 5/14/56, concerning a handbill allegedly circulated at a Citizens' Council meeting on 2/10/56, Montgomery, Alabama, the leaflet being entitled "A Preview to the Declaration of Segregation."

The Mobile Office has to date received no additional information concerning the source of this handbill. The Mobile Office does not have an original of this handbill but does possess a copy which was quoted on pages 28 and 29 of the report of SA JOSEPH T. BOSTON, 4/20/56, in the above captioned case.

It is noted that page 29 of this report and Mobile memo to the Bureau 4/11/56 set forth investigation to determine source of the handbill. A reliable source, who attended the 2/10/56 meeting and who subsequently obtained a copy of this leaflet, advised that he had not seen any indication at the meeting of the leaflet having been distributed there. It was also pointed out that SAM ENGLEHARDT, Executive Secretary of the subject organization, had advised the Sheriff of Macon County that he, ENGLEHARDT, had no knowledge concerning this leaflet having been distributed at any Citizens' Council meeting.

Further attempts will be made to ascertain the source and extent of distribution of this leaflet and pertinent information will be furnished to the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM :  
SUBJECT: SAC, Mobile

DATE: 5/31/56

CHILTON COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL  
IS - X

Re Bulet to Mobile, 4/24/56.

On 5/3/56, Alabama State Senator SAM ENGLEHARDT, Executive Secretary, The Citizens' Councils of Alabama, with headquarters Montgomery, Alabama, volunteered certain information concerning the North Alabama Citizens Council. During the interview, Senator ENGLEHARDT also advised that the Chilton County Citizens Council is a part of the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, Senator ENGLEHARDT's group. Accordingly, the case file on captioned group is being closed, and information concerning this organization will be reported in reports on the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, Bufile 105-33955. *closed*

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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Transmit the following message via AIR-TEL  
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From SAC - MOBILE  
To: DIRECTOR, FBI

CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka.  
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DAN SMOOT  
INFORMATION CONCERNING ALA

The Montgomery Advertiser, daily paper at Montgomery, Alabama, on front page 5/14/56 issue carries article which is being forwarded herewith captioned "RUSSELL WCC WILL STAGE PROTEST RALLY." This article relates in part that DAN SMOOT of Dallas, Texas, "a member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for nine years," and "for three years . . . on an intensive detail concerning Communism in this country while serving with the FBI," would be the featured speaker on the subject "Expression of Public Opinion on the Black Monday Decree."

This matter is brought to the attention of the Bureau for any purpose it may serve.

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Approved: Special Agent in Charge

Sent: \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

*cc Baumgardner*

# **Russell WCC** **Will Stage** **Protest Rally**

PHENIX CITY, Ala., May 13 (Special) — The White Citizens Council of Russell County will stage a giant anniversary protest rally at Martin Stadium here May 17.

The rally will mark the second anniversary of the May 17, 1954, U.S. Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation in public schools.

## **WELL-KNOWN SPEAKER**

E. W. Calhoun of Ft. Mitchell, Ala., Russell chairman, said the meeting would start at 8 p.m. (EST) and would feature "expression of public opinion on the Black Monday decree" by well-known radio and TV commentator Dan Smoot of Dallas, Tex.

Calhoun said it was expected Gov. Marvin Griffin of Georgia would also be on hand for the anniversary affair.

Smoot, former professor of English at Harvard University, was a member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for nine years.

## **INVESTIGATED COMMUNISM**

Calhoun said Smoot for three years had been on an intensive detail concerning communism in this country while serving with the FBI.

Calhoun said his organization was established to fight forced integration of the races in any form and to legally combat the court efforts of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People.

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THE MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA  
MAY 14, 1956  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: May 31, 1956

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-272)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ALABAMA  
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Re Bureau memo to Assistant Attorney General WARREN OLNEY, III, dated 5-14-56.

Limited inquiries in Birmingham Office to date have failed to ascertain the author of "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation" or one of the original handbills.

On April 18, 1956, [redacted] Regional Director, National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc., 1109 First National Bank Building, Birmingham, appeared at the Birmingham Office and made available a copy of the above mentioned handbill. He stated that he had been unable to determine the author of this handbill; that it had been allegedly distributed at a citizens council rally at Montgomery, Alabama. [redacted] said that his organization had made pretext inquiries of the citizens council at Montgomery, Alabama, and that this group denied any knowledge or connection with this handbill.

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[redacted] has been contacted periodically since the origin of citizens councils in this area. He has not been able to ascertain anything concerning the handbill "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation". [redacted] has been in the office of [redacted]

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[redacted] on several occasions since February, 1956. [redacted] advised repeatedly that he has no information connecting [redacted] group with the distribution of this handbill.

[redacted] above mentioned, advised on May 31, 1956, that he has obtained no further information concerning instant handbill.

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The Bureau will be advised of any information obtained, through limited inquiries, concerning instant handbill.

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Assistant Attorney General  
Warren Olney III

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Director, FBI

ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS'  
COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reference is made to my memorandum dated May 14, 1956, advising that [redacted] would be interviewed in an effort to obtain an original handbill allegedly circulated at a white citizens council meeting at Montgomery, Alabama, February 10, 1956.

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On May 17, 1956, [redacted]

[redacted] furnished the following information concerning a handbill captioned "A Preview To The Declaration Of Segregation," which she had sent to the Department.

[redacted] typed a copy of this handbill from a copy which was in the possession of Mrs. Essie A. Austin, a nurse at the above-named college. It was [redacted] understanding that [redacted] had only a typed copy of the handbill and that a friend of hers from Montgomery, Alabama, had given it to her. [redacted] is certain that she typed her copy from another copy and not from an original handbill. [redacted] stated that she is certain that no handbills of this type have been circulated on the campus of the Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College and that she has never seen an original of this handbill.

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On May 17, 1956, Mrs. Essie A. Austin furnished the following information: A friend of hers who lived some forty miles from Montgomery, Alabama, visited her at Pine Bluff and had a typewritten copy of the handbill captioned "A Preview To The Declaration Of Segregation." This was a typed copy and not an original handbill. Mrs. Austin had a typed copy made from this copy which belonged to her friend in Alabama. Mrs. Austin has not seen any original handbill, nor has she heard of any such handbills being distributed in the area of Pine Bluff. She knew nothing of the circulation of this handbill and said that her friend in Alabama told her that it had been distributed at a meeting held in Montgomery, Alabama.

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2cc - Mobile (See Note Page 2)  
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Letter to Assistant Attorney General  
Warren Olney III

[redacted] was very reluctant to discuss this matter. She said if she had known it would have caused any inquiry at all she would have never shown this typed copy of the handbill to other people on the college campus. She said she would not divulge the name of her friend from whom she copied her copy until she had an opportunity to contact this friend and determine if that individual had any objection.

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On May 21, 1956, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised he had a number of copies made from the copy in the possession of Mrs. Austin. This source is certain that [redacted] is the individual who gave the typed copy of the handbill to Mrs. Austin since he received this information from Mrs. Austin herself. According to this source [redacted] had only a typed copy of the handbill which he had obtained from another unknown individual.

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[redacted] will be interviewed by our Mobile Office in connection with this matter.

The results of this interview will be forwarded to you promptly upon receipt thereof by the Bureau.

cc - Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins

ATTENTION SAC, MOBILE

Re Bulet to the Department dated May 14, 1956, a copy of which was furnished your office and Little Rock airtel dated May 24, 1956.

You are instructed to locate and interview [redacted] and obtain any information in his possession concerning the source of the handbill in question. You should determine if he has an original of this handbill or can furnish any information relative to where an original can be obtained.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. FD-36	_____
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AIRTEL

Transmit the following ~~teletype~~ message to: DIRECTOR, FBI

FBI LITTLE ROCK (105-150) 5/24/56

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AIR MAIL

DIRECTOR, FBI

ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS'  
COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Re Bulet to Assistant Attorney General OLNEY, May 14, 1956.

On May 17, 1956, [redacted]

advised SA [redacted] of the following information concerning copy of a handbill headed "A Preview To The Declaration Of Segregation," which she sent to the Attorney General.

[redacted] typed a copy of this handbill from a copy which Mrs. ESSIE A. AUSTIN, College Nurse, had in her possession. It was [redacted] understanding that Mrs. AUSTIN only had a typed copy of the same handbill, and that some friend of hers from Montgomery, Alabama, had given it to her. [redacted] is sure she typed her copy from another copy and not an original handbill. [redacted] stated she is sure no handbills of this nature have been circulated on the A M & N Campus and that she has never seen an original handbill. She made seven or eight copies of this and gave them to different people. She said that possibly others had made copies of the same copy from Mrs. AUSTIN, and gave them to their friends.

On May 17, 1956, Mrs. ESSIE A. AUSTIN, College Nurse, A M & N College, furnished the following information to SA [redacted]

- 3 - Bureau (AM)
- 1 - Mobile (Info) (AM)
- 1 - Birmingham (Info) (AM)
- 1 - Little Rock (105-150)

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Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following ~~TELETYPE~~<sup>AIRTEL</sup> message to:

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A friend of hers who lives some forty miles from Montgomery, Alabama, visited her at Pine Bluff and had a typewritten copy of the handbill entitled "A Preview To The Declaration Of Segregation." This was a typed copy and not an original handbill. Mrs. AUSTIN had a typed copy made from this typed copy of her friends. She showed her typed copy to a number of people on the campus at A M & N College, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. She does not know how many people she showed this to or how many of the people made copies from it. She has not seen any original handbill, nor has she heard of any of these handbills being distributed in the area of Pine Bluff. She knows nothing concerning the circulation of this handbill and only that her friend told her it had been distributed at a meeting in Montgomery, Alabama.

It is noted Mrs. AUSTIN was very reluctant to talk about this at all. She said if she had known it would have caused any type inquiry at all she would never have shown this typed copy to people on the campus. She said she would not give the name of her friend from whom she copied her typed copy until she had an opportunity to contact her friend and see if it is all right with the friend. She said her friend may visit her the week-end of May 19, 1956, and if so she would ask her friend if it was all right to give her name to the FBI.

Mrs. AUSTIN was recontacted on May 21, 1956, and advised her friend did not visit her over the week-end and she still did not want to furnish the name until she had an opportunity to talk with her friend.

[redacted] who has been a Confidential Source in the past, and whose name should not be disclosed, was interviewed by SA GEORGE A. BARRON, JR., and furnished the following information:

[redacted] had a number of typed copies of the handbill made from the copy that Mrs. AUSTIN had in her possession. to send to [redacted] is sure that [redacted] is the individual who brought the typed copy of the handbill to Mrs. AUSTIN.

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 Special Agent in Charge

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 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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[ ] did not personally talk with [ ] when he visited his mother but [ ] received his information through Mrs. AUSTIN. [ ] had only a typed copy of this handbill and had gotten it from someone else. [ ] said to his knowledge, Mrs. AUSTIN had the first typewritten copy of this handbill on the campus, and other copies were made from it.

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[ ] graduated from Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, approximately ten years ago and is presently on the faculty at Tuskegee Institute and living at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. He is approximately 30 years old and married. He visited his mother at A M & N College, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, a short time before Easter, 1956, and on this visit had the typed copy of the handbill.

[ ] has not heard of any of these handbills being distributed in the area of Pine Bluff and has never seen an original copy of this handbill.

[ ] advised that Mrs. AUSTIN is a lady around sixty-five years old, and that she and [ ] are both considered good citizens. He believed that [ ] would be willing to assist and furnish information to the Bureau, if contacted.

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A copy of this airtel is being furnished Mobile in the event the Bureau desires to have [ ] interviewed.

A copy of this airtel is being furnished Birmingham for information purposes.

No further action is being taken by the Little Rock Office unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Agent in Charge

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SAC, Mobile (105-121)

June 13, 1956

Director, FBI (105-33955)

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ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS'  
COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

021-72 ReBulet to Assistant Attorney General  
Warren Olney III dated June 1, 1956, a copy of which  
was furnished your office instructing that [redacted]

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[redacted] be interviewed for any information in his  
possession concerning the source of an original  
handbill circulated at a white citizens council meet-  
ing at Montgomery, Alabama, on February 10, 1956.

Reference is also made to Little Rock  
airtel dated June 5, 1956, which reflects  
Mrs. Essie A. Austin advised the Little Rock Office  
that [redacted]  
[redacted] made a copy of the handbill  
in question from a handwritten copy in the possession  
of [redacted]

This information indicates that [redacted]  
[redacted] was not the individual who gave a copy of the  
handbill to his mother as originally reported in  
Little Rock airtel dated May 24, 1956.

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In accordance with Bureau instructions  
contained in the note to your office in referenced  
letter to Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III  
dated June 1, 1956, you should locate and interview  
[redacted] at once.

The results of this interview must be  
furnished the Bureau without delay.

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JUN 20 1956

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Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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AIRTEL

Transmit the following ~~teletype~~ message to: DIRECTOR

FBI LITTLE ROCK (105-150) 6/5/56 AIRTEL

DIRECTOR, FBI AIR MAIL

ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS'  
COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Re Little Rock airtel of May 24, 1956.

On June 2, 1956, Mrs. ESSIE A. AUSTIN, College Nurse, Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, contacted SA [redacted] via telephone, and advised him she desired him to contact her as the party from whom she copied the handbill issued by the Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama was presently visiting her.

On June 2, 1956, [redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed at the [redacted]. She advised she had brought a typewritten copy of the handbill in question with her when she visited [redacted] sometime around Easter of 1956. She said she had made her copy from a handwritten copy that [redacted] had in her possession. She does not know where any original copy is located and has never seen an original copy herself. She stated it was rumored that a Negro janitor had obtained an original from the auditorium where the handbill was originally distributed and also it was rumored that someone had left a copy of the original handbill in their clothes when the clothes were left at a cleaning establishment.

She stated [redacted]

[redacted] and would know her forwarding address.

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BRYANT

- ③ - Bureau
- 1 - Birmingham
- 1 - Mobile
- 1 - Little Rock

Mr. Belmont

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 (6) Special Agent in Charge

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*Let to [redacted]  
 Mobile [redacted]  
 6/13/56  
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Date: 6/21/56

Transmit the following message via AIR TEL

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From SAC, Detroit (100-25147)

To: Director, FBI (~~105-34237~~) 105-4811

CITIZENS COUNCILS OF MICHIGAN  
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Re Detroit Airtel 5/25/56.

A pretext telephone inquiry with the Detroit Chapter NAACP on 6/21/56 developed the information that a Citizens Council is to be organized in Dearborn, Mich. The person answering the pretext call stated they had received information from an unidentified party that one [redacted]

[redacted], will be in charge of the organization of the Dearborn Citizens Council. The council is expected to open an office the week of 6/25/56 at 13708 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, which is directly across from the Dearborn City Hall. Membership is to be \$10 a person. Bureau will be kept advised of developments.

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- ④ - Bureau (3 - ~~100-25147~~)  
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- 2 - Birmingham (105-364) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Detroit (1 - 100-25147)  
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Mr. Belmont  
cc [redacted]

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AIRTEL 52 JUN 29 1956

Approved: C. M. P. Special Agent in Charge Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA

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cc - Williams

SAC, Detroit (100-25025)

June 18, 1956

Director, FBI (105-33955)

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**THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X**

Re Bureau airtel dated May 2, 1956.

You are instructed to furnish the Bureau by July 1, 1956, all pertinent information received concerning formation of citizens councils within the territory covered by your office. This information should be in a report suitable for dissemination.

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to info. advised: See Mobile  
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cc - Mr. Williams

Assistant Attorney General  
Warren Olney III

July 2, 1956

Director, FBI

ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS'  
COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reference is made to your memorandum dated May 7, 1956, captioned "White Citizens Council, Montgomery, Alabama, [redacted] Informant," your reference [redacted] and my replies thereto dated May 14, 1956, and June 1, 1956.

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In response to your request there is being furnished you herewith a copy of a memorandum from the Mobile Office of this Bureau dated June 20, 1956, setting forth the results of an interview with [redacted] on June 14, 1956.

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Additional inquiries are being made and the results thereof will be made available to you promptly.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/20/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS'  
COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ReBulet to Assistant Attorney General WARREN  
OLNEY III, dated 6/1/56.

On 6/14/56, [redacted] was located and inter-  
viewed by SA'S JOHN P. BRADY and HARLAN G. FLINNER at the [redacted]  
[redacted] stated that he has  
been at the [redacted] since July, 1955. as [redacted]  
[redacted] Previously he was [redacted]  
[redacted] for one year and prior to that [redacted]  
stated he operated a farm in Lowndes County, Alabama.

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In reference to the typewritten copy of an article  
entitled "A Preview To The Declaration Of Segregation,"  
[redacted] related the following story concerning his knowledge  
of the article. He first saw the article during January, 1956,  
at [redacted] One day during Chapel Services  
he picked up a piece of paper laying on the floor of the  
Auditorium and read it. After reading it he threw it in the  
waste paper basket. He described the article as a "second  
page typewritten carbon copy on yellow paper." [redacted] stated  
he had never seen the article before and that he did not know who  
had it at the Institute. He also stated that he did not make  
a copy of the article, nor did he send a copy to anyone,  
including [redacted] continued that he did  
not speak to anyone on the campus concerning the article.

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In reply, [redacted] stated he visited [redacted] in  
Arkansas on March 21, 1956, and mentioned the fact to her that  
such an article was in circulation in Alabama. However, he  
emphatically denied taking a copy to her or mailing her a copy  
at any time. [redacted] related that he does not know where the  
article originated, nor does he have any idea who wrote the  
article. He again explained that he has only seen the one  
copy at [redacted] and has never seen what appears  
to be an original handbill or copy of the article.

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[redacted] stated there are 400 to 500 students at the  
[redacted]

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*Let to Asst. Atty. Gen. Olney  
C.W. mag. 7/2/56.*

*INT [signature]*

DIRECTOR, FBI

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area. He also stated that he has not been back to [redacted] since his departure in July, 1955, and has only seen anyone he knew from [redacted] once in Montgomery, Alabama.

[redacted] also stated that he believes the copy of the article that he saw at [redacted] had the notation at the bottom that the article had been distributed at a White Citizens Council meeting in Montgomery, Alabama.

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[redacted] stated that he could offer no assistance as to the origin of the article or who might have had it on the [redacted]. Again he emphatically denied making any copies of the article or sending copies to anyone and that he did not originate the article.

Further inquiry is being made pursuant to Bumemo to Mobile, 6/13/56.



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- 1 - Bufile 100-415762

- 1 - B. T. Fullerton
- 1 - Section tickler
- 1 - C. F. Williams
- 1 - J. S. Johnson
- 2 - Original and copy

SAC, Mobile (105-121)

June 29, 1956

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**THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X**

Reurlet dated June 22, 1956, which forwarded the April 28, 1956, Volume 1, Number 2 issue of the publication "Montgomery County Citizens' Council Monthly Bulletin" and advised that arrangements had been made for future issues to be furnished the Bureau.

It is requested that your office make arrangements to discreetly obtain two copies of each issue of this publication and forward them to the Bureau by routing slip marked to the attention of the Central Research Section. Also, if possible, your office should obtain two copies of the Volume 1, Number 1 issue of this publication for completion of the Bureau's files.

This publication should be handled in accordance with the instructions contained in SAC Letter No. 54-74 dated December 28, 1954.

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*the June 28, 1956, Vol. 1, #4 issue indicated name of group "States' Rights Advocate" 8/20/56 HWS*

NOTE: Mr. C. F. Williams of the Internal Security Section is interested in receiving this publication on a regular basis and will forward one copy of each issue to the Department of Justice. The price of a subscription is unknown.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: 6/22/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile (105-121)

SUBJECT: THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka  
IS - X  
(Origin - Mobile)

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DATE 10/24/99 BY 60267 NLS/BCL/awc

Enclosed herewith is an autostat copy of the monthly bulletin of the Montgomery County Citizens' Council, which group is an affiliate of subject organization.

The receipt of this publication is the first information concerning the printing of any publication by subject organization.

Arrangements have been made through PSI [redacted] Montgomery, Alabama, to obtain future copies of this publication, which copies will be made available to the Bureau.

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SAC, Mobile

June 26, 1956

Director, FBI (105-49030)

**KLAN INFILTRATION INTO CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - K**

Re SAC Letter 56-34.

In accordance with instructions set forth in the last paragraph of the referenced SAC Letter you are instructed to review files on citizens councils and pro-segregation organizations and furnish the Bureau promptly the names of those organizations in which there has been any degree of Klan infiltration or participation in activities. A separate letter should be submitted on each organization in this category under the caption "Klan Infiltration Into (name of organization involved)" furnishing a brief summary of the extent of Klan participation in the organization. One copy of that letter and one extra copy of all subsequent communications containing data relative to Klan infiltration, including reports, should be designated for Bureau file 105-49030, a repository for data re captioned matter.

A review of Bufiles reveals data has been submitted on following organization indicating Klan infiltrations:

The Citizens Councils of Alabama

You should advise auxiliary offices of change of title.

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cc Bufile 105-33955 (The Citizens Councils of Alabama)

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cc Mr. Williams

SAC, Mobile (105-121)

June 26, 1956

Director, FBI (105-33955)

ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ReBulet dated June 13, 1956.

The interview with [redacted] should be conducted at once and the results furnished the Bureau promptly.

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Reference is also made to previous correspondence concerning attempts to obtain a copy of a book "Declaration of Segregation" which was to have been published in April, 1956.

Furnish Bureau results of your efforts to obtain a copy of this book.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: 6/27/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS'  
COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
IS-X

ReBuLet to Mobile 6/13/56.

On 6/26/56, [redacted]

[redacted] and is presently unemployed. She will not return to Montgomery, Ala. until about Sept. 1956.

Cleveland will interview [redacted] in accordance with Bulet dated 6/13/56.

Enclosed herewith to Cleveland is 1 copy of Bulet to Mobile dated 6/13/56; 1 copy of letter from the Director to Assistant Attorney General dated 6/1/56 and 1 copy of handbill "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation". Cleveland is requested to return the handbill, "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation", upon completion of investigation.

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- ② - Bureau (105-33955) (REGISTERED) (AM)
  - 2 - Cleveland (Encls. 3) (REGISTERED) (AM)
  - 2 - Mobile (105-121)
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Director, FBI

7/3/56

Re: THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, Aka.  
Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama:  
IS - X

the Declaration of Segregation," and which bore the notation at the bottom of the page that same was a copy of a handbill circulated at a White Citizens Council Meeting, Montgomery, Alabama, 2/10/56. [redacted] stated he had been interested in determining the source of this leaflet, which is the reason he furnished it to [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted] did not say where he had received this leaflet but apparently [redacted] had made up a number of copies for distribution inasmuch as the copy he sent [redacted] was a mimeograph. [redacted] stated that he has since sent the mimeograph copy to [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that he had inquired of the Mobile Book Store concerning the obtaining of a copy of the book "Declaration of Segregation" and was advised by [redacted] [redacted] could find no information from any publishing company which would support the view that the book was actually being published. [redacted] stated that he then, recognizing that the book might be published by some independent printer on behalf of a Citizens Council group, wrote to Judge TOM BRADY, Winona, Mississippi, author of the book "Black Monday," which book was critical of the Supreme Court segregation decision. [redacted] also in his letter to Judge BRADY asked for information concerning the book "Declaration of Segregation." His letter was referred to the Mississippi White Citizens Council at Greenwood, Mississippi, which organization sent [redacted] copies of the book "Black Monday." He stated that the letter he received from the Citizens Council did not mention the book "Declaration of Segregation" and he assumed that the Mississippi group had no information concerning the book.

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As was pointed out on Page 29 of the report of SA JOSEPH T. BOSTON, Mobile, 4/20/56, Sheriff PRESTON

Director, FBI

7/3/56

Re: THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, Aka.  
IS - X

HORNSBY, Tuskegee, Alabama, advised that Senator SAM ~~W~~ENGEL-  
HARDT, Executive Secretary of subject organization, had  
reported receiving copy of this leaflet through the mail.  
HORNSBY stated that persons in attendance at the 2/10/56  
meeting could furnish no information concerning the  
leaflet and he expressed the opinion that the leaflet was  
drawn up by colored persons for inflammatory purposes.

This office will contact [redacted]  
[redacted] for further information concerning  
the source of this leaflet and the Bureau will be advised.

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cc Mr. Williams

Assistant Attorney General  
Warren Olney III

July 11, 1956

Director, FBI

ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reference is made to your memorandum dated  
May 7, 1956, captioned "White Citizens Council,  
Montgomery, Alabama: [redacted]"

and my replies thereto dated May 14, 1956, June 1,  
1956, July 2, 1956, and July 3, 1956.

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For your additional information in this  
matter, [redacted]

[redacted] advised on  
June 5 and 13, 1956, that he has no information  
concerning the origin or distribution of the handbill  
captioned "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation."

On July 3, 1956, [redacted]

[redacted] advised he  
had furnished a typewritten copy of this handbill  
to [redacted]  
Alabama Council on Human Relations. [redacted] stated  
that during the latter part of February, 1956, he had  
received this handbill from [redacted]  
in Tuskegee, Alabama. [redacted] stated he was interested  
in determining the source of this leaflet which is the  
reason he furnished it to [redacted] said that  
[redacted] did not indicate where he had received this leaflet  
but had apparently made up a number of copies for  
distribution inasmuch as the copy [redacted] received was  
mimeographed.

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[redacted] is being contacted for  
information concerning his source of this handbill.  
The results of this contact will be furnished you promptly.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: 7/3/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile (105-121)

SUBJECT: THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, Aka.  
Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama:  
IS - X

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Re Bureau memo to Mobile dated 6/26/56 instructing that the interview with [redacted] should be conducted promptly and that the Bureau should be furnished with the results of efforts to obtain a copy of the book "Declaration of Segregation," which was to have been published in April, 1956.

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It is noted that investigation at Montgomery, Alabama, has reflected that [redacted] is residing in Cleveland, Ohio, and by Airtel to the Bureau and Cleveland dated 6/27/56 Cleveland was requested to interview her.

Mobile Airtel to the Bureau dated 5/16/56 set forth a summary of investigation to date to locate an original of the handbill "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation." It is noted that a reliable source, who attended the February 10, 1956, Citizens Council Meeting at Montgomery, advised that he had seen no indication of this handbill actually being distributed at the meeting. *ALA*

On 6/5, 13/56 [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he has no information concerning the origin or distribution of this handbill and no information concerning the book "Declaration of Segregation."

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On 7/3/56 [redacted]

[redacted] (colored), advised that he had furnished a typewritten copy of this leaflet to [redacted] who in turn had referred the leaflet to this office. [redacted] stated that during the latter part of February, 1956, he had received a one page mimeograph through the mail from [redacted]

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[redacted] which mimeograph was entitled "A Preview of

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- 2 - Mobile
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*out to Olney III 7/11/56 JTB*

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- Mr. Williams

Assistant Attorney General  
Warren Olney III

July 3, 1956

Director, FBI

ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS  
OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reference is made to your memorandum dated  
May 7, 1956, captioned "White Citizens Council,  
Montgomery, Alabama."

[redacted] and my replies  
thereto dated May 14, 1956, June 1, 1956, and July 2,  
1956.

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For your information the Detroit, Michigan,  
Office of this Bureau has received two complaints, one  
from [redacted]

[redacted] These  
individuals, who are members of the Negro race, advised  
that they had received letters postmarked at Detroit,  
with no return address or other identifying marks,  
enclosing only mimeographed handbills attacking the  
Negro race. [redacted] furnished the Detroit Office the  
handbill he received which is captioned "A Preview  
of the Declaration of Segregation." One Photostat  
of this handbill is being furnished you herewith.

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The extent of circulation of these  
handbills among Negroes in the Detroit area or the  
persons responsible for their dissemination are unknown.

Pursuant to the request in your memorandum  
additional inquiries are being made concerning the  
original source of these handbills. The results thereof  
will be furnished you promptly.

Enclosure  
105-33955

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DATE 11/1/99 BY 60261NLS/BCK/AMW

cc - Assistant Attorney General (w/Enclosure)  
William F. Tompkins

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- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
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Handwritten notes and signatures on the right side of the page, including "W.C.K." and "C.H."

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JUL 10 1956

cc - Mr. Williams  
Liaison

105-33955

Date: July 5, 1956  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS  
OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

There is being furnished you herewith one photostat of a handbill captioned "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation," copies of which were furnished the Detroit Office of this Bureau by two Negroes who reside in Detroit. The extent of circulation of these handbills among Negroes in the Detroit area or the persons responsible for their dissemination are unknown.

A notation at the bottom of the handbill reveals that they were circulated at the White Citizens Council meeting in the State Coliseum, Friday night, February 10, 1956. Information has been furnished you previously to the effect that the captioned organization on February 10, 1956, held a meeting at the Coliseum at Montgomery, Alabama, at which United States Senator James O. Eastland spoke.

The above is for your information. Any additional pertinent information received relative to this matter will be furnished to you promptly.

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DATE 11/19/01 BY 60327 NLS/bce/lamw

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**Letter to Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
Department of the Army**

**2cc - Director of Naval Intelligence  
Department of the Navy  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.**

(W/Enclosure)

**2cc - Director of Special Investigations  
The Inspector General  
Department of the Air Force  
Building Tempo E  
4th and Adams Drive, S. W.  
Washington, D. C.**

(W/Enclosure)

**BY COURIER SERVICE**



A PREVIEW OF THE DECLARATION OF SEGREGATION

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary to abolish the Negro race, proper methods should be used. Among these are guns, bows and arrows, sling shots and knives.

We hold these truths to be self evident, that all whites are created free and equal with certain inalienable rights; among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of dead niggers.

In every stage of the bus boycott we have been oppressed and degraded because of black limy, oily, unbearable stinking niggers. Their conduct should not be dealt upon because behind them they have an ancestral background of pigmies, head hunters and snrt suckers.

My friends, it is time we wiped up all these black devils. I tell you they are a breed of the lowest gitars who persist in walking up and down our streets, protruding their black lips. If we don't stop holding these nigger flesh eaters, we will soon wake up and find Rev. King in the White House.

LET'S GET ON THE BALL ---- WHITE CITIZENS !!

The book "Declaration of Segregation" was printed April, 1956. If this appeals to you, be sure to read the book.

NOTE: The above is a copy of hand bills circulated at the White Citizens Council meeting in the State Coliseum, Friday night, February 10, 1956.

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SAC, Mobile (105-121)

July 10, 1956

Director, FBI (105-33955) - 66

THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurairtel dated June 29, 1956.

The Bureau has no objection to your submitting a separate report on each county organization connected with The Citizens' Councils of Alabama. You should continue to submit reports on the captioned organization containing the over-all policy of this group and activities of its leaders.

You are instructed to furnish the Bureau a list of the names of the county organizations on which separate files are being opened and should advise when reports may be expected. You should be careful to furnish the Bureau the correct name of the county organization so that it will not be necessary to change the titles at a later date.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Mobile advised there are 25 county organizations which comprise The Citizens' Councils of Alabama. Mobile also advised it is exceedingly difficult to handle this case administratively and requested authority to submit separate reports on each county group.

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Date: 6/29/56

Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

From SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

To: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955)

THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, Aka  
IS-X  
(Mobile-00)

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Mason \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Rerep SA JOSEPH T. BOSTON 4/20/56, containing info re 25 county councils reported as active in Mobile Division.

In view of the large number of county councils, the overall administrative handling of this investigation has become exceedingly difficult and it is now felt that it would be better to have a separate file on each county group and write separate reports on each county group.

A report containing additional data concerning all county councils is being delayed pending advice from Bureau concerning approval of this suggestion re submission of separate reports. If the Bureau approves, this office will continue to submit reports captioned as above containing info concerning overall activity of state organization and state officers.

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Special Agent in Charge

Chas. Williams

Assistant Attorney General  
Warren Olney III

July 23, 1956

Director, FBI

ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS  
OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reference is made to my memorandum dated  
July 19, 1956.

There is being furnished you herewith a  
copy of a memorandum from the Cleveland Office of  
this Bureau which contains the results of the interview  
with [redacted]

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No additional inquiries are being conducted  
concerning the origin or distribution of a handbill  
entitled "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation"  
in the absence of a specific request from the Department.

Enclosure

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Considerable investigation has been conducted  
at the request of the Department to determine the original  
source of this anti-Negro leaflet. To date the source  
and the manner in which the leaflet was distributed have  
not been determined.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: July 12, 1956

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (105-1614)

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS'  
COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
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Re Mobile letter to Bureau 6/27/56.

On July 10, 1956, [redacted] was interviewed by SA FREDERICK L. EDWARDS. She advised that she was a former [redacted]

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She related that in connection with the handwritten copy of the handbill entitled "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation" that she made a copy of this handbill from a typewritten copy which was in the possession of [redacted]

[redacted] She advised that she had no information concerning the original source of the handbill and further advised that she could not state whether the original handbill had been printed or typewritten. She stated that she has no idea as to how [redacted] came into possession of her copy.

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She pointed out that practically everybody in the ~~colored~~ <sup>NEAR</sup> neighborhoods in Montgomery, Alabama, had seen a copy of the handbill and the number of copies in circulation were very numerous. She also recalled, while resting in her home at [redacted] an individual residing in the house at [redacted]

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[redacted] reading a copy of the handbill outloud to somebody in the backyard at that address. She further advised that the handbill was reportedly distributed at a White Citizen's Council meeting held at Montgomery, Alabama, in February, 1956, although she pointed out that other rumors which were being circulated placed the source of the handbill at the following categories:

1. From janitors who cleaned up the Coliseum after the White Citizen's Council meeting.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955)

July 12, 1956

Re: ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS'  
COUNCILS OF ALABAMA

2. From maids who work in the White people's homes in Montgomery, Alabama, and perhaps pick up a copy of the handbill in the course of their duties.
3. From cleaning people who work in the downtown offices in Montgomery, Alabama, who perhaps pick up a copy of the handbill while in the discharge of their duties.

~~colored~~ <sup>NEGRO</sup> [redacted] pointed out that the feeling among the colored people in Montgomery, Alabama, concerning the circulation of this handbill was not one of indignation but on the contrary was a feeling of pity that somebody had such a distorted mind and would write such awful things concerning the Negroes. She advised that the contents of the handbill had been discussed in the churches by Negro ministers who repeatedly asked that no violence emanate from the circulation of the handbills.

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[redacted] stated that perhaps more information concerning the circulation of the handbill could be obtained by contacting officials of the Montgomery Improvement League since that organization had as its purpose the maintenance of law and order in the ~~colored~~ <sup>NEGRO</sup> neighborhoods and that undoubtedly the officials were in a better position to shed some light on the history of the handbill.

In accordance with the request of the Mobile Office the handbill enclosed with relet is being returned herewith to the Mobile Office.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/13/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO  
CITIZENS' COUNCILS  
IS - X

RE Bureau memo to Mobile, 6/26/56.

A review has been made of the Citizens Council files maintained by this office and the only council groups in which there has been any degree of Klan infiltration or participation are in councils affiliated with the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, Aka., Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama, BUfile 105-33955. Inasmuch as four affiliated councils have some Klan infiltration, the title of the main file on the statewide organization will henceforth be carried as KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, Aka., ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA; IS - X.

Pursuant to instructions in BUmemo dated 7/10/56, BUfile 105-33955, separate files are being opened on the local councils which were previously reported on in the file on the statewide group. The names of these local councils are being furnished to the Bureau by letter. Identified below are the four local council groups in which there has been some Klan infiltration:

- 1) Lowndes County, Alabama Citizens' Council
- 2) Houston County, Alabama Citizens' Council
- 3) Lee County, Alabama Citizens' Council
- 4) South Alabama Citizens' Council, Aka.,  
Mobile County, Alabama, Citizens' Council.

Separate letters are being submitted to the Bureau concerning each of the four named council groups, furnishing a summary of the Klan participation in each group.

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To: Director, FBI

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Re: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE  
CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka.  
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10. DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
11. ELMORE COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
12. ESCAMBIA COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
13. HALE COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
14. HENRY COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
15. KLAN INFILTRATION INTO HOUSTON COUNTY,  
ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
16. KLAN INFILTRATION INTO LEE COUNTY,  
ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
17. KLAN INFILTRATION INTO LOWNDES COUNTY,  
ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
18. MACON COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
19. MARENGO COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
20. MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
21. PERRY COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
22. PIKE COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
23. RUSSELL COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
24. KLAN INFILTRATION INTO SOUTH ALABAMA CITIZENS'  
COUNCIL, aka, Mobile County, Alabama Citizens'  
Council
25. WILCOX COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL.

Since the submission of report 4/20/56, information has been received concerning activity of three additional local Councils on which separate files are being opened.

To: Director, FBI

7/13/56

Re: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE  
CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka.  
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Limited inquiry is being made pursuant to instructions in SAC Letter 55-66, and separate reports will be submitted by 8/11/56, captioned as follows:

26. CHICKASAW, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
27. MONROE COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
28. WASHINGTON COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL.

Twenty-eight extra copies of this memo are being furnished to the Bureau in order that the Bureau will have one copy available for each of the files on the above listed twenty-eight groups.



# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 7/13/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE  
CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA,  
aka, Association of Citizens'  
Councils of Alabama  
IS - X

Reference is made to report of SA JOSEPH T. BOSTON, 4/20/56, Mobile, and Bureau memo to Mobile, 7/10/56.

Separate files are being opened on each of the local Citizens' Council groups which were previously carried in instant file. Separate reports will be submitted in these cases by 8/11/56. A current report on captioned organization is being immediately prepared and will be submitted to reach the Bureau by 7/19/56.

Set forth below is a list of the organizations on which separate files are being opened, it being noted that pursuant to Bureau memo to Mobile 6/26/56 (Bureau file 105-49030) separate letters are being submitted to the Bureau concerning the organizations on this list wherein "Klan Infiltration" is included in the title.

1. AUTAUGA COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
2. BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
3. BARBOUR COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
4. BULLOCK COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
5. BUTLER COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
6. CHILTON COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
7. CHOCTAW COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
8. CLARKE COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
9. CRENSHAW COUNTY, (ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: 7/12/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

SUBJECT: THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka.  
Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama  
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Re Mobile memo to Bureau 7/3/56.

[redacted]

Tuskegee, Alabama, advised on July 6, 1956, that he received a copy of the handbill "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation" from a white friend whose identity he promised to conceal. He denied knowledge of the authorship of this handbill and stated he had no personal knowledge that it was distributed at the Citizens Council Meeting at Montgomery, Alabama on February 10, 1956. His friend had indicated to him that he had attended this meeting and had picked up the handbill there, but had no knowledge who was responsible for its writing or distribution. [redacted] said that he had not made any copies of this handbill and had sent this copy to [redacted]. He has not heard of the publication of any book entitled the "Declaration of Segregation".

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Information has previously been furnished to the Bureau that there has been no indication whatever that this handbill was actually distributed at the February 10, 1956, meeting at Montgomery. It appears that this handbill was prepared by someone for inflammatory purposes.

No further investigation is being made concerning its source UACB.

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**KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE  
CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA,  
aka, Association of Citizens' Councils  
of Alabama  
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Rerep SA Joseph T. Boston dated July 18, 1956, at Mobile.

You should make arrangements to discreetly obtain two copies of each issue of the publication "Alabamian" on a regular basis and forward them to the Bureau by routing slip marked to the attention of the Central Research Section.

This publication should be handled according to the instructions contained in SAC Letter No. 56-37 dated July 3, 1956.

*5-1 to Mobile 9/24/56. Re Bulet 8/7/56.  
Adv. Bu re status subscription for  
"Alabamian." AMB.*

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*Letter to SAC, mobile dated 10-9-56 stated 5-1 form dated  
9/24/56 had not been found at Bureau. Mobile to  
advise Bu whether form was returned and status of  
subscriptions to "Alabamian". per,  
See Serial 24 for status.  
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NOTE: Mr. C. F. Williams of the Internal Security Section indicated a wish to receive two copies of the above publication on a regular basis. One copy will be forwarded to the Department of Justice. The price for a subscription is not known. This publication will be published monthly at Montgomery, Alabama.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>MOBILE</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MOBILE</b>	DATE <b>JUL 18 1956</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>4/23; 5/3; 6/5, 13, 14, 26; 7/3, 6, 8/56</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>CHANGED KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA aka, Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>JOSEPH T. BOSTON</b>	TYPED BY <b>: vlw</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - X</b>	

SYNOPSIS:

News articles reflect that Senator SAM M. ENGELHARDT, Executive Secretary of subject organization, has expressed intent to lure followers of Alabama Citizens Council headed by [redacted] in North Alabama. ENGELHARDT continues to criticize Supreme Court desegregation ruling but repeats opposition to use of force or violence. Information has been reported reflecting 34 Council groups in Alabama affiliated with subject organization and 7 other groups expected to affiliate. News article quotes ENGELHARDT as claiming 44 affiliated groups with 33 groups in process of affiliation. ENGELHARDT quoted as expecting 85,000 membership in affiliated Councils. Subject organization starting monthly publication "Alabamian".

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DETAILS: The title of this case is marked "Changed" to reflect Klan infiltration into subject organization, it being noted that limited participation by ex-Ku Klux Klan members has been reported.

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It is noted that the Ku Klux Klan has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

This report reflects information relating to activity of the State wide organization only. Separate reports are submitted on each individual Citizens' Council group.

AFFILIATED COUNCIL GROUPS

Investigation has reflected the following Council groups in the Mobile Division reported as having affiliated with subject organization:

1. AUTAUGA COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
2. BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
3. BARBOUR COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
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22. PIKE COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
23. RUSSELL COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
24. SOUTH ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL, aka, Mobile County, Alabama Citizens' Council
25. WILCOX COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
26. CHICKASAW, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
27. MONROE COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
28. WASHINGTON COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

Recent investigation has reflected that reliable sources in Chambers County, Randolph County and Tallapoosa County, Alabama, have stated that there is no Citizens' Council group operating in these counties.

Information reported by the Birmingham Office reflects the following groups which have affiliated with subject organization:

1. CITIZENS COUNCIL OF SYLACAUGA, ALABAMA
2. CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ASHLAND, ALABAMA
3. LINCOLN CITIZENS COUNCIL, LINCOLN, ALABAMA
4. CITIZENS COUNCIL OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA

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5. CITIZENS COUNCIL OF WEST END, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
6. CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ENSLEY, ALABAMA.

Information reported by Birmingham reflects the following Council groups expected to affiliate with subject organization:

1. CITIZENS COUNCIL OF LIPSCOMB, ALABAMA
2. CITIZENS COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA
3. LINEVILLE CITIZENS COUNCIL, LINEVILLE, ALABAMA
4. CITIZENS COUNCIL OF HUEYTOWN, ALABAMA
5. CITIZENS COUNCIL OF BLUFF PARK, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
6. INDEPENDENT CITIZENS COUNCIL OF BIRMINGHAM, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
7. CALHOUN COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] previously indicated that he would furnish a list of all the Councils affiliated with subject organization. On June 5, 1956, he advised that he had not obtained such list as the records were maintained only in Montgomery. He stated that as of that date there was a total of eighty-five Councils in forty counties in the state of Alabama affiliated with subject organization.

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The June 14, 1956 issue of the "Selma Times Journal", a daily newspaper published at Selma, Alabama, reported that Senator SAM M. ENGELHARDT, Executive Secretary of subject organization, while speaking at a rally at Linden, Alabama, reported that there are forty-four groups affiliated with subject organization, thirty-three in the process of affiliation, and thirty-seven independent Council groups in the

state. He was quoted as saying that the State Councils boast over 35,000 members within the forty-four affiliated Councils, and expect a boost of 85,000 as more Councils are affiliated with the State organization.

ACTIVITY OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

The April 12, 1956 issue of "The Mobile Press", daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reported on an attack on singer NAT KING COLE while singing before a white audience of 4,000 in the Birmingham, Alabama Municipal Auditorium the night of April 10, 1956. This article reported that six white men had been arrested in connection with the attack and that all six were members of the North Alabama Citizens Council headed by ASA E. CARTER. This same article quoted Senator ENGELHARDT as issuing the following statement condemning the attack on COLE: "I deplore any violence in connection with the racial question. The Citizens' Councils of Alabama always have and always will stand for solving the problem lawfully and peacefully."

The April 15, 1956 issue of "The Montgomery Advertiser", daily newspaper published at Montgomery, Alabama, reported that ENGELHARDT had declared that he hoped to lure members from the North Alabama Council group led by CARTER. The article reported that a meeting was being held in Birmingham the night of April 14, 1956, in the first effort by subject organization to lure membership from CARTER's group. The article quoted ART HANES, who presided over the Birmingham meeting, as accenting the rift between subject organization and CARTER's organization by referring to "hoodlums and rabble rousers who would go outside the law". HANES was quoted as saying that the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, subject organization, "abhor and deplore hoodlumism".

The April 18, 1956 issue of "The Mobile Press" quoted Senator ENGELHARDT concerning a Citizens' Council questionnaire sent out by subject organization to candidates in the May 1, 1956 Alabama Democratic Primary. The questionnaire was designed to ascertain the candidates' beliefs on segregation. The article quoted Senator ENGELHARDT as saying that he had received only forty-six of one hundred fourteen questionnaires mailed by his headquarters. He added that it was likely that no more would be returned.

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The April 24, 1956 issue of "The Alabama Journal", daily newspaper published at Montgomery, Alabama, quoted Senator ENGELHARDT as follows, in criticism of the Supreme Court desegregation order on buses operated within states:

"This is one of many amendments from that new law making body, that is the U. S. Supreme Court, and we can expect many more in an election year. We in the Citizens' Council are still dedicated to the preservation by peaceful and legal means of segregation in all its phases.

"We want the U. S. Supreme Court to know that if any further discord comes in Alabama from the new amendment to the Constitution, that they are directly responsible.

"We would also like to urge members of both races to remain calm and abide by our customs as we have known them over one hundred years."

The April 29, 1956 issue of "The Detroit Free Press", daily newspaper published at Detroit, Michigan, reported that the Citizens' Council of Alabama was recruiting members and organizing chapters in the Detroit area. Mayor ORVILLE HUBBARD, Dearborn, Michigan, was quoted as saying he had been invited to a White Citizens' Council organizational meeting in Highland Park the past Tuesday but was unable to attend. HUBBARD was quoted as saying that he had had letters from people telling him that Citizen' Council chapters were being organized in Detroit, Lansing, Flint and Highland Park, Michigan. HUBBARD was also quoted as saying that there was no chapter being organized in Dearborn, adding: "We don't need one here. Citizens' Councils are for places where they have problems."

This same issue of "The Detroit Free Press" quoted Senator ENGELHARDT, Executive Secretary of subject organization, as saying the Detroiters had written him for organizational literature and that he had sent it to them. He refused to identify the persons who asked for the literature or to discuss the success of the organizational campaign in Detroit.

This same paper quoted ENGELHARDT as saying that two newspapers in Chicago and one in Detroit had refused to run his



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recruiting adds. He was quoted as saying: "But I'm gonna keep on trying. I think I'll move on over East and try Philadelphia and New York maybe."

Informant T-1, who was formerly active in the Ku Klux Klan in the Mobile, Alabama area in 1949 and 1950, and who has furnished reliable information concerning the Ku Klux Klan in the past, advised on April 23, 1956 that he has no information concerning Ku Klux Klan infiltration of subject organization. He stated that a few days previously he had spoken with [redacted] of Atmore, Alabama, and that [redacted] had described himself as being engaged in fighting Communism and distributing issues of "Common Sense", described as an anti-Communist newspaper published in New Jersey. Informant stated that [redacted] advised him that he, [redacted] had spoken at several Citizens' Council meetings throughout the state and had distributed "Common Sense" through these Citizens' Council meetings.

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On May 3, 1956, Senator ENGELHARDT contacted SA [redacted] at Montgomery, Alabama, and furnished the following:

1. Mimeographed leaflet captioned "WHITE PEOPLE'S DEFENSE FUND, POST OFFICE BOX 414, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA," addressed "Dear Fellow American:", and signed "Sincerely, JAMES DOUGLAS CARTER, Chairman;" which sets forth a series of statements warning of the immediate danger of integration in public schools, and of the possibility of white people being arrested and taken to court for "protecting your children." The leaflet also contains statements concerning the NAT "KING" COLE incident in Birmingham, and solicits cash contributions for the defense of the white people who have been charged with attacking COLE. On the reverse side, several statements appear condemning COLE as a "vicious agitator for integration," and other statements criticizing Senator ENGELHARDT for inviting COLE back to Alabama, and for guaranteeing him that he will receive protection and a welcome.

2. Photostat of a mimeographed leaflet beginning, "LENIN, FORMER BOSS OF RUSSIA'S SLAVE SYSTEM, ONCE WROTE, 'GIVE US ACCESS TO THE MINDS, AND THE PEOPLE WILL REACT ACCORDING TO THE PLAN SET DOWN FOR THEM'"; and signed "ACE CARTER, EXEC. SEC. ALA. CITIZENS COUNCIL." This leaflet

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defends the actions of the persons who attacked COLE, and states that the "integrationist" press in Birmingham unfairly emphasizes such things as the COLE incident, while it "plays down" such things as rapes of white women by Negroes. On the reverse side, this leaflet attacks Senator ENGELHARDT and his Citizens' Council group, refers to President O. C. CARMICHAEL of the University of Alabama as "integrationist planner", and to United States Senator LISTER HILL as "vicious integrationist" and "key man in Alabama's mongrelizing machine of politics" with a "traitorous record toward the South". This leaflet outlines the program of the "Alabama Citizens Council" and of ACE CARTER as follows:

"Invite NAT 'KING' COLE on a fast boat to Africa; Petition for impeachment of Governor JAMES E. FOLSOM; Destroy Jefferson County's 'Interracial Committee' (accomplished, according to the leaflet); Stop integration of the Boy Scouts (also accomplished); Campaign against 'animalistic' Negro music being hand-fed to our children; and Publish the 'facts' on candidates."

Senator ENGELHARDT said that he believed that [redacted] and his group should be investigated as a "dangerous" organization. He regards the above literature as "false and incendiary". He said that any information he receives pertaining to their activities will be furnished to the Bureau.

Concerning the "White People's Defense Fund," Senator ENGELHARDT said that [redacted]

[redacted] He said that Dr. JOHN WHITLEY, Druggist at Tarrant City, Alabama, who is Chairman of the Associated Citizens Councils of Alabama, recently told ENGELHARDT that the funds collected by the "White People's Defense Fund" have been diverted by [redacted] to their own use, and that it is a fraudulent scheme to obtain money falsely. He said that he did not know whether or not the United States Mails have been used in distributing the leaflets, since the only copies he has received were apparently distributed by hand in Selma, Alabama.

The May 11, 1956 issue of "The Mobile Register", daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, quoted Senator

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ENGELHARDT as urging Council Chairmen to petition their Congressman to oppose any Federal appropriation to the Civil Aeronautics Administration. The article reported that ENGELHARDT suggested this program in protest against the Civil Aeronautics Administration's recent disclosure that it will not provide funds to cities and communities to construct segregated facilities at airports.

The July 1, 1956 issue of "The Mobile Press Register", Sunday newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reported that White Citizens' Council leaders have undertaken a campaign to "pressure" Alabama delegates for a southwide caucus in advance of the Democratic national convention. Senator ENGELHARDT was quoted as saying in a form letter mailed that week, "We think it is high time that every Council Chairman put pressure on every member of his Council to ask for a pre-convention caucus of the Alabama delegation with other Southern states." The article reflected that the Citizens' Council had endorsed a plan suggested by South Carolina Governor GEORGE BELL TIMMERMAN, JR., favoring the Dixie pre-convention meeting as the only way Southern delegates can adequately meet the segregation issue at Chicago by having worked out strategy in advance.

PUBLICATION OF "ALABAMIAN" BY SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

The June 14, 1956 issue of "The Selma Times Journal", referred to above, quoted Senator ENGELHARDT as saying that the "Alabamian" would come off the press the following week with the truth about how certain forces are trying to destroy the South and how certain politicians are trying to destroy the Southern way of life.

On July 8, 1956, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he had received a letter from Senator ENGELHARDT dated July 5, 1956, stating that the "Alabamian" is off the press and would be mailed that day or the following day. ENGELHARDT's letter was calling attention of the Chairmen of all affiliated Councils to the necessity of furnishing the State organization with a membership list of each Council in order that the "Alabamian" could be mailed to each member of each affiliated Council. [REDACTED] stated that the "Alabamian" would be published monthly at Montgomery, Alabama, according to information which he had received from ENGELHARDT.

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MISCELLANEOUS

The Department of Justice, by memo dated May 7, 1956, furnished a copy of the following mimeograph entitled "A Preview to the Declaration of Segregation."

"A PREVIEW TO THE DECLARATION OF SEGREGATION

"When in the course of human events it becomes necessary to abolish the Negro race, proper methods should be used. Among these are guns, bows and arrows, sling shots and knives.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all whites are created equal with certain rights; among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of dead niggers.

"In every stage of the bus boycott we have been oppressed and degraded because of black, slimy, juicy, unbearably stinky niggers. The conduct should not be dwelt upon because behind them they have an ancestral background of Pignies, head hunters, and snot suckers.

"My friends, it is time we wised up to these black devils. I tell you they are a group of two-legged agitators who persist in walking up and down our streets protruding their black lips. If we don't stop these African flesh-eaters, we will soon wake up and find Rev. King in the White House.

"Let's get on the ball White Citizens.

"The book 'Declaration of Segregation' will appear April, 1956. If this appeals to you be sure to read this book.

"\*Handbill circulated at the White Citizens Council meeting at the State Coliseum, Friday Night, February 10, 1956."

The Department advised that this copy had been furnished by

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The following investigation was conducted in an attempt to obtain the source of this mimeograph.

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[REDACTED] was interviewed at [REDACTED] on May 17, 1956, and she stated that she had received a copy of this handbill from [REDACTED] on the same date advised that she received this copy from a friend who lived some forty miles from Montgomery, Alabama. This was a typed copy and [REDACTED] made copies from this typed copy. [REDACTED] had not seen any original handbill.

On June 2, 1956, Mrs. AUSTIN contacted agents and stated that the source of her handbill had been [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was interviewed this same date, and she advised that her copy of this handbill had been obtained from [REDACTED] She had not seen an original copy but stated that it had been rumored that a Negro janitor had obtained an original from an auditorium where the handbill had been distributed.

On June 14, 1956, [REDACTED] was interviewed at [REDACTED] where he has been a teacher since July, 1955. He stated that he had seen copies of this handbill but has no information concerning the origin or distribution of same.

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On June 26, 1956, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] now resides at [REDACTED] and is unemployed.

It is noted that it was previously reported that on April 5, 1956, [REDACTED] had furnished a copy of this handbill, which had been furnished to him by [REDACTED] Negro, 603 Delaware Street, Mobile, Alabama. [REDACTED] stated that he, [REDACTED] had attended this Citizens' Council meeting at Montgomery on February 10,

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1956, and had not seen any indication that this handbill had, in fact, been distributed at any meeting.

On June 5, 1956, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he has no information concerning the origin or distribution of this handbill and no information concerning any book named "Declaration of Segregation".

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On July 3, 1956, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that the handbill he had furnished to [redacted] had been furnished to him through the mail by [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he had been interested in trying to determine the source of this handbill. He stated that [redacted] had not stated where he had received it but that apparently [redacted] had made up a number of copies, as the one sent to [redacted] was a mimeographed copy. [redacted] stated that he had inquired through the Mobile Book Store and was advised that there was no indication of a book, "Declaration of Segregation", being published by any of the established publishing companies. [redacted] then wrote to the Citizens' Council group in Mississippi which had published the book, "Black Monday", and ordered copies of "Black Monday" and inquired about the book, "Declaration of Segregation". He received copies of the book, "Black Monday" but no mention was made of the "Declaration of Segregation", and [redacted] assumed that the Mississippi group had no information concerning such book.

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On July 6, 1956, [redacted] was interviewed at Tuskegee, Alabama, and he stated that he had received a copy of this handbill from a white friend whom he refused to identify. He denied knowledge of the authorship of this handbill and stated that he has no personal knowledge that it was actually distributed at a Citizens' Council meeting at Montgomery, Alabama February 10, 1956. He stated that his friend had indicated that he had picked up the handbill at the Citizens' Council meeting but had no knowledge of who was responsible for its preparation or distribution.

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T-1 is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He was contacted on 4/23/56 by SA JOSEPH T. BOSTON.

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed, and T symbol was utilized in this report only where the identity of the source must be concealed.

LEADS

BIRMINGHAM OFFICE: (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is furnished to Birmingham for information inasmuch as Birmingham Office is investigating Citizens' Council groups affiliated with subject organization and other Council groups which are expected to affiliate with subject organization.

CLEVELAND OFFICE

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will, according to lead set forth in Mobile memo to the Bureau and Cleveland, 6/27/56, interview [REDACTED] for any information she can furnish concerning the origin and distribution of the handbill "A Preview to the Declaration of Segregation".

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DETROIT OFFICE: (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is furnished to Detroit for information in view of the information reported recently that subject organization was soliciting membership in Detroit, Lansing, Flint and Highland Park, Michigan.

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MOBILE OFFICE

AT SELMA, ALABAMA

Will maintain contact with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and will report any additional information concerning the identities of affiliated Councils and Chairmen thereof.

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AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

Will arrange to receive copies of the "Alabamian" on a regular monthly basis and will forward two copies of each issue to the Bureau.

AT MOBILE, ALABAMA

Will report further activity of subject organization.

REFERENCE

Report of SA JOSEPH T. BOSTON, dated 4/20/56, at Mobile.

Mobile memo to the Bureau, 7/13/56.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA  
CITIZENS' COUNCIL  
IS - X

ATTN: CENTRAL RESEARCH SECTION

DATE: 7/17/56

ReBulet 6/29/56, entitled "THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka., IS - X".

Forwarded herewith to the Central Research Section are two photostats of Number 3 of the ~~the~~ Montgomery County Citizens Council Monthly Bulletin", dated 5/28/56.

The original of this bulletin was furnished for copying by [redacted]

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Mobile is continuing efforts to locate two copies of Volume 1, Number 1 of this publication and is making arrangements to regularly receive copies of all future publications.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: July 23, 1956

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FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-272)

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE  
CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA,  
aka ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS  
COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X  
(Mobile Origin)

Rerep SA JOSEPH T. BOSTON, Mobile,  
dated April 20, 1956.

This is to advise that the Birmingham  
Office is reporting the activity of each local Citizens  
Council in this area. A separate report is being sub-  
mitted in each case and one copy furnished Mobile, the  
office of origin.

Inasmuch as each local council is  
being handled separately and independently, instant  
case is being considered RUC.

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5-1 to Mobile  
104 status Oct 1 #1  
#3 (City #106) (same 106) Vol 5,  
#10 (City #106) in mail  
Came to Mobile 8/14/56  
See memo from Mobile  
dated 8/14/56 re #106  
S-1 re Bureau memo 8/14/56  
re #106, #1, 8/22/56 from B.

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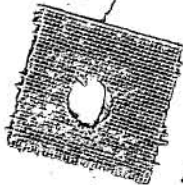
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CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurlet dated July 27, 1956, captioned  
"Citizens' Councils of Alabama, aka, IS-X."

In the event the files of your office  
contain no information concerning [redacted]  
which would make an interview with her undesirable,  
authority is granted to contact her for the purpose  
of determining the extent of her knowledge concerning  
origin and dissemination of the handbill entitled "A  
Preview of the Declaration of Segregation." Advise  
Bureau results promptly.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/27/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE

SUBJECT: CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka  
IS-X  
Mobile - Origin

Re Cleveland letter to Bureau, 7/12/56,  
captioned Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama,  
IS-X

By a search of the 1955 City Directory of  
Montgomery, Ala., and through a pretext telephone call to  
Alabama State College for Negroes at Montgomery 7/23/56,  
it has been ascertained that [redacted]

[redacted] is presently employed as a  
teacher at the above institution. Referenced letter reflects  
that [redacted] had a copy of the handbill "A Preview of  
the Declaration of Segregation," which was the subject of  
inquiry in referenced letter.

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The advice of the Bureau is solicited as  
to whether or not [redacted] should be contacted for  
any information she may have pertaining to the origin of  
this handbill. The General American Credit Company at  
Montgomery advised 7/23/56, that [redacted] credit  
rating is satisfactory and that their files contain no  
unfavorable information.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>CLEVELAND</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MOBILE</b>	DATE <b>8/9/56</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>7/10,31/56</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>FREDERICK L. EDWARDS</b>	TYPED BY <b>jml</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - X</b>	

**SYNOPSIS:**

[redacted] advised she made a handwritten copy of the handbill "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation" from a typewritten copy which was in the possession of [redacted] Alabama State College, Montgomery, Alabama. [redacted] stated she had no information concerning the original source of the handbill.

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**DETAILS: At Cleveland, Ohio**

On July 10, 1956, [redacted] was interviewed. She advised that she was a [redacted] in Montgomery, Alabama and that she has applied for a position as a [redacted]

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She related that she prepared a handwritten copy of the handbill entitled "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation" from a typewritten copy which was in the possession of [redacted] of the Alabama State College, Montgomery, Alabama. She advised that she had no information concerning the original source of the handbill and further advised that she could not state whether the original handbill had been printed or typewritten. She stated that she had no idea as to how [redacted] came into possession of her copy.

She pointed out that practically everybody in the colored neighborhoods in Montgomery, Alabama, had seen a copy of the handbill and the number of copies in circulation were very numerous. She also recalled, while resting in her home at [redacted] an individual residing in the house at [redacted] reading a copy of the handbill out loud to somebody in the backyard at the address.

She further advised that the handbill was reportedly distributed at a White Citizen's Council meeting held at Montgomery, Alabama in February, 1956 although she pointed out that other rumors which were being circulated placed the source of the handbill in the following categories:

1. From janitors who cleaned up the Coliseum after the White Citizen's Council meeting.
2. From maids who work in the white people's homes in Montgomery, Alabama and perhaps picked up a copy of the handbill in the course of their duties.
3. From cleaning people who worked in the downtown offices in Montgomery, Alabama who perhaps picked up a copy of the handbill while in the discharge of their duties.

[redacted] pointed out that the feeling among the colored people in Montgomery, Alabama, concerning the circulation of the handbill was not one of indignation but on the contrary was one of pity that somebody had such a distorted mind and would write such awful things concerning the Negroes. She advised that the contents of the handbill had been discussed in churches by Negro ministers who repeatedly asked that no violence emanate from the circulation of the handbill.

[redacted] volunteered the information that perhaps more information concerning the circulation of the handbill could be obtained by contacting officials of the Montgomery Improvement League since that organization had as its purpose the maintenance of law and order in the colored

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neighborhoods and that undoubtedly the officials were in a better position to shed some light on the history of the handbill.

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No leads are being set forth for the Mobile Office with respect to information obtained from the interview of [redacted] in view of the fact that the Cleveland Office is not aware of the scope of the investigation previously conducted by the Mobile Office in this matter and, therefore, it is left to the discretion of the Mobile Office to determine what possible investigative leads can be obtained from the information supplied by [redacted]

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REFERENCE

Report of SA JOSEPH T. BOSTON, 7/18/56, Mobile.  
Cleveland letter to Bureau 7/12/56.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955) (RM)

DATE: August 28, 1956

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (105-1614)

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE  
CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Rerep of SA FREDERICK L. EDWARDS, dated 8-9-56, at Cleveland.

On August 21, 1956, the Bureau advised that reference reports should be declassified.

The Mobile Office is requested to declassify copies of reference reports furnished to that office.

The Mobile Office is requested to advise appropriate agencies which received copies of reference reports to make similar changes.

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2 - Mobile (105-121) (RM)  
1 - Cleveland

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submitted by 10-18-56; Reason for  
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5-1 - to Mobile re Aug. 1956,  
Vol. 1, #6 issue "MONTGOMERY  
COUNTY CITIZENS' COUNCIL STATES'  
RIGHTS ADVOCATE."

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Vol. 1, #6, Aug. 1956 issue above pub-  
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cc Mr. Williams

SAC, Birmingham (105-272)

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KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE  
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Re Mobile letter dated August 29, 1956, in which the names of 44 citizens councils situated within the territory covered by your office were set forth.

A review of Bufiles fails to reveal information has been furnished by your office on the following organizations listed in the referenced letter.

- Citizens' Council of Attalla, Alabama
- Brookwood, Alabama, Citizens' Council
- Citizens' Council of Cahaba Heights, Birmingham, Alabama
- Chelsea, Alabama, Citizens' Council
- Citizens' Council of Docena, Alabama
- Citizens' Council of Gadsden, Alabama
- Citizens' Council of Kimberly, Alabama
- Minor District Citizens' Council
- Citizens' Council of Ragland, Alabama
- Citizens' Council of Rocky Ridge, Birmingham, Alabama
- Citizens' Council of Shades Mountain, Birmingham, Alabama
- Fultondale, Alabama, Citizens' Council

In the event you have not already done so you are instructed to initiate immediately discreet inquiries regarding the above-listed organizations which should be conducted in accordance with instructions set forth in SAC Letter 55-66. A report on each organization should be submitted to reach the Bureau no later than 45 days after receipt of this communication by your office.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/29/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE  
CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka  
IS-X

Rerep SA JOSEPH T. BOSTON, 7/18/56, Mobile.

On 8/13/56, [redacted]

[redacted] furnished to SA JOHN P. BRADY a mailing list of Citizens' Councils in Alabama which are affiliated with subject organization. This list identifies the particular Council, the name and address of the Chairman thereof and in some instances furnishes additional information such as other officers of the individual Council. It is noted that certain portions of this list furnished by [redacted] are difficult to read and the names set out hereinafter may not be entirely accurate.

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[redacted] stated that this list is the most current one that he has, but that it was prepared about two months ago and there may be some changes since that time.

This list contains 32 Councils located in the Mobile Division territory and 44 located in the Birmingham territory. It is noted that the Mobile Office has pending files on all but 3 of these 32 Councils and separate letters are being forwarded to the Bureau concerning these 3 and no inquiry will be conducted regarding them until authority is received from the Bureau.

The 44 Councils located in the Birmingham territory are being set out hereinafter. It is suggested that the Birmingham Office notify the Bureau by separate letter concerning any council on which the Birmingham Office does not already have a file and, of course, no inquiry be made until authorized by the Bureau.

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1. CITIZENS' COUNCIL OF ALABASTER, ALA.  
Chairman - Mr. T. M. ALLEN  
Service Cleaners  
Alabaster, Ala.
2. CITIZENS' COUNCIL OF ASHLAND, ALA.  
Chairman - PAUL LIVEY  
Ashland, Ala.
- X 3. CITIZENS' COUNCIL OF ATALLA, ALA.  
Chairman - Mr. CHARLES O'REAR  
O'Rear Furniture Co.  
Atalla, Ala.
4. CITIZENS' COUNCIL OF BAYVIEW, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.  
Chairman - Mr. M. E. HILTON (possibly Milton)  
Bayview  
Birmingham, Ala.
5. BIBB COUNTY, ALA. CITIZENS' COUNCIL  
Chairman - Mr. C. E. HORNSBY, JR.  
Centreville, Ala.
- X 6. BROOKWOOD, ALA. CITIZENS' COUNCIL  
Chairman - Mr. M. L. HOOPER  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: 9/6/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE  
CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
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ReBuLet to Mobile 8/7/56.

[Redacted]

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College for Negroes, Montgomery, Ala., advised on 9/4/56, that she has no first-hand knowledge concerning the leaflet captioned "A Preview to the Declaration of Segregation", and has never seen or possessed a copy of this leaflet. She said that she had heard of it, but was unable to identify any person from whom she received information concerning the leaflet, or any person who might have possessed a copy. She said that she had no idea or information concerning the origin of this literature.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/13/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE

*en* SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka IS - X

Rerep SA JOSEPH T. BOSTON, Mobile, 7/18/56.

Activity of subject organization is limited and it is suggested that reports be submitted on a quarterly basis rather than every 45 days.

Accordingly, this file is being placed in a pending inactive status and UAC3, the next report will be submitted by 10/18/56. K

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DIRECTOR, FBI URGENT

WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, IS- X.  
REMYTEL EIGHTEENTH INSTANT AND MY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION  
WITH BUREAU EVENING NINETEENTH INSTANT. <sup>Protective Security Informant</sup> FBI [redacted]

[redacted] ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY EIGHTEENTH INSTANT HE  
ATTENDED THIRD MEETING WITH HIS INFORMANT PREVIOUSLY  
REFERRED TO AS [redacted] AT FIVE P. M., EIGHTEENTH INSTANT, AT  
WHICH TIME [redacted] EXHIBITED HIS DRIVERS LICENSE REFLECTING  
FULL NAME [redacted]

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[redacted] ADVISED [redacted] THEN HE HAD  
RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM MEMBER HIS SQUAD TO BE READY  
SIX P. M. TO BE PICKED UP AND TAKEN TO MEETING SOMEWHERE  
OUTSIDE CITY MONTGOMERY CONVEING SEVEN P. M. SAME DATE.  
NINETEENTH INSTANT [redacted] ADVISED HAD FOURTH MEETING WITH

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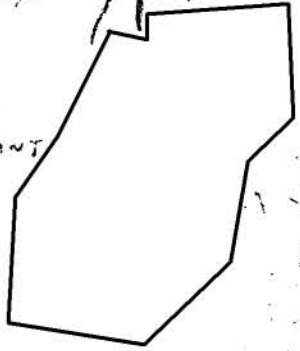
[redacted] AT LATTERS REQUEST ABOUT NINE FIFTEEN P. M., EIGHTEENTH  
INSTANT, AT WHICH TIME [redacted] DEFINITELY INFORMED HIM AND  
REVEREND RALPH D. ABERNETHY, LEADER, MONTGOMERY <sup>(MIA)</sup> IMMIGRANT  
ASSOCIATION, HE HAD JUST ATTENDED MEETING OF WHITE CITIZENS  
COUNCIL AT HARROGATE SPRINGS, ALABAMA, ON OUTSKIRTS  
HE GAVE FULL DETAILS MEETING. HE NEEGED SPEAKER BY NAME

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LEE ADVISED AT MEETING THAT - ONE , ALL SQUADS IN MONTGOMERY WOULD RECEIVE ORDERS FROM TOMMY DUNCAN OR NEXT IN COMMAND BILLY A. PARSONS- TWO, NEGRO POPULATION IN MONTGOMERY IS APPROXIMATELY FORTYSEVEN PERCENT AND THEY MUST BE THINNED OUT- THREE, ORGANIZED AND REGULAR SQUADS WILL STRIKE AT NUMBER OF PLACES AT SAME TIME- FOUR, THE TIME FOR ACTION IS GETTING CLOSE AND ALL SQUADS SHOULD BE GETTING READY FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION. HE TOLD [ ] NEXT MEETING GROUP TO BE HELD AT HARROGATE SPRINGS EVENING TWENTYFIRST INSTANT. ON THIS OCCASION HE ADVISED WAS PRESENTLY RESIDING AT EIGHT TWO EIGHT PELHAM STREET, MONTGOMERY. [ ] SAID [ ] WANTED TO SEND [ ] FLORIDA NINETEENTH INSTANT AND NEEDED MONEY TO DO THIS. [ ] GAVE [ ] TWENTY DOLLARS. [ ] SAID MIA HAD BOARD MEETING AFTERNOON EIGHTEENTH INSTANT WHEN THEY VOTED TO WRITE LETTERS TO AG BROWNELL AND DIRECTOR, FBI, REQUESTING APPOINTMENT TO TALK THIS SITUATION OVER WITH THEM AND ENLIST FEDERAL ASSISTANCE. GOVERNOR FOLSOM CONTACTED BY MIA REPRESENTATIVE RE INSTANT SITUATION AND FOLSOM ADVISED HE WAS AWARE SOME IMPENDING TROUBLE AND HAD ALREADY DESIGNATED THE NATIONAL GUARD <sup>(NG)</sup> COMMANDER AND A SPECIAL GROUP OF NG TROOPS WHO WOULD HANDLE SITUATION IF TROUBLE AROSE. RECORDS

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VA REGIONAL OFFICE REFLECT [REDACTED] BELIEVED

IDENTICAL WITH [REDACTED] DESCRIBED BY [REDACTED] HAS HISTORY

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[REDACTED] HE

LAST APPEARED BEFORE VA BOARD JANUARY LAST AND PRESENTLY

RECEIVING [REDACTED] AND FORMERLY RECEIVED

[REDACTED] WAS

DISCHARGED FROM [REDACTED]

WITH [REDACTED] IN VIEW [REDACTED] THIS OFFICE HAS

MADE SPECIFIC INQUIRY OF LANDLADY, [REDACTED], AT

PRESENT RESIDENCE [REDACTED] VERY CATEGORICALLY

STATED [REDACTED] HAD SUPPER AT HOME APPROXIMATELY SIX P. M. NIGHT

EIGHTEENTH INSTANT AND DID NOT LEAVE RESIDENCE UNTIL

APPROXIMATELY NINE P. M., WHEN [REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] HE WAS

GOING TO SEE SOME ONE TO GET SOME MONEY AND HE WOULD BE ABLE

TO PAY SOME OF HIS BACK DUE RENT. HE RETURNED RESIDENCE

ABOUT TEN FIFTEEN P. M., AT WHICH TIME PAID [REDACTED]

TWELVE DOLLARS ON RENT BILL. [REDACTED] SAID [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WERE STILL AT HOME AND AGENTS WERE ABLE TO OBSERVE

[REDACTED] PRESENT AT [REDACTED] RESIDENCE APPROXIMATELY SIX

THIRTY P. M., NINETEENTH INSTANT. IN VIEW INTENSE CONCERN ON

PART MIA OFFICIALS MONTGOMERY, [REDACTED] HAS BEEN SPECIFICALLY

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ADVISED MENTAL CONDITION DEVELOPED RE [ ] AND FACT [ ] AT HIS RESIDENCE EVENING EIGHTEENTH INSTANT AND COULD NOT HAVE BEEN IN ATTENDANCE AT MEETING HARROGATE SPRINGS AS REPORTED BY HIM TO [ ] SINCE THIS ENTIRE SITUATION REPORTED TO GOVERNOR FOLSOM BY MIA REPRESENTATIVES, [ ] FELT GOVERNOR SHOULD KNOW INFO DEVELOPED RE [ ] IT IS RECOMMENDED I PERSONALLY CONTACT GOVERNOR FOLSOM AT MONTGOMERY TWENTIETH INSTANT AND APPRISE HIM FACT THIS BUREAU RECEIVED COMPLAINT FROM MIA OF THIS SITUATION AND THAT PERSON MAKING ALLEGATIONS DEFINITELY IDENTIFIED. FOLSOM WILL BE APPRISED BACKGROUND INFO FOUND IN AVAILABLE RECORDS RE [ ] AND SPECIFICALLY THAT BRIEF INQUIRY ESTABLISHED HE WAS AT HIS RESIDENCE AT TIME PURPORTEDLY ATTENDED MEETING WCC AT HARROGATE SPRINGS. CAPT. [ ] NA, MONTGOMERY PD, WILL BE SIMILARLY ADVISED. THIS OFFICE INTENDS CONDUCT FISUR ON [ ] NIGHT TWENTYFIRST INSTANT TO DETERMINE HIS SPECIFIC WHEREABOUTS AS HE PROBABLY WILL MAKE FURTHER REPORT TO [ ] RELATIVE ATTENDANCE AT A MEETING SIMILARLY REPORTED ON. [ ] WILL CONTINUE CONTACTS WITH [ ] UNTIL SUBSEQUENT TO THIS PROPOSED MEETING. I HAVE DISCREETLY DETERMINED GOVERNOR FOLSOM WILL BE AVAILABLE IN HIS OFFICE, MONTGOMERY, TWENTIETH INSTANT, AND UACB BY TEN A. M., CST, I WILL CONTACT FOLSOM AS RECOMMENDED BY ME.

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HOLD FOR ANOTHER MESSAGE

MR. ACCOUNT  
AND SUPERVISOR  
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cc Liaison Section  
cc Mr. Williams

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Date: September 20, 1956  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.  
Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: RACIAL SITUATION  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

*Associations of  
Citizens Councils  
of Alabama*

Reference is made to my memorandum dated September 19, 1956, in which you were furnished information concerning data supplied to a source of this Bureau by an individual named [redacted] to the effect that a new citizens council formed in Montgomery, Alabama, and other cities plan to take violent action against negroes.

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For your additional information the source who previously furnished information concerning this situation advised that he had a third meeting with [redacted] at 5 p.m. on September 18, 1956, at which time [redacted] exhibited his driver's license which revealed his full name as [redacted]

[redacted] had received instructions from a member of his squad to be ready at 6 p.m., September 18, 1956, to be picked up and taken to a meeting somewhere outside the city of Montgomery which meeting was to convene at 7 p.m.

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The source had a fourth meeting with [redacted] at [redacted] request, about 9:15 p.m. on September 18, 1956, at which time [redacted] advised the source and Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, a leader in the Montgomery Improvement Association, that he had just attended a meeting of a white citizens council at Sarrogate Springs, Alabama, which is located near Wetumpka, Alabama. [redacted] said that at this meeting a speaker by the name of Lee stated that all squads in Montgomery would receive orders from Tommy Duncan or the next in command, Billy A. Parsons; that the [redacted] in Montgomery comprise

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cc Bufile 105-NEW (Unidentified Citizens Council, Montgomery, Alabama.)

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Letter to Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
Department of the Army

47 per cent of the population and they must be thinned out; that organized and regular squads will strike at a number of places at the same time; and that the time for action is getting close and all squads should be getting ready for immediate action. He told the source that the next meeting of this group is to be held at Harrogate Springs on the evening of September 21, 1956.

Bell said he is presently residing at 828 Pelham Street in Montgomery and wanted to send his wife and child to Winter Haven, Florida, on September 19, 1956, and needed money for this purpose. The source gave Bell \$20.

The source advised that the Montgomery Improvement Association, which organization is sponsoring the boycott of buses in Montgomery by Negroes, had a board meeting on the afternoon of September 18, 1956, when they voted to write letters to Attorney General Brownell and to the FBI requesting an appointment to talk this situation over for the purpose of enlisting Federal assistance.

Governor James Folsom was contacted by a representative of the Montgomery Improvement Association regarding information furnished by Bell and Governor Folsom advised he was aware of some impending trouble and had already designated the National Guard commander and a special group of National Guard troops who will handle the situation if trouble arises.

Records of the regional office of the Veterans Administration reflect Thomas Benjamin Bell, who is believed to be identical with Thomas Bell described by the source, has a history of psychoneurosis-anxiety type dating back to June, 1944. Thomas Benjamin Bell last appeared before a Veterans Administration board in January, 1956, and is presently receiving a 10 per cent disability allowance and formerly received a 30 per cent disability allowance from 1945 to 1947. He was discharged from the United States Army Air Corps on July 20, 1945, with a Certificate of Disability Discharge.

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Letter to Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
Department of the Army

Inquiry was made of [redacted]  
[redacted] at which time [redacted] categorically  
stated [redacted] had supper at home at approximately 6 p.m.  
on September 18, 1956, and did not leave the residence  
until approximately 9 p.m. when he said he was going to  
see someone to get some money and he would be able to  
pay some of his back rent. He returned at about 10:15 p.m.  
at which time he paid [redacted] \$12 on his bill.  
[redacted] said [redacted] were still at  
home and they were observed at [redacted] residence at  
approximately 6:30 p.m., September 19, 1956.

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Any additional pertinent information received  
relative to this matter will be furnished you promptly.

cc Director of Naval Intelligence  
Department of the Navy  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

cc Director of Special Investigations  
The Inspector General  
Department of the Air Force  
Building Tempo E  
4th and Adams Drive, S. W.  
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE



cc - Boardman  
Belmont  
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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

September 19, 1956

Director, FBI

RACIAL SITUATION  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

Association of Citizens  
Councils of Alabama

A confidential source of the Mobile Office of this Bureau, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on the night of September 17, 1956, he was advised by an individual known to him only by the name of [redacted] that he, [redacted] is a member of a new white citizens council led by [redacted] which is dedicated to violence. [redacted] alleged that he is a member of "Goon Squad Number 1" of this new council and that his squad has 25 members. [redacted] said he had been told that this new council has 250 members in Montgomery, Alabama, and there are groups in other cities. He said each member is a veteran and must have a reputation for being rough and tough but that the members do not necessarily have criminal records. All of the members have signed their names in blood and have sworn to obey all orders of the superiors in the organization, which orders include the mass extermination of Negro neighborhoods.

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[redacted] was recruited into the new council through his acquaintanceship with [redacted] who are members of "Goon Squad Number 1." When [redacted] joined the group he thought it was a regular citizens council but learned afterwards of its alleged violent intentions. At a meeting on September 16, 1956, at 1602 Madison Avenue, Montgomery, it was announced that on the next rainy night "Goon Squad Number 1" would coordinate with other squads to stage a "burnout" in two Negro neighborhoods. The term "burnout" was explained by [redacted] as being the burning of houses with bombs or flares. [redacted] said members of the new council are armed and the group has an "arsenal." During the "burnouts" the "Goon Squads" will allegedly shoot Negroes who run from their houses.

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letter to SAC, Mobile dated 10-9-56. Please lead re: [redacted] 9/24/56 form was not [redacted] at [redacted] of [redacted] in Alabama. See serial [redacted] 10/13/56.

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- Gandy



**Letter to The Attorney General**

[redacted] advised that the neighborhood in which [redacted] lives is at the top of the list and said second on the list is the neighborhood in which [redacted] a Negro attorney, resides. The homes of these two individuals are scheduled to be burned on the next rainy night.

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Meetings of the new group are held only upon personal notification and the places of the meetings are never furnished to the members, but each member is called on personally and taken to the meetings.

[redacted] said he is horrified by the plan of the group and felt obliged to furnish the information to the source. He said he was afraid to notify the police because he has been told that some of the big men in the Montgomery city government are connected with this group.

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The source advised that [redacted] appeared to be frightened but otherwise serious, sane and rational. The source said he believes the story as furnished by [redacted]

On September 18, 1956, [redacted] advised the source that [redacted] came by his house at 5:00 a.m. on September 18, 1956, and took him to a meeting at the Dexter Grill in Montgomery. [redacted] said [redacted] is in Montgomery and this meeting was called by him but he did not say that [redacted] was at the meeting. According to [redacted] about 50 persons met at the grill, arriving and leaving about ten at a time. [redacted] advised [redacted] allegedly instructed that the group be available for a meeting later on during the day and it was indicated that the group was to be mobilized for immediate action. It was announced that Montgomery is to be used as a "proving ground" for the group because "Jim Folsom is here." [redacted] said he was told that about 80 per cent of the Alabama National Guard is "with us." It was announced that the group would soon put out a booklet of telephone numbers for members to memorize so that telephone calls can be made to the proper persons in the event of trouble.

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[redacted] said that many of his group are in a painters' union in Montgomery and frequently congregate at the Dexter Grill. [redacted] said [redacted] 219 Canna Drive, Montgomery, employed as a painter and contractor, is head of the Montgomery branch of this organization.

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The source advised that the executive board of the Montgomery Improvement Association, which organization is sponsoring the boycott of city buses by Negroes, is aware of the information furnished by [redacted] and said the executive board unanimously voted to keep the information quiet to avert alarming Negro citizens. The executive board also voted to give the details in this matter to Governor James E. Folsom and at 3:30 p.m. on September 18, 1956, members of the board were going to furnish this information to Governor Folsom.

Captain Edward F. Brown, Montgomery Police

[redacted] Department, advised he knows a [redacted] who are cronies and who are frequently in trouble. They are known as rough characters. No records of [redacted] and [redacted] or [redacted] were located in the records of the Montgomery Police Department. [redacted] FBI Number [redacted] has been arrested on seven occasions. He has been charged with assault and battery. [redacted] resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. [redacted] FBI Number [redacted] has been arrested on seven occasions on charges including assault to murder, assault and battery, disorderly conduct and fighting.

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[redacted] is executive secretary of the Alabama Citizens' Councils and [redacted] is executive secretary of the White Citizens' Councils of District of Columbia. [redacted] has been active in the Montgomery Improvement Association and the individual referred to as [redacted] and identified as a Negro attorney may be [redacted] who has also been active in the Montgomery [redacted] As set forth previously, the Montgomery Improvement Association is the organization sponsoring the boycott of buses in Montgomery by Negroes.

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**Letter to The Attorney General**

Appropriate local authorities have been notified concerning this information and intelligence agencies of the Armed Forces are being advised. Any additional pertinent information received relative to this matter will be furnished to the Department promptly.

cc - Mr. William P. Rogers  
Deputy Attorney General

cc - Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins

**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

The Mobile Office has been telephonically instructed to furnish this information to appropriate and reliable local authorities. Mobile was also telephonically instructed to run out these allegations and keep the Bureau promptly informed of additional information received. Intelligence agencies of the Armed Forces are being advised by separate communication. Information set forth in Mobile teletype sent at 6:33 p.m., 9/18/56, concerning [redacted] speaking in Wetumpka, Alabama, is being disseminated to the Department and intelligence agencies by separate communication.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
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Mr. Mohr  
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Miss Gandy

SAC, MOBILE 9-18-56 1-30AM

DIRECTOR, FBI URGENT...  
*Association of Citizens Councils of Alabama*  
WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, IS- X

TONIGHT AT FIVE THIRTY P. M. UNIDENT. WHITE MALE GIVING ONLY  
NAME QUOTE, [REDACTED] UNQUOTE, TELEPHONICALLY REQUESTED SECRET  
MEETING WITH FBI [REDACTED] PROMISED QUOTE, DRASTIC INFORMATION

UNQUOTE, [REDACTED] AT PARK IN MONTGOMERY, ALA. UNDER  
Physical Surveillance  
FISUR BY SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] AND WILBUR J. HUST.  
AFTER FIVE MINUTES CONFERENCE, [REDACTED] PARTED, [REDACTED]

INDICATING FISUR BE DISCONTINUED. LATER AT SEVEN THIRTY P. M.  
[REDACTED] CONTACTED SA [REDACTED] AND ADVISED HE HAD MET [REDACTED] AFTER FISUR  
DISCONTINUED AND OBTAINED FOLLOWING DATA FROM [REDACTED] HE EXPLAINED  
THAT [REDACTED] HAD OBSERVED SA [REDACTED] IN VICINITY AND EXPRESSED FEAR  
THAT HE WAS SURVEILED BY MEMBER OF ORGANIZATION DESCRIBED BELOW.

[REDACTED] IS MEMBER OF A WHITE CITIZEN- S COUNCIL LED BY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] THIS GROUP NOT CONNECTED WITH ESTABLISHED  
CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ALA. AND NEW GROUP DEDICATED TO VIOLENCE.

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[REDACTED] IS MEMBER OF ~~QUOTE~~, GOON SQUAD NUMBER ONE, ~~UNQUOTE~~ OF THIS GROUP, HIS SQUAD HAVING TWENTY FIVE MEMBERS.

[REDACTED] TOLD THAT THIS NEW ~~QUOTE~~, WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL, ~~UNQUOTE~~ HAS TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY MEMBERS IN MONTGOMERY AND HAS OTHER GROUPS IN OTHER CITIES. HE SAYS ALL MEMBERS ARE VETERANS AND MUST HAVE REPUTATION FOR BEING ROUGH AND TOUGH, BUT NOT NECESSARILY CRIMINAL RECORDS. ALL HAVE SIGNED THEIR

NAMES IN BLOOD AND HAVE SWORN THEMSELVES TO OBEY ALL ORDERS OF SUPERIORS IN ORGANIZATION INCLUDING MASS EXTERMINATION OF NEGRO NEIGHBORHOODS. [REDACTED] WAS RECRUITED THROUGH AQUAINTSHIP WITH THE FOLLOWING PERSONS, IN GOON SQUAD NUMBER ONE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NAME UNKNOWN, [REDACTED] WHEN

[REDACTED] WAS REGULAR CITIZENS COUNCIL AND LEARNED AFTERWARDS OF ITS ALLEDGED VIOLENT INTENTIONS, SPECIFICALLY AT MEETING SEPT. SIXTEEN LAST AT SIXTEEN ZERO TWO MADISON AVE., MONTGOMERY, ALA. IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT ON THE NEXT RAINY NIGHT

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GOON SQUAD NUMBER ONE WOULD CORORDINATE WITH OTHER SQUADS TO STAGE ~~QUOTE~~, BURNOUT, ~~UNQUOTE~~, IN TWO NEGRO NEIGHBORHOODS. ~~QUOTE~~ BURNOUT, ~~UNQUOTE~~ EXPLAINED BY [REDACTED] AS BEING INCENDIARY BURNING OF HOUSES WITH BOMBS OR FLARES. ALL MEMBERS ARE ARMED AND GROUP HAS ~~QUOTE~~ ARSENAL, END PAGE TWO.....



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~~UNQUOTE~~, DURING BURNOUTS GOON SQUADS ALLEDGEDLY WILL SHOOT NEGROES WHO RUN FROM HOUSES. [ ] SAID [ ] NEIGHBORHOOD IS AT TOP OF LIST AND SAID [ ] NEGRO ATTORNEY, SECOND SO THAT THEIR HOMES AND NEIGHBORING HOMES ARE SCHEDULED TO BE BURNED ON NEXT RAINY NIGHT. WEATHER IN MONTGOMERY CLEAR TONIGHT. MEETINGS HELD ONLY UPON PERSONAL NOTIFICATION AND PLACE OF MEETING IS NEVER FURNISHED TO MEMBER, BUT HE IS CALLED ON PERSONALLY AND TAKEN TO MEETING.

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[ ] SAID HE WAS TELLING [ ] ALL THIS BECAUSE HE WAS HORRIFIED BY PLAN OF GROUP AND FELT OBLIGED TO WARN [ ] HE SAID HE WAS AFRAID TO NOTIFY POLICE BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN TOLD THAT SOME OF THE BIG MEN IN MONTGOMERY CITY GOV- T ARE CONNECTED WITH THIS GROUP. HE SAID HE KNEW HE COULD TELL [ ] WITH CERTAIN KNOWLEDGE THAT [ ] NOT CONNECTED WITH GROUP, AND WAS WHITE MAN WHO ~~COULD~~ "MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING" ~~UNQUOTE~~, TO PREVENT ABOVE VIOLENT ACTS. [ ] SAID [ ] APPEARED TO BE BADLY FRIGHTENED BUT OTHERWISE SERIOUS, SANE AND RATIONAL. [ ] SAID HE BELIEVED ABOVE STORY PROBABLY TRUE AND ON NEXT RAINY NIGHT HE WILL PUT FAMILY IN CAR AND GO SOME PLACE. THIS OFFICE HAS NO WAY TO EVALUATE DATA SUPPLIED BY [ ] ALTHOUGH [ ] RELIABILITY NOT DOUBTFUL. CAPT. [ ] NATIONAL ACADEMY, N. A., MONTGOMERY, PD WILL BE

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DISCREETLY ADVISED OF ABOVE DATA AND MOBILE WILL MAKE IMMEDIATE DISCREET INQUIRES TO IDENTIFY NAMED PERSONS AND ATTEMPT TO CORROBORATE ABOVE DATA. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF FUTHER PERTENENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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MR. BELMONT  
~~AND SUPERVISOR~~  
DOM. INTEL. DIVISION

*Mobile was telephonically so advised & instructed to press investigation to identify members this group.*

*AG, Rogers etc & Intelligence Agencies being advised*

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*2 Rights. Also see that appropriate & reliable local authorities are notified.*

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: 9-15-56

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-272)

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE  
CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Rebulet dated September 10, 1956.

Referenced Bureau letter set forth a list of 12 citizens councils. The Bureau pointed out that no information was available in Bureau files concerning these particular groups. It should be noted that the Birmingham Office has a file on three of these organizations, but under a different caption.

The Citizens Council of Gadsden, Alabama, is identical with Birmingham file entitled, "Citizens Council of Etowah County," Bufile 105-46073. Minor District Citizens Council is identical with the case entitled, "Citizens Council of Minor Heights", Bufile 105-46432. Citizens Council of Shades Mountain is identical with Citizens Council of Bluff Park, Shades Mountain", Bufile 105-46519. It should be noted that the three communities of Fultondale, Gardendale and Mount Olive have combined to form one citizens council, which is the Citizens Council of Gardendale, Alabama, Bufile 105-48331.

The Birmingham Office is opening separate files on the Citizens Councils of Attalla, Brookwood, Cahaba Heights, Chelsea, Docena, Kimberly, Ragland and Rocky Ridge. A report will be prepared on each organization to reach the Bureau by October 26, 1956. Discreet inquiries will be made regarding these organizations in accordance with SAC Letter 55-66.

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SAC, Mobile

September 24, 1956

Director, FBI (105-33955)

KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE  
CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

The Bureau is in receipt of 28 letters from your office all dated September 13, 1956, and two letters dated September 17, 1956, concerning individual citizens councils about which inquiries are being made by your office. Each letter reveals the activity of the organization to which that letter pertains is limited and it is suggested in each letter that a report be submitted quarterly rather than every 45 days. You advised that unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau the file is being placed in a pending inactive status.

The Bureau desires wherever possible that these cases be placed in a pending inactive status if the activities of the organization do not warrant maintaining them in a pending status. Prior to placing these cases in a pending inactive status you should make sure that the following points have been reported in each case:

- (1) Formation and scope
- (2) Aims and purposes
- (3) Methods used or advocated to achieve objectives
- (4) Names of officers
- (5) Background information concerning the officers
- (6) Extent of Klan infiltration, if any, into the organization

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The Bureau desires to have the information covered in the above points in order to determine the potential for violence on the part of each of these groups.

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It is realized that in some of the communities in Alabama it is impossible to obtain background information concerning the officers of these organizations without making open investigations and in such cases it will be sufficient for you to so advise the Bureau; however, wherever possible background information should be obtained.

In the event all of the information desired by the Bureau as indicated in the points listed above has been reported authority is granted to place these cases in a pending inactive status. With the submission of the next report in each case advise whether these items mentioned above have been reported. If your office has been unable to obtain information in a certain case you should so advise and furnish the reasons therefor.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 10/2/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE CITIZENS'  
COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka.  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - X  
 (OO: Mobile)

By letters dated 9/6/56 this office notified OSI, ONI and G-2 that the report of SA FREDERICK L. EDWARDS, 8/9/56, Cleveland, had been declassified.

By letters dated 9/19/56 and 9/28/56, ONI, 6th Naval District, Charleston, S. C., advised that searches had been made and copy of this report could not be located.

The records of this office indicate that this report was forwarded to ONI originally. However, an extra copy has been prepared and furnished to ONI by letter 10/2/56.

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October 9, 1956

Director, FBI (105-33955)

**KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE  
CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA,  
aka Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X**

Reference is made to Bureau Form 5-1 dated 9/24/56,  
captioned as above, "ReBulet 8/7/56. Advise Bureau re status of  
subscription.

A check at the Bureau has failed to locate referenced form.  
Please advise the Bureau, attention Central Research Section, whether  
this form was returned, and the status of the subscription to the  
publication "Alabamian."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: 10/12/56

ATTN: CENTRAL RESEARCH SECTION

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE  
CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA,  
Aka Association of Citizens'  
Councils of Alabama  
IS-X

Re Bureau R/S (Form 5-1) dated 9/24/56.

Forwarded herewith to the Central Research Section  
are 2 copies each of Volume I, Numbers 1, 2 and 3 of "The  
Alabamian", official publication of the Citizens' Councils of  
Alabama, dated July, August and September, 1956.

Arrangements have been made to secure, on a regu-  
lar basis, and furnish to the Bureau 2 copies of each succeed-  
ing issue of this publication.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)

DATE 10/31/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

Attn: Central Research Section

SUBJECT:

○ MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALA.  
CITIZENS' COUNCIL OF ALABAMA  
IS-X

Forwarded herewith to the Central Research Section are 2 copies of the 9/28/56 issue of the "States' Rights Advocate", official publication of captioned organization. This is Volume 1, No. 7.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-33955)

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-394) *reached Bo. 11/20/56. amB.*

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ATTALLA, ALABAMA  
IS - X

*5-1 rtd 11/23/56. Difficulty encountered in obtaining copies of this month. They will be forwarded 11/20/56. amB. Oct 1956 issue rec'd by RS 11/19/56.*

DATE: October 18, 1956

*5-1 to Mobile requesting Oct. 56 issue "Alabama" 11/1/56, amB.*

*5-1 to mobile 11/15/56. Re 5-1 dated 11-5-56 req. Oct 1956 issue "Alabama" at Bureau mailed to locate ref. form. Also. On whether form returned & status of requested issue. amB.*

*5-1 rtd 11/23/56. Form retr'd. See memo 11/19/56 regarding re approval of publication. "Application" amB.*

Remylet dated 9-15-56, captioned, "KLAN THE CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, IS-X".

[redacted] a PCI of the Birmingham Office and who is a [redacted] (Bufile 105-46073), advised SA [redacted] on October 10, 1956, that there was no such organization as the Citizens Council of Attalla, Alabama. [redacted] advised that the Citizens Council of Gadsden is the only Citizens Council in this area, and members of the Citizens Council of Gadsden are from all of Etowah County, Alabama, in which Attalla, Alabama, is located. [redacted] further advised that there has not been a meeting of the Citizens Council of Gadsden in several months, and it appears to him that all interest is dying out in this thing and it is more or less "withering on the vine", so to speak.

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On October 10, 1956, [redacted] who is an SAC contact of the Birmingham Office, advised that he is familiar with the Citizens Council set-up in Etowah County, inasmuch as some of the leaders are employees of Republic Steel Corporation. [redacted] advised that the Citizens Council of Gadsden, Alabama, is the only Citizens Council in this area which includes Attalla, Alabama. [redacted] further stated it appears as though interest has waned in this movement in this area, and no meetings have been held and none are scheduled for any future date.

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Instant case is being closed and no report will be submitted.

- C - *5-1 to Mobile 11/1/56 requesting Sept 1956, #7 + Oct 1956 #11 issues, "Montgomery County Citizens' Council Struggle Rights" amB.*

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1 - Mr. Williams

SAC, Mobile (105-121)

November 7, 1956

Director, FBI (105-39955)

KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE  
CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ReBu Form 0-1 dated September 25, 1956, which was returned by your office with the notation that a report would be submitted by October 18, 1956. Bufiles fail to reflect receipt of this report. Expedite submission of same.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>MOBILE</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MOBILE</b>	DATE <b>11/19/56</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>8/13;9/4; 6:10/5;11/13/56</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, Aka Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>JOSEPH T. BOSTON</b>	TYPED BY <b>Amd</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - X</b>	

**SYNOPSIS:**

Officers, as of 8/13/56, same as previously reported. Subject organization claims 76 affiliated councils throughout State of Ala. Organization participated in 11-state meeting of citizens' councils at Jackson, Miss., 10/12-13/56. Senator SAM ENGELHARDT, Executive Secretary, continues to criticize anti-segregation ruling of U.S. Supreme Court. Organization continues to publish monthly publication, "Alabamian".

AGENCY *BABO-6, 6th ONI, OSI*  
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**DETAILS:**

AIMS AND PURPOSES

On October 5, 1956, [redacted]

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the Citizens' Councils of Alabama advocated the following methods of maintaining segregation:

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1. Using whatever legal means are at their disposal.
2. To align outstanding leadership in various communities behind the citizens' council.
3. If necessary, to use economic pressure on those persons who agitate for and attempt to force integration in public schools.

OFFICERS

On August 13, 1956, [redacted] furnished a list of the following officers of subject organization, which list is identical with those previously reported; namely, Chairman - Dr. JOHN H. WHITLEY, P.O. Box 6221 Tarrant City 7, Alabama; Executive Secretary - SAM M. ENGELHARDT, JR., 3929 Atlanta Highway, Montgomery, Alabama; Executive Committee Members - WALTER C. GIVHAN, Safford, Alabama; M. ALSTON KEITH, Keith & Keith, P.O. Box 18, Selma, Alabama; CLAUDE D. KELLY, Atmore, Alabama; LAWRENCE CRAWFORD, Marion, Alabama; FRED HENDERSON, Millers Ferry, Alabama; LUTHER INGALLS, 21 South Perry Street, Montgomery, Alabama; TELFAIR MASHBURN, Bay Minette, Alabama; JEFF BEELAND, Greenville, Alabama and EARL BAILEY, Tarrant City, Alabama.

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BACKGROUND OF OFFICERS

DR. JOHN H. WHITLEY

Records of the Merchants Credit Association, Birmingham, Alabama, on October 8, 1956, reflected that JOHN H. WHITLEY resides at 1810 Mountain Drive, Tarrant, Alabama, and is approximately 61 years of age. He has had a good credit standing for many years and since 1949, has operated a drug store in Tarrant. Previously he managed a drug store in Birmingham. His wife is the former ANN LORENA FENNELL of Tarrant who has been employed since 1919 by the Hercules Powder Company of Birmingham.

*MRS. JOHN H. WHITLEY*

Also on October 8, 1956, records of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Birmingham Police Department were checked, but no record found identifiable with WHITLEY.

SAM M. ENGELHARDT, JR.

Numerous news articles have identified ENGELHARDT as being a member of the Alabama State Senate, representing



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**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

Macon County, Alabama. The Montgomery Advertiser, daily newspaper published at Montgomery, Alabama, in its issue of October 2, 1955, reflected that ENGELHARDT was 43 years of age. His residence was reported as Shorter, Alabama. The Montgomery Telephone Directory also lists an address of 1025 Woodward Avenue, Montgomery, for ENGELHARDT. **JR MEMBER ALA. STATE SENATE**

WALTER C. GIVHAN

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER**

[redacted] on August 13, 1956, identified GIVHAN as a resident of Safford, Alabama, Dallas County, and as being a member of the Alabama State Senate. This data is confirmed through numerous news articles referring to GIVHAN's activity in connection with subject organization.

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M. ALSTON KEITH

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Information furnished by [redacted] reflects he is an attorney in the firm of Keith & Keith, P.O. Box 18, Selma, Ala. Numerous news articles referring to his activity in connection with citizens' councils refer to him as the prominent attorney in Selma, Alabama. He advised that he was president of the Dallas County Bar Association in 1955. The Selma Telephone Directory reflects his office is located at 1010 1/2 Water Ave., Selma, and his residence is 403 Parkman Avenue, Selma.

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CLAUDE D. KELLY

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Records of the Merchants Credit Association, Mobile, Alabama, checked on November 13, 1956, reflect CLAUDE D. KELLY came to Atmore, Alabama, in 1945, from Monroeville, Alabama, as Manager and Part Owner of the Graham Oil Company. He was 40 years of age in 1947, married and resided with his family in Atmore. Records reflect he is well regarded in Atmore.

LAWRENCE CRAWFORD

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER**

[redacted] advised on July 1, 1955, that Dr. LAWRENCE CRAWFORD, Marion, Alabama, was president of the Perry County, Alabama Citizens' Council. On October 5, 1956, [redacted] advised that CRAWFORD is a veterinarian, well known throughout Perry County and is a highly regarded citizen.

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FRED HENDERSON

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER**

The Selma Times Journal, daily newspaper published at Selma, Alabama, issue of August 7, 1955, described HENDERSON

**BORN FEB. 28, 1890 AT CAMDEN**

**MILLERS FERRY**

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as a prominent Wilcox County land owner and cattleman-farmer. He was further described as a brother of BRUCE HENDERSON, a former Wilcox County Senator and staunch segregationist who was unsuccessful in a bid for the Alabama Governorship during the 1954 Election.

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HENDERSON, when interviewed by SA [redacted] on another matter on July 16, 1952, identified himself as a store and plantation owner, a veteran of World War I, educated at the University of Illinois, and born February 28, 1890, at Camden, Alabama.

LUTHER INGALLS

[redacted] identified INGALLS as an attorney with address of 21 S. Perry Street, Montgomery, Alabama. The Montgomery Advertiser, in its issue of October 2, 1955, identified INGALLS as Montgomery attorney and as a former member of the Alabama State Legislature.

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TELFAIR MASHBURN

The May 10, 1956, issue of the Fairhope Courier, weekly newspaper published at Fairhope, Alabama, identified TELFAIR MASHBURN as an attorney at Bay Minette, Alabama, and a former Circuit Court Judge who had been selected as Temporary Chairman of the Baldwin County Citizens' Council.

JEFF BEELAND

Chief of Police L. E. TOWERY, Greenville, Alabama, advised SA JULE R. HERBERT on September 20, 1955, that JEFF P. BEELAND, SR. resides on Herbert Street in Greenville, and is one of the leading citizens of that community. He was described as owner of the Beeland Wholesale Company (dry goods and groceries), and other business interests in Greenville.

EARL BAILEY

The Birmingham, Alabama City Directory reflects EARL W. BAILEY; [redacted] resides at 1124 Sloan Avenue, Tarrant, Alabama, and is employed as a clerk for the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company.

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NEWS

AFFILIATED COUNCILS

On August 13, 1956, [redacted]

[redacted] furnished to SA JOHN P. BRADY a list of 76 local county councils which have affiliated with the Citizens' Councils of Alabama. He stated actually only 45 of these councils are contributing dues to the state group, but others will do so on the next annual collection of dues. It is noted that 32 of these councils are located in the Mobile Division territory and 44 in the Birmingham Division territory.

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ACTION TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAM

The Mobile Register, daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, in its issue of August 9, 1956, reported that SAM M. ENGELHARDT had protested the racial stand of Democratic Presidential Candidate ADLAI E. STEVENSON in connection with the report that STEVENSON had urged a Democratic Convention to write into the Party Platform an endorsement of the Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation.

The August 18, 1956, issue of the Montgomery Advertiser reported that the subject organization gave unanimous approval to a resolution urging the ratification of the proposed "Freedom of Choice" Constitutional amendment which amendment pertained to admissions of students to public schools in Alabama. This article quoted State Senator VAUGHN HILL ROBINSON as saying that this amendment was the best that the legislature could come up with at that time in an effort to preserve public school segregation of the races.

[redacted] on September 6, 1956, advised SA [redacted] that the state organization continues to emphasize the doctrine of maintaining segregation by lawful and peaceful means. He pointed out the Dallas County Citizens' Council had had to expell 2 members who advocated the use of force and violence. [redacted] stated that the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, as an organization, is still very much opposed to the Alabama Citizens' Council, led by [redacted] of Birmingham, Alabama.

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The October 11, 1956, issue of the Mobile Press, daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reported that an 11-state meeting of the Citizens' Councils of the South would be held in Jackson, Mississippi, Friday and Saturday, October

12 and 13, 1956, to map out an 8-year plan to crush the integration movement. The October 12, 1956, issue of the Mobile Press reflected that the Citizens' Councils of Alabama participated in this meeting.

The November 14, 1956, issue of the Mobile Register reported on the U.S. Supreme Court decision outlawing bus segregation in Montgomery, Alabama. The article quoted Senator SAM ENGLEHARDT as predicting the decision would be the end of public transportation in Montgomery. He was quoted as saying, "The Supreme Court is determined to build a federal oligarchy that will undermine the very foundation of these United States, and spread ill will and discord throughout the nation". "The Supreme Court apparently will not be satisfied until government by the people, of the people and for the best interests of the majority of all the people is replaced by a many-headed, bureaucratic monster in Washington".

The November 15, 1956, issue of the Mobile Press, in quoting Senator ENGEHARDT concerning this same Supreme Court order, reported that ENGEHARDT declared "if the Supreme Court insists on disrupting our social order, insists on destroying the peaceful relations that have existed here for years, it must make preparations to enforce this order".

In an undated letter to members of the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, mailed during November, 1956, Senator ENGEHARDT, as Executive Secretary of the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, reported that through the efforts of this group it has been possible to slow down the integration movement in our schools-for this year. He reported that since organization of the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, there have been fewer attempts on the part of Negroes to register, a number of important legislative matters have been enacted through the Alabama Legislature, and scores of important incidents brought to light through the publication of the Alabamian.

The Alabamian, as previously reported, is the official publication of the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, and is published monthly at Montgomery, Alabama.

In the first issue, published in July, 1956, it was set forth that SAM ENGEHARDT is the editor and the business office is located at 3929 Atlanta Highway, Montgomery, Alabama. The newspaper was described as dedicated to the preservation of segregation of the races as the system most beneficial to both

white and colored. ENGELHARDT, in an editorial, stated that the paper "will champion states' rights, resist federal encroachment and etch the men and organizations which would destroy our southern traditions and undermine the foundations of our great republic". This editorial also quoted ENGELHARDT as saying the citizens' councils of Alabama abhors all forms of violence and is pledged to uphold segregation and the southern way of life by legal and honorable means.

The July issue carried the story about conditions in integrated schools in District of Columbia and an article attacking the NAACP and U.S. Supreme Court decisions against segregation.

The August, 1956, issue of this publication contained an editorial by ENGELHARDT charging that some county school boards in Alabama were serving as collection agencies for the NAACP. The editorial reflected that every Negro teacher belongs to the American Teachers Association (ATA), and as a convenience to Negro teachers, the county school board collected \$10 annual dues for the ATA through payroll deductions. The ATA allegedly made large contributions to the NAACP. ENGELHARDT stated that the citizens' councils should make it their business to call on all county school officials in an effort to stop collecting dues for the NAACP supported ATA.

The September, 1956, issue of the above publication, as well as the August issue, contained general articles pertaining to the segregation question throughout the country. In an editorial in the September issue, ENGELHARDT commented that the Alabamian is gratified to see the formation of an independent Parent-Teachers Association group in Montgomery, Alabama, because of the integration policies of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. The editorial recommends this example to other PTA groups in Alabama inasmuch as segregation must be maintained "for the best interests of our children".

The October, 1956, issue editorially commented on the case of Negro attorney FRED GRAY whose induction by the local draft board in Montgomery, Alabama, was stopped by General LEWIS HERSHEY, Director of the Selective Service. This editorial stated that the GRAY case is a fraud and a disgrace. This issue contains articles concerning current membership drive being put on by the Citizens' Councils of Alabama. This issue also carries an article reporting on deplorable conditions of mixed schools in Washington, D.C.



MISCELLANEOUS

On September 4, 1956, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Montgomery, Alabama, advised SA [REDACTED] that she has no first-hand knowledge concerning the leaflet captioned, "A Preview to the Declaration of Segregation" and has never seen or possessed a copy of this leaflet. She stated that she had heard of it, but was unable to identify any person from whom she received information concerning the leaflet. She stated that she has no idea concerning the origin of this leaflet.

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Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past concerning KKK activity, advised during the spring of 1954, that the name JOHN H. WHITLEY, not further identified, appeared on the membership list of the Dr. L. S. Fennell, KKK #15 at Tarrant, Alabama, for the year 1951. No information is available to reflect positively whether or not this individual is identical with Dr. JOHN H. WHITLEY, President of subject organization.

No other information has been obtained reflecting KKK infiltration of subject organization.

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With reference to Bureau memo to Mobile 9/24/56, concerning placing this case in a pending inactive status, it is pointed out that it is not believed that more detailed background data concerning the officers of this group can be readily ascertained without making open inquiry. Further background data will be periodically reported as obtained.

Otherwise, it is felt that the various points covered in Bulet to Mobile 9/24/56, have been reported and consequently this case is being placed in a pending inactive status and reports will hereafter be submitted on a quarterly basis rather than each 45 days.

2 copies of each of the monthly issues of the Alabamian have been forwarded to the Bureau.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and the T symbol has been utilized in this report only where identity must be concealed.

INFORMANT

Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/Or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent To Whom Furnished	File No. Where Located
T-1 - [Redacted]	Klan membership of JOHN H. WHITLEY	Feb., March & April, 1954	[Redacted]	BH 65-398-1092

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LEADS

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is furnished Birmingham for information as much as that office is investigating council groups affiliated with subject organization.

MOBILE DIVISION

AT MOBILE, ALABAMA (1)

Will report further activity of subject organization.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA JOSEPH T. BOSTON, Mobile, 7/18/56.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: 11/19/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

ATTN: CENTRAL RESEARCH SECTION

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE  
CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALA., Aka  
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Enclosed herewith are 2 copies of the October, 1956, issue of the Alabamian (Vol. 1, #4), the official publication of subject organization.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/12/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE

ATTN: CENTRAL RESEARCH SECTION

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALABAMA) CITIZENS COUNCIL, aka IS - X

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There are forwarded herewith to Central Research Section two copies of Volume 1, No. 1 of The States Rights Advocate, dated 11/25/56, purporting to be "Official Publication of The Montgomery County Citizens's Council."

These papers were obtained under pretext from [redacted] office worker at the headquarters of [redacted] captioned organization at Montgomery, Ala., on 12/4/56. [redacted] advised that following the election of a new board of directors of the organization and the installation of new officers, the publication of this paper was resumed under the management of a committee appointed for that purpose. She did not explain why this issue is regarded as Volume 1, No. 1, but she indicated that this paper is a considerable improvement over the publication by the same name which was formerly published by this organization through Sept., 1956.

Information pertaining to captioned organization which appears in this paper will be summarized in the next report.

One copy has been furnished to SA [redacted] OSI, 8th DO, Montgomery, because of the letter in this paper pertaining to the White Armed Forces Liberty Council.

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Enclosed herewith are two copies of the November-December issue of "The Alabamian," official publication of the captioned organization. These copies were furnished by State Senator SAM M. ENGELHARDT, Executive Secretary of captioned group, 1/2/57. No November issue of this paper was published.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: 1/7/57

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

*5-1 to Mobile 3/12/57 requesting  
Jan. '57 #6 + Feb. '57 #7 closed  
by "The Alabamians" A.W.B.*

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO  
THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, Aka  
IS - X

*W.P.*  
Rerep SA JOSEPH T. BOSTON dated 11/19/56, at Mobile.

No additional pertinent information has been developed concerning subject organization since submission of rerep.

As instructed in Bulet to Atlanta dated 12/13/56, captioned CITIZENS' COUNCILS; IS-X, this file has been closed administratively and inquiries concerning subject organization discontinued. C

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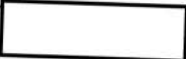
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KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA,  
AKA ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, IS-X,  
BU File 105-33955, BH file 105-272, have been maintained  
in a pending status for administrative purposes and the  
submission of the monthly letter on Citizens Councils.  
If this is not in accord with Bureau desires, please  
advise.



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Cases on captioned organization and Klan  
Infiltration into the Citizens' Councils of Alabama  
should be closed and RUCd, respectively.

The submission of the monthly summary of  
information concerning citizens councils should be  
followed through an administrative tickler.

cc Bufile 105-33955 (Klan Infiltration into the Citizens'  
Councils of Alabama)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Birmingham advised two citizens council cases  
being maintained in a pending status for purpose of  
submitting a monthly summary. No investigation is being  
conducted on either of these cases. Mobile is origin  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Mobile, Alabama  
February 13, 1957

CITIZENS COUNCILS  
MOBILE DIVISION

The February 4, 1957, issue of the Florida Times-Union, daily newspaper published at Jacksonville, Florida, reported on a state-wide meeting of the Florida Citizens' Council held February 3, 1957, at Tallahassee, Florida. ROBERT PATTERSON, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi White Citizens' Councils, was the principal speaker, stating that race mixing in the South is not inevitable and that organized aggression must be met with organized resistance. An education program must be pushed in the North, according to PATTERSON. Reverend GEORGE DOWNS, of Orlando, Florida, was named Executive Secretary and State Organizer. HOMER BARRS, Tallahassee, was named as Administrator to assist DOWNS. CHARLES CREEL, President of the Citizens Bank of Bushnell, was designated State Treasurer.

According to this same source, at this meeting an 11-man executive committee was named as follows:

1st Congressional District: SAM PEACOCK, Brooksville, Florida  
M. L. FOKER, St. Petersburg

2nd Congressional District: HERBERT J. LEXON, Jacksonville

3rd Congressional District: W. H. COOPER, Panama City  
Mrs. J.C. BREWINGTON, Pensacola  
CHARLES ATCHINSON, Marianna

5th Congressional District: BILL JOYCE, Daytona Beach  
H. C. KING, Bunnell  
S. C. BRYANT, DeLand

8th Congressional District: J. B. HAND, Live Oak  
Former State Representative  
F. W. BEDENBAUGH, Lake City.

Also, according to this article, Dr. W. M. PETTY, Escambia County, Florida, was Chairman of the State Convention,

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and stressed that the citizens' council is not a hate organization and its campaign to preserve segregation will be conducted in peace and law.

The January 24, 1957, issue of the Tallahassee Democrat, daily newspaper published at Tallahassee, Florida, reported that the Leon County Citizens' Council would meet on January 25, 1957, at the County Court House in Tallahassee, according to G. F. FLOYD, Chairman of the county organization. The January 26, 1957, issue of the Mobile Press, daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reported on this meeting on January 25, 1957. This article reflected that this council lashed out at university students who are urging election of a Negro candidate as city commissioner in Tallahassee and urged fraternities at Florida State University to organize a campaign against integrationists.

The February 3, 1957, issue of the Tallahassee Democrat reported that Reverend GEORGE A. DOWNS of Orlando, Florida, an evangelist, would be the featured speaker at a meeting of the Gadsden County Citizens' Council on Tuesday, February 5, 1957, which meeting was to be held at 8:00 p.m. in the Gadsden County Court House.

The January 17, 1957, issue of the Panama City News, daily newspaper published at Panama City, Florida, reported that the Bay County Citizens' Council would hold an election of officers at its regular monthly meeting at the Court House in Panama City at 7:30 p.m., Friday, January 22, 1957. The article reported that JOHN HENRY SHERMAN stated that the nominating committee would present a slate of officers for the coming year. The article reflected other current officers of the group as EARL BOONE, Vice-President; JIMMY MARSHALL, Treasurer, and MARION HARRISON, Secretary.

The February 7, 1957, issue of the Mobile Press reported that incorporation papers of the Montgomery County Citizens' Council had been filed in Probate Court in Montgomery, Alabama. Purposes listed by the organization included "to preserve order and domestic tranquility....and to safeguard states' rights by peaceful and legal means". This article reported that the council's legislative committee was reported as designed to screen all political candidates and all political action concerning the council and to promote "ways that we may cooperate with our allies and defeat our enemies".

The January 12, 1957, issue of the Mobile Register, daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reported that



State Senator SAM ENGELHARDT, JR., Executive Secretary of the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, with headquarters in Montgomery, Alabama, spoke at the January 11, 1957, meeting of the South Alabama Citizens' Council at Mobile. The article reported about 700 persons were in attendance at the meeting. The article reported ENGELHARDT as saying the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is working underground every day in Montgomery, Alabama, and that the bus boycott at Montgomery was the brain-child of the NAACP. ENGELHARDT was reported as saying that the only thing for the white people in Alabama to do was present a solid front, and all white persons are needed to get behind the movement to "maintain our customs."

This same news article reported that C. C. (JACK) OWEN, President of the Alabama Public Service Commission, spoke at this same meeting in Mobile on January 11, 1957, and was reported as saying he would continue to do everything in his power to see that segregation is maintained. OWEN was quoted as saying, "in order to maintain peace, law and order, we must keep segregation in our public transportation systems". The article reflected the speakers had been introduced by JOHN L. MOORE, Mobile Attorney, and JESSE McCONNELL, Chairman of the South Alabama Citizens' Council, who presided at the meeting.

The January 24, 1957, issue of the Mobile Register reported that a request of the South Alabama Citizens' Council for permission to use Mobile County Public School buildings for meetings was rejected by the County School Board, which reaffirmed a previously adopted policy that use of school buildings for meetings of a controversial nature would not be permitted unless both sides of the controversy were present. This article reported that Mobile County Commissioner J. R. MITTERNIGHT and JOHN McFERRIN appeared as spokesmen for the South Alabama Citizens' Council and argued that the organization's stand for segregation is not "controversial" and they advised that the primary purpose of the organization is "educational".

The February 9, 1957, issue of the Mobile Register reported that at a meeting at Mobile on February 8, 1957, the South Alabama Citizens' Council at Mobile passed a resolution urging the State Legislature to abolish any legal recognition of common-law marriages. Guest speaker at this meeting was DAVE C. MATHEWS of Grove Hill, Alabama, former Superintendent of Education in Clarke County, Alabama, who was quoted as saying, "I place at the door of the schools of America a great deal of the responsibility for the helluva mess we are in". He lambasted politicians in the Democratic Party for trying to force integration on the South. This article reflected that officers elected at this meeting for the coming year were JOHN DUPONT, Bayou La Batre, Alabama,

as Chairman; GEORGE MILLER, 2500 Dauphin Street, Mobile, Alabama,  
as Vice-Chairman; HARRY F. KOLLIN, 304 S. Hamilton Street,  
Mobile, as Secretary and HUGH CAUSEY, Mobile, as Treasurer.

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955)(105-40391)

2/13/57

SAC, MOBILE (105-121)(105-161)

CITIZENS COUNCILS  
MOBILE DIVISION

Re Mobile memo to Bureau 1/15/57.

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are the original and 12 copies of a summary memo dated 2/13/57, reflecting activity of citizens councils in this Division.

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A copy of this monthly letter and memo is designated for file on the Ala. state-wide organization, The Citizens' Councils of Alabama, Aka (Mofile 105-121)(Bufile 105-33955) and for the file on the Fla. state wide organization, the Association of Citizens' Councils of Florida, Aka Florida Citizens' Council (Mofile 105-161)(Bufile 105-40391). It is pointed out that information concerning the officers of the Fla. state-wide organization has been furnished to the Miami Office by separate communication.

As the enclosed memo refers to 5 additional local citizens' council groups, on which the Bureau has separate files, 5 extra copies of the enclosed memo are being furnished to the Bureau in order that 1 copy of the memo can be placed in each of these 5 files; namely, 1 - Leon County Citizens' Council (Bufile 105-45727); 2 - Gadsden County, Florida White Citizens' Council (Bufile 105-54092); 3 - Bay County, Florida Citizens' Council (Bufile 105-49060); 4 - Montgomery County, Alabama Citizens' Council (Bufile 105-43132); 5 - South Alabama Citizens' Council (Bufile 105-50596).

- 2 - Bureau (105-33955)(REGISTERED)  
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- 2 - Mobile (105-121)  
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3-14-57

SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

**CITIZENS COUNCILS  
BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X**

Reylet February 12, 1957, in captioned matter, and Bulet to Atlanta dated December 13, 1956, captioned "Citizens Councils, Internal Security - X."

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a blank memorandum in captioned matter dated March 14, 1957.

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1 in the attached memorandum is [redacted]

[redacted] and Birmingham Confidential Informant T-2 is [redacted]

[redacted]

T-3 is [redacted]

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Four extra copies of the attached memorandum are being submitted for the following Bureau files:

**CITIZENS COUNCIL OF CALERA**  
Bufile 105-45430

**CITIZENS COUNCIL OF VINCENT**  
Bufile 105-46429

**KLAN INFILTRATION INTO INDEPENDENT  
CITIZENS COUNCIL OF BIRMINGHAM**  
Bufile 105-48822

**CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ALABAMA**  
Bufile 105-33955

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(1: 105-45430; 1: 105-46429;

1: 105-48822; 1: 105-33955)

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

309 American Life Building  
Birmingham 3, Alabama

March 14, 1957

CITIZENS COUNCILS  
BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 4, 1957, that the Vincent, Alabama Citizens Council met at the Vincent School on December 7, 1956, for the purpose of electing officers; that 14 people were present, and officers elected were as follows: Chairman, FRANK LOWE, Route 1, Vincent; Vice Chairman, ERNEST WARREN, Calois, Alabama; Secretary, DAVE REYNOLDS, Route 1, Vincent; Treasurer, ELVIN GREEN, Route 1, Harpersville, Alabama; Executive Committee, JOHN M. THOMPSON, Route 1, Vincent; CLYDE M. WYATT, Harpersville; HULON SOUTHERN, Route 1, Vincent; TAPT PRINGS, Harpersville; JOHN A. LOWE, Vincent; P. E. SHOEMAKER, Sterrett, Alabama; TOM BLACK, Harpersville, and GALE ACTON, Sterrett.

Informant T-1 said that the last meeting of the Vincent Council was held at the Vincent School on approximately February 9, 1957, and that there were 20 people present after mailing out 300 letters and posting about 1,000 circulars. T-1 said that the guest speaker failed to arrive as scheduled inasmuch as Dr. JOHN H. WHITLEY, President of the Citizens Council of Alabama, got the dates of the meeting confused.

The Shelby County Times-Herald published at Montevallo, Alabama, carried an article on February 23, 1957, which stated that the Calera, Alabama Citizens Council would meet on the night of April 1, 1957, at the City Hall in Calera. The article stated that a speaker from Birmingham, Alabama, would be present and that everybody "is urged to attend."

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 1, 1957, that he attended a meeting of the Shades

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BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION

Valley Citizens Council in Homewood, Alabama, on February 29, 1957. He said that Dr. JOHN H. WHITLEY, Druggist of Tarrant, Alabama, and State President of the Citizens Council of Alabama, made the principal address. T-2 said that WHITLEY stated he had been working with Alabama State Senator SAM ENGLEHARDT concerning preservation of segregation in Alabama. T-2 said that WHITLEY made a statement somewhat as follows to the best of his recollection: "We don't talk about it much, but we are getting ready to purge the voting lists of 'niggers'. We figure we can get about 85% of them off the rolls in time."

T-2 said that Dr. WHITLEY did not elaborate on this statement as to when the alleged purge would start or who "we" meant. T-2 said that Dr. WHITLEY mentioned that plans were being made to attempt to strike a name from a voting list if the person has ever committed a felony, has venereal disease, or is illegitimate. T-2 said Dr. WHITLEY indicated that consideration was being given to these three exclusion tactics and he gathered from WHITLEY's remarks that they had not actually been used up to the present time.

T-2, above mentioned, advised on March 6, 1957, that he was present at the Birmingham Terminal Station on that date when [redacted] entered the white waiting room of the Birmingham station. T-2 said he had heard that [redacted] intended to make a test case of the segregation situation at the railroad station. T-2 said he saw a white man, [redacted] go into the station and shake hands with [redacted] and [redacted]. T-2 said that some officer of the Birmingham Police Department ordered [redacted] to leave the station inasmuch as he, [redacted] did not have a railroad ticket and apparently did not intend to travel anywhere by train.

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T-2 said a large crowd followed [redacted] from the station and threw rocks at [redacted] automobile. T-2 said he heard an individual make a

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RE: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION

complaint to some police officer that [redacted] above mentioned, attempted to run over him with his Cadillac automobile. T-2 said he heard this man state that his name was [redacted]. It is noted that [redacted] is

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[redacted] located in the Eastern section of Birmingham. T-2 said he saw [redacted] pick up a rock and break out the rear glass of [redacted] Cadillac.

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 6, 1957, that he recognized several prominent members of various Citizens Councils in the crowd around [redacted] on the above occasion. He said that many of these individuals had come to the station carrying suitcases-- in his opinion, so they would appear to be travellers. T-3 said he saw an individual, whose name he does not know, but who is a member of the Eastern Section Citizens Council, Birmingham, take a suitcase which he was carrying and strike [redacted] over the head two or three times.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: 3/2/57

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-272)

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO  
CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ALABAMA  
IS-X

Enclosed is a blank memorandum with seven copies to the Bureau setting forth information received from informant on the date indicated.

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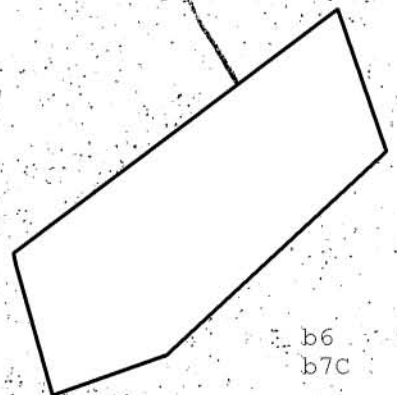

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Birmingham, Alabama  
March 2, 1957

KLAN INFILTRATION INTO  
CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

The following information was received from Confidential Informant, Birmingham T-1, who in the past has furnished reliable information:

T-1 advised on March 1, 1957, that he attended a meeting of the SHADES VALLEY CITIZENS COUNCIL in Homewood, Alabama, on February 28, 1957. He said that Dr. JOHN H. WHITLEY, druggist of Tarrant, Alabama, and State President of the CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ALABAMA, made the principal address. T-1 said that WHITLEY stated he had been working with Alabama State Senator SAM ENGLEHARDT concerning preservation of segregation in Alabama. T-1 said that WHITLEY made a statement somewhat as follows to the best of his recollection, "We don't talk about it much but we are getting ready to purge the voting lists of "niggers". We figure we can get about 85% of them off the rolls in time."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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533 Federal Building  
Mobile, Alabama  
March 13, 1957

CITIZENS COUNCILS  
MOBILE DIVISION

of Alabama

The March 10, 1957, issue of the Mobile Press Register, a Sunday newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reflected that an unannounced closed meeting of the Alabama Association of Citizens' Councils had been held on March 8, 1957, at Montgomery, Alabama. The article quoted State Senator SAM ENGLEHARDT, Executive Secretary of the group, as saying that Citizens' Councils Chapters from forty Alabama Counties were represented at the meeting. The article reported that ENGLEHARDT had been reelected Executive Secretary and in addition the following officers of this statewide group had been elected at this meeting:

Chairman - Circuit Judge VERDO WILSON ELMORE, Gordo, Alabama  
Vice-Chairman - CLAUDE KELLY, Atmore, Alabama  
Treasurer - JIM KELLY, Montgomery, Alabama

The February 12, 1957 issue of the Panama City Herald, daily newspaper published at Panama City, Florida, reflected that Reverend GEORGE DOWNS of Orlando, Florida, Executive Secretary of the Citizens' Councils of Florida, would be principal speaker at a meeting of the Bay County, Florida Citizens' Council to be held at the County Courthouse in Panama City on the night of February 12, 1957. The article reflected that Reverend DOWNS is a former Army Chaplain and pastor of the Brookmont Baptist Church in Washington, D. C. Newly elected officers of the local council were slated to preside at the meeting, namely EARL BOONE, President; PAUL CONRAD, Vice-President; JOHN D. MITCHELL, Secretary and BEN DARST, Treasurer. The article quoted BOONE as saying that the local council had almost doubled its membership in the past month, but no membership figures were cited.

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Director, FBI (105-45763)

March 27, 1957

SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

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COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
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Re Bureau form 5-1, dated 3/21/57.

[redacted] has advised that [redacted] has ceased publication of "The Southerner".

This office subscribed to "The Southerner" on June 14, 1956, for one year. Volume I, #7 for September - October, 1956, is the last issue received by this office.

*5-1 to Mobile requesting February and March 1957 issues of "The Southerner". 4/24/57 AmB  
See letter from Mobile dated 4/20/57 for status. AmB.*

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Attached hereto is one copy of The Alabamian, official publication of the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, issued Jan., 1957. This is the latest issue put out to date and this office has obtained only 2 copies, one of which is being retained in the Mobile file. Efforts will be made on future issues to furnish 2 copies to the Bureau.

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SAC HALLFORD  
Office MOBILE

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955)(105-40391) DATE: 4/15/57

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

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SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
MOBILE DIVISION

Re Mobile memo to Bureau dated 3/13/57.

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are the original and 7 copies of summary memorandum dated 4/15/57, reflecting activity of Citizens Councils in this Division.

A copy of this monthly letter and memo is designated for the file on the Ala. statewide organization, The Citizens' Councils of Alabama, Aka (Bufile 105-33955) and for the file on the Fla. statewide organization; namely, the Association of Citizens' Councils of Florida, Aka (Bufile 105-40391).

The enclosed memo refers only to the activity of the Okaloosa Co. Citizens' Council, concerning which this office has received no previous information and has no separate file. Accordingly, the Bureau has no separate file on the Okaloosa Co. CC and the information in this office is being designated for the file on the Fla. statewide organization.

COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL

2 - Bureau (105-33955; 105-40391) (REGISTERED)

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

533 Federal Building  
Mobile, Alabama  
April 15, 1957

CITIZENS COUNCILS  
MOBILE DIVISION

The March 14, 1957, issue of the Okaloosa News-Journal, Crestview, Florida, reported that the Okaloosa County Citizens' Council was scheduled to meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Crestview City Hall and that D. O. ETHERIDGE, Secretary of the Council, had invited the general public to attend the opening meeting.

This article reflected that Dr. JOYCE DOWNS, retired Baptist minister from Tallahassee, Florida, would be the guest speaker. The article reported that Dr. DOWNS is now affiliated with JOHN KASPER of New York, New York; Clinton, Tennessee, and lately of Miami, who is executive secretary of his own new organization which he calls the Seaboard White Citizens Council.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/24/57

FROM : SAC, MOBILE

SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION  
STATE OF ALABAMA

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are nine copies of a blank memorandum dated 4/24/57, concerning an incident at Selma, Alabama, on 4/20/57, which, according to Captain [redacted] Selma PD, nearly involved trouble between whites and negroes.

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Informant T-1 mentioned in the blank memorandum is [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau. The information furnished in the blank memorandum was furnished to SA [redacted]

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Nine copies of this memorandum are enclosed for the Bureau in order that the Bureau will have one copy available for Bufile 105-33955 on the Citizens' Councils of Alabama and one copy for Bufile 105-50583, on the Dallas County, Alabama Citizens' Council.

The Mobile indices contain no previous information identifiable with [redacted] mentioned in the blank memorandum. One copy of this blank memorandum is designated for New York City as [redacted] allegedly is from New York City and one copy is designated for Miami as [redacted] reportedly is from Miami.

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The telephone call made by [redacted] to Birmingham, Ala., was, according to Captain [redacted] a call to the FBI Office in Birmingham. Accordingly, one copy of the blank memorandum is enclosed herewith for Birmingham.

The Bureau is advised that a copy of the enclosed blank memorandum is being designated locally by letter to OSI, G-2 and ONI.

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- ④ - Bureau (AM)(RM) (9 encls.)
  - 2 - 100-135-61,
  - 1 - 105-33955,
  - 1 - 105-50583) ENCLOSURE
- 1 - Birmingham (RM) (enc.)
- 1 - Miami (RM) (enc.)
- 1 - New York (RM) (enc.)
- 3 - Mobile (1 - 100-1342,
- 1 - 105-121, 1 - 105-222)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Mobile, Alabama  
April 24, 1957

Racial Situation  
State of Alabama

On April 22, 1957, Captain [redacted] Selma Police Department, advised that on April 20, 1957, a chartered bus arrived in Selma carrying twenty-six negroes and followed by a caravan of automobiles, which automobiles bore license tags from the States of New York, Illinois, Tennessee, Kentucky, Florida and possibly Mississippi and Georgia. He advised that these cars were also occupied by negroes. Several negroes paraded the streets in Selma carrying placards reading "Remove the Barriers to Mankind." under which appeared the name [redacted]

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[redacted] The placards advertised a meeting to be held in Selma to explain "Armageddon."

[redacted] advised that this meeting was originally to have been held at the Baptist Academy in Marion, Alabama, but had been changed to Selma, Alabama, to the Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall, located on the corner of Philpot and Mabry Streets.

[redacted] stated that because these people were carrying the placards in downtown Selma some white people became extremely alarmed and the word spread quickly and there was feeling that the white people should organize and run these negroes out of Selma. [redacted] told these negroes not to carry placards in downtown Selma because of the possibility of trouble being started between the negroes and white persons. [redacted] advised that he called a number of influential white men who are members of an unspecified organization in Selma, telling them not to start any trouble and that the Selma Police Department would take care of the situation.

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[redacted] advised that two negroes contacted him, identifying themselves as being responsible for the meeting. These persons gave their names as [redacted] from New York City, New York, and [redacted] of Miami, Florida. They told [redacted] that a white man, name and description unknown, had

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struck one of the negroes in their group with a pistol and they wanted Police protection. [ ] informed them that it was a little late to be asking for Police protection as they came to town without notifying the Mayor, Police Department or anyone and started carrying placards around the streets, which action caused people to become extremely resentful of their presence in Selma. [ ] informed [ ] that he was then trying to avoid any violence by talking to a group of white men who were threatening to start a riot against the group of negroes led by [ ]. He told them he would do all in his power to prevent violence and suggested that they move out of Selma as soon as possible. Captain [ ] advised that in the company of the Sheriff of Dallas County he went to Block Park, a baseball stadium in Selma, where a large group of white men had gathered. [ ] talked to the white men and they agreed not to start anything with these negroes if the negroes would leave Selma. [ ] then contacted [ ] and suggested that they call off their meeting in Selma and leave as soon as possible in order to avoid violence. [ ] then said that he had to make a telephone call and he learned that [ ] made one telephone call to New York City, New York, and one telephone call to Birmingham, Alabama, and thereafter the negro group left Selma in a convoy going east on Highway #80.

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Captain [ ] advised that he did not know where these negroes came from, but that the Greyhound Bus in which some were riding had a Birmingham license tag on it and that [ ] had remarked that they had held a meeting in Pensacola, Florida, recently.

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Also on April 22, 1957, informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information concerning the appearance in Selma by the group of negroes and the fact that a group of white men had banded together, apparently with the idea of driving the negroes out of Selma if they did not go voluntarily. Informant stated definitely that the white men were members of the Dallas County, Alabama Citizens' Council at Selma.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: 4/30/57

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

ATTN: CENTRAL RESEARCH SECTION

SUBJECT: CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, Aka  
IS-X

Re Form 5-1 dated 4/24/57.

State Senator SAM ENGELHARDT, Executive Secretary, captioned group, advised on 4/26/57, that no recent issues of the "Alabamian" have been published. SA [redacted] asked him for 2 copies of the latest issues on an appropriate pretext basis, and the Senator replied that they had not put out any "since the last ones I gave you". It is believed that there was a January-February issue and that copies of that issue were furnished the Bureau by R/S 3/20/57. Senator ENGELHARDT said that another issue would be put out in a week or ten days and that he would send SA [redacted] 2 copies.

Mobile subscribes to this publication through two blind P.O. boxes and cover names. No issues have been received through those boxes since the last issue furnished to the Bureau. The Bureau will be furnished copies of the next issue when received.

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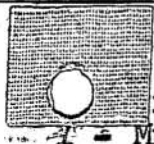
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Date: May 24, 1957

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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There is being furnished you herewith for your information a copy of a memorandum dated May 24, 1957, prepared by the Mobile Office of this Bureau concerning the captioned matter.

Enclosure

- 1 - Director of Naval Intelligence (Enclosure)
- 1 - Office of Special Investigations Air Force *BY COURIER SERVICE (Enclosure)*
- 1 - AAG Tompkins (By O-6 same date) (Enclosure)
- 1 - AAG Olney (By O-6 same date) (Enclosure)

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955, 105-40391) DATE: 5/14/57

X FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121, 105-161)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS  
MOBILE DIVISION

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Re Mobile memo to the Bureau, 4/15/57.

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are original and 8 copies of a summary memorandum dated 5/14/57, reflecting activities of Citizens Councils in this Division.

A copy of this monthly letter and memorandum is designated for the file on the Alabama statewide organization, the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, aka (Bufile 105-33955) and for the file on the Florida statewide organization, The Association of Citizens' Councils of Florida, aka (Bufile 105-40391).

The enclosed memorandum refers to the activity of the South Alabama Citizens' Council, on which the Bureau has a separate file 105-50596, and, accordingly, an extra copy of the enclosed memorandum is furnished to the Bureau in order that one copy might be placed in that file.

- 2 - Bureau (9 encls.) (RM)
- 2 - Mobile
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Mobile, Alabama  
May 14, 1957

Citizens Councils  
Mobile Division

The April 30, 1957, issue of Look magazine contains an article by Fletcher Knebel and Clark Mollenhoff entitled "Eight Klans Bring New Terror to the South." This article discusses various Ku Klux Klan groups and in part reported that Homer Barrs, Secretary-Treasurer of the Association of Citizens' Councils of Florida, was praised by Florida Ku Klux Klan leader Frazer. This article quoted Barrs as saying "We wouldn't bar Klan members from joining the Councils."

The April 20, 1957, issue of the Mobile Register, daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reported that former Congressman Laurie C. Battle of Birmingham, Alabama, spoke at a meeting of the South Alabama Citizens' Council at the Prichard, Alabama Armory on the night of April 19, 1957. The article reflected that Battle termed the "Un-Civil Rights Bill" as the most vicious instrument ever written in the United States and that he scored the Supreme Court decision on segregation as "Barren of a single legal precedent." This article reflected that G. A. Henry of Mobile, identified as a spokesman of the Citizens' Council, reported that Battle spoke to an audience of 700 persons.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: 5/22/57

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka.

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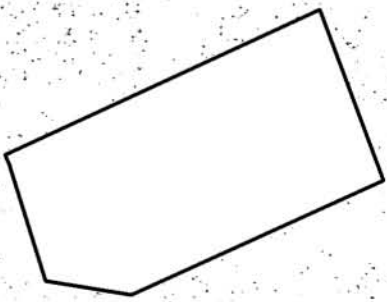
*5-1 form to include re status of  
"The Alabamian" 6-26-57 AmB.  
5-1 with 7-3- Filed. See for status*

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two (2) copies of a full page ad contained in the Montgomery Advertiser daily newspaper published at Montgomery, Alabama, issue of 5/12/57. This ad is sponsored by subject organization and announces a meeting at 7:30 p.m. 5/16/57, and reflects that this page is to tell of the NAACP conspiracy to destroy the southern way of life.

*5-1 form to Mobile requesting the  
July, and June, 1957 issues of  
"The States Rights Advocate" if  
available. 6-26-57 AmB.  
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status AmB*

- 2 - Bureau (105-33955) (Encls. 2) (RM)
  - 2 - Mobile (105-121)
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Two (2) copies of a full page ad contained  
in the Montgomery Advertiser daily newspaper  
published at Montgomery, Alabama, issue of  
May 12, 1957.

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MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER —  
ALABAMA JOURNAL  
May 12, 1957

CITIZENS COUNCILS OF  
ALABAMA, aka  
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BUFILE: 105-33955

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DATE 1/14/99 BY 60267 NLS/bek/aw

5-1 (Rev. 4-17-56)

Date: June 26, 1957

To: SAC, Mobile (#105-121)

From: Director, FBI (#105-33955)  
Attention: Central Research Section

Subject: CITIZENS Council of Alabama  
Alabama, Ala.  
Internal Security - R  
Publication "The Alabamian"

- Advise Bureau re status of subscription publication.
- Not necessary to forward issues listed below:
- Forward following issues by routing slip:

"The Alabamian" has been discontinued.  
 This data received from Senator SAM M. ENGELHARDT, Executive Secretary, captioned organization, on 6/17/57, and confirmed by [redacted] in pretext telephone Ala. interview on 6/28/57. [redacted] the office of the Montgomery County Citizens Council at Montgomery.

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**CENTRAL RESEARCH**  
 105-33955-98

(Place your reply on this form and return to the Bureau. Note on the top serial in the case file the receipt and acknowledgment of this communication.)

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File 105-33955



5-1 (Rev. 4-17-56)

Date: June 26, 1957

To: FAM SAC, Mobile (# 105-233 )

From: 17/1/57 Director, FBI (# 105-33955 )  
Attention: Central Research Section

Subject: Plan Infiltration into  
Montgomery County (Ala.)  
Citizens Council, aka.  
D. O. X.  
Publication "The State Rights Advocate"

- ( ) Advise Bureau re status of subscription.
- ( ) Not necessary to forward issues listed below:
- Forward following issues by routing slip:

May & June 1957 issues above if  
available. (2 cc's)

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Montgomery County Citizens Council at Montgomery advised on pretext telephone interview 6/28/57 that subscription lists have been in some disorder and that apparently (Mobile's pretext subscription) has been neglected. She will mail back copies to (Confidential PO Box) in near future. They will be forwarded to Bureau on receipt.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

ATTN: CENTRAL RESEARCH SECTION

DATE: 7/24/57

FROM : SAC, Mobile

5-1 mtd 8/6/57. no add copies  
5/57 issue "State Right Advocate"  
available. Pub. circulated among  
members & officers only, & is not  
publicly sold.  
AmB.

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALABAMA)  
CITIZENS' COUNCIL, aka.  
IS - X

There are forwarded herewith to the Bureau one copy of the "States Rights Advocate" dated May, 1957, Volume 1, Number 7; and two copies of the "States Rights Advocate" dated June, 1957, Volume 1, Number 8.

newspaper

The above copies of this publication were received through the mail on 7/9/57 through [redacted]

The envelope in which they were received was postmarked Montgomery, Ala. 7/8/57 and bore the return address, [redacted] The 1957 City Directory for Montgomery, Ala. reflects that the address [redacted] houses the [redacted] The directory reflects that [redacted] of that organization.

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It is noted that the above copies were received a few days after a pretext telephone inquiry was made by SA [redacted]

[redacted] the Montgomery County Citizens' Council.

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1 - Mobile (105-233)

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1 Enclosure Detached for Publication File.

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CENTRAL RESEARCH SECTION

File 105-33955

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: 10/17/57

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, Aka. IS-X

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are original and ten copies of a memorandum dated 10/17/57, reflecting information concerning subject organization.

The enclosed memo contains information concerning the Crenshaw County Citizens' Council (Bufile 105-50582), the Marengo County Citizens' Council (Bufile 105-50592), and the Dallas County Citizens' Council (Bufile 105-50583). Accordingly, sufficient copies of the enclosed memo are designated for the Bureau in order that one copy might be placed in each of these Bureau files.

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- 2-Bureau (11 Encls.) (RM)
- 4-Mobile (1- 105-121, 1- 105-221, 1- 105-222, 1-105-231)

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and results of meetings  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Mobile, Alabama  
October 17, 1957

CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF  
ALABAMA,

An October 2, 1957, issue of the Mobile Press, daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reported that State Senator Sam Englehardt, Executive Secretary of the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, had reported a rise in interest in the organization following President Eisenhower's action in calling out Federal troops in Little Rock, Arkansas. The article quoted Englehardt as saying "We have had tremendous response throughout the state. Today's mail brought in countless applications for membership blanks." The article reported a membership drive being opened by the Citizens' Councils.

The article reported that Englehardt added that all likely candidates for governor of Alabama had been invited to speak at a membership rally of the Crenshaw County Citizens' Council, Thursday night, October 3, 1957, and that the principal speaker at an October 10, 1957, rally of the Dallas County Citizens' Council at Selma would be Amos Gutheridge, Legal Advisor for the Citizens' Council in Little Rock, Arkansas.

The article also reflected that Alabama Congressman Frank Boykin would address a Marengo County Council rally during the following week, according to Englehardt.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)

FROM :

SUBJECT: SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

DATE: 12/5/57

ATTN: CENTRAL RESEARCH SECTION

○ MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALA.)  
 CITIZENS' COUNCIL, Aka  
 IS-X OF ALABAMA

Enclosed herewith to the Central Research Section is one copy of the "States Rights Advocate", official publication of captioned organization, Volume 2, Number 1, dated November, 1957.

- 2 - Bureau (105-43132) (Encl. 1 - REGISTERED)
- 1 - Mobile (105-233)
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-43132) DATE: 11/7/57  
 ATTN: CENTRAL RESEARCH SECTION

FROM : SAC, Mobile (105-233)

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALABAMA)  
 CITIZENS' COUNCILS aka.  
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There is enclosed to the Central Research Section, one copy of the "States Rights Advocate", official publication of captioned organization dated October, 1957. Volume 1, No. 12. This copy was received through the



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Date: January 13, 1958

To: Mr. U. S. Baughman  
Chief  
U. S. Secret Service  
Treasury Department  
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

There is being furnished you herewith for your information a memorandum dated January 2, 1958, prepared by the Mobile Office of this Bureau concerning the captioned matter.

Enclosure

- 1 - Director of Naval Intelligence (Enclosure)
  - 1 - Office of Special Investigations (Enclosure)  
Air Force
  - 1 - Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence (Enclosure)  
Department of the Army
- Attention: Chief, Security Division

1 - AAG W. Wilson White (By Form 0-6, same date) (Enclosure)

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: 1/2/58

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
IS - X

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are the original and 9 copies of Blank Memorandum dated 1/2/58.

The enclosed memoranda contains information concerning meeting of the Monroe County Citizens' Council (BUfile 105-50599), 12/6/57, and meeting of the South Alabama Citizens' Council (BUfile 105-50596), on December 7, 1957. Accordingly, sufficient copies of this memoranda are designated for the Bureau in order that one copy might be placed in each of these Bureau files.

Copies of the mentioned memorandum are designated for Little Rock inasmuch as the memorandum reflects that Attorney AMIS GUTHRIDGE of Little Rock, Arkansas was principal speaker at each of these meetings.

- ② - Bureau (Encls. 10) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Little Rock (Encls. 2) (REGISTERED)
- 3 - Mobile (1 - 105-121)  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

January 2, 1958  
Mobile, Alabama

CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA

The December 8, 1957 issue of the Montgomery Advertiser, daily newspaper published at Montgomery, Alabama, reported that Attorney AMIS GUTHRIDGE spoke to an estimated 700 persons attending a meeting of the Monroe County Citizens' Council in Monroeville, Alabama the night of December 6, 1957.

This news article quoted GUTHRIDGE as saying that "The integration of our school in Little Rock is a Communist conspiracy. Little Rock was picked as a target - Arkansas was picked as the weakest state in this Communist conspiracy." The article further reflected that GUTHRIDGE stated that there are 99 soldiers still on duty in Little Rock and that "We don't like it".

The December 8, 1957, issue of the Mobile Press Register, Sunday newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reflected that GUTHRIDGE spoke at a meeting of the South Alabama Citizens' Council at Mobile on the night of December 7, 1957. The article reflected that about 100 persons were in attendance at this meeting and reported that GUTHRIDGE had said that the loss of the battle for segregation in Little Rock will be the beginning of the sound of the death knell of the American Republic. According to the article, GUTHRIDGE particularly attacked HARRY S. ASHMORE, managing editor of the pro-integration Arkansas Gazette, stating "The only difference in ASHMORE's editorials and the Communist Daily Worker is that ASHMORE's are one week later".

Concerning President EISENHOWER, the article quoted GUTHRIDGE as saying "I respect the high office of the presidency. But I have absolutely no respect for that man there. I firmly believe DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER will go down in history as the sorriest president who ever disgraced the office of president". *105-33955-101*

This article reflected that GUTHRIDGE stated that the south must form citizens' councils in "every nook and cranny". He reportedly praised Governor MARVIN GRIFFIN of Georgia and State Senator SAM ENGELHARDT of Alabama.

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This article reflected that ENGELHARDT did not attend the Mobile meeting as scheduled due to the illness of his father, but that Mobile Attorney JOHN L. MOORE, who presided over the meeting, stated ENGELHARDT, by telephone, had told him to ask voters in the Mobile area to approve, in the election December 17, 1957, amendment No. 18, which would dissolve Macon County, Alabama and divide the predominately Negro populated county among five other counties.



1 - Liaison Section  
1 - Mr. Williams

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Date: February 27, 1958

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, also known as  
Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama  
INTERNAL SECURITY - K

There are being furnished you herewith  
for your information two copies of a memorandum  
dated February 13, 1958, prepared by the Mobile  
Office of this Bureau concerning the captioned matter.

Enclosures - 2

1 - Director of Naval Intelligence (Enclosure)

1 - Office of Special Investigations (Enclosure)  
Air Force

2 - SAC, Mobile (105-121)  
2 - SAC, Birmingham (105-272)

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ATTENTION SACS, MOBILE AND BIRMINGHAM:

Re Mobile letter dated February 13, 1958.

Mobile and Birmingham are instructed to promptly  
furnish the Bureau detailed information concerning the  
petition being circulated mentioned on page two in the  
letterhead memorandum furnished with referenced letter.

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
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1 - [Redacted] (By Form 0-6, same date) (Enclosure)

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Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence

NOTE ON YELLOW:

According to information furnished by Mobile the Citizens' Councils of Alabama are circulating a petition to be sent to the President concerning integration. This data is not being sent to the White House inasmuch as no additional details are known; however, upon receipt of more data from Mobile consideration will be given to advising the White House.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: 2/13/58

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA,  
Aka Association of Citizens'  
Councils of Alabama  
IS-X

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are the original and 7 copies of letterhead memorandum dated 2/13/58. One copy of this letterhead memorandum is designated for Birmingham inasmuch as it contains information concerning officers of the organization, including the resignation of Senator SAM ENGELHARDT from the post of Executive Secretary.

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DATE 11/1/99 BY [signature]

- 2 - Bureau (105-33955) (Encls. 8) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Birmingham (105-272) (Encl. 1) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Mobile (105-121)

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returned in [unclear] 15/17  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama  
February 13, 1958

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
Also Known As Association of  
Citizens' Councils of Alabama

The January 6, 1958, issue of the Mobile Register, daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, quoted State Senator Sam Engelhardt, Executive Secretary of the Alabama Association of Citizens' Councils, as saying that if racial integration of public schools is ordered in Alabama, "it will make Little Rock look like a garden party." Senator Engelhardt was questioned by newsmen on "Alabama Press Conference", a television program shown over WABT-TV, Birmingham. The same article quoted Engelhardt as saying that there are "more school districts in the South than Army divisions." Engelhardt claimed 60,000 members in his organization and stated that the councils will question candidates in 1958 Alabama primaries about their views on segregation and the Negro vote. Concerning the status of Macon County, Alabama, it was noted that Alabama voters in the December 17th election empowered the Legislature to abolish this county, if necessary, to prevent the Negro majority from gaining political control. With further reference to Macon County, Engelhardt stated that he feels sure the Civil Rights Commission will come to Alabama and that the future of Macon County depends on what the President's Civil Rights Commission does.

The February 7, 1958, issue of the Mobile Register reflects that the Executive Committee of the Alabama Association of Citizens' Councils met at Montgomery, Alabama, February 6, 1958, to begin a search for a new executive secretary. The article reflected that State Senator Sam Engelhardt of Macon County had resigned from this position to become candidate for Lieutenant Governor, the resignation to become effective later this month. Presiding at the day's meeting was Verdo Elmore of Gordo, Alabama, chairman of the state association. Elmore told the group that the council would not support any

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Re: Citizens' Councils  
of Alabama

individual candidates in the coming election, but intends to find out which candidates are "behind us in our beliefs" and that the council plans to send out questionnaires to candidates as it did in 1956.

The Executive Committee, according to this news article, elected three new members to the Executive Committee, these members being identified as Fred Short, Birmingham; L. K. (Snag) Andrews, Union Springs, and Jesse McConnell, Mobile, Alabama.

This same article reflects that council members from Birmingham brought with them a petition addressed to President Eisenhower in which the signers vowed their determination to maintain segregation. The Birmingham representatives said they had more than 300,000 signatures on this petition.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: 3-5-58

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-272)

SUBJECT: *o* CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka  
 Association of Citizens Councils of  
 Alabama.  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Re Bureau memo to Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C., dated February 26, 1958. Birmingham and Mobile were instructed to promptly furnish Bureau detailed information concerning a petition being circulated by members of Citizens Council, said petition addressed to President EISENHOWER.

Bureau is referred to mylet February 27, 1958, entitled "RACON" transmitting eight copies of a blank memorandum concerning this matter. For the information of Mobile, the North Birmingham Citizens Council, headed by ROBERT GAFFORD, a service station owner, is preparing a large scroll containing thousands of citizens of Alabama who favor segregation. Senator SPARKMAN or some other representative of Alabama will be asked to present this scroll to President EISENHOWER when it is completed.

The Birmingham Office has no knowledge of a scroll, other than the above.

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② - Bureau  
 1 - Mobile (105-121)  
 1 - Birmingham (105-272)  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: 4/4/58

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, Aka  
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Re Bureau memo to Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Dept. of the Army, Washington, D.C., dated 2/26/58.  
Re also BH letter to Bureau dated 3/5/58.

MO has not received any additional data concerning the petition reportedly being prepared to be presented to President EISENHOWER. It appears that BH has furnished full information concerning this matter.

MO could possibly obtain some information from Ala. State Senator SAM ENGELHARDT, but it is feared that making a direct inquiry on such a matter would give the implication that there is something wrong with it in the Bureau's mind, and ENGELHARDT might criticize the Bureau for interfering with the constitutional right of citizens to petition for redress of grievances. Accordingly, UACB, no direct inquiries will be made, but the Bureau will be promptly furnished any additional data received through informants. C

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: 3/24/58

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

ATTN: CENTRAL RESEARCH SECTION

SUBJECT: CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, IS-X

There is being forwarded herewith to Central Research Section a pamphlet captioned "The Undeniable Facts About NAACP", purporting to be presented as an educational service by the Citizens' Councils of Alabama. This pamphlet was furnished to SA [redacted] by Ala. State Senator SAM ENGELHARDT, candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Ala., and former Executive Secretary of captioned organization.

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*C.F. Williams*

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Enclosure to Bureau (1)  
Attn: Central Research Section  
Pamphlet titled THE UNDENIABLE  
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# THE UNDENIABLE FACTS ABOUT NAACP



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BY THE  
CITIZENS' COUNCILS  
OF  
ALABAMA

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The ugly truth about the NAACP and its origin, aims and manipulators is borne out by incontrovertible facts which can be established as matters of official record. These facts have been uncovered, checked, assembled and correlated through many weeks of intensive study by U. S. Senator James O. Eastland of Mississippi, Congressman James C. Davis of Georgia, Attorney-General Eugene Cook of Georgia, and their staffs.

They are presented here as an educational service by the Citizens' Councils of Alabama to emphasize a fact which is becoming increasingly well-known—that the attempt to abolish segregation in the South is fostered and directed by the Communist party, and is one of the Communist party's primary objectives in its struggle to gain control over the United States of America.

None of the organizations which have exploited the race question in this country have ever had the welfare of the negro people at heart. Of the more than 400,000 NAACP members, 20,000 are whites. They have seized upon this issue as a convenient front for their more deadly activities. They have used the race issue to dupe naive do-gooders, fuzzy-minded intellectuals, misguided clergymen and radical journalists to be their pawns.

How are they reaching into the South to do this?

One of their most effective means is to hire—for regular salaries—the negro preacher. It is estimated that 75% of the negro preachers in the South are paid NAACP workers.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded in 1910 as the brain child of William E. Walling, a Russian-trained revolutionary, a Southern scalawag, and a white man.

Of its five founders, only one was a negro. He is W. E. B. DuBois, a Communist-sympa-

thizing lawyer whose record of participation in Communist, Communist-front and subversive organizations and activities taken from the files of the Committee on Un-American Activities of the United States House of Representatives requires eight pages of single-spaced typewritten copy to outline.

DuBois, who at present is "Honorary Chairman" of the NAACP, has no less than 72 citations of Communist, Communist-front and subversive activities entered against his name.

The latest of which was the statement he made when Joseph Stalin died, "Let all negroes, . . . who have suffered in America from prejudice and intolerance, remember Joseph Stalin."

Among his more recent activities was the donation of his services in the preparation of legal briefs defending Communist spies Julius and Ethyl Rosenberg, who have since been executed, and the imprisoned leaders of the Communist Party in the United States.

In 1953 he was awarded the International Peace Prize by the Communist-front World Peace Council in recognition of his participation in the sponsorship of the series of Communist-dominated World Peace Conferences held since 1949 in an attempt to undermine the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

This is the man who was Director of Research for the NAACP until 1949 and now is referred to by its officers and members as "Honorary Chairman."

From its very founding, South-hating white people with long records of affinity for, affiliation with and participation in Communist, Communist-front, fellow-traveling, and subversive organizations, activities and causes have directed and subsidized the NAACP.

The files of the House Un-American Activi-

ties Committee reveal records of affiliation with or participation in Communist, Communist-front, fellow-traveling or subversive organizations or activities on the part of the following past and present officials of the NAACP—the President, the Chairman of the Board, the “Honorary Chairman,” 11 of 28 Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, 28 of 47 Directors, the Chairman of the National Legal Committee, the Executive Secretary, the Special Counsel, the Assistant Special Counsel, the Southeast Regional Secretary, the West Coast Secretary, the Director of the Washington Bureau, the Director of Public Relations and two Field Secretaries.

The transcript of this evidence numbers 121 pages of single spaced, typewritten copy and would require more than six hours to be read aloud.

Roy Wilkins—successor to the late Walter White as NAACP Executive Secretary—was quoted on June 17, 1936, by the New York Daily Worker, the official publication of the Communist Party in this country, as attaching “greatest significance” to the 1936 National Communist Party Convention and stating that the Communist Party’s racial program had had “a very wholesome effect” in the United States. He was further quoted by the Daily Worker on July 15, 1949, as boasting that he had voted in New York City elections that year for since-convicted negro Communist Benjamin J. Davis. He is listed as a member of the National Committee of the “Communist front” International Judicial Association which has “actively defended Communists and consistently followed the Communist Party line.” He was a sponsor of the “subversive and Communist” Conference on Pan American Democracy, and of a joint meeting in 1937 of the “subversive and Communist” American League Against War and Fascism and the “Communist

nist front" American Friends of the Chinese People. He has spoken for the "subversive and Communist" International Labor Defense and the Workers' Alliance, the former of which is regarded as the "legal arm of the Communist Party" in this country.

Special Counsel Thurgood Marshall—the negro lawyer responsible for the NAACP's court attacks upon segregation in the public schools—as late as 1950 was a member of the Executive Board of the "Communist front" National Lawyers Guild which has been described as "the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations and controlled unions." Since its inception, the Guild "has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents."

And, as a member and policy-making official of this Communist Front, Marshall has served as Associate Editor of the "Lawyers Guild Review" and has criticized this nation's loyalty program. He also is listed as a member of the National Committee of the "Communist front" International Judicial Association which has "actively defended Communists and consistently followed the Communist Party line." And he was among a group of attorneys who, in 1947, protested the issuance of contempt citations against pro-Communist Hollywood writers who refused to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee.

The director of the NAACP's Washington Bureau, Clarence M. Mitchell, protested against being asked whether he was or ever had been a member of the Communist Party at a hearing on proposed legislation to outlaw the Communist Party held before the House Un-American Activities Committee on May 3, 1950.

Now, how do the activities of these men affect us in Alabama?

They have had a tremendous effect on Alabama through the recent U. S. Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation.

W. E. B. DuBois, the man referred to earlier as "Honorary Chairman" of the NAACP, was one of the so-called "modern scientific authorities" whose writings were accepted by the Supreme Court as the basis for the segregation decision.

DuBois contributed to 82 different portions of the book, "An American Dilemma," which was cited in its entirety by the Supreme Court as an authority for its ruling.

And, 15 other contributors to "An American Dilemma" also have lengthy records of pro-Communist activity in the files of the Un-American Activities Committee. The same thing is true of two of the six individual authorities cited by the High Court—Theodore Brameld and E. Franklin Frazier—who between them have been members of or identified with 28 organizations declared to be Communist, Communist fronts or Communist dominated.

Another of the six individual authorities cited by the Supreme Court—K. B. Clark—was, at the time of the arguments before the Court, on the payroll of the NAACP as a so-called "social-science expert."



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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-33955)

DATE: 6/26/58

FROM : SAC, Mobile (105-121)

*5-1 to Mobile 7-16-58 requesting  
June 1958, #7, "The States Rights  
Advocate" pub*

SUBJECT: CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, Aka. Ala.  
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*5-1 with 7-21-58. "See notes to R. 7/3+7/8/58  
(105-43132) re Citizens Council, Montgomery,  
June issue rec'd. May 1958  
let 7-3-58, 105-43132-49  
Ambs*

Enclosed herewith are nine copies of letterhead memorandum dated 6/26/58 setting forth information from news article re moving of headquarters of subject organization from Montgomery to Selma, Ala. Sufficient copies are designated for the Bureau in order that one may be placed in Bureau file 105-50583 concerning DALLAS COUNTY (ALABAMA) CITIZENS' COUNCIL.

One copy is designated for Birmingham as the memorandum contains information concerning subject organization on a statewide basis. In addition, a copy of the enclosed memorandum is forwarded locally to each of the following: OSI, ONI, and G-2.

- 2 - Bureau (Encls. 9) (RM)
- 1 - Birmingham (105-272) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 2 - Mobile
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Mobile, Alabama  
June 26, 1958

CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, Aka.

The June 18, 1958, issue of the Selma Times Journal, daily newspaper published at Selma, Alabama, reported that the state headquarters of the Alabama Citizens' Councils would be moved from Montgomery, Alabama to Selma, effective July 1, 1958, and that Dallas County Senator W. C. GIVHAN had been named to serve as temporary chairman of the group until an Executive Secretary is elected. @/a

This article reported that this action was unanimously approved at a meeting held in Selma of Citizens' Council leaders from twelve Central Alabama counties. Senator GIVHAN reportedly said that the purpose of the move is to more nearly center Council headquarters in the area where it is most active. The article continued that since Senator SAM-ENGELHARDT's resignation as head of the Council to run for Lieutenant Governor of Alabama, the Council has been without an Executive Secretary and has been operated largely by the leaders of the Dallas County group. The article reported that Senator GIVHAN is presently serving as chairman of the Dallas County Citizens' Council. Senator GIVHAN was quoted as saying that the policies of the Council will remain the same and that the same Board of Directors will continue to serve.

State headquarters will be housed in office space at 1010½ Water Avenue in Selma, from which the local Council now operates.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 7/8/58

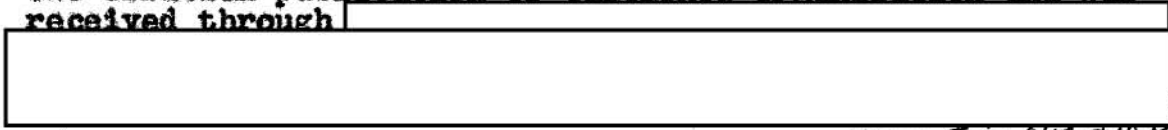
FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

ATTN: CENTRAL RESEARCH SECTION

SUBJECT: CITIZENS' COUNCIL  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA  
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*CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ALABAMA*

Enclosed herewith is 1 copy of States Rights Advocate, Volume 2, #8, dated July, 1958. This paper is the official publication of captioned organization and was received through



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*requesting 9/58, #10 issue  
"States Rights Advocate."  
Letter from Mobile dated  
11/13/58, with CRCS 11/17/58.  
See for status, AmB (105-43132-)*

- 2 - Bureau (105-43132) (RM) (Encl. 1)
- 1 - Mobile (105-233)
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*5-1 to Mobile 12/16/58 requesting  
11/58 issue "States Rights Advocate."  
Sub. should be followed closely;  
should not be necessary for Bu  
to request each month.  
5-1 to Mobile 12/29/58 "What happened?"  
no answer on the returned 5-1 (attached).  
5-1's ret. 1-2-59. (by FB-4 dated 12-31-58)  
"Re attached. Yours of 5/12/58 was attached  
to mobile 12/18/58 captioned as above.  
Apparently became separated. Sorry  
+ B. per our letter." AmB  
(See 105-43132-55)*

*5-1 to Mobile 11-14-58 re 5-1  
form dated 10-21-58 re Sept. 1958  
#10 issue "States Rights Advocate."  
A check at Bu has failed to locate  
ref. 5-1. Reply by return mail  
whether ref. form was rec'd, +  
fwd the Sept. Dist. issue + pub.  
to state why they are not being  
forwarded. AmB.  
5-1's dated 10/21 + 11/14/58 ret'd.  
11/20/58 "See MOLET to Director,  
attn CRCS dated 11/18/58. AmB.*

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33599)  
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DATE: 7/21/59

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

Att'n Central Research Section

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALA.)  
CITIZENS' COUNCILS, aka  
IS-X OF ALABAMA

Re Bureau R/S (form 5-1), dated 7/15/59.

An unidentified office worker at office of captioned group at Montgomery, Ala., advised during pretext telephone inquiry on 7/20/59, that the "States Rights Advocate" is not being published at all at present because of lack of funds. This person said that she would make certain that the inquiring party received his copy of this paper as soon as publication is resumed, if it is resumed. She advised that the last issue published was the April, 1959, issue.

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5-1 (Rev. 4-17-56)

Date: July 15, 1959

To: SAC, Mobile (# 105-233 )

From: Director, FBI (# 105-33955 )  
Attention: Central Research Section

Subject: Citizens' Council  
Montgomery County Alabama  
Internal Security - X  
Publication "The States Rights Advocate"

- ( ) Advise Bureau re status of subscription.
- ( ) Not necessary to forward issues listed below:
- Forward following issues by routing slip:

May 1959, and June 1959  
determine whether paper is  
to be published weekly - or at all.  
Thanks.

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FILE # 105-233  
 Title MONTGOMERY (ALA.)  
COUNTY CITIZENS'  
COUNCIL  
RACIAL MATTERS

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 10-21-60 requesting  
 # 9 Sept 60 issue  
 States Rights Advocate.  
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 5-1 ptd 10-24-60  
 with Vol. III, # 9 issue  
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CENTRAL RESEARCH  
 W.L. Miller  
 Dir/6

Attached is one copy of States Rights Advocate published monthly at Montgomery, Ala., by captioned group. ~~This is Vol. III, No. 3, dated 12/59. It is NOT RECORDED since publication resumed, DEC 9 1959~~

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**RESEARCH-SATELLITE**  
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RE Bureau RS 5/9/66 which is attached.  
Only publication regularly submitted to Bureau by Mobile is The Southern Courier, a weekly, published at Montgomery, Ala. Mobile has two subscriptions: 8/6/65-8/6/66 and 11/1/65-11/1/66.

Mobile receives States Rights Advocate occasionally when published but has no current subscription.  
SAC DILLARD W. HOWELL

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Re: White Citizens Council  
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for review by \_\_\_\_\_  
HSCA re 4/19/78 request.  
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# Memorandum

*file 8-28-64 AmB  
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2-19-65 AmB  
3-28-65 AmB*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)  
ATT'N: CENTRAL RESEARCH SECTION

DATE: 11/4/63

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
RM

Re Form 5-1 dated 10/24/63, requesting submission of 8/63 and 9/63 issues of "States Rights Advocate," publication of captioned group.

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Mobile has in the past obtained copies of this paper on a reasonably current basis. However, frequently the Citizens Council has been late getting the paper out, and also frequently the issues are combined, one issue serving for two months.

On 10/28/63, a telephone call was made to the office of the Montgomery County Citizens Council, inquiring about the paper. The unidentified person who answered stated that they had only volunteer help in putting out the paper, and that they had not put out one in some time, but the current issue is presently being proof-read, and should be out within a few days.

On receipt, the issue will be furnished to the Bureau, as in the past.

*5-1 Form to Mobile, 1-18-65, re status "States Rights Advocate," AmB.  
Reply (let), 2-4-65, rec'd. 2-10-65; file 2. See 105-43132-75. AmB.*

*5-1 rtd 2-1-65 "States Rights Advocate" not pub. since 6/64. Details being fur. to Bu by let which is presently in dictation. See 105-43132-75 AmB.*

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Date: May 9, 1966

To: SAC, MOBILE (# )

From: Director, FBI (# 100-415762 )  
Attention: Central Research Unit

Subject: PUBLICATIONS - HANDLING OF BY  
RESEARCH-SATELLITE SECTION  
RESEARCH-SATELLITE MATTER

Publication \_\_\_\_\_

- Advise Bureau re status of subscription.
- Not necessary to forward issues listed below:
- Forward following issues by routing slip:

Current list of "Publications Received Upon  
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for your information.

You should forward to the Bureau a list of publications handled by you including the subscription date for each individual subscription. When you have more than one subscription to the same publication the date of each subscription should be furnished. The Bureau should be advised thirty days in advance of the expiration date of each subscription so that consideration can be given to renewal.

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(Place your reply on this form and return to the Bureau. Note on the top serial in the case file the receipt and acknowledgment of this communication.)

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HCCA re 4/19/75 request.  
(See Bufile 732-117290)

To

Director

FILE # Bufile 105-33955

Att. ~~Asst. Dir.~~

SAC ..... Title .....

ASAC .....

Supv. CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ALABAMA

Agent .....

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bring file  | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare tickler        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Call me   | <input type="checkbox"/> Recharge serials       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Correct   | <input type="checkbox"/> Return assignment card |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deadline .....  | <input type="checkbox"/> Return file            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deadline passed   | <input type="checkbox"/> Return serials b6      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delinquent  | <input type="checkbox"/> Search and return b7C  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue   | <input type="checkbox"/> See me                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expedite  | <input type="checkbox"/> Send Serials.....      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> File  | to .....  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> For information   | <input type="checkbox"/> Submit new charge-out  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Initial & return  | <input type="checkbox"/> Submit report by ..... |
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- 10-10-62  
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5-1 to Mobile, 12-27-62, req.  
Nov + Dec, 1962 issues  
"States Rights Advocate."  
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5-1 to Mobile, 8-16-63, req. June, 1963  
+ July 1963, issues "States Rights  
Advocate" if printed. AmB.  
5-1 Netd. 8-26-63. June-July, 63  
issue recd. AmB.

5-1 to MOBILE, 10-24-63 REQ. 8/63, # 13,  
+ 9/63, # 14 ISSUES "STATES RIGHTS  
ADVERTATE." Issues should be forwarded  
on a current basis.

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Letter re 5-1, 10-24-63, recd 11-7-63  
from MOBILE. FILED. AmB.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 3-11-57

FROM : L. B. Nichols *[Signature]*

SUBJECT:

Tolson	_____
Nichols	_____
Boardman	_____
Belmont	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Nease	_____
Winterrowd	_____
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Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

*[Redacted]* spoke at a White Citizens Council meeting in Alabama recently.

He apparently laid the law down to them and launched an attack on *[Redacted]* of Arkansas who has been stirring up considerable trouble in the South. I am attaching hereto for record purposes a summary on *[Redacted]* dealing with public source data. In a recent conversation with Jim *[Redacted]* he spoke of *[Redacted]* in rather disparaging terms.

Enclosure

- cc - Mr. Boardman
- cc - Mr. Belmont
- cc - Mr. Rosen

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5-1 to Mobile, 3-12-62 re sub. +  
pub. "States Rights Advocate."  
of pub is still being printed, fwd.  
issues for Nov-Dec, 1961, and  
Jan-Feb, 1962.

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5-1 ret'd 3-29-62. Filed: AMB



5-1 (Rev. 4-17-56)

Date: March 12, 1962

To: SAC, MOBILE (# 105-233 )

From: Director, FBI (# 105-33955 )  
Attention: Central Research Section

Subject: MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALABAMA)  
CITIZENS' COUNCIL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Publication "STATES RIGHTS ADVOCATE"

- (X) Advise Bureau re status of subscription, AND PUBLICATION  
Is publication still being printed? If so, forward to
- ( ) Not necessary to forward issues listed below:  
Bureau issues for Nov.-Dec., 1961, and Jan.-Feb., 1962.
- ( ) Forward following issues by routing slip:

*Pretext call to Headquarters only:  
 origin 3/23/62. Unidentified WM stated  
 "they missed putting out a couple of  
 issues" but are putting one out  
 now. He confirmed subscription  
 is in order. Issue forthcoming  
 will be furnished on receipt.*

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(Place your reply on this form and return to the Bureau.  
 Note on the top serial in the case of the receipt and  
 acknowledgment of this communication)

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- 1 N. P. Callahan
- 1 Mr. R. W. Smith
- 1 Mr. R. S. Garner

May 17, 1968

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SAC, Mobile (105-233)

Director, FBI (100-415762)

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- 1 Publications Subscriptions Control Folder

**PUBLICATIONS - HANDLING OF BY RESEARCH-SATELLITE SECTION**

Since the paper "The States Rights Advocate" has not been published during the past year the Bureau is deleting it from the "List of Publications Received Upon Request of the Research-Satellite Section." However, if publication of the paper should be resumed the Bureau should be advised so that obtaining issues of the paper can be considered.

*Editorial Council (105) ALP/SEA*

- 1 RIS (Route through for review)
- 1 Mr. M. F. Row, 6221, IB
- ① 105-33955 ("The States Rights Advocate")

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NOTE: SA J. A. Marion, Jr., RIS, advised consideration to obtain paper will be given if publication of paper is resumed.

ORIGINAL FILED IN 100-415762-425

1 copies made  
RE: White Citizens Council  
RCG/jmr 6-26-78  
Sent down as [unclear] by  
HSCA to 6-19-78 [unclear]  
(See Serial [unclear]-72289)

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- 1 - Mr. R. W. Smith
- 1 - Mr. R. S. Garner

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Director, FBI (100-415762)

- 1 - [Redacted]
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**PUBLICATIONS - HANDLING OF BY RESEARCH-SATELLITE SECTION RESEARCH-SATELLITE MATTERS**

You should continue to forward to the Bureau all issues of "The States Rights Advocate" received by you. They should be marked to the attention of the Research-Satellite Section, Domestic Intelligence Division.

- 1 - Internal Security Section, Domestic Intelligence Division (Route through for review.)
- 1 - Subversive Control Section, Domestic Intelligence Division (Route through for review.)
- 1 - 105-33955 ("The States Rights Advocate")
- 1 - Mr. M. F. Row, 6221, I. B.

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**NOTE:**

Requested by SA C. W. Thompson, Internal Security Section, and by SA J. C. Trainor, Subversive Control Section -- valued for use in investigations pertaining to racial matters and as background material. Periodical published infrequently; Mobile has no subscription, but does receive occasionally when published.

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Re: White Citizens Council  
RCC/jmr 6/26/78  
for review of [redacted] by  
HSCA re 6/19/78 request.  
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EX-121 CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurlet December 29, 1955, in which you furnished information concerning captioned organization.

Bureau authority is granted to conduct discreet inquiries concerning captioned organization. These inquiries should be conducted in accordance with instructions set forth in SAC Letter 55-66. Submit results in report form suitable for dissemination to reach the Bureau no later than thirty days after receipt of this communication by your office.

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- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 12/29/55

FROM : SAC, Mobile (105-<sup>122</sup>~~new~~)

*ASD 2-1*

SUBJECT: ~~CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL~~  
IS - X

Reports have been submitted to the Bureau captioned  
CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, IS - X, Bufile 105-33955.

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An ad in the Montgomery Advertiser, a daily newspaper published at Montgomery, Alabama, issue dated 12/13/55, states that the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL, P. O. Box 2563, Montgomery, is dedicated to maintaining segregation, peace, order, domestic tranquillity and preservation of our States Rights by Peaceful and Legal Means. The ad solicited membership, noting that annual dues are \$3.50.

[redacted] who is known personally to SA [redacted] and who has furnished reliable security information, advised SA [redacted] on 12/23/55 that he is [redacted] for the captioned group and that SAM ENGLEHARDT, 1025 Woodward Avenue, is Chairman. [redacted] stated there are no un-American elements in the group and the aims are as stated in the newspaper and referred to above. He added that the group is autonomous and not formally connected with the Citizens Councils of Alabama.

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Accordingly, a separate file is being opened in this office captioned as above. In accordance with instructions previously issued by the Bureau covering this type of case, no investigation will be conducted without Bureau authorization. Inquiries, however, will be made subject to limitations set forth in SAC Letter 55-66.

*FD 217*

- ② - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)
  - 1 - Birmingham (Info) (REGISTERED MAIL)
  - 3 - Mobile (2-105-~~122~~) (1 - MO105-121)
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1-11-56  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 1/27/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile (105-172)

SUBJECT: CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reference is made to Bureau memo to Mobile, dated 1/11/56, instructing that discreet inquiries be made concerning captioned organization and that a report be submitted to reach the Bureau within 30 days after receipt of Bureau communication.

It is noted that the Central Alabama Citizens Council is one of 7 Councils formed in that portion of Alabama covered by Mobile. The Bureau, in file entitled CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, IS - X, Bureau file 105-33955, has been notified that a state-wide organization of Citizens Councils was contemplated. Inasmuch as it appears that the various Citizens Councils will then be under a state-wide organization, separate files were not opened on the individual Councils and the Bureau was informed that for the present, this office would continue to report on all of the Councils in the main file entitled CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA.

Inasmuch as separate files will not be opened on the other individual County Citizens Councils unless it appears that a state-wide organization will not be formed, the Mobile file entitled CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL is being consolidated into the main file and information concerning it will be reported on under the caption CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA.

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cc - Mr. Williams

February 17, 1956

SAC, Mobile

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**CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZEN'S COUNCIL.**  
**INTERNAL SECURITY - X. Reurairtel February 11, 1956,**  
**captioned "Racial Situation, Montgomery, Alabama."**

You are instructed to submit a report on the captioned organization to reach the Bureau no later than February 27, 1956. This deadline must be met without fail.

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- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Harbo \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
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- Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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*from*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Mr. Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI, MOBILE

2/16/56

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

AIRTEL - (AIRMAIL)

DIRECTOR, FBI

① CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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ReBulet dated 1/11/56.

Report in this matter delayed originally because info received prior to 2/10/56 meeting, captioned group, that at that meeting plans would be announced for formation of state-wide organization, in which case captioned case would be closed and data reported under caption ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL. However, no such plans were announced at 2/10/56 meeting, and report currently being prepared.

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*dy*  
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Preparation of report delayed again 2/14 and 2/15/56, by receipt of considerable additional pertinent data. Report will be prepared immediately, and should reach Bureau by 2/22/56.

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③ - Bureau (AIRMAIL)  
3 - Mobile (105-172) (1 - 105-121)

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**Mr. Belmont**

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DATE 1/5/99 BY *laura.west/bcl/mw*

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

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*cc* MR. BRANIGAN

Williams

February 17, 1956

Assistant Attorney General  
Warren Olney III

Director, FBI

RACIAL SITUATION  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA  
FBI FILE ~~100-135-4~~ *file*

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Reference is made to your memorandum dated February 10, 1956, your reference WO:ABC:ARG 144-1-262, with which you furnished for the information of the Bureau a transcript of a telephone message from Mr. Thurgood Marshall.

CITIZENS COUNCIL

For your information, the Mobile Office of this Bureau has advised the rally of the Central Alabama Citizens Council on February 10, 1956, was attended by an estimated 12,000 persons. At this rally, Georgia Attorney General Eugene Cook said in reference to the Supreme Court decision on desegregation in schools, "The time has now come to ... use defiance, nullification and refusal to obey." He said, "We will not permit racial suicide in Georgia at any price and I am sure the people of Alabama feel the same way." Attorney General Cook also stated that the goal of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to remove all racial barriers including that of racial inter-marriage.

United States Senator James O. Eastland of Mississippi, the featured speaker, while characterizing the Supreme Court as "a nine-man oligarchy" and while calling its desegregation decision "illegal, dishonest and a disgrace," repeatedly urged that resistance to desegregation should be by local means. He said, "The fight we wage must be a just and legal fight. Acts of violence and lawlessness have no place in our organization." He warned that acts of violence against Negroes would injure the cause of citizens councils by providing propaganda for the enemies of segregation. He urged organization and militancy in resisting desegregation and lauded the nullification and interposition act of the Alabama legislature. He remarked, "The Anglo-Saxon people have held steadfast to the belief that resistance to tyranny is obedience to God."

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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Memorandum for Assistant Attorney General  
Warren Olney III

At the end of the meeting, State Senator Sam Englehardt, Jr., chairman of the Central Alabama Citizens Council, urged the crowd to "go home peacefully and orderly."

No information has been received that any acts of violence or disorder occurred at or after the meeting.

2cc - Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins



# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: Feb. 10, 1956

FROM : Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General,  
Criminal Division

WO:ABC:ARG

SUBJECT: Racial Situation  
Montgomery, Alabama  
Your FBI File 100-135-4

*Central Alabama* 114-1-262

*Citizens Council*

*44-990*

The attached transcript of a telephone message from Mr. Thurgood Marshall in New York City, is submitted for your information.

*Memo given to Marshall  
2-10-56  
C. M. Higgins*

Att.

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Telephone call from Thurgood Marshall, New York City, Feb. 10, 1956, 2:35 PM

Marshall: I want to bring you up to date on something.

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(phonetic) just got back. Judge Lynne relieves Judge Grooms. Lynne is Senior Judge and is behind the scenes, and took it out of Groom's lap.

Don't rely too much on the other things we discussed. All hell is going to break loose at this Eastland meeting in Montgomery. There is a lot of talk on both sides. We are worried to death about it. Nothing we can do. We have our preachers out talking to the people - that is all.

ABC: The matter's going over to Feb. 29.

Marshall: They wanted to put it off indefinitely. The other thing is all three of these people arrested who were leading this thing at Tuscaloosa are all going to speak at this meeting in Montgomery. I think you ought at least try to get that down on tape.

*for*  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 2-10-56

FROM : Mr. Price

Central Alabama Citizens

SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

Council

- Tolson
- Boardman
- Nichols
- Belmont
- Harbo
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- Gandy

This is to record that at 4:50 p.m. on 2-10-56, Supervisor McGowan of the Civil Rights Unit was telephonically advised by A. B. Caldwell, Chief, Civil Rights Section, Criminal Division, that Caldwell had received a telephone call from Thurgood Marshall, General Counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. According to Caldwell, Marshall was referring to a meeting scheduled to be held in Montgomery, Alabama. Caldwell was going to furnish a memorandum to the Bureau regarding the conversation. Caldwell stated he had mentioned the conversation to Olney and Olney felt the information should be forwarded to the Bureau. Caldwell requested no action. Memorandum submitted for information.

The attached memorandum from the Criminal Division was received at 5:06 p.m., and contains a description of the conversation between Marshall and Caldwell. The transcript indicates that Eastland (probably Senator James Eastland of Mississippi) is going to be at a meeting in Montgomery, Alabama, and that individuals who had been arrested in connection with the demonstration at the University of Alabama over the attendance of [redacted] at the University, would speak at the Montgomery meeting. By teletype 2-8-56 the Birmingham Office advised that a meeting of the White Citizens Council was scheduled to be held in Montgomery, Alabama, on 2-10-56.

[redacted] University of Alabama Police, Tuscaloosa, Alabama had advised the Mobile Office that [redacted] had sought permission to use public address system of the University of Alabama campus 2-7-56 to advertise such meeting. Marshall feared there would be trouble at the meeting.

ACTION:

As this concerns the meeting of the White Citizens Council, this information has been brought to the attention of the Internal Security Section of the Domestic Intelligence Division, for any necessary action.

\* MEMORANDUM WAS FURNISHED TO INTERNAL SECURITY SECTION AT 5:00 PM 2/10/56. CLM

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cc: 1 - Mr. Baumgardner

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*Baumgardner  
Belcher*

(EASTLAND)  
MONTGOMERY, ALA. --SEN. JAMES O. EASTLAND TOLD A WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL RALLY HERE TONIGHT THAT "EVERY COUNTY, EVERY CITY AND EVERY COMMUNITY" MUST ORGANIZE TO FIGHT RACIAL INTEGRATION.  
THE MISSISSIPPI DEMOCRAT, SPEAKING TO A LARGE CROWD OF SEGREGATIONISTS AT THE HUGE STATE AGRICULTURAL COLISEUM, PRAISED THE ALABAMA LEGISLATURE FOR PASSING AN "INTERPOSITION" RESOLUTION WHICH DECLARES THAT THE U.S. SUPREME COURT SEGREGATION RULINGS ARE "NULL, VOID AND OF NO EFFECT" IN ALABAMA.  
"GENERATIONS YET UNBORN WILL BLESS YOUR NAME," EASTLAND SAID OF THE LEGISLATURE.  
"YOU HAVE ASSERTED IN PLAIN AND UNEQUIVOCAL LANGUAGE THAT THE PEOPLE OF ALABAMA WILL NOT BE SUBJECTED TO JUDICIAL TYRANNY BY A NINE-MAN OLIGARCHY THAT HAS DEPARTED FROM EVERY PRECEDENT OF LAW AND REASON."  
ALABAMA GOV. JAMES E. FOLSOM SAID EARLIER TODAY AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT HE HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS BUT ADDED THAT "NOTHING BASED ON HATE CAN EXIST FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME IN A CHRISTIAN DEMOCRACY."  
"I FAVOR WHITE COUNCILS, RED AND BLACK COUNCILS," THE GOVERNOR SAID. BUT HE ADDED THAT "I CANNOT LEAD THIS STATE IF I BASE MY THINKING ON HATE."  
FOLSOM WAS NOT INVITED TO THE RALLY. A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID THE GOVERNOR WAS OPPOSED TO THE MOVEMENT.

2/10--JR1104P

*willard*

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

FEB 11 1956

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mason	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Mr. Winterrowd	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

SAC, MOBILE 2-11-56 1-50PM BJJ  
DIRECTOR, FBI URGENT

CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALA. IS DASH X.

RE PHONE CALL INSP. J. A. SIZOO 2-10-56

CENTRAL ALA. CITIZENS COUNCIL RALLY, MONTGOMERY, ALA., FEB.

TEN, LAST, ATTENDED BY ESTIMATED TWELVE THOUSAND PERSONS, WHO HEARD GA. ATTORNEY GENERAL EUGENE COOK SAY, IN REFERENCE TO SUPREME COURT DECISION ON DESEGREGATION IN SCHOOLS, QUOTE

"THE TIME HAS NOW COME TO .... USE DEFIANCE, NULLIFICATION AND REFUSAL TO OBEY QUOTE. HE SAID ALSO QUOTE WE WILL NOT

PERMIT RACIAL SUICIDE IN GA. AT ANY PRICE AND I AM SURE THE

PEOPLE OF ALA. FEEL THE SAME WAY QUOTE. HE SAID THAT THE GOAL OF THE NAACP IS TO REMOVE ALL RACIAL BARRIERS INCLUDING THAT

OF RACIAL INTERMARRIAGE. IN FEATURED ADDRESS SEN. JAMES O. EASTLAND OF MISS. WHILE CHARACTERIZING THE SUPREME COURT

AS QUOTE A NINE MAN OLIGARCHY QUOTE AND WHILE CALLING ITS DESEGREGATION QUOTE ILLEGAL, DISHONEST AND A DISGRACE QUOTE

WAS REPEATEDLY URGENT IN REMARKING THAT RESISTENCE TO DESEGREGATION SHOULD BE BY LOCAL MEANS. HE SAID QUOTE THE

FIGHT WE WAGE MUST BE A JUST AND LEGAL FIGHT. VIOLENCE AND LAWLESSNESS HAVE NO PLACE IN OUR ORGANIZATION QUOTE.

HE WARNED THAT ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST NEGROES WOULD INJURE THE CAUSE OF THE CITIZENS COUNCILS, BY PROVIDING PROPAGANDA

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Mr. Belmont

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TO THE BELIEF THAT RESISTENCE TO TYRANNY IS OBEDIENCE TO GOD "  
~~QUOTE~~. AT THE END OF THE MEETING STATE SEN. SAM ENGLEHARDT, JR.,

CHAIRMAN OF CENTRAL ALA. CITIZENS COUNCIL URGED THE CROWD TO

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Although citizens councils in Alabama are being consolidated into a state-wide organization you are instructed to submit a separate report on the captioned organization to reach the Bureau no later than March 2, 1956. This deadline must be met without fail.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)      DATE: 2/24/56  
 FROM: SAC, MOBILE (105-172)  
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Re Bureau Airtel dated 2/17/56 instructing that a report be submitted by 2/27/56.

The Bureau is referred to Mobile memo dated 2/21/56 entitled ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, BUFILE 105-33955, reporting formation of state-wide organization of CITIZENS COUNCILS in ALABAMA.

The Bureau was advised in this memo dated 2/21/56 that a separate report entitled CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL would not be submitted but information pertaining to CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL will be included in a report which will be submitted in the near future entitled ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA. The file on CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL has been consolidated into the file of ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 2-28-56

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

*Obituary: Council of  
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I had a personal and confidential conversation with

[Redacted]

In my conversation with him late Saturday afternoon

[Redacted] told me that the situation down there was inconceivable; that had he been told 6 months ago that the trend of events would come to pass which has come to pass, he would have laughed at anyone who told him. He stated that he has become a target of invectiveness because of the stand which he has taken over the segregation issue; namely, that it is coming and we've got to face reality, that we've got to make the best of the situation. [Redacted] told me that had the situation as it developed at the upshot been handled promptly there would have been little difficulty, that the mob was permitted to get out of control and milled around for three days. [Redacted] further told me that it is his opinion that if the Judge orders [Redacted] admitted to the University of Alabama at the hearing on Wednesday, February 29, it is his considered judgment that she is likely to be killed and there will likely be shooting.

He characterized [Redacted] as a bone being fought over by dogs. [Redacted] has taken more abuse in this situation than in anything else in his newspaper career, that the [Redacted] incident is being magnified out of all proportion around the world, that a Japanese paper even has a correspondent down there as have papers from practically every section of the country. He has had communications from around the world. He further stated that the parents of students attending the University of Alabama have actually come to Tuscaloosa carrying firearms for the sole purpose of seeing that [Redacted] did not enter the University of Alabama. He stated that on Friday night, February 24, there was a meeting of the Citizens Council at Tuscaloosa and not more than 6 people present were known by members of

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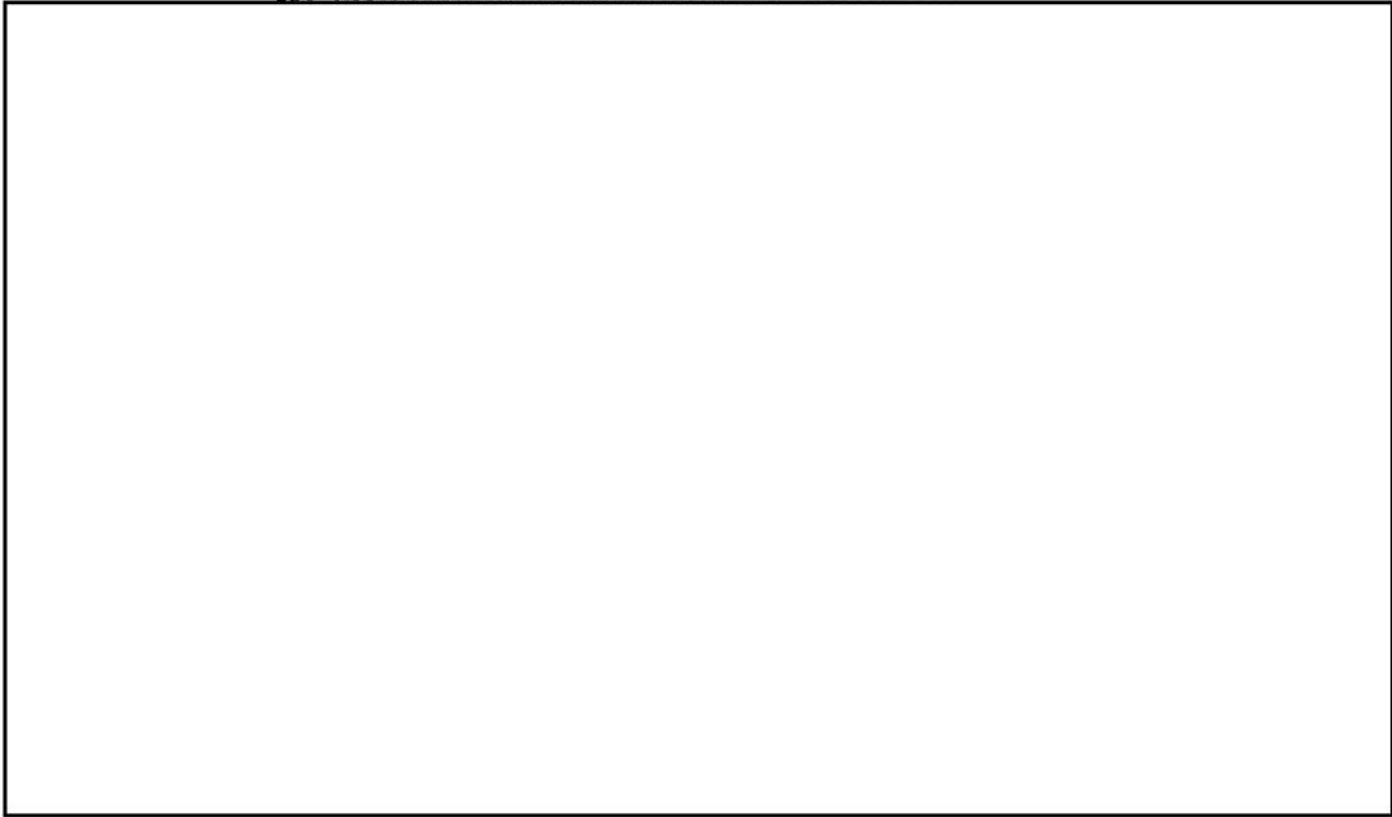
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[redacted] staff, and he thinks that those in attendance came in from nearby areas. [redacted] attended the meeting last week called by Governor James E. Folsom of Alabama and prior to the meeting [redacted] talked to him for an hour and a half by himself and told the Governor exactly what the situation was. [redacted] feels that the Governor would like to do the right thing, but he is surrounded by a group of panhandlers. that he would be a good Governor if he had good people around him although [redacted] is personally not attracted to the Governor. [redacted] thinks that should the Judge order [redacted] back to the University of Alabama, the Governor will call out the militia but the difficulty is that the militia feels exactly like the people who would form any mob. [redacted] stated that the rabid element in NAACP have been pushing too rapidly and have largely brought this situation on themselves.

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He then told me in the strictest of confidence and with the



On Sunday I talked to [redacted] who is doing a series of articles for the Herald Tribune in Montgomery. [redacted] stated that the people up North have no conception what the situation is in the South. He stated that there is almost fanatical resistance, that he is surprised that outbreaks of violence have not already occurred. He referred to the Citizens Council meeting

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in Tuscaloosa on Friday night, February 24, and the Saturday night Citizens Council meeting on February 11. He stated that he sat in these meetings and could feel the tension mounting. He stated that the NAACP is doing a grave disservice and that he was going to talk to his paper to see if he could get some of the people on the paper interested to the extent of interceding with the NAACP. He stated that there was being circulated in the South considerable literature on the NAACP which is of an inflammatory nature. He stated, however, that the most devastating thing being circulated has not as yet been printed. A Mississippi organizer of the NAACP named [redacted] went to an NAACP meeting in Arkansas and apparently the Citizens Council had a microphone in the meeting and made a recording that [redacted] was supposed to have gotten into the sex question and then started talking about the oppressed white women of the South. These oppressed white women want alliances with Negro men. The NAACP has denounced the transcription as a forgery although it has been placed before the Alabama State Senate. He was sending a copy of the recording to New York 2-26-56 and I will try to get a copy of it whenever it is transcribed.

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[redacted] of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, called [redacted] in my absence 2-27-56 referring to information he had previously furnished to me on Saturday. [redacted] asked that I be advised that he had checked with both the Chief of Police and the Police Commissioner and the situation is no different than it was last Saturday.

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[redacted] states they are still sitting on a powder keg and while it appears calm on the surface, feeling runs very deep beneath the surface. For example, an unverified rumor has spread around the city that a large group of white persons with guns are determined not to let the colored girl return to the University of Alabama. As a further indication of the tensions, [redacted] states that Saturday night a Negro tried to grab a white woman who was getting off a bus and she broke away from him and the Negro, of course, got away. No arrests have been made.

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In another incident over the weekend, a 70-year-old white woman who lives near a Negro district has advised that Negroes pass her house and curse her and throw rocks and bottles at her home. She says she will defend herself with a gun. As another incident, [redacted] advised that a railroad flagman has advised that Negroes come by his shack at his crossing, curse him and dare him to come out in the street. These incidents, [redacted] stated, are not reported in the press, no arrests have been made and nothing appears on any dockets anywhere but they show great possibilities "of the battle of the University of Alabama if that colored girl returns."

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TITLE <b>CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL, Aka Montgomery County Citizens Council</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - X</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Captioned organization originated 10/3/55 at Montgomery, Ala., originally as MONTGOMERY COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL, organized by [redacted] Montgomery Attorney; SAM ENGELHARDT, Ala. State Senator; and others with assistance of [redacted] AMERICAN STATE'S RIGHTS ASSOCIATION of Birmingham, Ala. [redacted] reported to have stated 2/8/56 that CENTRAL ALA. CITIZENS COUNCIL composed of 2 counties, Montgomery and Macon. Generally, activities have consisted mainly of holding meetings and rallies, recruiting members and obtaining headquarters in Montgomery. Officers include State Senator ENGELHARDT as Chairman, [redacted] and Messrs [redacted] and [redacted].

Stated aims are the maintenance of segregation, preservation of peace, order and domestic tranquility in Ala., and preservation of State's Rights by "peaceful and legal" means. Actions taken thus far to further aims have been speeches at public rallies, distribution of literature, radio broadcasts, and possible legal action against Negroes.

**DETAILS:**

**AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

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ORIGIN

The "Montgomery Advertiser", daily newspaper at Montgomery, in its October 2, 1955, issue carried an article captioned "Ingalls Starts Citizen Group". This article reflects that efforts to form a pro-segregation WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL in Montgomery County would be launched on the night of October 3, 1955, and stated that LUTHER INGALLS, Montgomery <sup>Ala.</sup> Attorney and former State Legislator, would act as temporary Chairman. The article stated further that Senator SAM ENGELHARDT of Macon County would deliver the keynote address and stated that Senator ENGELHARDT had performed this same service in several other Alabama counties. The article said also that JACK RILEY, a Ala. Montgomery businessman, was "closely associated with the group". The meeting on October 3, 1955, was described as a "preliminary organizational meeting". In the same article Senator ENGELHARDT was quoted as saying the WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL had been doing splendid work and for instance in Dallas County, Alabama, "about 16 Negroes were fired from their jobs for adding their names to a petition for integration." Senator ENGELHARDT was quoted as saying further that he believed the WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL movement would spread and the groups would organize. He said "they will form chapters and become similar to fraternal organizations".

Ala. The October 4, 1955, edition of the "Montgomery Advertiser" described the organizational meeting of October 3, 1955. It stated that about 300 persons attended this meeting which was held at the City Auditorium, Montgomery. Senator ENGELHARDT was billed as the main speaker. The article stated that the address by OLIN HORTON of Birmingham proved the most receptive to the audience. HORTON was identified as "President of the AMERICAN STATE'S RIGHTS ASSOCIATION, a pro-segregation group". In his speech Mr. HORTON, according to the article, was critical of Alabama's "political leaders", criticizing them for failing to take a strong stand on the issue of segregation. HORTON also criticized the United States Supreme Court. Senator ENGELHARDT attacked the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, labeling it a group "led by Communist who want to mongrelize the white race". Other speakers at the meeting included C. E. McELVINE, J. D. YORK, JACK RILEY, Reverend JOHN BOB RIDDLE, LUTHER INGALLS and EUGENE S. HALL. Ala.

Reverend ROBERT E. HUGHES, State Director,  
ALABAMA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS, 206 Moore Building, advised



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on October 19, 1955, that he attended the meeting on October 3, 1955, and said that no organizing steps were taken at this rally which was attended by approximately 450 people according to his count.

An advertisement appeared in the "Montgomery Advertiser" dated October 23, 1955, which identified the captioned organization as "Montgomery County Citizens Council". This advertisement was in the form of a "request for membership" and provided spaces for name, address, city of residence of persons who desired to become members of the organization. The address of the council was given as Post Office Box 2563, Montgomery, Alabama.

A similar advertisement appeared in the December 13, 1955, issue of the "Montgomery Advertiser" giving the same box number, P. O. Box 2563, but reflecting the name of the organization as the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL.

#### SCOPE

On February 15, 1956, Reverend HUGHES furnished a copy of the constitution of the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL. This document contains no specific information relating to the scope of this organization. The only restriction on membership is "the membership of this council shall consist of patriotic white citizens".

Reverend HUGHES advised on <sup>Tenn. Ala.</sup> February 15, 1956, that in a recent conversation with one [redacted]

[redacted] advised Reverend HUGHES that she learned on February 8, 1956, from [redacted] that the membership of the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL was to be drawn from two counties, Macon and Montgomery. [redacted] advised Reverend HUGHES that she had earlier discussed this matter with an unidentified receptionist at the headquarters of captioned organization who told [redacted] that the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL was comprised of "several counties" including and surrounding Montgomery County.

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#### GENERAL ACTIVITIES

[redacted] advised on February 15, 1956, [redacted] advised him that in her conversation with [redacted] on

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February 8, 1956, he advised her the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL believed in maintaining segregation as a social institution in Alabama but did not believe in attaining this end by the use of any force or violence or by the use of any economic sanctions or reprisals.

[redacted] told [redacted] that the principle means to be used by the council was education. [redacted] described the organization as being an eleemosynary institution and stated the organization had no state charter.

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Referring to the boycott of the Montgomery City Bus Lines by the Negro people of Montgomery, Alabama, [redacted] told [redacted] that specifically in this matter the CITIZENS COUNCIL is not considering any economic reprisals against the Negro people. He pointed out that he had not taken any economic reprisals against the Negro people. He pointed out that he had not taken any economic reprisals against his own maid although she has continued to refuse to ride the buses. He said "we are trying to talk Negroes individually into riding buses and trying to get more people to ride them."

Reverend HUGHES stated on February 15, 1956, that [redacted] told him that on the same day, February 8, 1956, she discussed the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL with a cab driver who identified himself as an active member of the group. [redacted] stated that the cab driver told her that one of the principle activities of the group at the present time is that of building membership.

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Reverend HUGHES stated that in this connection [redacted] allegedly told [redacted] on February 8, 1956, that as of November 1955, the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL had 165 members but as of February 8, 1956, it had 10,000 members, mostly in Montgomery. [redacted] told [redacted] that "before long" they expected to have approximately 40,000 members.

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Reverend HUGHES advised on January 30, 1956, that recently the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL had acquired a headquarters at 230 S. Perry Street, Montgomery.

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The foregoing information concerning Headquarters address was personally verified by SA [redacted] by observation on January 30, 1956.

OFFICERS

The copy of the constitution of the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL furnished by Reverend HUGHES on February 15, 1956, contains the following statement under Section IV captioned "Officers":

"The officers of this organization shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Board of Directors.

"The officers shall be elected by the membership of the organization and shall serve for one year from the date of election or until their successor shall have been elected, or appointed as hereinafter provided."

The January 7, 1956, edition of the "Alabama Journal", a daily newspaper at Montgomery, in furnishing information concerning a meeting of captioned organization on January 6, 1956, reflected that the following persons were officers of the organization:

- SAM ENGELHARDT, Chairman
- LUTHER INGALLS, Legal Counsel
- TRAVIS WILLIAMS
- JIM KELLEY
- EUGENE S. HALL
- JACK RILEY
- RUSSELL CARTER..

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On December 23, 1955, [redacted] Advertiser-Journal Newspaper Company, residing on [redacted] volunteered the information that he is [redacted] Education Committee of the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL, [redacted] did not volunteer any information as to the specific offices held by any of the other officers of this organization.

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[redacted] did volunteer the information that he has personally searched the names of all the officers of the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL through the voluminous personal file he maintains of reports and other publications by the House of Representatives Committee on Un-American Activities. He stated that none of the officers have been mentioned in any of the documents. He stated that all of the officers are either known to him personally or known to him by reputation,

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and stated all are reputable and responsible citizens of either Montgomery County or Macon County, Alabama.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The copy of the constitution of captioned organization, mentioned previously, contains the following section pertaining to AIMS AND PURPOSES of the organization:

"The CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL is dedicated to the maintenance of peace, order and domestic tranquillity in our community and in our state, and to the preservation of our state's rights by peaceful and legal means."

The December 13, 1955, edition of the "Montgomery Advertiser" contains an advertisement which reads as follows:

"WHITE CITIZENS OF CENTRAL ALABAMA, rally to the support of your CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL which is dedicated to the maintenance of segregation, peace, order, domestic tranquillity in our state and (b) preservation of our states rights by peaceful and legal means."

ACTIONS TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS

PUBLIC RALLIES

The January 7, 1956, edition of the "Alabama Journal" carried an article "12,000 Attend White Citizens Council Meeting". This article reflected that the above meeting was held on January 6, 1956, at Montgomery, Alabama. The speakers included CURT COPELAND, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, identified as "Editor of Pro-Segregation Magazine, Arkansas Faith"; JIM JOHNSON, former Arkansas State Senator and Director of the Arkansas Citizens Council; CLYDE SELLERS, Police Commissioner, Montgomery, Alabama; CHAPPELL GRAY, member of the Board of Revenue of Montgomery County; HAROLD HARRIS, Resident of the Montgomery Dairy Producers Association; and CHRIS HEINZ, Mayor of the City of Selma, Alabama. Mr. JOHNSON in his speech referred to the decision of the United States Supreme Court pertaining to segregation in the public schools as "illegal and treasonable". He stated that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People wants complete amalgamation of the races.

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Mr. JOHNSON also caused to be played at this meeting a recording purporting to be a recording of a speech made by one ROOSEVELT WILLIAMS of Howard University, Washington, D.C., at a secret meeting of the NAACP in Mississippi in December 1954. The only quotation of it carried in the Alabama Journal article was that it ended with the statement "we Negroes may even marry some white women in Arkansas - if we can find one fit to marry".

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At this meeting Commissioner CLYDE SELLERS of Montgomery received a standing ovation when he announced that he intended to become a member of the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL, according to the newspaper account.

An article in the Montgomery Advertiser, daily newspaper published at Montgomery, on February 11, 1956, reported a meeting of the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL held at Montgomery on February 10, 1956, with an estimated 12,000 people in attendance. A speaker at this meeting was Georgia Attorney General EUGENE COOK who was quoted as stating in reference to desegregation in schools "The time has now come to ----- use defiance, nullification and refusal to obey".

DC Ala The main speaker was United States Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND of Mississippi who stated that resistance to desegregation should be by local means and violence and lawlessness have no place in "our organization". He urged organization and militancy in resisting desegregation and lauded the nullification and interposition act of Alabama Legislature.

Reverend ROBERT HUGHES, State Director of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, Montgomery, advised on February 13, 1956, that he attended the above rally, but noted no incidents of disorder or violence. His account of the speeches added nothing to information already possessed.

the Central Alabama Citizens Councils, advised on February 13, 1956, that the rally was free of any violence or any disturbances.

LITERATURE

On January 12, 1956, Reverend HUGHES advised that he attended the public rally of captioned organization at

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Montgomery on January 6, 1956. He stated he was given at this meeting a copy of a publication entitled "The White Sentinel" which is described on its face as the official organ of the National Citizens Protective Association. The copy of this paper was stamped with a rubber stamp as follows:

"CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL, P.O. Box 2569, Montgomery, Alabama."

Reverend HUGHES also exhibited on January 12, 1956, the following literature which he stated was received by him from a member of the captioned organization who stated that the literature was received by him through the mails:

A reprint of a speech made in the United States Senate by the Honorable JAMES O. EASTLAND, United States Senator from Mississippi on May 26, 1955. A perusal of this speech reflects that it states that the decision of the United States Supreme Court pertaining to segregation in public schools was based not on the constitution of the United States and not on laws of the United States but rather on the teachings and writings of sociologists and other writers. The speech further cites a variety of information purporting to characterize certain of those sociologists and writers as being Socialistic or Communistic.

A leaflet purporting to contain extracts from an FBI report showing crime statistics which appear to reflect that a disproportionately large percentage of crimes committed in the United States were committed by Negroes, is captioned "FBI Report Exposes the 'Brotherhood' Lie". The leaflet also urges the reader to join the NATIONAL CITIZENS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION and "help fight the Communist inspired race mixing".

A copy of "The Citizens Council", which on its face is described as the official publication of the "CITIZENS COUNCIL", Jackson, Mississippi, is stamped with the following: "Montgomery County Citizens Council, Post Office Box 2563, Montgomery, Alabama."

A letter purporting to have been written by [redacted] excoriates the Governor of Alabama for being sociable with Representative ADAM CLAYTON POWELL of New York City. N.Y.

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On February 16, 1956, SA SPENCER H. ROBB obtained from the headquarters of the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL captioned as follows:

"This is a transcription of a speech made by ROOSEVELT WILLIAMS, a Negro high in the councils of the NAACP, at a secret NAACP meeting in Mississippi in December 1954, transcribed and distributed as an educational service by your CACC. If you really want to know what the real issue is, what the Negro really thinks and what the NAACP really stands for read this through." This transcript characterizes "the BILBOS, DENNISSES, LONGS, EASTLANDS, ELLENDERS and many others" as "parasites on the Democratic process who have been sent to Congress with bitter hatred and animosity in their black hearts for us". In the transcript the speaker characterizes Mississippi as "a land of oppression both for our people and for the impoverished white folks." The transcript purports to "ROOSEVELT WILLIAMS as expressing certain demands made by the NAACP, including a demand that the War and Navy Departments completely abolish all color distinction in the Army and Navy and a demand that all state laws prohibiting marriages of persons of different races be abolished. In making his statements concerning the demands, WILLIAMS is represented as claiming that the world marveled at the heroism and fighting quality of the American Negroes and states that "our good friend MARSHALL ZUCKOV of Russia reported to STALIN that although he could not understand why the American Negro would fight for America, Russia could never whip America as long as they had that splendid fighter and magnificent warrior the American Negro in their Army and Navy." WILLIAMS is represented in this transcript as making additional statements concerning the superiority of Negroes over white people.

In further describing and supporting the demand that laws against inter-racial marriages be abolished, WILLIAMS is represented as saying that the white woman is violently dissatisfied with the white men and they along with the Negro is demanding the right to win and love the Negro men of their choice and shout to the world "this is my man and he is a man in every respect."

In this transcription WILLIAMS is also represented as saying that great progress is being made in the State of Arkansas through the interventions of "our good friend ROCKEFELLER" who is stated to have recently settled in Arkansas

*A.K.* and through him Governor ~~ORVILLE FAUBUS~~ of the State of Arkansas. He purports to claim that Governor FAUBUS is ready to go along with many of the demands of the NAACP including the appointment of a Negro to the Alcohol Control Board, the integration of all state colleges and the securing of more than 100,000 free poll tax receipts. WILLIAMS is represented as claiming that FAUBUS has also promised not to sign any legislation unless it has been approved by "our own, the Honorable I. S. ~~McCLINTOCK~~". WILLIAMS is represented as claiming that the NAACP will absolutely control the next election in Arkansas. The transcription ends with a statement "I know this sounds like a Utopian dream to you people here in this city but it is almost an actuality in Arkansas and may be more."

The October 4, 1955, edition of the "Alabama Journal" carries an article which reflects that at the meeting of captioned organization on October 3, 1955, a printed sheet entitled "Segregation or Degeneration" was circulated at this organizational meeting, showing pictures of Negro and white movie stars and night club entertainers with their arms around each other.

Reverend HUGHES advised on February 15, 1956, that he attended the public rally of captioned organization on February 10, 1956, and there received a copy of a publication captioned "The Southerner", which, according to Reverend HUGHES is published in Birmingham and edited by [redacted] Reverend HUGHES identified [redacted] as a prominent spokesman for the American States Rights Association and as a "violent racist". Reverend HUGHES stated he did not have immediate possession of the publication described above at the time of the interview.

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RADIO BROADCAST

On February 15, 1956, [redacted] advised that as [redacted] of captioned organization he has been engaged by radio station WMGY at Montgomery to give a weekly half hour talk, presenting the views of the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL. [redacted] stated he has given the first address and said that it was primarily an educational talk concerning the NAACP. [redacted] stated that in this address he presented a considerable variety of information from the files of the House Committee on Un-American

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Activities concerning individual leaders of the NAACP. He said that the purpose of all his addresses will be to educate the people of Montgomery County of the "radical" nature of the NAACP, and of the need for white people to organize to resist the radical changes in the social structure of the South which the NAACP is attempting to force upon the south.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY AND LEGAL ACTION

On February 15, 1956, Reverend HUGHES advised that [redacted] told him that in her conversation with [redacted] on February 8, 1956, [redacted] stated that the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL planned to "screen" all candidates for political office in this county and this state and to obtain from these candidates unequivocal statements of their views concerning segregation in the State of Alabama. He stated that the council would then do everything within its power to elect "the ones who think as we do".

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Reverend HUGHES also stated on the same date that [redacted] said that [redacted] told her on February 8, 1956, that the Montgomery County Grand Jury which was then scheduled to convene on February 13, 1956, was to be instructed to take up and consider the matter of boycott of the Montgomery City Bus Lines by the Negroes of Montgomery. Reverend HUGHES stated that [redacted] received the impression that [redacted] was actively engaged in soliciting information from the public at large which would assist the Grand Jury in finding criminal liability on the part of the bus boycott leaders.

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On February 15, 1956, Reverend HUGHES furnished a leaflet similar to the leaflet obtained by SA ROBB from the headquarters of the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL on February 16, 1956, in that it also contained a purported transcript of the speech of ROOSEVELT WILLIAMS.

In addition at the bottom of the leaflet furnished by Reverend HUGHES is the following:

"The Grand Jury meets beginning Monday, February 13th. Before it can indict and bring to justice those responsible for the boycott of the bus company, it will need evidence. If you have any information relative to Negro Goon Squad activities or other violence, or the names, dates or

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places of any Negro boycott meetings please call   
phone 34419, or your solicitor, phone 6903."

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*Ala.* The February 13, 1956, edition of the "Alabama Journal" carried an article which reflected that Circuit Judge EUGENE CARTER, Montgomery County, charged the Grand Jury which met at Montgomery on that date to inquire into the matter of the boycott of City Bus Lines by the Negro people of Montgomery, to ascertain whether any criminal liability may exist.

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This case is being placed in a closed status and further information concerning the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL will be reported in file entitled ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ALABAMA, BUFILE 105-43132. It is noted that this statewide organization of Citizens Councils was formed on February 17, 1956, with headquarters at Montgomery, Alabama, and file on CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL is consolidated into file on Statewide Organization.

Copy of this report is being furnished to the Birmingham Division for information because of information reported herein concerning [redacted] and AMERICAN STATES RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

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REFERENCE: Bulet to Mobile dated 1/11/56  
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cc - Mr. [redacted]

SAC, Mobile (105-172)

March 19, 1956

Director, FBI (105-43132)

**CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X**

Rerep of SA [redacted] dated  
February 9, 1956.

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Rerep was placed in a closed status. The status of this report has been changed to pending. You are instructed to change your copies accordingly.

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As you were advised previously the Bureau desires that a separate report be submitted on each citizens council formed unless it is a chapter of a state-wide or regional organization. There is no information available at the Bureau indicating that the Central Alabama Citizens Council is not an autonomous organization. Until such time as information to this effect is received, reports captioned as above should be submitted.

Also as you were advised previously, you are instructed to submit promptly the names of all citizens councils which have been formed within your territory. A separate report should be submitted on each if they are autonomous.

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Mr. Williams

Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins

March 22, 1956

Director, FBI

CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL,  
also known as Montgomery County Citizens Council  
Internal Security - X  
FBI File 105-43132

There is being furnished you herewith one  
copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted]  
dated February 29, 1956, at Mobile, Alabama, concerning  
the captioned organization.

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You may desire to review the contents of this  
report in detail in connection with the provisions of  
Executive Order 10450.

The report being furnished you does not reflect  
the results of a [redacted] of this organization  
but only information obtained through limited inquiries  
being made to ascertain the influence, if any, in this  
organization of Ku Klux Klan members or others who advocate  
repressive tactics against minorities; to determine whether  
its programs and activities bring it within the purview of  
Executive Order 10450 and to develop data regarding this  
group's potential for violence.

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Date: March 22, 1956  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CONFIDENTIAL MONTGOMERY CITIZENS COUNCIL,  
also known as Montgomery County Citizens Council  
Internal Security - X

There is being furnished you herewith one  
copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted]  
dated February 29, 1956, at Mobile, Alabama, concerning  
the captioned organization.

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repressive tactics against minorities; to determine whether  
its programs and activities bring it within the purview of  
Executive Order 10450 and to develop data regarding this  
group's potential for violence.

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The information furnished you concerning the  
captioned organization is for your confidential use and  
should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

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2cc - Director of Special Investigations (105-43132)  
The Inspector General SE 43 BY [redacted] SERVICE  
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Letter to Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
Department of the Army

2cc - Director of Naval Intelligence (W/Enclosure)  
Department of the Navy  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

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SAC, Mobile (105-124)

April 10, 1956

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CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL  
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Reurlet March 30, 1956.

Inasmuch as the captioned organization is affiliated with a state-wide group it will not be necessary to submit a separate report on the Central Alabama Citizens Council but its activities may be reported in connection with Citizens Councils of Alabama.

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cc: 105-33955 (Citizens Councils of Alabama)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

G. I. R. -10

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/30/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE

SUBJECT: CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL  
IS - X

Re Bureau memo to Mobile, 3/19/56.

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The Bureau is referred to Bureau memo to Mobile dated 3/23/56 entitled ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, IS - X, Bureau file 105-33955, instructing that it would not be necessary to submit separate reports on each council organization in Alabama as the information submitted indicates affiliation with the state organization.

Information concerning the various Citizens Councils in Alabama will be submitted in one report in Bureau file 105-33955.

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March 23, 1956

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CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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By memorandum dated March 13, 1956, the Department furnished the Bureau a copy of a publication entitled "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation," which was circulated at the meeting of the captioned organization held on February 10, 1956, at Montgomery, Alabama. This leaflet was forwarded to the Department by an unidentified source. There is enclosed for the Mobile and Birmingham Offices one copy of the memorandum from the Department together with a Photostat of its enclosure.

Mobile and Birmingham are instructed to make discreet inquiries to determine who prepared this leaflet and information concerning its distribution.

In the leaflet it is announced that a book entitled "Declaration of Segregation" will be put out in April, 1956. The Mobile Office is instructed to obtain one copy of this book and furnish same to the Bureau promptly. In the event the Mobile Office is unable to obtain this book Birmingham should be advised and efforts should be made by that office to obtain one copy of the book for the Bureau.

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Enclosure

2cc SAC, Birmingham (w/Enclosure)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

The leaflet referred to is extremely critical of the Negro race and contains inflammatory statements. It is believed advisable to determine what organization or individual is responsible for preparation of this leaflet and also for its distribution.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE

Mar 14 1956

FROM : *WFT* William F. Tompkins, Assistant Attorney General  
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: White Citizens Council

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Mr. Winterrowd	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

There is forwarded herewith for your information, a copy of a publication entitled "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation", stating that it was circulated at the White Citizens Council meeting in Montgomery, Alabama, on February 10, 1956. This circular was forwarded to the Department by an unidentified source.

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Enclosure No. 93554

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<p>INCLOSURE</p> <p>Nº 93554</p>
<p>FROM</p> <p>Department of Justice</p>
<p>7-849</p>

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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## A PREVIEW OF THE DECLARATION OF SEGREGATION

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary to abolish the Negro race, proper methods should be used. Among these are guns, bows and arrows, sling shots and knives.

We hold these truths to be self evident that all whites are created equal with certain rights; among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of dead niggers.

In every stage of the bus boycott we have been oppressed and degraded because of black slimy, juicy, unbearably stinking niggers. The conduct should not be dwelt upon because behind them they have an ancestral background of Pigmies, head hunters and snot suckers.

My friends it is time we wised up to these black devils, I tell you they are a group of two legged agitators who persist in walking up and down our streets protruding their black lips. If we don't stop helping these African flesh eaters, we will soon wake up and find Rev. King in the White House.

LET'S GET ON THE BALL WHITE CITIZENS

The Book "Declaration of Segregation" will appear April, 1956. If this appeals to you be sure to read the book.

NOTE: The above is a copy of handbills circulated at the White Citizens Council meeting at the State Coliseum Friday night February 10, 1956, IN MONTGOMERY, Ala.

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*11/4/99 Walter Nesbitt Amw*  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/10/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE

SUBJECT:

**RACIAL SITUATION,  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

ReMotels to the Bureau dated 1/30/56 and 2/1/56 concerning the bombing of homes of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and [redacted]

On April 5, 1956, [redacted]

[redacted] Alabama Council on Human Relations, 206 Moore Building, Montgomery, Ala., advised that the following information was furnished to him on March 29, 1956 by [redacted]

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Through a variety of alleged sources of information consisting mostly of maids serving in various white homes in Montgomery, Ala. and consisting in large part of rumor, there has been built up the following story concerning the bombings of the residences of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and of [redacted] in Montgomery, Ala. as reported in referenced communications. T. P. SELLERS is reported [redacted]

On about the third night after the bombing of the residence of [redacted] T. P. SELLERS was allegedly admitted to St. Margaret's Hospital in Montgomery, Ala. suffering from a severe injury of one arm and burns in other places on his body allegedly resulting from an explosion. After some treatment at St. Margaret's Hospital and after an un-named physician who was attending him allegedly dropped the case, T. P. SELLERS was transferred to the Veterans Administration Hospital at Montgomery. His arm was amputated and he later died as a result of his injuries. News articles are supposed to have appeared in the Luverne Journal, Luverne, Ala., and in the Greenville Advocate, Greenville, Ala., sometime after February 4, 1956 pertaining to the injury and amputation of T. P. SELLERS' arm. SELLERS is supposed to be a resident of Luverne, Ala. or was before his death. [redacted] allegedly attempted to secure a copy of the Luverne Journal carrying that

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DIRECTOR, FBI

4/10/56

RE: RACIAL SITUATION,  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

story but was told that none was available.

After the death of T. P. SELLERS, [redacted] [redacted] is alleged to have tried to collect \$20,000 from [redacted] and other persons that was allegedly supposed to have been paid to T. P. SELLERS for bombing the residences of several colored leaders in Montgomery.

[redacted] was unable to furnish any additional information concerning the foregoing matter. He stated that he planned to interrogate [redacted] further for the identities of his sources of information.

The foregoing is related as being of possible interest to the Bureau. Any additional information received from [redacted] will be promptly reported to the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 7/13/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka, Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama IS - X

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Reference is made to report of SA JOSEPH T. BOSTON, 4/20/56, Mobile, and Bureau memo to Mobile, 7/10/56.

Separate files are being opened on each of the local Citizens' Council groups which were previously carried in instant file. Separate reports will be submitted in these cases by 8/11/56. A current report on captioned organization is being immediately prepared and will be submitted to reach the Bureau by 7/19/56.

Set forth below is a list of the organizations on which separate files are being opened, it being noted that pursuant to Bureau memo to Mobile 5/26/56 (Bureau file 105-49030) separate letters are being submitted to the Bureau concerning the organizations on this list wherein "Klan Infiltration" is included in the title.

1. AUTAUGA COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
2. BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
3. BARBOUR COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
4. BULLOCK COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
5. BUTLER COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
6. CHILTON COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
7. CHOCTAW COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
8. CLARKE COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
9. CRENSHAW COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

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To: Director, FBI

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Re: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE  
CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka.  
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10. DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
11. ELMORE COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
12. ESCAMBIA COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
13. HALE COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
14. HENRY COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
15. KLAN INFILTRATION INTO HOUSTON COUNTY,  
ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
16. KLAN INFILTRATION INTO LEE COUNTY,  
ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
17. KLAN INFILTRATION INTO LOWNDES COUNTY,  
ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
18. MACON COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
19. MARENGO COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
20. MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
21. PERRY COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
22. PIKE COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
23. RUSSELL COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
24. KLAN INFILTRATION INTO SOUTH ALABAMA CITIZENS'  
COUNCIL, aka, Mobile County, Alabama Citizens'  
Council
25. WILCOX COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL.

Since the submission of report 4/20/56, information has been received concerning activity of three additional local Councils on which separate files are being opened.

To: Director, FBI

7/13/56

Re: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE  
CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka.  
IS - X

Limited inquiry is being made pursuant to instructions in SAC Letter 55-66, and separate reports will be submitted by 8/11/56, captioned as follows:

26. CHICKASAW, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
27. MONROE COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
28. WASHINGTON COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL.

Twenty-eight extra copies of this memo are being furnished to the Bureau in order that the Bureau will have one copy available for each of the files on the above listed twenty-eight groups.



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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>MOBILE</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MOBILE</b>	DATE <b>AUG 14 1956</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>6/12; 7/20;8/1;3,8/56</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>CHANGED: ① MONTGOMERY COUNTY ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL, Aka Central Alabama Citizens' Council</b>		REPORT MADE BY [Redacted]	TYPED BY <b>: Amd</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - X</b>	b6 b7c

**SYNOPSIS:**

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Captioned organization reportedly now has over 12,000 members. It is affiliated with the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, headquarters in Montgomery, Ala. [Redacted] *7-1*  
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[Redacted] The council plans to hire a full-time Executive Secretary. A membership card indicates additional stated aims of organization to "defeat the NAACP, Integration, Mongrelism, Socialism, Communist Ideologies, FEPC and One World Government", and to "preserve the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights, States Rights, Segregation, and our God-Fearing American Nation." This group has been very active politically, obtaining public statements on segregation from political candidates, calling for removal of a school official for allegedly favoring integration and making proposals pertaining to National Democratic Convention. In statement to press, State Senator SAM M. ENGLEHARDT publicly attacked the Supreme Court and Attorney LUTHER INGALLS attacked the Federal Internal Revenue Bureau. Montgomery County Citizens' Council publishes a monthly paper now called States' Rights Advocate, formerly known as The Montgomery County Citizens' Council Monthly Bulletin. The 7/28/56, issue contains an article indicating that the citizens' councils will use force to block

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DETAILS: The title of this report is marked changed to reflect the new name of captioned organization as the Montgomery County, Alabama Citizens' Council, and to indicate that it is also known as the Central Alabama Citizens' Council, inasmuch as it is still using some letterheads and envelopes bearing the latter designation. [redacted] captioned organization, advised on August 8, 1956, that the name of this group was changed as indicated in approximately March of 1956.

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#### SCOPE

On August 8, 1956, [redacted] captioned organization, advised that the Montgomery County Citizens' Council now has over 12,000 members. *Rick*

Examination of a membership card of captioned organization issued July 18, 1956, reflects that it bears the serial number 12621.

#### AFFILIATION

State Senator SAM M. ENGLEHARDT advised on August 3, 1956, that the Montgomery County Citizens' Council is affiliated with the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, with headquarters in Montgomery. *SAM ENGLEHARDT*

#### OFFICERS

Examination of a membership card of captioned organization, which was issued July 18, 1956, reflects the signature of [redacted] *7/1/56*

[redacted] advised on July 20, 1956, that [redacted] an employee of the State of Alabama, is a director of captioned organization.

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[redacted] advised on August 8, 1956, that the council intends to hire a full-time Executive Secretary, but that the person for this job has not yet been selected.

STATED AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Examination of a membership card of captioned organization and of an Application for Membership reflects the following wording:

"I, (name of member or applicant) do hereby pledge myself to help defeat the N.A.A.C.P., Integration, Mongrelism, Socialism, Communist Ideologies, F.E.P.C. and One World Government. I will help preserve the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights, States Rights, Segregation, and our God-Fearing American Nation."

ACTIONS TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAM

Political Activity

The April 28, 1956, issue of the Montgomery Advertiser, daily newspaper published at Montgomery, Alabama, reflects that the Montgomery County Citizens' Council had circulated to all candidates for the Democratic nominations to various offices in the May 1, 1956, Primary voting a questionnaire pertaining to their views on segregation. This article reflects that only those persons running for Judgeship were not circularized in this fashion. The questionnaire contained the following questions:

1. Are you for segregation?
2. Are you for mixing whites and Negroes in our schools?
3. Have you or will you solicit the Negro vote?
4. Do you here and now deny the Negro vote?
5. Do you here and now say to the Negro that you do not want his vote?
6. If elected, will you uphold the Constitution of the Sovereign State of Alabama?
7. Are you opposed to FEPC or any similar legislation?

The Montgomery Advertiser of April 29, 1956, carried a sample ballot reflecting the names of all candidates running for Democratic nominations in the May 1 Primary. A count of

these names reflected that there were 69 candidates who were running for positions other than judgeship.

The April 28, 1956, issue of the Montgomery Advertiser published the answers to the questions, as contained in replies from candidates. This article reflected that 61 candidates replied. There were 20 qualified answers to some questions, especially questions 3, 4 and 5, with most of the 20 candidates replying that they did not solicit the Negro "bloc" or answering that they did not want the NAACP vote. One candidate answered question five as follows, "I do not".

All candidates indicated that they favored segregation and opposed integration of the races in schools. One candidate said that he was not opposed to FEPC.

The June 29, 1956, issue of the Mobile Register, daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, carried an article on page 9-D which reflected that the Montgomery County Citizens' Council charged that County Education Superintendent Dr. CLARENCE M. DANNELLY had "committed himself to the cause of integration" and called for the Board of Education to dismiss Dr. DANNELLY.

The June 30, 1956, issue of the above paper carried an article on page 7-B in which Dr. DANNELLY stated that the citizens' council members who demanded his dismissal did not speak for the people of Montgomery. He charged that the citizens' council had acted on incomplete and inaccurate information and accused Attorney LUTHER INGALLS, a leader of the MONTGOMERY CITIZENS' COUNCIL, of using the council to "work out his own personal malice" against Dr. DANNELLY. 1. L. A.

The July 1, 1956, issue of the Montgomery Advertiser carried an article on page one reflecting that "White Citizens' Council leaders" had undertaken a campaign to "pressure" Alabama delegates to the Democratic Convention for a southwide caucus in advance of the convention. The article quotes State Senator SAM ENGLEHARDT as saying, "We think it is high time that every council chairman put pressure on every member of his council to ask for a pre-convention caucus of the Alabama delegation with other Southern states". The article reflects that the Montgomery County Citizens' Council endorsed this idea the previous week.

The July 18, 1956, issue of the Montgomery Advertiser carried a front page article which reflected that a committee



representing Alabama's delegation to the Democratic National Convention met on July 17, 1956, at Montgomery, Alabama, and unanimously urged that a pre-convention caucus of all Southern delegates be held in order to solidify the South on the segregation question. The article reflects that Montgomery County Citizens' Council members ALLEN BRISLIN, GEORGE H. BOLES and K. G. INGE participated in that meeting.

This article indicates also that the same committee at the same meeting approved a plan initiated by the citizens' council whereby Alabama would nominate a "favorite son" candidate and then use the 20 minutes allowed for the nomination speech to "sell the cause of the South to the Nation".

The same article reflected that Senator JOHN SPARKMAN of Alabama favored a plan whereby the Alabama delegation would permit ADLAI STEVENSON to be nominated first at the convention. The article reflected also that Democratic Committeeman CHARLES W. MCKAY, JR. said he was opposed to any move to take Alabama's electoral votes away from the regular Democratic presidential nominee.

The July 24, 1956, issue of the Montgomery Advertiser carried a front page article which reflects that the "politically active Montgomery Citizens' Council" had made additional last minute efforts to organize a caucus of all Southern delegates prior to the National Democratic Convention. This article reflects that the Montgomery County Citizens' Council had conducted a poll by sending telegrams to Alabama's delegation members requesting their views on pre-convention caucus. The council reported that replies to their telegrams as of July 23, 1956, indicated that a ratio of 7 to 1 of the telegrams received showed that delegates were in favor of the caucus.

The July 25, 1956, issue of the Alabama Journal, daily newspaper published at Montgomery, Alabama, carried an article which reflects that the "White Citizens' Council of Montgomery" had sent a telegram to Senator JOHN SPARKMAN asking him to authorize LAURIE BATTLE, Vice-Chairman of the delegation, to call a meeting of the delegation in preparation for a south-wide caucus before the National Democratic Convention. This article stated that Senator SPARKMAN said that the "press of Senate business" had prevented him from replying to the telegram.

The August 3, 1956, issue of the Mobile Press, daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, carried an article on



page 8-A reflecting that the Montgomery County Citizens' Council had passed a resolution urging a careful investigation of a proposed school amendment designed to preserve racial segregation. The article stated that the council said that the so-called "freedom of choice" amendment would "create a complex and confused system of mixed white schools". The article states that under provisions of the amendment the present school system would be abolished and replaced with one offering both mixed and segregated classes. Parents would have a choice of the type of school their children would attend.

#### STATEMENTS BY LEADERS

The April 24, 1956, issue of the Alabama Journal carried a page one article in which SAM M. ENGLEHARDT, State Senator, blamed the Supreme Court of the United States for "any further discord" which may occur in Alabama as a result of what he called "their new amendment to the Constitution". ENGLEHARDT stated, "This (referring to the court's desegregation order on buses operating within states) is one of the many amendments from that new lawmaking body, that is the U. S. Supreme Court, and we can expect many more in an election year. We in the Citizens' Council are still dedicated to the preservation by peaceful and legal means of segregation in all its phases".

The same article quoted Attorney LUTHER INGALLS, Legal Counsel of the Montgomery County Citizens' Council, as saying that this latest Supreme Court decree is another example of a movement toward a "police state". He said, "If people can't see now that a police state is coming, they never will. It is as plain as can be". INGALLS also called the Internal Revenue Department a "gestapo agency" seeking to "put the screws on, squelch and squash anybody who dares to speak up against the federal government".

#### PUBLICATIONS

[redacted] advised on August 8, 1956, that since March 28, 1956, the Montgomery County Citizens' Council has been publishing a monthly paper originally called The Montgomery County Citizens' Council Monthly Bulletin. He stated that, beginning with the May 28, 1956, issue it has been called the States' Rights Advocate. [redacted] furnished copies of the June 28 and July 28, 1956, issues of this publication.

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On June 12, 1956, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Alabama Council on Human Relations, furnished the April 28, 1956, issue of the above publication, which is captioned The Montgomery County Citizens' Council Monthly Bulletin. A perusal of the above issue reflected that it carries a number of articles which purport to show the difficulties and troubles which arise as a result of race mixing in other parts of the United States. Page two of this publication carries a photograph showing three Negro men and two white women mixing socially at a social event. The paper also carries an article, "Robbed Again", which refers to the number of decisions by the Supreme Court as "left wing decisions". In this article the Supreme Court is referred to variously as "nincompoops", "misplaced group of vultures", "robbers" and "arrogant dictators".

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The June 28, 1956, issue of the States' Rights Advocate features a photograph on the first page purporting to show a group of young people attending a religious convention in Montgomery, Alabama, on the lawn of a church. In the group are observed a few Negroes, whereas the group is predominately whites. The caption reads in part, "Somebody's wife, a member of the all-white congregation of the church, served these Negroes along with the white children. Regardless of where it happens - we must demand that all of it be stopped". Repeated in the June 28, 1956, issue of this publication is the presentation of photographs reflecting socializing between Negro and white persons. One photograph captioned, "Results of Integration" shows a young Negro man dancing with a young white girl. This issue features an article showing a breakdown of white and Negro attendance in integrated public schools in Washington, D.C. Named school by school are certain of the integrated high schools, junior high schools and elementary schools, and figures are cited reflecting an overwhelming number of Negro students in each school compared to the white students; for example, Dunbar High School is said to have one white student and 964 Negro students. Following this tabulation is the sentence, "May Almighty God pity the poor white children who are being made the guinea pigs for this rotten experiment. We do not think Hades has a spot hot enough for those responsible for this outrageous treatment."

The July 28, 1956, issue of the States' Rights Advocate features a front page article captioned, "Supreme Court Creates Racial Hate Over U.S.". An article on the back page of this paper is captioned, "Forced Mob Rule", commenting

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on a statement by THURGOOD MARSHALL of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. This article states, "He claims the citizens' councils are out not only to block desegregation 'but will use force to do it'. (Right this time)." The article states, "We are merely fighting to keep segregation, regardless of the supreme court ruling - as the NAACP fought to destroy the past rulings of the court, which stated 'separate, but equal'. If we are wrong now, they were wrong then". The article continues, "Let us hope mob rule will not be forced upon us in order to preserve our race, principle and way-of-life we desire and intend to keep".

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Copies of this report designated for intelligence agencies were transmitted by cover letter pursuant to Bulet to Atlanta dated 11/3/55, entitled CITIZENS' COUNCILS AND STATES' RIGHTS MOVEMENTS, IS-X.

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MOBILE DIVISION

AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA (3)

Will continue to follow the activities of subject organization through established sources and public sources of information.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated 2/29/56, at Mobile, captioned CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL, Aka; IS-X.  
Molet to Bureau dated 7/13/56, captioned KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, IS-X.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 8/14/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALA.  
CITIZENS' COUNCIL, Aka  
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Rerep SA [redacted] dated 8/14/56 at Mobile,  
6 copies of which are enclosed herewith.

Forwarded herewith to the Central Research Desk are  
2 copies each of Volume 1 Number 4 dated 6/28/56, and Volume 1  
Number 5 dated 7/28/56, of Montgomery County Citizens' Council  
States' Rights Advocate.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 9/17/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

ATTN: CENTRAL RESEARCH DESK

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY CO., ALA.  
CITIZENS' COUNCIL, Aka  
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(Mobile-00)

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DATE 1/4/99 BY 60367 NLS/RCE(AMW)

Rerep SA [redacted] 8/14/56, at Mobile.

Forwarded herewith to the Central Research Desk are 2 copies of the Montgomery County Citizens' Council "States Rights Advocate", Volume 1 Number 6, dated 8/28/56. One copy was received from [redacted] (protect identity, being considered as possible [redacted] on 9/9/56, the other being received 9/1/56, through the confidential P.O. Box 1255, Montgomery, Ala. Both received by SA [redacted]

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SAC, Mobile

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA,  
CITIZENS COUNCIL  
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In connection with the letter directed to the Attorney General by [redacted] Montgomery, Alabama, dated September 4, 1956, the Department has requested that the Bureau obtain and furnish the Department a copy of the publication referred to in the third from the last paragraph on page three of [redacted] letter. According to [redacted] this was an official publication of the Central Alabama Citizens Council.

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You are instructed to review issues of the official publication of the captioned organization for the purpose of determining if any such statement concerning the use of violence on the part of the citizens council is contained therein. All issues containing such statements should be furnished the Bureau promptly.

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September 20, 1956

Director, FBI

RACIAL SITUATION  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

11/4/99 [Redacted] [Redacted]

Reference is made to my memorandum dated September 19, 1956, in which you were furnished information concerning data supplied to a source of this Bureau by an individual named [Redacted] to the effect that a new citizens council formed in Montgomery, Alabama, and other cities plan to take violent action against Negroes.

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For your additional information the source who previously furnished information concerning this situation advised that he had a third meeting with [Redacted] at 5 p.m. on September 18, 1956, at which time [Redacted] exhibited his driver's license which revealed his full name as [Redacted]

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[Redacted] advised the source he had received instructions from a member of his squad to be ready at 6 p.m., September 18, 1956, to be picked up and taken to a meeting somewhere outside the city of Montgomery which meeting was to convene at 7 p.m.

The source had a fourth meeting with [Redacted] at [Redacted] request about 9:15 p.m. on September 18, 1956, at which time [Redacted] advised the source and Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, a leader in the Montgomery Improvement Association, that he had just attended a meeting of a white citizens council at Harrogate Springs, Alabama, which is located near Wetumpka, Alabama. [Redacted] said that at this meeting a speaker by the name of [Redacted] stated that all squads in Montgomery would receive orders from [Redacted] or the next in command, [Redacted] that the Negroes in Montgomery comprise 47 per cent of the population and they must be thinned out; that organized and regular squads will strike at a number of places at the same time; and that the time for action is getting close and all squads should be getting ready for immediate action. He told the source that the next meeting of this group is to be held at Harrogate Springs on the evening of September 21, 1956.

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See Bufile 105-NEW (Unidentified Citizens Council, Montgomery, Alabama)

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[redacted] said he is presently residing at [redacted] and wanted to send his wife and child to Winter Haven, Florida, on September 19, 1956, and needed money for this purpose. The source gave [redacted] \$20.

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The source advised that the Montgomery Improvement Association, which organization is sponsoring the boycott of buses in Montgomery by Negroes, had a board meeting on the afternoon of September 18, 1956, when they voted to write letters to Attorney General Brownell and to the FBI requesting an appointment to talk this situation over for the purpose of enlisting Federal assistance.

Governor James Folsom was contacted by a representative of the Montgomery Improvement Association regarding information furnished by [redacted] and Governor Folsom advised he was aware of some impending trouble and had already designated the National Guard commander and a special group of National Guard troops who will handle the situation if trouble arises.

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Records of the regional office of the Veterans Administration reflect [redacted] who is believed to be identical with [redacted] described by the source, [redacted] dating back to June, 1944. [redacted] last appeared before a Veterans Administration board in January, 1956, and is presently receiving a 10 per cent disability allowance and formerly received a 30 per cent disability allowance from 1945 to 1947. He was discharged from the United States Army Air Corps on July 20, 1945, with a Certificate of Disability Discharge.

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Indiury was made of [redacted] landlady, [redacted] at which time [redacted] categorically stated [redacted] had supper at home at approximately 6 p.m. on September 18, 1956, and did not leave the residence until approximately 9 p.m. when he said he was going to see someone to get some money and he would be able to pay some of his back rent. He returned at about 10:15 p.m.

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at which time he paid [redacted] \$12 on his bill.  
[redacted] said [redacted] were still at  
home and they were observed at [redacted] residence at  
approximately 6:30 p.m., September 19, 1956.

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The above information has been furnished by a representative of this Bureau to Governor Folsom. Appropriate local authorities have been notified concerning this information and intelligence agencies of the Armed Forces are being advised. Any additional pertinent information received relative to this matter will be furnished to the Department promptly.

cc Mr. William P. Rogers  
Deputy Attorney General

cc Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Mobile requested Governor Folsom be furnished information concerning [redacted] and latest developments. It was believed this is the correct action inasmuch as Folsom had alerted National Guard. SAC, Mobile was telephonically instructed to furnish this information and to advise the Bureau the results of interview with [redacted] by police if [redacted] is interviewed by police. Intelligence agencies being advised by separate communication.

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cc - Miles  
Williams

Assistant Attorney General  
Warren Olney III

September 28, 1956

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA,  
CITIZENS COUNCIL  
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Reference is made to your memorandum dated September 25, 1956, captioned "Central Alabama Citizens Council," your reference WO:MWH:sbh 144-2-130, in which you requested this Bureau to obtain and forward to the Department a copy of a publication of the Central Alabama Citizens Council in which it was stated that violence will be employed if it is necessary to maintain segregation on buses operating in Montgomery, Alabama. Reference is also made to my memorandum dated September 26, 1956, to Assistant Attorney General William F. Tompkins captioned "Racial Situation, Montgomery, Alabama," a copy of which was furnished you.

The Mobile Office of this Bureau is being instructed to obtain a copy of the publication requested. Upon receipt of this publication it will be forwarded to you promptly.

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cc - Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

DATE 11/4/99 BY SP2/ALG/BCE/AMW

Central Alabama Citizens Council has changed its name to Montgomery County, Alabama, Citizens Council.

Mobile being instructed by separate communication to furnish \* publication requested by Department.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: September 25, 1956.

FROM : Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General,  
Criminal Division

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SUBJECT: Central Alabama Citizens Council

*Baumgardner*  
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We are enclosing herewith two copies of a letter dated September 4, 1956, from the [redacted]

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Your attention is directed to the third from the last paragraph on page 3. [redacted] indicates in that paragraph that the Central Alabama Citizens Council has stated in its official publication (perhaps in the issue of about July 18), that violence will be employed if it is necessary, to maintain segregation on busses operating in Montgomery, Alabama. Please obtain if possible and forward to us a copy of the publication referred to. No investigation for the present is desired respecting the other allegations in [redacted] letter.

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Montgomery 8. CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION  
September 4, 1956

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Attorney General Herbert Brownell  
Washington  
District of Columbia

Dear Sir:

My name is [redacted] I am a citizen of Montgomery, Alabama

At present [redacted]

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At about 3:00 a.m. on last August 25 a dynamite bomb was thrown into the front yard of my home. The blast damaged my home and several others in the neighborhood. It was apparently part of the reaction against me for working with the Negroes of Montgomery in their protest against inhuman treatment on the city's busses.

This, of course, was not the first time that dynamite has been used in an attempt to intimidate someone who was upholding an unpopular position. But there are other factors connected with the bombing and leading up to it which give many of us grave concern. These factors I shall attempt to describe below. Because of these things, we feel that the time has come when we must ask the Justice Department of the United States Government to make a thorough investigation of our local scene, particularly the actions of the members of our city commission.

On December 5, 1955, the Negroes of Montgomery began a boycott against the city busses which has continued nearly 100% effective until this day. A large percentage of the white population was so amazed that so many Negroes could be so dissatisfied about anything in the Southern way of life. They had to rationalize by saying that the Negroes were either intimidated or deceived by the NAACP or the Communists or by some other unknown outside agitator.

Our Police Commissioner is Clyde Sellers, who was elected by running on an anti-Negro platform. Sellers deliberately encouraged and distorted the above rationalization by accusing the Negroes publicly of using what he called "goon squads" to keep any other Negroes from riding the busses. He claimed that the majority of the Negroes really wanted to ride and were trying to do so. But that hundreds of them had been beaten up by the "goon squads." Yet only one case of intimidation by a Negro came to trial. And that was obviously a family quarrel.

For several weeks the city officials tried to force the Negroes to end their boycott, using all sorts of trickery and pressure. They went so far as to release a statement to the press that they had reached an agreement with the boycott leaders and that the boycott was over, when in fact no such agreement had been reached, nor had it been discussed with the boycott leaders.

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When the above-mentioned attempt failed to break up the boycott, or even to slow it down, the city fathers announced that the Negroes had been double-dealing and that there would be no more negotiations. Mayor ~~Gayle~~ <sup>Gayle</sup> said he was tired of "pussy-footing around" and announced that all three members of the city commission were members of the ~~FFF~~ White Citizens Council.

*Montgomery, Ala.*  
Police Commissioner Clyde ~~Sellers~~ <sup>Sellers</sup> announced at the same time that the police force was going to crack down. And indeed they did. literally hundreds of tickets were handed out for minor traffic violations, many of them on obviously trumped-up charges. Car pool drivers were stopped for questioning. A number of arrests were made. Dr. M. L. ~~King~~ <sup>King</sup> was stopped for questioning one day. As he drove away, he noticed that one of the police cars had been sent to follow him. Naturally he drove with the utmost care, so as to avoid any possibility of getting a ticket. Finally, however, the policemen stopped <sup>him</sup> (they must have had their orders), ordered him out of the car, placed him under arrest and took him to the police station. The ~~FFF~~ charge was driving 30 miles an hour in a 25 mile zone.

There had been arrests and intimidation before this crack-down; but they were not nearly so widespread. Two examples will suffice. One young colored boy was escorting a colored lady across the street, holding her arm. About that time a bus and a police car rounded the corner. The boy was arrested for dragging the woman off the bus. In spite of the fact that the woman was wearing nothing but a light coat over a night-gown, and that she has not been working for years and could not have been going to work, and that she herself explained that she was going to the corner grocery store to get some food for breakfast. Fortunately the boy was acquitted. I myself was picked up and held for questioning by the sheriff of Montgomery County, because I had a load of colored ladies in my car.

Not long after the big crack-down, bombs were thrown at the homes of two of the Negro leaders. Not much damage was done, fortunately, though there were people in both homes at the time of the bombings. I received reports that seemed to be fairly reliable, that some Negro men working in a tavern in Montgomery had heard Commissioner Sellers talking to some men about the bombings, presumably before the bombings took place. I was never able to check these reports out. At the same time, rumors began to circulate that the bombs had been thrown by a relative of Commissioner Sellers; and that he had had an accident while preparing the next one to be thrown; and that he had blown his arm off. This latter rumor is not likely to be true, but it gives you an idea of the reputation that Sellers enjoys among the colored people.

This is not the full extent of Sellers' implication. On at least one occasion, and probably on many others as well, trustees from the prison have been sent to our meetings and services to spy. (They are colored, of course.) On the one occasion that I have direct knowledge of, the men were brought to the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, where Dr. M. L. King is the pastor. The trustees were questioned by some of the church officers; and they explained that Sellers had brought them, and they were instructed to report to Sellers whatever they had heard.



A great many other things have happened, in which the personal rights of many of our citizens have been violated. Several white pastors attended one of the mass meetings of the Montgomery Improvement Association. After the meeting, Sellers and several policemen were waiting to get their auto license numbers. Later on some of them were threatened and intimidated. I am sure that there are more cases that I am not aware of than those that I know about.

(Violations in the area of registration and voting are particularly bad. [redacted] has been making a study of this area throughout the state of Alabama. [redacted])

This brings us back to the episode of the bombing of my home. I do not believe that the bombing itself was as surprising or as dangerous as the reaction of the white officials. Mayor Gayle immediately branded the bombing as a publicity stunt on the part of the Negroes. And apparently the police have been ordered to find the colored people who did, or at least someone that it can conveniently be blamed on. At least four colored men have been arrested in connection with the bombing. And the detectives who are working on the case, Detectives [redacted] are absolutely convinced that it was done by Negroes. As a matter of fact, due to the propagandizing of the mayor, many otherwise sensible white citizens are convinced that the mayor's theory is right. One further thing connected with the bombing. The small book in which I had my personal telephone numbers listed was missing when we returned after the bombing. The police deny that they had anything to do with it. But it is a rather strange coincidence, to say the least.

And what of the future outlook. Reports from my white friends indicate that tension is extremely high. Some white lawyers have commented on the drastic increase in police brutality where Negroes are concerned. (This is a recent report.) It should not be too long before we get a favorable ruling from the U. S. Supreme Court, outlawing segregation on our busses. And Sellers has promised publicly that our busses will never be integrated. The Central Alabama Citizens Council has stated in its official publication that they will use violence if necessary to maintain segregation. (I read this in the issue of about July 18.)

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The Negroes know what Sellers is capable of. They know that all branches of the local government are stacked against them. So many of them, perhaps most of them are staying well-armed, ready to fight off the mob that could come any day. And as long as our local officials go on un-curbed, our local situation is potentially explosive.

On the basis of all these things, and others; for the protection of our citizens and the preservation of law and order, we urge the Justice Department to make a thorough investigation of conditions in Montgomery, Alabama.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted signature box]

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Cc: Ohio District Office, [redacted] Montgomery Improvement Association

Mr. L. V. Boardman

October 2, 1956

Mr. A. H. Belmont

cc - Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Baumgardner  
Mr. Donohue  
Mr. Miles

**RACIAL SITUATION  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

Memorandum of 9/25/56 concerning a letter written to the Attorney General under date of 9/4/56 by [redacted] potential security informant of Mobile Office, complaining about conditions and possible civil rights violations in connection with racial situation in Montgomery, Alabama. It is noted [redacted] furnished a copy of his letter on 9/9/56 at which time he stated it contained certain exaggerations and rumors, some of which he had since found to be baseless, and that he trusts letter would not be taken seriously by Bureau or Department since letter was written to impress [redacted] in order to enhance possibility [redacted] would be invited to join Communist Party.

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[redacted] was interviewed 9/25/56 regarding his letter. He advised that most of statements in his letter are true and furnished some specifics. Basis for his vague allegations obtained and allegations based on rumor pinpointed. He stated he will not write any such letters in future without factual basis.

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Memorandum received from AAG Olney dated 9/25/56 requesting copy of publication which [redacted] alleged contained statement of Central Alabama Citizens Council favoring violence, if necessary, to maintain segregation on buses operating in Montgomery. Mobile has been instructed to obtain. Olney's memorandum states no investigation for present is desired respecting other allegations in [redacted] letter.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That attached letter be sent to AAG Tompkins, copy to AAG Olney, furnishing comments of [redacted] regarding allegations in his letter. Tompkins is being advised that desired publication is being obtained and that no additional investigation is being conducted in view of Olney's memorandum of 9/25/56.

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cc - Bufile 105-43132 (Montgomery County, Alabama Citizens Council)  
cc - Bufile 100-135-61 (Racial Conditions, Montgomery, Alabama)

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  - 1 - Mr. Mides
- October 3, 1956

Director, FBI

**RACIAL SITUATION  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

Reference is made to my letter of September 26, 1956, in which you were advised that [redacted] Montgomery, Alabama, would be interviewed concerning his letter to Attorney General Brownell dated September 4, 1956. He has been interviewed and furnished the following comments which are set forth in the order mentioned in his letter:

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Page 1, paragraph 2 and Page 3, paragraph 3 regarding bombing of [redacted] home

[redacted] stated his comments concerning the bombing of his home are factual. In connection with his statement that at least four colored men had been arrested in connection with the bombing, he added that he understood all were released or were not held on any charge. He also stated he recalled hearing from an unidentified source that when the first two Negroes were arrested immediately after the bombing, one of the arresting officers commented to the other that it was a pity [redacted] was not in the house at the time it was bombed.

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Page 1, paragraph 3 regarding use of dynamite against others

Additional comments of [redacted] as to the bombing of other homes are set out below.

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Page 1, paragraphs 4, 5 and 6, and Page 2, paragraph 1 regarding Negro boycott of city buses

[redacted] advised that most of the data concerning the boycott and Police Commissioner Clyde Sellers' public allegations that "goon squads" of Negroes were preventing

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NOTE ON YELLOW: See memo Belmont to Boardman dated 10/2/56, RJM:sad, same caption.

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people from riding buses, have appeared prominently in the press. According to [redacted] the press also carried the city commissioner's false announcement that an agreement between the city officials and the boycotters had been reached. [redacted] said that he, himself, was a leader of the boycott and had personal knowledge that no such agreement had been reached. He further stated he was unable to recall specific data concerning the one intimidation case that came to court, but said that the Negro who was accused of intimidating a prospective Negro bus rider was convicted. He added that it was his own personal impression that this alleged intimidation was a quarrel between the defendant and a girl friend.

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Page 2, paragraph 2 regarding trumped-up traffic charges to discourage boycotters

[redacted] admitted that he knew of only one actual instance in which a traffic charge was, in his opinion, deliberately and falsely made to intimidate a boycott leader, and that this instance concerned the arrest of Dr. Martin Luther King which he mentioned in his letter. He said he has heard similar complaints from other persons but has no factual data concerning them and no basis for believing that they did take place.

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Page 2, paragraph 3 regarding other arrests

[redacted] advised that the incident mentioned in his letter in which a young Negro was arrested for dragging a woman off a bus when the woman had never been on the bus, was highly publicized in newspapers and that he was present at the trial and heard the woman testify that she had not been on a bus but that the boy was merely helping her across a street. He could not recall the defendant's name but stated he was a student at the Alabama State College for Negroes. He added that the incident concerning his own arrest by Sheriff Mac Sim Butler and his subsequent release without charge was also carried in newspaper accounts.

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Page 2, paragraph 4 regarding bombing of  
other Negro leaders' homes

[redacted] recalled that the bombing of the homes of Dr. Martin Luther King and [redacted] on January 30, 1956, and February 1, 1956, respectively, were highly publicized in the local newspapers. As to the stories purporting to implicate Police Commissioner Sellers or a relative of his in the bombings, [redacted] said this is strictly rumor with no known foundation in fact. He added that he, himself, did not believe this rumor which he heard from [redacted]

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[redacted] and stated he did not believe [redacted] has any data to support the rumor. He pointed out, however, that this particular rumor has gained wide acceptance among the Negro people despite the fact that no proof has ever been offered to support it.

Page 2, paragraph 5 regarding Sellers' use  
of Trustees as "spys"

[redacted] said that Dr. King personally told him about Commissioner Sellers' sending Negro trustees from Kilby Prison to King's church as spys. He commented that the letter contains all the information he knows about this matter except that he has no doubt that it is true.

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Page 3, paragraph 1 regarding police intimidation  
of white pastors

[redacted] stated that information concerning this matter came to him from [redacted] at Montgomery who told him that he personally observed Commissioner Sellers and several policemen taking down license numbers from cars operated by white persons who attended the Montgomery Improvement Association meeting. He said he does not now recall the names of any of the white ministers who were later threatened, but that full particulars may be obtained from [redacted]

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State Director, Alabama Council on Human Relations. He advised that [ ] does not have an office at the present but is temporarily residing at [ ] near Birmingham, Alabama.

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Page 3, paragraph 2 regarding registration and voting violations

[ ] said he has no specific information concerning this matter and that although it is widely believed among the Negro people that city and county officials are in a general conspiracy to keep Negroes from registering and voting, he knows of no specific instances where voting and registration laws have been violated. He stated that [ ] mentioned in his letter, has made a study of this matter and can furnish particulars.

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Page 3, paragraph 4 regarding police brutality against Negroes

[ ] observed that the only information he has received concerning recent police brutality has come to him about third hand. According to [ ] one white lawyer, [ ] known to [ ] as a former Federal official under President Roosevelt's administration and former president of the National Lawyers' Guild, told him that he had heard from another white lawyer that there have been several cases in police court recently where it was brought out during the hearing that when the Negro defendant was arrested, blows of some description were struck by the arresting officers. In each case, [ ] stated, the officers alleged the defendant had been resisting lawful arrest and had been armed but the officers were unable to produce in court the weapon allegedly possessed by the defendant. [ ] said he is not able to vouch for the reliability of this information or of the source.

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Page 3, paragraph 4 regarding racial tensions

[ ] believed the cause of racial tension was the widespread fear that Negroes would attempt to enter white schools in Montgomery when registration should begin and that it was feared trouble would result from these attempts. He stated that inasmuch as no Negroes attempted to register, the tension has since lessened markedly, in his opinion.

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Page 3, paragraph 4 regarding advocacy of force by citizens councils

Enlarging on the statement in his letter that the Central Alabama Citizens Council had stated in its official publication that violence would be used, if necessary, to maintain segregation, [ ] said this statement appeared in the July issue of the "States Rights Advocate," published by the Montgomery County Citizens Council. He said that on the last page of this issue an article appeared where a Negro leader was being quoted as saying that the citizens councils would use force to block desegregation, and immediately after his story appeared an editorial comment in parenthesis: "Right this time."

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Page 3, paragraph 5 regarding anti-Negro bias of local governments

[ ] stated that the Negroes believed the city government as well as the county government in Montgomery ~~is~~ heavily stacked against them, but he said that the Negroes have faith in Governor James E. Folsom and believe that locally the state government is their protection against mob violence and local police persecution. [ ] said he is personally convinced that the present city commission is against the Negroes because each commissioner has publicly said so and they have all proclaimed their membership in the White

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Citizens Council. As to the county government, [redacted] said he was convinced that Sheriff Butler is strictly anti-Negro because Butler made this plain to [redacted] when he arrested him. [redacted] pointed out that in the May, 1956, primary election, nearly all candidates replied to a citizens council questionnaire which had been circulated among the candidates which replies indicated they were all strictly anti-Negro, with few exceptions. [redacted] mentioned that this information was carried in the newspapers, both as news items and paid political advertisements. [redacted] also said that the Circuit Solicitor, [redacted] and the Circuit Judge, Walter B. Jones, both clearly indicated their anti-Negro bias when they obtained indictments of numerous leaders in the city on boycotting charges and when they convicted Reverend King on that charge. [redacted] said he regarded these indictments and King's trial as clear examples of anti-Negro sentiment on the part of county officials.

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Page 3, paragraph 5 regarding armament of  
Negro populace

[redacted] said that he has received so many reports that most of the Negroes' homes contain at least one gun, usually a shotgun or rifle, that it is beyond doubt to him that such is the case. He said that numerous statements made to him by his Negro friends also clearly indicate the Negroes have these guns primarily for possible self-defense against white mobs. He added that the Negroes had expressed the sentiment that they are afraid to call local police in the event of a mob because they believe that the police would be more likely to help the mobsters than their victims.

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[redacted] stated he was not in possession of any further details concerning any of the incidents or allegations made in his letter.

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The Mobile Office of this Bureau has been instructed to obtain a copy of the publication referred to by [redacted] in his letter on page 3, paragraph 4. Upon receipt of this publication, it will be forwarded to you promptly. Pursuant to the memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III dated September 25, 1956, your reference WO:WHL:shh 144-2-130, captioned "Central Alabama Citizens Council," no additional investigation is being conducted respecting the other allegations in [redacted] letter.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA,  
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Reference is made to your memorandum dated September 25, 1956, captioned "Central Alabama Citizens Council," your reference WO:MWH:sbh 144-2-130, in which you requested this Bureau to obtain and forward to the Department a copy of a publication of the Central Alabama Citizens Council in which it was stated that violence will be employed if it is necessary to maintain segregation on buses operating in Montgomery, Alabama. Reference is also made to my reply thereto dated September 28, 1956, captioned as above.

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In response to your request there is being furnished you herewith one Photostat of the July 28, 1956, issue of "States' Rights Advocate" published by the captioned organization. On the back page of this issue is an article captioned "Forced Mob Rule." In this article is a statement allegedly made by Thurgood Marshall of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in which he claims that the citizens council will use force to block desegregation. Immediately following Marshall's statement is an apparent editorial comment "(Right this time)."

All available issues of this publication have been perused and no other statements have been noted concerning the use of violence or force by the citizens council.

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)

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ReBuAirtel to Mobile 9/27/56, and rep SA [redacted] Mobile, 8/14/56, and Molet to Bureau 8/14/56.

ReMolet furnished Bureau with 2 copies of the 7/28/56 issue of "States' Rights Advocate" published by captioned organization, on back page of which is article captioned "Forced Mob Rule", to which [redacted] referred in his letter to AG 9/4/56. Rerep in synopsis and details refers to the pertinent article and details quotes verbatim the statement which indicates that the Citizens' Councils will use force to block desegregation. It is noted that this statement is in the form of an agreement with a statement allegedly made by THURGOOD MARSHALL of NAACP as follows: "He (MARSHALL) claims the Citizens' Councils are out not only to block desegregation, 'but will use force to do it'". Immediately following the quote from MARSHALL is the apparent editorial comment in parenthesis "(Right this time)". The article continues, "Let us hope mob rule will not be forced upon us in order to preserve our race, principle and way-of-life we desire and intend to keep". Mobile has no additional copies of this publication. In the course of investigation of captioned group, all available issues of its publications have been perused and no other statements have been noted concerning the use of violence or force by the citizens' councils.

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**Citizens' OK  
 Independent  
 Elector Slate**

MONTGOMERY, Oct. 2 (AP)—Directors of the Montgomery County Citizens Council have endorsed unanimously an independent ticket of pro-segregation presidential electors on the Alabama ballot in November. A Council spokesman, Warren Marshall, said the directors decided last night that "those of us who are against mixing the races have no choice but to vote for the independent electors. Both the Democrat and Republican Parties have made it clear that if elected they will do all in their power to mix the races without regard for the feelings of the white or colored people involved," Marshall said in a prepared statement today. The 11 independent electors are seeking to win a free hand to cast Alabama's presidential votes for a pro-segregation candidate. None has been singled out.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/24/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA  
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Re form O-1 dated 10/16/56.

Per Molet to Bureau, 9/13/56, this case was placed in a Pending Inactive status and the Bureau was advised that a report would be submitted on 11/14/56. Bulet to Mobile, 9/24/56, entitled KLAN INFILTRATION INTO CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, IS-X approved of this action, provided that certain points had been covered and reported. In this case, those points have been covered, except that in some instances, background data on some officers was not complete.

Captioned organization has recently selected a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively [redacted] and [redacted] and a new Board of Directors, consisting of 36 Directors. [redacted] This change-over in officers was only recently completed, the 36 Directors having been chosen early in October.

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It is anticipated that considerable investigative effort will be necessary to develop background data on these officers and it is pointed out that this investigation could not logically have preceded the elections. Accordingly, a report will be submitted as soon as substantial background has been developed and this will be probably about 11/14/56.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 10/31/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

Attn: Central Research Section

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALA.  
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Forwarded herewith to the Central Research Section are 2 copies of the 9/28/56 issue of the "States' Rights Advocate", official publication of captioned organization. This is Volume 1, No. 7.

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TO : Director, FBI DATE: 11/7/56  
 Attn: Central Research Section

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL  
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*bu* Re Bureau routing slip 11/1/56 requesting that September and October 1956 editions of "Montgomery Citizens' Council States' Rights Advocate," be supplied to Bureau.

By letter 10/31/56 this office forwarded to the Bureau two copies of the 9/28/56 issue of the "States' Rights Advocate."

No additional issues of this publication have been published since the September edition, according to [redacted] recently discontinued PSI. [redacted] advised SA [redacted] he was primarily responsible for the publication of this paper and he does not believe this publication will be continued since [redacted] is no longer on the Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Citizens' Council.

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In the event further issues of this publication are printed, copies will be obtained and forwarded to the Bureau.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 11/20/56

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY CO., ALA.  
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ReMoLet to Bureau 10/24/56.

Preparation of a report in this case is in progress. The report will contain names and other identifying information concerning 6 new officers and 30 members of the Board of Directors of this group.

Reason for the delay in submitting this report is immediate present occupation of the Agent to whom case is assigned on rapid developments of the racial situation in the Montgomery, Ala. area and Klan activities there. A report will reach the Bureau 11/23/56.

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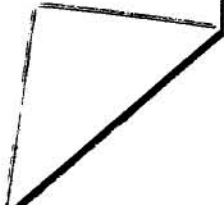
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TITLE OF CASE <b>CHANGED: <u>KLAN INFILTRATION INTO MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA</u> <u>CITIZENS' COUNCIL,</u> Aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY [Redacted]	TYPED BY <b>: Amd</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY-X</b>	

SYNOPSIS:

Montgomery County, Alabama Citizens' Council (MCCC) continues political activity to preserve segregation in Ala. Several members and officers were candidates as pro-segregation independent electors in recent presidential election and were supported by captioned organization. In Sept. 1956, captioned group made recommendations endorsing 2 Ala. judges who are known to favor segregation to fill Supreme Court vacancy then existent. MCCC elected new officers 10/22/56, these being selected by Board of Directors who were elected by membership earlier in 1956. New officers are [Redacted]

[Redacted] All new officers reported to be reputable persons with no criminal records. They include a bank vice-president; 3 businessmen, 1 state employee and 1 railroad conductor. Names of 30 new Board of Directors members and 17 old Board of Directors members and 27 unsuccessful candidates for Board of Directors set out. Publication of "States' Rights Advocate" temporarily discontinued after Sept. 1956 issue. 2 officers of Montgomery, Ala. "Capital City Lodge" of U.S. Klans, Knights of the KKK, are members of MCCC and Klan officer states

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that the Klan is ready to work with the citizens' council.

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DETAILS: The title of this case is marked changed to include the phrase "KLAN INFILTRATION INTO" in view of membership in captioned organization of two officers of the Montgomery, Alabama, Klavern of the U.S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, reported hereinafter.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

The August 23, 1956, issue of the Montgomery Advertiser, daily newspaper published at Montgomery, Alabama, reflects on page 2 that the Segregation Party was given official recognition in Alabama on the previous day when it filed its credentials with Alabama Secretary of State MARY TEXAS HURT. This article, authored by BOB INGRAM, reflects that this new Party has as its major objective the preservation of segregation and states it will offer a slate of 11 candidates for presidential electors on the November 6th general election ballot. The article states that all 11 electoral candidates are from Montgomery County, Alabama, and are all members of the Montgomery County, Alabama Citizens' Council (MCCC). The article contains statements by LEWELLYN M. DUGGAR of Hope Hull, Alabama, to the effect that the Segregation Party hopes to win control of Alabama's electoral votes and, cooperating with other Segregation Party electors in other southern states, to have a sufficient number of electors to constitute the balance of power in the national election; thus, to be in a position to bargain with both the Democratic and Republican Party candidates. DUGGAR indicated that in this manner the Segregation Party hoped to secure favorable commitments from one or the other of the major candidates. He explained that the Segregation Party does not have a presidential candidate of its own. This article identified the following persons as candidates for the position of presidential elector on this ticket:

LEWELLYN M. DUGGAR ALA  
JOHN C. EAGERTON, III  
EDWIN T. PARKER  
JACK S. RILEY  
WILLIAM T. JOHNSON  
RUSSELL CARTER

WARREN B. MARSHALL  
JOHN FREDERICK DUGGAR, III  
S. D. WATKINS  
M. L. GRIFFIN

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The article reflected that JOHN FREDERICK DUGGAR, III had been elected president of the new party and EAGERTON had been elected executive secretary. INGRAM's article states that five of the candidates are officials of the MCCC, JOHNSON being Chairman; MARSHALL being Vice-Chairman and LEWELLYN M. DUGGAR, RUSSELL CARTER and JACK S. RILEY being members of the Board of Directors.

On October 30, 1956, Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a leaflet purporting to have been published by the "Alabama States' Rights Independent Electors". This leaflet is captioned "You Can Help Win the Fight For Segregation and States' Rights!" The leaflet carries a "Declaration of Purpose by Alabama's Independent Elector Candidates" and describes the candidates as "independent presidential electors" who are independent of the Democratic and Republican Parties; against the "so-called Civil Rights and Integration Planks of both their platforms"; as being in favor of the right of Alabama and every other state to control its schools and other internal affairs, and as being against the encroachment of the federal government into the internal affairs of states. This leaflet identified the candidates as follows:

- RUSSELL CARTER, Montgomery, Alabama
- JNO. F. DUGGAR, Third, Hope Hull, Alabama
- LEWELLYN M. DUGGAR, Hope Hull, Alabama
- JNO. C. EAGERTON, Third, Montgomery, Alabama
- M. L. GRIFFIN, Montgomery, Alabama
- EDWIN T. PARKER, Montgomery, Alabama
- J. S. PAYNE, Montgomery, Alabama
- JACK RILEY, Montgomery, Alabama
- TOM BELL SNYDER, Birmingham, Alabama
- JOE S. MEAD, Birmingham, Alabama
- TOM C. KING, Anniston, Alabama

The October 3, 1956, issue of the Mobile Register, daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, contains an article which reflects that the Montgomery County Citizens' Council unanimously endorsed the independent ticket of pro-segregation electors in the general election of November 6, 1956.



This article quotes WARREN MARSHALL, then Vice-Chairman of the MCCC, as saying that the directors of that organization decided that "those of us who are against mixing the races have no choice but to vote for the independent electors". The article goes on to state that the independent electors were at that time still seeking a pro-segregation candidate for president, but that none had been singled out.

The September 22, 1956, issue of the Montgomery Advertiser carries an article on page 5A captioned "Citizens' Council Endorses Lynn-Jones for High Court". This article states that the Montgomery County CC drafted letters to Senators LISTER HILL and JOHN SPARKMAN at a board meeting on the previous Thursday night, in which they urged the consideration of U. S. District Judge SEYBOURN H. LYNN, Northern District of Alabama, and Montgomery Circuit Judge WALTER B. JONES as possible choices for the then existing vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court.

(T-1 had previously advised on ~~October 10~~ <sup>SEPTEMBER</sup> 10, 1956, that the above action would be taken. T-1 indicated that Judge LYNN was being recommended because his was the sole dissenting vote when a decision was rendered by a three-judge panel in the U. S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama at Montgomery, outlawing segregation on city buses. He said that Judge JONES was being recommended because JONES has demonstrated in several decisions in his court that he favors maintaining segregation on buses.)

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OFFICERS

The October 23, 1956, issue of the Montgomery Advertiser carried an article on page 1, which reflects that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of captioned organization, at Montgomery on the previous evening, the following persons were elected as officers of the MCCC:

JAMES S. KELLY, Vice-President of the First National Bank, Montgomery, Alabama - Chairman.

LANE BRISLIN (identified by Alabama State Senator SAM M. ENGELHARDT, JR. on October 29, 1956, as ALLEN BRISLIN), Supervisor of the Refund Section of the (Alabama) State Gasoline Tax Division - Vice-Chairman.

J. D. ADCOCK, Conductor on the Atlantic Coastline Railroad - Secretary.



ED C. REEDER (identified by Senator ENGELHARDT as ALA  
EDWARD C. REEDER), owner of Reeder Book Bindery Company -  
Treasurer.

R. B. LOGAN (identified by Senator ENGELHARDT as ALA  
RAYMOND BERNARD LOGAN), Secretary-Treasurer of the Waco Fence  
Company - Recording Secretary.

C. L. BEALE (identified in the files of the General  
American Credits, Montgomery, Alabama, on November 5, 1956, as  
CADWALADER L. BEALE), owner of Welder's Supply and Equipment  
Company - Sergeant-at-Arms.

This article reflects that the above officers were  
selected by the Board of Directors of captioned organization.  
The article identifies L. B. DENKINS as Acting Chairman at this  
meeting and states that DENKINS recognized CLYDE SELLERS,  
City Commissioner (Police Commissioner) and R. L. LAMPLEY,  
Montgomery City Fire Chief, as "members ex-officio".

This article identifies the following persons as  
members of the Board of Directors and reflects that they were  
elected to that position on the previous Thursday:

- P. M. BEDGOOD
- W. F. CADDELL (WILLIAM F.)
- RUSSELL CARTER
- J. J. DENNIS (H. J. DENNIS)
- L. B. DENKINS (L. B. DINKINS)
- LEW DUGGAR
- JOHN EAGERTON, III
- JOHN W. FORD
- DAVID FOX
- D. H. GUY
- K. M. HARRIS
- ISSAC HASSON (ISSAC HASSON, JR.)
- LUTHER HINGALLS
- K. C. INGLE (K. G. INGLE)
- L. L. LANE
- R. B. LEAVELL
- WILLIAM L. McLAURINE
- JACK PAGE
- SIMEON McNIELL (SIMEON McNEIL)
- C. W. PEETS
- JACK RILEY
- W. L. ROWLAND (WILLIAM L.)

- FRANK ROWLEY
- SAM SEXTON
- S. O. SHIELDS
- JACK SMITH
- J. R. SYFRETT
- R. E. THOMPSON
- DR. WILLIAM WELCH (DR. WILLIAM A. WELCH)
- W. B. WYATT

(Informant T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on September 29, 1956, a ballot captioned, "Montgomery County Citizens' Council Official Voting Ballot", which, according to T-2, was circulated among members of the captioned organization. This ballot requests each member to vote for 36 directors of captioned organization for the year beginning October 1, 1956, by marking an "X" in the box in front of 36 of the names listed on the ballot. The names appearing in parenthesis in the foregoing list of the Board of Directors reflects the manner in which those names were spelled on the ballot).

Records of the General American Credits, Montgomery, Alabama, exhibited on November 15, 1956, by [redacted] reflect that [redacted]

[redacted] and is highly regarded in all respects. His records reflect that J. D. ADCOCK, 1017 Sayre St., Montgomery, Alabama, is a railroad conductor on the Atlantic Coastline Railroad and has been so employed since November 22, 1917. The records reflect he is 50 years of age and has 2 children. It is stated he is a person of good character and habits.

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The General American Credit records reflect that [redacted]

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Records reflect that [redacted]

[redacted] He is well regarded as to character, habits and ability.

General American Credit records reflect that CADWALADER BEALE is the owner of Welder's Supply and Equipment Company, Montgomery. It is stated that he is a native of Montgomery, is married, is 51 years of age and is well regarded as to character, habits and ability.

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The General American Credit records contain no reference to the other two officers.

The names of all officers (not including the Board of Directors) were checked on November 15, 1956, in the files of the Montgomery Police Department, and the files of this department contained no record pertaining to any of the six officers.

Records of the Montgomery Police Department were checked by [redacted]

Senator SAM ENGELHARDT, JR. advised on October 29, 1956, that [redacted] He stated that [redacted] is a person of excellent character and reputation and has been known to Senator ENGELHARDT for many years.

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Senator ENGELHARDT advised that [redacted] one of the newly elected officers, is also personally known to him as a man of excellent character and reputation. He stated [redacted]

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The ballot furnished by T-2 contains the following names of persons who were members of the Board of Directors at the time of the circulation of the ballot and prior to the election of the new board:

J. D. ADCOCK  
WEBSTER BOZEMAN  
LANE BRISLIN  
RUSSELL CARTER  
L. B. DINKINS (Aka L. B. DENKINS)  
LEW DUGGAR  
DEAN FLEMING  
JOHN W. FORD  
E. S. HALL  
LUTHER INGALLS  
K. G. INGLE (Aka K. C. INGLE)  
J. S. KELLY  
B. A. PARSONS  
JACK RILEY  
J. R. SYFRETT  
LES WEINSTEIN  
JOHN T. RILEY

The above-described ballot furnished by T-2 contains in addition the following names of persons who were candidates for the Board of Directors, but who were not elected:

CHARLES G. BODIFORD  
J. B. BRANNAN  
JACK BROCK  
WILLIAM R. BURT  
CLIFFORD BUTLER  
FRANK H. CHEW  
R. E. COBURN  
WITHERS DAVIS  
D. W. DEES  
SIDNEY ERNEST  
W. C. GRAY  
J. H. GRAYDON, SR.  
O. M. HALL  
JESSE HODGES  
H. A. HOWARD  
S. R. MARKS  
A. G. MOONEY  
W. M. PARKER, JR.  
G. WILKIE POPE  
JAMES SIMS  
R. B. THOMSON  
W. F. TURNER  
GEORGE UPTAIN  
S. D. WATKINS  
C. D. VICKERS  
H. L. WEEKS  
JIMMY YORK

PUBLICATIONS

Informant T-1 advised on October 30, 1956, that the "States' Rights Advocate", previously published by the Montgomery County CC, has been discontinued following the publication of the September, 1956, issue. T-1 explained that the former board member who wrote most of the articles for this paper and managed its publication was not re-elected to the board and no provisions have been made thus far for continuing this publication. T-1 stated that "The Alabamian", official publication of the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, parent organization of the Montgomery County CC, is being widely circulated among members of the MCCC.

INDICATIONS OF KU KLUX KLAN INFILTRATION

Informant T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 9, 1956, that [redacted] members of the Montgomery County CC, are officers of the Capital City Lodge, Klavern 23, U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. T-3 stated that Klavern 23 is the Montgomery County, Alabama Klavern. T-3 stated also that an unidentified member of Klavern 23 has boasted at a meeting of that organization that he holds membership card #1 in the Montgomery County CC. T-3 advised on October 9, 1956, that [redacted] Alabama Klavern of the U.S. Klans, Knights of the KKK, speaking at a membership meeting of the Capital City Lodge at Montgomery, stated that the Klans stood willing to work with the citizens' council at any time.

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T-1 - [Redacted]	Independent elector leaflet and "States' Rights Advocate" dis- (by request) continued	10/30/56	[Redacted] (Oral)	105-233-36
T-2 - [Redacted]	MCCC Ballot, Board of Directors election b6 b7C b7D	9/29/56	[Redacted] (Oral)	105-233-1A
T-3 - [Redacted]	Klan infiltration	10/9/56	[Redacted] (Written)	

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Will follow and report activities of captioned organization and surep quarterly.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [Redacted] Mobile, 8/14/56.

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- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

KLAN INFILTRATION INTO MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA  
CITIZENS' COUNCIL, aka.  
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Rerep SA [redacted] Mobile, 11/27/56.

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SA [redacted] on reviewing this report, which was routed to him 11/29/56, called my attention to statement appearing in second full paragraph, page 4, to effect, "T-1 had previously advised on October 19, 1956," etc., should read "T-1 had previously advised on September 10, 1956."

The stenographer to whom this report was dictated has advised me her notes definitely reflect that the date dictated by SA [redacted] was October 19, 1956.

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SA [redacted] discovered the error within two days after the report was prepared.

I have directed appropriate communications to OSI, ONI and G-2, to whom this report was disseminated, to make appropriate correction. The Bureau is requested to do likewise and Mobile file copies have been corrected.

Under the circumstances, no administrative action is recommended.

*Correction made on all for copies prior to dissemination 12/1/56*

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

*5-1 to Mobile 3/20/57 requesting the Jan. 1957, and the Feb 1957 issues "States' Rights Advocate" Jan. 1957 + Feb 1957 issues above received, Routed + filed. AMB. 4/5/57 AMB.*

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALA. CITIZENS' COUNCIL IS-X

Rerep SA  dated 11/27/56, at

Mobile.

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No additional information of value has been developed regarding captioned council since submission of rerep. Pursuant to instructions set out in Bulet to Atlanta dated 12/13/56, captioned CITIZENS' COUNCILS; IS-X, this file is being placed in a closed status.

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Attached hereto is one copy of "The States Rights Advocate" dated 12/25/56, official publication of the Montgomery County Citizens Council. Only one copy is being furnished the Bureau as this office only received one other copy which is being retained in the Mobile file. The Bureau is requested to prepare photostatic copy of this paper if additional copy desired.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

CITIZENS COUNCILS  
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The February 4, 1957, issue of the Florida Times-Union, daily newspaper published at Jacksonville, Florida, reported on a state-wide meeting of the Florida Citizens' Council held February 3, 1957, at Tallahassee, Florida. ROBERT PATTERSON, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi White Citizens' Councils, was the principal speaker, stating that race mixing in the South is not inevitable and that organized aggression must be met with organized resistance. An education program must be pushed in the North, according to PATTERSON. Reverend GEORGE DOWNS, of Orlando, Florida, was named Executive Secretary and State Organizer. HOMER BARRS, Tallahassee, was named as Administrator to assist DOWNS. CHARLES GREEL, President of the Citizens Bank of Bushnell, was designated State Treasurer.

According to this same source, at this meeting an 11-man executive committee was named as follows:

1st Congressional District: SAM PEACOCK, Brooksville, Florida  
M. L. FOKER, St. Petersburg

2nd Congressional District: HERBERT J. LEXON, Jacksonville

3rd Congressional District: W. H. COOPER, Panama City  
Mrs. J.C. BREWINGTON, Pensacola  
CHARLES ATCHINSON, Marianna

5th Congressional District: BILL JOYCE, Daytona Beach  
H. C. KING, Bunnell  
S. C. BRYANT, DeLand

8th Congressional District: J. B. HAND, Live Oak  
Former State Representative  
F. W. BEDENBAUGH, Lake City.

Also, according to this article, Dr. W. M. PETTY, Escambia County, Florida, was Chairman of the State Convention,

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and stressed that the citizens' council is not a hate organization and its campaign to preserve segregation will be conducted in peace and law.

The January 24, 1957, issue of the Tallahassee Democrat, daily newspaper published at Tallahassee, Florida, reported that the Leon County Citizens' Council would meet on January 25, 1957, at the County Court House in Tallahassee, according to G. F. FLOYD, Chairman of the county organization. The January 26, 1957, issue of the Mobile Press, daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reported on this meeting on January 25, 1957. This article reflected that this council lashed out at university students who are urging election of a Negro candidate as city commissioner in Tallahassee and urged fraternities at Florida State University to organize a campaign against integrationists.

The February 3, 1957, issue of the Tallahassee Democrat reported that Reverend GEORGE A. DOWNS of Orlando, Florida, an evangelist, would be the featured speaker at a meeting of the Gadsden County Citizens' Council on Tuesday, February 5, 1957, which meeting was to be held at 8:00 p.m. in the Gadsden County Court House.

The January 17, 1957, issue of the Panama City News, daily newspaper published at Panama City, Florida, reported that the Bay County Citizens' Council would hold an election of officers at its regular monthly meeting at the Court House in Panama City at 7:30 p.m., Friday, January 22, 1957. The article reported that JOHN HENRY SHERMAN stated that the nominating committee would present a slate of officers for the coming year. The article reflected other current officers of the group as EARL BOONE, Vice-President; JIMMY MARSHALL, Treasurer, and MARION HARRISON, Secretary.

The February 7, 1957, issue of the Mobile Press reported that incorporation papers of the Montgomery County Citizens' Council had been filed in Probate Court in Montgomery, Alabama. Purposes listed by the organization included "to preserve order and domestic tranquility....and to safeguard states' rights by peaceful and legal means". This article reported that the council's legislative committee was reported as designed to screen all political candidates and all political action concerning the council and to promote "ways that we may cooperate with our allies and defeat our enemies".

The January 12, 1957, issue of the Mobile Register, daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reported that

State Senator SAM ENGELHARDT, JR., Executive Secretary of the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, with headquarters in Montgomery, Alabama, spoke at the January 11, 1957, meeting of the South Alabama Citizens' Council at Mobile. The article reported about 700 persons were in attendance at the meeting. The article reported ENGELHARDT as saying the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is working underground every day in Montgomery, Alabama, and that the bus boycott at Montgomery was the brain-child of the NAACP. ENGELHARDT was reported as saying that the only thing for the white people in Alabama to do was present a solid front, and all white persons are needed to get behind the movement to "maintain our customs."

This same news article reported that C. C. (JACK) OWEN, President of the Alabama Public Service Commission, spoke at this same meeting in Mobile on January 11, 1957, and was reported as saying he would continue to do everything in his power to see that segregation is maintained. OWEN was quoted as saying, "in order to maintain peace, law and order, we must keep segregation in our public transportation systems". The article reflected the speakers had been introduced by JOHN L. MOORE, Mobile Attorney, and JESSE McCONNELL, Chairman of the South Alabama Citizens' Council, who presided at the meeting.

The January 24, 1957, issue of the Mobile Register reported that a request of the South Alabama Citizens' Council for permission to use Mobile County Public School buildings for meetings was rejected by the County School Board, which reaffirmed a previously adopted policy that use of school buildings for meetings of a controversial nature would not be permitted unless both sides of the controversy were present. This article reported that Mobile County Commissioner J. R. MITTERNIGHT and JOHN McFERRIN appeared as spokesmen for the South Alabama Citizens' Council and argued that the organization's stand for segregation is not "controversial" and they advised that the primary purpose of the organization is "educational".

The February 9, 1957, issue of the Mobile Register reported that at a meeting at Mobile on February 8, 1957, the South Alabama Citizens' Council at Mobile passed a resolution urging the State Legislature to abolish any legal recognition of common-law marriages. Guest speaker at this meeting was DAVE C. MATHEWS of Grove Hill, Alabama, former Superintendent of Education in Clarke County, Alabama, who was quoted as saying, "I place at the door of the schools of America a great deal of the responsibility for the helluva mess we are in". He lambasted politicians in the Democratic Party for trying to force integration on the South. This article reflected that officers elected at this meeting for the coming year were JOHN DUPONT, Bayou La Batre, Alabama,

as Chairman; GEORGE MILLER, 2500 Dauphin Street, Mobile, Alabama,  
as Vice-Chairman; HARRY F. KOLLIN, 304 S. Hamilton Street,  
Mobile, as Secretary and HUGH CAUSEY, Mobile, as Treasurer.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/21/57

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

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There are forwarded herewith to the Bureau, two copies of "The States Rights Advocate" dated February 25, 1957. This paper is described on its face as the Official Publication of The Montgomery County Citizens' Council. This issue carries a headline "Commies Back NAACP Drive". This article purports to set forth details from an associated press dispatch pertaining to the program of the CP as it pertains to the movement in the south.

Also on the front page is an article "Against \$3.50 Yearly?". This artical sets forth the dues paid by CP members and reflects that the amount of dues paid is dependent upon the earnings of the individual member.

The front page also contains an artical captioned "Hoover Fearful", and quotes Director J. EDGAR HOOVER as stating "I confess to a real apprehension, so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work and espouse a cause that is alien to the religion of Christ and Judaism".

The front page contains another article headed "Brownell, Douglas Fight South". This article purports to describe the attitudes of Attorney General BROWNELL and Senator DOUGLAS of Illinois toward the south. It says that both of them "love Negroes and hate the south". The article states "Mr. BROWNELL says that federal troops should be used to see that more Negroes are given the right to vote in the south."

The front page also contains an article "Hershey Says Gray Got 'Benefit of Doubt'". This article is very critical of General LEWIS B. HERSHEY, Director of the Selective Service System because of his handling of the FRED GRAY induction case. It accuses Mr. HERSHEY of selling out to the NAACP.

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On page two appears an editorial "Congressman John Bell Williams Reports to Citizens Councils". After purporting to quote a message from President EISENHOWER to the NAACP in which EISENHOWER is reported to have said that he regreted that he could do nothing to stop the congressional investigation into school conditions in the "model for integrated school systems" in Washington, D. C., the editorial states "When the highest officials of our land play so directly into the hands of the subversive elements who are dedicated to the destruction of democracy by not only cooperating with them but by also sending them regrets when they are not able to publicly perform whatever tasks they demand, our ruling body has reached the lowest depths it is capable of reaching and still maintain any trace of an America."

Another article appearing on page two is captioned "The Scenic South in Darkness". This article purports to have been written by "Billy The Kid". This article suggests that persons who insist on integration should be branded with the hugh "C" on their brow. The article says "Then both colored and white people who respect their race would know that there is a person not to be trusted and especially not be accorded any service or respect".

Beginning on page one and continued on page four is a column captioned "Short Snorts". On page four, the fifth from last item in this column reads as follows: "You may have been contributing to a defense fund for members of the Ku Klux Klan accused of the Montgomery Bombings when you dropped your money in those syrup buckets but you did it openly and above board. In their greatest day, the Ku Klux Klan wasn't ever as well masked as the undercover actions and contributions made by the NAACP for the destruction of Southern state laws and for the defense of Negroes accused of every crime in the book, especially molestation of white women."



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DATE: 5/20/57

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The Bureau does not feel the additional expense justifies obtaining a second copy of "The States Rights Advocate." You should continue to forward only one copy of this publication.

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You should forward one copy of the July, 1957, No. 9 issue of the above publication as this issue has not been received at the Bureau.

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There is enclosed herewith to the Bureau one copy of "The States Rights Advocate" dated August, 1957, Volume 1 No. 10.

This office is aware that the Bureau desires that 2 copies of this paper be forwarded to the Bureau; however, as Mobile has previously advised, considerable investigative effort would be required to obtain an additional copy, in addition to the one received through a fictitious membership in the Citizens' Council and subscription to the paper. It is pointed out that another membership and subscription could be purchased, provided that Mobile rent another Post Office box at Montgomery, Ala. under another fictitious name.

The Bureau is requested to advise whether or not this expense, amounting to a total of approximately \$16 per year, would be justified in obtaining a second copy of this paper each month.

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## Ike Takes Action He Denied Faubus

### Short Snorts

Pore Ole Black Joe. The NAACP done kicked his song off de market an' ain't nobody singin' Ol' Black Joe No mo'.

Wonder when the NAACP and others are going to start on the Advocate to eliminate any reference to negroes. They've succeeded in getting Mark Twain's classics barred from certain public schools.

MONKEY SEE . . . MONKEY DO. Had to laugh the other day in a department store on Monroe Street. Several negro boys were at the cap counter trying on the latest thing.

### Integration Fails

Thurman Sensing, Executive Vice President of the Southern States Industrial Council, writing in the Alabama Journal recently, brought out most forcefully what we have contended all along; that the Supreme Court of the United States would be responsible for any violence and bloodshed caused by their Black Monday decision ruling out "separate but equal" and directing that integration be the law of the land.

In his column Mr. Sensing asked "suppose the situation were reversed and there were 15 million white and 15 million negroes in this country with the whites being afforded separate but equal facilities. Does anyone think the whites would demand integration and the same facilities?"

That is the gist of the entire problem. Negroes would not let the whites have their own facilities because they are jealous of their white skin, their superior mentality and their overall ability to perform any given task or solve any given problem with an ease that is not possible with the negro except in

### IS FAUBUS ACTION FUTILE?

Nation's Press Continue to Condemn Governor's Actions As Asinine

It is hard to understand the reasons for Governor Orval Faubus' actions in the Arkansas integration case in view of other incidents which have occurred in that state.

Faubus is reputed to be a close friend of Winthrop Rockefeller who was one of the big wheels behind the actions to destroy segregation in Arkansas in the first place. Rockefeller has vast holdings in the state and is an ardent integrationist. Like Eleanor Roosevelt, he has used his father's millions and the tremendous impact of the once-honored family name to the cause of integration. There is no way of determining the amount of money Winthrop has spent in the cause of the negro without a complete audit of the various foundations which bear his name.

Faubus also allowed certain col-

### FEDERAL INTERFERENCE IN STATE AFFAIRS REEKS OF REDS ACTION.

President Eisenhower's action in federalizing Arkansas National Guardsmen for the purpose of guaranteeing integration in a state which does not want it is the first positive action taken on the part of the national administration to make the United States a federal state.

Supreme Court decisions based on everything except the constitution has already followed the Red party line to the extent that such action was threatened, with newsmen over the country falling in line by terming it the law, although the de-

cision was admittedly based primarily on Myrdal's American Dilemma, a book compiled by and written by known communists and party sympathizers.

The racial conflict created by the Supreme Courts integration decisions in the Little Rock case and the federal intervention in the case smells to high heaven. It is not only time for right thinking people everywhere to begin to pray for the preservation of this country as we know it, but time for them to become alarmed as to the future of their own homes.

It is only a matter of time until federal troops will be able to come into any private home and intern the occupants on trumped up charges as the Nazi troops did under Hitler and as the Russian Secret Police continue to do in Russia and

### Public Invited To Maxwell Integrated Football Games

Maxwell Field has had placards placed throughout the city inviting the general public to come out to see a schedule of football games to be played there, without charge.

Maxwell Field, as all other government civilian and military installations, is integrated, with the Air Force seeming to attract more negroes than other branches. In all

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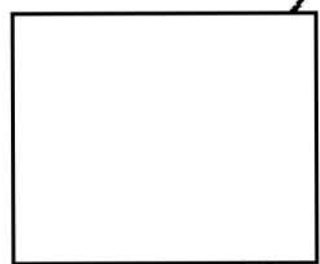
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# States Rights Advocate

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## GEORGIA EDUCATION COMMISSION BARES COMMUNIST TIES OF INTEGRATION MOVE

The Georgia Commission of Education, a body acting to expose of Communist effort to separate this country through civil and racial strife by infiltrating negro and integration movements, has published a full size four page paper in which the activities of the Communist Training School at Monteagle, Tennessee are bared.

Communist Aubrey Williams and Martin Luther King were both active in conducting the seminar and are supporters of this Communist Training School. Both of these Montgomery men, one a negro preacher and the other publisher of the Southern Farm and Home Magazine which he claims has a circulation of 500,000 in the nation, have been leaders in racial agitation in this section and King is currently spending a great deal of his time making radical speeches throughout the country.

Williams has been referred to 43 times in the paper for different Communist affiliations. Both he and King urged those who attended the school to secure new memberships to the NAACP, and a special appeal was made to teachers to join.

The unqualified support by the NAACP of these people must be viewed in light of the fact that ten of the directors have amassed the

## Labor Leader Says Southern Labor Must Support Integration

Labor leaders demanded that Southern labor go along with ALF-CIO in their integration plans, saying that there must be no discrimination or labor ranks would be divided.

For a labor leader to mention discrimination while exerting every effort of both these vast organizations to prevent any person from working without first belonging and paying dues to the unions is sort of like a skunk saying a sweetshrub stinks.

The unions have for years demanded closed shops and have been greatly successful in many places in preventing the hiring of any person who did not accept union membership. Even paying dues is not voluntary—the unions in most cases including a clause in contracts that dues shall be deducted from the employees salary.

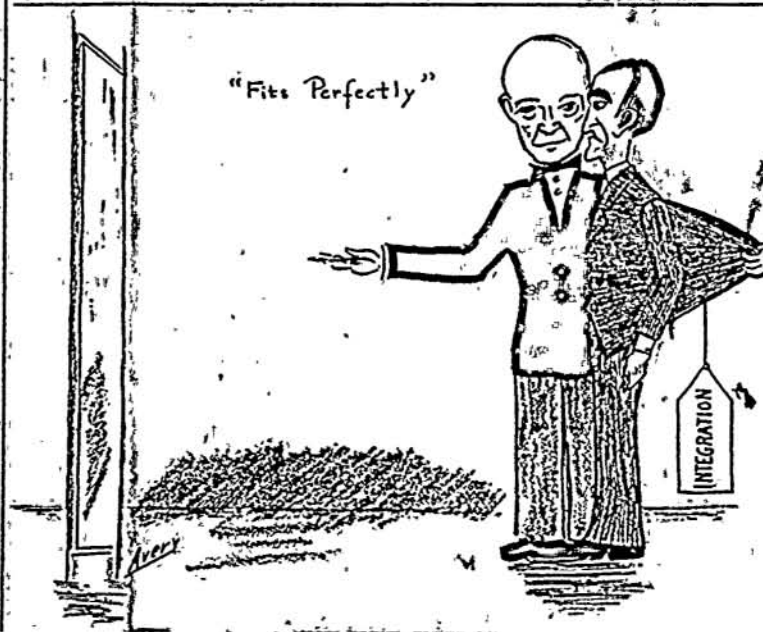
While we do not intend here to dispute the good some unions have done for their members, we do call attention to the members of these unions that when these organizations use a portion of their dues for the support of integration, then it is time for them to rise up in revolt.

It has been proven that many labor unions are headed by racket

## Short Snorts

We hope no international crisis ever arises while Ike is on the golf course or had a bad round. Some nation is liable to get atomed (sic)

We suppose the NAACP theme song will be "It Ain't No Sin To Take Off Your Skin And Dance Around In Your Bones." That is if it's true that we're all brothers under the skin.



agitates and  
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Colored  
People.

Ain't it de truff!

Man you better make that mon-  
key stop picking cotton before the  
NAACP emancipates it.

Poor little Little Rock negroes.  
They just can't get an education  
without attending white schools.  
Suppose the first thing they will  
learn is how to bleach their hair.  
Ever see a blond negro?

Don't know what Ike served that  
Ghana negro for breakfast but he  
wasn't entirely happy if there  
wasn't some sorghum and corn-  
bread on the table. Good thing it  
isn't summertime. He'd have a  
terrible time trying to eat water-  
mellon with a knife and fork. It  
isn't good if the seeds don't get in  
your ears the negroes we know say.

Haven't hard anything from King  
lately. Maybe he's miffed because  
Folsom didn't invite him to cock-  
tails.

The white waiting room at Dan-  
nelly Field turned to Gray the other  
day. Fred Gray, that is. You know  
Gray isn't brave enough to flaunt  
the law if he's too yellow to serve his  
country in peace time. He'll leave  
that to one of the ignorant negroes.

## Are State Governments To Be Scrapped?

Whether or not local and state  
governments survive in this country  
depend largely on the actions taken  
by the federal government in en-  
forcing the edicts of the Supreme  
Court in various integration cases in  
the South.

Fanned by the Liberals in all parts  
of this country, the NAACP and  
other Red-tinted organizations seek-  
ing the destruction of racial bars  
in all facets of our economy has suc-

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taking an active part in many of  
them. Williams lives in Montgom-  
ery at 2673 Fisk Road and King,  
when he is in Montgomery, is listed  
in the City Directory as residing at  
309 S. Jackson.

## Johnson Refuses To Feed Negro; Ike Invites Him To Breakfast

President Eisenhower had break-  
fast at the White House with K. A.  
Gbedemah, finance minister of  
Ghana, the new negro republic in  
Africa, and naturally Vice President  
Nixon horned in on the feed.

Gbedemah and his American  
negro personal secretary were re-  
fused service at a Howard Johnson  
franchised restaurant in Dover,  
Delaware. Fearing that the negro  
state of Ghana would be fretted  
because a foreign negro was not  
served where other negroes were  
refused service, Ike and Nixon hur-  
riedly ordered ham and eggs to be  
paid for with money furnished by  
American citizens, and called the  
negro over for a feed.

Naturally the president and vice  
president were disturbed over the  
incident in view of their previous  
efforts to favor negroes all over the  
country. This was forceably brought  
to light when they used the U. S.  
Armed forces to force integration of  
nine negro children in Central High  
School in Little Rock. This force-  
able race mixing caused 400 white  
students to refuse to attend school.  
However, according to Ike's actions,  
it is much more important that  
nine negro students attend the  
school than 400 white children.  
That the white people pay a vast  
majority of the school burden with  
their taxes didn't enter into the  
situation.

No doubt the president and vice  
president will have a treaty with  
Ghana in the near future to furnish  
negroes to immigrate to America to  
further the governments integration  
program.

# SOCIALISM

Writing a feature article in The  
Nation's Agriculture, the President  
of the American Farm Bureau Fed-  
eration under the above title,  
Charles B. Shuman says "Socialism  
is more than a nasty word. It is a  
system based on government own-  
ership or control of property—es-  
pecially land and capital invest-  
ments. This limitation or denial of  
property rights is invariably accom-  
panied by increased government re-  
strictions on the freedom of indi-  
viduals. The "superior" minds in  
the bureaucracy direct the planned  
economy through control of produc-  
tion and prices while the extremely  
high costs of government are re-  
flected in tax rates that destroy  
incentives."

Mr. Shuman said "socialism is a  
proven failure wherever and when-  
ever it has been tried. It failed in  
ancient Rome; it brought starvation  
to the early American settlements  
of Jamestown and Plymouth Rock;  
it is failing miserably in England  
and Russia today."

He continued that "Socialism fails  
because the decisions of a few po-  
litical planners are more likely to  
be in error than the combined  
judgements of thousands of indi-  
viduals bargaining in a free market  
for goods and services. "Socialism  
will inevitably lead to some type of  
communist dictatorship," he said.  
"The proven failure of a socialist  
scheme always brings proposals for  
further experiments in government  
management—never a return to free  
enterprise. When all is said and  
done, the only difference between  
socialism and communism is the  
degree of state control over the in-  
dividual. They are blood brothers,"  
he continued.

"Socialism is an atheistic philoso-  
phy. It depends on force rather  
than freedom of choice by indi-  
viduals—in fact, it is economic  
slavery. In all ways, it tends to  
destroy self-reliance and promote

(Continued on page 2)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE Mont-  
gomery County Citizens Council at a  
meeting Tuesday night, October  
15, at the Francis Cafeteria in  
Normandale. The election was  
unanimous.

L. B. Dinkins, a long time mem-  
ber of the Board was elected Vice-  
Chairman by a unanimous vote  
while Lane Brislin was named Sec-  
retary-Treasurer of the Organiza-  
tion. David Fox, a college student  
was voted in as Sergeant-at-Arms.

The meeting was attended by  
Mayor W. A. "Tackey" Gayle, Com-  
missioner Clyde Sellers, Fire Chief  
Lampley and former Congressman  
Laurie Battle, each of whom made  
a short talk. Ex-Congressman Bat-  
tle told of his experiences on a  
recent visit to Little Rock where  
he conferred with Gov. Orvil Faubus  
on the integration problem there.

Radio, television and newspaper  
reporters covered the dinner meet-  
ing and were recognized by the  
Chairman who thanked them for  
their coverage of the event.

## Troops Trained For Special Integration Duty

While high brass in the federal  
government stumbles over itself to  
place the blame for an order di-  
recting regular army troops to train  
for riot duty to enforce illegal in-  
tegration in Southern schools, and  
deny that this was the intention  
when the order was given, troops  
are being trained for such purposes  
according to news releases, one of  
which quotes an army wife who  
says that her husband was among  
troops so trained.

Senator Russell of Georgia, de-  
manding that the source of the or-  
der be revealed, brought a quick  
desist order from the high brass,  
and final accusation that the Army  
Chief of Staff issued the order.

Senator Byrd of Virginia report-  
edly had proof of the riot training  
and said he intended to get to the  
bottom of the plot if he had to  
introduce a resolution in Congress.

gration where it is not wanted is  
to join the ranks of the communists  
in their efforts to destroy America.

In many places a free white man  
who has served his country with  
valor in time of national emergency  
is not able to seek employment be-  
cause he is not a union member.  
Is that not the worst kind of dis-  
crimination?

## Negro Reasons For School Admission Vary With Conditions

Federal District Judge Don Gil-  
liam declined to grant a motion in  
his Raleigh, North Carolina court,  
to dismiss a suit in which a negro  
boy was seeking admission to the  
all-white Broughton High School  
because it was much closer to his  
home than the all-negro school.

The negro's family is not only  
seeking to have their son entered  
in the school but also to have North  
Carolina's segregation school laws  
declared invalid. The Judge ruled  
that North Carolina's school place-  
ment law had already been declared  
unconstitutional.

This negro, seeking admission to  
an all-white high school because it  
is closer to his home than the all-  
negro school varies widely from the  
negro viewpoint in New York City  
where negro children are sent many  
miles and several hours out of the  
way to attend all-white schools to  
prove that integration is best for  
all concerned.

This is another of the apparent  
nonentities offered by negroes and  
negrophile public officials for the  
purpose of forcing integration where  
it is not wanted.

Whenever there are reasons to be  
advanced for the admission of  
negroes to places formerly prohib-  
ited to them, they are made to fit  
that particular case and altered to  
best suit their needs in other situa-  
tions according to which will look  
best to the particular judge before  
which the hearings are held.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 11/25/57

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA,  
CITIZENS' COUNCIL, Aka  
IS-X

ReBulet to SAC, Atlanta, 10/9/57, captioned CITIZENS COUNCILS, IS-X, and Molet to Bureau, 10/19/57, with same caption (Bufile 105-34237).

Bureau authority to contact the following named and described individual as a possible informant in captioned organization is requested. Pursuant to instructions in reBulet, the following data are furnished:

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1. Name: [Redacted]
2. Residence Address: [Redacted]
3. Occupation and Business Address: [Redacted]

4. [Redacted] is a member of the captioned organization.

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5. Early in 1955, [Redacted] voluntarily contacted the Montgomery RA and furnished a leaflet and letter circulated by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. Shortly thereafter, he was contacted in connection with another matter, and was fully cooperative -- the nature of that case not being recalled. During the past six months, SA [Redacted] has renewed his acquaintance with [Redacted] by regularly patronizing [Redacted].

[Redacted] During these conversations, SA [Redacted] has ascertained that [Redacted] is an intelligent and well-balanced person. [Redacted] believes in segregation, as do most people in Montgomery, but he also believes in law and order. Unlike the overwhelming majority of Montgomery citizens, he did not blame President EISENHOWER for sending troops to Little Rock, but indicated his belief that Governor ORVAL FAUBUS was the

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"knucklehead" whose blunders made it necessary for EISENHOWER to send troops. [ ] has also expressed the strong conviction that "force and violence" is not only the wrong way to try to preserve segregation, but that it cannot succeed in that objective.

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6. No information appears in the Mobile files which would make a contact inadvisable.
7. It is accordingly recommended that [ ] be contacted at such intervals as appears discreet and feasible, with the objective of getting him active in Citizens Council affairs for the purpose of being in a position to learn of any future unlawful or violent activities of the Council. It is pointed out that [ ] could not logically be asked to furnish regular information concerning the Citizens Council, there being no presentable and logical reason for the Bureau's interest in the lawful activities of that group. The only basis for his becoming active in the organization would be to learn of and report unlawful activities, if any are planned or if any take place.

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1 - Mr. Williams

SAC, Mobile (105-233)

December 3, 1957

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA  
CITIZENS' COUNCIL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurlet November 25, 1957, in which you requested authority to contact [redacted] as a possible informant concerning captioned organization.

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Bufiles contain no information which can be identified as pertaining to [redacted]. Authority is granted to contact him for the purpose of determining his potentiality and willingness to serve as a source in this matter. At the outset of your interview with him, he should be advised that the Bureau is not interested in the activities of citizens councils as such but is interested solely in their potential for violence and violations of laws over which the Bureau has jurisdiction, particularly civil rights violations.

In the event [redacted] is cooperative, additional background information should be submitted. In this regard, you are referred to Section 107C of the Manual of Instructions.

Furnish Bureau results of contact promptly.

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No information was set forth in Mobile letter which would preclude a interview with [redacted].

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 12/5/57

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

ATTN: CENTRAL RESEARCH SECTION

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALA.)  
CITIZENS' COUNCIL, Aka  
IS-X

Enclosed herewith to the Central Research Section, is one copy of the "States Rights Advocate", official publication of captioned organization, Volume 2, Number 1, dated November, 1957.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 12/20/57

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALA.)  
CITIZENS' COUNCIL, Aka  
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ReMoLet to Bureau 11/25/57, and Bulets 12/3 and

4/57.

[redacted] was contacted on 12/9/57, at which time he was acquainted in general terms with the responsibilities of the Bureau in Civil Rights matters, and with the need for the Bureau to keep abreast of all groups of persons having a potential for domestic violence. [redacted] indicated his agreement and approval of the Bureau's investigative activities in these matters, and generally expressed his will to assist where such assistance appeared needed. The discussion did not get down to any specifics, and the Citizens' Council (of Montgomery Co., Ala.) was not mentioned. It is believed certain that [redacted] would not take kindly at this time to any investigation which appeared to be centered around the Citizens' Council, no matter how carefully it is explained that the Bureau is not interested in the Citizens' Council as such. At a later contact, it will occur, incidentally, to the contacting Agent that [redacted] might easily receive pertinent information in discussions with some of the more radical members of the Citizens' Council, before and after meetings. It is believed that such an approach will give a truer perspective of the investigation to [redacted] that the Citizens' Council aspect of the investigation is incidental to the Bureau's objectives.

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With respect to Mobile's program in Citizens' Council matters in this Division, the following program is set forth:

1. Develop adequate informant coverage in the Montgomery Co. (Ala.) Citizens' Council, in view of projected plans for integration of public schools in 1959 in Montgomery, Ala. by the Montgomery Improvement Association.
2. Keep advised of developments in other citizens' councils in the Division area through existing informants and sources, and through newspapers and other readily available public source material.

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It is understood that both aspects of this investigation will be reported solely by letters to the Bureau submitted every 30 days. It is also understood that when a matter of obvious immediate interest to the Bureau, involving citizens' councils, is learned, such matter will be promptly set forth in suitably urgent communication, and will not be repeated in the regular 30-day letter. Such a matter was the only item of pertinence learned during the past 30 days, specifically the appearance of Little Rock Attorney [redacted] at a citizens' council sponsored meeting at Montgomery, Ala. on 12/5/57, concerning which a blank memorandum was submitted.

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The next 30-day letter will be submitted on

1 - Liaison Section  
1 - Mr. Williams

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Date: January 3, 1958  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.  
Attention: Chief, Security Division  
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Subject: MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALABAMA)  
CITIZENS' COUNCIL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

There is being furnished you herewith for your information a memorandum dated December 20, 1957, prepared by the Mobile Office of this Bureau concerning the captioned matter.

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- 1 - Director of Naval Intelligence (Enclosure)
- 1 - Office of Special Investigations (Enclosure)  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 12/20/57

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALABAMA)  
CITIZENS' COUNCIL, Aka  
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There are enclosed herewith to the Bureau and Little Rock 8 and 2 copies respectively of a blank memorandum captioned as above, pertaining to the appearance of [redacted] of Little Rock, Ark. before a meeting sponsored by captioned organization on 12/5/57, and summarizing his remarks on that occasion.

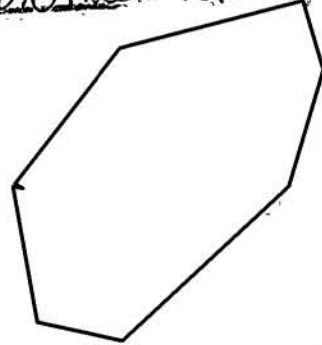
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama  
December 20, 1957

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALABAMA)  
CITIZENS' COUNCIL, Also Known  
As Central Alabama Citizens'  
Council

The December 5, 1957, issue of the Alabama Journal, a daily newspaper published at Montgomery, Alabama, carried a paid advertisement on page 2-D captioned "The Truth About Little Rock". This advertisement announced that AMIS GUTHERIDGE, a Little Rock Attorney, would speak that night at the Blue and Grey Room of the Whitley Hotel in Montgomery, and announced also, "the talk is sponsored by the Montgomery County Citizens Council and the public is urged to attend free of charge."

The December 6, 1957, issue of the Montgomery Advertiser, a daily newspaper published at Montgomery, carried an article on page 4-F captioned "Little Rock Attorney Labels Integration As 'Communitic Plot' Against People." This article, carrying the by-line of reporter DICK LOSER, reads as follows:

"Amis Gutheridge, Little Rock attorney, last night labeled the Little Rock integration situation as a Communist plot against the people of Arkansas in a speech here to the White Citizens' Council.

"An enthusiastic crowd of approximately 400 people greeted Gutheridge's remarks with applause and cheers at the Whitley Hotel as he blasted organizations supporting the integration movement in Little Rock and praised Gov. Orval E. Faubus for his attempt to maintain segregation.

"Gutheridge, one of 11 Southerners instrumental in forming the White Citizens' Council in 1955, spoke highly of the work being done by Alabama State Sen. Sam Englehart. Gutheridge is one of the leading exponents of segregation in Arkansas and has appeared several times with Englehart in behalf of the council. He is credited with founding White America Inc. in Little Rock in 1955 which later gave way to the council.

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"Speaking to the crowd assembled in the Blue and Gray Room, Gutheridge gave a brief background sketch of the situation in Little Rock which led to the final ordering of Federal Troops into the city.

"Harry S. Ashmore, a name that was to crop up again and again throughout the speech, was cited as one of the key figures in the integration movement in Little Rock. Ashmore, executive editor of the Little Rock Gazette, was accused by Gutheridge of collaborating with organizations and persons with Communistic background and support to further integration in Arkansas.

"Ashmore founded the Arkansas Council on Human Relations in 1955. This organization, subsidized by the Southern Region Council, had as its sole purpose the mixing of the races', Gutheridge said.

"Other organizations blasted by Gutheridge included the Urban League, Funds for the Republic and the NAACP. 'Most of these organizations have Red leanings or are associated with persons who have Communist backgrounds', he said.

"Gutheridge cautioned the people of Montgomery to know the persons on their school boards and what they stand for. 'Not one school in the South has integrated without the support of the school board. We erred by not knowing the persons on our school boards', Gutheridge said.

"Emphasizing the importance of organization, he cited the example of the formation of the Mothers' League in North Little Rock, the third largest city in Arkansas. 'Three days after its formation, integration was halted in North Little Rock'.

"In elaborating on the incident in Little Rock as a part of a communist plot, Gutheridge said the NAACP and other organizations regarded Arkansas as the weakest link in the chain of Southern states and carefully planned their campaign at Little Rock. He cited Northern integration leaders who came to Little Rock to aid in the movement.

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CITIZENS' COUNCIL

"He named Dr. and Mrs. Lee Lorch, Daisy Bates and Winthrop Rockefeller as being instrumental in the plot at Little Rock. Gutheridge stated that Lorch has a long record of communist affiliations. H.K.

"Of the president's use of troops at Little Rock, Gutheridge denounced the action and said Gov. Faubus was acting for the peace and tranquility of the state when he used the National Guard. 'This was his duty as head of the sovereign state of Arkansas'.

"On the constitution, Gutheridge said: 'I believe in the Constitution of the United States, but not as it is being perverted by an alleged Supreme Court, the press and other media'.

"All is not peace and quiet in Little Rock as the government would have people believe. Approximately 900 federalized National Guard members are still patrolling the school', he said.

"Little Rock will maintain segregation in the end, but will do so by legal, moral and honorable means. Already the people have found we are not the weak sister for which we were mistaken. We are confident of victory, but we must be organized if we are to win', he concluded."

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 1/4/58

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

ATTN: CENTRAL RESEARCH DESK

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALA.)  
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Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are 2 copies of the "States Rights Advocate", official publication of captioned group, dated December, 1957, Volume 2, No. 2.

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On 1/20/58, PSI [redacted] stated that significant changes were made on the previous day in the Montgomery Improvement Association (MIA). He said that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, certain changes were made in the organizational setup and certain changes were made in leadership personnel. Specifically, the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors was created and Reverend <sup>ALA</sup> RALPH ABERNATHY was elected to fill that position. [redacted] pointed out that this means that Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., who remains President of the MIA, will no longer preside at Board meetings and will therefore lose considerable authority. He said that Reverend ABERNATHY is very responsive to the conservative element within the MIA and further, that ABERNATHY does not impose his will on the Board when he is presiding over it in the manner that KING does. Therefore, the conservative element, of which [redacted] is a principal leader, will have much greater authority in the MIA than previously. Furthermore,

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[redacted] This further increases the strength of the conservative group.

[redacted] stated that as a result of the above changes, and through the increased authority of the conservative group, a significant change was made in the program of the MIA regarding education. He said that the previously adopted program of securing a court order as soon as possible for the integration of public schools in Montgomery was abandoned. In its place was adopted a resolution that the Negro people of Montgomery be more concerned with reconciliation of the differences between the races and the establishment of effective communication between the races, rather than following a program of radical action which could only be reasonably expected to produce greater tension and more distant and sharply opposed positions. He said the first move under this new policy was to write a statement to the Montgomery County Board of Education pointing out that there in fact exists in Montgomery County a dual educational system consisting of white schools and Negro schools and that the differences are obvious and sharp, particularly in the limited accreditation suffered by the Negro schools. The letter referred to the 1954 Supreme Court decision on school integration but did not specifically request that the Montgomery County Board of Education comply with that decision. Instead it requested that

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the Board cooperate with the Negro people to open up new channels for discussion of the problem confronting Negro educators, and specifically proposed that a biracial committee be established to entertain the views of all parties concerned.

In view of the sharply modified program of the MIA and of the removal of any foreseeable conflict over integration attempts in public schools in Montgomery, there appears no further need to continue the program of developing informants within the Montgomery County Citizens' Council. It is pointed out that any change or any contemplation of a change of this policy of the MIA will be immediately known by [redacted] and will be immediately reported to the Mobile Office. Until a further change occurs, the authority of the Bureau is requested to discontinue efforts to develop informants in the Montgomery County Citizens' Council.

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TO : Director, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 2/5/58

FROM : SAC, Mobile (105-233)  
ATTN: CENTRAL RESEARCH SECTION

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALA.)  
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## Do The Russians Through Adam C. Powell, Jr., Already Rule America?

Expose In National Review Magazine Bares Powell's Record

In his book, REVITALIZING A NATION, General of the Army Douglas McArthur had this to say: "The national administration has been under a control characterized by narrow vision and overriding personal ambition. The power of the government was used as a political leverage to obtain more and greater centralization of authority. Political greed became the dominant factor in government and the fortunes of the political party of the administration began to receive primary consideration over and above the public interest."

"Laws and clearly defined precedents which obstructed this concentration of power were brushed aside and the democracy of representative government began to yield

to the concept of governmental autocracy. In the ensuing movement toward ascendancy of men over laws, the meaning and intent of the Constitution became rapidly corrupted."

Although it would appear to be a clear description of the present administration, it was criticism of the previous Democratic administration headed by Harry Truman who unceremoniously fired McArthur as General of the Armies for his criticism.

Both Republicans and Democrats seem to fall under the domination of Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., the Congressman from Harlem, New York, whose strict compliance to the Communist line is forecably brought out in an article "The Wheels of Justice Stop for Adam Clayton Powell, Jr." which explains in detail how the government stopped a grand jury investigation of Powell when it

## Newspaperman Stages One-Man Fight For Segregation

Although it is known that the Fourth Estate has been infiltrated by the Communist Party and that certain elements are either outright in every effort to bring damnation down upon those who oppose the "Party", or write subtle articles to gradually dim the alertness of the readers to communistic changes taking place in country, there stands one bright and shining example of truth, fairness and loyalty in the person of William J. Mahoney, Jr., of the Montgomery Advertiser-Journal.

Mr. Mahoney does not write an article just to fill a column in the paper. His offerings are the result of much study and research on whatever subject he may be writing at the time.

## Negro Religious Group Features Integration In National Paper

A copy of the National Baptist Voice, official organ of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., which is said to have a membership of 27,500 preachers, 26,000 churches and 4,550,000 "constituents" came across the desk of your reporter and with a great deal of curiosity about the contents, it was read rather thoroughly.

Being of a somewhat religious nature, we were interested to know just how the negro preachers went about their religious activities, and felt that somewhere along the line the integration issue would be proclaimed. On page 5 I found it in an article titled Foreign Frontiers.

David N. Licorish, associate Pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church of Harlem of which Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., is Pastor had written an article dealing with a trip he made to Toronto, Canada to preach to a congregation of white people at the invitation of the minister. It seems that another negro had been invited but as he could not go this negro was substituted.

The article deals at length with his staying in the home of the white

## Baptist Speaker Predicts Victory For Segregation

The following is a condensation of a news story which appeared on the front page of the SELMA TIMES-JOURNAL, Friday, January 17:

By GEORGE WHITTINGTON

The South is on its way toward winning its battle to maintain segregation not only in its churches, but in its public schools and other facilities, a leading Alabama segregationist minister declared here last night.

Dr. Henry L. Lyon, pastor of the Highland Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, and a past president of the Alabama Baptist Association, made that declaration in a talk at the First Baptist Church here. He spoke to an overflow audience.

"We're on the road, we're on the march," Dr. Lyon asserted. "We are not rabble-rousers, but God-fearing and truth-loving individuals."

Basing his talk heavily on the Acts of the Apostles, Dr. Lyon de-

# SPORTS

Two negroes were driving down a country lane in a pick-up truck when they saw a hog on the side of the road. Looking around they saw no one so they picked up the hog and put it in the cab with them.

In just a few minutes an announcement on the trucks radio advised anyone seeing two negroes in a pickup truck with a hog to notify authorities as they were seen to stop and get the animal which belonged to a neighboring farmer. The announcement said that road blocks had been established to intercept them if they were still in the area.

One of the negroes put his coat on the hog while the other added his hat in an attempt to disguise the pig and escape detection.

Farther down the road they ran into a road block manned by police officers.

"What's your name" one of the policemen asked the driver.

"Joe Jackson" was the answer.

"And what's your name" he asked the other negro.

"Jim Jackson" was the reply.

"What's your name" the officer asked, indicating the one in the center.

The negro rider nudged the hog hard with his elbow, bringing out a loud "oink".

"Ok, go ahead", said the officer.

As they pulled away, one of the officers scratched his head and remarked to the other, "you know, that Oink Jackson was the ugliest nigger I ever saw."

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We have been informed that our government has finally come up with a ruse to confuse Russia.

Our unreliable information says that the Air Force plans to send a negro up in our first manned missile, so that our government can tell Russia the jig is up.

Arthur's Book and the National Review Magazine. McArthur tends to deal with the general deterioration of the American government and National Review, which is printed in New York, deals with Communist and un-American activities in this country.

In the above mentioned article, the magazine said that a New York grand jury had been investigating the affairs of Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., for more than three months and had an estimated two more months work to do when the administration called off the investigation in spite of the "fact that the agent in charge of the Treasury forces detailed to assist the United States Attorney to secure evidence for the grand jury privately stated that in his opinion enough evidence had already been amassed to win an indictment and in spite of the fact that the Assistant United States Attorney who had been in direct charge of the investigation from the outset, believed, and so stated to his superiors, that enough evidence had already been marshalled to bring about an indictment."

The article stated that the administration's decision to draw back its forces from the investigation was probably an act of political gratitude.

"Adam Clayton Powell has intimidated people before by constructing any opposition to him or what he wants as an attack on the negro race and democracy. A year ago on a television program he declared "Innuendos" about his alleged financial irregularities were inspired by his fight against White Citizens Councils," the magazine story continues.

The article said that more than likely the Eisenhower administration felt beholden to him for his totally unexpected announcement calling on all negroes to vote for the Republican Candidate for president.

"Adam Clayton Powell was in  
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in getting the true story of conditions in the South across to magazine or newspaper readers in other sections of the country.

He refers to the "half-truths" that are printed in those publications and wonders if any of them could take the oath common to every trial court of the land: "The truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth . . ."

Those who know or have followed Mr. Mahoney's article felt that if the plight of the negro in the South was as represented by the press in the North, East and West, and in communist literature and negro radical bursts of oratory, then Mr. Mahoney would be fighting just as hard to right that wrong.

However, knowing conditions as they truly exist and being acquainted with behind the scene activities responsible for certain stories presented in "half-truth" form by visiting reporters Mr. Mahoney has conducted a one-man crusade for right, justice and loyalty that has made him emerge as one of the outstanding newspapermen in this country.

Whether Mr. Mahoney is a member of any segregationist group we don't know. We only know that so far as we have been able to observe Mr. Mahoney will laud you if you're right and lambast you if you're wrong. We feel that he will have the facts before him before he makes up his mind, whatever the subject at hand.

was there. Apparently it would have been sacreligious to have engaged a white pastor to fill the pulpit, and the negro minister from Harlem deals at length of the lack of discrimination. At one place he calls attention to an event that happened years ago when he mentioned something about his college days when he was accepted without regard to his color by a group of students from the "South".

That Licorish attended a school as an equal with "some" students from the South, we do not question. During the past several years the Communist Party has planted agents in all sections of the country to organize "cells" and do whatever they could to undermine this nation for conquest by the USSR. In this respect almost every effort was a dismal failure until some bright member hit upon racial unrest as the quickest way to achieve their ends.

Meeting with failure there, they determined that as most negroes were somewhat religious and had great respect for those representing the church the communists infiltrated that group and have succeeded in winning over negro pastors where almost every other effort has failed.

It would seem that Adam Clayton Powell's Abyssinian Baptist Church has become a headquarters for the communist movement among the negro churches of this country.  
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way of life. Dr. Lyon demanded: "Are you going to tell me I'm not an American because I believe in segregation? I fought for America! To my dying breath I will use my influence, my character, and if necessary give my life, to defend my liberty and my way of life."

Hitting strongly at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, he said it is a known fact that the organization has strong Communist influence within its ranks.

The Tuscaloosa native and long-time Montgomery minister urged his listeners to continue their fight (against integration literature in the church) in a "dignified manner", and called on others ministers to help expose the "ugly reality" of the threat of integration. He said that thus the courts of America can be "saved from the radicals."

## NEGRO PROFESSOR FIGHTS NAACP

Clennon King, negro professor at Alcorn College, Alcorn, Mississippi has been running a fight against the methods used by the NAACP in both speeches and magazine and newspaper articles.

The Montgomery Advertiser carried the articles with which most people are familiar.

King's revelations of the inner workings of the NAACP, gained as a member of that organization, closely ties in with the accusations made by the Citizens Council, and uncovers the fact that white people in high office are using the NAACP as a political foot stool and not as a tool to better the negroes lot.

Vice President Richard Nixon has bragged about his membership in the NAACP and it is known that Adlai Stevenson is also a member. Many of the officers and members of the Board of Directors of the NAACP are white including Oscar Hammerstein, III, and many other Americans in high office and national prominence.

### Remember!

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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALABAMA)  
CITIZENS' COUNCIL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X**

Rourlet dated January 28, 1958.

In no instance under the current program of developing coverage in citizens councils has the Bureau made it mandatory that informants be developed in any specific council. Your office is in the best position to judge whether or not the captioned organization may resort to violence or engage in activities in violation of laws within the Bureau's jurisdiction. In the event information available to your office indicates this organization will not commit such acts no coverage need be developed at this time. However, as pointed out in Bulet to Atlanta dated January 13, 1958, captioned "Citizens Councils, Internal Security - X," copies to your office, until such time as a community is actually faced with immediate integration it cannot be determined with any degree of certainty exactly what action councils in that area will take. Therefore, you should follow the situation in Montgomery closely and when it appears that coverage of captioned organization may be necessary such coverage should be obtained promptly.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

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Negroes in Montgomery recently adopted a policy of attempting to discuss the differences in white and Negro educational facilities and abandoned a plan to press for integration. In view of this Mobile requested authority to discontinue efforts to develop informants in captioned organization.

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## INTEGRATION CHAOS:

### N. Y. Schools Set North To Thinking

The smug and superior attitude of Northerners who have been lending support to pro-integration activities in the South has been harshly rocked by recent school developments in New York City. Since the first of the year there has been in the national news an almost continuous stream of stories about crimes committed in the schools by school pupils. The crimes have not been petty; they were of the types which are revolting to normal people in Western civilizations. They ranged down the scale from rape through aggravated assault, attempted murder, robbery, vandalism, and so on.

Official sources in the North have either been strangely quiet about the condition, or they have attempted to explain away the incidents in

among young people. Evidence is coming out of the North that many people are seeing the whole race issue in a clearer light than ever before. While it had been an abstract "injustice" far off in the deep South, it now was a concrete challenge to morality and civilized order in their own neighborhood.

#### People Awake

These people have heard too much over the past years about the crowded, unsanitary, primitive conditions which negroes generally were forced to live in in the South according to integrationist propagandists. It would be too much for these propagandists now to deny Northerners the right to ask the question which is arising in the minds of negroes living and have lived for generations in identical

## Council Starts Big Expansion Plan; All Activities Stepped Up; New Programs Already Started

The biggest expansion program ever undertaken has just been started by the Montgomery County Citizens Council. According to plans and arrangements made by the Board of Directors, the expansion will involve doing a better, more thorough job in all fields the Council has been working in, and also a moving out into new areas of operation.

The operation already is underway in some of its aspects, and will reach full-scale within a month.

Council Chairman Bruce Wyatt announced the plans as approved by the Board of Directors and the

Wyatt said. "We want to make it so that virtually every person who believes preserving segregation by legal means will be a Council member. That is the way it ought to be, and the way it will be before long, I believe."

3. Build the effectiveness of the Council to such a point that no minority schemes for agitation and trouble can be put over in Montgomery county. "This is the main objective, of course," Wyatt said. "It is listed third simply because the other two points must be accomplished first if we are to achieve this one as fully as we hope."

for active work in their particular areas. Other meetings will bring together Council members from all areas who want to study some special subject intensively as it relates to the race question, or to engage in specialized projects for stemming the rising tide of left-wing activities.

#### Council Building

One project being started is for the Council to acquire a building of its own which can serve as a headquarters for it, and probably for the State Association of Citizens Councils. This would provide badly

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tion at all at the polls. For a discussion concerning the race for governor and the question of segregation, see a separate story on that subject which appears on page one.

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There are other groups similarly situated; a convincing promise to get for them what they want badly might dim their eyes to the promise-making candidate's record on segregation.

Such being the political facts as they exist in Alabama in 1958, it is a sure bet that one or more of the candidates already has figured out how he can win anyway, even if his initially proclaimed dedication to segregation is exposed during the campaign as something less than 100 per cent.

#### Financial Aid

Also not to be overlooked is the financial aid a candidate might expect from out-of-state "liberal" forces if he made a covert deal with them. They certainly would be broadminded enough to understand his situation in continuing to protest his devotion to segregation. The Northern "liberals" pride themselves on understanding that in the Deep South "even the most liberal politicians must give lip service to segregation and the other lingering relics of the bourbon past".

Such a realistic analysis dramatically points up the fact that unanimous endorsement of segregation by no means eliminated the segregation-integration question from the race. It just be-clouds it, and if no openly avowed champion of the integrationists enters the governor's race it makes it all the more certain that negro and integrationist votes will go to some avowed segregationist candidate who privately is acceptable to the integrationists, or who at least is one they are sure they can "work with" (or work on).

#### Voters Actions

What then is to be done by the average Alabama voter? He means it when he votes under the Alabama Democratic Party emblem with its legend: "White Supremacy for the Right". But he and the more than quarter of a million other voters like him might split their vote

## Race Issue May Enter Governor's Race

among several candidates who qualify according to his standards. Meanwhile the negroes and integrationists may quietly mass their minority votes behind a candidate "acceptable" to them, and do so in sufficient strength to give him a plurality.

Of course, such a situation could be settled decisively in the run-off election. But there could be danger in leaving it for that. The top-runner in the first primary always has a psychological advantage on the second man, and has special appeal to the political traders. Thinking segregationists are aware of this, and many of them are not going to be willing to wait and let the runoff election settle everything. They are afraid that if an undesirable candidate should wind up top man in the first primary, he might by some fluke make it to the governor's chair.

Citizens Council members and leaders have discussed this situation among themselves. They have decided that, to date, the situation does not call for any action. As the campaign gets rolling Citizens Council members and officials are counted in the opposing camps of many of the candidates. There has not even been any suggestion of the Councils trying to get together and through their powerful political support behind a chosen candidate. Whenever an outsider brings up the subject he is told that such a course seems totally improbable at this time, and that Council members are scattered among the candidates.

But the outsider also may be told that this is no sign that the Councils will not use their political power; if necessary, to prevent the election of a candidate luke-warm on the segregation-integration issue.

#### Council Courses

Without formal discussion or

agreement, there seems to be a consensus among Council officials and members that something effectively would be done should it become apparent that, through a scattering of the Council members political efforts among several candidates, a candidate receiving the NAACP-controlled negro vote could receive a plurality in the first primary.

There are two courses of action which are obviously open. The first would be for the Councils to publicly label one or more of the candidates an unacceptable to the white people of the state.

Should this happen, there is little question but that the candidate or candidates named would immediately go to the foot of the race. In virtually every section of the state Councils affiliated with the Alabama Association of Citizens Councils stand strong in membership and are held in high esteem. They are recognized as the accepted form of organization for the state's responsible citizens who are determined to preserve segregation, but equally determined that the methods used in Alabama to preserve segregation shall be methods which at the same time preserve racial peace rather than those which stir up racial disturbances.

Public officials and community leaders, even those who are not Council members, recognize that it is necessary that the Council's methods work in Alabama. If they should fail, then considerable numbers of the public would turn to new movements and tactics headed by less responsible leadership, and the consequences might be dangerous.

So, if the Councils should find it necessary to denounce a candidate for governor, they could count on the support of most of the state's influential leaders—even those who

might feel that the move was not necessary. Those leaders would feel that it was necessary that the organized voice of the state's white people be upheld in its authority rather than to let it be publicly discredited with the attendant release of the Pandora's box of assorted troubles.

#### Another Approach

The other approach which suggests itself would be a concerted move to shift Council members and officials support around in the race in order to mobilize it behind one or more reliable candidates and withdraw it from the one getting negro and NAACP support. This might be done without a public proclamation of policy or resolved action of the Councils. It would be simply the case, for example, of two Council officials who are supporting different candidates agreeing between themselves that developments called for them to move together behind one or the other's candidate, or possibly even a different candidate altogether. This kind of con-

currence would spread from one pair to others until it blanketed the state. It is remarkable how ready Council leaders and members are to sacrifice personal wishes and ambitions when so doing can bring about needed united action in the fight against integration inroads.

Council officials are unperturbed, and are quite confident that the coming elections will strengthen segregation in Alabama regardless of how clever the NAACP and other left-wing organizations are, and regardless of how much they spend in Alabama.

As one Council official, a young-business man who gives a lot of his time to quiet, unheralded work for the Council and the preservation of segregation—as he put it:

"Maybe the Democratic Party organization in Alabama can not compel office-holders and office-seekers to support segregation and be loyal to the Party's policy printed right at the top of every ballot—'White Supremacy for the Right'. Maybe they can't insure that such a policy is supported within the Party much less within the state. But the Citizens Councils can see to it—and they will."

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Particular attention is invited to article on page one, entitled "N.Y. Times Man Mocks at Anti-Communist Book".

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On page 1 of the April, 1958, issue of the "States Rights Advocate" concerning the Director's book, there appeared an article, "New York Times Man Mocks at Anti-Communist Book." This article made reference to a review of the book by John B. Oakes, who was identified in a footnote to his original article as "a member of the Times editorial board." The article in the "Advocate," a pro-segregation paper published by the Montgomery County, Alabama, Citizens Council, highlighted the attempts of Oakes to discredit the contents of the Director's book and was extremely critical of Oakes' article.

The Mobile Office by letter dated 7/3/58 transmitted a copy of the June, 1958, issue of the "States Rights Advocate." On page 3 of this issue there appears a letter to the editor (the only such letter contained in that issue) by David Fox, Jr., captioned "J. Edgar Hoover 'No Friend Of Ours'?" Fox maintains that the Citizens Council made a mistake in endorsing the Director's book in the April issue of the "Advocate" and points out that, even though the Director may have been attacked by a "New York Times" writer, "he is no friend of ours, according to a thorough reading of his book, 'Masters of Deceit.'" Fox states that in one place in the book the Director praises the NAACP as fighting against communism and that a man in the Director's position should know about the NAACP's communist connections.

An editor's note below Fox's letter states that neither the Council nor the "Advocate" have recommended or endorsed the Director's book. It also points out that it merely intended to focus attention on the fact that the "New York Times" used its space to "argue with Hoover and attempt to pick his book apart rather than to review it."

Referenced Mobile letter reflects that David G. Fox was listed on the letterhead of the "Committee for Legal Defense, 912 South Decatur Street, Montgomery, Alabama," received by that office on 3/4/57, as secretary of that organization. An informant of the Mobile Office has reported that the Committee for Legal Defense was organized by [redacted] a Klan member, on instructions of Klan leaders at a time when members of the U. S. Klans at Montgomery were under State indictment in connection with bombings of Negro homes and churches.

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It should be noted that on Page 3 of this issue, there appears a copy of a letter to the editor, apparently written by one DAVID FOX, JR., Montgomery, Alabama, criticizing the Director for his statement in the book Masters of Deceit, whereby he "praises the NAACP as fighting against Communism".

Mobile indices contain the following information concerning an individual who may be identical with DAVID FOX, JR.

Page 5 of report of SA [redacted] 11/27/56, Mobile, entitled: "KLAN INFILTRATION, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA, CITIZENS' COUNCIL", Bufile 105-43132, reflects one DAVID FOX (no identifying data) as being a member of the Board of Directors of captioned organization.

Through a confidential post office box at Montgomery was received on 3/4/57 a letter bearing the letterhead "Committee for Legal Defense, 912 South Decatur Street, Montgomery, Alabama", which letterhead lists the officers of the organization, including DAVID G. FOX, Secretary. This letter states that the Committee for Legal Defense is a committee formed to act in securing funds for the legal defense of persons charged with offenses who may not be able to secure adequate legal counsel for themselves. Information furnished by [redacted] as reported in the file on U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Realm of Alabama, is that the Committee for Legal Defense was organized by [redacted] a Klan member, on instructions of Klan leaders, it being noted that at that time members of the U. S. Klans at Montgomery were under State indictment in connection with bombings of Negro homes and churches.

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## Strange Words, Ideas Prevail At Baptist Meet; Hays Elected

Houston, Tex.

More than 11,000 "messengers" from Southern Baptist churches met in Houston late in May for their denomination's annual convention, and they found things rigged pretty well to suit the small but influential pro-integration forces which have infiltrated the Baptist Convention's organization.

Brooks Hays was re-elected president of the Convention. Hays is the "liberal" Arkansas congressman who unsuccessfully attempted to play the role of "peacemaker" between Governor Faubus and President Eisenhower during the Little Rock incident.

Hays came to the convention

things as "Christian duty" are.

Another trend which traditional Baptists considered dangerous came up when Hays called on each pastor to "express his conscience, even though his parishioners may think him wrong at times." This was taken as being a reference to an increasing tendency of Baptist congregations to discharge pastors who have been using the pulpits to preach integration.

Baptist Parishioners?

Such admonitions from Hays were not surprising, in view of his known "liberal" position. But many of the messengers were shocked by his use of one simple word. His

## Run-Off Election List Will Be Short: Answers Of Candidates Told

In the Democratic primary run-off election June 3, voters will be presented with only three statewide contests: governor, lieutenant-governor, and secretary of state. In addition, Montgomery County voters will settle two races for seats in the House of Representatives, and will vote for five members of the State Democratic Executive Committee.

The directors of the Montgomery County Citizens Council have formally endorsed the five candidates for the party Executive Committee who are opposed to the "Loyalty" oath and who are running against five pro-oath candidates. A separate story in this issue of the Advocate discussed this race.

On Both Sides

Concerning the other races, the Council has taken no stand and little has been heard about Council members being actively interested in any of the races except that for governor. Council members can be

## Committee Vote Crucial

If the May voting is any indication of interest among white voters of what will happen in the loyal to Alabama party principles, run-off election, Alabama Democrats are about to overthrow the Mayhall and his cohorts to retain reign of state party chairman Roy Mayhall and his followers, and their so-called "loyalty" oath which makes party candidates in Alabama pledge ahead of time that they will support negro and integrationist nominees and policies of the National Democratic Party.

The state's voters awarded a run-off election to 32 anti-oath candidates. Through lack of opposition, one more anti-oath committeeman is assured of election, giving a total of 33 of the committee's 72 seats to opponents of the gag-binding rule. Only four more opponents of the oath need be elected in the run-off to assure control of the committee. This seemed a sure

Council Influence

The board of directors of the Montgomery County Citizens Council voted prior to the first election to support and recommend election of a full slate of anti-oath candidates from the Second Congressional District which includes Montgomery county.

As a result of the Council's large membership in Montgomery county, the county solidly supported the anti-oath slate, electing three of them and placing the other five in favored positions in the run-off. Those elected were J. D. (Lukie)



Humphrey, Reuther and the NAACP crowd.

Throughout the state candidates for the State Democratic Executive Committee who oppose this iron-curtain "oath" won almost a majority of the 72 places on the committee. In most places they led their gag-binding opponents for the remaining places which must be run-off June 3rd. They did this in spite of having against them the bloc negro vote, the pressure of machine politicians and high placed office-holders, and massive publicity machines.

On June 3rd the negro bloc vote will turn out in full strength again to try to defeat the upsurge of Alabamians who really believe in the principles of our forefathers: "White Supremacy For The Right". They will be supported again by the powerful machine politicians who want to MAKE you support any candidate the South-haters, integrationists and other NATIONAL Democrats might nominate for President and Vice-President, and their platform — even if they call for National Bayonets at every school door in Alabama to enforce integration.

To stop them we must do again June 3rd what we did May 6th: go to the polls in strength and vote for the following candidates for the State Democratic Executive Committee:

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Enclosed herewith is 1 copy of States Rights Advocate, Volume 2, #8, dated July, 1958. This paper is the official publication of captioned organization and was received through confidential P.O. Box at Montgomery, Ala., in connection with fictitious membership in captioned group under the name WALTER HINES.

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Enclosed herewith to the Central Research Section is one copy of the "States Rights Advocate", official publication of captioned organization, Volume II, Number 9, dated August, 1958.

It is observed that on pages 2 and 3 is an editorial-type article captioned "The Use of Violence". This article sets up in a "statement of fact" manner the proposition that if the Southern people are unable to maintain segregation in a peaceful way, then they will "as a last resort turn to force". Then the article states that the Citizens' Councils of the South are dedicated to fighting integration through peaceful and legal means, and states "if the Citizens Councils and their method fails, then responsible, peaceful resistance fails. Anything goes then". Finally, the article pleads for financial support for the Citizens' Councils; so that the peaceful way will be successful.

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Enclosed herewith to the Bureau is clipping from the 10/3/58 issue of Montgomery Advertiser, daily at Montgomery, Ala., Page 1, captioned "Council Aids Little Rock School Plan". Copy also enclosed to Little Rock.

Summarized, this article contains announcement by BRUCE WYATT, Chairman, Montgomery County (Ala.) Citizens' Council, aka., that the MCCC is raising money for the Little Rock Private School Corporation, to share in the estimated \$19,000 per week cost of setting up and operating private white segregated schools in Little Rock, and appeals for donations from Alabama people.

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## Council Aids Little Rock School Plan

The Montgomery Citizens Council is raising funds to help the white people of Little Rock set up a private, segregated school system. Council Chairman Bruce Wyatt announced Thursday night.

All donations received will be remitted in full to the Little Rock Private School Corp., Wyatt said.

"I appeal to Alabama people to contribute generously and bear a proud share of this cost," Wyatt said, referring to the reported \$19,000 a week estimated expenses for the planned private schools.

Wyatt said donations should be made by checks made payable to the Little Rock Private School Corp. However, any cash contributions or checks made to the Montgomery Citizens Council and designated for Little Rock school use will be passed on to the Arkansas group.

The private school corporation was organized by Little Rock (See COUNCIL, Page 2A)

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citizens to operate segregated schools on a private basis.

Donations should be sent, Wyatt said, to the Montgomery Citizens Council, P. O. Box 7066.

Wyatt issued the following statement:

"The Montgomery Citizens Council is sending funds to Little Rock to help finance the establishment of a private, segregated school system for white children. The Council will receive donations from anyone who wants to help in this effort. The Council will bear the handling cost and will pass on to Little Rock every cent received.

"Preferably, donations should be made by checks drawn payable to the Little Rock Public School Corporation, but cash or checks made to the Montgomery Citizens Council and designated for Little Rock school use will be passed on to the Arkansas group.

The white people of Little Rock are in a desperate situation. Their children are five weeks late in starting their schooling, but there is no wavering in their determination to have segregated schools—private ones if they can't have public ones.

"They are in a situation which we in Alabama might find ourselves in at any time. If we help them defeat the extreme measures being attempted to force them to accept integration, it well could be that we would decrease the chance of finding ourselves on the same spot.

"Let us help show the NAACP and the Warren Court that the South absolutely is not going to integrate. Once we put that across, maybe we'll take a lot of the wind out of the sails of this whole radical push.

"Reports from Little Rock say that it will take \$19,000 a week to operate a private, segregated system. I appeal to Alabama people to contribute generously and bear a proud share of this cost."

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Enclosed to the Bureau is clipping from the 10/1/58 Alabama Journal, daily at Montgomery, Ala., Page 5B, captioned "Citizens Council Plans Survey on Integration".

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# Citizens Council Plans Survey on Integration

White residents here will be asked whether they will support a private school system if Alabama's schools are ordered to integrate, a Citizens Council official said last night.

The chairman of the Montgomery Citizens Council, Bruce Wyatt, told persons attending a special meeting here that white parents in the city will be asked in a door-to-door poll to indicate whether they would permit their children to attend an integrated school and to give their feelings on the segregation issue.

## ANDREWS SPEAKS

Rep. George Andrews (D-Ala.), another speaker, termed integration the gravest crisis in the history of the South.

He mentioned the War Between the States and added that in the battle for segregation, "The South will fight even harder, not with guns but with other means. And if it has courage and determination to keep segregated schools, it can be done."

Wyatt was installed for his third term as chairman last night. Also installed were William E. Garner as vice chairman, E. B. Chestnut, Jr., secretary, and Simeon McNeill, treasurer.

Andrews, in discussing efforts to integrate schools in various areas, asserted: "Sooner or later you are going to have it right here on your door step in Montgomery; they are going to try to integrate your schools."

Installation of the council's new officers and directors was conducted by Sen. Vaughan Hill Robison in the absence of Sen. Walter Givhan who was detained at another meeting in Birmingham.

## OFFICIALS PRESENT

Other public officials who were guests of the council included Congressman George Grant, Mayor W. A. Gayle, Board of Education

member L. R. (Daddy) Grimes, Police Commissioner Clyde Sellers, Board of Education Chairman Harold M. Harris and member George A. Dozier, State Representative Joe Goodwyn, and Representative nominees Alfred Goldthwaite, George Bailey and Juniel Pierce.

The invocation was given by Rev. W. H. Swearingin, chairman of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Also installed were two members who previously were members of the board, Tom Hall and L. B. Dinkins, and three new members, William E. Cleghorn, W. D. Newell and John W. Daniels.

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Re Form 5-1 dated 10/21/58.

Title of this case is being changed to reflect the current name of this group which, according to three pieces of literature received on 11/10/58, is now the "Montgomery Citizens Council". The literature referred to includes the leaflet enclosed, a letter with letterhead notifying that membership expired, and a "Statement of Dues" setting forth the dues rates of this group.

Neither the September 1958 nor the October 1958 issue of "States Rights Advocate", official publication of captioned group, was received through the fictitious membership and subscription. On 11/10/58, a notice was received through the mail at the confidential P. O. Box 1255, Montgomery, Ala., that the subscription and membership lapsed as of 11/1/58.

The membership is being renewed, and discreet attempts will be made to secure the missing issues, if issues were put out during those months. It is noted that in the past, occasionally an issue would be skipped or combined with another issue, making one for two months. If such was the case, the Bureau will be advised.

As a matter of interest to the Bureau, there is enclosed herewith a four-page leaflet captioned "This Is A Must If Segregation Is To Be Maintained". This leaflet sets forth on Page 4 the names of officers and directors of captioned group, as follows:

- Chairman - BRUCE WYATT
- Vice-Chairman - WILLIAM E. GARNER
- Secretary - E. B. CHESNUTT
- Treasurer - SIMEON McNEILL

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# ***This Is A Must If Segregation Is To Be Maintained***

IF SEGREGATION IS TO BE SAVED in the South, there is one thing which must be done in addition to all else. That is this: white Southerners who believe in segregation must maintain a united front. Segregation can be destroyed only if its supporters are divided. The strongest forces and the highest backing will avail the integrationists nothing if all the people who want to keep segregation get together, stay together, and refuse to give up.

THE NEED TO DIVIDE us is well realized by the people who are pushing integration: the communists, their fellow-travelers, and their well-meaning but misled dupes. They know that ultimately the law of the land is what the people of the land are willing to accept as the law, usurpations and imposed decrees to the contrary notwithstanding. Their hope of destroying the South's way of life rests, then; on following up their court's decrees and federal force with a strategy which will break the South's solid opposition and open up little cracks through which integration can creep, first here and then there.

Already they are working very hard at this. If they can convince a few segregationists that a little integration in a few schools is better than closed schools, they have gained ground. If they can cause some parents to worry more about children missing some schooling now and less about the chaos in education and moral conditions which inevitably will follow, they have succeeded more. If they can create a few islands of such sentiment and publicize it, and by doing that cause the rest of us to believe there is no point in us maintaining massive, united opposition, they will cause us to do nothing and they will assure themselves of victory.

THEY WOULD  
DIVIDE US



THE FACT REMAINS that we can win if we do not let them divide us, cause us to despair, and to give up our efforts at united, massive resistance. We can win in spite of all the court decrees which have been issued or which may be issued; in spite of all the bayonets which have been thrust at the backs of children in Little Rock, or which may be so used all over the South. We can win and save segregation and our republican form of government if we hold fast and remain united even when doing so does penalize us. We can win if we remember that the permanent victory which sure-

ly can be ours, is worth the temporary costs and troubles.

We segregationists are the mass of the people in the South. It is much harder to keep a big majority organized and working than it is to keep a dedicated minority organized and working. Although it is harder to get the majority to stand together, it must be done. The answer to a dedicated minority is a dedicated majority.

While the integrationists are applying the rule of "divide and conquer" we must apply the one that "in unity there is strength."

MASSIVE UNITY  
WILL WIN

"There is an amazing strength in the expression of the will of a whole people, and when it declares itself, even the imagination of those who would wish to contest it is overawed."

Alexis de Tocqueville

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**THIS IS  
FOR KEEPS**

IN SOME KINDS OF CONTESTS defeat can be accepted as a temporary thing with the hope that the encounter can be resumed later and a victory won then. This is not true in the integration-segregation situation.

The communists (and the idea of racial integration is of communist, not American, origin) succeeded to some extent in infiltrating our government and leading it astray from its true principles. The American people were beginning to discover this, however, and had set about the job of bringing the government back to true American principles. As long as the American people, their Anglo-Saxon culture, and their original Judeo-Christian ethics endured, they

always could bring the government back from socialistic and communistic side-roads.

That is why the communists realized that they must do what they are trying to do now: destroy the very social structure of America; destroy the moral fiber of the people by destroying their way of life. This done, the people never would be able to protect their government from perversion.

Government, taken from its proper function, can be brought back. White, Western civilization, destroyed by integration, could never be restored.

That is why there can be no retreat or compromise in this fight which demands our united support.



**MANY WAYS  
TO HELP**

THERE ARE MANY WAYS in which each citizen can do his vitally important bit toward insuring the success of our fight to save segregation. On his job, in his clubs, in his churches, etc., he can stand firm against the sly inroads of integration. He should spurn the integrationists' argument that, for the sake of organizational harmony, he should go along quietly with those who promote integration openly or by not fighting against it.

The thinking citizen will use every avenue of operation available to him to keep those who advocate integration, or those

who would accept it, out of positions of influence in his groups and in his community.

As important as these efforts are, they alone, however, will not be sufficient to save segregation under the circumstances which exist today. There is a need for a means by which all the people in our community, split into many groups by their vocations, their creeds, their stations in life, can come together on one front, and on the issue of maintaining segregation express themselves massively and effectively. For that is what we must do, in addition to all else that we do.



**ONE PLACE FOR  
ALL-WHITE  
PEOPLE**

THERE IS ONE ORGANIZATION in existence, and only one, which can fill the need in manifesting the total opposition of our people to race mixing. That is the Citizens Council. In it there is a place for the big industrialist and the small business man, for the labor man and the capitalist, for the Protestant, Catholic, and Jew; a place for any white citizen who believes in maintaining segregation of the races and upholding our established and proved racial practices and customs.

Many people are just beginning to see that Citizens Council movement, growing in the South during the past few years, is the force-in-being which brings all responsible citizens together and represents the un-

alterable opposition of all the people as a whole to the federal program of integration and usurpation. Civic, business, social, church, or other such groups can speak only for their limited number of members. The Citizens Council and it alone speaks and works for the common interest of all the 99 per cent of the white people of Montgomery city and county who believe in segregation. Already this fact has saved Montgomery from more integration than we have had.

The place for all white people to rally, join all other white people, and make the weight of their massed influence count for segregation is in the Citizens Council.

"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that enough good men do nothing."

Edmund Burke



THE FACT that our local laws and our local officials uphold segregation does not remove the additional need for the Council. There are many, legal and peaceful things which can be done to maintain segregation which can not be done by the local authorities, or by other groups organized for other purposes.

There is a similarity between the Citizens Council and its role in our life and a number of other public, membership, but non-official organizations. Public health, natural disasters, community emergencies, welfare and charity needs all are to some extent the responsibility of government agencies, and very often also are the responsibility of civic or religious groups. But assisting both government agencies and other groups, and working with them, are the big specialized organizations: one work-

ing in the field of a particular health problem, another in the field of disaster care, and so on.

Likewise, the Citizens Council is the big, over-all organization operating in the field of racial affairs, working with local government agencies and officials, and with other groups when indicated, or working on its own, but dedicated primarily to maintaining in our community segregation and racial peace.

The Citizens Council does a job which must be done, and which no other group can do. In the final showdown, the ultimate retention of segregation here may depend on how well the Council does its job. That may depend on how well responsible citizens support and work with the Council.

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SINCE THE CITIZENS COUNCIL was organized in Montgomery in 1954, some 9,000 men and women have enrolled as members. It truly represents the mass of the white people of Montgomery city and county. Although many of these have not paid their dues annually since then, they still consider themselves Council members and will argue insistantly with anyone who says they are not.

Council work is done by its officers and directors, and by volunteer workers. The officers are elected by the directors, who are chosen by the members (except a few short term directors elected by the board). The leadership of the Council is determined, then, by its membership. Every active member is eligible to vote for directors at the annual business meeting. Any white man or woman who is opposed to integration and communism, who upholds segregation and constitutional government, can participate in directing the Council's affairs by becoming a member. All white men and women who uphold segregation should support the Council and participate as an active member just as they should participate in the official life of the city and county by registering and voting.

None of the officers, directors, or volunteer workers doing the council's work receive any compensation for the many hours of time they devote to its activities. Most of them have, time and time again, dug deeply into their own pockets to meet Council financial needs.

There is no limit to the amount of work waiting to be done by people who will give of their time and effort for the cause of segregation at this desperate hour.

Virtually all the Council's income is received from the annual dues of its members. However, this source of income provides little for activities beyond the routine administration of business. Up to 90 per cent of income from dues is expended in maintaining membership records, doing the necessary bookkeeping, etc. This is a situation which is common in most organizations: nominal dues from members merely cover printing, postage, bookkeeping, etc., and additional work must be financed by donations. In the past the Council has had little income except from membership dues, but to carry out a planned expansion of operations, it is going to ask in the future for donations to a much greater extent than in the past.

CITIZEN COUNCIL  
OPERATIONS

"No man is worth his salt who is not ready at all times to risk his body, to risk his well-being, to risk his life, in a great cause."

Theodore Roosevelt

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SUCCESS  
DEPENDS ON  
PUBLIC SUPPORT

THE COUNCIL STANDS for legal and peaceful activities to maintain segregation. The Council is convinced that, in the long run, if the fight is to be won, it must be won by these methods. That is why any person who fails to support the Council and make sure it does win by its methods, is in fact helping proponents of violence win followers to their methods. If your Citizens Council does not function fully and with widespread support, then the door is open for violence and chaos . . . and eventually integration.

The Council unofficially co-ordinates the work of many people working for segregation. This prevents the wasteful duplication of effort by other non-related groups.

Most of the Council's activities in Montgomery have been of a preventive nature. It learned early in its life, from experience with the bus boycott, that fighting a situation after it has developed is not as effective as heading one off before it develops.

Since that time a number of similar planned advances of integration in Montgomery have been prevented by the Council's unpublicized efforts.

The success the Council has had thus far has been due almost entirely to the widespread and staunch support it has received from the white citizens of Montgomery city and county. In the times to come the efforts against us will be stronger and more frequent. If the Council is to continue to be effective, it must have even more widespread and stronger support.

Every white citizen who bears his share of his civic responsibility has a duty to his community and to its people to give his loyalty and support to its way of life and its established social institutions. To those who live in Montgomery county or city, an essential part of this obligation will be met by joining and supporting the Montgomery Citizens Council.



# Montgomery Citizens Council

A NON-OFFICIAL PUBLIC AGENCY WORKING FOR THE PROTECTION OF STATES RIGHTS AND SEGREGATION, AND REPRESENTING THE RESPONSIBLE COMMUNITY OPINION IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND CITY IN THE FIELDS OF SOCIAL, CULTURAL, AND CIVIC AFFAIRS. A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION.

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"These are the times that try men's souls . . . He that stands  
it NOW deserves the love and thanks of man and woman."

Thomas Paine

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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11/19/58

TO : Director, FBI (105-43132) ✓ DATE: 12/18/58

ATTN: CENTRAL RESEARCH SECTION

FROM : SAC, Mobile (105-233)

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SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY CITIZENS COUNCIL  
(MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA)  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Mobile letter 11/13/58.

A letter was directed to captioned organization with executed application for membership renewal in the (fictitious) name WALTER HINES, P. O. Box 1255, Montgomery, Alabama, ALA. accompanied with the requested fee therefor of \$5.00. In this letter, a request was included to send back copies of the September and October, 1958 issues of the "States Rights Advocate", official publication of this group, as well as to continue to send current issues of that paper.

On 12/13/58 there was received at P. O. Box 1255 a new membership card, along with a receipt for the renewal of membership fee of \$5.00, and a mimeographed note apologizing for the delay. However, there was no mention of the "States Rights Advocate", and no back copies. Further, the November 1958 issue has not been received. It is hoped that the portion of our letter requesting the service on the paper has been referred to an appropriate officer or functionary of this group and that these copies will be received.

\_\_\_\_\_ who formerly belonged to the Council, advised on 12/12/58 that he has not renewed his membership and has not received the "States Rights Advocate" since midsummer, 1958.

Enclosed with the membership card and other material mentioned was a letter bearing the letterhead of the "Montgomery County Citizens Council", signed by BRUCE WYATT, Chairman, which is enclosed to the Central Research Section, inasmuch as it ALA. contains statements purporting to set forth the aims of this group.

If the missing issues of the "States Rights Advocate" are located they will be sent to the Bureau.

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**CITIZENS COUNCIL**

REPRESENTING RESPONSIBLE COMMUNITY OPINION  
IN SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS

MAILING ADDRESS:  
POST OFFICE BOX 7066  
MONTGOMERY 7, ALA.

Dear Mr. Hine's:

Thank you for continuing your active status in the Citizens Council by paying your dues.

As an active member you are a part of one of the most important efforts underway today: the fight to maintain racial peace and racial integrity, to maintain free constitutional government safe from bureaucratic usurpation with its destruction of the fundamental rights of all citizens of all races.

The Council firmly intends to do three things: to preserve peaceful race relations, to maintain racial segregation, and to keep our state government sovereign and strong to govern us according to our own desires rather than have it fall before those who would rule us according to the dictates of a foreign ideology.

It is a tremendous task. Those who would impose a "new order" on us took the initiative in organization and propaganda. For the past 50 years they have worked with almost unlimited financial and intellectual support.

We can meet and beat them in the long run, however, in all respects. To do so, we must have the numerical, moral, and active support of all right-thinking white people. By supporting the Council you contribute greatly to this work.

Your Council is not idle, although much of its most effective work is not publicized. All our operations are conducted within the law, but we do not seek publicity on many of them. To do so would be to inform our enemies of our plans and tactics and thus aid them in opposing us. However, all members of the board of directors, elected by the members, are fully informed of all of our activities and will keep members posted by direct contact and at our annual business meetings.

Please report to the Council office or officials any information you think might be helpful, report any situation which you believe needs attention or action, and call on your Council for any help it may give.

Your Council's reputation as an organization working by peaceful and legal means -- and therefore its effectiveness -- could be damaged greatly by irresponsible actions taken by persons who happen to be Council members. Each person who is a Council member has assumed, therefore, an additional duty beyond those normally existing to refrain from any violent or irregular independent action. If you work with the Council organization and officers, and encourage others to do the same, we feel we will be able to make and keep this an organization of which you can be proud.

Yours sincerely,

*Bruce Wyatt*  
Chairman



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TO : Director, FBI (105-43132)

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Council  
RACIAL MATTERS

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Title change is to change title back to Montgomery County (Alabama) Citizens' Council, the way it is carried in the States Rights Advocate.

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are the following:

- (1) 7 copies of letterhead memorandum captioned as this letter.
- (2) 1 copy of States Rights Advocate dated January 1959, for transmission to the Central Research Section.
- (3) 1 leaflet captioned "Integration - Violence", also for transmission to Central Research Section.

Items (2) and (3) were received through the mails in confidential Post Office Box 1255, Montgomery, Ala., in connection with fictitious membership in captioned group in the name of WALTER HINES. This source designated as T-1 in enclosed letterhead memorandum.

For the information of the Bureau, there has been a rumor, as yet unconfirmed, circulating in Montgomery, Ala., that the Citizens' Council plans to conduct a house-to-house canvass in the city, asking all citizens whether or not they are in support of the policies of the Citizens' Council, and with the implied threat that if they do not agree with the Council, they will be socially ostracized. This rumor has been heard from several sources who called it a rumor, by SAs DAN O. STEPHENS and [redacted]

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Mobile, Alabama  
February 11, 1959

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALABAMA) CITIZENS' COUNCIL;  
Also Known As Montgomery Citizens' Council,  
Previously Known As Central Alabama Citizens'  
Council

Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on January 19, 1959 a mimeographed paper captioned "NOTICE OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING", signed "E. B. ~~CHESNUTT~~ *ALL*, Secretary, Montgomery Citizens Council". This notice announced a "Special called membership meeting of the Montgomery Citizens Council on Tuesday, January 20, 1959, in the auditorium of the Normandale Community Center", at 7:45 P.M. The notice said, "This meeting is called to consider measures to meet the threatened integration of Montgomery schools".

The January 1959 issue of the States Rights Advocate, published monthly at Montgomery, Alabama, as the official publication of the Montgomery County Citizens Council, carried a featured page one article entitled "Plans Being Readied To Save The Schools". Identifying the Chairman of captioned organization as BRUCE WYATT, this article, after stating that Montgomery schools have been threatened with "mass integration", states: *ALL*

"No other city, not even Little Rock, has been through what Montgomery will experience in the coming year, and the year or two which will follow. But neither has any other city seen resistance of the absolute character and of the totally adequate strategy which will be manifest in Montgomery, Alabama."

The article continued:

"Montgomery's defense plans fall into two phases, Wyatt declared. First there will be the highly efficient backing giving by the civilian population

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"to the legal and strategic defense moves of public officials to prevent any 'legal' opening of white schools to negroes. Secondly, there will be in constant readiness a reserve program which can be activated fully within 48 hours and which will insure that no negroes will sit in white classes regardless of what is decreed or done by federal courts, federal officials, or federal troops."

T-1 furnished on January 29, 1959 the following mimeographed document:

"A RESOLUTION

"WHEREAS the principles of Constitutional government on which the United States were founded and grew great, organized as a federal union with the general government having only limited and delegated powers and all other powers being reserved to the sovereign states, are under attack by alien systems and ideologies, and

"WHEREAS a vital part of this attack is the attempt to destroy the Southern way of life, which is the highest manifestation of American civilization, and

"WHEREAS the key to destroying the Southern way of life is the destruction of our system of separation of the races, an objective now being attempted most diligently and earnestly by the enemies of our way of life, and

"WHEREAS the mixing of the races in the schools - the mixing of little white boys and girls and white youths with negroes in classrooms and other school education and social activities is desired by the radical agitators as the means of destroying the very foundation of our culture, and ultimately destroying the white race, and

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"WHEREAS the local ringleaders in charge of executing in Montgomery city and county the nefarious integration programs of their alien and alien-controlled masterminds, have announced their intention to bring about mass integration in our local schools, and

"WHEREAS, this constitutes a threat to us which is a clear and present danger, and poses for us the most urgent crisis we have faced in the past ninety years, and

"WHEREAS, this assault on our people and our institutions demands immediate and intense counter-action to save ourselves from imminent race-mixing in our schools here in the Cradle of the Confederacy, and

"WHEREAS the Montgomery Citizens Council, an organization representing the responsible white citizens of Montgomery city and county who believe in separation of the races, is by its nature the primary defender of segregation, states rights, and individual liberties, and

"WHEREAS the white citizens of the communities in this county are depending on the Montgomery Citizens Council to devise and execute a program which will successfully retain segregation here, and

"WHEREAS the elected and other public officials who are or may be involved in this situation recognize the Montgomery Citizens Council as the authoritative spokesman for the white communities and are expecting the Council to assist them actively in turning back the assault on our customs, traditions, and established patterns, and

"WHEREAS, in keeping with its duties and responsibilities as the non-official but public agency representing the white communities, the Montgomery Citizens Council is obligated to assume the role as the organized defense force of the white people,



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"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the white men and women of Montgomery city and Montgomery county, Alabama, assembled this twentieth day of January, 1959 in a special called membership meeting of the Montgomery Citizens Council, hereby solemnly resolve and set forth these hereinafter stated principles and policies as the principles and policies which shall be our guide in the battle we now are entering:

"FIRST: The white people of Montgomery who are determined that racial separation shall be maintained in our schools at all costs, and who comprise the tremendously overwhelming majority of our total white population to the point of being virtually unanimous, do hereby commit ourselves, all collectively and each individually, to maintain racially separate schools so long as there be any schools, and that we will do, as a working group and as individuals, all that is within our abilities and capacities to insure the success of our side in this desparate struggle.

"SECOND: We recognize that it is essential that there be total unity among our people standing for segregation. Our strength and our success will depend on our working together, just as our enemies obtain their strength through tight and unified organization even though they represent only a very small minority of the negroes of Montgomery and an infitesimally small number of whites. We therefore will maintain discipline and unity of our efforts through the democratic organization of the white people which exists for the specific purpose of fighting this battle - the Montgomery Citizens Council - pointing out that every white man and woman who believes in segregation, who pledges himself or herself to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alabama, and to act through peaceful and lawful means only, is eligible to be a voting member of the Council and to participate in the election of Council officials and the determination of Council policies just as is being done at this meeting. We therefore call on all white citizens of Montgomery

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"city and county who want segregation kept to assume their rightful place as active, working members of the Council; to support it and co-operate with it as our surest hope in this hour of crisis.

"THIRD: We express complete confidence in our public officials, elected and non-elected; that they will courageously and intelligently reflect our determination that there shall be no integrated schools in Montgomery; that they will be steadfast and unwavering, diligent and energetic; and that they will remain so, so long as they are in office. We assure our officials of our support and backing so long as they maintain segregation, giving no quarter, accepting no compromise, and conceding no defeat.

"As the organized voice of our white citizens in matters pertaining to racial affairs, we are entitled to expect, and we do expect, that the public officials whom we elect shall consult with the Citizens Council officials whom we elect at all stages of the planning and execution of policies and measures involving the question of racial segregation; this to the end that official actions of governmental units and non-official actions of the citizens may be co-ordinated effectively at all times in there common purpose of successfully defending the established racial policies and practices of our government units and our communities.

"To assist us in arriving at the best of all possible methods of handling each situation, we intend to constitute a committee of outstanding legal talent in Montgomery from members of the local bar, and possibly, with some additional members from outside Montgomery, to consult and advise with the Council and with public officials.

"As citizens we feel that in a time of crisis like this we have the right to expect, and we do expect, the complete co-operation of members of the legal profession in making their services available

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"on such a panel, and also, that we have a right to expect, and we do expect, similar co-operation from other leaders in the community life in making their time and services available to serve on other non-legal Council committees and bodies. We request that the Council officials inform the public of any refusal to give such co-operation.

"FOURTH: We call on the legislature of Alabama to enact all laws necessary, and to submit to the people all constitutional amendments necessary to guarantee that there will be no school integration here, even to the extent, if and when necessary as a last resort, of completely abolishing publicly financed and operated schools, and the removal of any state obligation to provide public education. We are convinced that if and when the choice ever comes between accepting integration in our public schools or closing them, then there should be no question; they should be closed. We call on the legislature to take all action required to see that this shall be effected, if necessary. We still hope and believe that it may be possible to preserve both segregation and public schools, and we are aware that some recent developments have indicated that federal officials are coming to know that the South never will accept school integration. We are hopeful, therefore, that developments in the future will be such that our efforts to maintain both segregation and public schools will be more successful. Therefore, we also call on the legislature of Alabama to take any number of appropriate measures to set up new and additional methods for use as arranging the responsibility for assigning pupils, for opening and closing schools, for financing schools, etc., in a manner which will put such functions beyond the reach of federal officials. We further ask the legislature of Alabama to provide a standby arrangement which will permit state payments to parents who must pay tuition for their children in private schools to escape integration; and that tax relief be given persons for money used to finance the education of their children, or of other children.

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"FIFTH: We hereby authorize and direct the directors and officials of the Montgomery Citizens Council to proceed without delay with the organization of a private school corporation for the purpose of making a survey to determine the needs of a privately operated school system; to negotiate conditional leases and contracts for personnel and facilities for such a system, to raise funds, and to take all other necessary steps to have a standby private school system ready to take over without delay and to provide sound and adequate education for all white children in this county if such should become necessary.

"Furthermore, we hereby declare that we who are the voters, church members, consumers, and people in all walks of life in this city and county have a right to expect, and do expect, our political, professional, business, and civic leaders to support publicly this undertaking to the fullest extent, openly giving of their time, their talents, and their financial resources to the extent necessary.

"SIXTH: We are of the firm conviction that public opinion of the people of Montgomery city and county will insist that all our leaders and all our people co-operate in our fight if they want to be considered worthy of our confidence, support, and association. We believe that any person who speaks, writes, or in any way advocates or works for anything short of total and complete segregation will be ostracized and will earn and will receive the condemnation of the public. We recognize the power of aroused public opinion, and we believe that in this community it will not be indifferent to those who, to any extent, give support to the persons, groups, or proposals which would destroy our public schools by integrating them, or who otherwise ask us to accept or consider anything short of total segregation as we now have it.

"No person who now enjoys success, leadership, or acceptance in our communities will continue to



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"enjoy success, leadership, or acceptance should he aid in making more difficult our mission of maintaining segregation.

"We insist that no white person should participate in any consultations directed toward 'working out' the 'school Situation' with any person of either race who is promoting integration in any way. If the negroes of this area want to communicate with the whites, they must understand that they can not do it now, and never can do it through the radical leader of the present integration push, or anyone associated with him. Furthermore, in no discussions between any groups or persons shall any proposal to alter or modify our segregated pattern in the schools be a subject of consideration or discussion. Any person who violates these standards will, in our sober opinion, be adjudged and marked by the people of these communities to be an enemy of the white people and a traitor to the heritage and cause of white people.

"We feel sure that an aroused and informed public will make it unprofitable and uncomfortable for any person to remain in our community if he is not willing to support the will of the community in this matter. As Southerners, as Alabamians, as Montgomerians -- as a truly liberal people -- the people who live here can and do maintain the friendliest relationships between persons and groups of differing beliefs and practices, religious, economic, and social. But we are convinced they will not maintain such relationships with anyone conspiring or consenting to undermine the very fabric of our cultural and social system.

"SEVENTH: We call on and direct the directors and officials of the Citizens Council to establish and maintain ample and frequent media of communication between the Council, its committees, boards and other bodies and agencies, and the Council members and public, to the end that the white people of Montgomery



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"city and county be constantly informed as to the progress of our efforts, an as to which persons or organizations are assisting us and which are not doing so. From now on the Council must call a spade a spade, and name the names of friend and enemy. Any person or group has a right to oppose us or be indifferent to our struggle, and thus side with the integrationists. But we the white people have a right to know who is with us and who is against us, and to be informed of that for our own personal information and guidance.

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"Adopted this 20th day of January, 1959 in a publicly announced and advertised meeting held in the city and county of Montgomery in the sovereign state of Alabama.

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"Adopted unanimously."

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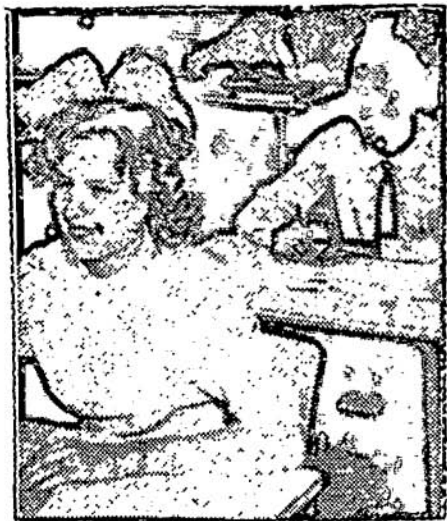


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# Integration = Violence

*This brings this*



**Negro youths  
attack whites  
in New York**

In New York—

**4 Negro Boys Arrested  
in Beating Of Whites**

**Young Negroes Attack  
White Pupils in N.Y.**

**Two Youths Hurt  
In Racial Fights**

*Lets keep all of it out of Alabama*

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## THIS... You Can Do

January 30th is the last day on which the Montgomery Board of Registrars can register voters for 1959. (Applicants will be permitted to register later, but it will not qualify them to vote for some time.)

The Citizens Council urges all its members to take these two definite actions before the deadline:

1. If you are not a qualified voter, make sure that you register and qualify immediately.

2. On your own, without a n y organized campaign, make yourself a committee of one to find at least one and preferably several qualified white persons who are not registered and get them to register.

## Council Not Sponsoring "Town Hall" Or Petition

In order to clear up some misunderstanding which has been created in the minds of a number of people, the Montgomery Citizens Council announces that it is in no way connected with an announced series of meetings operating under the name "Town Hall" nor with any petitions or other projects originated at such meetings or by the meetings sponsors.

The Council operates as the non-official public agency representing all responsible white citizens of Montgomery County who want to maintain separation of the races. Whatever the Council sponsors will be sponsored openly in the name of the Council, all of the officials of which are publicly announced at the time of their election and whose names are printed on literature available from the Council office.

## Plans Being Readied To Save The Schools

Faced at last with the ominously announced threat that "mass integration" will be attempted soon in Montgomery schools, the people of the city and county received reassurance from the Citizens Council that the attempt "will fail".

Council Chairman Bruce Wyatt has announced that a special meeting of the Montgomery Council will be held January 20 at which time a program for saving school

segregation will be outlined. All Council members are urged to attend because, in addition to hearing the defense plan outlined, they will be asked to take on definite jobs which must be done to make the plan successful.

### Membership Meeting

The meeting will be a membership meeting, open only to persons with active membership status at the time of the meeting.

"We have developed a method by which we can assure the people of

Montgomery county," Wyatt said, "that there will be no integrated defense moves, of public schools here — not even for one hour. The defense system will not fall provided the people of the city and county give their whole-hearted co-operation, and I am positive that they will." Wyatt continued: "When thinking of 'resistance' to integration people now think of Little Rock, Norfolk and so on. They haven't even seen any 'resistance' yet compared to what they will see in Montgomery."

"Already the push for mixing the races in Southern schools has been slowed down tremendously," Wyatt

SPECIAL NOTICE  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

## Warped Reasoning Of 'Rights' Witnesses



# LETTER GETS NATION-WIDE APPROVAL

## Text Of Vice-Chairman Garner's Letter To President Eisenhower

The President of the United States,  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

December 10, 1958

Dear Mr. President:

This week certain Alabama officials stood up courageously against the latest attempt to warp our government into a totalitarian system in which people and their local governments everywhere are answerable in everything to a centralized bureaucracy. You have seen fit to call their actions "reprehensible".

The "reprehensible" "kind of thing" which you talk about — widespread disregard for the law of the land — really is happening, but not in Alabama. It is in the District of Columbia. There the Supreme Court has arrogated to itself the shaping of national policy and the decreeing of law by its whim; the radicals in Congress are abandoning principles to court the vote of left-wing minorities; and you slavishly are serving as errand boy for both of those branches of the government rather than acting as a check on them as the Constitution commands.

American people, if they were asked to list "reprehensible" actions in our nation's history, would place at the very top much of your own conduct, such as your sending elite troops to occupy an American city and bayonet its citizens, and your denouncing radicals in political speeches, but inviting them into the White House to advise you, as you did on June 23 when you conferred with an NAACP delegation, the members of which have scores of citations of Communist front affiliations.

You have sounded a new appeal for respect for the law. We suggest that you begin such a movement yourself by meeting at an early date with Attorney General Rogers and members of the Supreme Court and asking some able constitutional lawyer to explain to all of you the meaning of the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of these United States.

In recent years the fundamental rights and liberties of Americans have been assailed and subverted in many places and in various ways. The current challenge in Alabama is just another battle on this front.

Alabama's state motto is "We Dare Defend Our Rights". That is all that Alabama people and officials are doing. Surrounded and shielded, as you are, by self-serving "advisors", you do not know the feeling of the American people in this matter. Throughout the country typical Americans — hard-working, liberty-loving, and God-fearing — are hoping and praying that Alabama will win in this clash of authority and give the people a needed victory over the mounting trend toward centralized authoritarian despotism.

Your very truly,  
William E. Garner.

## Local Council Man Puts Blame On Ike; U.S. Says It's Time

The nation's press had another heyday of castigating the South when President Eisenhower held his first press conference following the adjournment of the first round of the Civil Rights Commission's Montgomery hearings. Ike had called the actions of Alabama officials "reprehensible" and that turned out to be a catchy word to quote.

Immediately on seeing the president's statement in the local press, Montgomery Citizens Council Vice-Chairman William E. Garner felt the time had come for someone to talk back to the chief executive himself. He did just that in a firmly worded letter which put the shoe on the other foot and cited Ike's whole course of action toward the South as something which was truly "reprehensible". (Text of the letter is printed in adjacent columns.)

Almost immediately a flood of mail began to pour into both the Montgomery Council's office and into Mr. Garner's law office. (Since most of it simply was addressed "Hon. William E. Garner, Attorney, Montgomery, Ala." there is no doubt now that the postmen know where to take Garner mail.) Almost uniformly the mail was high in its praise of what the Council official had said. "It appears," Garner said afterward, "that people are tired of hearing everything Ike has done attributed to his assistants or blamed on poor advice given him. The people must have been feeling all along that the blame rested right on the president himself, and were just waiting for someone to say so. I said it, and they were glad."

Crank and screwball letters were only about two per cent of the total of the hundreds received.

of King's supporters represents the negroes of Montgomery probably with the lowest intelligence. When you read about something which happens with regularity here in Montgomery — where one negro has let another one film him out of all his money while he stands on a street corner waiting for him to bring it back ten-fold — you can know almost with a certainty that that is the kind of negro who screams and shouts when King has a "pep" rally.

### Council Has Plans, Too

Back to the schools. The Council has known quite some time that the deadline for the integration push was set for 1959. Just as they have been busy so have we. We have formulated plans and programs which will make it a different story this time; no repetition of the old bus boycott story. These plans call for more than the Council's officers and directors can do. The average people of Montgomery and the city's civic and business leaders will have to co-operate. But with such co-operation, we will not fall to preserve school segregation in Montgomery. You can count on that. Just be sure the Council can count on you.

One more thing. I have been getting a number of calls, as have other Council officials and the Council office, asking if the Council was sponsoring or co-operating

in any meeting, rally, petition or project. All Council members and usually the general public will be informed definitely in writing, by mail or through advertising in the newspapers.

Some of these things which people have been confused about, thinking maybe the Council was involved, may be all right or they may not be. But the people of Montgomery count on the Council's sponsorship of any activity as being sort of a "Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval". So the Council can not accept invitations to support and participate in operations where there are not positive guarantees that the direction of matters will remain completely in the hands of responsible men with their feet on the ground, and that the operation is mothproofed against infiltration and take-over by the "radicals".

This is true even though some of the people involved are surely good. The people involved are surely good, sincerely well-meaning and with nothing but the best intentions. It is not them we are worried about, but others in the background who may have more sinister motives and who may be using or planning on using the good men up front.

Most of our public officials and members know this, so the queries we get about "are you sponsoring something" are relatively few, but there has been an increase lately.

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Montgomery, Ala.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 2/24/59

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

ATTN: Central Research Section

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALA.)  
CITIZENS' COUNCIL, Aka  
RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed herewith is one copy of the "States Rights Advocate", Volume III, No. 2, dated February 1959 at Montgomery, Ala. This paper is the official publication of captioned organization.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-43132)

ATTENTION: CENTRAL RESEARCH SECTION

DATE: 3/30/59

FROM : SAC, Mobile (105-233)

*5-1 to Mobile, 5/6/59, requesting April 1959 #4 issue "The States Rights Advocate" for R.S. Letter from Mobile dated 5/20/59, re above ref form. See Serial 59 for status. Amb.*

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALA.)  
CITIZENS' COUNCIL, Aka  
RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed herewith to the Central Research Section is one copy of "States Rights Advocate," Volume III, Number Three, dated March 1959. This publication is the official organ of captioned group. It was received through fictitious membership in captioned group maintained by Mobile Office.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-43132)  
Attn. Central Research Section

DATE: 5/20/59

FROM : RBM SAC, Mobile (105-233)

5-1 to Mobile, 7-15-59, re: May, '59 & June, '59, issues "States Rights Advocate." Determine whether paper is to be pub. weekly or at all. AWRB.  
See letter from Mobile dated 7-21-59, for status. AWRB.

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALA.)  
CITIZENS' COUNCIL, aka  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Form 5-1 dated 5/6/59.

During a pretext interview on 5/12/59, an unidentified office worker at the headquarters of the Montgomery County Citizens' Council advised that no April 1959 issue of the "States Rights Advocate" was published, and that there is no certainty that a May 1959 issue will be published. This person said that the Council is considering putting out a weekly publication in the near future, but that no final decision has been made on this point.

Bureau will be kept advised.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALABAMA)  
CITIZENS COUNCIL  
RACIAL MATTERS

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Reurmemo 10-10-59 which would appear to indicate that you consider [redacted] a [redacted] in the U. S. Air Force Reserve, may be a security risk to the Air Force because of his connection with captioned organization.

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If your office is in possession of information indicating that this organization has a potential for violence, is subversive, or is otherwise of such a nature that membership or holding an office in the organization would be incompatible with the loyalty of a Reserve Officer to the Air Force the Bureau should be immediately advised in full detail and a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination should be submitted at once. Otherwise, no further action should be taken. Reply by 10-27-59.

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- McGuire \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 10/10/59

FROM : SAC, Mobile (105-233)

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALA.)  
CITIZENS COUNCIL  
RACIAL MATTERS

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Received 10/7/59 at the Montgomery Resident Agency of this Office, through confidential Post Office Box 1255, and through the pretext membership of fictitious WALTER HINES in captioned group, was a letter, undated, from the captioned organization, addressed "Dear Council Members," and signed "BRUCE WYATT, Chairman." This letter sets forth the names of elected Directors of the Montgomery County Citizens Council. Because of one particular name this information is not being placed in a letterhead memorandum for dissemination, because it is believed that the Bureau should have the opportunity to specifically direct the entire handling of this matter.

The name of the Citizens Council Director referred to is [redacted]. This person is almost certainly identical with [redacted] an attorney and politician at Montgomery, Ala. The Montgomery City Directory for 1959 spells his name wrong, as [redacted] but lists no other similar name. The telephone directory lists him as [redacted] which is correct.

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[redacted] is a Reserve Colonel in the U. S. Air Force, and is the officer appointed to take command of District Office 8, OSI, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., in the event of loss of leadership of that office through a national emergency, such as enemy attack.

The nature of [redacted] designation as described above was learned only informally by Agents of this Office from OSI personnel on the occasion of an office party given several months ago by OSI to which Agents of the Montgomery RA were invited. [redacted] was there, and during conversations on this occasion, Agents learned of his connection with OSI.

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It is not known whether or not [redacted] enjoys the confidence of current District Commanders, or whether or not he

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is periodically "briefed" on OSI business, or has access in any way to information in OSI files.

In politics, [ ] is a member of the Alabama State Democratic Committee, and was expected to be elected chairman of this committee at the first meeting of the committee after the election of JOHN PATTERSON as governor of the state. It was publicly declared in the press that most of the committee members had pledged their votes to [ ] But, before the meeting PATTERSON urged the election of SAM M. ENGLEHARDT instead, and his influence was sufficient to elect ENGLEHARDT over [ ] by a slim margin.

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Following are the directors of the Montgomery County Citizens Council as set forth in this letter:

"Two years, to serve

1. WILLIAM BURT
2. N. D. SAPPENFIELD
3. WILLIAM GARNER
4. JOHN HAWTHORNE
5. JESSE HODGES
6. J. R. SYFRETT
7. W. B. WYATT

"Term expiring this year

1. W. T. JOHNSON
2. JAMES McLEAN
3. I. W. HOBBIE, JR.
4. C. H. LANCASTER, JR.
5. FRED WHITE

"One year to serve

1. CAD BEALE
2. A. LANE BRISLIN
3. JOHN EAGERTON
4. Dr. L. C. CARDINAL
5. SIMEON McNEILL
6. FRANK MIZELL
7. C. W. PEETS"

Also named as candidates to fill places on the board of Directors being vacated this year are the following:

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"Place No. 1. ~~W. T. JOHNSON~~, <sup>ALA</sup> Native of Tennessee, married, two children, is in general insurance business, a Deacon at a Presbyterian Church.

"No. 2 ~~DONALD HALMARK~~. He is married, one child, Electrical Engineer. <sup>ALA</sup>

"No. 3 JAMES McLEAN. Native of Montgomery County, two children, cattleman, a Deacon at a Presbyterian Church.

"No. 4 ~~HUGH ADAMS~~. <sup>ALA</sup> He is married, children, Architectural Technician, a Stewart at a Methodist Church.

"No. 5 I. W. HOBBIE, JR. Native of Montgomery County, one child, Cattleman, a Stewart at a Methodist Church.

"No. 6 ~~WILLIAM ASHLEY~~. <sup>ALA</sup> Native of Montgomery County, three children, a Deacon at a Presbyterian Church.

"No. 7 C. H. LANCASTER, JR. Native of Jasper, Ala., four children, Architect, a Stewart at a Methodist Church."

The letter states that seven directors will be elected at the membership meeting to be held at the Normandale Community Center 10/13/59 at 7:30 p.m.

SAC, Mobile (105-233)

10/30/59

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALABAMA)  
CITIZENS COUNCIL  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reurnemo 10/26/59.

Submit a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination showing [redacted] affiliation with captioned organization. Furnish copy to local OSI. Handle by 11/10/59.

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- McGuire \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
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- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 10/26/59

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALABAMA)  
CITIZENS COUNCIL  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Mobile letter, 10/10/59, and Bulet, 10/21/59.

AFFILIATED WITH MONTGOMERY COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL

Any urgency which may have appeared to exist with respect to handling of information relating to [redacted]

[redacted] discussed in relets appears to be dispelled by the following: On 10/15/59, while an Agent of this office was at OSI, 8th DO, Maxwell AFB, Ala., on other business, the current District Commander, [redacted] brought up the

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matter of [redacted] affiliation with captioned group, indicating that he had learned of this affiliation independently. [redacted]

[redacted] advised voluntarily on this date, without any solicitation on the part of the Agent, that his office had given full consideration to any existing possibility that [redacted] may be considered a security risk because of this affiliation, and had formulated the following policy: That although [redacted] does spend some time in the office of the 8th DO, familiarizing himself with the organizational set-up and administrative procedures, that he will not and does not have general access to the files of the office. In order to see any file, he must apply to the District Commander and furnish a satisfactory reason for desiring to see that file. Specifically, [redacted] advised that [redacted] does not and will not have any opportunity to view files pertaining to racial matters.

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The Mobile Office does not possess any information about captioned group which has not been furnished to the Bureau. During the past two years virtually no information concerning this group has been collected, other than that appearing formerly in the official publication of this organization, "The States Rights Advocate," as a publication which is not currently being published. This office possesses no information indicating a current potential for violence or subversion on part of this group, but inasmuch as this group is basically a strong anti-integration, pro-segregation, states-rights group, it can fairly be assumed to possess loyalties and

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attitudes closer to the Klan groups than to federal investigative agencies, with respect to racial matters.

Even though the Bureau discontinued the investigation of Citizens Councils, as such, I cannot conceive of a situation where the Bureau would tolerate a Special Agent holding office or membership in such an organization and in a measure feel that under the circumstances OSI should apply the same standards, but this, of course, appears to be a policy matter for which they alone would be responsible.

In light of the circumstances it appears the immediate problem is effectively solved by the fact the current District Commander of the 8th DO of OSI is fully aware of the information concerning [redacted] as he obtained it independently. UACB, no further action will be taken in this case.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 11/10/59

FROM : *ATM* SAC, Mobile (105-233)

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA  
CITIZENS' COUNCIL  
RACIAL MATTERS

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ReBulet to Mobile 10/30/59.

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Enclosed herewith are five copies of letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination as requested by the Bureau.

MO T-1 mentioned in the memorandum is fictitious membership in the captioned ~~agency~~ under the name WALTER HINES, through confidential Post Office Box 1255, Montgomery, Ala.

The Bureau Agent referred to in captioned memorandum is  RA, Montgomery.

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One copy of this memo has been furnished to OSI, 8th District Office, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala., by letter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 105-233

Mobile, Alabama  
November 10, 1959

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA  
CITIZENS' COUNCIL

On October 7, 1959 MO T-1 furnished a copy of an undated letter, addressed "Dear Council Members," and signed "BRUCE WYATT, Chairman," letter being on letterhead of Montgomery County Citizens' Council, Post Office Box 7066, Montgomery 7, Alabama. This letter set forth the names of elected directors of the Montgomery County Citizens' Council. Included in this list of directors is [redacted] the letter indicating that [redacted] has one year to serve.

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The Montgomery City Directory reflects that [redacted] is an attorney, First National Bank Building, and that [redacted] resides at 3459 Gilmer Court, Montgomery. ALA

[redacted] has previously informed a Special Agent of the FBI that he is a reserve colonel in the United States Air Force and has been designated to command District Eight, Office of Special Investigation, Maxwell Air Force Base, in the event of loss of leadership of that office through a national emergency such as enemy attack.

On October 15, 1959 [redacted] Commander, Eighth District, Office of Special Investigation, Maxwell Air Force Base, advised that he had independently learned of the affiliation of [redacted] with captioned group.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

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- Mr. Mohr ✓
- Mr. Callahan ✓
- Mr. Conrad ✓
- Mr. DeLoach ✓
- Mr. Evans ✓
- Mr. Malone ✓
- Mr. Rosen ✓
- Mr. Sullivan ✓
- Mr. Tavel ✓
- Mr. Trotter ✓
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Ingram
- Miss Gandy

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TO DIRECTOR FBI /105-43132/  
FROM SAC, MOBILE /105-233/



MONTGOMERY COUNTY PAREN (ALABAMA) PAREN, CITIZENS COUNCIL, 'RACIAL MATTERS. PUBLISHED ANNOUNCEMENTS IN MONTGOMERY DAILY PAPERS AND IN ~~QUOTE~~ STATES RIGHT ADVOCATE ~~UNQUOTE~~ RECEIVED TODAY AND DISTRIBUTED BY HAND IN PUBLIC PLACES TODAY. STATE OF ALABAMA ATTORNEY GENERAL MAC DONALD GALLION TO SPEAK TO ~~QUOTE~~ "MAMMOTH RALLY" ~~UNQUOTE~~ OF MONTGOMERY CITIZENS COUNCIL JUNE EIGHT SIXTYONE AT SEVEN FORTYFIVE PM HELD AT ALABAMA STATE COLISEUM. GALLION TO ~~QUOTE~~ "RIP THE MASK OFF CORE" ~~UNQUOTE~~ BY REVEALING ~~QUOTE~~ "AMAZING EVIDENCE" ~~UNQUOTE~~. ACCORDING TO PAPERS, MONTGOMERY MAYOR EARL JAMES TO SPEAK ALSO. PRESS COVERAGE WILL BE FOLLOWED AND REPORTED.

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three informants

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Montgomery Resident Agency has been instructed to cover this through agents and informants inasmuch as this will be a large public gathering.

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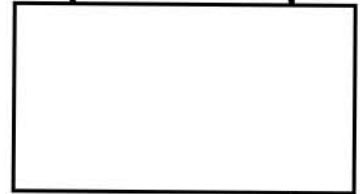
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CITIZENS COUNCIL, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA., IS - X, RM. MONTGOMERY  
 COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL HELD PUBLIC RALLY BEGINNING SEVEN FOURTY  
 FIVE PM ENDING NINE THIRTY SEVEN PM, TONIGHT AT MONTGOMERY, ALA.  
 CARL HERBERT LANCASTER, CHAIRMAN OF MCCC, REFERRED TO AG KENNEDY  
 AS QUOTE THAT COLLOSAL MISFIT UNITED STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT  
 KENNEDY, CALLING KENNEDY QUOTE TRAITOR UNQUOTE HE SAID KENNEDY  
 PLANNED COURSE OF FREEDOM RIDERS PAREN FR PAREN THROUGH THE SOUTH  
 AND WORKED BEHIND SCENES QUOTE TO GET SOUTHERNERS TO EXCEPT IN-  
 TERGRATION -- OR ELSE. UNQUOTE. LANCASTER SAID JOHN SEIGENTHALER,  
 REPRESENTATIVE OF AG KENNEDY, HAD LIST IN HIS POCKET CONTAINING  
 NAMES OF ALL FR-S. ALA., AG MCDONALD GALLION, MAIN SPEAKER, PERSUED  
 COURSE OF FEDERAL SPONSORSHIP OF FR AND READ WHAT PURPORTED TO BE  
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 AND [REDACTED] GREYHOUND BUS STATION, THREE  
 FIFTEEN P.M. MAY FIFTEEN LAST; CONVERSATION RECORDED STENO-  
 GRAPHICALLY BY [REDACTED] SECRETARY, ON EXTENTION PHONE. KENNEDY  
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MONTGOMERY, SAID QUOTE WE HAVE GONE TO A LOT OF TROUBLE TO GET THIS TRIP THRO<sup>UGH</sup> AND I AM MOST CONCERNED UNQUOTE. WHEN [REDACTED] STATED HE COULD NOT FINE DRIVER OR NEGRO SCHOOL BUS DRIVER WHO COULD HANDLE BUS, KENNEDY ALLEGEDLY SAID QUOTE WELL HELL YOU CAN LOOK FOR ONE CAN-T YOU UNQUOTE. KENNEDY ALSO ASK [REDACTED] IF HE COULD DRIVE THE BUS AND WHEN [REDACTED] SAID HE COULD NOT, KENNEDY ALLEGEDLY SAID QUOTE SURELY SOMEBODY IN THE DAMN BUS COMPANY CAN DRIVE A BUS UNQUOTE. HE ALLEGEDLY SAID ALSO QUOTE

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[REDACTED] I THINK YOU BETTER BE GETTING IN TOUCH WITH MR. GREY-HOUND UNQUOTE IN EFFORT TO LOCATE SOMEONE TO DRIVE FR BUS, ADDING QUOTE I AM DASH THE GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO BE VERY MUCH UPSET IF THEY DONT CONTINUE THIS TRIP. AG KENNEDY ALSO ALLEGEDLY ADDED QUOTE SOMEBODY BETTER BE GETTING IN THE DAMN BUS AND GET THESE PEOPLE ON THEIR WAY UNQUOTE. GALLION QUOTED [REDACTED] WF, FR, AS SAYING IN AFFIDAVIT THAT AG ROBERT KENNEDY DISCUSSED THE FR ON PHONE WITH [REDACTED] STATED FR-S NOT WORRIED ABOUT VIOLENCE BEFORE TRIP, BECAUSE THEY WERE PROMISED FEDERAL PROTECTION ALL THE WAY TO NEW ORLEANS. GALLION  
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SAID QUOTE SO BOBBY SOXER KENNEDY DECIDED TO GIVE UP COWBOYS AND INDIANS TO PLAY POLITICS FAST AND LOSE TO THE ENDANGERMENT OF CITIZENS.... UNQUOTE. GALLION ACCUSED KENNEDY OF ORDERING FEDERAL MARSHAL TO INVADE ALABAMA AGAINST OVERWHELMING WISHES OF THE CITIZENS AND WITH QUOTE WANTON DISREGARD FOR STATE SOVEREIGNTY AND STATE LAWS. IT WAS TOTALLY UNCALLED FOR AND UNECESSARY - SIMPLY POLITICAL PROPAGANDA UNQUOTE. GALLION THEN LISTED LEADERS OF CORE ACCUSING FOLLOWERING OF HAVING RECORDS OF COMMUNIST ASSOCIATION, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PAREN PHONIC PAREN

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[REDACTED] PAREN PHONIC PAREN, [REDACTED] STATING THAT

[REDACTED] GALLION TALKED

AT LENGTH ABOUT WAYNE BEING HAVEN FOR COMMUNIST INCLUDING ANOTHER PROFESSOR CONVICTED FOR SPYING FOR RUSSIA. REMAINDER OF GALLION SPEECH INCLUDED PURPORTED CITATIONS FROM COMMUNIST PUBLICATION DESIGNED TO PROVE THAT EFFORTS TO DESEGREGATE RACES IS COMMUNIST PROGRAM DIRECTED FROM MOSCOW. HE URGED LISTENERS  
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TO STAY WITHIN THE LAW BUT FIGHT WITH DETERMINATION HEART AND WISDOM TO PRESERVE SOUTHERN HERITAGE. HE MADE POINT CLEAR QUOTE WE MUST NOT ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE DRAWN INTO VIOLENCE. ANOTH SPEAKER, UNIDENTIFIED MASTER OF CEREMONY, AT THE RALLY REFERRED TO QUOTE BOBBY SOXER KENNEDY AND SAID QUOTE WE ARE GOING TO MADE A CASE AGAINST THAT MAN, WE WANT TO SEE HIM EMBARRASSED BY THE TRUTH, HE IS GUILTY OF CONSPIRACY - AND ANYBODY WHO CANT SEE THAT IS A FOOL UNQUOTE. THIS SPEAKER ALSO SAID THAT USDJ, [REDACTED] DID NOT INCLUDE QUOTE NEGRO AGITATORS UNQUOTE IN HIS INJUNCTION OUT OF THE GOODNESS OF HIS HEART, BUT DID SO BECAUSE SUIT WAS FILED BY CITY ATTORNEYS. THIS SPEAKER ALSO ASK WHY WERE OTHER FR-S NOT BEING ARRESTED PERSUETANT TO INJUNCTION. THIS SPEAKER SCREAMING VIOLENTLY INTO MICROPHONE DENOUNCED ALABAMA SENATORS HILL AND SPARKMAN FOR FAILING TO HELP DEFEAT THE QUOTE FEDERAL CONTROL OF EDUCATION BILL UNQUOTE. THIS SPEAKER ALSO ALLUDED TO YOUNG MONTGOMERY WOMAN, UNAMED, WHO QUOTE SET HER SELF UP AS JUDGE OF MORALS UNQUOTE IN MONTGOMERY. HE SAID MCCC IS INVESTIGATING HER AND FINDING HER TO BE QUOTE COMMON SLUT. OTHER SPEAKERS THIS RALLY WERE - MAYOR EARL JAMES, END PAGE FOUR.....

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AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SPOKE ON BIBICAL AND RELIGIOUS BASIS FOR SEGREGATION AND STATED MONTGOMERY IS TARGET OF RED RUSSIAN COMMUNISM BECAUSE MONTGOMERY IS SYMBOL OF SOUTHERN TRADITIONS. [REDACTED] EXPRESSED FULL CONFIDENCE IN ALABAMA OFFICALS SPECIFICALLY NAMING [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SPEAKING WITH GREAT FERVOR [REDACTED] SAID OUR HERITAGE IN THE SOUTH IS SACRED AND MOST NOT BE SURRENDERED.

OTHER DETAILS WILL BE SET FOURTH IN LETTER, INCLUDING IDENTITY OF UNNAMED MC.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 5/7/62

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY (ALA.) COUNTY  
CITIZENS COUNCIL, aka  
RM

Attached for the Bureau are two copies of a clipping from the Alabama Journal, a daily newspaper at Montgomery, Ala., 5/4/62, page 1C, captioned "Bus Ride Meet Slated Tonight." Developments will be furnished to Bureau upon receipt, as this matter is followed by Mobile through public and established sources and informants.

The CARL HERBERT LANCASTER, JR. mentioned in the article has been active with the National States Rights Party and Citizens Council groups in Montgomery, Ala. Mobile has no prior information on GEORGE SINGELMANN.

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# Montgomery News Briefs

## 'Bus Ride' Meet Slated Tonight

Directors of the local Citizens Council scheduled a meeting tonight to discuss plans for organizing a "Freedom-Bus-North" campaign to transport capital city Negroes to Northern cities.

George Singelmann, Citizens Council leader of New Orleans who organized similar campaigns from various cities, told Montgomery chairman Carl Herbert Lancaster, Jr. he would address a membership meeting of the council here sometime next week.

Lancaster said earlier in the week that two "very prominent citizens" of Montgomery already had offered \$100 each toward the bus rides.

Alabama Journal  
Montgomery, Ala.  
5/4/62

RE: MONTGOMERY  
(ALA.) COUNTY  
CITIZENS COUNCIL,  
aka, RM

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/11/62

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY, (ALA.)  
CITIZENS COUNCIL, Aka  
RM

Enclosed herewith to Bureau are two copies of clipping captioned "Bus Rides North to Begin Locally" taken from the 5/10/62, issue of the Alabama Journal, daily published at Montgomery, page 1-D. Developments on this matter will be furnished upon receipt.

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# Bus Rides North To Begin Locally

MEMBER

A spokesman for the Montgomery Citizens Council said Thursday that a group of 30 Negroes will be sent on a "Freedom Bus" to Chicago as soon as applications are received.

Carl Herbert Lancaster Jr. said the local council will also launch an extensive fund-raising campaign to finance the transportation and expenses. About \$426 in cash and pledges has already been received, he said.

Meanwhile, George Singelmann of New Orleans told the board of directors of the local council that plans have been made to send Negro families to the home towns of every senator who favors an end to literacy tests for voters.

The man who described himself as the coordinator of the Southern movement predicted

that such senators as Emanuel Celler, D-N.Y., Jacob Javits, D-N.Y., and Hubert Humphrey, D-Minn., "will now be defrocked."

In giving more details on plans of the Montgomery organization,

Lancaster explained that "we have set up a 'Freedom Bus' Special Fund" committee, headed by R. C. Kendrick.

A local woman with nine children has expressed interest in taking the first trip to Chicago, he stated,

"and we expect applications to pour in during the next few days."

Lancaster said the council will give each Negro accepting the ride a free bus ticket and \$5 in cash to cover expenses, plus a list of civic and welfare groups he should contact after arriving at his destination.

The council chairman said:

"Our purposes are entirely humanitarian. We want dissident Negroes to have a chance to live in the integrated paradises in the North."

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Alabama Journal  
Montgomery, Ala.  
5/10/62

RE: MONTGOMERY  
COUNTY (ALA.)  
CITIZENS COUNCIL,  
Aka, RM

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SAC, Mobile (105-233)

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Director, FBI (105-43132) - 67

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALA.)  
CITIZENS COUNCIL, AKA.  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reurairtel 6/11/62.

The Bureau has the following comments concerning reairtel. Information concerning "Reverse Freedom Riders" which appears in local newspapers need not be incorporated into letterhead memos unless there is additional information which comes to the attention of your office or the information is such necessitating a check of informants or sources of your office. In instances where the information is fully covered in newspapers it will be sufficient to submit copies of pertinent newspaper articles and publications to the Bureau as set forth in Section 122 of the Manual of Instructions.

In view of the above there will be no need for you to accumulate information pertaining to these "Reverse Freedom Riders" for a period of 35 to 60 days and thereafter submit a letterhead memo summarizing activities. You should be submitting newspaper articles where pertinent and in any situation where it is necessary to contact sources you should submit a letterhead memo. Pertinent information otherwise obtained from informants should be submitted on a continuing basis by whatever means of communication is warranted under the circumstances.

Concerning the last paragraph of your airtel about placing a Bureau approved racial informant in contact with leaders of the Montgomery County Citizens Council, you are referred to Bulet to SAC, Atlanta, 6/13/58 copies of which were sent to your office captioned "Citizens Council, Internal Security - X." This letter discontinued the program of developing informant coverage in citizens councils. However, it was pointed out in that letter that the field has a continuing responsibility to insure that the Bureau is apprised of actual or contemplated acts of violence in connection

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RE: MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALA.)  
CITIZENS COUNCIL, AKA.

with the segregation issue, plans for action violative of laws within the Bureau's jurisdiction, particularly those relating to civil rights, and the identities of the individuals responsible for such actions.

The Field was instructed to secure the desired information only through established sources, office contacts and close scrutiny of the public press. It was pointed out that informants who have already been developed are considered established sources and continued contacts could be made with such informants.

The Bureau has no objection to your placing an established informant in touch with Montgomery County Citizens Council leaders in order to better follow the activities of the council. You are not, however, to develop any informants within the council itself.

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Date: 6/11/62

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALA.)  
CITIZENS COUNCIL, aka.  
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DATE 6/18/62 BY [Signature]

The June 7, 1962 issue of the Alabama Journal, carries a news article captioned "Capital Council Sends Five Negroes to Hyannis". The Journal is a daily newspaper published at Montgomery, Alabama. This article relates that five "Reverse Freedom Riders" traveling from Montgomery, Ala., to Hyannis, Mass., scheduled to arrive at Hyannis at 12:35 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time. The article indicates that the Negroes' fare was paid by the Montgomery Citizens Council, and that each of the passengers was given \$5.00 for expenses. The Negroes were identified as SAMUEL MASON, age 20; JERRY LOVEJOY, age 27; ROBERT GILBERT, age 19; SANDERS ROBLESON, age 19; and WILLIE JAMES HARRIS, age 22. This article quotes C.H. LANCASTER, JR., Chairman of the Montgomery Citizens Council as saying that this group plans to send more Negroes north as soon as additional funds are available. He also said that the Bibb County (Ala.) Citizens Council plans to send about ten Negroes north in the near future, but no details were immediately available.

The foregoing information is furnished by airtel for the immediate information of the Bureau and Boston. In order that letterhead memoranda pertaining to matters of this kind may serve a more useful purpose to the Armed Service Intelligence Agencies and other agencies outside the Bureau to which information of this kind is

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disseminated, the Mobile Office plans to accumulate information pertaining to these "Reverse Freedom Rides" for a period of 35 to 60 days, and then submit a letterhead memorandum summarizing the activities during that period. It is believed that this will be of greater value than merely setting forth a letterhead memorandum every time a newspaper article appears.

In order that the Mobile Division be apprised earlier, pertaining to activities of this kind by the Montgomery County Citizens Council, Mobile is contemplating placing a Bureau approved racial informant in contact with leaders of the Montgomery County Citizens Council as soon as this is practical, UACB. Before this action is taken, however, the identity of the informant and specific plans in this matter will be communicated to the Bureau, and authority for this action will be requested at that time.

SAC, Mobile (105-233)

11-23-62

Director, FBI (105-43132)

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA,  
CITIZENS COUNCIL, AKA.  
RACIAL MATTERS

The "States Rights Advocate" official publication of the Montgomery Citizens Council, Montgomery, Alabama, in its issue for September and October, 1962, contains an editorial by Carl Herbert Lancaster, Jr., Chairman of the Council. Lancaster mentions the possible desegregation of the University of Alabama and among other things states, "Every white person in Alabama who believes in segregation should make up his mind to do what is required to support (Governor) George Wallace in this conflict. We do not know what Wallace has in mind, but we must let him know that we support him and will go to Tuscaloosa in great numbers and stand beside him if he wishes."

A review of Bureau files on Lancaster indicates that in the report of SA [redacted] 6-21-60 at Charlotte captioned "Association of South Carolina Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Aka., Racial Matters" on page 32 one [redacted]

[redacted] attended a meeting of Klavern Number 302, Chesnee, South Carolina, on April 24, 1960.

Nobile should ascertain if this could possibly be the [redacted] Citizens Council in Montgomery.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 11/29/62  
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FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-353) (P)

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA,  
CITIZENS COUNCIL, AKA.  
RACIAL MATTERS

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ReBulet, 11/26/62, to Mobile re [redacted] and suggesting he may be identical with [redacted]

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A review of Charlotte files reflects the following concerning [redacted]

By report on 4/25/60, [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA JAMES W. CANNON that [redacted]

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[redacted] was a new member of Chesnee, S. C., Klavern #302 of the Association of South Carolina Klans (ASCK) and attended a meeting of that Klavern on 4/24/60 (original in [redacted])

By report of 6/8/60 to SA CANNON, [redacted] advised that [redacted] attended a meeting of Chesnee Klavern #302, on 6/7/60

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By report of 8/24/60, [redacted] advised SA CANNON that [redacted] attended a meeting of Chesnee Klavern #302 on 8/23/60

By report of 3/13/61, this informant advised SA CANNON that [redacted] attended a meeting of Chesnee Klavern #302 on 3/12/61

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By report of 12/5/61, this informant advised SA CANNON that [redacted] had attended a meeting of Chesnee Klavern #302 on 12/5/61

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The above references do not contain any further descriptive information on [REDACTED]. In order to assist Mobile in determining whether he could be identical, Charlotte will conduct the following:

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AT GREENVILLE, S. C.

Will recontact [REDACTED] for any further information he can give concerning [REDACTED] including description, full name if available, and whether he is known to still be in Spartanburg.

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AT SPARTANBURG, S. C.

From available sources, including credit bureau, will obtain background on [REDACTED] and determine whether he is still residing and working in Spartanburg, S. C.

FBI

Date: 12/6/62

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Via: AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)  
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (105-233)  
SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA  
CITIZENS COUNCIL, AKA.  
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Re Bureau letter to Mobile, 11/26/62, and  
Charlotte letter to Bureau, 11/29/62.

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Relet suggested the possibility that CARL HERBERT LANCASTER, JR., Chairman of captioned group, might be identical with \_\_\_\_\_, a member of Chesnee, S.C. Klavern 302 of Association of South Carolina Klans, and \_\_\_\_\_

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The following information was furnished by \_\_\_\_\_  
(protect identity) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ on 12/5/62. He has furnished reliable information in the past.

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CARL HERBERT LANCASTER, JR., presently known to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ lectured on one occasion, two years ago, at the University of Alabama Center, on a subject relating to Architecture. At this time he executed a personal data sheet, which reflects the following background and personal history:

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LANCASTER was born 2/1/13 at Jasper, Ala. He was educated at Birmingham Southern College, and received his BS in Architecture at Auburn University (then Alabama Polytechnic Institute), Auburn, Ala., 1947. He married [redacted] in 1946, and they have four children. He was a member of the SCARAB Honorary Architectural Society in 1945 and received the Alph Rho Chi medal in 1947. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II, serving extensively in the South Pacific area. He has traveled extensively abroad. His employments - Assistant to Alabama State School Architect, 1940; draftsman for CLYDE PEARSON (Architect) in 1942; Job Captain for Sherlock, Smith and Adams (Architects), 1947 and 1948; opened his own Architect Office in 1948. All employments at Montgomery, Ala. He is a member of principal local, state and national architectural societies, and is a steward at the Dexter Avenue Methodist Church.

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Records of General American Credit Bureau, Montgomery, reviewed 12/5/62, and a review of Montgomery City Directories back to 1946 reflect that CARL HERBERT LANCASTER, JR. was a student in 1946, and since 1948 has operated his own architectural firm at Montgomery, Alabama.

It is apparent that CARL HERBERT LANCASTER, JR. of Montgomery, Ala. is not identical with [redacted]

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[redacted] Charlotte discontinue, unless data concerning [redacted] is desired for Charlotte's purposes.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 3/5/63

FROM : SAC, Mobile (105-233)(P)

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA  
CITIZENS COUNCIL aka  
RM

The Bureau is requested to index the following names of members and/or persons who attended meetings of the Montgomery County, Alabama Citizens Council:

- 1) [redacted] - attended meeting  
Source: [redacted]
- 2) [redacted] - attended meeting  
Source: [redacted]
- 3) [redacted] - member  
Director of council  
Source: [redacted]
- 4) [redacted] - member  
State Chairman, Presidential Elector 1962  
Source: [redacted]
- 5) LANCASTER, Carl Herbert - member  
Chairman of Montgomery County Citizens Council

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MEMBERS OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION  
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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 6/11/63

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA  
CITIZENS COUNCIL, AKA  
RM

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Attached is a copy of a letter dated 6/3/63, which the Montgomery County Citizens Council sent to its members. The newspapers in Montgomery, Ala., the Montgomery Advertiser and Alabama Journal, have recently been purchased by [redacted] and he has made an effort to tone down the strong segregation leanings. Attached letter indicates that this trend has not gone unnoticed by the Citizens Council.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
CITIZENS COUNCIL

June 3, 1963

Mailing Address:  
Post Office Box 7066  
Montgomery 7, Alabama

Members of the Citizens Council:

Hundreds of calls and inquiries have been made about the position of the Citizens Council in regard to the cancellation of subscriptions to the local newspapers. The Council does not approve of the changes made in the papers recently which include the following:

1. Taking Bill Mahoney off the editorial page and refusing to let him write on racial subjects, communism, etc.
2. Using the Left Wing Spivak column.
3. Using the Left Wing cartoonist Fischetti.
4. Combining the white and Negro editions.

In view of the numerous calls the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Citizens Council met today. They felt that they no longer wanted to receive these newspapers in their homes. Representatives of the Council called on the publishers but received no encouragement toward a change in policy. Directors in the Council cancelled their subscriptions.

It is sincerely hoped that all people who are displeased with the policies of the papers will let the publishers know in a concrete manner.

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Directors of Citizens Council

~~John Egerton III, Chairman - CITIZENS COUNCIL~~  
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P.S. Plans are being made to guide buyers in Birmingham toward merchants who refused to give in to integrationists demands. More on this later.

Also watch out for formations of any so-called Montgomery Bi-racial Committees which in reality are always composed of white integrationists and Negro integrationists. More on this later

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 6/26/63

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALA.  
CITIZENS COUNCIL, aka.  
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Re Mobile letter 6/11/63.

Attached are 8 copies of letterhead memorandum for dissemination purposes.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama

June 26, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA  
CITIZENS COUNCIL

Under date of June 3, 1963, the Montgomery County Citizens Council forwarded the following letter to its members:

"Members of the Citizens Council:

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"In view of the numerous calls the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Citizens Council met today. They felt that they no longer wanted to receive these newspapers in their homes. Representatives of the Council called on the publishers but received no encouragement toward a change in policy. Directors in the Council cancelled their subscriptions.

"It is sincerely hoped that all people who are displeased with the policies of the papers will let the publishers know in a concrete manner.

"Directors of Citizens Council

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"P.S. Plans are being made to guide buyers in Birmingham toward merchants who refused to give in to integrationists demands. More on this later.

"Also watch out for formations of any so-called Montgomery Bi-racial Committees which in reality are always composed of white integrationists and Negro integrationists. More on this later."

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)  
ATT'N: CENTRAL RESEARCH SECTION

DATE: 11/4/63

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL  
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Re Form 5-1 dated 10/24/63, requesting submission of 8/63 and 9/63 issues of "States Rights Advocate," publication of captioned group.

Through fictitious membership in captioned group, in name WALTER HINES, P.O. Box 1255, Montgomery, Ala., Mobile has in the past obtained copies of this paper on a reasonably current basis. However, frequently the Citizens Council has been late getting the paper out, and also frequently the issues are combined, one issue serving for two months.

On 10/28/63, a telephone call was made to the office of the Montgomery County Citizens Council, inquiring about the paper. The unidentified person who answered stated that they had only volunteer help in putting out the paper, and that they had not put out one in some time, but the current issue is presently being proof-read, and should be out within a few days.

On receipt, the issue will be furnished to the Bureau, as in the past.

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FROM : *W/c* SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALA.) CITIZENS COUNCIL  
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Re Bureau Form 5-1 dated 1/18/65.

Referenced Bureau routing slip requested information concerning the status of the "States Rights Advocate", official publication of captioned organization, noting that the last issue received by the Bureau was dated June, 1964, and was designated as No. 4.

On 1/26/65, [redacted] (Racial Informant of Mobile Office) advised that [redacted] of the "States Rights Advocate" has not had time to put out an issue of that publication for several months because of many demanding commitments in his business as architect. [redacted] estimated that the last issue was published in the early summer of 1964. [redacted] said that [redacted] recently said that he was going to try and put out an issue of the "States Rights Advocate" in the near future but she stated also that she has not observed him doing anything toward that end since he made the remark.

It should be noted that [redacted] is not an informant with respect to [redacted] or the Montgomery County Citizens Council.

The above information was furnished incidentally when she was contacted pertaining to another matter.

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of letterhead memorandum pertaining to meeting of captioned organization 12/14/65 at Montgomery. As set forth in attached letterhead memorandum, captioned organization sponsored a public meeting at the Montgomery City Auditorium on the evening of 12/14/65, the main attraction at the meeting being a showing of the motion picture entitled "Selma March," pertaining to the civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, 3/21-25/65, led by MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., et al,

[redacted] (a confidential racial source of the Mobile Division) both attended the above meeting and furnished information concerning same on 12/15/65. Their identities are concealed by request.

The third source referred to in the attached LHM is [redacted] who furnished information on 12/14/65.

Dissemination is being made locally at Mobile to intelligence agencies.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama  
December 17, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Montgomery County Citizens Council  
Montgomery, Alabama

On December 15, 1965, two confidential sources, each of whom has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on the evening of December 14, 1965, the Montgomery County Citizens Council sponsored a public meeting at the Montgomery City Auditorium, Montgomery, Alabama. The main feature of the meeting was the showing of a motion picture entitled "Selma March" dealing with the widely publicized civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, in March, 1965.

Both sources advised that the program got under way at approximately 7:15 PM, December 14, 1965, and there were approximately 1,000 persons present at the opening of the meeting. The master of ceremonies for the evening was Don Hallmark, a businessman of Montgomery, and an opening invocation was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Haywood Scott, of the First Southern Methodist Church in Montgomery. Carl H. Lancaster, Jr., an architect in Montgomery, gave a "report on the activities and plans of subversive civil rights groups and your Citizens Council" and Eli Howell introduced as the executive secretary of the Alabama State Sovereignty Commission, also gave a brief talk.

The film "Selma March" was shown following these opening remarks and it was narrated by Ed Strickland, of the Alabama Legislative Commission to Preserve the Peace. In the course of his comments on the film, Strickland indicated

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that he had taken much of the film himself and he made several remarks to the effect that known communists participated in the march from Selma to Montgomery in March, 1965. He did not, however, elaborate on these remarks or identify any alleged communist in the march.

Both of these confidential sources advised that the film was very lengthy and it was the distinct impression of each of the sources that most of the spectators were quite bored and that no really interesting or unusual activity had been portrayed. Both sources noted that while the film was in progress, a substantial part of the spectators got up and left the auditorium and by the time the film was concluded, approximately one-half of the audience had left.

At the conclusion of the film, a few closing remarks were made and the meeting was adjourned without any incidents of any untoward nature being observed by either of the above confidential sources.

On December 14, 1965, a third confidential source advised that at the regular Thursday evening meeting of Lawrence Lodge No. 610, United Klans of America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, on December 9, 1965, it was announced to the membership at large that the Montgomery County Citizens Council would be showing the above film on the following Tuesday, December 14, 1965, at the city auditorium in Montgomery. The leaders of this klavern on December 9, 1965, encouraged all klavern members to attend. This third confidential source who himself attended the showing of the film on the evening of December 14, 1965, advised on December 15, 1965, that a number of klansmen from Lawrence Lodge No. 610 at Montgomery were in attendance at the meeting of December 14, 1965, but there were no disturbances of any nature in connection with that meeting.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132) DATE: 6/9/66  
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FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-233)(P\*)

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL,  
 MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA  
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is Volume 13, Number 6 issue of the "States Rights Advocate," the publication of captioned organization.

This is the first issue of this publication received since 1964.

Mobile does not have current membership in captioned organization, which membership was originally obtained for the purpose of receiving copies of the "States Rights Advocate," which could be obtained only through membership.

In the event this publication is resumed on a regular basis, Mobile will consider securing up-to-date membership in order to obtain copies of the publication on a regular basis.

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**Pro-Whites Seek Support in North**

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Mar. 27. (AP) — The pro-white Montgomery County Citizens Council has undertaken an extensive postcard and letter-writing campaign aimed at recruiting support in the Northern and Eastern states for segregation.

Luther Ingalls, the council's legal adviser, said each of the "at least 13,000" members has been asked to send five or more pieces of mail to friends, relatives and docters, "telling people about segregation and why we think it's necessary to maintain it in the South."

Council officers, in mimeographed letters to each member, have suggested also that they write President Eisenhower, Chief Justice Earl Warren, members of Congress, and "Northern newspaper editors." Each member likewise is requested to get friends to join the campaign, adding to the volume of mail.

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# Integration Foes Are Cool To Folsom's Biracial Plan

## Citizens Council Lauds Grand Jury Action In Bus Dispute

MONTGOMERY (AP). — A pro-white organization claiming a membership of 12,000, said Tuesday night Gov. James E. Folsom has "not proven competent during these grave and grievous times" to appoint a biracial commission to seek solutions to racial disputes.

At the same time the Central Alabama Citizens Council went on record as favoring every effort to reach a "peaceful and legal" settlement to racial problems within the framework of the Constitution of the state of Alabama.

The anti-segregation group also commended the Montgomery County grand jury for indicting 100 colored persons last week for boycotting city buses.

State Sen. Sam Engelhardt of Macon County, chairman of the CACC, said the resolution approved Tuesday night did not mean the organization is against the biracial commission recommended by Gov. Folsom.

He said the council would support an "independent" biracial commission but did not believe such a body should be created by the state Legislature. A commission carrying authority given by the Legislature could conceivably erase Alabama's existing segregation laws, Engelhardt said.

Last week the governor called on Alabama newspaper editors and publishers to nominate 25 white and colored leaders to serve on the commission. And Tuesday he directed the state Legislature to return in special session Thursday to consider among other problems the creation of such a commission.

The meeting Tuesday night at the City Hall was "for members only" but police estimated the crowd at 3000.

Folsom decided on the special session earlier this month primarily to prevent a threatened shortage of operating funds in the schools. He announced Tuesday that he would include a proposed biracial commission in his call.

**Tension Discussed**

Folsom first announced the proposed biracial commission last Friday at a conference of newspaper editors and publishers called to discuss growing tension in Alabama as evidenced by the bus boycott here and the recent rioting at the University of Alabama over the enrollment of the first colored student, Autherine Lucy.

The newspapermen endorsed the commission plan and suggested a 25-member group composed of white and colored leaders. Its purpose would be to seek

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settlement of racial differences as they arise.

Colored residents massed in the Holt Street Baptist Church Monday night heard their leaders, ministers indicted for violating Alabama's anti-boycott law, declare that their race is "no longer afraid" of imprisonment and will continue the bus protest.

The boycott began last Dec. 5 after a colored woman was arrested for refusing to move to the colored section of a Montgomery City Lines bus. City and state laws require segregation in all public transportation.

One hundred colored persons in all, including 24 ministers, were indicted by a grand jury which called the boycott illegal.

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**White Citizens' rally**  
**'biggest of its kind'**

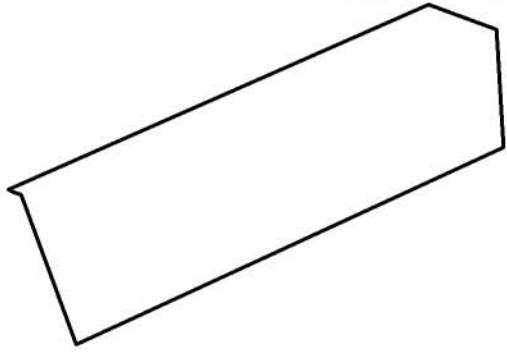
BY TRUDY CARGILE, News staff writer  
 MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 11—The majority might have been there out of sheer curiosity, but the estimated 15,000 men and women attending the first statewide White Citizens' rally in Montgomery last night applauded in accord.

In the main, it was an adult group with approximately two men to every woman present. They filed through the four entrances to the gigantic coliseum, some arriving an hour before time for the program to begin. They remained well-ordered and comparatively quiet while the program's beginning was delayed by a half hour and throughout the evening.

FOUR-LANE traffic feeding into the parking area from Federal dr. was bumper to bumper, backed into Montgomery's business section several miles away.

Admission was free. Registration tables with signs urging the crowd to "join now" were set up in the circular lobby. Free literature and pamphlets were handed out by a corps of young men and women.

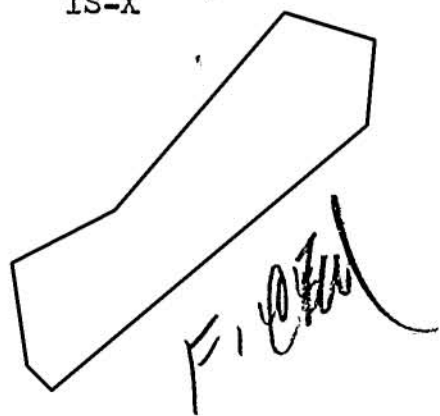
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high in the Councils of NAACP at a secret meeting in Mississippi in December.

Another was a letter to the editor of a Montgomery paper signed by Eugene S. Hall and advocating the governor and legislative bodies of Alabama to take steps to keep segregation.

THERE WAS ALSO a copy of "Arkansas Faith," a rousing publication running the gamut of emotions. Its front bore a picture of Christ preaching to the multitudes. The cartoon on its back cover might have been a reprint from a rest room wall. It was filled with editorials and comments from many well-known citizens of the nation, including a lengthy contribution from Sen. James O. Eastland, the Mississippian who came to Montgomery as featured speaker at the rally.

The crowd stood in a patriotic gesture when a band from the Montgomery Alcazar Temple played Dixie. They whistled, cheered, applauded, yelled and at one time stomped their feet in approval as one speaker after another came forth to address them.

THERE ARE three stands that can be taken in the segregation issue, the white side, the colored side and the mug-rump. Do any of you know what a mug-rump is? said Sen. Sam Englehard of Macon County.

"We meet to rededicate our principals and way of life in the Deep South a life we hold most dear. At the same time, we want peace and harmony to work together with equal facilities for all races. But we also want segregation and we will exhaust every means at our command to keep it that way," said Mayor W. A. Gayle, Montgomery.

"I WILL NOT compromise my way of living or philosophy for the vote of any group. If any Negro wants desegregation, let him go where they have no segregation," said Commissioner Clyde Sellers.

"I pledge my support 100 percent to Mayor Gayle's and Commissioner Sellers' stand. We are all doing everything we can," Commissioner Frank W. Parks said.

THE SOUTH is facing the greatest crisis it has had to face since the years of reconstruction. The Supreme Court has decided to change the lives of 50 million people. Everywhere people are inspired by the people of Alabama and the stand they have taken. Alabama richly deserves the name "Heart of Dixie," Robert Lee Patterson of Mississippi said.

The Supreme Court's "Mulatto" decision had in mind satisfying Russia and political expediences. We are not interested in satisfying Russia's complaint that American has segregation, said Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook of Georgia.

"THANK GOD" the state of Alabama has started the offense from this day, the direction is forward," Sen. James O. Eastland said.

There was no reference to recent incidents of race disturbances in Alabama. The audience kept applause within bounds with the exception of an occasional "amen" floating from one section, and here and there a good natured wise crack.

MOST OF THE speakers were greeted with a standing ovation as they took their places on the Confederate Flag dominated speaker's stand.

While some remained to pay membership dues in the organization, the crowd dispersed as quietly as they had come. The event had been heralded as the biggest of its kind yet. And it was.



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Special to the New York Post

Montgomery, Feb. 10—The White Citizens Council, inflamed over the Negro bus boycott and Autherine Lucy's legal battle with University of Alabama, meets here tonight to hear Sen. Eastland (D-Miss.).

Miss Lucy has named a Council leader, R. F. Chambliss, of Birmingham, in her suit to force the university to readmit her.

She named him as one of the outsiders she charged the university "intentionally permitted" to create "an air of riot" on the campus in order to bar her as the first Negro student there.

She said the university trustees resorted to "a subterfuge and a cunning stratagem" in saying they were excluding her as a safety measure.

Adequate police protection is available, she insisted.

The action filed in Federal Court yesterday by Miss Lucy, first Negro student to be enrolled at the university, asks jail sen-

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tences for the 10 trustees, President Oliver C. Carmichael, and Dean of Admissions, William Adams unless they readmit her.

Another petition filed by her demands equal dormitory and dining hall privileges.

Federal Judge Grooms set a hearing on both petitions for Feb. 29.

Miss Lucy also seeks damages totaling \$3,000.

Her lawyer, Arthur Shores, said that if the university readmits her, the demand for jail sentences will be dropped. But she still will defend the damages.

Her petition charges that the university defied an earlier court order to admit her "to appease persons having no connection with the university."

Her suit also named as defendants four outsiders, including three men arrested on disorderly conduct charges in connection with a series of demonstrations on the campus at Tuscaloosa.

Mrs. Constance Baker Motley of the NAACP legal staff in New York, who came here to aide Shores, said Miss Lucy will make no attempt to return to the campus until after the Feb. 29 hearing.

In Miami Beach, AFL-CIO President Meany wired President Eisenhower protesting the Lucy case and other incidents in Alabama.

The Justice Dept., meanwhile, again refused to act in the Emmett Till murder case in Mississippi.

Replying to a query from former Rep. Yorty (D-Calif.), Asst. Atty. Gen. Olney wrote that the department could find "no basis for federal intervention."

# Citizens Back Indictments in Negro Boycott

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 29 (AP) — A pro-white organization last night approved the indictment of Negro leaders of a bus boycott here and charged that Gov. James E. Folsom "has not proven competent during these grave and grievous times."

The criticism against Gov. Folsom was included in a resolution which put the Central Alabama Citizens Council on record as opposed to a biracial commission which might try to solve racial disputes outside the framework of Alabama's segregation laws.

News men were barred from the meeting in the Montgomery City Hall but police estimated 3,000 persons attended. The council says it has 12,000 members in this area.

Another resolution commended the Montgomery County grand jury, which last week indicted 100 Negroes, including 24 ministers, for violating Alabama's anti-boycott law in their protest against racial segregation.

### Ask Law Enforcement

The council also called on State officials to continue enforcement of segregation laws and changed its name from the Central Alabama Citizens Council to the Montgomery County Citizens Council.

State Senator Sam Engelhardt, chairman of the organization, said the resolution naming Gov. Folsom did not mean the council would not support an "independent" biracial commission that would try to mediate racial disputes.

But he said it was feared a biracial commission carrying authority given by the Legislature might possibly try to erase existing segregation laws and city laws.

Gov. Folsom recommended the creation of a biracial commission in a proclamation ordering a special session of the Legislature beginning tomorrow.

### Subversion of Customs Seen

In commending the grand jury which returned the boycott indictments the council said "sinister influences are at work in Alabama. The 12-week-old bus boycott, the resolution said, "is a notorious and flagrant violation of all customs and traditions of our city and State."

The boycott began December 5 in protest to segregated seating required on buses by State and city law.

Leaders of the protest movement, many of them Negro ministers, promised at a rally Monday night to continue the boycott despite the indictments.

Ninety Negroes arrested thus far on the indictments were all freed in \$300 bond each pending trial. The anti-boycott law was passed by the Legislature in 1921 for use in labor disputes.

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# Citizens Back Indictments in Negro Boycott

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 29 (AP) — A pro-white organization last night approved the indictment of Negro leaders of a bus boycott here and charged that Gov. James E. Folsom "has not proven competent during these grave and grievous times."

The criticism against Gov. Folsom was included in a resolution which put the Central Alabama Citizens Council on record as opposed to a biracial commission which might try to solve racial disputes outside the framework of Alabama's segregation laws.

News men were barred from the meeting in the Montgomery City Hall, but police estimated 3,000 persons attended. The council says it has 12,000 members in this area.

Another resolution commended the Montgomery County grand jury, which last week indicted 100 Negroes, including 24 ministers, for violating Alabama's anti-boycott law in their protest against racial segregation.

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**15,000 hear Mississippi senator**

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**Blueprints Dixie fight in Councils rally at capital**

BY FRED TAYLOR, News staff writer  
 MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 11—Alabama and other southern states Saturday had blueprints with which to set up a regional commission calling for use of public funds to maintain their sovereignty and preserve segregation of the races.

Mississippi's U. S. Sen. James O. Eastland laid these plans before a wildly cheering crowd Friday night at the State Coliseum as it thundered approval of his organizational battle cry to win his fight, but win it within the law.

Unless we present an organized Southern front we are going to be crushed, warned Eastland.

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# Avoid any violence but win—Eastland

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"You must organize Southwide just as you have this grass roots organization here tonight," added Eastland.

"Today, Alabama leads the South and is an inspiration to the South."

"Praising the Alabama Legislature for having been the first to adopt an interposition resolution and for measures it has passed to help maintain segregation in the schools, Eastland declared:

"Your Legislature met this problem head-on and thank God it did meet it head-on."

THERE WERE a few boos when Sen. Eastland mentioned the name of Alabama Sen. Lister Hill. But Eastland brought loud applause when he quickly declared that "I have never cast a vote in defense of the South but that your two senators, Lister Hill and John Sparkman, took the same position that I did."

Eastland brought boos when he referred to President Eisenhower, who he said had promised that the Washington schools would be a laboratory to demonstrate to the world how easily and effectively integration and democracy would work.

The boast was that Washington schools would be an example of how good integration would be," added Eastland, "but they have proved no such thing. Now they do everything possible to hide their example and secrete the hideous facts."

EASTLAND ADDED that politicians who preach integration and amalgamation of the

racess, believe in it for the other fellow. They send their children to private schools.

Police Commissioner Sellers had drawn thunderous shouts of approval shortly before when he told the crowd that "If any Negro in the South wants desegregated schools, let him go where there is desegregation."

Georgia Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook cited efforts made in his state to help maintain segregation and declared: "We will not permit racial suicide in the state of Georgia."

Robert B. Patterson of Indiana, Miss. executive secretary of the Mississippi Citizens Council, told the gathering that Alabama has inspired the entire South in taking the lead to maintain segregation.

ALSO ON HAND was W. J. Mimmons of Jackson, Miss., administrator of the Mississippi Citizens Council.

Montgomery Mayor W. J. Gayle was given a standing ovation as he welcomed the throng to Montgomery.

"We are proud of our way of life and we're going to keep it that way," declared Mayor Gayle.

Luther Ingalls, Montgomery attorney and former legislator, general chairman of the meeting, spoke briefly, as did Sen. Engelhardt, the council president.

Sen. Engelhardt declared "It's time for the white men of this nation to stand up and be counted."

The rally was opened with prayer by Dr. George W. Cheek, pastor of the Selma First Baptist Church, who asked for "a peaceful solution" of the problems facing Alabama and the South.

Dallas Sen. Walter Givhan, one of the leaders in organization of Citizens Council and the fight for segregation, was among those on the speaker's platform. The huge coliseum was decorated with American and Confederate flags.

GOV. JAMES E. FOLSOM, who was in Birmingham attending a statewide mental health meeting, got some ribbing from members of the audience, some of whom kept asking: "Where's Big Jim?"

And one loud voice in the audience kept shouting "Big Jim's gotta go."

Not only was there tenseness over the recent rioting at the university, which had forced the board of trustees to bar recently admitted student Autherine Lucy from attending classes, but it was heightened by the prolonged Negro boycott of Montgomery's city buslines.

EASTLAND REPEATEDLY assailed the U.S. Supreme Court and declared that "when the Supreme Court destroys local self-government in the South it also destroys it in the North."

In urging that the resistance movement to the high court's desegregation order be carried on always within the law, Eastland said: "One of the fundamental principles of the White Citizens Council is to see that no man is mistreated."

Eastland said he was not a member of the Citizens Council in Mississippi, explaining that it is a non-political organization.

"But it's a very fine organization and I agree with it and believe in it," he said, urging Alabamians to organize more such councils.

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ADDRESSING the huge rally, led by the Central Alabama Citizens Council, Sen. Eastland, himself an alumnus of the University of Alabama, declared: "You are not going to permit the NAACP to take over your schools."

He made this obvious reference to rioting earlier in the week on the University campus, here Eastland attended school back in the 1920s.

"I know you're not going to let the NAACP take over your state and permit that organization to use your children as pawns in a game of racial politics," declared the Mississippi senator.

And the crowd thundered back: "No, no!"

The crowd, which jammed the sides of the coliseum and spread over part of the floor of the huge hall, was estimated at from 12,000 to 15,000. Montgomery Police Commissioner Clyde Sellers said he thought there were 15,000 on hand.

IT IS URGENTLY imperative at the Southern states set up a regional commission to answer attacks upon us," said Eastland.

"Public funds should be used, in fact, the use of public funds is the only way we can get the resources to answer the vast task and to cope with the tremendous sums that are being used to misrepresent us and inflame the public minds against us."

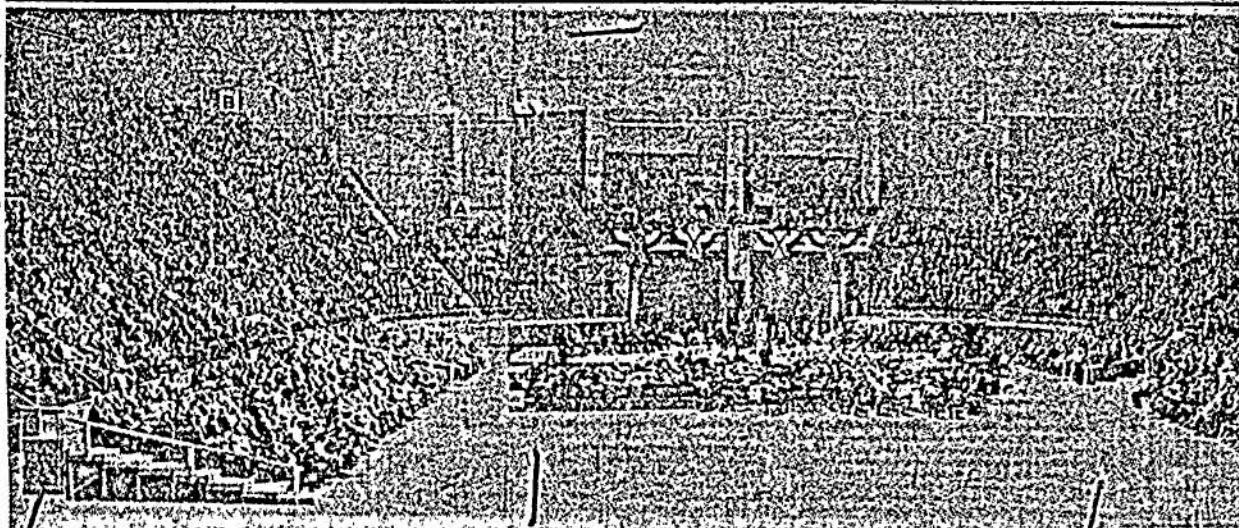
LAUDING THE SOUTHERN way of life, Sen. Eastland said: "We have nothing to be ashamed of. We mistreat no one. We are proud of our system. Why should we not advertise and explain it?"

The Southern states have not only the legal right but the legal duty to set up this commission to finance its activities with public funds.

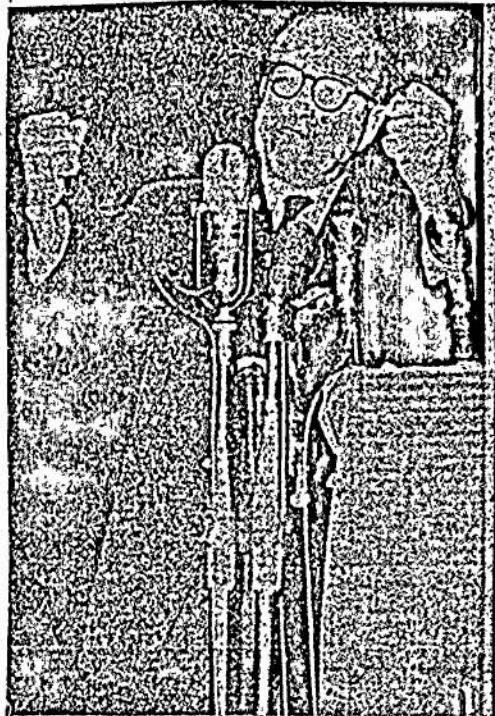
There was a tension in the air here Friday night before and after the giant rally at the coliseum, but there was no incident of any kind reported during the night.

The big crowd was noisy but well behaved.

Macon County State Sen. Sam Engelhardt, president of the sponsoring Central Alabama Citizens Council, apparently feared possible demonstrations. And his ringing remarks as the crowds started filling out of the coliseum were to go home peacefully and early.



**CROWD OF 15,000 AT MONTGOMERY COLISEUM HEARS SEN. EASTLAND OUTLINE THREE-P**  
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**SENATOR AT MICROPHONE AT RALLY**  
Eastland sounds South's battle cry



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**15,000 Alabamians Cheer as Eastland Calls South to Stall Bias Law to Death**

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Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 11—Sen. Eastland (D-Miss.) has urged the South to "be militant" in a three-pronged program to beat down the foes of segregation.

Eastland spoke for an hour in leathery tones to a whooped-up throng of 15,000 attending a White Citizens Council rally in the huge state-owned Alabama Coliseum last night.

The crowd was rip-roaring ready when Eastland came on, introduced as the "Voice of the South." It had been fanned to near hysteria by brass bands blaring "Dixie." It shouted rebel yells and catcalls that "Lucy gotta go." And it was addressed by a police commissioner who solemnly saluted the Confederate flag when he strode onto the stage.

Eastland called for a three-part program:

"We must organize every county, city and every community into a grass roots organization such as you represent here tonight . . . to answer the vast attack and cope with the tremendous sums that are being used to misrepresent us," he said.

He called for a program of endless stalling, a g a first Supreme Court decisions. "By changing state laws and creating new state policies which must be litigated, and which must go to the Supreme Court of the United States, the states can litigate this matter for an indefinite period in hostile federal courts," he said.

He called for a regional commission, financed by public funds, to "make a study of race" and "publicize conditions which prevail in the interracial schools of Washington and New York." This commission should, he said, "acquire and publicize the facts about the characteristics, the morals, and the native intelligence of the race."

It was when Eastland referred to the fight to exclude Negro Col. Autherine Lucy from the University of Alabama that he drew his biggest cheers from this, the largest rally ever conducted by the Citizens Councils.

He praised Alabama for its defiance of "judicial tyranny" by a nine-man oligarchy that has departed from every precept of law and reason.

"I am sure you are not going to permit the NAACP to take over your schools, and I am sure you are not going to let the NAACP use your little children as pawns in a game of racial politics being played by the northern politicians," Eastland shouted.

But he insisted the "fight we wage must be a just and legal fight; acts of violence and lawlessness have no place in our organization."

"There is only one course open for the South to take, and that is one of stern resistance; there is no other alternative," Eastland continued. "We must fight them with every legal weapon at every step of the way."

"Southern people are right both legally and morally."

"We have now entered an era of judicial tyranny," he cried, "and the Anglo-Saxon people have always held steadfast to the belief that resistance to tyranny is obedience to God."

Earlier, the program had opened with a prayer by Presbyterian Minister George W. Cheek, who beseeched God "to end the cold war that exists between federal bureaucracy and local self-government."

State Sen. Sam Engelhardt Jr., one of Alabama's most outspoken supporters of segregation, said:

"This is no time for pussyfooting, but a time to take a stand." At the close of the meeting, Engel-

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hailed urged the crowd to "go home peacefully and orderly," apparently fearing a possible demonstration in this tense state capital.

Attorney General Eugene Cook of Georgia, also a speaker, said he was certain "the people of my state will not permit racial suicide, at any price."

"The real goal of the NAACP is to break down all race barriers, and the one most paramount in their mind is that of racial intermarriage," he said.

"And they are determined to reach their objective of total integration by 1963."

Montgomery Mayor Gayle and Commissioners Sellers and Parks also spoke.

Gayle was given a tremendous ovation by the crowd, obviously as a result of his recent call for Montgomery to get touch with Negroes who are Boycotting the

city's buses in protest against their segregation.

Police Commissioner Sellers, an active member of the WCC as are the other members of the commission, saluted one of the many confederate flags displayed throughout the building as he came onto the stage.

"If any Negro wants desegregation, then let him go where there is desegregation," Sellers cried. "I will not sell my Southern birthright for any number of Negro voters."

At the outset of the program, while Sen. Engelhardt was introducing other guests, the crowd began to chant "Where's Big Jim?" It referred to Alabama Gov. James Folsom.

Folsom has been sharply criticized for his stand on the race question for months, and WCC officials announced earlier this week that Folsom had not been

invited to the rally.

Folsom did not meet Eastland here, but recently showed considerable courtesy to Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-NY) a Negro Congressman.

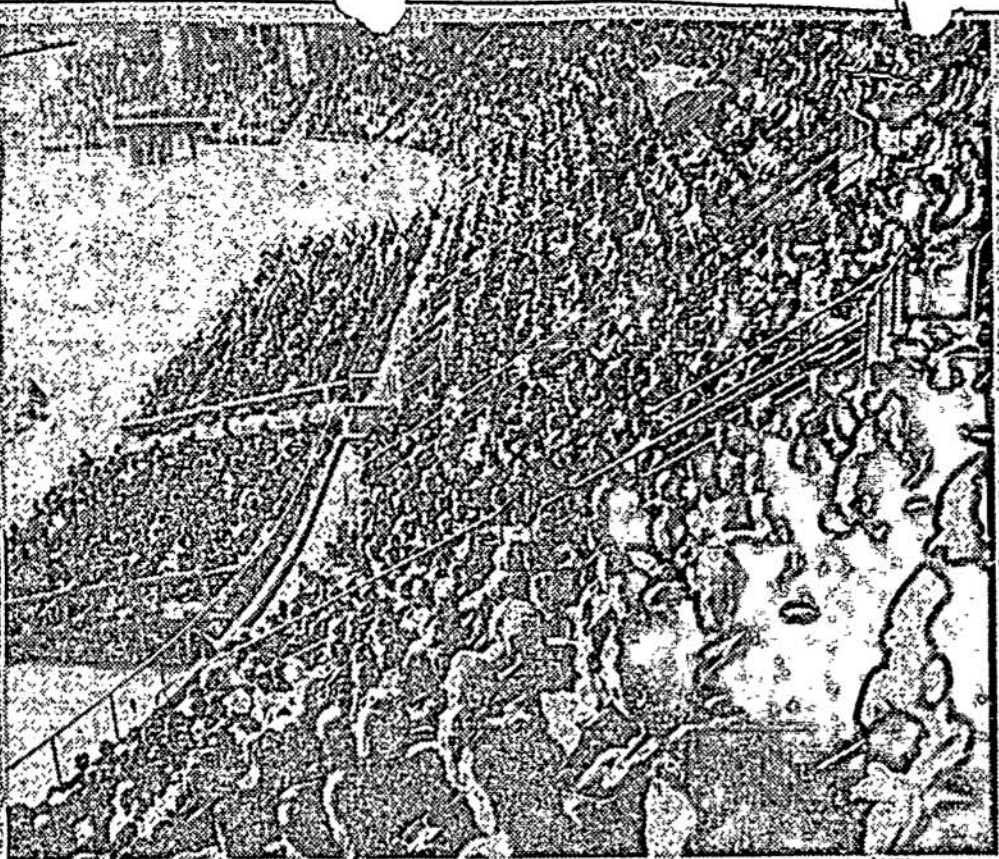
When Powell visited here late

last fall he was given Folsom's Cadillac for his use, and later had a drink with Folsom at the executive mansion.

When asked yesterday how he could justify his actions in welcoming Powell to Alabama but

ignoring Eastland, Folsom replied:

"He (Powell) requested the car, and if Sen. Eastland had requested it, the car would have been waiting for him at the airport."



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### Pro-Segregationists Rally in Alabama

This is a portion of the estimated crowd of 15,000 which jammed the coliseum at Montgomery, Alabama, to hear a pro-segregation speech by Sen. James Eastland (D-Miss.). In

referring to the riots protesting the admittance of a Negro coed to the University of Alabama, Sen. Eastland made a plea to refrain from further violence.

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Sen. Eastland tells the throng to fight racial integration with massive resistance but without lawlessness.

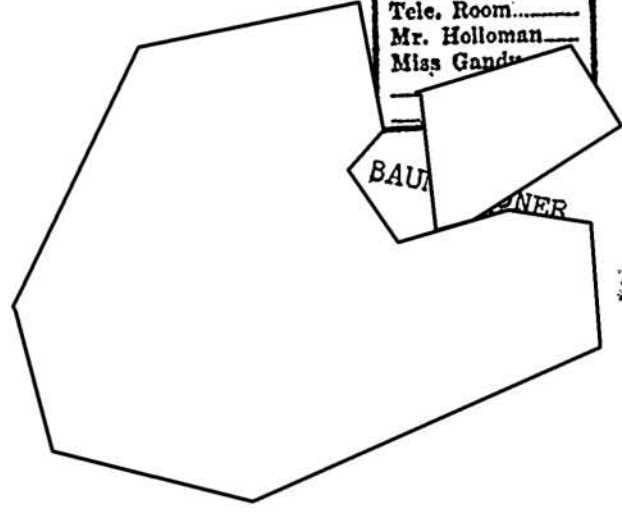
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# Alabama Termed Core Of Resistance To Desegregation

## Eastland Declares NAACP Won't Be Allowed To Take Over Schools

MONTGOMERY, Feb. 10 (AP)—In an obvious reference to rioting at the University of Alabama, Sen. James Eastland (D., Miss.) told a wildly cheering throng here tonight that "you and Alabama are not going to permit the NAACP to take over your schools."

Eastland spoke at a pro-White Citizens Council rally

which packed the huge state-owned Coliseum on the outskirts of Montgomery. Coliseum Manager Tom Reid estimated the crowd at 11,000. Montgomery Police Commissioner Clyde Sellers said the figure might run as high as 15,000 counting several hundred who couldn't find seats.

Eastland's reference to the schools came after he had remarked that he is an alumnus of Alabama.

"I think I know the people of Alabama well," he declared. "You are not going to permit the NAACP to take over your schools, and you're not going to permit them to control your state."

The rioting at the University forced the boards of trustees here Monday to bar Negro student Autherine Lucy from attend-

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## Highlights By Eastland

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Sen. James Eastland's speech tonight was highlighted by the following statements:

"You are not going to permit the NAACP to take control over your state."

"You wouldn't let your children be used as political pawns to get votes in Northern cities."

"My friends, we've got to organize. Unless we organize in the South and unless we present a solid front, we are going to be crushed."

"We have got to fight with every legal weapon and every step of the way."

"There is no law that a free people must submit to a flagrant invasion of their personal liberties."

"The Southern states must set up a regional commission with public funds to present the Southern position."

"One of the fundamental principles of the White Citizens Council is to see that no man is mistreated."

"I don't want to see any more of this class, until further notice, because of the violence her presence on the campus touched off."

"The crowd attending the rally tonight was described by the council spokesman, Robert Patterson of Indianola, Miss., as the largest segregation gathering in the recent history of the South."

"Patterson is the executive director of the Association of Citizens Councils of Mississippi."

"Apparently, fearing possible demonstrations in Montgomery tonight, State Sen. Sam Engelhardt of neighboring Macon county, president of the Central Alabama Citizens Council, appealed to the crowd to go home peacefully and orderly."

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ple of the South to organize in a massive grass-roots campaign to resist racial integration."

But he declared "the fight that we wage must be a just and legal fight. Acts of violence and lawlessness have no place."

The Mississippi senator, who has become one of the South's most outspoken champions of white supremacy, said "we must organize every county, every city, and every community into a grass-roots organization such as you represent here tonight. You are the hard and nonflexible core of resistance in Alabama."

Eastland told his listeners that "no people in all the history of the government have ever been forced to integrate against their will." The rank and file of the Negro race in the South are not demanding the end of segregation, "they are sensible," the senator added.

The prescription for victory must be based on grass-roots organization, Eastland continued. "We must match the organizing ability and tactics of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People). They have done a successful job. They did not submit when court decisions were against them. They fought and are still fighting. This we most certainly must do."

The Mississippi Democrat said also that the Southern people must "take the offensive" and he suggested the creation of a regional commission financed with public funds to "answer the fast attack and cope with the tremendous sums that are being used to misrepresent us and to inflame the public mind against us."

Eastland also told his audience that the Southern states by acting at the state level can stall off for a long while at least the integration of white and Negro students in public schools.

"By changing state laws and creating new state policies which must be litigated, and which must go to the Supreme Court of the United States, the states can best litigate this matter for an indefinite period of time in hostile federal courts," the senator declared.

Eastland praised the Alabama Legislature for becoming the first Southern state to pass a nullification resolution declaring the Supreme Court's school of integration decision null and void.

"The log-jam of defensive and evasive actions to the segregation decision has been broken," he declared. "Thank God, you started the offensive."

Each speaker drew wild cheers and rebel yells from the partisan crowd as they touched on integration problems. A band brought them to their feet periodically with "Dixie" and "Are You From Dixie."

A Selma Presbyterian minister, the Rev. George W. Check, asked in his prayer at the beginning of the program that God "end the cold war that exists between federal bureaucracy and local self government."

State Sen. Sam Engelhardt, chairman of the CACC, told the throng "It's time for the white men of this nation to stand up and be counted. Integration is disgusting and unthinkable."

All three members of the Montgomery City Commission made brief addresses.

Police Commissioner Sellers drew loud shouts and long applause with this defiant challenge:

"If any Negro in the South

# Eastland Urges 15,000 To Resist Integration

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 11 (P)—A plea for the South to refrain from further violence climaxed a pro-segregation rally here last night that drew a crowd estimated at 15,000.

Senator Eastland, Democrat of Mississippi, challenged the rebel-yelling throng to fight racial integration with massive resistance but without lawlessness.

As the rally ended, State Senator Sam Engelhardt admonished the audience to "go home peacefully and orderly."

Senator Eastland made only an indirect reference to recent rioting at the University of Alabama, where he once attended school.

Recalling his student days, the outspoken advocate of white supremacy declared: "I think I know the people of Alabama well, and you're not going to permit the NAACP to take over your schools."

A mob of about 3,000 threw eggs and rocks at a Negro student, Autherine Lucy, when she sought to attend class at the university Monday. She had won admittance under a Federal Court order backed by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

### Outlines Program

Senator Eastland outlined a three-point program for resistance against efforts to break down segregation throughout the South.

First, he said, white persons in the South must organize a "grass roots" campaign to preserve their traditional separate school systems.

The South also needs a tax-supported regional commission, he added, to "answer the vast attack and cope with the fre-

mendous sums that are being used to misrepresent us."

"We must organize every county, city and every community into a grass roots organization, such as your represent here tonight," Senator Eastland told the rally, sponsored by the Central Alabama Citizens Council.

He declared further that each Southern State must adopt firm segregation policy that will enable white southerners to stall off integration for a long time.

### Governor Hits Mob Rule

The Mississippi Senator spoke a few hours after Gov. James E. Folsom told a news conference that "98 per cent of our people do not go along with mob rule against constituted authority."

The Governor made his statement in comment on recent rioting at the university.

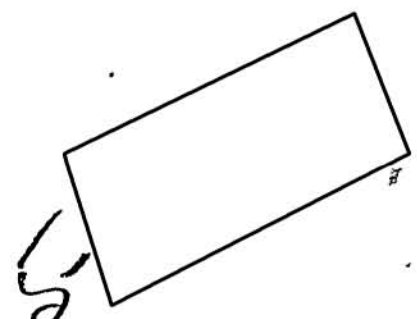
He was not invited to the meeting, said State Senator Engelhardt, because "he (Folsom) had previously said he had no interest in the white citizens' movement."

Gov. Folsom told a news conference yesterday, "I'm for white councils and black councils and red councils and yellow councils and brown councils if there are any."

The Governor then observed that "nothing built on hate can exist for any length of time."

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# Folsom denies he does not approve of Councils

BY FRED TAYLOR, News staff writer  
 MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 10—Gov. James E. Folsom today took exception to printed statements by State Sen. Sam Engelhardt that the governor had not been invited to the Central Alabama Citizens Council rally at the Coliseum tonight.

"I didn't know you had to be invited—I thought it was a public meeting," said Gov. Folsom. The rally will be addressed by Mississippi Sen. James Eastland, he arrived during the afternoon plane.

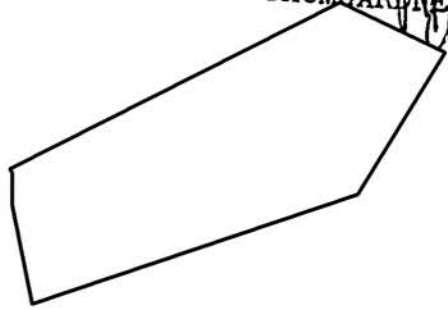
FOLSOM DENIED published reports that he does not approve of the Citizens Councils organized in Alabama and other southern states, declaring: "I do not disapprove and have not said at any time that I disapprove of citizens councils. I don't disapprove of White Citizens Councils and I don't disapprove of black citizens councils. I even attended the Dixiecrat convention in Birmingham." (He is referring to the 1948 convention in Birmingham when Strom Thurmond and Fielding Wright were nominated on the State's presidential ticket.)

State Finance Director Fuller Kimbrell, were going to Birmingham for state-wide meeting of the Alabama Assn. for Mental Health group and dinner there tonight, saying he had agreed many weeks ago to attend that meeting.

A whopping big crowd was expected in Montgomery for the Citizens Council meeting. Besides Sen. Eastland, Georgia Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook, W. J. Simmons, president, and Robert B. Patterson, executive secretary of the Mississippi Citizens Council, will speak.

Earlier, Sen. Engelhardt, chairman of the Alabama Council, said: "Folsom isn't expected and, in fact, hasn't even been invited." "He's already said he didn't approve of the Citizens Council movement, so we didn't see any reason why he should be interested in this meeting," Sen. Engelhardt added.

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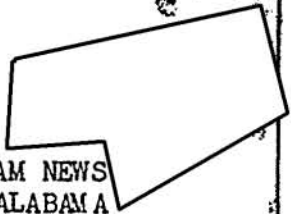
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**Pair advertising  
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TUSCALOOSA, Ala., Feb. 8—A man and his sister, who were advertising a White Citizens Council meeting, were stopped on the University of Alabama campus here yesterday.

A man who drove a car onto the sidewalk began using a public address system to advertise the meeting to be held in Montgomery Friday night.

When the man declared, "we expect 2000 students from API and the University," a student yelled, "Go to hell, White Citizen."

University policemen took in two persons who were painting White Citizens Council signs on the side of the car. The two were taken to the Union Building where they were identified as Lou Dugger, Montgomery, and his sister, Dorothy, senior at Sidney Lanier High School.

The pair returned in a few minutes accompanied by Police Chief Allen Rayfield who ordered the car removed from the walk. He told them that in order to use the public address system they would have to get permission from the University comptroller.

Rayfield said the University has ruled that public address systems may not be used on the campus between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The car was seen later in downtown Tuscaloosa. Those in it said they had permission to use the loudspeaker.

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# Stern Resistance To Integration Urged

(The Associated Press)  
 Sen. James Eastland of Mississippi has called on the South to offer "stern resistance" in its fight to maintain racial segregation.

"There is no other alternative," the Deep South Democrat declared in a speech last night at Charlotte, N. C. He looked to the doctrine of interposition as the South's chief weapon. Eastland's plea was directed mainly to the South as he challenged the antisegregation decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court. His battle cry came a few hours

after Gov. Thomas B. Stanley of Virginia asked the governors of the other 47 states to give "careful consideration" to the resolution of interposition adopted by the Virginia General Assembly.

### Asks Aid in Fight

Stanley asked the other governors to join in the fight to safeguard the rights of the states and

preserve our cherished constitutional system." Both expressed their view on the same day that a bulwark of white supremacy toppled in Alabama, whose soldiers are credited with giving the Confederate army its rousing, tingling rebel yell.

Yesterday for the first time in its history, the University of Alabama had a Negro student—Aatherine Lucy of Birmingham. The school's dining halls and dormitories were closed to her, but its classrooms were hers to use. **Second Case Pending**

Her presence at the university was the result of a drawn-out legal battle. And a legal battle still is under way on behalf of another Negro, Mrs. Polly Ann Hudson, to whom university officials have refused the right of enrollment.

A Federal Court order directed university officials to enroll both Miss Lucy and Mrs. Hudson, but the latter was turned down on the basis of her "conduct and marital record." Mrs. Hudson, the mother of a 2-year-old child, is seeking a divorce. She called the university action on her a "smear" and has thrown the whole matter before a federal court.

Eastland spoke to 400 members of the Mecklenburg County Branch of the Patriots of North Carolina, a pro-segregation group. He pointed to interposition as the "legal and constitutional doctrine" for the fight against the racial rulings of the high court.

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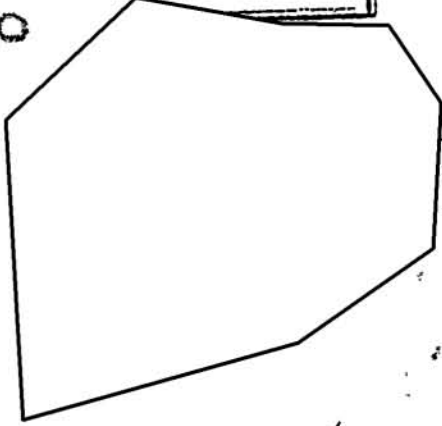
"There is at stake the preservation of the American system of government with its dual powers, which provide for individual liberty and freedom," Eastland said. "There is further at stake the racial integrity, the culture, the creative genius, and the advanced civilization of the white race."

Then he added: "The entire future of this country is at issue."

He called for a regional commission and the use of public funds in waging the South's battle.

"There is only one course open to us and that is stern resistance," he said. "There is no other alternative. We must fight them with every legal weapon at every step of the way."

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*Segregation in Public Schools  
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**Segregation group in Macon ready to open books to FBI**  
 MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 19  
 —The membership roll of the Central Alabama Citizens Council is open for inspection to any person, State Sen. Sam Engelhardt said yesterday, "and that includes the FBI."  
 The Macon County senator, president of the CACC, made the comment after an investigator for the Anti-Integration Organization said in Birmingham Monday that an FBI agent was asking about leadership in the council.  
 Sen. Engelhardt said the council has not been approached by the FBI, "but if we are approached by them we will welcome an investigation."  
 "Our sole objective is to preserve segregation in all its phases: schools, parks, swimming pools and conveyances."  
 "We have a screening committee that is working continually to keep out undesirable members, rabble rousers and others that might hurt the cause for which we are fighting so hard," Sen. Engelhardt added.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 6, 1956

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-311 )

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCIL OF NORTH BIRMINGHAM  
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This is to advise that a Citizens Council has been organized, captioned as above, and a report will be submitted in accordance with Bureau instructions.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>CITIZENS COUNCIL OF NORTH BIRMINGHAM</b>		Report made by <b>CHARLES B. STANBERY</b>	Typed By <b>:hwb</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - X</b>	

Synopsis:

According to newspaper article "CITIZENS COUNCIL OF NORTH BIRMINGHAM" was organized 2/25/56, at Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 823 - 20th Street, North. Speakers were to be Attorney JEROME PHILLIPS and CHARLIE PEARSON, a Northside groceryman. ROBERT GAFFORD, filling station operator, in North Birmingham, reported to be Chairman of captioned group.

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DETAILS: AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA:

The "Birmingham News," a daily newspaper, carried an article on February 23, 1956, captioned "Northside Citizens Council to Organize." This article stated that an organizational meeting for the NORTHSIDE CITIZENS COUNCIL would be held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 823 20th Street, North, at 7:30 P.M., Saturday, February 25, 1956.

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a speech at the next meeting of the Citizens Council expressing his disapproval of

ROBERT GAFFORD, filling station operator in North Birmingham, when interviewed by pretext, advised that he is Chairman of the NORTH BIRMINGHAM CITIZENS GROUP. He stated that at the present time this group is not affiliated with any other association of Citizens Councils in Alabama. Although he stated that the CITIZENS COUNCIL OF NORTH BIRMINGHAM was open and there was nothing secret about it, he declined to go into the details of the organization. He said that he does not know whether other Citizens Councils are open organizations or secret groups but speaking for the NORTH BIRMINGHAM CITIZENS COUNCIL he can state that there is nothing secret about it.

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cc - Liaison Section  
Mr. Williams

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Date: April 23, 1956  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CITIZENS COUNCIL OF  
NORTH BIRMINGHAM  
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There is being furnished you herewith one copy of the report of Special Agent Charles B. Stanbery dated April 12, 1956, at Birmingham, Alabama, concerning the captioned organization.

The report being furnished you does not reflect the results of a full investigation of this organization but only information obtained through limited inquiries being made to ascertain the influence, if any, in this organization of Ku Klux Klan members or others who advocate repressive tactics against minorities; to determine whether its programs and activities bring it within the purview of Executive Order 10450; and to develop data regarding this group's potential for violence.

The information furnished you concerning the captioned organization is for your confidential use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-49030)

DATE: July 18, 1956

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SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO  
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Rebulet June 26, 1956, and SAC Letter 56-34.

A review of Citizens Council files in the Birmingham Office reflects that there has been some Ku Klux Klan infiltration into the following citizens councils:

- Citizens Council of North Birmingham, Alabama;
- Citizens Council of Tarrant, Alabama.

A separate letter is being submitted on these two organizations, setting forth the Klan infiltration. One copy of this letter in each case is being designated for Bufile 105-49030.

There are no auxiliary offices in the Citizens Council of Tarrant or North Birmingham.

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TO : Director, FBI (105-45069)(105-49030)

DATE: July 23, 1956

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FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-311)

CHANGED:  
SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO CITIZENS COUNCIL  
OF NORTH BIRMINGHAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

The title of this case is marked "Changed" to reflect the correct and complete title as "KLAN INFILTRATION INTO CITIZENS COUNCIL OF NORTH BIRMINGHAM", which was formerly carried as "CITIZENS COUNCIL OF NORTH BIRMINGHAM."

Rebulet to Birmingham dated June 26, 1956, captioned "KLAN INFILTRATION INTO CITIZENS COUNCILS."

Following is a brief summary of Klan infiltration and participation in activities of captioned group:

On July 9, 1956, [redacted] PSI, who is believed to be reliable, advised he attended a meeting of captioned group on the night of July 6, 1956, at the Masonic Hall in North Birmingham. [redacted] stated he is well acquainted with [redacted] and knows that for years [redacted] has been a member of the Ku Klux Klan. [redacted] said he saw [redacted] at instant meeting and that [redacted] spent quite awhile talking to State Senator SAM ENGELHARDT of Macon County, Alabama, a leading official of the Citizens Council of Alabama. [redacted] said [redacted] talked to Senator ENGELHARDT in the back of the room while someone else was speaking. It should also be noted that [redacted] recently attended a Ku Klux Klan rally in Shelby County, Alabama, and saw [redacted] at this rally dressed in a Ku Klux Klan robe.

[redacted] of unknown reliability, has advised on numerous occasions that he has attended meetings of the Tarrant Klan No. 15, at which [redacted] was present as a member.

This information is being furnished the Mobile Office inasmuch as the Citizens Council of North Birmingham is a member of the State organization, the Citizens Council

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Director, FBI

July 23, 1956

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of Alabama, with headquarters at Montgomery, Alabama. Also, for Mobile's information, there is enclosed one copy of the report of SA CHARLES B. STANBERY, Birmingham, dated April 12, 1956, in captioned matter.

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Reporting Office <b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	Office of Origin <b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	Date <b>9/6/56</b>	Investigative Period <b>4/7;5/5;7/9;8/30/56</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>KLAN INFILTRATION INTO CITIZENS COUNCIL OF NORTH BIRMINGHAM</b>  <i>ALA</i>		Report made by <b>CHARLES B. STANBERY</b>	Typed By <b>MFL</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - X</b>	

**Synopsis:**

Captioned group has affiliated with Citizens Council of Alabama, with headquarters at Montgomery, Ala. Meets first Thursday of each month.  prominent Ku Klux Klansman, is active member of instant group.

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**DETAILS: AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1, contact with whom has been insufficient to determine his reliability, but who is a citizen of good reputation, advised on April 7, 1956, that he attended a meeting of the North Birmingham Citizens Council on April 6, 1956, at the Masonic Hall in North Birmingham. He said that approximately 100 people were present; that ROBERT GAFFORD, Chairman of this group, presided at the meeting. Birmingham T-1 said Mr. LEWEY ROBINSON, candidate for Birmingham City Commissioner, was one of the speakers. He said that a lady preacher, whose name he did not ascertain, from Tarrant City, Alabama, also spoke.

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said both of these individuals spoke in favor of segregation. T-1 said there was some discussion of the mixing of the races at Fort McClellan, Alabama. A resolution was passed authorizing the sending of a telegram to all U. S. Congressmen from Alabama, urging them to rid Fort McClellan of Negro troops. Birmingham T-1 said there were six women present at instant meeting. He said he noticed [redacted] a large property owner in North Birmingham; [redacted] employee AMERICAN CAST IRON PIPE COMPANY, and [redacted] automobile salesman, present at the meeting. He said he heard BOB GAFFORD discussing with [redacted] about Negroes getting special treatment at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Birmingham. T-1 said he heard [redacted] tell GAFFORD that women supervisors would address Negro employees at the Veterans Administration Hospital as "Mr." T-1 said he heard BOB GAFFORD tell [redacted] that if the latter would give him some specific names or addresses he, GAFFORD, would have the Ku Klux Klan take care of the persons addressing Negro employees as "Mr."

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Birmingham T-1 advised on May 5, 1956, that he had attended a meeting of captioned group on the night of May 4, 1956, at the Masonic Hall in North Birmingham and that about 50 individuals were present. T-1 said ROBERT GAFFORD, above mentioned, presided. GAFFORD said captioned group was not connected with any State organization as yet, but that the Council was considering joining the Citizens Council of Alabama, which has temporary office at 422 Redmont Hotel in Birmingham.

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Birmingham T-1 said LEWEY ROBINSON, Birmingham attorney, a member of the Executive Committee of the Citizens Council of North Birmingham, was appointed to investigate the possibility of affiliating with the Citizens Council of Alabama. T-1 said EUGENE "BULL" CONNOR, former City of Birmingham Commissioner, spoke for 30 to 40 minutes at this meeting. CONNOR complained about people not registering to vote. He said the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People urges Negroes to register and vote wherever possible, and that they vote in blocs. T-1 said CONNOR stated that in the May 1, 1956 election, Jefferson County, some Negroes

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were taking 30 minutes to vote in the machine booths. He said that white people walked away from the lines rather than wait to vote. CONNOR said Negroes were given marked ballots when they came to vote and the NAACP instructs them how to vote and for whom to vote.

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Birmingham T-1 said he recognized an individual named [redacted] who is a [redacted] at instant meeting. T-1 said most of the members of the North Birmingham Council work at the AMERICAN CAST IRON PIPE COMPANY in North Birmingham.

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On July 9, 1956, T-1, above mentioned, advised he attended a meeting of captioned group on the night of July 6, 1956, at the Masonic Hall in North Birmingham, and that there were approximately 45 to 50 people present. T-1 said it was announced that the North Birmingham Council had affiliated with the Citizens Council of Alabama with headquarters at Montgomery, Alabama. T-1 said State Senator SAM ENGELHARDT, Executive Secretary of the Citizens Council of Alabama, spoke for approximately two hours at this meeting. He said ENGELHARDT is not a fluent speaker, but knows quite a bit about the problems of segregation and integration in the South. He said ENGELHARDT spoke in favor of segregation. ENGELHARDT stated in his talk, according to T-1, that the Citizens Councils of 11 states planned to ask delegates to the National Democratic Convention how they stand on segregation.

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T-1 stated the meeting night for captioned group was changed to the first Thursday of each month; that all members will receive in the future a newspaper published by the Citizens Council of Alabama. T-1 said that [redacted]

[redacted] owner of a Fountain Heights grocery store, desired to transfer to captioned group. [redacted] said at the time that he belonged to a local citizens council at Fountain Heights, of which [redacted] was the controlling officer. [redacted] said he disliked [redacted] and wanted to get out from under his influence.

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*CITIZEN COUNCIL FOUNTAIN HEIGHTS ALA*

T-1 said he is well acquainted with [redacted] who resides in North Birmingham, and that [redacted]

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is a member of captioned group and attended the meeting on the night of July 6, 1956. T-1 said [redacted] spent quite awhile talking to Senator ENGELHARDT in the back of the meeting hall while someone else was speaking.

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Birmingham T-1 said he attended a Ku Klux Klan rally on June 30, 1956, in Shelby County, Alabama, and saw [redacted] at this rally dressed in a Ku Klux Klan robe.

Birmingham T-2, of unknown reliability, but who was a member of the Tarrant City Klan No. 15 for several years, advised on February 2, 1956, that [redacted] was a member of Tarrant Klan No. 15 and was present at a Klan meeting on the night of January 27, 1956, at Tarrant, Alabama.

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The Ku Klux Klan has been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On August 30, 1956, T-1, above mentioned, advised he received notice in the mail to attend a regular meeting of the captioned group on September 6, 1956, at the Masonic Hall in North Birmingham.

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T-2: [redacted]				[redacted]

Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed and "T" symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed.

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THE MOBILE DIVISION: (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished the Mobile Office for information inasmuch as the Citizens Council of North Birmingham is now affiliated with the Citizens Council of Alabama, with headquarters in Montgomery, Alabama.

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THE BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

At Birmingham, Alabama

Will secure, through confidential sources, complete list of officers of instant council and background information concerning them.

REFERENCE: Report of SA CHARLES B. STANBERY, Birmingham,  
dated April 12, 1956;

Birmingham Letter to Bureau dated July 23, 1956.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-45069)

DATE: 10-19-56

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FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-311)

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO  
CITIZENS COUNCIL OF  
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Rerep SA CHARLES B. STANBERY dated 9-6-56.

Limited inquiries are being made at this time to secure a complete list of officers of captioned group. As soon as this can be accomplished, a current report will be submitted.

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TO : Director, FBI (105-45069)

DATE: October 24, 1956

*John*

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-311)

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SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO CITIZENS COUNCIL OF NORTH BIRMINGHAM  
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Rerep SA CHARLES B. STANBERY, Birmingham, 9/6/56 and mylet 10/19/56.

[redacted] who has served as a source of information re captioned group, advised that at the last meeting of this group on October 11, 1956, there were only 13 members present. ROBERT GAFFORD, Chairman, stated that as long as there was one person interested the group would continue to function. GAFFORD said the treasury has \$740.01 balance. [redacted] said that a letter of endorsement was drafted to be sent to T. COLEMAN ANDREWS, who is running for President, according to [redacted] on a third party ticket.

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A report will be submitted as soon as more detailed information can be obtained concerning the officers of this group.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	Office of Origin <b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	Date <b>11/16/56</b>	Investigative Period <b>9/14; 10/16, 24; 11/2, 7/56</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b><u>KLAN INFILTRATION INTO CITIZENS COUNCIL OF NORTH BIRMINGHAM</u></b>		Report made by <b>CHARLES B. STANBERY</b>	Typed By: <b>MFL</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - X</b>	

**Synopsis:**

Captioned group organized 2-56. Background of officers set forth. Attendance has been falling off. Eighteen persons present on 8-9-56 and 13 present on 10-11-56. Some literature favoring segregation distributed to members.

**DETAILS:**

**AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

AGENCY **KAB-6, 1-2, ONI, OSI**  
 REQ. REC'D  
 DATE FORW. **11-28-56**  
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**ORIGIN, SCOPE AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES**

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1, contact with whom has been insufficient to determine his reliability, but who is a member of the North Birmingham Citizens Council, advised on November 2, 1956, that he was asked to join captioned group in February, 1956, at the time it was organized and that he did so. He said this council has met monthly since February. He said captioned group is affiliated with the Citizens Council of Alabama. Informant said attendance has been falling off at meetings and that 18 persons were present on August 9, 1956, and 13 present on

Approved <i>[Signature]</i> Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below
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October 11, 1956. Informant said some literature favoring segregation has been distributed intermittently to the members.

OFFICERS

Chairman - ROBERT GAFFORD

Confidential Informant T-1, above mentioned, advised on October 24, 1956, that ROBERT GAFFORD is Chairman of captioned group.

BIRMINGHAM ALA. MR + MRS  
Mrs. RUBY WILLIS, Merchants Credit Association, advised on November 7, 1956, that ROBERT GAFFORD resides 5345 Division Avenue, and that his wife's name is FRANCES GAFFORD. He was 36 years of age as of August 1956, and is employed as co-owner Gafford's Service Station, 3120 North 26th Street, Birmingham. He served in the U. S. Army from April 1943, to October 1946. Prior to his entry into the service, he was employed at a Mobile, Alabama shipyard. He was employed by the Birmingham Tank Company in 1941. According to Merchants Credit Association records, his character and habits are good and his credit rating is satisfactory.

FRANK JONES, Birmingham, Alabama Police Department, and J. B. JOLLY, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, advised on November 2, 1956, they could find no record identifiable with ROBERT GAFFORD.

Secretary - GEORGE BROOKS, JR. CITIZENS COUNCIL OF NORTH BIRMINGHAM ALA.

T-1, above mentioned, advised on November 2, 1956, that GEORGE BROOKS, JR., 1123 - 34th Street North, Birmingham, is the new Secretary of captioned group. He said he replaces, to the best of his knowledge, [REDACTED] the former Secretary.

ALA. MR + MRS  
Mrs. RUBY WILLIS, Merchants Credit Association, advised on November 7, 1956, that GEORGE D. BROOKS, JR. resides 1123 - 34th Street North and that [REDACTED] His date of birth is shown as June 15, 1932.

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He was a First Lieutenant in the U. S. Army from September, 1954, to June, 1956. He resided 4318 Pershing Drive, Arlington, Virginia, September 1955 to June 1956. He is presently employed at Southern Services, Birmingham. According to MCA files, his credit is satisfactory and no information concerning his character and habits appears in the files.

FRANK JONES, Birmingham Police Department, and J. B. JOLLY, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, advised on November 7, 1956, they could find no record identifiable with GEORGE BROOKS, JR.

Treasurer - HOWARD L. MANNING

CITIZENS COUNCIL OF NORTH BIRMINGHAM

T-1 advised on November 2, 1956, that HOWARD L. MANNING is Treasurer of captioned group. T-1 said MANNING lives at 3502 - 13th Avenue, North. AL A. BIRMINGHAM

Mrs. RUBY WILLIS, above mentioned, advised on November 7, 1956, that HOWARD L. MANNING, 3502 - 13th Avenue North, was born February 25, 1906.

His Social Security Number is 416-10-7248. MANNING has been employed by Van Kuren and Davis as a Draftsman since 1943. He formerly lived at 3831 Clairmont Avenue and was formerly employed by Goslin-Birmingham Manufacturing Company. He is reported to be a graduate of the University of Alabama, well regarded personally, and is said to be of good character and habits. According to MCA files, he has a good record with present and past employers. Credit record since 1926 indicates that

In recent years, he has been generally prompt and satisfactory.

FRANK JONES, Birmingham Police Department, and J. B. JOLLY, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, advised on November 7, 1956, their files contain no record identifiable with HOWARD L. MANNING.

#### STATED AIMS AND PURPOSES

T-1 advised on November 2, 1956, that it is the aim and purpose of the North Birmingham Citizens Council

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to maintain segregation of the races in Alabama.

COUNCIL MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

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LAURIE C. BATTLE

T-1 advised on September 14, 1956, that former U. S. Congressman LAURIE BATTLE spoke at a meeting of captioned group on September 13, 1956. T-1 said BATTLE made a speech favoring segregation and the members present asked him a few questions concerning segregation of the races at the completion of his talk. T-1 said BATTLE pointed out that the Southern States are not united as yet in their fight against integration.

On October 16, 1956, T-1 advised that captioned group held a meeting at the North Birmingham Masonic Lodge on the night of October 11, 1956, and that there were 13 members present. ROBERT GAFFORD, Chairman, stated as long as there was one person interested, captioned group would continue to function. GAFFORD announced that the treasury contained \$740.01. T-1 said captioned council endorsed T. COLEMAN ANDREWS for President of the United States. [redacted] spoke out strongly against Negroes and white people being admitted at the same entrance at the Jefferson Hospital. [redacted] also said he knows of three Negro nurses who are supervisors at the Jefferson Hospital and he objected to that.

T-1 advised on November 2, 1956, that about the only activity of the North Birmingham Council was their meetings and the occasional distributing of literature regarding segregation to the members. T-1 said that in June 1956, he received a pamphlet apparently distributed by the Association of Citizens Councils at Winona, Mississippi, entitled, "The Ugly Truth about the NAACP." T-1 said this was an address by Attorney General EUGENE COOK of Georgia before the 55th Annual Convention of the Peace Officers Association of Georgia. T-1 said he has also received mimeographed literature attacking the Supreme Court and its decision concerning segregation in the public schools. One leaflet urges members to register and vote and informed members that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is working vigorously trying to register its members to vote.

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On 11-2-56, T-1 said that at the meeting on July 7, 1956, of captioned group, a mimeographed sheet called "A Three-Minute Quiz" was passed out. He said one of the questions was, "Would you send your children to an integrated school?" and that there were nine other questions of similar import, such as, "Would you patronize integrated hospitals?" T-1 said members also received a throw-away sheet showing pictures of Negro leaders endorsing Senator JOHN J. SPARKMAN who was, according to the remarks under the picture, a Democratic candidate for Vice President in 1952. On the reverse side of the throw-away sheet was a picture of [redacted] a Negro delegate from Missouri to the 1948 Democratic National Convention, according to this literature. This literature said that ADLAI STEVENSON joined "the Negro [redacted] in his outrageous minority report and in his fight on the South, and particularly on Mississippi."

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On 11-2-56, T-1 said he received a letter from captioned group dated September 9, 1956, stating that on the night of August 9, 1956, only 18 members were present at the meeting. This letter stated captioned group has a membership of around 525 members; therefore, according to the letter, only 9.45% of members were present. The letter was a plea for better attendance.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity or Description of Information</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent to whom Furnished</u>	<u>File No. where Located</u>
T-1: [redacted] (Requested).	Background of North Birmingham Citizens Council.		CHARLES B. STANBERRY, orally.	Initially reported
"	ROBERT GAFFORD, Chairman.			105-311-17
"	Other officers of council.		CHARLES B. STANBERRY, orally.	Initially Reported
"	Stated aims & objectives		"	"
"	Re council meetings & literature distributed.		"	"

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Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed and "T" symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where identity of the sources must be concealed.

LEADS

THE MOBILE DIVISION: (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished the Mobile Office for information inasmuch as the Citizens Council of North Birmingham is affiliated with the Citizens Council of Alabama.

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THE BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

At Birmingham, Alabama

Will follow and report activities of subject group.

REFERENCE: Report of SA CHARLES B. STANBERY, Birmingham, dated September 6, 1956.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-45069)

DATE: 1/11/57

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-311)

SUBJECT: 0 KLAN INFILTRATION INTO CITIZENS COUNCIL OF NORTH BIRMINGHAM.  
IS-X.

Rerep SA CHARLES B. STANBERY, 11/16/56, Birmingham, and Bureau letter to Atlanta, 12/13/56.

No additional information has been received in this case and in accordance with reBulet this matter is being placed in a closed status.

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November 22, 1957

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Director, FBI (105-45069)

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KLAN INFILTRATION INTO  
CITIZENS COUNCIL OF NORTH BIRMINGHAM  
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Reurlet dated November 16, 1957, in which you requested authority to contact [redacted] concerning captioned organization.

Bufiles contain no information concerning [redacted] not already in possession of your office. Bureau authority is granted to contact him for the purpose of determining his willingness and potentiality to serve as a source concerning the Citizens Council of North Birmingham. At the outset of your interview with him you should advise [redacted] that the Bureau has no interest in the activities of citizens councils as such but is interested solely in information dealing with potential for violence and in violations of laws over which the Bureau has jurisdiction, particularly civil rights violations.

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Additional background information concerning [redacted] should be obtained and furnished the Bureau promptly. In this regard you are referred to Section 107C of the Manual of Instructions.

Furnish Bureau promptly results of your contacts and recommendation for additional action.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

[redacted] previously furnished information to the Birmingham Office concerning captioned organization from February to November, 1956. No information in Bufiles or in Birmingham letter which would preclude interview with him.

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- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
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show office from (occasional)  
2/28/56 to 11/2/56  
re Citizens Council of  
North Texas Council  
Joint Council 2/56.  
Also furnished info re  
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TO : Director, FBI (105-45069)  
FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-311)

DATE: 11-16-57

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO CITIZENS  
COUNCIL OF NORTH BIRMINGHAM.  
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Rebulet to Atlanta dated October 9, 1957, in the case entitled "Citizens Councils; IS - X."

The following is information concerning [redacted] who previously furnished information concerning the CITIZENS' COUNCIL OF NORTH BIRMINGHAM:

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1. [redacted]
2. [redacted]
3. [redacted]
4. [redacted]
5. Contacts with [redacted] in the past have indicated that he is trustworthy. He has furnished information to the Birmingham Office in the past concerning Citizens Council matters and also, concerning the KU KLUX KLAN. He attended a meeting of the Klan in Shelby County on June 30, 1956, and furnished information concerning this meeting. There was no reason to doubt any of [redacted] information and as far as is known, all of it was correct.
6. No information in Birmingham files which might make contact with [redacted] inadvisable.
7. It is recommended that [redacted] be contacted to ascertain whether or not he will discreetly furnish the information desired, as set out in referenced Bureau letter.

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TO : Director, FBI (105-45069)

DATE: 12-9-57

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FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-311)

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO CITIZENS COUNCIL OF NORTH BIRMINGHAM.  
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Rebulet to Birmingham November 22, 1957.

Relet requested that additional background information be obtained concerning [redacted] in connection with the possible use of [redacted] as a source concerning CITIZENS COUNCIL OF NORTH BIRMINGHAM. *ALL*

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On December 5, 1957, [redacted] was contacted in order to determine his willingness and potentiality to serve as a source concerning this council. [redacted] indicated he is willing to serve in this capacity and [redacted]

[redacted] he feels positive that [redacted] BOB GAFFORD, who is Chairman of the council, and ascertain the meeting place and dates, etc.

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Files of the Merchants Credit Association were checked on November 25, 1957, and reflected that [redacted]

[redacted] have satisfactory credit records. The credit files contained no information that either [redacted] had violated any laws. These files indicated that [redacted]

[redacted]

JOHN TINSLEY, Birmingham Police Department, advised on December 6, 1957, that the only record he has

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J. B. JOLLY, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Birmingham, advised on December 6, 1957, that he could locate no record of [REDACTED]

The St. Louis Office is requested to check [REDACTED] and advise the Bureau and Birmingham of pertinent information therein.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>ST. LOUIS</b>	Office of Origin <b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	Date <b>1-20-58</b>	Investigative Period <b>12-11,16-57;1-9,16-58</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>KLAN INFILTRATION INTO CITIZENS COUNCIL OF NORTH BIRMINGHAM <i>Alabama</i></b>		Report made by <b>SE</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></span>	Typed by <b>ejm</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - X</b>	

Synopsis:

 Background and descriptive information set forth.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

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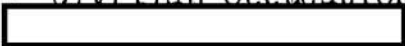
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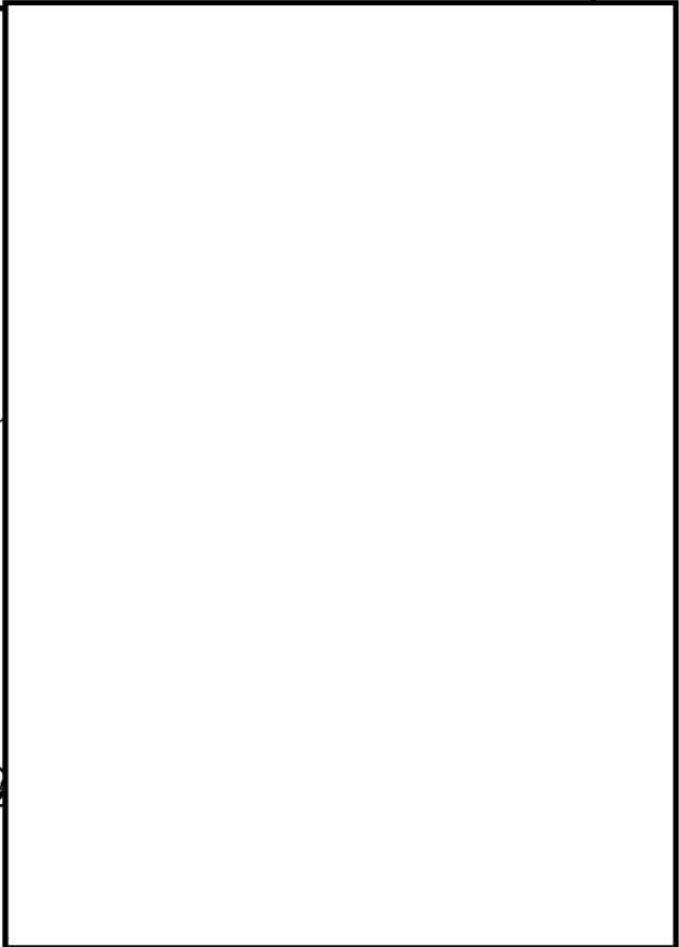
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-45069)

DATE: 1-20-58

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SE [redacted] Enclosed herewith are copies of report of [redacted] dated January 20, 1958, at St. Louis, Missouri.

[redacted] were reviewed on January 18, 1958 by [redacted] R. DOUGLAS KING.

REFERENCE: , Birmingham letter to Bureau dated 12-9-57.

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SAC, Birmingham (105-311)

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CITIZENS COUNCIL OF NORTH BIRMINGHAM  
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Reurlet dated January 29, 1958.

Bureau authority is granted to utilize  
[redacted] in connection with captioned organization.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

By let 11/16/57 Birmingham requested authority to contact [redacted] Authority granted in Bulet 11/22/57. [redacted] contacted by Birmingham 12/5/57 and was cooperative. Previously from February to November, 1956, [redacted] was a source of the Birmingham Office concerning citizens councils. Results of Bufiles reviewt furnished Birmingham previously.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-45069)

DATE: 1-29-58

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FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-311)

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO  
CITIZENS COUNCIL OF NORTH BIRMINGHAM  
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Reylet December 9, 1957.

The Birmingham Office has received report from the St. Louis Office concerning the [redacted] which indicates he [redacted]

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Bureau authority is requested to utilize [redacted] in connection with the CITIZENS COUNCIL OF NORTH BIRMINGHAM in order to ascertain whether or not any possible violence will be used by that council in the event of integration difficulties in this area.

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Director, FBI

NORTH ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS  
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Recently there has been considerable publicity in Washington, D. C., newspapers concerning the activities of [redacted] in connection with the captioned organization.

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You are instructed to advise the Bureau promptly of the exact status of this organization in relation to organizations about which you have previously furnished information. From information available it appears that the North Alabama Citizens Councils is a coordinating group having several former pro-segregation groups. In the event the captioned organization is autonomous a separate case should be opened and a report submitted in the near future.

ENCLOSURE (1 newspaper clipping)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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# Carter Group Hears Plea For Gov. Folsom Ouster

By JAMES Y. NEWTON  
Star Staff Correspondent

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Mar. 10.—Ace Carter, husky, youthful leader of the pro-segregationist North Alabama Citizens' Councils, has presented his program for "solving" race problems hereabouts. First step would be the ouster of Alabama's Gov. James E. "Big Jim" Folsom.

A radio commentator turned filling station operator, Mr. Carter began circulation at a white citizens' rally last night of petitions calling on the State House of Representatives to start impeachment proceedings against the Governor.

The petitions accused Mr. Folsom of "corruption," failing to "respect and enforce" State segregation laws, and of "con-ning" with persons who have sought admission to the University of Alabama of Autherine J. Lucy, 26-year-old Negro.

### Lucy Lawyers Stir New Tension

News that Miss Lucy's lawyers had asked the Federal District Court here to order the re-admission of the coed to the university next September stirred new race tensions and provided the Carter group with ammunition.

She has been expelled from the college for making admittedly unsubstantiated charges that university officials "conspired" to foment the rioting last month that drove Miss Lucy from the Tuscaloosa campus.

Mr. Carter addressed a gathering of 4,000 at the Birmingham Municipal Auditorium. The crowd was considerably short of the 15,000 he had predicted would attend. But it shouted approval of the fire and brimstone speech the council's head made. On the wall behind him hung a 30-day-20-foot Confederate flag.

### Admiral Crommelin Speaks

Featured as a speaker along with Mr. Carter was Rear Admiral John H. Crommelin, retired, who led the "admirals' revolt" against the Air Force in Washington a few years ago. Admiral Crommelin is opposing Senator Lister Hill in the Democratic primary in April.

Although police had been concerned about possibility of violence at the rally, there was only one incident. It was provided by a neecher.

Mr. Carter said both the Federal and State governments had been taken over by "God-hating Communists and atheists." He said "the white man has been sold out" by Gov. Folsom, the two Alabama Senators, by the nine members of the Supreme Court, whom he denounced one by one, and others.

Every time he would mention another official, a pink-faced little man with snow-white hair would rise and shout: "What about Eisenhower?"

### Finally He's Put Out

Ace, who never mentioned the President, took this for quite a while before he gave the order: "Throw him out."

Some of the Carter huskies gathered around the little man who, by that time, seemed quite happy to leave.

Ace told the appreciative audience the integration move must be met head-on and now.

"If I sit down on a bus by a Negro," he said, "the next day his son will sit down beside my daughter and then we will have mongrelization of the race. If we have mongrelization of the race, our children will be in yokes and chains. . . . They picked Alabama and our children for this mongrelization plot."

Mr. Carter said at one point, "If we chose to fight the colored man it would all be over in one day." But, he added, "the white man does not choose violence." Later he shouted:

"We don't want to pass the trouble on to our children. We want the trouble now. We're going to bring it on. We want to act now."

### Would Use Jails

He said in addition to impeachment of the Governor, who has proposed a biracial commission to ease tensions, his "program" for solving race troubles provided for arrest and "jail for the first Negro who sets foot in a white school."

He said Federal officials, who think "laws are made at the top" must be made to realize "laws are made by the Crackers of Alabama."

Mr. Carter proposed further the setting up of bus and railroad depots at the State lines, so the Interstate Commerce Commission can't force whites and Negroes to sit together in Alabama.

Admiral Crommelin, member of a White Citizens Council at his home near Montgomery, made an impassioned plea for continuing segregation.

He said the white citizens of Alabama have no representation in the Senate and called for an organized effort to "overthrow the alien forces which have taken over our Government."

### Hits Present Senators

Nothing, said the admiral, would give him greater pleasure than to "sit in the Senate with Herman Talmadge," former Governor of Georgia, who reportedly is planning to run against Senator George, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee.

"And I am going to make Lister Hill join the White Citizens Council or tell us why he won't join," he shouted amid cheers.

If elected, Admiral Crommelin said, he would demand an investigation of the justices of the Supreme Court who issued the school desegregation decree, and demand a congressional or Justice Department finding that the NAACP is a Communist-front organization.

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### 3 New Citizens Councils Are Organized In State

Three new White Citizens Councils were organized last night in the North Alabama area, according to Asa E. Carter, executive secretary of the North Alabama Citizens Councils.

Bringing to 32 the number of such groups in this area, organizational meetings were held last night in Homewood, Greenwood and Alabaster, Carter said.

Organizational meetings are usually held in private homes, with from 15 to 25 present.

Officers are elected at the organizational meeting and then the North Alabama group, which serves to co-ordinate activities of the chapters, aids in setting up a rally to promote membership.

Each chairman of a chapter automatically becomes a member of the board of directors of the North Alabama Citizens Councils.

The stated purpose of the White Citizens Council is to promote "the cause of segregation, expose leftist or Communist forces behind integration, champion the rights of the sovereign states and inform the people of the facts pertinent to segregation and those parties opposing segregation."

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# Admiral Crommelin on the Rostrum Citizens Councils Ask Impeachment of Folsom

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 10 (UP)—A powerful White Citizens Council group petition today for the impeachment of Gov. James E. Folsom, charging he "connived" in the episode involving Negro coed Autherine Lucy.

The impeachment drive was launched at a rally of 4000 members of the North Alabama Councils last night when copies of the petition were passed out among the shouting crowd.

"He is guilty of corruption in office . . . to have Autherine Lucy enter the University of Alabama," the petition said.

The charge apparently grew from Gov. Folsom's denunciation of lawlessness which stemmed from the Negro's brief visit to the campus and from the Governor's failure at the time to proclaim his support of white supremacy.

### WANTS A CONVENTION

Gov. Folsom could not be reached for comment. In a news conference earlier yesterday he said the racial flareup in his state "should be subjected to a state convention and brought to a head."

This approach contrasted with that of Rear Admiral John G. Crom-

melin (ret.) who as featured speaker told the cheering council rally, "We're going to defend segregation to the last ditch."

### NEW MOTION FILED

Meanwhile, Miss Lucy's attorneys filed a motion in Federal District Court in Birmingham for her readmittance to the University of Alabama by next September.

Judge Hobart Grooms said he would set a hearing date later.

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On March 13, 1956, Colonel [redacted] G-2, Headquarters, Third Army, Ft. McPherson, Georgia, made available a summary of information which he stated was obtained from a tape recording of a speech made by [redacted] at a CITIZENS COUNCIL rally in Anniston, Alabama, on Saturday, February 25, 1956, between 7:15 and 7:30 p.m. Speech was made in the VFW Hall, and was broadcast over Radio Station WHMA, Anniston, Alabama. G-2 described [redacted] as being editor of "THE SOUTHERNER."

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G-2 report states [redacted] speech had three main themes:

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- (1) Anglo-Saxon racial purity
- (2) Communist-Inspired mongrelization of races through NAACP and Supreme Court
- (3) Moral Duty as Christians to Fight Integration of Races

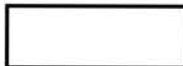
The speech also had two minor themes:

- (1) Degrading of white soldiers who serve under "Negro Corporals and Sergeants in Armed Forces."
- (2) Degrading of teen-agers whose parents permit them to participate in Jungle be-bop mass dances.

Also taken from the speech was the following:

"We must stand up and set an example for all States of the Union. There is much at stake, there is too much at stake, our Christianity, our morals, and our children. We want a Governor who says publicly to every boy in Alabama: If you are in the Armed Forces, and serving under a Negro Corporal or a Negro Sergeant, and if you are being degraded and being forced to eat and sleep with them, you just come home and it will be alright." The G-2 report stated further that a possibility exists that pictures and material used in article on Ft. McClellan, Ala., in February 1956 issued of "THE SOUTHERNER" were obtained during visit of the so-called "BETTER CITIZENS CLUB" which may have been a forerunner of CITIZENS COUNCIL. Summary returned to G-2.

The above is furnished for informative purposes. RUC.



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Director, FBI (105-33955)

**NORTH ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS  
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Reurlet dated March 23, 1956.

The Bureau has no objection to the Mobile and Birmingham Offices contacting established reliable sources who are members of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) for information regarding activities of citizens councils. However, contacts should be limited to those individuals known to be reliable. In the event your offices have no such contacts within the ADL no efforts should be made to obtain information from that organization but any data volunteered should be accepted.

2cc SAC, Birmingham

**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

Information received by Mobile that ADL is compiling information regarding citizens councils. Our policy is that established reliable sources may be contacted for information concerning these organizations and it would appear that if such sources are members of ADL we could obtain information from that organization.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/23/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE

SUBJECT: NORTH ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS  
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For the information of the Bureau and Birmingham, Reverend [redacted] the Alabama Council of Human Relations, Montgomery, Alabama, advised SA [redacted] on 3/16/56 that the Anti Defamation League (ADL) of B'ham B'Rith has recently been active in compiling information of a possible subversive nature concerning leaders of Citizens Councils. [redacted] stated that an acquaintance of his in Birmingham, Alabama, recently told him that the ADL had compiled and is considering publication of a documentary account of the organizational activity of [redacted] North Alabama Citizens Councils. [redacted] stated that he does not know any of the details of the document.

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[redacted] stated that he has been told that the ADL has members planted in the Citizens Councils and would be glad to furnish information to the Bureau if desired, pointing out that ADL has chapters in Mobile and Birmingham.

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The Birmingham Office may desire to contact the ADL in Birmingham with reference to [redacted] However, no contact is planned with the ADL in Mobile concerning Citizens Councils UACB.

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# Urges Dixie Ban On 'Rock and Roll'

## White Council Chief Links It To NAACP, Swings at Jukes

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—(UP)—The pro-segregation battle in Alabama took a surprise swing to the juke boxes Thursday with the declaration by a white Citizens Council leader that "rock and roll" has got to go.

Asa "Ace" Carter, executive secretary of the North Alabama Council, told a rally that "rock and roll" music, the current rage of the teen-age set, was inspired by the NAACP and other pro-integration forces.

**CARTER DISCLOSED** the council is making a survey in Anniston, Ala., after which owners of drugstores and restaurants there will be asked to remove "rock and roll" records.

He indicated the council will publicize the name and store of anyone who refuses to ban the records.

Carter said not only must "rock and roll" be abolished from Alabama's juke boxes but any other records featuring Negro performers.

Carter said the music is an attempt to "destroy" the morals of America's young people.

**FIRST REACTION** indicated the council may face rough going.

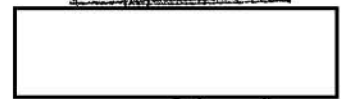
A juke box distributor, J. L. Brown, of the Magic City Music Co. here, said "I am ready to go along with it if the others will. But I can't take any of the records out if others keep them."

Another, Harry Hurvich of the Birmingham Vending Co., said he considered Carter's proposal an invasion of the freedom of "liking what you want to."

Hurvich said he would not go along, and called the idea "ridiculous."

Both agreed that removing "rock and roll" would mean cleaning out the juke boxes of the top hits.

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Date: March 15, 1956

To: SAC, Birmingham (# )

From: Director, FBI (# 105-34237)  
 Attention: Central Research Section

Subject: Citizens Councils  
and States' Rights - 105-241  
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- ( ) Advise Bureau re status of subscription.
- ( ) Not necessary to forward issues listed below:
- ( ) Forward following issues by routing slip:

Reurlet 1-24-56 advising the White  
Citizens Councils of Birmingham plan to  
publish regularly a bulletin in the near  
future. Please advise as to the status  
of this matter - as far as can be determined,  
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NORTH ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS  
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Reurlet March 28, 1956.

From information set forth in relet it appears that the captioned organization is coordinating the activities of numerous citizens councils situated in northern Alabama and therefore the activities of the captioned organization and its officers are of importance. You are instructed to submit reports on the North Alabama Citizens Councils showing the efforts of that coordinating group in connection with the over-all segregation situation. You are reminded that no investigation should be conducted without prior Bureau authority and that your inquiries should be conducted in accordance with instructions set forth in SAC Letter 55-66.

A report should be submitted to reach the Bureau no later than thirty days after receipt of this communication by your office.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 28, 1956

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FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-272)

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SUBJECT: <sup>(1)</sup> NORTH ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS  
<sup>(2)</sup> INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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Rebulet to Birmingham dated March 20, 1956.

Reference is also made to Birmingham letter to Bureau dated March 15, 1956, in the case entitled "CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ALABAMA; INTERNAL SECURITY - X." This letter advised that the Birmingham Office had opened 35 separate files on Citizens Councils in the Birmingham area. A list of these individual files and the Birmingham file numbers were set forth. It is noted that all of these 35 Citizens Councils are under the general supervision of the North Alabama Citizens Council, a coordinating organization operated and controlled by [redacted]. There is no indication or information that the North Alabama Citizens Council is a group which contains several former pro-segregation groups.

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[redacted] has rented office space in the Lyric Building in Birmingham and is actively engaged as [redacted] in organizing new Citizens Councils in Northern Alabama and more or less supervising same out of the Lyric Building office. [redacted] is assisted by [redacted] in organizing and supervising the various Citizens Councils in Northern Alabama affiliated with his organization. It is noted that there is another entirely separate organization known as the Association of Citizens Councils of Alabama with headquarters at Montgomery, Alabama. Mobile letter to the Bureau dated March 13, 1956, in the case entitled "ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA; INTERNAL SECURITY - X" sets forth information concerning this group. Recently, there has been some criticism by local columnists in the Birmingham papers concerning the fact that [redacted] has included a clause in the Constitution of the North Alabama Citizens Councils which tends to bar anyone from membership who does not believe in the divinity of Christ. It will be noted that the case entitled "AMERICAN STATES RIGHTS ASSOCIATION, INC., INTERNAL SECURITY - X", Birmingham origin, contains quite a bit of information concerning [redacted].

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In view of the fact that a separate file is being maintained on each of the North Alabama Citizens Councils and separate reports are being submitted, a separate file will not be opened and a report will not be submitted on the North Alabama Citizens Councils in view of the above reason.

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NORTH ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS  
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Reurlet dated April 5, 1956, under the caption "Citizens Councils and States' Rights Movements, IS - X," which enclosed one copy of the March, 1956, Volume 1, Number 2 issue of the publication "The Southerner."

It is requested that your office make arrangements to discreetly obtain two copies of each issue of this publication and forward them to the Bureau by routing slip marked to the attention of the Central Research Section. This publication should be handled in accordance with the instructions contained in SAC Letter Number 54-74 dated December 28, 1954.

Also, your office should continue its efforts to obtain two copies of the Volume 1, Number 1 issue of this publication and one additional copy of the March, 1956, issue.

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by [unclear] 4-2-56  
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NOTE: Mr. C. F. Williams of the Internal Security Section is interested in receiving this publication on a regular basis and will forward one copy to the Department of Justice. The price of a one-year subscription is \$3.00.

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Attention: Central Research Section

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SAC, Birmingham (105-241)

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Remylet 1/24/56.

Enclosed herewith is one copy of "The Southerner,"  
Vol. 1, No. 2, for March, 1956.

[redacted] of unknown reliability, made this copy avail-  
able and is endeavoring to secure another copy as well  
as several copies of Vol. 1 No. 1. In the event  
Birmingham obtains these copies they will be forwarded  
to the Bureau.

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"The Southerner" is a publication of the North Alabama  
Citizens Councils, headed by [redacted]

[redacted] the councils and editor of "The  
Southerner." It is in no way connected with the  
Citizens Councils of Alabama with headquarters at  
Montgomery, Ala. This latter group is controlled by  
Dr. JOHN H. WHITLEY of Tarrant City, Ala., and State  
Senator SAM FUGELHARDT of Macon County, Ala.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>CHANGED ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL</b>		Report made by <b>CHARLES B. STANBERY</b>	Typed By: <b>RVM</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY-X</b>	

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**Synopsis:**

ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL, formerly known as North Alabama Citizens Council, organized by [redacted] and JOHN H. WHITLEY, druggist of Tarrant, Ala., on 11/12/55. [redacted] and proceeded to organize local citizens councils in North Alabama. Subsequently, JOHN H. WHITLEY was elected Chairman of Citizens Council of Alabama, a separate organization formed on 2/17/56 at Montgomery, Ala., and according to press reports is opposed to captioned group. Six members of ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL attacked singer NAT "KING" COLE on stage of Municipal Auditorium, Birmingham, Ala., 4/10/56. [redacted] has started a defense fund for these six individuals, four of whom have been convicted in Recorders Court, Birmingham, and two have been bound over to the Grand Jury.

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**DETAILS:** The title of this case is being changed to reflect the correct name of the organization as the ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL, as reflected in the BIRMINGHAM NEWS,

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a daily newspaper. It is noted the name of this organization was formerly North Alabama Citizens Council.

At Birmingham, Alabama

According to information in THE SOUTHERNER, a publication issued by the North Alabama Citizens Council, in its issue for February, 1956, captioned organization originated on November 12, 1955, at a meeting held in Tarrant, Alabama, a suburb of Birmingham. According to this publication, ASA CARTER presided over this meeting, at which time a council was formed electing Dr. JOHN H. WHITLEY, Tarrant druggist, as Chairman; CURRY E. BIBB, a printer, as Vice-Chairman; and EARL W. BAILEY, a railroad clerk, as Secretary-Treasurer. At this same meeting, according to THE SOUTHERNER, a North Alabama Citizens Council office was planned with ASA CARTER elected Executive Secretary.

Following is an excerpt from this publication:

"At the first public rally, held at Tarrant's City Hall, over 500 people were in attendance to hear Judge Hugh Locke and ASA Carter on the speaker's stand. A large number of people were signed that night as members of the Tarrant City Council. A second rally was staged in Tarrant on November 19, 1955, as Judge Locke and Mr. Carter appeared before a packed house. And again, on January 7th, 1956, a public meeting at the Tarrant Recreation Center heard the featured speaker, State Senator SAM ENGLEHARDT, as he disclosed news on the Montgomery bus boycott, and discussed Council activity in South Alabama."

This same issue of THE SOUTHERNER stated that ASA CARTER helped organize new citizens councils at East Lake, a residential section of Birmingham, and also in the community of Central Park.

The February, 1956, issue of THE SOUTHERNER concluded as follows: "As we begin publication of this magazine, Councils are planned in Bessemer, in Oneonta, in Fulondale, and other communities over North Alabama. If you as a citizen, desire a Council in your community, simply contact the North Alabama Exec.



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Sec., Ace Carter by phone at 7-2596 or write him: P.O. Box 61, Birmingham, Alabama. You will be given full assistance. As you will notice by the officers of Councils already listed, your occupation or economic status is of no consequence. You need only to wish to fight for segregation in a group of your fellowmen from your community. The proceeds obtained through sales of THE SOUTHERNER, is to establish within two weeks, a permanent office in Birmingham, of the North Alabama Citizens Council where our work can be correlated and carried on in an orderly manner; from which EVERY Council member may obtain the necessary information and facts to aid him and his, in fighting for his children. THE SOUTHERNER at this time is a monthly publication, but we hope soon, to make it a bi-monthly, for the additional service it can render each member."

The BIRMINGHAM NEWS, a daily newspaper, in its edition of February 21, 1956, carried an article entitled, "Three New White Citizens Councils Organized in State." This article stated that new councils had been organized in Homewood, Greenwood and Alabaster, according to ASA CARTER, who was listed as Executive Secretary of the North Alabama Citizens Council. The article quoted CARTER as stating that the organization of these three latest councils brought to 32 the number of such groups in the area. CARTER stated, according to this article, that officers are elected at the organizational meeting and subsequently the North Alabama Citizens Council, which serves "to coordinate activities of the chapters" aided in setting up a rally to promote membership. CARTER was further quoted as saying that each Chairman of a local chapter automatically became a member of the Board of Directors of the North Alabama Citizens Council. This article advised that the stated purpose of the White Citizens Council "is to promote the cause of segregation, expose leftists or Communist forces behind integration, champion the rights of sovereign states and inform the people of the facts pertinent to segregation and those parties opposing segregation."

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According to the BIRMINGHAM NEWS of March 5, 1956, leaders of the Association of Citizens Councils of Montgomery, Alabama, accused the leaders of the North Alabama Citizens Council of being "anti-Semitic". According to this article, officers of the latter strike back at the former with "charges that they are controlled by politicians." ASA CARTER was quoted as saying that the "North Alabama unit requires its

members to believe in the divinity of Jesus Christ, but denied it is anti-Semitic."

The BIRMINGHAM NEWS in its issue of March 10, 1956, carried a two column, front page article, Governor Under Fire - OUST FOLSOM, COUNCIL RALLY SPEAKER URGES." This article indicated that a meeting of the North Alabama Citizens Council was held on the night of March 9, 1956, at the Municipal Auditorium, Birmingham, and was attended by about 3000 persons. ASA CARTER, Executive Secretary of the North Alabama Citizens Council, made an hour and a half speech to the group, the high point of which was the circulation of a petition calling for the impeachment of Governor JAMES E. FOLSOM of Alabama. CARTER charged that FOLSOM had failed to uphold segregation laws and had not followed the State Constitution as he had taken an oath to do. CARTER criticized each of the Justices of the United States Supreme Court individually and charged that a large number of officers of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE have been active in Communist front organizations. CARTER stated, according to this article, that segregation would be settled within two years, one way or the other. He pointed out that Alabama needed a governor that would say to the Supreme Court that the first Negro who set foot in the white schools of Alabama would be put in jail; and also say to the Federal Judge that if he connives with the NAACP to put Negroes in the schools he, the governor, would put him in jail also.

Further information in this newspaper article pertained to Rear Admiral JOHN CROMMELIN, U. S. Navy Retired, who is a candidate for United States Senator from Alabama. CROMMELIN told the group at the above mentioned Council rally that he recognized the fact that the White Citizens Council could not endorse any candidate for public office, but added that as a candidate for public office he could endorse the White Citizens Council. He further stated he was going to make his opponent, Senator LISTER HILL, join the White Citizens Council or tell the voters why he will not. CROMMELIN indicated that Alabama is run by one of the most vicious political machines in its history. He called for a bloodless revolution to overthrow the alien forces that have seized the government. He promised his audience that if elected to the Senate he would demand an investigation of the Justices of the United States Supreme Court who made the 1954 anti-segregation ruling and that he would also introduce a bill to have the NAACP investigated for Communist affiliations.

According to the March 12, 1956, issue of SOUTH, a magazine published at Birmingham, Alabama, the Citizens Councils of Alabama, with headquarters at Montgomery, Alabama, repudiated the efforts of the North Alabama Citizens Council to "inject a religious issue into the segregation preservation movement and announced that a group lead by ASA CARTER, Birmingham filling station operator and former radio announcer, is neither affiliated with nor recognized by the statewide organization". This article quoted Alabama State Senator SAM ENGELHARDT of Shorter, Alabama, the Executive Secretary of the Association of Citizens Councils, as stating that his group is not interested in "religious, bias or prejudice." ENGELHARDT allegedly stated, "We are concerned only with maintaining segregation by legal and peaceful means. Our membership includes Catholics and Jews. Our rolls are open to white people of all religious beliefs who hold with us that our segregation policy must be maintained in the best interests of both races."

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The above article indicated that Columnist JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES of the BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD criticized the North Alabama Citizens Council for limiting membership to persons who believe in the divinity of Jesus Christ. GRAVES allegedly called this provision "a prime example of what a citizens council should not be." He was further quoted as stating that "The alleged council requiring it is no council but a klan." The article said that Senator ENGELHARDT in repudiating ASA CARTER stated, "We are a non-profit, non-political organization, dedicated solely to the maintenance of segregation. We are not interested in promoting anybody's personal or political ambitions. For the protection of our members we have chosen an outstanding banker as our Treasurer, and all expenditures must go through him. We will not engage in any intemperate action calculated to jeopardize the great objective for which we fight. We reject the methods of the demagogues, the extremists and the opportunists. Our course is charted and we will not be diverted by extraneous outside issues and isms. We are for segregation, period. Those who seek to lead our citizens down blind paths by injecting issues that have no place in an all-out pro-segregation battle are surely playing straight into the hands of the NAACP and other enemies of Alabama and the South, and thus multiplying our problem and weakening our position."

The February 18, 1956, issue of the MOBILE REGISTER, a daily newspaper of Mobile, Alabama, reflected the formation

of the Association of Citizens Councils of Alabama, to work with County Councils in the preservation of racial segregation. This article reflected that the statewide organization was formed at Montgomery, Alabama, on February 17, 1956, with Dr. JOHN WHITLEY, Tarrant City, Alabama, druggist, elected Chairman, and State Senator SAM M. ENGELHARDT, JR., of Macon County, Alabama, elected Executive Secretary, State Headquarters to be in Montgomery, Alabama.

The BIRMINGHAM NEWS for April 9, 1956, carried an article entitled, "BEE-BOP, NEGRO MUSIC UNDER COUNCILS ATTACK." This article stated that committees from the North Alabama Citizens Council have "declared war on bee-bop and Negro music, which they say contributes to the moral degradation of children and serves the cause of integration." This article indicated that the 73 local citizens councils, affiliated with the North Alabama Citizens Council, planned to completely support this movement. ASA CARTER, Executive Secretary of the North Alabama Citizens Council, was quoted as saying that representative of the 73 local councils, many of whom traveled long distances, met in the offices of the North Alabama Citizens Council in the Lyric Building Saturday, April 7, 1956, to plan action against Negro music. The article further stated, "The group said they planned to contact persons in the Birmingham area responsible for the playing in public of bee-bop and Negro music. They will protest the use of such music on radio or in public gatherings."

Birmingham Television Station WBRC-TV interrupted its 9:30 p.m. program on April 10, 1956, and announced that NAT "KING" COLE, prominent Negro band leader, who was appearing at the Birmingham Municipal Auditorium, had been attacked and thrown to the floor by three white men. Reporter LEO WILLETE, of WBRC-TV, was an eye-witness to the attack on COLE. He stated on a broadcast at 11:00 p.m. on WBRC-TV, April 10, 1956, that COLE was singing his third song to an all-white audience of about 3000 at the Birmingham Municipal Auditorium when he was assaulted. WILLETE stated that about eight men rushed toward the stage, but only three actually mounted the stage and seized COLE. He said the microphone was knocked from COLE'S hand and COLE was thrown to the floor. WILLETE quoted a Birmingham policeman as saying that "fists flew." According to WILLETE, Birmingham police officers were only a few seconds behind the three attackers.



Birmingham Policeman ROBERT N. HIGGINBOTHAM, age 36, was slugged and his nose broken, and Detective HAROLD FINCHER'S glasses were broken. WILLETE said that COLE then left the stage accompanied by Birmingham Police, and reappeared shortly when the audience applauded and called for him. COLE made a short statement indicating his back was hurt and that he could not finish his show. He said he had performed in Mobile, Alabama, the previous night and had had no trouble; that he was born in Montgomery, Alabama. WILLETE said he talked to a leader of a citizens council in Birmingham on the day of the attack, whom he did not name, and asked this leader if the council planned any action against COLE'S performance. The leader told WILLETE that no action was planned, but that he would suggest that reporters be present with cameras.

Detective [redacted] Birmingham Police Department, advised on the night of April 10, 1956, that the Birmingham Police Department had arrested three white men in connection with the attack on COLE, as follows: [redacted]

[redacted] advised that these three individuals were being held by the Birmingham Police Department, but no charges had been placed at that time. [redacted] stated he was of the opinion they would be charged with inciting a riot or assault with intent to murder, or both. He said the Birmingham Police Department was attempting to locate five other individuals, all believed from Anniston, Alabama, who were with the above three individuals at the auditorium. These men, according to [redacted] were [redacted] a young man named [redacted] about 15 years of age, whose first name was unknown, and a man named [redacted] whose first name was unknown, about 20 years of age. [redacted] said that apparently all of the individuals, except [redacted] came from Anniston to Birmingham to cause trouble at the performance.

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According to an article in the ANNISTON STAR, a daily newspaper of Anniston, Alabama, KENNETH ADAMS is a member of the Board of Directors of the White Citizens Council of Anniston, Alabama, which council is affiliated with the North Alabama Citizens Council, of which ASA CARTER is Executive Secretary; that KENNETH'S brother, JOE ADAMS, is Chairman of the Citizens Council at Anniston.



SA [redacted] advised on April 11, 1956, that he recalls that during the first part of February, 1956, [redacted] assaulted a Negro Government employee with a rock on [redacted] property, which is about 100 feet from a Government reservation where the Negro worked. According to [redacted] the man was hospitalized, but recovered and has returned to work. SA [redacted] also recalls that during the Summer of 1954, [redacted] assaulted a white man at a baseball game at Lincoln, Alabama, with a baseball bat, and after several months of hospitalization the man finally recovered.

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[redacted] FBI NA, Chief of Detectives, Anniston Police Department, Anniston, Alabama, advised on April 11, 1956, that [redacted] has a lengthy arrest record at Anniston, including assault and battery in 1940, discharging firearms in city, disorderly conduct, public drunkenness, resisting an officer, and two cases of transporting in violation of the prohibition law. In 1953, [redacted] with [redacted] were charged with assault with intent to murder and robbery. A jury returned a verdict of guilty of assault and battery and recommended a fine of \$100. The presiding judge added a suspended sentence of six months and both were placed on probation for one year. Captain [redacted] advised that [redacted] mentioned above, is actually [redacted] and is a resident of Calhoun County, Alabama. In February, 1950, [redacted] paid a \$5 fine for failure to have driver's license. Captain [redacted] said that [redacted] sometimes known as [redacted] was arrested February 20, 1950, on the charge of failure to have proper driver's license and paid a fine of \$5 and costs. Captain [redacted] advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] who lives in the general vicinity of [redacted] service station in Calhoun County. [redacted] said that [redacted] 701 Ledbetter Street, Anniston, was arrested September 30, 1954, for speeding and fined \$5 and costs. Captain [redacted] also advised that [redacted] is well known to him and it is the concensus of opinion of Calhoun County Officers that [redacted] is considerably below average in mentality. [redacted] said that Anniston Police Department records reflect that [redacted] has been arrested for drunkenness, disorderly conduct, reckless driving and two cases of assault and battery. In October, 1953, [redacted] paid a find of \$104.85 for assault and battery and in January, 1954, he paid \$25 fine for assault. [redacted] was also arrested February 4, 1952, for reckless driving and fined \$25 and costs. He was arrested on April 18, 1954,

for switching license plates and fined \$5 and costs.

According to the afternoon edition of the BIRMINGHAM NEWS on April 11, 1956, ORLISS CLEVINGER and MIKE FOX were arrested outside the Municipal Auditorium in an automobile; that under the front seat of this automobile Birmingham Police Officers found brass knucks, a homemade blackjack and two .22 cal. rifles loaded with long-range, hollow-point cartridges. Detectives were quoted as stating the car was owned by some of the men, above mentioned, from Anniston. This article stated that both CLEVINGER and FOX denied they intended to use the weapons. They said they were hunters and kept the guns in the car for hunting purposes. According to the BIRMINGHAM NEWS, the Anniston men said no white citizens council was behind their plan to break up the performance. Police were quoted as stating that some of the arrested men sought to get to the Auditorium microphone to make an appeal for segregation. They said the group appeared to have no leader, although it had been agreed that KENNETH ADAMS would make the first move. This article said that before the attack on COLE, an usher heard one of the men say, "Let's go get that coon."

The BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD for April 12, 1956, carried a front page article entitled, "POLICE REPORT PLOT FOR MOB TO ATTACK COLE." This article stated that four of the men arrested in connection with the attack on COLE would be tried in Recorders Court, Birmingham, 1:30 p.m., April 13, 1956. These four men were listed as follows: E. L. VINSON, MIKE FOX, ORLISS CLEVINGER, all of Anniston, Alabama, and charged with conspiracy to commit a misdemeanor and disorderly conduct, and JESSE W. MABRY, 9600 West Boulevard, Birmingham, charged with loitering and disorderly conduct. WILLIS RICHARD VINSON and KENNETH ADAMS, both of Anniston, were transferred to Jefferson County Jail, Birmingham, on the charge of assault with intent to murder. All six men were released on bond: WILLIS, VINSON and ADAMS under \$1000 bond; E. L. VINSON, \$75; CLEVINGER \$100; FOX \$50 and MABRY \$100. According to the BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD, Birmingham Detectives questioned the above men. The men told the detectives they expected a 100 man mob, with recruits from Anniston, Piedmont, Bessemer and the Birmingham area to come to the Municipal Auditorium where COLE was singing. These men planned to attack COLE, according to the newspaper, and overpower members of the orchestra, police or anyone else.

The POST-HERALD further quoted Birmingham Detectives to the effect that KENNETH ADAMS was the man who charged on to the stage over the footlights and attempted a flying tackle at COLE.

[redacted] Birmingham Police Department, said he took two shotgun shells from the pockets of [redacted] when the latter was arrested near the Municipal Auditorium. JESSE W. MABRY was quoted by the BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD as saying he attended the NAT "KING" COLE show, "not for entertainment, but to gather ammunition for the campaign for the membership in the Alabama Citizens Council." It is noted that MABRY is Associate Editor of THE SOUTHERNER a North Alabama Citizens Council publication. The POST-HERALD also featured an article setting forth results of an interview with ASA CARTER, Executive Secretary of the North Alabama Citizens Council. CARTER stated that KENNETH ADAMS, Anniston, was attending the NAT "KING" COLE concert in order to monitor it for "rock and roll" content for the Citizens Council. CARTER explained that members of the Citizens Council have been attending "rock and roll" sessions to find out "What is what." He said he, ADAMS, became angry when a Negro knocked ADAMS' camera from his hand when he attempted to take a picture of COLE. CARTER explained that the Citizens Council (North ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL) does not condone violence, but "I can understand when a man has become outraged and wants to take individual action. I think this has all been played out of proportion. It is nothing more than that a fellow got mad and took a swing at a Negro."

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According to press reports, April 12, 1956, Birmingham, State Senator SAM ENGELHARDT, JR., Executive Secretary of the Associated Citizens Councils of Alabama, issued a statement deploring the attack on COLE. He was quoted as follows: "If we find any members like these in the Council of Alabama, they will be thrown out as provided for by the Constitution of this organization. I would also like to point out that these men involved in the affair are not members of any unit of the Citizens Council of Alabama. I have pointed out before that we do not recognize any unit of the North Alabama Citizens Council. We are going to settle this problem peacefully and in an orderly manner. This is a very serious complaint. I would like to caution the people of North Alabama about joining the wrong citizens council. By all means check your leadership in each County."

According to local press reports in Birmingham on April 18, 1956, four of the above mentioned men who attacked COLE were given maximum penalties. Recorder Judge RALPH E. PARKER fined MIKE FOX, ORLISS WADE CLEVINGER, JESSE W. MABRY and E. L. VINSON \$100 each, and sentenced them to 180 days in jail. FOX was found guilty of engaging in a conspiracy to commit an assault and battery. CLEVINGER was found guilty of the same and in addition was fined \$25 and costs for possessing concealed weapon. MABRY was convicted of disorderly conduct in refusing to obey an officer. He was fined an additional \$10 and costs on the latter charge. VINSON was convicted of engaging in a conspiracy to commit an assault. Before passing sentence, Judge PARKER complimented the conduct of COLE by saying, "He has observed our customs, tradition and laws, and his conduct was such as to win him new friends in the South." Judge PARKER said the attack on COLE could have easily resulted in a tragedy and that statements attributed to MABRY and introduced as evidence were "profane and rabble-rousing."

City Attorney CHARLES H. BROWN was quoted as saying, "I feel some mind behind this had more to do with it than any of these defendants."

According to Birmingham newspapers on April 20, 1956, KENNETH ADAMS and WILLIS VINSON, charged with assault with intent to murder after the attack on NAT "KING" COLE, waived preliminary hearing. These cases were bound over for Grand Jury action during the first part of May, 1956. Charges against ADAMS and VINSON would carry punishment from two to twenty years.

CLANCY LAKE, Reporter for the BIRMINGHAM NEWS, made available on April 23, 1956, a mimeographed throw-away sheet which he received through the mail. The circular was undated and was headed, "White People's Defense Fund, Post Office Box 414, Birmingham, Alabama." The circular was signed, JAMES DOUGLAS CARTER, Chairman, and had a footnote as follows: "The first project of the White People's Defense Fund is to defend the six men who stopped NAT "KING" COLE from singing at the Auditorium in Birmingham." A portion of this circular is as follows: "As you probably know, the racial situation in the South is getting worse by the minute. The NAACP with its millions of dollars is pushing for full integration of your children and mine with those of the Negro race. The time is drawing close at hand when each white man and woman in the South will be faced with a decision to make in regard to the future of their children. Our

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elected official are deserting us on every front. For now, as the very lives of our children are in danger from the coming black plague, they offer to us a three way school system. This means that our so-called leaders in public office are now saying to the Supreme Court and the NAACP that they may have our children. Not all at once of course, but gradually."

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At Birmingham, Alabama

Will follow and report the activity of the ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL, formerly known and the North Alabama Citizens Council.

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At Mobile, Alabama

Will follow and report the activity of any local citizens councils organized in the Mobile territory under the auspices of the Alabama Citizens Council, of which [redacted] is [redacted]

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 5/4/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL  
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Rerep SA CHARLES B. STANBERY, 4/24/56, Birmingham.

This is to advise that to date no information has been developed reflecting the existence of a citizens council in the Mobile Division territory affiliated with subject organization.

For the information of the Bureau and Birmingham, on 4/28/56 literature put out by subject organization was distributed at Selma, Ala., apparently in connection with the election which was forthcoming. SA HARLAN C. FLINNER on the morning of 4/28/56 found in his yard one copy of "The Southerner", March, 1956, which publication is put out by subject organization. Also found with the copy of "The Southerner" were the following:

(1) One sheet throwaway printed on front and back, urging support for JOHN G. CROMMELIN and opposing LISTER HILL for the U.S. Senate.

(2) Four page mimeograph captioned ~~"White People's Defense Fund"~~, P.O. Box 111, Birmingham, Ala., ~~urging defense of the~~ six men involved in the attack on NAT KING COLE in a Birmingham auditorium recently. At the bottom of the last page it is indicated that this is published and backed by the Alabama Citizens Council, 517 Lyric Bldg., Birmingham, ALICE CARTER, Executive Secretary.

(3) Three page mimeograph put out by subject organization and urging support of certain pro-segregationalist candidates in the election which was forthcoming.

These items are retained in the Mobile Office file as it is presumed that sufficient copies have been made available to Birmingham. RJC

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-45763)

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FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

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SUBJECT: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL  
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Rerep of SA CHARLES B. STANBERY, 4/24/56, Birmingham.

The Bureau and Mobile are requested to make the following changes in their copies of captioned report.

On page 1, the character of the case should be INTERNAL SECURITY - X instead of INTERNAL SECURITY.

On page 3, second paragraph, line 16, the phrase "the state purpose" should read "the stated purpose".

On page 7, second paragraph, line 7, last word "not" should read "no".

On page 10, second paragraph, penultimate line, word "man" should be "mad".

On page 12, last sentence, word "no", should read "not".

Birmingham copies of this report have been changed accordingly. These errors of form have been called to the attention of the responsible employees and will be considered in the next performance ratings.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 5/9/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL,  
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On 5/3/56 Ala. State Senator SAM ENGLEHARDT, Executive Secretary, The Citizens' Councils of Alabama, IS-X. (Mofile 105-121, Bufile 105-33955) voluntarily contacted SA [redacted] at Montgomery, Alabama, and furnished the following:

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1. Mimeographed leaflet captioned "WHITE PEOPLE'S DEFENSE FUND, POST OFFICE BOX 414, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA," addressed "Dear Fellow American:", and signed "Sincerely, JAMES DOUGLAS CARTER, Chairman;" which sets forth a series of statements warning of the immediate danger of integration in public schools, and of the possibility of white people being arrested and taken to court for "protecting your children." The leaflet also contains statements concerning the NAT "KING" COLE incident in Birmingham, and solicits cash contributions for the defense of the white people who have been charged with attacking COLE. On the reverse side, several statements appear condemning COLE as a "vicious agitator for integration," and other statements criticizing Senator ENGLEHARDT for inviting COLE back to Alabama, and for guaranteeing him that he will receive protection and a welcome.

2. Photostat of a mimeographed leaflet beginning, "LENIN, FORMER BOSS OF RUSSIA'S SLAVE SYSTEM, ONCE WROTE, 'GIVE US ACCESS TO THE MINDS, AND THE PEOPLE WILL REACT ACCORDING TO THE PLAN SET DOWN FOR THEM;'" and signed "ACE CARTER, EXEC. SEC. ALA. CITIZENS COUNCIL." This leaflet defends the actions of the persons who attacked COLE, and states that the "integrationist" press in Birmingham unfairly emphasizes such things as the COLE incident, while it "plays down" such things as rapes of white women by Negroes. On the reverse side, this

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To: Director, FBI

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Re: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL, aka.  
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leaflet attacks Senator ENGLEHARDT and his Citizens Council group, refers to President O. C. CARMICHAEL of the University of Alabama as "integrationist planner," and to U. S. Senator LISTER HILL as "vicious integrationist," and "key man in Alabama's mongrelizing machine of politics," with a "traitorous record toward the South." This leaflet outlines the program of the "Alabama Citizens Council" and of [ ] as follows:

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"Invite" NAT "KING" COLE on a fast boat to Africa;  
Petition for impeachment of Governor JAMES E. FOLSOM;  
Destroy Jefferson County's "Interracial Committee" (accomplished, according to the leaflet);  
Stop integration of the Boy Scouts (also accomplished);  
Campaign against "animalistic" Negro music being hand-fed to our children; and  
Publish the "facts" on candidates.

Senator ENGLEHARDT said that he believed that [ ] and his group should be investigated as a "dangerous" organization. He regards the above literature as "false and incendiary." He said that any information he receives pertaining to their activities will be furnished to the Bureau.

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Concerning the "White People's Defense Fund." Senator ENGLEHARDT said that the [ ]

[ ] He said that Dr. JOHN WHITLEY, Druggist at Tarrant City, Ala., who is Chairman of the Associated Citizens Councils of Alabama, recently told ENGLEHARDT that the funds collected by the "White People's Defense Fund" have been diverted by the [ ] to their own use, and that it is a fraudulent scheme to obtain money falsely. He said that he did not know whether or not the U. S. Mails have been used in distributing the leaflets, since the only copies he has received were apparently distributed by hand in Selma, Alabama

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Senator ENGLEHARDT said that the Birmingham Office can obtain any information necessary from Dr. WHITLEY, and from



To: Director, FBI

5/9/56

Re: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL, aka.  
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[redacted] of the Star Publishing Co., 415 21st St.,  
Ensley, Ala., concerning [redacted] group, without fear of  
any publicity arising from the investigation. Senator  
ENGLEHARDT said that he understands fully the need for  
maintaining in confidence the fact of any FBI investigation,  
in order that the investigation be successful, and to protect  
innocent persons.

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Photostat of each of these two leaflets is enclosed  
for Bureau and Birmingham.

ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU:  
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(1) Mimeographed leaflet captioned  
"WHITE PEOPLE'S DEFENSE FUND,  
POST OFFICE BOX 414, BIRMINGHAM,  
ALABAMA."

(1) Photostat of mimeographed leaflet  
beginning, "LENIN, FORMER BOSS OF RUSSIA'S  
SLAVE SYSTEM, ONCE WROTE, 'GIVE US ACCESS  
TO THE MINDS, AND THE PEOPLE WILL REACT  
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WHITE PEOPLE'S DEFENSE FUND  
POST OFFICE BOX 414  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

DEAR FELLOW AMERICAN:

AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, THE RACIAL SITUATION IN THE SOUTH IS GETTING WORSE BY THE MINUTE. THE NAACP, WITH ITS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IS PUSHING FOR FULL INTEGRATION OF YOUR CHILDREN AND MINE WITH THOSE OF THE NEGRO RACE. THE TIME IS DRAWING CLOSE AT HAND WHEN EACH WHITE MAN AND WOMAN IN THE SOUTH WILL BE FACED WITH A DECISION TO MAKE IN REGARD TO THE FUTURE OF THEIR CHILDREN. OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE DESERTING US ON EVERY FRONT, FOR NOW, AS THE VERY LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN ARE IN DANGER FROM THE COMING BLACK PLAGUE, THEY OFFER TO US A "THREE 'AY" SCHOOL SYSTEM. THIS MEANS THAT OUR SO CALLED LEADERS IN PUBLIC OFFICE ARE NOW SAYING TO THE SUPREME COURT AND THE NAACP THAT THEY MAY HAVE OUR CHILDREN, NOT ALL AT ONCE OF COURSE, BUT GRADUALLY.

REGARDLESS OF WHO YOU ARE OR WHAT YOU DO, THE TIME HAS COME TO ASK YOURSELF THE QUESTION WE HAVE ALL BEEN HOPING AND PRAYING WE WOULD NEVER BE FORCED TO ANSWER. BUT NOW WE MUST ASK OURSELVES AS FATHERS AND MOTHERS, "WHAT WILL I DO WHEN THEY FORCE THE NEGROES INTO THE SCHOOLS WITH MY CHILDREN THIS FALL". THAT'S RIGHT LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS FALL. THE NAACP HAS SELECTED FIVE WHITE SCHOOLS IN THE BIRMINGHAM AREA ALONE IN WHICH THEY WILL ADMIT NEGROES THIS FALL. THINK OF THE TERRIBLE, UNBEARABLE SITUATION OUR CHILDREN WILL BE FACED WITH WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS UNLESS WE MAKE SOME KIND OF PREPARATIONS NOW. THE NAACP WITH ITS POWERFUL LEGAL ARM, SUPPORTED BY UNTOLD MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, CAN HAVE AN INNOCENT MAN OR WOMAN BROUGHT INTO COURT THIS FALL, CAUSE THEM TO LOSE AN UNLIMITED AMOUNT OF TIME FROM THEIR JOBS AND VERY POSSIBLY SUCCEED IN HAVING THEM SENT TO PRISON. I ASK YOU NOW TO THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU WOULD DO IF YOU WERE FACED WITH SUCH A SITUATION. COULD YOU AFFORD TO LOSE TWO OR THREE MONTHS FROM YOUR JOB AND STILL PAY LAWYERS FEES, COURT COSTS, AND POSSIBLY A HEAVY FINE? IF YOU WERE SENT TO PRISON FOR PROTECTING YOUR CHILDREN, WHO WOULD PROVIDE FOR YOUR FAMILY WHILE YOU WERE GONE?

YOU MAY STILL BE OF THE OPINION THAT THIS CAN NOT HAPPEN TO YOU. IF YOU ARE, I CAN ONLY HOPE THAT YOU ARE IN A FINANCIAL POSITION TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY AND YOURSELF WHEN THE TIME COMES, FOR IT SURELY IS COMING. WE HAVE ONLY TO LOOK AT THE CASE OF THE SIX MEN WHO ARE NOW BEING BROUGHT TO TRIAL IN BIRMINGHAM FOR JUST PUSHING A NEGRO DOWN (NAT KING COLE) AT THE CITY AUDITORIUM. ALL THE NEWSPAPERS HAVE JUMPED ON THESE MEN WITH ALL THEIR MIGHT TO GET THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO CONDEMN THEM, BUT I AM SURE YOU HAVE NOT READ IN THE PAPERS WHAT REALLY HAPPENED. YOU HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO READ THE FACTS THAT THE NEGROES THEMSELVES STARTED THE TROUBLE AT THE AUDITORIUM BY KNOCKING A CAMERA FROM ONE OF THE MEN'S HANDS AND BREAKING IT. NOR HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO READ A SINGLE WORD ABOUT THE RECORD OF NAT KING COLE HIMSELF. HIS RECORD SPEAKS FOR ITSELF, HE HAS BEEN A VICIOUS MEMBER OF THE NAACP FOR MANY YEARS AND HAS WORKED IN MANY WAYS TO BRING ABOUT THE INTERGRATION OF OUR CHILDREN.

THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE THINGS THAT YOU AND I, AS WHITE, CHRISTIAN, FATHERS AND MOTHERS MUST BE PREPARED TO FACE OURSELVES IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. WITH THIS IN MIND WE HAVE FOUNDED THE WHITE PEOPLE'S DEFENSE FUND HERE IN BIRMINGHAM. THE MONEY TAKEN IN WILL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY TO DEFEND WHITE PEOPLE WHO ARE BROUGHT TO TRIAL FOR PROTECTING THEIR FAMILIES FROM INTEGRATION. WE HOPE THIS TO BE A PERMANENT FUND, THAT IT WILL GROW AND GROW, SO THAT WE AS WHITE PEOPLE CAN FINALLY HAVE SOMETHING TO LOOK TO FOR HELP WHEN WE ARE INVOLVED IN RACIAL TROUBLE. RIGHT NOW TODAY, ANY NEGRO IN AMERICA THAT GETS INTO TROUBLE WITH WHITE PEOPLE IS FURNISHED LAWYERS AND IS PAID BY THE POWERFUL NEGRO ORGANIZATIONS WHILE HE IS ON TRIAL. THE TIME HAS COME WHEN WE AS WHITE PEOPLE HAVE GOT TO START PREPARING FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR OWN PEOPLE. WE DO NOT LIKE TO ASK FOR MONEY ANY MORE THAN YOU DO, BUT WE URGE YOU TO CONSIDER THE SITUATION AROUND YOU TODAY AND ASK YOURSELF IF YOU CAN AFFORD NOT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS FUND FOR YOUR OWN PROTECTION. THERE IS NO SET AMOUNT TO GIVE OF COURSE, A LOT OF MEN ARE SENDING IN ONE DOLLAR A WEEK, OTHERS ARE GIVING IN LUMP SUMS OF FIVE, TEN, TWENTY, FIFTY, AND HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS. WE ASK YOU TO THINK ABOUT THIS SITUATION SINCERELY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO. IN REGARD TO THE AMOUNT, WE BELIEVE THAT IF EVERY MAN WOULD GIVE JUST FIVE DOLLARS THAT A FUND COULD BE BUILT THAT WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO REALLY OFFER HELP WHEN THE TIME COMES. IF FIVE DOLLARS SEEMS A LOT TO YOU, THINK OF IT AS COMPARED TO WHAT YOU MIGHT HAVE TO PAY FOR LAWYERS FEES OR A FINE. WE HOPE YOU WILL PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO YOUR FRIENDS AND URGE THEM TO CONTRIBUTE ALSO.

A SPECIAL BANK ACCOUNT HAS BEEN OPENED FOR THE PURPOSE OF HANDLING THE MONEY, THE TREASURER IS BONDED, AND THE BOOKS WILL BE OPEN FOR INSPECTION. WE WILL LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR CONTRIBUTION AT THE ADDRESS LISTED AT THE TOP OF THIS LETTER.

10/25/77  
W. Douglas Carter

SINCERELY,

JAMES DOUGLAS CARTER, CHAIRMAN

\*\*\*NOTE... THE FIRST PROJECT OF THE WHITE PEOPLE'S DEFENSE FUND IS TO DEFEND THE SIX MEN WHO STOPPED NAT KING COLE FROM SINGING AT THE AUDITORIUM IN BIRMINGHAM.



Nat "King" Cole, has been pictured as a hero, by the integrationist Birmingham News.

Nat "King" Cole, over a period of years has been a vicious agitator for the integration of the negro with the White race. He is a "blockbuster," buying a home in an all-white neighborhood in California, and fighting court battles, forcing whites to accept him and his negro cohorts or move... most moved, losing most of their home investment, which was taken advantage of by more negroes.

Nat "King" Cole, forced himself upon an all-white hotel, the Piltmore, in Los Angeles, and demanded that they register him as the first negro in their history. Upon their refusal, Cole sued the hotel for a million dollars.

The Nat Cole's arrogance is well known to those who have paid attention to his activities in the United States and foreign countries. He has been involved in several incidents with whites...but until the Birmingham incident, he has invariably emerged the victor. He has registered at many white hotels in the South. He is another of the blacks, dedicated to softening the attitude of our children; to slyly entertaining them in negroid fashion of innuendo and suggestion; to presenting himself to them in dominating appearance and conditioning their minds to the fact, that he, a black, is to be their ideal of romanticism and admiration. This constant parade of blacks who are given license to grunt and groan, and play before our white girls, is a deliberate plan; for as this parade continues, and the girls admiration for blacks grows, there is a very short step to the day when the white daughter presents herself for marriage, before the parents, with a black negro for a husband. WE CANNOT...WE MUST NOT WAIT UNTIL WE HAVE LOST OUR CHILDREN. WE MUST WAKE UP NOW, IF WE CALL OURSELVES WHITE MEN. IF WE HAVE AN OUNCE OF THE FIGHTING ANGLO-SAXON BLOOD LEFT IN OUR VEINS.

The Association of Citizens Councils of Alabama, headed by State Senator Sam Englehardt has invited Nat "King" Cole back to Birmingham; "guaranteeing" him that he will receive protection and a "welcome"...if he wishes to play before our white children again. From a so-called, "Citizens Council" group, this sounds very strange, but when we consider that the group is dominated by politicians, with their twenty year record of doing handsprings for a pat on the head from the integrationists and their mongrelization promoting newspapers...we are not surprised...after all a politician needs good support from the newspapers...and seems to be getting it from the Birmingham News, and other integration papers who will and are selling the bodies of our children for the price of ads placed in their papers.

To those of us in the Alabama Citizens Councils or out of the Alabama Citizens Councils, who are sick at heart and indignant over the constant cramming of negroes down our throats...of the Ed Sullivan TV negro parade...of the constant praise heaped on every black's head that lifts a finger or blurbles a thick lipped note of "music." We who fear for our children and our families in the dread of the attack from the NAACP and a hundred other organizations that we know is coming...and coming to the poor man first...we who sit in tight-lipped silence in our homes and receive the whispered word that at least three white women have been raped and ruined by blacks in the last two months in Birmingham alone...with the "newspapers" hiding the truth... We feel a bit of Southern proudness...Rebel, if you please, in the statement by Ace Carter, Executive Secretary of the Alabama Citizens Councils, when he stated that though the Alabama Citizens Councils do not condone violence and took no part in the Cole incident...he felt the "criminals" were those whites who promoted and made money from bringing the negroes to Birmingham...were the politicians, who winked their eye at our segregation laws and the laws of decency and principal...were the irresponsible whites who pay homage to a negro by attending and allowing their children to attend negroid performances. Mr. Carter stated that he can think of only one place to invite Nat "King" Cole...on a fast boat to Africa...and further.. that if the wealthy Englehardt or his "group" wants to invite negro Cole someplace, why not have him in THEIR town...or better still in their "wealthy" homes.

The April 18th edition of the Post-Herald carries a very small article stating that Nat "King" Cole has cancelled an appearance in Atlanta, declaring he would not appear there for "a million dollars." Upon being offered police protection by the Atlanta Police Chief, negro Cole said, "It's not a matter of police protection. Someone might try it again, even with a hundred policemen on hand."

GHOSTS of Jeb Stuart... "Stonewall" Jackson... Morgan's Raiders... the men of the South still live in their boldness and daring... but how men? For how long to stem the atheistic, communistic plan of a mongrelized race of degraded, slave people.

THE ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS WAS THE FIRST TO FILE A CHARTER AUTHORIZING ORGANIZATION OF COUNCILS OVER THE STATE, AND WHILE THE MOVEMENT WAS SMALL, IT WAS LEFT ALONE; CITIZENS WERE LEFT TO GOVERN AND CONTROL THEIR OWN MOVEMENT, WITH NO TROUBLE OR INTERFERENCE. BUT WHEN THE ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS PASSED THE THIRTY MARK IN MEMBER COUNCILS, A SMALL GROUP OF POLITICIANS MET IN MONTGOMERY AT A LUNCHEON, AND DECIDED THAT SUCH A MOVEMENT, GROWING VERY LARGE, WAS A DISTINCT DANGER TO THEIR POSITION, UNLESS CONTROLLED. A CHAIRMAN OF STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN THIS STATE, AROSE AT THAT LUNCHEON, AND NAMED ENGLEHARDT AND OTHER POLITICIANS TO HEAD A "STATE" OFFICE. THEY REFUSED TO ALLOW EACH COUNCIL TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES, TO NAME THEIR OWN OFFICERS. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, THE ATTACK BEGAN ON THE ALA. CITIZENS COUNCILS, HEADQUARTERED IN BIRMINGHAM. WITH COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR THE WELFARE OF THE COUNCIL MOVEMENT, THEY HURLED THE "ANTI-SEMITIC" CHARGE AT THE ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS, BECAUSE OF OUR BELIEF IN THE DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST; NEXT CAME A LONG LIST OF NAME CALLING... THE POLITICIANS TERMING OUR ORGANIZATION A "SPLINTER" GROUP, ALTHOUGH OUR OFFICE WAS OPERATING LONG BEFORE THE POLITICIANS AND OUR ORGANIZATION IS OVER FIVE TIMES AS LARGE IN MEMBERSHIP.

FINALLY CAME THEIR "LEADERSHIP" TO THEIR FACTION OF THE WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS:

THEY SUPPORTED INTEGRATIONIST PLANNER PRESIDENT O.C. CARMICHAEL.

THEY DENOUNCED THE UNIVERSITY WHITE BOYS WHO STOOD BETWEEN THE NEGRO LUCY AND THE UNIVERSITY, AND WERE SUSPENDED.

ENGLEHARDT'S GROUP ENDORSED THE VICIOUS INTEGRATIONIST LISTER HILL FOR THE U.S. SENATE.

THE ENGLEHARDT HEADQUARTERS VIOLENTLY OPPOSED THE OUSTER OF JIM FOLSOM, FRIEND AND CONFIDANTE OF NEGRO COMMUNIST-FRONTER POWELL OF N.Y.

THEY SET UP AN OFFICE IN BIRMINGHAM IN FOLSOM'S OLD HEADQUARTERS, THE REDMONT, REPORTEDLY RENT-FREE.

ENGLEHARDT'S OFFICE SOUGHT THE TOP OF THE INTEGRATION PRESS BY INVITING NEGRO NAT "KING" COLE BACK TO BIRMINGHAM, OFFERING THEIR APOLOGIES AND GUARANTEEING NEGRO COLE A "COURTEOUS AND SAFE" RECEPTION.

SUCH IS THE POLITICIAN'S "LEADERSHIP" AS IT HAS BEEN FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, GROVELING AT THE FEET OF THOSE WHO WOULD DESTROY US; FIGHTING FOR A CHANCE TO PLEASE THE LEFTIST PRESS...FOR GOOD NEWS WRITE-UPS. IMAGINE, IF THAT WERE THE ONLY COUNCIL LEADERSHIP OFFERED IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA! IF THE POLITICIANS GAIN CONTROL, IT WILL BE THE ONLY LEADERSHIP...AND WE ARE BACK IN THE SAME FRUSTRATED HANDCUFFS OF NOT BEING ABLE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

THE ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS, OF BIRMINGHAM, DEMANDS THE OUSTER OF CARMICHAEL, AND CITES THE EVIDENCE OF HIS LONG INTEGRATION RECORD.

ACE CARTER, EXEC. SEC. OF THE ALA. CITIZENS COUNCILS INVITED NAT "KING" COLE ON A FAST BOAT TO AFRICA. THE ALA. CITIZENS COUNCILS PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED LISTER HILL'S TRAITOROUS RECORD TOWARD THE SOUTH, AND LABELED HIM FOR WHAT HE IS...A KEY MAN IN ALABAMA'S MONGRELIZING MACHINE OF POLITICS. THE ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL IS PETITIONING FOR FOLSOM'S IMPEACHMENT FROM OFFICE...WE HAVE DESTROYED JEFFERSON COUNTY'S "INTER-RACIAL COMMITTEE"; STOPPED INTEGRATION IN THE BOY SCOUTS; LAUNCHED A CAMPAIGN ON ANIMALISTIC NEGRO MUSIC BEING HAND FED OUR WHITE CHILDREN; PUBLISHED THE FACTS ON CANDIDATES. WE ARE FIGHTING...WE INTEND TO FIGHT HARDER. WE WILL FIGHT ANYONE AND EVERYONE WHO IS WORKING TO MONGRELIZE OUR CHILDREN...AND WE DO NOT CARE WHO HE IS OR HOW MANY POLITICAL FRIENDS HE HAS. THE PLEA FROM THE POLITICIAN'S CITIZENS COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS IN MONTGOMERY FOR A "MIDDLE OF THE ROAD" STAND, WOULD IF FOLLOWED, BE SUICIDAL FOR OUR CAUSE AND OUR CHILDREN. ADMITTEDLY, SUCH A POLICY AND PROGRAM WOULD BE VERY COMFORTABLE TO THE POLITICIAN, ALLOWING HIM TO CONTINUE THE DOUBLE GAME OF SELLING OUR RACE INTO DEGRADATION BY "MODERATION," A LITTLE AT A TIME, WHILE SCREAMING, "SEGREGATION."

WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT WE ARE AT WAR...AT WAR WITH AN ATHEISTIC, COMMUNISTIC MACHINE THAT GIVES NO QUARTER. WE EXPECT NONE...NOR WILL WE GIVE IT. WE DO INSIST THAT WE WILL TELL THE POLITICIAN WHAT TO DO...THAT HE WILL NOT TELL US WHAT TO DO...FOR HIS RECORD OF COWARDICE AND "MIDDLE OF THE ROAD" HAS PUSHED US INTO A DESPERATE SITUATION...A VERY GRAVE AND DARK HOUR. WE MUST KEEP OUR MOVEMENT IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE. INVESTIGATE THE ALA. CITIZENS COUNCILS, 517 LYRIC BUILDING, B'HAM. INVESTIGATE THE WAY IN WHICH THE PEOPLE CONTROL THEIR COUNCILS AND THEIR HEADQUARTERS. INVESTIGATE THE PROGRAM THAT CALLS FOR A FULL, UNCOMPROMISING, NON-APOLOGETIC THUNDERING CHARGE...AN ATTACK PROGRAM.

WE ARE INDIGNANT AND OUTRAGED AT THOSE WHO WOULD USE OUR CHILDREN'S THEY WOULD POKER CHIPS IN WHAT THEY CONSIDER A POLITICAL "GAME." WE ARE NOT PLAYING A GAME. WE ARE FIGHTING FOR THE LIVES, BODIES AND SOULS OF OUR COMING GENERATION. PLEASE HESITATE NO LONGER. YOU ARE NEEDED. CONTACT THE ALA. CITIZENS COUNCILS, PHONES: 54-2295 or 4-4497, B'HAM. OR WRITE, 517 LYRIC BLDG. B'HAM, ALA. CONTRIBUTE TO THE WHITE PEOPLES' DEFENSE FUND, P.O. BOX 414, B'HAM.

ACE CARTER, EXEC. SEC.  
ALA. CITIZENS COUNCIL

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LENIN, FORMER BOSS OF RUSSIA'S SLAVE SYSTEM, ONCE WROTE, "GIVE US ACCESS TO THE MINDS, AND THE PEOPLE WILL REACT ACCORDING TO THE PLAN SET DOWN FOR THEM: PROPAGANDA IS MORE POWERFUL THAN ALL THE WORLD'S ARMIES."

HAVING READ THIS, WE CALLED IT TO MIND AT A RECENT CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING. THE OCCASION WAS A HEATED DISCUSSION OF WHAT HAS COME TO BE TERMED, "THE COLE INCIDENT." THE DISCUSSION WAS MARKED BY IMPASSIONED BEATINGS OF BREASTS BY WHITE MEN, IN REMORSE OVER THE "EMBARRASSEMENT" INFLICTED ON NEGRO NAT "KING" COLE. AS THE BLEATINGS ROSE IN CRESCENDO, WE HEARD A SCARCELY AUDIBLE, YET PIERCING QUESTION ASKED BY A REFINED, WHITE-HAIRED LADY. SHE WAS SHAKING HER HEAD IN SOMETHING OF SADNESS AND DISMAY..AND HER VOICE WAS TEARFUL WHEN SHE ASKED, "LORD, WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE SOUTHERN WHITE MAN?"

WHAT HAS HAPPENED? THE WHITE MAN'S MIND IS NO LONGER HIS OWN. THE NEWSPAPERS CLAIM ALL THE CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES OF FREEDOM, BUT HAVE FORSAKEN THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF A FREE PRESS; THAT OF PRESENTING THE TRUTH. THEIR SHEETS HAVE BECOME INSTRUMENTS OF PROPAGANDA..TO ATTAIN AN END..THE END OF THE ANGLÓ-SAXON, AS SUCH; THE CULMINATION OF THE ONE RACE, ONE PATERNAL GOVERNMENT IDEALOGY OF COMMUNISM.

WATCH CAREFULLY THE PLACEMENT OF NEWS; ITS PLAY-UP OR TONE-DOWN. THREE WHITE WOMEN, IN LESS THAN THREE MONTHS, HAVE BEEN RAPED AND HAD THEIR LIVES RUINED BY NEGROES, IN BIRMINGHAM AND AREA; BUT ONE MUST SEARCH THE BACK PAGES OF THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS AND KINDRED ILK PAPERS TO DISCOVER THE SMALLEST POSSIBLE MENTION OF THESE "INCIDENTAL" OCCURANCES.

A NEGRO IS SHOVED DOWN, AND HEADLINES BLAZON THE "SHAME" OF THE WHITE MAN FOR SUCH A "DASTARDLY" ACT. COLE'S VICIOUS INTEGRATION RECORD IS CAREFULLY HIDDEN FROM THE PUBLIC. HIS "BLOCKBUSTING" ACTIVITIES; HIS SUIT AGAINST A HOTEL TO FORCE INTEGRATION; HIS NAACP LIFE-TIME MEMBERSHIP, AND MORE. COLUMNISTS, PANTING FOR THE PATS OF APPROVAL OF THE LEFTIST HIERARCHY, TURN FLIPS OF SEMANTIC GYMNASTICS AS THEY, WITH SERIOUS TOMES, LECTURE THE WHITE MAN, THE STANDARD-BEARER OF MORALS, OF FREEDOM..ON SUCH A "TERRIBLE" CALAMITY.

THE COLUMNISTS, AS IS HIS PAPER, IS SILENT OVER SUCH "INCIDENTALS" AS RUINATION OF WOMEN'S BODIES AND MINDS AND LIVES; OVER THE IRRESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS WHO ALLOW THEIR CHILDREN THE BAPTISM OF ANIMALISM AND NEGRO ADORATION ENCOMPASSED IN THE PLANNED NEGRO "PERFORMANCES," AND THE POLITICIANS WHO PERMIT AND SANCTION IT.

GEORGIA TECH STUDENTS "PROTEST" THE REQUEST TO BAR NEGRO FROM SPORTS INTERMINGLING, BUT A "MOB" WILD-EYED AND THIRSTING BLOODILY FOR "LAW VIOLATION" "CHASTES" A NEGRO FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA. THESE ARE BUT PEBBLES ON THE VAST BEACH OF PROPAGANDA. THE MANEUVERING OF PROPAGANDA IS PREVALENT IN OUR NEWSPAPERS, OUR RADIO, OUR TELEVISION, OUR BOOKS..OUR NEWS WIRE SERVICES. THIS IS WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE WHITE MAN..AND WOMAN, IN THE SOUTH..AND IN THE WORLD.

"GIVE US ACCESS TO THE MINDS.."..THE PEOPLE WILL DO THE REST. THEY ARE DOING IT..TO THE SORROW, THE DOOM..OF A COMING GENERATION, A RACE, FREEDOM, AND CHRISTIANITY. WE MUST THINK SOBERLY IN THIS DAY OF HISTORY MAKING: FOR ONCE THE WRITING OF THE FINGER HAS DONE, IT IS TRUE..ALL OUR PIETY, WIT..AND TEARS, WILL NOT CHANGE IT. WE CANNOT CALL IT BACK.

THE ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS, HEADQUARTERED IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA. AT 517 MARIC BUILDING, HAS COME UNDER VICIOUS, HARD HITTING ATTACK BY THE NEWSPAPERS. WE CALL TO YOUR ATTENTION; THEY ARE THE SAME NEWS-PAPERS WHO HAVE WORKED UNCEASINGLY FOR THE INTEGRATION OF YOUR AND MY CHILDREN WITH THE NEGRO. THE POLITICIAN'S CITIZENS COUNCIL, HEADED BY STATE SENATOR ENGLEHARDT, HEADQUARTERED IN MONTGOMERY, HAS RECEIVED PLAUDITS OF PRAISE FROM THIS SAME INTEGRATIONIST PRESS..WHY?

THE COMMUNISTS, THE NEGROES, THE RACE MONGRELIZERS, HAVE INNUMERABLE PRESSURE GROUPS. WITH THESE GROUPS, THEY HAVE FORCED THE POLITICIANS TO DO THEIR BIDDING..AND THE NEWSPAPERS TO BUILD THEM UP FOR DOING IT. THAT IS WHY WE FIND OURSELVES BACKED TO THE WALL TODAY. THE WHITE MAN IS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE ALLOWED A PRESSURE ORGANIZATION. WERE A CITIZENS MOVEMENT TO REMAIN A CITIZENS MOVEMENT, IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE..THE TREMENDOUS PRESSURE EXERTED UPON THE POLITICIAN FROM THE WHITE MAN, WOULD FORCE THE POLITICO TO TURN, AND ACTUALLY FIGHT THE INTEGRATION CONSPIRATORS..THAT, HE DREAMS ABOVE ALL ELSE..IT MIGHT MEAN HIS POLITICAL SUICIDE. THEREFORE, HE MUST CONTROL THE WHITE MAN'S MOVEMENT, TO KEEP THE PRESSURE FROM HIM..TO TURN THE SPEARHEAD OF ATTACK OF THE CITIZENS COUNCIL INTO A BLUNTED PROGRAM OF "MODERATION"..AND GRADUALISM. IN THIS, HE IS AIDED TREMENDOUSLY BY THE PRESS; FOR THEIR INTENT IS THAT THE INTEGRATIONISTS CARRY ON THEIR FULL-FLEDGED, UNABATED WAR; WHILE THE WHITE MAN IS FRUSTRATED WITH THE "MODERATION" LEADERSHIP OF FRIGHTENED POLITICIANS; MAKING OUR CHILDREN THE VICTIMS IN THEIR VICIOUS TWO CORNERED ACTIVITY.

(OVER PLEASE)

SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

May 9, 1956

Director, FBI (105-45763)

ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Rerep of Special Agent Charles B. Stanbery  
dated April 24, 1956.

In the next report submitted on the captioned organization you should include the names of all citizens councils affiliated with the captioned organization. It will not be necessary to include information concerning these councils inasmuch as such information will be included in reports submitted on the various councils; however, the names of these groups should be set out in order to show the scope of the captioned organization.

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Date: May 10, 1956  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

There is being furnished you herewith one copy of the report of Special Agent Charles B. Stanbery dated April 24, 1956, at Birmingham, Alabama, concerning the captioned organization.

The report being furnished you does not reflect the results of a full investigation of this organization but only information obtained through limited inquiries being made to ascertain the influence, if any, in this organization of Ku Klux Klan members or others who advocate repressive tactics against minorities; to determine whether its programs and activities bring it within the purview of Executive Order 10450; and to develop data regarding this group's potential for violence.

The information furnished you concerning the captioned organization is for your confidential use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

Enclosure

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2cc - Director of Special Investigations (w/enclosure)  
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Letter to Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
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cc - Mr. Williams

Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins

May 10, 1956

Director, FBI

ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - A

There is being furnished you herewith one copy of the report of Special Agent Charles B. Stanbery dated April 24, 1956, at Birmingham, Alabama, concerning the captioned organization.

You may desire to review the contents of this report in detail in connection with the provisions of Executive Order 10450.

The report being furnished you does not reflect the results of a full investigation of this organization but only information obtained through limited inquiries being made to ascertain the influence, if any, in this organization of Ku Klux Klan members or others who advocate repressive tactics against minorities; to determine whether its programs and activities bring it within the purview of Executive Order 10450; and to develop data regarding this group's potential for violence.

Enclosure

105-45763

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MAY 15 1956

*J.P. [Signature]*

*aka*

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mason \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
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- Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: 5-11-56

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mason	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
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Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

From SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

To: Director, FBI (105-45763)

ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL  
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[redacted] of unknown reliability, advised on 5-9-56 that [redacted] Executive Secretary of captioned group, accompanied by his brother, [redacted] went to Detroit approximately 5-3-56, for purpose of organizing a citizens council there. Informant indicated that after their return to Birmingham, [redacted] said that a citizens council was organized in Detroit and that he hoped to get 50,000 members. UACB the Detroit Office should immediately initiate discreet inquiries concerning this alleged organization in Detroit. These inquiries should be conducted in accordance with instructions set forth in SAC Letter 55-66.

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Mr. Belmont

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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

105-45763

Date: May 23, 1956  
To: Mr. D. H. Stephens  
Chief Postal Inspector  
Post Office Department  
Washington 25, D. C.  
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Subject: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - K

There is being furnished you herewith one Photostat each of a leaflet captioned "White People's Defense Fund, Post Office Box 414, Birmingham, Alabama," in which the recipient is requested to contribute money for the defense of the white people charged with attacking Negro singer Nat "King" Cole and a leaflet signed by "Ace Carter, Exec. Sec., Alabama Citizens Council," in which the actions of the persons who attacked Cole are defended.

These leaflets were made available to the Mobile, Alabama, Office of this Bureau by Alabama State Senator Sam Englehardt on May 3, 1956. Concerning the "White People's Defense Fund," Senator Englehardt said that its [redacted]

[redacted] He said that Dr. John Whitley, a druggist at Tarrant, Alabama, who is chairman of the Associated Citizens Councils of Alabama, recently told him that the funds collected by the defense fund have been diverted by the [redacted] to their own use and that it is a fraudulent scheme to obtain money falsely. He said that he did not know whether or not the United States mails have been used in distributing the leaflets since the only copies he has received were apparently distributed by hand in Selma, Alabama.

cc Assistant Attorney General (W/Enclosures 2)  
William F. Tompkins (By Form O-6, same date)

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- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mason \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
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- Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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*OK*

Letter to Mr. D. H. Stephens  
Chief Postal Inspector

For your information Nat "King" Cole was attacked on April 10, 1956, by six white men while entertaining an all-white audience at the Birmingham, Alabama, Municipal Auditorium. Four of the assailants were sentenced to 180 days in jail and were fined and the remaining two have been indicted by the Jefferson County Grand Jury on charges of assault with intent to murder. No date has been set for their trials.

The above is being furnished you for your information.

Enclosures (2)

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Date: May 24, 1956

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

COMM - FBI  
MAY 25 1956  
BY COURIER SMO.

This memorandum will confirm information furnished Major William H. LaJeunesse, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army; Commander Kevin Hart, Office of Naval Intelligence; and Mr. Bernard O'Donnell, Counter Intelligence Division, Office of Special Investigations, by telephone on May 18, 1956, by Special Agents of this Bureau, O. J. Sullivan, [redacted] and J. J. Daunt, respectively.

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A source of the Birmingham, Alabama, Office of this Bureau who is of unknown reliability advised on May 16, 1956, that the Alabama Citizens Council under the leadership of [redacted] planned to picket a "rock and roll" musical performance by Bill Haley and his orchestra at the Birmingham Municipal Auditorium, May 20, 1956. This orchestra, all Negroes, was booked for two performances at the auditorium on that date.

According to the informant about twenty-five signs had been printed containing such captions as "Be-bop Music Breeds Communism." The informant stated [redacted] planned to picket peacefully and permit no violence.

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Information has now been received that approximately fifty men, believed to be members of the Alabama Citizens Council, peacefully picketed the musical performance at the auditorium on May 20, 1956. About twelve white teen-agers also intermingled with the above group, displaying placards reading "Long Live Be-bop." The group dispersed about thirty minutes after the performance started.

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mason \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

cc-Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins

(By Form 0-6, Same date)

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NOTE ON YELLOW ONLY:  
D.J. Sullivan notified ACSI; J.J. Daunt notified OSI; [redacted] notified ONI.

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Letter to Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
Department of the Army

cc Director of Naval Intelligence  
Department of the Navy  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

cc Director of Special Investigations  
The Inspector General  
Department of the Air Force  
Building Tempo E  
4th and Adams Drive, S. E.  
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE



F B I

Date: May 16

Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

From SAC, Birmingham (100-3080)

To: Director, FBI (100-135-61)

RACON

[redacted] of unknown reliability, advised today that Alabama Citizens Council under leadership of [redacted] plans to picket a "rock and roll" musical performance at Municipal Auditorium 5/20/56. Informant advises that about 25 signs have already been printed, such as "Be-bop Music Breeds Communism." Informant states [redacted] plans to picket peacefully and permit no violence.

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Bill Haley and his orchestra, all Negroes, are booked for two performances at Municipal Auditorium 5/20/56.

Birmingham PD advised.

Bureau will be kept informed of developments.

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18 MAY 1956

Mr. Belmont

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Don Sullivan advised of above 4:35 pm 5/18/56. He is notifying G-2.

Major [redacted] advised of above 4:40 pm 5/18/56 by Sullivan

5:10 pm Jerry Davant advised of above & will notify OSI.

5:15 pm [redacted] advised of above & will notify OSI

[redacted] intelligence is [redacted]

ONI advised 5:20 pm 5/18/56.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

FBI

Date: 5-20-56

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mason	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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From SAC, BIRMINGHAM (100-3080)  
To: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-135-61)

RACON

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Approximately 50 men believed to be members Alabama Citizens Council peacefully picketed "Rock and Roll" musical performance Birmingham Municipal Auditorium May 20, 1956.

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About 12 white teenagers also intermingled with above group, displaying placards reading "Long Live Bebob".

Citizens Council group dispersed about 4 p. m., 30 minutes after the performance started.

Bureau will be furnished any additional pertinent developments which may occur.

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Mr. Belmont

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Special Agent in Charge

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Liaison Section  
Mr. Williams

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Date: June 19, 1956  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

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A confidential informant of the Birmingham, Alabama, Office of this Bureau, of unknown reliability, has advised that [redacted] executive secretary of the captioned organization, has prepared a press release in which it is stated that Ku Klux Klan members are in positions of leadership in the Citizens Council of Alabama organization.

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According to the informant, [redacted] on May 23, 1956, indicated he is irritated at Senator Sam Engelhardt of Macon County, Alabama, one of the leaders of the Citizens Council of Alabama. [redacted] said that Senator Engelhardt and John H. Whitley, president of that organization, have attacked [redacted] group as being a violent organization. [redacted] stated that he knows John H. Whitley was a member of the Ku Klux Klan within recent years and that [redacted] the Birmingham office of the Citizens Council of Alabama, is a member of the Klavern at Tarrant, Alabama.

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[redacted] said if Engelhardt does not cease attacking him and his organization he intends to release the above information to the press. [redacted] advised he

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cc - Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins (sent by Form 06, same date)

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mason \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Case \_\_\_\_\_
- Harrowd \_\_\_\_\_
- Room \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE 11/11/99 BY [redacted]

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Letter to Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
Department of the Army

does not want to issue this statement himself or to have  
it come from his organization but that he is "burned up"  
about the charges made concerning him and his group when,  
as a matter of fact, the Citizens Council of Alabama is  
being led by a present and a former member of the Klan.

The above is for your information.

cc - Director of Naval Intelligence  
Department of the Navy  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

cc - Director of Special Investigations  
The Inspector General  
Department of the Air Force  
Building 2000 B  
4th and Adams Drive, S. W.  
Washington, D. C.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-45763)

DATE: June 6, 1956

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

SUBJECT: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

[redacted] of unknown reliability, advised Special Agent Charles B. Stanbery on May 25, 1956 that [redacted] the Alabama Citizens Council, has prepared a purported press release which states that Ku Klux Klan members are in positions of leadership in the Citizens Council of Alabama organization.

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Informant said he talked to [redacted] on May 23, 1956, at which time [redacted] indicated that he is irritated at Senator SAM ENGELHARDT of Macon County, Alabama, one of the leaders of the Citizens Council of Alabama. [redacted] said that Senator ENGELHARDT and JOHN H. WHITLEY, Tarrant, President of the Citizens Council of Alabama, have attacked [redacted] group, Alabama Citizens Council, as being a violent organization. [redacted] stated that he knows that JOHN H. WHITLEY was a member of the Ku Klux Klan at Tarrant within recent years, and that [redacted] is a member of the Klavern at Tarrant, Alabama; that [redacted] is presently in charge of the Birmingham office of the Citizens Council of Alabama at the Redmont Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama.

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[redacted] said if Senator ENGELHARDT does not cease attacking him and his organization he intends to release the above information to the press.

The informant stated that [redacted] advised that he, [redacted] does not want to issue this statement himself or to have it come from his organization, Alabama Citizens Council.

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- 1 Mobile (105-194)
- 3 Birmingham (1 cc: 105-272)
- (1 cc: [redacted])

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To: Director, FBI 6/6/56

Re: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Informant said that [ ] attempted to persuade him, informant, to issue this statement, if it becomes necessary to do so, in the name of a local group in Birmingham, the Anti-Communist League. It is noted that [ ] attempted to organize such an organization about one year ago, and that informant was a member of it. Informant explained to [ ] that he did not wish to become involved in such a press release, inasmuch as he, informant, had been tried in the past for sending obscene material through the mails and wanted to avoid any semblance of trouble.

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[ ] indicated to informant that he, [ ] is just "burned up" about the Citizens Council of Alabama charging him and his group, the Alabama Citizens Council, with violence and being exponents of ruthless behavior when, as a matter of fact, the Citizens Council of Alabama is being led by present and former members of the Ku Klux Klan.

The above is being furnished for the information of the Bureau and Mobile, office of origin in the case entitled "CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ALABAMA; INTERNAL SECURITY - X."

*From Birmingham dated 6/20/56  
Subject: [unclear]*

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Date: June 8, 1956  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised the Alabama Citizens Council under the direction of [redacted] plans to picket a meeting of the Alabama Council on Human Relations at 7:30 p.m., June 12, 1956. This meeting will be held at the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce Auditorium.

The Alabama Council on Human Relations is an affiliate of the Southern Regional Council, an organization active in the South which attempts to develop a harmonious relationship between the white and Negro races through education.

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Information concerning [redacted] is contained in the report of Special Agent Charles B. Stanbery dated April 24, 1956, at Birmingham, Alabama, a copy of which was furnished to the agencies receiving copies of this communication as an enclosure to my letter dated May 10, 1956, captioned as above.

Any additional pertinent information received in connection with this matter will be made available to you promptly.

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mason \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

2cc SAC, Birmingham (See note page 2) (105-364)

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Letter to Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
Department of the Army

cc Director of Naval Intelligence  
Department of the Navy  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

cc Director of Special Investigations  
The Inspector General  
Department of the Air Force  
Building Tempo E  
4th and Adams Drive, S. W.  
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

ATTENTION SAC, BIRMINGHAM:

Reur airtel dated June 5, 1956, captioned  
"Racon."

You should advise the Bureau promptly of any pertinent information developed by your office as a result of the contemplated picketing of the meeting of the Alabama Council on Human Relations on June 12, 1956, by the Alabama Citizens Council.

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Date: 6/5/56

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mason	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

From SAC, Birmingham (100-3080)

To: Director, FBI

RAC ON

0 According to confidential informant [redacted] the ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL headed by [redacted] plans to picket meeting of ALABAMA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS, a pro-integration movement, on June 12th at 7:30 P.M. ACHR meets Birmingham Chamber of Commerce auditorium second Tuesday in each month. ACHR is an affiliate of SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL. BH will cover through informants and the Bureau will be kept advised.

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**Mr. Belmont**

MR. BELMONT  
SUPERVISOR  
DOM. INTEL. DIVISION

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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>(11) BIRMINGHAM</b>	Office of Origin <b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	Date <b>6-20-56</b>	Investigative Period <b>6-12-56</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL</b>		Report made by <b>CHARLES B. STANBERY</b>	Typed By: <b>JE</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - X</b>	

**Synopsis:**

26 local Citizens Councils in Birmingham area believed affiliated at present with captioned group. [redacted] Alabama Citizens Council, allegedly visited in Detroit, Mich., 5-3-56 for purpose of organizing Citizens Council. Captioned organization picketed a "rock and roll" music performance at Birmingham City Auditorium, 5-20-56. Confidential informant advises [redacted] may issue a press release alleging that the Citizens Council of Alabama, with headquarters in Montgomery, Ala., has officials who are members of the Ku Klux Klan. Captioned group continues publication of "The Southerner," a pro-segregation magazine.

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DETAILS: AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

According to information in "The Southerner", a pro-segregation magazine published by Alabama Citizens Council, in its issue for May 1956, Alabama Citizens Council represents over fifty organized Citizens Councils in Alabama, with membership of approximately 40,000. The names and locations of the Councils were not set forth in "The Southerner." Information received by this Bureau indicates that 26 Councils are currently affiliated with captioned organization in the Birmingham area, as follows:

Anniston  
Ashville  
Blount County  
Brighton  
Calera  
Corner  
Crumley's Chapel  
East Birmingham  
Gadsden  
Gardendale  
Holt  
Hueytown  
Leeds  
McNeil  
Miner Heights  
Morgan and Greenwood  
McCalla  
McDonalds Chapel  
North Highlands  
North Side  
Oxford  
Pell City  
Pleasant Grove  
Pratt City  
Warrior  
West Central Park

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1, of unknown reliability but who is in a position to furnish correct information, advised on May 9, 1956 that [redacted] Alabama Citizens Council.

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accompanied by [redacted] went to Detroit, Michigan approximately May 3, 1956 for the purpose of organizing a Citizens Council there. T-1 said that after the [redacted] returned to Birmingham, [redacted] stated that a Citizens Council had been organized in Detroit, and that he hoped to obtain 50,000 members.

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In the May issue of "The Southerner," CARTER relates the details of his trip to Detroit in an article captioned "Councils Move Toward National Scope." This article stated that ACE CARTER, Executive Secretary of Alabama Citizens Council, had been invited to Detroit to assist in setting up a Citizens Council movement; that he held a series of three meetings and organized a board of directors, elected a secretary-treasurer, a vice chairman and a chairman of the Michigan White Citizens Councils, a state body. A portion of this article is as follows:

"Negroes have moved into practically every neighborhood of the white workers in Detroit. Little white girls playing on the sidewalks are subjected to the bullying and fondling of black boys. Carter talked to a worker, an employee of an automobile factory, who spoke in low tense tones as he told of Negroes' practice of ganging around every white woman who came to work in the factory, making vulgar proposals, placing their hands upon them and roaring in laughter over filthy jokes the white women were forced to hear. The worker's hands clenched and unclenched and white lines showed tightly around his mouth as he related every black male's demand that a white woman be placed as a partner with him on the work benches. The Negroes' demands are met, because to refuse is "discrimination," a crime by law of the State of Michigan. While the worker talked, other men nodded their heads in silent assent of the truth of the statements and their experience of the same.

"The white worker in Detroit has lost his freedom. He talks in whispers. He seldom attends

a movie, 'Because I'll not subject my family to the obscene talk of the Negroes attending.' He has lost control of his government. He has reached his back-to-the-wall position by allowing the politician to control him, as the politico adheres to the constant pressure group of Communists and Negroes. Step by step he has moved back, always not wanting trouble, giving just a little more. A constant retreat in defensiveness, until today he has no place to go and nowhere to run.

"One Negro apprehended for slaying a 64 year old white woman and raping her as she died testified that he was a member of a pack of Negroes who roam the streets at night searching for white women to assault. He testified that he alone had raped at least two hundred white women. Thus have Michigan white people been gradually controlled and moved back, piece by piece, bit by bit by the politician; pressured and controlled by the leftist integrationists. Thus they have given up their rights and have evaded the issue, until now the Negro demands their wives and their daughters. They are late in organizing, but the organization must be a success.

"The white people of Alabama in the Alabama Citizens Council will be afforded the advantages and privilege of helping the white people of Michigan and in receiving help; a mutual banding together for a cause just and righteous."

The Birmingham Post-Herald, a daily newspaper, on May 21, 1956 published an article indicating that the Alabama Citizens Council, under the leadership of ASA CARTER, picketed a "rock and roll" musical performance at the Birmingham Municipal Auditorium on May 20, 1956. This article stated that a group of 50 to 60 pickets carried printed placards reading, "Down With Be-Bop," "Christians Will Not Attend This Show," and "Ask Your Preacher About

Jungle Music." According to this article, most of the performers were Negroes, with the exception of musician Bill Haley and two of the bands. Birmingham Police Commissioner Robert Lindbergh was quoted as saying that the picketing demonstration was sponsored by the Alabama Citizens Council, headed by ASA CARTER. The article also stated that the Citizens Council pickets were picketed by young "rock and roll" lovers; that a group of about twelve teen-age boys carried crude homemade signs reading, "Rock and Roll is Here to Stay," and "Three Cheers for Bill Haley."

Confidential Informant T-1, above mentioned, advised on May 25, 1956 that [redacted] Alabama Citizens Council," has prepared a press release which states that Ku Klux Klan members are in positions of leadership in the Citizens Council of Alabama organization. T-1 said that [redacted] indicated that he is irritated at Senator Sam Engelhardt of Macon County, Alabama, one of the leaders of the Citizens Council of Alabama organization. [redacted] told informant that Senator Engelhardt and John H. Whitley, Tarrant, Alabama druggist and president of the Citizens Council of Alabama, have attacked his, [redacted], group, Alabama Citizens Council, as being a violent organization. [redacted] stated that he knows that John H. Whitley was a member of the Ku Klux Klan at Tarrant, Alabama within recent years, and that [redacted] is a member of the Klavern of the Ku Klux Klan at Tarrant, Alabama at the present time; that [redacted] the Birmingham office of the Citizens Council of Alabama at the Redmont Hotel in Birmingham. [redacted] told T-1 that if Senator Engelhardt does not cease attacking him and his organization he intends to release the above information to the press.

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T-1 stated that [redacted] advised that he, [redacted] does not want to issue this statement himself or to have it come from his organization, Alabama Citizens Council. T-1 said that [redacted] attempted to persuade him to issue this statement if it becomes necessary to do so in the name of a local group in Birmingham, the Anti-Communist League. It is noted that [redacted] attempted to

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organize such an organization about one year ago, and that T-1 was a member of it. T-1 explained to [redacted] that he did not wish to become involved in such a press release. [redacted] stated to T-1 that he is just "burned up" about the Citizens Council of Alabama charging him and his group, the Alabama Citizens Council, with violence and being exponents of ruthless behavior when, as a matter of fact, the Citizens Council of Alabama is being led by present and former members of the Ku Klux Klan.

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Confidential Informant T-1, who has some knowledge of Ku Klux Klan activity in the Birmingham area, advised on May 25, 1956 that he knows [redacted] to be a member of the Ku Klux Klan at Tarrant, Alabama, and that he has often heard that Dr. John H. Whitley was a member of the Ku Klux Klan in Tarrant as late as 1951.

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The Ku Klux Klan has been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The latest issue of "The Southerner," issued in May 1956, carries a front page article concerning JOHN SINGLETON MOSBY, soldier in the Confederate Army. Page two is the editorial page, and contains photographs of ACE CARTER, editor, and JESSE MABRY, associate editor. The editorial by ACE CARTER in this issue attacks the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and a pamphlet distributed, according to CARTER, by the NAACP. The pamphlet is entitled, "There Are Things to Do," and is allegedly a reprint from a publication called, "South Today," by Lillian Smith. *ALB.*

On page two is an article entitled, "North Alabama Citizens Councils Are Doing a Good Job." This article relates that the Alabama Citizens Council was successful in preventing an integrated Boy Scout meeting at the Birmingham Fair Grounds in April 1956, helped abolish the Interracial Committee of the Jefferson County Coordinating Council of Social Forces, and worked against the election of Governor James E. Folsom as a delegate to the National Democratic Convention.



Page four contains a comparison of the records of the two Citizens Council movements in Alabama, the Alabama Citizens Council and the Citizens Council of Alabama, of which Senator Sam Engelhardt and John H. Whitley are leading officials. *Ali*

Page 1-A contains the article referred to above concerning CARTER's visit to Detroit, Michigan, allegedly to organize a Citizens Council in that city. Another article on this page quotes former Supreme Court Justice James F. Byrnes as stating that the Supreme Court "must be curbed" because of its school segregation decision and other moves which "tend to destroy the power of the forty-eight states." Byrnes is further reported as saying, "Power intoxicates men. It is never voluntarily surrendered. It must be taken from them. The Supreme Court must be curbed."

On page 2-A, General Mark W. Clark, former Supreme Commander of United Nations Forces in the Far East, was quoted as stating that he was opposed to integration of white and Negro troops "from the military point of view," when the government adopted the policy in 1950. He was further quoted as saying, "I did not feel that we should integrate then, and I don't think so now. The worst division I had was a Negro division. The Negroes could not be relied on. They bolted and ran from the enemy."

Page 2-A also contains an article entitled "Rogue's Gallery," which states, "Here are the names of the now defunct Interracial Committee. Watch for them for they will probably appear in another mongrelizing mob under another title."

Page 2-A also contains two photographs of Negro men and white women. Underneath one of the photographs is, "Rock and Roll Idol."

On Page 3-A is a photograph of a Negro soldier dancing with a white girl.

On Page 4-A are photographs and an article on Nat King Cole. One of the photographs shows Cole having

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his shoes shined by a white individual. Underneath this photograph are the words, "Cole and his Shoeshine Boy." The other photograph shows a Negro man surrounded by what appears to be teen-age white girls. Underneath this photograph are the words, "Cole and Your Daughter." An excerpt from the article on Nat King Cole is as follows:

"The much publicized attack upon Negro crooner Nat King Cole in Birmingham, Alabama early this month has served to focus the country's attention upon a serious national problem. This is the degenerate influence of Negroidal jazz musicians upon our impressionable American youth. In the North, particularly, the glorified Negro musician has become a veritable Pied Piper, surrounded by swarms of screaming, squealing, swooning teen-age adolescents, and fawned upon by hordes of thrill-seeking white women. The growing vogue for Negro musicians is no accident, but has been assiduously cultivated by the Communist-leaning-one-worlders who own, control and dominate our entertainment industry, including the recording business. Through their efforts our teen-age youngsters, the so-called juke box set, have been so thoroughly saturated with Africanized music that most of them have come to look upon it as the accepted standard. Even the white musicians and singers are aiding and copying Negroidal styles."

The above quoted excerpt, according to "The Southerner," was taken from "The American California Press."

Page six contains an article entitled, "Nat King Cole," and displays a photograph of Nat King Cole with a white woman on each side of him. The picture is described as, "Cole and his White Women." Portions of this article are as follows:

"On the night that Negro singer Nat King Cole played to an all-white audience in Birmingham he was riding the crest of a popularity wave

exceeded by few singers. A lead man in Negro jargon for the countless pack of less polished animalistic Negro entertainers who have rabled through the door opened for them by Nat King Cole to a position of dominance over the white teen-age children. Cole, over a period of years, has been groomed for his position; one in which the white youth, preferably the girl, may, with social approval, admire and idolize, worship and openly adore a Negro singer. Only a short step then from the sly night club technique vulgarity of Cole to the openly animalistic obscenity of the horde of Negro rock-and-rollers.

"The Communist is a master psychologist, and his method of enticing the Anglo Saxon to the degenerate level with the Negro for the purpose of integration is one of the greatest dangers to our race. The late Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, stated before his death that the Negro music was a wonderful race leveler. He was and is correct. If the white youth is permitted to adopt the Negroid music with its animalism, its degenerate philosophy, its practiced expression of the Communist theory that sex has nothing of the spiritual about it but is in human, as in animal, purely biological; when the white youth, through a medium, begins to think as a Negro, to talk as a Negro, to accept the Negro's moral standard and his culture, to idolize Negro performers, then the white youth is on the level with the Negroid race and integration is already accomplished in the mind and spirit. The physical implementation is a mere formality."

"The significance of Cole in the picture is the acceptance, first by the white adults of Cole's position before them, the acceptance of his eye-winking style of slyness at morality, and his injection of Negroid leadership and dominance

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over them. As they have snickered behind their hands and attempted such performances, they have not gone unobserved, not by their children. The youth accepts the Negro's dominance and demands the immorality in a brasher form. The Negro is happy to comply. The white adult has no argument. He has already compromised himself, and so he accepts the degeneracy of his white children and excuses himself with a shrug of the shoulders."

Page eight of "The Southerner" for May 1956 contains a photograph showing Negro soldiers kissing and embracing white women. Underneath this photograph are the words, "This in Alabama. Story Inside." "The Southerner" explains that this photograph was made at Fort McClellan, near Anniston, Alabama, and states that the February issue of "The Southerner" carried pictures made at Fort McClellan which showed the whites and Negroes mixing, and an observation that the conditions there were growing steadily worse.

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T-1	[REDACTED]	Re [REDACTED] trip to Detroit	5/9/56	Charles B. Stanbery	BH 105-364-43
T-1	[REDACTED]	Re [REDACTED] alleged press release	5/25/56	Charles B. Stanbery	BH 105-364-55

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed, and "T" symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identity of the sources must be concealed.

LEADS

THE BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Will follow and report activity of the Alabama Citizens Council.

THE DETROIT DIVISION

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Will follow and report the organization of any Citizens Council organized in the Detroit territory.

THE MOBILE DIVISION (INFORMATION)

One copy of instant report is being furnished the Mobile Office for information, inasmuch as it contains references to the Citizens Council of Alabama which has headquarters in Montgomery, Alabama.

REFERENCE

Report of SA CHARLES B. STANBERY dated 4-24-56 at Birmingham.

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE



105-45703

Date: June 21, 1956  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.  
Attention: Chief, Security Division

*5-1 to Birmingham  
re: meeting June 7-8  
July #5 11/1956  
see "southern" 8/24/56  
5-1 rtd: 8/29/56  
see 8/25: dated 8/21  
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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reference is made to my memorandum dated June 8, 1956, in which you were advised of plans on the part of the captioned organization to picket a meeting of the Alabama Council on Human Relations on June 12, 1956, at Birmingham, Alabama.

For your information a confidential informant of the Birmingham Office of this Bureau who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on June 13, 1956, that the meeting of the Alabama Council on Human Relations was not picketed on June 12, 1956.

cc Director of Special Investigations  
The Inspector General  
Department of the Air Force  
Building Tempo 4  
4th and Adams Drive, S. W.  
Washington, D. C.

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cc Director of Naval Intelligence  
Department of the Navy  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Birmingham advised Report  
will be submitted by 9/1/56*

cc Assistant Attorney General (By Form O-6,  
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Date: 6/15/56

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From SAC, Birmingham

To: Director, FBI

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~~ALABAMA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS~~ advised 6/13/56, that the meeting of the  
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 ACHR who was present at the meeting.

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EX-116

Date: September 7, 1956

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

There is being furnished you herewith for your information a copy of a memorandum dated August 28, 1956, prepared by the Birmingham Office of this Bureau concerning a rally held by the Klan at Midfield, Alabama, on August 24, 1956.

At this meeting one of the speakers was introduced as "Mr. X." This speaker was later identified as [redacted] of the captioned organization, who admitted having been a member of the Klan in Alabama for several years.

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*Enclosure*

cc Director of Special Investigations (w/Enclosure)  
The Inspector General  
Department of the Air Force  
Building Tempo E  
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Washington, D. C.

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cc Director of Naval Intelligence (w/Enclosure)  
Department of the Navy  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

cc Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins 12/11/56

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(w/Enclosure)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

August 28, 1956

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1, contact with whom has been insufficient to determine his reliability, but who is a member of the "Ku Klux Klan," advised on August 27, 1956, that a public rally of the "Ku Klux Klan" was held at Midfield, Alabama, on the night of August 24, 1956. It is noted that Midfield is halfway between Bessemer and Birmingham, Alabama.

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Birmingham T-1 said that there were approximately 500 people present at the rally and that approximately 200 to 250 robed Klansmen participated. Birmingham T-1 said there were several Klansmen present from Atlanta, Georgia, stating that most of the Klansmen came from the Birmingham area, particularly from Industrial City Klan No. 31 Ensley, Alabama. T-1 said [redacted] both prominent Klansmen from Atlanta, Georgia, made speeches and that a [redacted] a local minister whose first name is unknown to informant, addressed the gathering. Birmingham T-1 said one of the speakers was introduced as a "Mr. X". T-1 stated he ascertained from another Klansman present that "Mr. X" was [redacted] [redacted] of the Alabama Citizens Council with headquarters at Birmingham, Alabama. T-1 said that acting upon this information, he subsequently approached the individual introduced as "Mr. X" and addressed him as [redacted]. He said [redacted] acknowledged the salutation and stated that he was a member of the "Ku Klux Klan" in Alabama and had been for several years. Informant T-1 was not positive as to the name of the town where [redacted] is a member, but believes it is Cullman, Alabama. [redacted] said that he was considering transferring his membership in the Klan to a Birmingham klavern. T-1 said [redacted] made a strong speech in favor of segregation, and stated that [redacted] is a very fluent and effective speaker, in his opinion.

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RE: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL

August 28, 1956

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-2, contact with whom has been insufficient to determine his reliability, but who is a member of the Tarrant City "Ku Klux Klan," advised on August 27, 1956, that he attended a "Ku Klux Klan" rally at Midfield, Alabama. T-2 stated he is positive that the man who was introduced as "Mr. X" at the Midfield meeting is actually [redacted] Executive Secretary of the Alabama Citizens Council. Birmingham T-2 said this individual had large, dark-colored glasses and a "Ku Klux Klan" cap on his head, and that he, T-2, could not see enough of his face to identify him by his appearance, however, he stated that he has heard [redacted] speak many times at various segregation rallies in the past and he is positive that "Mr. X" is identical with [redacted]

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Birmingham Confidential Informant T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 27, 1956, that he ascertained through a member of the "Ku Klux Klan" that the "Mr. X" who spoke in the robes of a Klansman at the Midfield rally is identical with [redacted]

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Birmingham T-1, mentioned above, advised that the Midfield rally created quite a bit of interest and that the Alabama Highway Patrol had to direct traffic on the Bessemer Super Highway to prevent congestion. T-1 said no trouble or disturbance of any kind was encountered during this rally. Birmingham T-1 said he also ascertained that several Klansmen were present at this rally from Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Warrior, Alabama, and from Tarrant City, Alabama. T-1 further advised that on Sunday, August 26, 1956, several members of Industrial City Klavern No. 31 visited a church at Calera, Alabama. T-1 said information had been received by Klavern No. 31 that the minister at this church in Calera had been preaching in favor of integration of the races.

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Attached <sup>are</sup> 2 copies of August issues "The Southerner".  
 we did not receive any copies for June and July at our P.O. Box 1808 - discreet inquiries will be made to determine if a June & July issue was published. However it would appear that one or both of these would have been received at P.O. Box 1808 -

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5-1 (Rev. 4-17-56)

Date: August 24, 1956

To: SAC, Birmingham (# 105-364 )

From: Director, FBI (# 105-45763-)  
Attention: Central Research Section

Subject: Alabama Citizens Council  
Internal Security - X

Publication "The Southerner"

- ( ) Advise Bureau re status of subscription.
- ( ) Not necessary to forward issues listed below:
- () Forward following issues by routing slip:

June 1956 # 4

July 1956 # 5

As far as can be determined June & July  
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with copies as soon as possible.

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J. A. [Signature]

(Place your reply on this form and return to the Bureau.  
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TITLE OF CASE  <b>CHANGED: <u>KLAN INFILTRATION INTO ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL</u></b>		Report made by <b>CHARLES B. STANBERY</b>	Typed By: <b>MFL</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - X</b>	

**Synopsis:**

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[Redacted] Executive Secretary, Alabama Citizens Council, spoke at a U. S. Klan rally on 8-24-56, at Midfield, Ala., in support of segregation of the races. [Redacted] was dressed in Klan robe and was introduced as "Mr. X." Confidential source advised [Redacted] stated he, [Redacted] is currently a member of the U. S. Klans of Alabama. [Redacted] spoke at "anti-Negro" rally at Clinton, Tenn., 8-31-56, according to Birmingham newspaper. According to "Birmingham News", the Clinton High School had accepted 12 Negro students and integration of the school was being attempted.

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**DETAILS: AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

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The title of this case is being marked "Changed" to show Klan infiltration into the Alabama Citizens Council, inasmuch as information has been received that [Redacted] Executive Secretary of captioned group, spoke at a U. S. Klan

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~~As in Exhibit 1~~  
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On July 10, 1956, [redacted] member of the Tarrant City Citizens Council, voluntarily advised that to the best of his knowledge the following councils are affiliated with the Alabama Citizens Council, of which [redacted] is Executive Secretary:

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Woodlawn Citizens Council  
Warrior Citizens Council  
Corner Citizens Council  
East Lake Citizens Council  
Anniston Citizens Council  
Central Park Citizens Council

[redacted] stated these may not be all the councils affiliated with [redacted] and captioned group, but in his opinion captioned group has lost several councils which have affiliated with the Citizens Council of Alabama with headquarters in Montgomery. [redacted] stated that the Tarrant City Citizens Council is affiliated with the latter group.

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Birmingham Confidential Informant T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 6, 1956, that he has heard that [redacted] was in the U. S. Navy during World War II. T-3 said [redacted] was employed at a radio station in Yazoo City, Mississippi, date unknown, and was subsequently employed by a radio station at Anniston, Alabama.

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The "Birmingham News", a daily newspaper, published an article on September 1, 1956, entitled "Segregationist Mob Attacks Cars in Clinton." The story was attributed to the Associated Press, was datelined Clinton, Tennessee, September 1, 1956, and said, among other things, "The mob had been fired to fever pitch early in the evening after ASA CARTER, head of the North Alabama Citizens Council, arrived from Birmingham and loosed a tirade against integration, the United States Supreme Court, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, but nobody moved to stop him immediately as they had against JOHN KASPER, 26-year-old segregation exponent from Washington, D. C...." The article

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continued, "CARTER, who spoke to a crowd estimated by police at more than 1,000, at Anderson County (Tennessee) Courthouse lawn, said his purpose in coming here--and apparently he fulfilled it--was to organize an anti-integration White Citizens Council. After he spoke to applause and cheers (there were no boos) the crowd lined up at the side of the courthouse to sign up as members."

In connection with the above mentioned article, the "Birmingham News" published an Associated Press wirephoto with the following caption, "Mob Rushes Carload of Negro Tourists in Clinton, Tennessee, where High School has Integrated. Unruly Crowd Fired to New Frenzy by Speech of ASA CARTER, Alabama White Citizens Council Leader."

The "Birmingham News" indicated that the Clinton, Tennessee High School had accepted 12 Negro students for enrollment and that integration of the high school was underway.

According to an article in the "Birmingham Post-Herald," a daily newspaper, for July 13, 1956, ASA CARTER sued the Montgomery, Alabama "Advertiser" for \$150,000.00. The article stated: "CARTER alleged in the suit that an editorial carried in the morning daily caused him to suffer great mental anguish and damage to his character when it referred to him as a loathsome Fuehrer as a Citizens Council leader. The term 'Fuehrer', the suit complained, compared CARTER to the Nazi dictator, ADOLF HITLER."

On August 3, 1956, State Senator SAM<sup>11</sup> ENGELHARDT, Montgomery, Alabama, Executive Secretary of the Citizens Councils of Alabama, advised that [redacted] was born near [redacted]

[redacted] before coming to Birmingham in 1952. ENGELHARDT said [redacted] became associated with a so-called "States Rights Movement" called the Thomas Jefferson League. This group held a number of meetings at the Jefferson County Courthouse, Birmingham, in 1953, and early 1954, before it was denied space by the County Commission on the grounds that it was "too political", according to

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ENGELHARDT. On April 2, 1956, [redacted] made application to register as a voter in Jefferson County, ENGELHARDT said, and stated in his sworn affidavit that he had never been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, had never belonged to any Communist group and had never advocated the overthrow of the government. ENGELHARDT said he declined to permit his fingerprints to be taken and as a consequence, was not permitted to register.

ENGELHARDT said he believes there is some connection between Alabama Citizens Councils headed by [redacted] and the National Renaissance Party. He said that in April 1956, [redacted] owner of a book store in Washington, D. C., visited in Alabama and visited ENGELHARDT for the purpose of enlisting ENGELHARDT's aid in nominating Admiral JOHN CROMMELIN, retired, for the U. S. Senate in primary elections of May, 1956. Senator ENGELHARDT said that [redacted] during the month of April 1956, caused to be brought or sent into Alabama 200,000 copies of a publication called "Common Sense" accompanied by a throw-away type of publication captioned "The Coming Red Dictatorship". ENGELHARDT said he believes the latter leaflet was published by the National Renaissance Party. ENGELHARDT said that [redacted] visited [redacted] in Washington, D. C., sometime during the Spring of 1956, for the purpose of securing his backing in the nomination of Admiral CROMMELIN.

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T-1: [redacted] [redacted] PSI				BH 105-364-74
T-2: [redacted] [redacted] PSI			[redacted] orally.	BH 105-364-74
T-3: [redacted] [redacted] (Requested)				BH 105-364-69

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THE KNOXVILLE DIVISION: (INFORMATION)

One copy of instant report is being furnished Knoxville inasmuch as activity of [redacted] at Clinton, Tennessee, concerns that office.

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THE MOBILE DIVISION: (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished the Mobile Office for information inasmuch as it contains reference to the Citizens Council of Alabama, which has headquarters in Montgomery, Alabama.

THE BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

At Birmingham, Alabama

Will follow and report activity of the Alabama Citizens Council.

REFERENCE: Report of SA CHARLES B. STANBERY, Birmingham, dated June 20, 1956.

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SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

September 26, 1956

Director, FBI (105-45763)

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KLAN INFILTRATION INTO ALABAMA  
CITIZENS COUNCIL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

DATE 9-25-96 BY SP3BJ/ROS  
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Rerep of Special Agent Charles B. Stanbery dated  
September 12, 1956.

In rerep on pages 1 and 2 information is set forth showing that [redacted] spoke at a meeting of the U. S. Klans on August 24, 1956. Immediately thereafter in the report you included a statement to the effect that the Ku Klux Klan has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. There is no organization in existence at the present time known as the Ku Klux Klan and, therefore, in reports submitted in the future it is desired that you show through statements by sources or informants the affiliation between the U. S. Klans of Alabama and the Associated Klans of America which has been designated by the Attorney General and then set forth in the report a statement to the effect that the Associated Klans of America has been so designated.

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On page 5 of rerep information is set forth attributed to State Senator Sam Englehardt to the effect that there is a connection between the Alabama Citizens Councils and the National Renaissance Party inasmuch as Englehardt believes the National Renaissance Party publishes "Common Sense," issues of which have been distributed in Alabama.

For your information "Common Sense" is a publication of the Christian Educational Association of Union, New Jersey, and the National Renaissance Party is a New York City organization which publishes the "National Renaissance Bulletin." Although these organizations have similar views they are not affiliated.

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October 3, 1956

Director, FBI (105-45763)

ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL  
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Rerep of Special Agent Charles B. Stanbery  
dated April 24, 1956.

On page 3, last paragraph, line 4 of rerep  
anti-Semitic is misspelled. On page 5, paragraph 2,  
line 15 the word jeopardize is misspelled.

Bureau copies of rerep have been corrected.  
You are instructed to correct your copies accordingly.  
It will not be necessary to advise outside agencies  
to which copies of this report were disseminated of  
these corrections.

These misspelled words are errors of form  
and should be handled in accordance with instructions  
set forth in SAC Letter 55-21 A3.

NOTE ONYYELLOW:

The above-mentioned errors were found by  
an Inspector during the September, 1956, inspection.  
Bureau copies have been corrected in ink. The Supervisor  
at the Seat of Government has been charged with form errors.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	Office of Origin <b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	Date <b>11/16/56</b>	Investigative Period <b>9/14;10/19,29/56</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>KLAN INFILTRATION INTO - ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL</b>		Report made by <b>CHARLES B. STANBERY</b>	Typed By: <b>MFL</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - X</b>	

**Synopsis:**

[redacted] Executive Secretary, Alabama Citizens Council, spoke at Charlottesville, Va. on 9-3-56 in favor of segregation. [redacted] official, Citizens Council of D. C., spoke at Central Park Theatre, Birmingham, headquarters of Alabama Citizens Council on night of 9-13-56. [redacted] also spoke on this occasion and both men favored segregation. [redacted] apparently cooperated in Alabama, but confidential source states they "split up" while [redacted] was in Birmingham. On 9-23-56, [redacted] was denied use of a public park at Fountain City, Tenn. [redacted] has been chief organizer of new militant-type Klan known as Ku Klux Klan of the Confederacy. On 10-27-56, [redacted] led a group of approximately 35 men in entering the "Order of the Blood", a part of the Ku Klux Klan of the Confederacy.

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**DETAILS:** AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

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[REDACTED] SPEAKS AGAINST INTEGRATION AT  
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The "Birmingham News", a local daily newspaper, for September 4, 1956, carried an article which stated that ASA CARTER spoke to a pro-segregationist audience of about 250 at Charlottesville, Virginia on September 3, 1956. CARTER allegedly said, "It's up to you to stand and see that the Negro is not going to enter your schools." The article described ASA CARTER as Executive Secretary of the North Alabama White Citizens Council. CARTER allegedly said, "We know if Virginia falls, the whole South will be in danger." He said that Alabama and the rest of the South looked to Virginia for leadership in resisting integration. The article quoted CARTER as stating that he was willing to "put his blood on the ground" to avoid integration. A further quote was "They don't build a Federal Government big enough to integrate my children."

ACTIVITY OF [REDACTED]  
OFFICIAL OF CITIZENS COUNCIL OF DISTRICT  
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Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1, contact with whom has been insufficient to determine his reliability, but who holds a responsible position in Birmingham, advised on September 14, 1956, that [REDACTED] above mentioned, and [REDACTED] official of the White Citizens Council of the District of Columbia, made speeches at a rally at the Central Park Theatre, Birmingham, on the night of September 13, 1956. It is noted that the Central Park Theatre is headquarters for the Alabama Citizens Council, of which [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] T-1 said [REDACTED] appeared first on the program and made a speech favoring segregation; that approximately four to five hundred persons were present. T-1 said that at the end of the speech, 15 robed and hooded Klansmen appeared and shook hands with [REDACTED] According to T-1, [REDACTED] said he was deeply honored by the presence of these men and such groups as the Klan "are needed to preserve segregation." T-1 said that [REDACTED] is in Alabama as the guest of [REDACTED] above mentioned. T-1 said that [REDACTED] made a speech favoring segregation and he recalls [REDACTED] stating that segregation must be maintained at all cost.

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Informant T-1 said that according to information he received, [redacted] "split up" while [redacted] was in Alabama, ostensibly the guest of [redacted]

[redacted] SPEAKS IN TENNESSEE

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The "Birmingham Post-Herald", a local newspaper, for September 24, 1956, carried an article by the United Press, datelined at Knoxville, Tennessee, September 23, 1956. This article stated that ASA CARTER was denied the use of a public park at Fountain City, a suburb of Knoxville. CARTER allegedly said, while standing on the edge of the highway, that "they are taking away our free speech and treating us like Negroes." The article said that some 75 persons heard CARTER and JOHN KASPER, above mentioned, make sidewalk speeches. Knox County Sheriff PAUL LILLY allegedly told CARTER that he could speak on the sidewalk from the bumper of a car parked near the sidewalk, "as long as you don't block traffic." According to this article, CARTER urged the crowd to organize White Citizens Councils to "get rid of two-bit punk politicians who were being used in the South to put through mongrelization."

[redacted] ORGANIZES KU KLUX KLAN OF THE CONFEDERACY

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On October 19, 1956, Birmingham Confidential Informant T-2, of unknown reliability, but who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised [redacted] of the Alabama Citizens Council, to attend a meeting at the Central Park Theatre, Birmingham, on the night of October 18, 1956. T-2 said he arrived at the Central Park Theatre about 7:15 p.m. and the meeting started at approximately 7:30 p.m. T-2 said that [redacted] presided at this meeting. According to T-2, [redacted] said that it was time to organize a new Klan group based upon the original Klan organization founded by NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST after the Civil War. [redacted] said that the new organization would be one of action and not merely a political group. He explained that the new organization would be tentatively known as the Ku Klux Klan of the Confederacy and that it will have three oaths, one of which will be a "blood oath." According to T-2, [redacted] further said that in the near

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future a meeting would be held "in the mountains" where the "blood oath" would be administered by cutting the flesh of every applicant and spilling his blood upon the ground.

T-2 said there were approximately 50 men at the above mentioned meeting; that [redacted] extended the invitation to all Klansmen who were members of another Klan organization to join the new group. T-2 said that [redacted] informed the crowd that all men who are now members of a Klan group can transfer into the Ku Klux Klan of the Confederacy without paying any dues, but that after ten days from the date of instant meeting, the initiation fee would be \$10.00. T-2 said that many of the men present at this meeting were unknown to him; that some of them were pretty "rough". T-2 said that everyone present with the exception of three or four individuals appeared to be armed with a revolver. T-2 said he noticed [redacted] in the Anniston Citizens Council and [redacted]

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[redacted] present at this meeting. T-2 said he also noticed the following individuals present at this meeting whom he knows personally: [redacted]

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[redacted] a Klansman from Bessemer, Alabama; [redacted] member of Klavern No. 15, Tarrant, Alabama, U. S. Klans of Alabama, and a large white man from the Ensley section of Birmingham, who T-2 believes is a [redacted] T-2 said that [redacted] new Klan organization will have white robes patterned on the old Klan and that the headdress would be somewhat different from that of present Klan organizations. He said the headdress would be a white helmet with a large spike in the center, similar to the original Ku Klux Klan regalia.

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T-2 said he also noticed at this meeting [redacted] "The Southerner", a magazine published by [redacted] and the Alabama Citizens Council. / / /

On October 29, 1956, T-2, above mentioned, advised that he had attended an initiation ceremony of the Ku Klux Klan of the Confederacy in a rural area near Chalkville, Alabama, on the night of October 27, 1956. T-2 said he recognized [redacted] at this initiation ceremony by his general build and by his voice, and that [redacted] as well as

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all of the others present, wore hoods over the face. T-2 said he was initiated into the "Order of the Blood" with 34 other men on this night. He said that [redacted] led the ceremony. T-2 said that the principal part of the ceremony was the cutting of the arm of each man with a sharp bayonet. T-2 said each man was handed the bayonet and he was supposed to cut his own arm, but that one or two individuals apparently could not cut themselves and other Klansmen had to do it for them. T-2 said that each man wrote his initials in blood on a piece of paper and then the pieces of paper were thrown into a large bonfire. He said what appeared to be skulls were placed around the edge of the fire. T-2 said there was almost absolute silence during the long initiation ceremony, which lasted until after midnight.

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T-1: [redacted] [redacted]				105-364-84
T-2: [redacted]	Re meeting at Central Park, 10-18-56		b6 b7C b7D	[redacted]
"	Re initiation KKK of the Confederacy 10-27-56.			

Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed and "T" symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identity of the sources must be concealed.

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THE BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

At Birmingham, Alabama

Will follow and report activities of subject organization.

REFERENCE: Report of SA CHARLES B. STANBERY, Birmingham, dated September 12, 1956.

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Routing Slip  
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Title *Alabama Citizens Council - DS-X*

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attached are 2 copies of Vol I, # 7 "The Southerner" published by captioned organization. *105-45763-3* Come out infrequently as the REDED occupied with organizing a new Klan group in Birmingham.

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KLAN INFILTRATION OF THE ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL, IS - X.

ReBulet to Atlanta dated December 13, 1956, captioned "Citizens Councils, Internal Security - X."

Review of Bufiles fails to reflect communication from your office closing case on the captioned organization. In the event this case has not been closed you are instructed to do so immediately. If communication has been sent closing advise Bureau date and caption.

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ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL  
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Reurairtel dated February 19, 1957.

Cases on captioned organization and Klan  
Infiltration into the Citizens' Councils of Alabama  
should be closed and RUCd, respectively.

The submission of the monthly summary of  
information concerning citizens councils should be  
followed through an administrative tickler.

cc Bufile 105-33955 (Klan Infiltration into the Citizens'  
Councils of Alabama)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Birmingham advised two citizens council cases  
being maintained in a pending status for purpose of  
submitting a monthly summary. No investigation is being  
conducted on either of these cases. Mobile is origin  
in one of these cases. Birmingham is origin in the other.

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Above captioned file, as well as Birmingham file "KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, AKA ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, IS-X," BU File 105-33955, BH file 105-272, have been maintained in a pending status for administrative purposes and the submission of the monthly letter on Citizens Councils. If this is not in accord with Bureau desires, please advise.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-45763)

DATE: 2-28-57

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FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

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SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION OF THE  
ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL  
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Rebulet 2-26-57.

In accordance with instructions in referenced letter, instant file is being closed in Birmingham Office. Submission of the monthly summary of information will be handled by administrative tickler.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-45763)

DATE: 2-28-57

5-1 to Birmingham 3/21/57 requesting the  
Nov. 1956, Dec. 1956, Jan. 1957, Feb. 1957 issues  
of "The Southerner": Ann.B.

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FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-272)

SUBJECT: *0*  
KLAN INFILTRATION INTO  
CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
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Rebulet, 2-26-57, captioned "Klan Infiltration of the Alabama Citizens Council; Internal Security - X".

In accordance with instructions in referenced letter, instant file is being RUC'd in Birmingham Office. Submission of the monthly summary of information will be handled by administrative tickler.

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TO : Director, FBI (105-45763)

DATE: March 27, 1957

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FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA  
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Re Bureau form 5-1, dated 3/21/57.

[redacted] has advised that [redacted] has ceased publication of "The Southerner".

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This office subscribed to "The Southerner" on June 14, 1956, for one year. Volume I, #7 for September - October, 1956, is the last issue received by this office.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-45763)

DATE: 4-10-58

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FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

SUBJECT: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS  
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Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning certain leaflets allegedly distributed by the Tarrant Educational Citizens Council, 5341 - 57th Street North, Birmingham. These leaflets were received on April 1, 1958, by mail from [redacted]

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[redacted] who is Confidential Informant T-1 in instant letterhead memorandum.

Enclosed also for the information of the Bureau is the leaflet received from this source entitled "FBI Reveals Menace of Integration."

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- ② - Bureau (Encls-9) (RM)
- 1 - St. Louis (Encl-1) (RM)
- 1 - Memphis (Encls-1) RM
- 4 - Birmingham (105-364)  
(105-241) (Citizens Councils)  
(105-281) (Tarrant Citizens Council)  
(100-1223) (NAACP)

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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300 American Life Building  
Birmingham 3, Alabama  
April 10, 1958

ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS

On April 1, 1958, Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1, with whom contact has been insufficient to determine his reliability, furnished a leaflet captioned "Reds to Back NAACP." This leaflet praises the American Legion and its publication, "The Firing Line". It mentions that this publication, "The Firing Line," brings facts before the public's attention that newspapers often overlook or do not receive. The leaflet cites the issue of March 15th and states this issue contains interesting passages on relationship of the Communist Party of the United States to the many Communist front enterprises which play so vital a role in its attack on society. This leaflet indicates that the Communist Party intends to penetrate such "liberal-socialist" organizations as the NAACP (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE).

Informant T-1 furnished a four-page leaflet allegedly published by the National Citizens Protective Association, 3154a South Grand or P. O. Box 156, St. Louis, Missouri. This four-page leaflet concerned Uniform Crime Reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was headed, "FBI Reveals Menace of Integration - Negro Crime Increases." An opening paragraph read:

"The following figures on negro crime were taken from the Annual Bulletin of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, Director. The figures are based on 1,861,764 arrests in 1,477 cities and towns of more than 2,500 population comprising a total of 41,792,800 people. The figures are based on arrests made during 1955 of White and negroes and do not include Indians, Orientals, Filipinos and non-White Mexicans. The FBI's numerical figures were broken down into percentages by the "White Sentinel."

It is noted that this four-page leaflet further identifies the "White Sentinel" as follows: "For further

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RE: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS

information on the menace of racial integration, read 'The White Sentinel' and the 'White American News Service' each month. Subscription rates are \$2.00 a year. The 'White American News Service' is sent free of charge to all 'White Sentinel' subscribers." Other topics in this leaflet are: "Arrests by Race, 1956, as Reported by The FBI;" "24% Increase in Negro Crime During 1956;" and "Negro Crime Explodes Racial Equality Myth."

T-1 also furnished a one-page leaflet allegedly published by the Association of Citizens Councils, 207 West Market Street, Greenwood, Mississippi, entitled "Venereal Disease Infections by State and Race". This leaflet sets forth the venereal disease infections according to white and Negro infections and the percentages. It also treats illegitimate births in various states in the same manner.

This is furnished for your information and should not be disseminated to unauthorized persons or agencies.

Enclosure to the Bureau: (105-45763)

From SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

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## Arrests by Race, 1956, as Reported by The FBI

- 74% arrested for gambling were negroes
- 68% arrested for aggravated assault were negroes
- 66% arrested for murder were negroes
- 61% arrested for dope violations were negroes
- 53% arrested for possession of weapons were negroes
- 52% arrested for robbery were negroes
- 48% arrested for prostitution and vice were negroes
- 46% arrested for all other assaults were negroes
- 45% arrested for rape were negroes
- 42% arrested for liquor violations were negroes
- 41% arrested for receiving stolen property were negroes
- 41% arrested for disorderly conduct were negroes
- 37% arrested for suspicion were negroes
- 33% arrested for offenses against family were negroes
- 31% arrested for larceny were negroes
- 31% arrested for all other offenses were negroes
- 30% arrested for burglaries were negroes
- 30% arrested for all other sex offenses were negroes
- 27% arrested for vagrancy were negroes
- 24% arrested for drunkenness were negroes
- 23% arrested for manslaughter by negligence were negroes
- 22% arrested for auto theft were negroes
- 19% arrested for embezzlement and fraud were negroes
- 17% arrested for drunken driving were negroes
- 15% arrested for forgery and counterfeiting were negroes

### • NEGRO CRIME EXPLODES RACIAL EQUALITY MYTH

For years the egg-heads, do-gooders, 'liberals' and Communists have told America all that was needed to make a negro 'equal' to a White man was to give him integration, education and jobs. The negro has more integration, more and better education and jobs than ever before, yet he committed 24% more crime than ever before. The more and better education and jobs the White man gives the negro, the more murder, rapes, assaults, robberies, dope, prostitution and vice he indulges in.

This fact is so obvious that even the race-mixers have changed their tune. Since every negro has the opportunity to go to school and get a job, and yet is still not 'equal,' the race-mixers now concentrate on integration and 'civil rights' laws against alleged 'discrimination' of negroes. The reason the negro still isn't 'equal' and actually is getting worse, is that he hasn't been totally integrated into White society and is being 'discriminated against.' The alarming negro crime increase is directly attributable to the propaganda for racial equality, integration, civil rights laws being spread by politicians, press and clergymen. They tell the negro the reason he still isn't as intelligent and successful as, or 'equal' to, the Whites is because he is being 'discriminated against.' This incites and inflames him to hatred and violence and enables him to blame all his sins and shortcomings on the White man. If integration were the answer, then open all the prisons, integrate the inmates into White society and they too would become 'equal' with self-respecting, law-abiding Whites. Segregation is the answer and is needed nationally. The negro has proven by his actions that he is not fit to be integrated with the White man.

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## FBI Reveals Menace of Integration

### NEGRO CRIME INCREASES

The following figures on negro crime were taken from the Annual Bulletin of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, Director. The figures are based on 1,861,764 arrests in 1,477 cities and towns of more than 2,500 population comprising a total of 41,792,800 people. The figures are based on arrests made during 1955 of White and negroes and do not include Indians, Orientals, Filipinos and non-White Mexicans. The FBI's numerical figures were broken down into percentages by the *White Sentinel*.

I suppose you know you're being given credit for this -

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### NEGROES LESS THAN 10% OF TOTAL POPULATION

The 1950 census reported negroes comprised less than 10% of the population of the United States, yet in every category the negro commits far in excess of 10% of the crimes. Not one newspaper or magazine in the country has carried the above information and every attempt has been made to suppress the facts on negro crime. Although these figures are supposed to be 'public,' repeated letters to the FBI requesting a copy of its Annual Bulletin failed to elicit even a reply. It was necessary to appeal to Senator James O. Eastland in order to secure a copy. With propaganda for integration and race-mixing deluging the country, the above figures should be made known to every White person in America.

The crime statistics, high venereal disease rates, the consistently subnormal averages on all intelligence and aptitude tests of the negro explode the myth of 'racial equality.' Integration with the negro can only result in lowering the mental, moral and physical standards of our country. The racial integration being promoted by pulpit, press and politicians is a crime against both God and man.

For further information on the menace of racial integration, read *The White Sentinel* and the *White American News Service* each month. Subscription rates are \$2.00 a year. The *White American News Service* is sent free of charge to all *White Sentinel* subscribers.

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## 24% INCREASE IN NEGRO

### CRIME DURING 1956

The following figures on negro crime committed during 1956 were taken from the Annual Bulletin of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, Director. The figures are based on 2,070,794 arrests in 1,551 cities and towns of more than 2,500 population comprising a total of 41,919,052 people. The figures are based on arrests made during 1956 of Whites and negroes and do not include Indians, Orientals, Filipinos and non-White Mexicans. Only 350 Orientals were reported as charged with crimes. Ninety percent of Indians arrested were charged with offenses involving liquor and/or disorderly conduct. The 634,022 negroes arrested in the above mentioned 1,551 cities and towns represented a 24% increase over the FBI's 1955 figures. White arrests increased only 6%. The FBI's numerical figures were broken down into percentages by the National Citizens Protective Association.

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