

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
AND
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA SIXTEENTH
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
BOMBING/SEPTEMBER 15, 1963**

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SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
BOMBING/SEPTEMBER 15, 1963

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URGENT 9-15-63 1-27 PM CST GDM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, ATLANTA, KNOXVILLE, JACKSONVILLE, TAMPA,
MEMPHIS, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS AND SAVANNAH

FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157 NEW/

UNSUBS, BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM,
ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN INSTANT. BM.

AT ABOUT TEN NINETEEN A. M. CST, THIS DATE SIXTEENTH STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH, SIXTEENTH STREET AND SIX AVENUE NORTH, BIRMINGHAM
BOMBED. CHURCH IS LARGE NEGRO CHURCH IN WHICH MANY PRO DASH
INTEGRATION DEMONSTRATIONS HELD BIRMINGHAM, THIS YEAR. ALL OFFICES
IMMEDIATELY ASCERTAIN WHEREABOUTS OF BOMBING SUSPECTS.

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The Attorney General

September 16, 1963

Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Lavin
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans

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

The 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, in which many pro-integration demonstrations have been held during the past year, was bombed at approximately 10:19 a.m., Central Standard Time, September 15, 1963.

Four Negro children, ^{all Ala.} Carol Robertson, Addie Collins and Cynthia Wesley, all aged 14, and Denise McNair, aged 10, reportedly died as a result of the bombing. In addition, 18 persons were injured. These consisted of 9 Negro males, 5 Negro females and 2 white females.

The rear end of the church was badly damaged. A fire marshal in Birmingham advised that in his opinion, approximately 10 sticks of dynamite had been dropped on the road surface near the church and ignited with a fuse-type igniter. He estimated the damage to the church at \$20,000 to \$30,000.

Our Birmingham Office immediately instituted a full investigation into this bombing. Investigation is proceeding with all possible speed and the Department will be advised of pertinent developments.

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Burke Marshall
Assistant Attorney General

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SEE MEMO ROSEN TO BELMONT 9/16/63, SAME
CAPTION, JCT:ers.

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REC'D BELMONT

SENT FROM D. O.
TIME 9:10 AM
DATE 9-16-63
BY [Signature]

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URGENT

TO SACS BIRMINGHAM AND MOBILE
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

UNSUB; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYTHREE. BOMBING MATTER.

IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION IN CAPTIONED BOMBING FOLLOWING LEADS SHOULD BE COVERED. PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE SHOULD BE MAINTAINED TONIGHT AND FOR NEXT SEVERAL DAYS IN VICINITY OF CHURCH BOMBED TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE. WHILE MANY CURIOSITY SEEKERS MAY COME INTO AREA, PAST EXPERIENCE INDICATES THAT FREQUENTLY THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR BOMBINGS WILL RETURN TO SCENE TO OBSERVE DESTRUCTION FOR WHICH THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE. CHECK ALL MOTELS, SERVICE STATIONS, RESTAURANTS, TAXI CAB COMPANIES, BUS COMPANIES AND ANY OTHER SERVICE COMPANIES WHOSE EMPLOYEES MAY REGULARLY BE IN AREA OF CHURCH ON SUNDAY MORNINGS TO OBTAIN LEADS RE ANY SUSPICIOUS PERSONS WHO MAY HAVE BEEN IN AREA AT PERTINENT TIME. IN CONNECTION WITH DYNAMITE SURVEY TO BE CONDUCTED, ALSO CHECK ANY RECENT THEFTS OF DYNAMITE WHICH MAY BE PERTINENT TO INSTANT CASE. IN ADDITION TO CHECKING KLAN AND HATE GROUP MEMBERS, DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF ASA CARTER AND OTHER LOGICAL SUSPECTS IN VOLUNTEERS FOR ALABAMA

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TELETYPE TO SAC, BIRMINGHAM
RE: UNSUB; BOMBING MATTER

AND WALLACE. IN THIS CONNECTION DETERMINE WHETHER ANY KLAN OR HATE GROUP MEMBERS AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF VAW OWN RURAL OR OTHER PROPERTY OF A NATURE WHERE EXPLOSIVES MIGHT BE SECRETED. IF ANY DYNAMITE CACHES DISCOVERED, CONDUCT COMPLETE CRIME SCENE SEARCH INCLUDING TAKING OF FOOTPRINTS, TIRE TRACKS, ETC. ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY TWO PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE SHOULD BE CONDUCTED AT APPROXIMATE HOURS OF BOMBINGS IN VICINITY OF CHURCH IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS WHO PASSED THROUGH THE AREA DURING PERTINENT PERIOD. IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO REGULARLY PASS THROUGH AREA AT PERTINENT TIME EN ROUTE TO WORK, CHURCH OR OTHER PURSUITS MAY HAVE OBSERVED INFORMATION OF VALUE TO INVESTIGATION. THESE INDIVIDUALS SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED THROUGH LICENSE TAGS AND SUBSEQUENTLY INTERVIEWED TO DETERMINE IF THEY HAVE INFORMATION OF VALUE TO INVESTIGATION. CHECK ANY CARS REPORTED STOLEN IN AREA DURING PERTINENT PERIOD PRIOR TO BOMBING. POSSIBLE SUCH VEHICLE MAY HAVE BEEN USED BY INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR DYNAMITING CHURCH. DETERMINE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THEFT AND PROCESS CAR FOR LATENTS AND RESIDUES, ETC. ADVISE IF PASTOR OR MEMBERS OF CHURCH HAVE RECEIVED ANONYMOUS THREATENING CALLS PRIOR TO BOMBING. IF SO, BEAR IN MIND POSSIBILITY OF MAKING VOICE RECORDINGS OF SUSPECTS SO INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING SUCH CALLS MAY LISTEN TO RECORDINGS OF SUSPECTS' VOICES IN EFFORT

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TELETYPE TO SAC, BIRMINGHAM
RE: UNSUB; BOMBING MATTER

TO IDENTIFY ANONYMOUS CALLER WHO MAY BE SUBJECT OR POSSESS
KNOWLEDGE OF INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR CRIME. THIS INVESTIGATION
MUST RECEIVE CONTINUOUS AND PREFERRED ATTENTION. YOU SHOULD
CRITICALLY EVALUATE YOUR PERSONNEL NEEDS ON A CONTINUING BASIS
AND IF YOU FEEL ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL NECESSARY, SUBMIT YOUR
RECOMMENDATIONS TOGETHER WITH APPROPRIATE JUSTIFICATION PROMPTLY.

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MO 10-00 PM CST OK FBI MO VFP

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TO SACS ATLANTA
BIRMINGHAM
KNOXVILLE
JACKSONVILLE
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MEMPHIS
MOBILE
NEW ORLEANS
SAVANNAH

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM,
ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYTHREE, BOMBING MATTERS, PAREN
OO BIRMINGHAM END PAREN.

REBHTEL NINE FIFTEEN SIXTYTHREE.

FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS PERTAIN TO ALL OFFICES. ALL KNOWN
KLANSMEN AND HATE-GROUP MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY NATIONAL STATES
RIGHTS PARTY MEMBERS, ARE TO BE INTERVIEWED AS WELL AS BOMBING SUS-
PECTS. PRINCIPAL LEADERS IN KLAN AND HATE GROUP SHOULD BE INTER-
VIEWED WHEN SUFFICIENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AS OF
THEIR WHEREABOUTS AT PERTINENT TIME AND INTERVIEW IS DEEMED APPRO-
PRIATE. ALL OFFICES AT FIRST SHOULD SINGLE OUT KLAN MEMBERS AND
HATE-GROUP MEMBERS WHO WOULD MOST LOGICALLY DEPLORE INSTANT BOMBING

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TELETYPE TO SACS ATLANTA

RE: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

AND WOULD MOST LIKELY FURNISH INFORMATION.

ALL OFFICES SUTEL DAILY NUMBER OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PERTINENT INFORMATION OBTAINED, AND NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL PERSONS TO BE INTERVIEWED. NO INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED AFTER DUSK UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY AND DICTATED BY PERTINENT INFORMATION.

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8:30 PM
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AND WOULD MOST LIKELY FURNISH INFORMATION.

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PERTINENT INFORMATION OBTAINED, AND NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL PERSONS TO B
INTERVIEWED. NO INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED AFTER DUSK UNLESS
ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY AND DICTATED BY PERTINENT INFORMATION.

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END ACK PLS

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URGENT 9-15-63 1- 11-15 EST PP

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, SAVANNAH 1 P

UNSUBS, BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM,
ALA. SEPT. FIFTEEN, SIXTYTHREE, BOMBING MATTERS, OO BH.

REBHTEL SEPT. FIFTEEN SIXTYTHREE.

ATTEMPT MADE TO VERIFY WHEREABOUTS OF BOMBING SUSPECT

[REDACTED] SEPT. FIFTEEN SIXTYTHREE

WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEAREST

NEIGHBOR HAS NOT SEEN SUSPECT TODAY.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SUSPECTS

RESIDENCE LAST CHECKED ABOUT NINE THIRTY PM THIS DATE, NEGATIVELY.

SUSPECT WILL BE INTERVIEWED AT PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT MONDAY NEXT,

HIS WHEREABOUTS TODAY WILL BE DETERMINED AND VERIFIED.

BIRMINGHAM WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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- Casper _____
- Callahan _____
- Conrad _____
- DeLoach _____
- Evans _____
- Gale _____
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- Gandy _____

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 9-15-63

FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
 BOMBING OF 16th STREET
 BAPTIST CHURCH,
 BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
 SEPTEMBER 15, 1963
 BOMBING MATTER

2 Copies made
 for review by [unclear]
 Date 1-4-74

Supervisor [redacted] of the Liaison Section called this evening and furnished the following information.

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[redacted] desired to bring the information furnished by [redacted] to our attention in the event we had not received such information from other sources.

ACTION:

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Inspector Roy Moore was telephonically contacted, furnished the above information, and instructed to have [redacted] interviewed for all details in his position. Inspector Moore stated that this would be done and the results of the interview furnished promptly to the Bureau.

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URGENT 9-15-63 3-13 PM CST GDM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 3P

UNSUB, BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM,

ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. BM.

62c [REDACTED] UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,
TELEPHONED AND ADVISED FOLLOWING IS LIST OF INDIVIDUALS INJURED IN
CAPTIONED BOMBING, ALL FROM BIRMINGHAM UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

MILTON STOLLENVERCH, NEGRO MALE, THREE ONE FIVE TENTH COURT NORT

GEORGIA MC CARTAR, NEGRO MALE, TWO HUNDRED - FOURTH AVENUE SOUTH

AGE SIXTYFIVE. APPROX. 1898

REV. J. H. PULLEN, SIX FIVE TWO ZERO - FIFTYEIGHTH AVENUE NORTH,

NEGRO MALE.

CHARLES BRYANT, EIGHT TWO ONE - FIFTEENTH WAY, NORTH, NEGRO MALE

ELLA DENARD, EIGHT ZERO SEVEN - EIGHTEENTH WAY, SW, NEGRO FEMALE

AGE SEVENTY. APPROX. 1893

LYNN CROSS, NO ADDRESS, NEGRO FEMALE, AGE FOUR.

JOSEPH PARISH, TWO ONE - TENTH AVENUE, SOUTH, NEGRO MALE.

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SAM ZIEGLER, TWO ONE ONE ONE - ELEVENTH AVENUE, NORTH, NEGRO MALE, AGE SIXTYEIGHT. B. APPROX. 1895

GEORGIA JOHNSON, FOU R TWO NINE - SIXTH AVENUE NORTH, NEGRO FEMALE

POLLY ALLEN, NINE ZERO ONE ONE SOUTH ELIZABETH STREET, WHITE FEMALE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AGE TWENTYTWO. B. APPROX. 1941

JONATHAN JONES, THREE ZERO FOUR - TENTH AVENUE, SOUTH, NEGRO MALE, AGE TWELVE. B. APPROX. 1951

LILLIAN POLLARD, FIVE SEVEN - NINTH AVENUE NORTH, NEGRO FEMALE, AGE TWENTYFOUR. B. APPROX. 1939

SARA COLLINS, TWO THREE THREE - SIXTH COURT WEST, NEGRO FEMALE, AGE TEN. B. APPROX. 1953

WILLIAM GRIER, ONE ZERO ONE - ELEVENTH COURT WEST, NEGRO MALE, AGE FORTYNINE. B. APPROX. 1914

HELEN SALTER, ONE FIVE ZERO BROOKLANE DRIVE, WHITE FEMALE.

WILLIE SMITH, FOUR ZERO SEVEN - SEVENTH STREET, DOCENA, ALABAMA, NEGRO MALE, AGE FORTY. B. APPROX. 1923

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE REPORTED TO HAVE DIED IN ABOVE BOMBING.

CAROL ROBERTSON, ONE ZERO TWO ONE - NINTH STREET, NEGRO FEMALE, AGE SIXTEEN.

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ADDIE COLLINS, TWO THREE TWO - SIXTH COURT WEST, NEGRO FEMALE,
AGE FOURTEEN.

DENISE MC NAIR, ROUTE FOUR, BOX FIVE TWO FOUR, NEGRO FEMALE, AGE
ELEVEN.

CYNTHIA WESLEY, TWO TWO - ELEVENTH AVENUE NORTH, NEGRO FEMALE,
AGE FOURTEEN.

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URGENT 9-15-63 11-21 PM CST BS
TO - DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM - SAC, BIRMINGHAM 157-352 2P

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UNSUBS - BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYTHREE -- RM.

CONFIRMING MY PHONE CALL TEN P. M., CST, TODAY.

ONE. CRIME SCENE. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION CRIME SCENE.

REPRESENTATIVES FBI LAB CONFIRM OPINION LOCAL FIRE MARSHAL THAT HIGH ORDER EXPLOSIVE USED, POSSIBLY DYNAMITE, AT NORTHEAST CORNER OF CHURCH SIXTEENTH STREET SIDE, NEAR LOUNGE AREA. FOUR DEATHS, SIXTEEN INJURE AGENTS WILL REMAIN AT SCENE THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. PRELIMINARY CRIME SCENE SEARCH REVEALS FOOT BY FOOT SEARCH WILL BE NECESSARY. *RL*

TWO. INTERVIEWS. ALL IMMEDIATE INTERVIEWS WITH PEOPLE WHO THOUGHT THEY HAD INFORMATION OF IMPORTANCE HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. SECONDARY INTERVIEWS UNDERWAY INCLUDING PEOPLE WHO WERE IN AREA AND OWNERS OF CARS WHOSE LICENSES WERE RECORDED. *REC-105 157-1025-8 EX-117* SEP 16 1963

THREE. SUSPECTS. THOSE SUSPECTS WHOSE NAMES WERE GLEANED FROM THE FILES OF THE BIRMINGHAM OFFICE INCLUDING OTHERS FURNISHED BY INFORMERS UNDERWAY. THOSE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE HAVE BEEN COMPLETE

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*Rosen to Belmont 9/16
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~~CORRECTION LINE THREE FROM BOTTOM NEXT TO LAST WORD "CLEANED"~~

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FOUR. OVERALL SITUATION. TOWN IS SETTLING DOWN. CALLS BECOMING MORE INFREQUENT. TWO SHOOTING INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED. ONE REPORTED IN MY TEL THIS DATE INVOLVED SHOOTING OF NEGRO MALE, AGE SIXTEEN, ^{ALL} ~~ONE JOHNNY ROBINSON~~, ^{C. APPROX. 1947} ALLEGEDLY BY BIRMINGHAM POLICE OFFICERS IN CONNECTION WITH STONING OF AUTOMOBILE CONTAINING YOUTHFUL WHITE PERSONS. UNABLE TO VERIFY SECOND SHOOTING INCIDENT INVOLVING ONE ~~VIRGIL WARE~~. ^A POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS NO INFORMATION AT THIS TIME. THAT HOSPITAL WHERE PERSON SHOULD HAVE BEEN ADMITTED HAS NO RECORD. INQUIRIES CONTINUING. DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE JOHN NOLAN ADVISED BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS BY TELEPHONE.

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URGENT 9-15-63 4-56PM EST JDW

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM

FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-NEW/

UNSUBS. BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM,
ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN SIXTYTHREE. RM DASH BM.

SA-S [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] LEAVING FOR BIRMINGHAM
LATE THIS AFTERNOON IN TWO RADIO CARS, FBI FREQUENCY, WITH ONE
TYPEWRITER. BIRMINGHAM REQUESTED TO MAKE RESERVATIONS. AGENTS WILL
ARRIVE APPROXIMATELY TEN PM CST THIS DATE. BUREAU AND BIRMINGHAM
WILL BE ADVISED OF IDENTITY OF ATLANTA STENOGRAPHER AND TIME OF
ARRIVAL WHO WILL REPORT TO BIRMINGHAM SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN SIXTYTHREE
FOR TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT.

WHEREABOUTS ATLANTA BOMB SUSPECTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD
BEING ASCERTAINED.

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TO SACs, ATLANTA
BIRMINGHAM
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FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

UNSUBS, BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYTHREE. BM

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, CHARLOTTE

UNSUBS - BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYTHREE, RACIAL MATTERS,
BOMBING MATTERS.

RETELCALL FROM MR. HYDE OF BUREAU TO SAC, CHARLOTTE (THIS
AFTERNOON.

SAS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WILL DEPART CHARLOTTE
VIA BUCAR WITH RADIO FOR BIRMINGHAM APPROXIMATELY SEVEN PM THIS
EVENING, SHOULD ARRIVE BIRMINGHAM APPROXIMATELY NOON TOMORROW. STENO
[REDACTED] WILL DEPART CHARLOTTE TWELVE FIFTEEN PM TOMORROW
VIA EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT SEVEN NAUGHT ONE, WILL ARRIVE BIRMINGHAM
TWO TWENTYSIX PM, CST. TYPEWRITER FOR [REDACTED] WILL BE CARRIED
TO BIRMINGHAM BY ABOVE AGENTS. **REC-52157-1025-11**

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URGENT 9-15-63 6-37 PM EST PP
TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
ATTENTION. MR. HYDE.

FROM SAC, SAVANNAH
UNSUBS, BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM,
ALABAMA, SEPT. FIFTEEN INSTANT. BM.

FOLLOWING SA-S DEPARTING FOR BIRMINGHAM....

SA [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] 670
FRIDAY DEPARTING SAVANNAH VIA DELTA AIRLINES SEVEN FIFTY PM
EST ARRIVING BIRMINGHAM NINE FIFTYSIX PM CST. [REDACTED] DEPARTING
AUGUSTA, GA. VIA DELTA AIRLINES SEVEN TWENTYFIVE PM AND ARRIVING
NINE FIFTYSIX PM CST. [REDACTED] DEPARTED SAVANNAH
VIA GREYHOUND BUS FOUR PM ARRIVING BIRMINGHAM FOUR THIRTY AM SEPT.
SIXTEEN NEXT.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: September 15, 1963

FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
 BOMBING OF 16TH STREET
 BAPTIST CHURCH,
 BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
 SEPTEMBER 15, 1963
 BOMBING MATTER

✓ Copies made by [initials]
 review by Rowe Task Force
 Date 11/4/79
 [initials]

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ASAC Robert Jensen advised at 2:50 p.m. that he was receiving inquiries from the press and intended to answer them to the effect that the FBI has entered this case and a full investigation is being conducted. This was cleared with Mr. Leinbaugh of Mr. DeLoach's office who indicated that this press release would be sufficient for press inquiries but any formal press release should be issued from Bureau headquarters.

ASAC Jensen made a request for some 35 millimeter Tri-X film. It was arranged for this film to be transported to Birmingham by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] from the Laboratory who accompanied three Departmental attorneys to Birmingham by military jet transport which left Andrews Air Force Base at 6:30 p.m.

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In addition to SA [redacted] and [redacted] Departmental attorneys Burke Marshall, Joseph Dolan and John Nolan flew to Birmingham on the evening of 9/15/63. At 5:30 p.m. Mr. Belmont called SA [redacted] to insure that personnel dealing with the situation are aware of the instructions that we will not furnish the Department a blow by blow description of our investigation into this matter. Any inquiries should be answered to the effect that we are conducting an investigation. Mr. Belmont also desired that Birmingham be instructed not to be furnishing spot reports to Departmental personnel. At 5:35 p.m. these instructions were passed on to SAC Faisst and at 6:55 p.m. to ASAC Jensen.

At 5:35 p.m. SAC Faisst advised he had received a call from Chief United States Deputy Marshal Dan Mobre in Birmingham who in turn received word from Chief Marshal John McShane that Mr. Katzenbach desired United States Marshals to escort Negro children to school on 9/16/63. This is being done.

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen
RE: UNSUB; BOMBING MATTER

SAC Faisst advised that the Chief of Police Jamie Moore had made a request that 150 uniformed officers of the Alabama Highway Patrol be sent to the city of Birmingham to maintain order.

SAC Faisst indicated that the area of the church bombing was hazardous in that some of the walls of the church might collapse. A light tan Oldsmobile which had been stopped by the Birmingham Police Department with two white men in it have been checked out by the Police Department and the occupants accounted for their activities.

ALP SAC Faisst was instructed to immediately start checking out ~~Asa Carter and his Volunteers for Alabama and Wallace.~~ SAC Faisst was instructed to maintain close contact with informants and to indicate to them the Bureau would pay a substantial amount for the immediate solving of this crime.

ASAC Jensen was telephonically contacted at 6:55 p.m. to inform him that the Air Force plane containing Bureau personnel and Departmental personnel will arrive in Birmingham at 6:30, Central Standard Time.

ACTION:

For information.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 9-15-63

FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
BOMBING OF 16th STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963
BOMBING MATTER

I called Inspector Moore in Birmingham shortly after 9:00 P. M. 9-15-63 and reiterated instructions that no blow-by-blow reports of our investigation are to be furnished to Departmental attorneys on the scene in Birmingham.

Mr. Moore made a request for the assignment of a Chief Clerk with background on major case handling. He requested that [redacted] or his assistant from Charlotte be assigned.

I instructed Inspector Moore to call SAC Kissiah at Charlotte and make arrangements.

Inspector Moore will be either at the office or at his room in the Bankhead Hotel, Room 908, Birmingham, Alabama.

SAC Faisst, during this call, advised that Agents had heard shots and had observed a Negro male with blood on his shirt. The Negro male was taken from the scene in a police car. Indications are that the Negro was dead. Birmingham is checking into this and will furnish details.

1 - Mr. Hyde

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TO SAC TAMPA

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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BOMBING MATTERS, PAREN OO BIRMINGHAM END PAREN.

REURTEL SEPTEMBER SIXTEENTH, SIXTY THREE.

WITH REGARD TO INTERVIEWS OF FORMER KLANSMEN OR FORMER NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY MEMBERS YOU ARE ADVISED THAT SUCH INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED WHERE LOGICAL EVEN THOUGH SUCH INDIVIDUALS MAY NOW BE CONNECTED WITH WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS. THE INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE CONFINED TO CAPTIONED BOMBING MATTER AND HANDLED IN SUCH MANNER AS NOT TO GIVE IMPRESSION WE ARE INVESTIGATING THE WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL.

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TO SACS ATLANTA
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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,
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URGENT 9-17-63 6-08 AM HFL

TO SACS ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KNOXVILLE, JACKSONVILLE, TAMPA, MEMPHIS,
MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, SAVANNAH

FROM DIRECTOR 1 P

UNSUBS, BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER FIFTEENTH, SIXTYTHREE,
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TO : Mr. Rosen *[Signature]*

DATE: September 15, 1963

FROM : C. L. McGowan *[Signature]*

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Date 1-4-79

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963
BOMBING MATTERS

67c At 12:40 P.M., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, Special Agent in Charge Raymond Faisst of the Birmingham Office telephonically advised SA *[Redacted]* Extra Duty Supervisor, that the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Sixteenth Street and Sixth Avenue, South, Birmingham, Alabama, was bombed at 10:25 A.M., Central Standard Time. The rear end of the church was badly damaged and several persons injured. Faisst stated he was on the way to the scene of the bombing with Agents of the Birmingham Office.

At 1:45 P.M., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, Assistant Special Agent in Charge Robert Jensen, Birmingham, advised the SAC and Agents of the Birmingham Office were at the scene of the bombing conducting investigation. They had determined from Fire Marshal Rosenfeld that he estimated ten sticks of 40 per cent dynamite had been dropped on the road surface near the church and ignited with a fuse-type igniter. He stated damage to the church was extensive, probably as much as \$20,000 to \$30,000. Investigation is being coordinated with the Birmingham Police Department and Lieutenant House of the Birmingham Police Department is at the hospital attempting to identify the dead and injured.

Jensen advised it had just been reported to him that a Negro woman had observed the bombing of the church and described the car as a 1957 or 1958 blue Buick. The license number which she furnished was registered to *[Redacted]* Birmingham, for a *[Redacted]* the SAC is personally checking out that angle. * *67*

ACTION

Appropriate Bureau officials and Mr. Lou Kauder of the Civil Rights Division of the Department notified. *[Redacted]* * He called back at 2:30 P.M. and *[Redacted]* had been eliminated as a suspect.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
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URGENT 9-16-63 9-29 PM CST HEP

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 2P

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Date 9/17/63

UNSUBS, BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, SEPTEMBER
FIFTEEN LAST, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., BM.

DAILY SUMMARY.

ONE. CRIME SCENE SEARCH. SYSTEMATIC CRIME SCENE SEARCH
OF AREA OUTSIDE CHURCH AND MINUTE SEARCH OF IMMEDIATE BOMB AREA
CONDUCTED BY LABORATORY AGENTS, ACCOMPANIED BY TEAM OF BIRMINGHAM
AND AGENTS ON SPECIAL. NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, SUCH AS SAFETY FUSE,
BLASTING CAPS, WIRE, FRAGMENTS OF A TIMING DEVICE, CONTAINERS, OR
OTHER BOMB ACCESSORIES FOUND. DEBRIS BEING EXAMINED FOR MATERIAL
CLOSEST TO POINT OF EXPLOSION FOR SUBSEQUENT LAB EXAMINATION FOR
EXPLOSIVES RESIDUE.

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TWO. NEIGHBORHOOD. SIXTYFIVE RESIDENTS VICINITY OF CHURCH
INTERVIEWED. ALL WERE IN AREA AND HEARD BLAST. NONE ABLE TO
FURNISH INFO RE UNUSUAL INCIDENTS OR PERSONS OBSERVED WHO COULD BE
CONSIDERED SUSPECTS AND DID NOT NOTICE ANYTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY
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*TT S Pk
9/17/63
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*William Foster
to Belmont 9/17/63
JLH*

cc Lamm

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JUST PRIOR TO OR AFTER BLAST.

THREE. BOMBING SUSPECTS BIRMINGHAM DIVISION ACCOUNTED FOR. OF THE OTHER KKK MEMBERS INTERVIEWED THIS DATE TWO INDICATED A DESIRE TO FURNISH INFO, ONE STATING HE HAD A LIST OF BLACK MUSLIMS HE WOULD LIKE TO FURNISH AS SUSPECTS. THE OTHER STATED HE KNEW THE IDENTITY OF A KLAN MEMBER WHO ALLEGEDLY HAS A CASE OF DYNAMITE AND WILL ATTEMPT TO SECURE A STICK FOR AGENTS.

FOUR. CARS VICINITY OF CHURCH. OWNERS OF ALL CARS TO DATE KNOWN TO BE IN THE VICINITY OF THE CHURCH AT THE TIME OF THE BLAST INTERVIEWED TO NO AVAIL.

FIVE. ALL ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALLS AND EXPEDITE LEADS FURNISHED BY PHONE TO FBI AND BIRMINGHAM PD TO DATE HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATED, CHECKED OUT AND ELIMINATED.

SIX. FUTURE INVESTIGATION. WE NOW HAVE SEVERAL PROJECTS UNDERWAY IN ADDITION TO COVERING LEADS AS THEY DEVELOP. TO WIT, GARBAGE COLLECTORS, MAIL TRUCKS, TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, POSSIBLE SOURCES OF DYNAMITE, STOLEN AUTOMOBILES WITH POSSIBLE CONNECTION, ADDITIONAL KLAN MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF OTHER HATE GROUPS, ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF CHURCH CONGREGATION, AND TRADES PEOPLE WHO MAY HAVE HAD EMPLOYEES IN THE AREA AT THE PERTINENT TIME.

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BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY FURTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED
ABOUT THIS MATTER.

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URGENT 9-16-63 6-40 PM EST CLH
TO DIRECTOR, FBI 157-1025 AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, KNOXVILLE 157-189 2P

UNSUBS, BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYTHREE, BOMBING
MATTERS, OO BIRMINGHAM.

RE BH TEL SEPT. FIFTEEN, SIXTYTHREE.

TWO OF KNOXVILLE-S THREE BOMB SUSPECTS LOCATED AND
ACTIVITIES AT CHATTANOOGA VERIFIED DURING PERTINENT PERIOD
BOMBING INSTANT CASE. THIRD BOMB SUSPECT REPORTED BY HIS
RELATIVES TO HAVE BEEN IN CHATTANOOGA SATURDAY AFTERNOON
AND NIGHT SEPT. FOURTEEN, SIXTYTHREE AND MORNING SEPT.

FIFTEEN SIXTYTHREE. RELATIVES REPORTED THIS SUSPECT
DEPARTED CHATTANOOGA BY BUS FOR DETROIT, MICHIGAN TO
PURCHASE CAR LEAVING HIS CHATTANOOGA RESIDENCE WITH

UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL ABOUT TWELVE FIFTY PM, EST, SEPT. 3 SEP 18 1963
FIFTEEN, SIXTY THREE. NEIGHBORS DID NOT SEE THIS SUSPECT

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Belmont 9/17/63
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SUNDAY SEPT. FIFTEEN, SIXTYTHREE BUT DID SEE TWO MEN LEAVE
SUSPECT-S RESIDENCE IN CAR ABOUT TWELVE FIFTY PM, EST,
ONE OF WHOM COULD HAVE BEEN SUSPECT AS REPORTED BY HIS
FAMILY. INVESTIGATION TO VERIFY THIRD SUSPECTS ACTIVITIES
DURING PERTINENT PERIOD CONTINUING BUT MAY NOT BE RESOLVED
UNTIL HIS RETURN CHATTANOOGA SOME TIME DURING NEXT TWO OR
THREE DAYS. SUSPECT-S WHEREABOUTS AND CONTACTS IN DETROIT
REPORTEDLY UNKNOWN TO HIS WIFE AND OTHERS IN CHATTANOOGA.

BIRMINGHAM WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED WHEN THIS MATTER
RESOLVED.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IN ADDITION, FOURTEEN OTHER KLAN
MEMBERS INTERVIEWED AND NO PERTINENT INFO OBTAINED. APPROXIMATELY
ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN INDIVIDUALS REMAIN TO BE INTERVIEWED
KX DIVISION.

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URGENT 9-16 -63 5-55 PM CST

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC BIRMINGHAM

FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-416/ 2 P

UNSUBS, BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYTHREE. BM.

RE BIRMINGHAM AND BUREAU TELETYPES SEPT. FIFTEEN INSTANT.

OF FIFTEEN BOMBING SUSPECTS IN THE MOBILE DIVISION, THIRTEEN HAVE BEEN CHECKED OUT AND ELIMINATED. WHEREABOUTS OF OTHER TWO HAVE NOT BEEN DETERMINED AS YET AND BOTH WILL BE INTERVIEWED PURSUANT TO BUTEL OF SEPT. FIFTEEN.

TODAY MOBILE INTERVIEWED A TOTAL OF SEVENTEEN PERSONS WHO ARE EITHER BOMBING SUSPECTS OR MEMBER OF KLAN OR HATE GROUP. NO PERTINENT INFO WAS OBTAINED DURING INTERVIEWS. FORTYONE SUCH INTERVIEWS REMAIN. EX-114

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MOBILE HAS TOTAL OF THIRTYFIVE PERSONS IN THIS CATEGORY IN THE MONTGOMERY AREA AND EIGHT IN MOBILE AREA WHOSE NAMES COULD BE CHECKED AGAINST AIRLINE RECORDS FOR FLIGHTS FROM MOBILE AND MONTGOMERY TO BIRMINGHAM AND RETURN DURING PERTINENT PERIOD. END PAGE ONE

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Specimen Report to Belmont 9/17/63
Y/erc
cc - Lavin

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RESERVATION AND PASSENGER RECORDS FOR EASTERN AIRLINES ARE MAINTAINED IN ATLANTA AND FOR NATIONAL AIRLINES ARE MAINTAINED IN NEW ORLEANS. IF BIRMINGHAM CONSIDERS THIS LEAD ADVISABLE, MOBILE SHOULD BE NOTIFIED AND THESE NAMES WILL BE FURNISHED ATLANTA AND NEW ORLEANS FOR CHECKING THESE AIRLINE RECORDS. MOBILE WILL CHECK THE EIGHT NAMES AT MOBILE AGAINST RESERVATION AND PASSENGER RECORDS OF SOUTHERN AIRLINES AND UNITED AIRLINES MAINTAINED AT MOBILE.

AS SUGGESTED IN PHONE CALL TO BIRMINGHAM TODAY, BIRMINGHAM SHOULD CHECK ALL CAR RENTAL AGENCIES AT AIRPORT IN BIRMINGHAM COVERING PERTINENT PERIOD.

END AND ACK PLS

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URGENT 9-16-63 6-190. EM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, MEMPHIS /157-318/ 2P

UNSUBS, BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, BOMBING MATTERS.
OO BIRMINGHAM.

RE TELS FROM BIRMINGHAM AND BUREAU SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN
LAST AND MEMPHIS TEL TO BUREAU AND BIRMINGHAM SEPTEMBER
SIXTEEN LAST.

67c ON SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN LAST AT TWO FORTY PM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS OBSERVED BY
AN SA OF THE FBI MOWING FRONT LAWN. CONDITION OF LAWN AND
[REDACTED] INDICATED THAT HE HAD ^{BY 11:15} APPARENTLY BEEN AT WORK FOR
APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS AT THAT TIME.

AT THREE FIFTEEN PM, SAME DATE, SA OBSERVED [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AUTOMOBILE PARKED AT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HIS RESIDENCE. [REDACTED] NOT IN SIGHT AT THAT TIME

AND SPOT SURVEILLANCE INSTITUTED. AT FOUR TEN PM [REDACTED]
OBSERVED COMING FROM RESIDENCE AND GOING TO TRASHCAN.
SURVEILLANCE DISCONTINUED.

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*In memo Rosen
to Belmont 9/17/63
JCS/ers
cc Lavin*

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[REDACTED] IN VIEW OF TIME
ELEMENT AND DISTANCE FROM BIRMINGHAM APPEARS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]
NOT IN BIRMINGHAM AT TIME OF BOMBING.

AS POINTED OUT IN REFERENCED MEMPHIS TEL TO BUREAU AND
BIRMINGHAM TWO BOMBING SUSPECTS IN MEMPHIS WERE DETERMINED
TO HAVE BEEN IN MEMPHIS ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN
LAST.

END ACK PLS

WA CLVRRECTION TIME SHOULD BE 6-19 PM

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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
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URGENT 9-16-63 2 6-25 PM EST JLC
TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE /157-584/ 1P

UNSUBS, BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYTHREE. BM.
OO BIRMINGHAM.

RE BUTELS NINE FIFTEEN, LAST, AND NINE SIXTEEN, INSTANT.
INTENSIFIED INTERVIEW PROGRAM CONDUCTED TODAY THROUGHOUT
JACKSONVILLE DIVISION RESULTED IN LOCATION AND INTERVIEW OF
FORTY FOUR MEMBERS OF U.S. KLANS KKKK, INC., UNITED FLORIDA
KKK OR ANP. INTERVIEWS ALL UNPRODUCTIVE TO DATE ALTHOUGH SEVERAL
MEMBERS INCLUDING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EFFORTS CONTINUING TO LOCATE AND
INTERVIEW REMAINING KNOWN MEMBERS WHICH APPROXIMATES FORTY FIVE

END AND ACK PLS

WA 7-30 PM OK FBI WA LLD

BH 5-30 PM CST OK FBI BH HEPT

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cc-Lavin

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URGENT 9-16-63 9-40 PM CST HEP

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 1P

UNSUBS, BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN SIXTYTHREE. BM.

ALL OF BIRMINGHAM/S BOMBING SUSPECTS ACCOUNTED FOR
DURING PERTINENT PERIOD OF INSTANT BOMBING.

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11-41 PM OK FBI WA HFL

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*Memo Rosen
to Belmont 9/17/63
J/S/ers*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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Belmont	_____
Mohr	_____
Casper	_____
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TO : Mr. Belmont *BN*

FROM : A. Rosen *N*

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
BOMBING OF 16th STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963
BOMBING MATTER

DATE: September 15, 1963

Deputy Attorney General Katzenbach called me shortly before 8:00 p.m., 9-15-63, and expressed his interest in instant bombing. I assured him that the Bureau considered this a most heinous offense and that we had entered the investigation with no holds barred.

Mr. Katzenbach indicated that he had talked to Negro leaders at Birmingham including Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., and his brother Reverend A. D. W. King and urged them to see to it that anyone with information should come forward with the information to the FBI.

Mr. Katzenbach was pleased with the information that we had gone all out on this investigation.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *abw*

DATE: September 16, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63
RACIAL MATTERS

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Mohr	_____
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SAC Roy Moore called from Birmingham to advise me that they have initiated a detailed examination of the crime scene area. They have also instituted a methodical square-by-square interview of the entire neighborhood so that they might possibly develop information as to suspect cars or incidents in the area prior to the bombing or subsequent thereto. They are making particular effort to immediately give any interviews of special interest immediate preferred attention. So far, nothing has been developed of interest. They have many nebulous leads which they are running out.

Moore stated that, in addition to the interviews being conducted, the crime scene search so far discloses that apparently the explosive was placed on the Sixteenth Street side of the church at the entrance of the church which goes into the lounge area. This area apparently was utilized by the children who were getting prepared for choir practice. A three-foot crater appeared at the side of the church, indicating that the explosive used obviously was quite violent.

Moore stated that he wanted to let us know that this was the situation as of now and they were going full steam ahead with the investigation. He said he would keep us informed of any matters of interest.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Conrad

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cc MR. TOLSON

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IF NEXT RADIO CONTACT MISSED,
SEND BY PLAIN TEXT TELETYPE,
DEFERRED.

TO SAC BIRMINGHAM

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025)

UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN SIXTYTHREE, BOMBING
MATTERS.

REURTEL SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN AND BUTEL SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN
CONTAINING DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS. REBUTELCALL THIS DATE.

IN VIEW OF LACK OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE SUCH AS SAFETY FUSE,
BLASTING CAPS, WIRE FRAGMENTS OR TIMING DEVICE, ETC., POSSIBILITY
EXISTS BOMB WAS PLACED AT SUBJECT CHURCH PRIOR TO TIME OF
EXPLOSION. INQUIRIES CONCERNING PERSONS WHO MAY HAVE PASSED BY
CHURCH SHOULD BE BROADENED TO ALL THOSE PERSONS NORMALLY
PASSING BY CHURCH DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS. CONTINUE TWENTYFO
HOUR SURVEILLANCE OF CHURCH SO LICENSE PLATE NUMBERS OF
VEHICLES MAY BE OBTAINED AND INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED DURING
DAYLIGHT HOURS. PERPETRATORS OF BOMBING MAY USE COVER OF

DARKNESS TO REVISIT SCENE OF THEIR CRIME. BE ALERT FOR ANY

- Tolson _____
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- Mohr _____
- Casper _____
- Callahan _____
- Conrad _____
- DeLoach _____
- Evans _____
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- Winter _____
- Room _____

NOTE: SAC Moore at Birmingham was telephonically advised this morning by SA [redacted] re covering of funeral services.

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RADIOGRAM TO SAC BIRMINGHAM
RE: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

SUSPICIOUS PERSONS ATTENDING FUNERALS OF VICTIMS OF
BOMBING.

CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ESTABLISHING
EXTREMELY DISCREET OBSERVATION OF CHURCH SERVICES AND
BURIALS FOR SUCH PURPOSE. NO INTERVIEWS ARE TO BE CONDUCTED
IN THE VICINITY OF THE CHURCH SERVICES OR BURIALS. OBTAIN
LICENSE PLATE NUMBERS OF ANY SUSPICIOUS PERSONS AND CONDUCT
INTERVIEWS AWAY FROM SERVICES AND BURIALS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Tolson	✓
Belmont	✓
Mohr	✓
Casper	✓
Callahan	✓
DeLoach	✓
Evans	✓
Gale	✓
Rosen	✓
Sullivan	✓
Tavel	✓
Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holmes	✓
Gandy	✓

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: September 16, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen

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Date 11/19

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
BOMBING OF 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63
BOMBING MATTERS

At approximately 10:19 a.m., Central Standard Time (CST), 9/15 the 16th Street Baptist Church, located at 16th Street and 6th Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama, was bombed. This is a large Negro church in which many pro-integration demonstrations have been held during the past year.

The following individuals are reported to have died in the bombing: Carol Robertson, aged 14; Addie Collins, aged 14; Denise McNair, aged 10; Cynthia Wesley, aged 14, all Negro females. In addition, 16 other persons were injured, consisting of 9 Negro males, 5 Negro females and 2 white females.

The rear end of the church was badly damaged. A fire marshal in Birmingham estimated that 10 sticks of dynamite had been dropped on the road surface near the church and ignited with a fuse-type igniter. He estimated the damage to the church would run as high as \$20,000 to \$30,000.

A full investigation was immediately instituted by our Birmingham Office and SAC Raymond L. Faisst promptly proceeded to the scene to take charge of our investigation and to coordinate activities with the Birmingham Police Department (PD).

Deputy Attorney General Katzenbach, who called Mr. Evans on 9/15/63 concerning the bombing, was advised that we had initiated an immediate investigation into the matter and that a Bureau Inspector and a special squad of Agents had been sent into Birmingham.

Ten Special Agents, two stenographers and five Bureau cars were immediately dispatched to the Birmingham Office from other offices on special assignment. In addition, SAC Roy Moore of the Little Rock Office was sent in to head up the investigation.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont
RE: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

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Two Laboratory representatives, Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] departed at 6:30 p.m., 9/15/63 via military jet transport from Andrews Air Force Base for Birmingham. Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall and Departmental Attorneys Joseph Dolan and John Nolan were also on the plane.

Hereafter commercial aircraft should be used if available.
SAC Faisst and ASAC Robert Jensen were telephonically advised that no blow-by-blow reports of our investigation are to be furnished to Departmental Attorneys on the scene and if any problems are encountered in this regard they are to communicate with the Bureau

And the same instructions apply here. A
Instructions were issued to the Birmingham Office and eight neighboring offices to immediately initiate interviews of all known Klansmen and hate group members, particularly members of the National States Rights Party (NSRP), and to establish the whereabouts of all bombing suspects during the pertinent period and to conduct appropriate interviews of them. The offices were instructed to at first single out Klan members and hate group members who would most logically deplore instant bombing and who would be likely to furnish information of possible assistance. The tactic of first interviewing lesser persons in Klan and hate groups is being utilized in view of the heinous nature of the crime and the possibility that such individuals would not condone such a crime. The normal procedures of interviewing key individuals in these organizations are, of course, also being followed.

The Birmingham Office has completed interviews with persons who reported they had information of possible value and are proceeding with interviews of possible witnesses who were in the area at the time of the explosion. No information of value has yet been developed concerning the identities of the individuals responsible for the crime. Two automobiles, which were reported as possibly being involved, have been checked out and no pertinent information developed.

A preliminary examination of the crime scene by the two representatives from the FBI Laboratory confirmed the opinion of the local fire marshal that a high order explosive, possibly dynamite, was used in the bombing. A detailed foot-by-foot crime scene search will be conducted on the morning of 9/16/63 during the daylight hours.

Memorandum for Mr. Belmont
RE: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

Dynamite sources are being checked out for possible leads and inquiries are also being made as to any recent thefts of dynamite in the Alabama area. Detailed neighborhood investigations have been initiated including inquiry at service stations, hotels, motels, restaurants, taxicab companies and similar places to obtain information regarding any suspicious persons who may have been in the area at the pertinent time. Our informants have been alerted and close contact is being maintained with them.

In addition to the deaths which occurred as a result of the church bombing, two other Negroes were killed in Birmingham on 9/15/63. In one incident Johnny Robinson, aged 16, was shot and killed, reportedly by an officer of the Birmingham PD as an outgrowth of Negroes throwing bricks and rocks at police officers in the vicinity of 8th Avenue and 26th Street, North. In the second incident, Virgil Ware, aged 13, was shot and killed on Sandusky Road, between Adamsville and Graysville, Alabama, suburbs of Birmingham. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, which is investigating the Ware killing, has advised that two unidentified white males on a motor scooter are suspects in this case.

The Birmingham Office will keep the Bureau advised of pertinent developments regarding the deaths of Robinson and Ware.

With regard to the situation in Birmingham, the city remained relatively quiet during the night. Chief of Police Jamie Moore advised our Birmingham Office that he had requested that 150 uniformed officers of the Alabama Highway Patrol be sent to Birmingham to assist in maintaining order. These officers arrived in Birmingham on the night of 9/15/63. Units of the Alabama National Guard in Birmingham have reportedly been alerted and a number of National Guardsmen are reportedly standing by at armories in Birmingham.

ACTION:

This matter is receiving close personal supervision and pertinent developments will be immediately brought to your attention.

A memorandum to the Attorney General, advising him of pertinent details of the bombing and of the fact that the Bureau initiated immediate investigation, is being prepared. (attached)

*Some of everything we have done has been
relatively minimized - the number of agents sent
in. The number of PD agents for night patrol (more or
sent in. All we should have told the Dept. was that
we had already augmented our staff at Birmingham
& not given details. It was a... ..*

DN.
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10:47 a.m.

September 16, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BELMONT
MR. DE LOACH
MR. ROSEN

BATOM/B.

The Attorney General called and stated they were considering issuing a \$25,000 reward in the Birmingham situation. He asked if I had any particular feeling in this regard. I replied that I did not think it would be particularly helpful or harmful. I advised the Attorney General that we had found it better to work through informants, offering to pay the informant if he delivers information on the line without advertising.

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Very truly yours

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

JEH:rm (8)

1 - Miss Holmes

SENT FROM D. O.
TIME 11:32 AM
DATE 9-16-63
BY *JEC*

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025)

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REBUTEL SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN SIXTYTHREE.

IN CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS WITH KLANSMEN AND HATE GROUP MEMBERS, RACIAL INFORMANTS AND POTENTIAL RACIAL INFORMANTS SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED IN THE SAME MANNER AS ANY OTHER KLANSMAN OR HATE GROUP MEMBER IN ORDER THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO ROUTINELY DISCUSS THESE INTERVIEWS IF QUESTIONED BY OTHER KLAN OR HATE GROUP MEMBERS. ALL OFFICES ADVISE THE BUREAU WHEN SUCH INTERVIEWS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED. THESE INFORMANTS AND POTENTIAL RACIAL INFORMANTS SHOULD NOT BE SINGLED OUT FOR

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IMMEDIATE INTERVIEW BUT INTERVIEWS SHOULD PROCEED IN LOGICAL

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NOTE:

The Bureau by teletype 9-15-63 instructed 9 different field offices in connection with this bombing case to interview all known Klansmen, hate group members, and bombing suspects. In order to protect the identities of these informants, it is believed they should be interviewed in the same manner as other Klansmen and hate group members.

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TO SACS ATLANTA BIRMINGHAM KNOXVILLE JACKSONVILLE TAMPA
MEMPHIS MOBILE NEW ORLEANS SAVANNAH
FROM DIRECTOR /157-1025/ 1 P

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MEMPHIS MOBILE NEW ORLEANS SAVANNAH
FROM DIRECTOR /157-1025/ 1 P

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END ACK PLS

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URGENT 9-17-63 6-30 PM NH
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MEMPHIS MOBILE NEW ORLEANS SAVANNAH
FROM DIRECTOR /157-1025/ 1 P

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CONDUCTED. THESE INFORMANTS AND POTENTIAL RACIAL INFORMANTS
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SHOULD PROCEED IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE.

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URGENT 9-16-63 9-54 PM EST WRR

TO DIRECTOR FBI /157-1025/

FROM SAC TAMPA /157-856/

1P Bap bomb

UNSUBS, BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYTHREE. BOMBING MATTERS.

REBUTELS SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN, SIXTYTHREE.

FIVE POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECTS INTERVIEWED THIS DATE, NO PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

REVIEW OF TAMPA FILES INDICATES APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED NINETY KLAN AND NSRP MEMBERS TO BE INTERVIEWED BY THIS DIVISION AS PER BUTEL SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN. THESE ARE CURRENT OR RECENTLY ACTIVE MEMBERS.

IN THIS CONNECTION, BUREAU REQUESTED ADVISE IF ANY FORMER KLANSMEN OR FORMER NSRP MEMBERS SHOULD BE INCLUDED AMONG THOSE INTERVIEWED. ALSO, ASSOCIATES OF POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECT [REDACTED] WHO ARE ALSO FORMER KLANSMEN, ARE NOW CONNECTED WITH WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL, BRADENTON, FLA., SOME BEING OFFICERS OF SAID GROUP. BUREAU REQUESTED ADVISE IF THESE PERSONS SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED.

FOR FURTHER INFO BUREAU, TAMPA TEL TO BIRMINGHAM SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN ADVISED NO TAMPA BOMBING SUSPECTS OUT OF AREA ON SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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REURTEL SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN SIXTYTHREE.

FORMER KLANSMEN OR FORMER NSRP MEMBERS NEED NOT BE

INTERVIEWED AT THE PRESENT TIME UNLESS LOGICAL INVESTIGATION
INDICATES SUCH INTERVIEWS MIGHT BE PRODUCTIVE. MEMBERS OF
WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS ARE NOT TO BE INTERVIEWED AT THIS TIME
EVEN THOUGH FORMER KLAN MEMBERS UNLESS LOGICAL INVESTIGATION
INDICATES SUCH INTERVIEWS MIGHT BE PRODUCTIVE.

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NOTE: The Bureau issued instructions 9-15 & 16-63 concerning interviews of all Klansmen and hate-group subjects as well as potential bombing suspects. Tampa has inquired as to interviews of former Klansmen and hate group members, some of whom are now white citizens council members. Tampa has approximately 190 Klan and hate group members to be interviewed who are current or recently active members. At this time, there appears no reason to commence interviews of former Klansmen or hate group members unless logical investigation indicates some should be done.

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TO SAC TAMPA 157-856

FROM DIRECTOR 157-1025 1P

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FORMER KLANSMEN OR FORMER NSRP MEMBERS NEED NOT BE INTERVIEWED AT THE PRESENT TIME UNLESS LOGICAL INVESTIGATION INDICATES SUCH INTERVIEWS MIGHT BE PRODUCTIVE. MEMBERS OF WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS ARE NOT TO BE INTERVIEWED AT THIS TIME EVEN THOUGH FORMER KLAN MEMBERS UNLESS LOGICAL INVESTIGATION INDICATES SUCH INTERVIEWS MIGHT BE PRODUCTIVE.

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URGENT 9-17-63 11-44 PM EST PNR
TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, SAVANNAH

BAPBOMB BM.

RE SV TEL SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN SIXTYTHREE.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED TODAY ADVISED POSITIVE
NO KLAN MEMBERS FROM THEIR GROUPS WENT TO BIRMINGHAM AREA
PERTINENT PERIOD.

INTERVIEWS ON SIXTEENTH AND SEVENTEENTH INSTANT INCLUDE AT
LEAST ONE INFORMANT AND ONE OFFICIAL IN EACH ACTIVE KLAVERN OF EACH
KLAN GROUP IN SV TERRITORY. INFO FROM OFFICIALS HAVE SUBSTANTIATED
INFO FROM INFORMANTS THAT NO KLANSMEN FROM THIS AREA KNOWN TO HAVE
GONE TO BH PERTINENT PERIOD AND FIRST WORD OF CAPTIONED BOMBING
RECEIVED FROM NEWS MEDIA.

AGK AND ASCK LOCALIZED SV AREA AND PRESENTLY AT ODDS WITH UKA,
PRINCIPAL KLAN ACTIVE BH AREA, BECAUSE ROBERT SHELTON, UKA,
NOT COOPERATIVE AND PRESUMES TO SPEAK FOR ALL KLANS. LOCAL UKA
LEADERS SV AREA ALL INDICATED CAPTIONED BOMBING, ENDANGERING LIVES,
CONTRARY TO BELIEFS.

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ONLY BOMB SUSPECT SV TERRITORY, [REDACTED] IN
CHARLESTON, S. C., PERTINENT PERIOD AS PER REF TEL.

NO KNOWN MEMBERS NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY RESIDING SV
TERRITORY.

APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED ACTIVE KLANSMEN REMAIN TO BE
INTERVIEWED SV DIVISION.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 157-1025 AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157-1294
BAPBOMB, OO BIRMINGHAM.

NINE OF THE TEN BOMBING SUSPECTS IN NEW ORLEANS
TERRITORY LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED AND WHEREABOUTS ACCOUNTED
FOR. [REDACTED] ONLY REMAINING BOMB SUSPECT WHO

HAS NOT BEEN INTERVIEWED. TELETYPE SENT SAN ANTONIO OFFICE
SEPT. SIXTEEN, SIXTYTHREE TO INTERVIEW NELSON

FOURTEEN INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED, FORTYFIVE INTERVIEWS 18 1963

STILL REMAIN TO BE CONDUCTED.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, KNOXVILLE 157-189
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RE KNOXVILLE TEL TO BUREAU SEPT. SIXTEEN LAST AND BUTEL
SEPT. SEVENTEEN INSTANT.

TWENTY SIX INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED THIS DATE. NO PERTINENT
INFORMATION OBTAINED. APPROXIMATELY EIGHTY FIVE INTERVIEWS
REMAIN TO BE CONDUCTED KNOXVILLE DIVISION.

ONLY ONE BOMB SUSPECT KX DIVISION UNACCOUNTED FOR.

END ACK PLS

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URGENT 9/17/63 6-42 PM EST RLB
TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE /157-584/ 1P

BAPBOMB.

REJKTEL SEPT. SIXTEEN LAST AND BUTEL AND RADIOGRAM TODAY.
TWENTYTHREE INDIVIDUALS WERE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED TODAY
CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER. ALL INTERVIEWS UNPRODUCTIVE.
APPROXIMATELY TWENTYTWO PERSONS REMAIN TO BE INTERVIEWED.

THIS DIVISION HAS NO BOMBING SUSPECTS. INTENSIFIED EFFORTS
TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF KLAN AND AMERICAN
NAZI PARTY CONTINUING.

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URGENT 9-17-63 6-50 PM EST WRR
TO DIRECTOR FBI /157-1025/
FROM SAC TAMPA /157-856/ 1P

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REBUTELS SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN, SIXTYTHREE.
SIXTH AND LAST POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECT OF THIS OFFICE INTER-
VIEWED THIS DATE, ALONG WITH NINE KLANSMEN AND/OR HATE GROUP MEM-
BERS, ALSO [REDACTED] PAREN RAC END PAREN. NO PERTI-
NENT INFO DEVELOPED THESE INTERVIEWS. APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED
NINETY INTERVIEWS STILL TO BE CONDUCTED, INCLUDING RACIAL INFORMANTS
AND PCI-S.

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TO SAC MEMPHIS
BIRMINGHAM

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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RE MEMPHIS TEL SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN, SIXTYTHREE.

INTERVIEWS WITH THE POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECTS IN YOUR OFFICE SHOULD BE CONDUCTED UNLESS SOME REASON IS KNOWN TO YOUR OFFICE WHY THEY SHOULD NOT BE INTERVIEWED. IF GOOD REASON EXISTS, ADVISE BUREAU.

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NOTE: Various offices are interviewing known Klansmen, hate group members and bombing suspects. Memphis has indicated it intends to have an informant contact the two bombing suspects in Memphis and the office will not interview them.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-582/

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UNSUBS, BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM,
ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYTHREE. BM.

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ALL ATLANTA BOMB SUSPECTS ACCOUNTED FOR DURING PERTINENT
PERIOD EXCEPT [REDACTED] WHO WAS IN BIRMINGHAM.

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RE INTERVIEWS OF KLAN AND HATE GROUP SUBJECTS. ATLANTA
CONTEMPLATES INTERVIEW OF APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS,
WHICH INCLUDES NSRP SUBJECTS, ONE ANP SUBJECT, KLAN OFFICERS AND
ACTIVE KLANSMEN. MOST OF DAY SPENT REVIEWING FILES AND EXTRACTING
NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS TO BE INTERVIEWED. ATTEMPTS MADE TO
CONTACT SEVERAL SUBJECTS TODAY WHO COULD NOT BE LOCATED. THREE
SUBJECTS INTERVIEWED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. APPROXIMATELY NINETY
SEVEN INTERVIEWS REMAIN.

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UAC, ATLANTA WILL SEND THIRTY COPIES OF FD THREE ZERO TWOS
TO BIRMINGHAM FOR INCLUSION IN REPORT.

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BIRMINGHAM REQUESTED INTERVIEW EX-103 STONER WHO IS IN
BIRMINGHAM FOR APPEARANCE BEFORE GRAND JURY AND WAS ALLEGEDLY IN
BIRMINGHAM DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

[REDACTED] HAD STATED HE WILL SHOOT AGENTS WHO ATTEMPT TO
SURVEIL HIM.

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FBI Bureau Rosen 9/17/63
to Tolson

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URGENT 9-17-63 2-15AM CST WHC

TO DIRECTOR
FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM 157-352/ 2P

UNSUBS, BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, SEPTEMBER
FIFTEENTH, LAST, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, BM.
REMYTEL SEPTEMBER SIXTEENTH LAST.

SIX FIVE PEOPLE INTERVIEWED COMPRISED OF NEGRO RESIDENTS AND
SHOP KEEPERS. CARS ON ONE SIX STREET IN AREA OF BOMBING BELONGED
MOSTLY TO PEOPLE ATTENDING CHURCH. NO SERVICE STATION OR GARAGES
LOCATED IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY. THROUGH CONTACT WITH SOURCES WHO
INFORM US OF SUSPECTS WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD BOMBING
SUSPECTS WERE ELEMENATED.

THREE ANONYMOUS CALLS RECEIVED CONCERNING PROBABLE LOCATION
SOURCE OF DYNAMITE USED IN EXPLOSION NEGATIVELY CHECKED OUT. THREE
POSSIBLE SUSPECTS FURNISHED BY ANONYMOUS CALLERS CHECKED WITH
NEGATIVE RESULTS.

CALL RECEIVED FROM ANONYMOUS CALLER WHO ADVISED SHE OBSERVED
[REDACTED] NEGRO MALES AT A SERVICE

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STATION ON SOUTH SIDE OF BIRMINGHAM ON SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN LAST
TALKING TO A WHITE MAN. THE WHITE MAN GAVE THEM MONEY AND THEY
GAVE HIM A SHOE BOX CONTAINING SEVEN STICKS OF DYNAMITE. INDICIES
BIRMINGHAM NEGATIVE RE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WHO WILL BE INTERVIEWED
AND RESULTS FURNISHED TO BUREAU. 67c

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URGENT 9-16-63 7-59 PM EST PNR
TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, SAVANNAH /157-503/

m. Gowan

UNSUBS, BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALA., SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN SIXTYTHREE. BM. 00

BIRMINGHAM.

RE SV TEL SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN LAST AND BUREAU TEL SEPTEMBER
FIFTEEN LAST.

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*Lucas Rosen
to Belmont 9/17/63
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THREE INFORMANTS AND TEN OFFICIALS OF KLAN OR SEGREGATIONIST
ORGANIZATIONS REMAIN TO BE INTERVIEWED ON SEPTEMBER SEVENTEEN
NEXT.

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URGENT 9-16-63 7-12 PM CST WFM
TO DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-1294/

UNSUBS. BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYTHREE, BM.
REBUTEL SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN LAST.

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CHECK OF BOMBING SUSPECTS MADE. WHEREABOUTS OF SAME DETERMINE
THROUGH SOURCES, EXCEPT [REDACTED] WHO IS REPORTED TO
BE IN DEL RIO, TEXAS. TELETYPE SENT SAN ANTONIO TO CHECK
PURSUANT TO REBUTEL.

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TEN INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED , NO PERTINENT INFORMATION OBTAINED.
FIFTYNINE STILL REMAIN TO BE INTERVIEWED.

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J. Edgar Hoover
To Belmont 9/17/63
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URGENT 9-16-63 12-25AM CST
TO DIRECTOR
FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM /44-NEW/ 1P

UNSUBS, SHOOTING OF NEGRO MALE, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYTHREE,
VIRGIL WARE - VICTIM. CR.

RE PREVIOUS BIRMINGHAM TELS FIFTEENTH INSTANT IN BOMBING OF
SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

INQUIRY AT JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF-S OFFICE VERIFIED DEATH OF
VIRGIL WARE, NEGRO MALE, AGE THIRTEEN. SGT. [REDACTED] STATED
WARE SHOT TWICE ON SANDUSKY ROAD BETWEEN ADAMSVILLE AND GRAYSVILLE,
BOTH TOWNS SMALL TOWN SUBURBS OF BIRMINGHAM. SGT. [REDACTED] STATED
DEPUTY MC ALPINE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF-S OFFICE INVESTIGATING
MATTER. HE SAID TWO WHITE MALES ON MOTOR SCOOTER WERE SUSPECTS IN
KILLING OF WARE.

THIS MATTER WILL BE FOLLOWED AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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WA 2-28 AM OK FBI WA HFL
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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URGENT 9-17-63 11-33 PM CST HEP

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 6P

BAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY.

CRIME SCENE.

CRIME SCENE SEARCH CONTINUED THIS AM. WALLETS AND PERSONAL PROPERTY RECOVERED IN DEBRIS RETURNED TO PARENTS OF SUSAN COLLINS, DECEASED, AND CYNTHIA WESLEY, DECEASED.

[REDACTED]

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*In memo Rosen 10/12
Belmont 9/18/63
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THOSE

PERSONS BEING IDENTIFIED AND INTERVIEWED.

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THIS MATTER BEING RESOLVED WITH ALABAMA POWER CO.

NEIGHBORHOOD.

[REDACTED]

TWENTYONE ADDITIONAL

NEIGHBORS IN SOUTHWEST OF CHURCH INTERVIEWED. ALL ADMITTED HAVING

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PAGE THREE.

HEARD BLAST. SEVERAL ADMITTED GOING TO VICINITY OF CHURCH. NONE
ABLE TO SUPPLY POSITIVE INFORMATION OF IMPORTANCE.

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STOLEN CARS.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ONLY CAR RECOVERED TO DATE ONE MILE FROM
WHERE STOLEN IS NINETEEN FIFTYSIX BUICK. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING
CONCERNING OTHER CARS.

[REDACTED]

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INVESTIGATION CONTINUING RE

THIS CAR. MOBILE CHECKING.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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FIVE BUILDING

CONTRACTORS, BIRMINGHAM, CHECKED IN ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE CONTRACTOR IN GATE CITY, WHO ALLEGEDLY HAD SOME INFORMATION CONCERNING ANONYMOUS CALL MADE TO FOREMAN GRAND JURY NOW CONVENEED, TO NO AVAIL. POWDER HOUSE AT ROCK QUARRY, VALIER, ALA., BROKEN INTO NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN DASH SEVENTEEN WHICH CONTAINED EIGHTEEN CASES OF DYNAMITE. NONE WAS TAKEN. CRIME SCENE SEARCH CONDUCTED. NOTHING OF

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IMPORTANCE LOCATED. DURING CHECK OF TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES
OPERATING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, [REDACTED]

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ARRANGEMENTS

MADE TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] TOMORROW MORNING AT [REDACTED]

MINIMUM OF EIGHTY INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED THIS DATE.

AT LEAST THREE HUNDRED TEN ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS SCHEDULED.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-352/
FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-416/ 1 P

BAPBOMB.

REMOTEL SEPT. SIXTEEN, SIXTYTHREE.

TODAY MOBILE INTERVIEWED A TOTAL OF TWENTYTHREE PERSONS WHO ARE EITHER BOMBING SUSPECTS OR MEMBERS OF ~~XXXX~~ EITHER KLAN OR HATE GROUP. NO PERTINENT INFO WAS OBTAINED DURING INTERVIEWS. EIGHTEEN INTERVIEWS REMAIN.

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DW 5-33 PM OK FBI BH HEP

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FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-582/ 2P

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BAPBOMB.

TWENTYTHREE INTERVIEWS OF HATE GROUP AND KLAN SUBJECTS
CONDUCTED TO DATE LEAVING APPROXIMATELY SEVENTY FOUR INTERVIEWS TO BE CONDUCTED.

FOLLOWING PERTINENT INFORMATION OBTAINED.

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to Belmont 9/18/63
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URGENT 9-17-63 6-35AM CST

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 1P

UNSUBS, BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, SEPTEMBER FIFTEENTH, LAST. BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, BM.

REMY DALY SUMMARY TEL SEPTEMBER SIXTEENTH LAST.

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WA 8-38 AM OK FBI WA JS FOR TWO MESSAGES RECD OK

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BALTIMORE WILL OBTAIN BACKGROUND RE SUBJS AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND OBTAIN INFO RE ESCAPE.

NO LHM UACB.

END AND ACK PLS

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BH 9-50 OK FBUXXX FBI BH DLR
BA 10-52 AM OK FBI BA RLM
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cc: M. Lavin

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

AA Memorandum

TO : Mr. Evans

DATE: 9/16/63

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FROM : W. V. Cleveland
Sixteenth Street Baptist Church

SUBJECT: BOMBING OF CHURCH
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED] conversation, which was very rapid, and at times not coherent, it is believed he was in an intoxicated condition. He was advised that his call would be made a matter of record.

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ACTION:

None. For information.

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URGENT 9/16/63 10-36 AM CST

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, MEMPHIS /157-NEW/ /2P/

UNSUBS, BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, BOMBING
MATTERS. - OO BIRMINGHAM. *1963*

RE TELETYPES FROM BIRMINGHAM AND BUREAU, SEPTEMBER
FIFTEEN LAST.

TWO BOMBING SUSPECTS IN MEMPHIS DETERMINED TO HAVE
BEEN IN MEMPHIS ON MORNING OF SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN LAST.

RE INSTRUCTIONS FROM BUREAU RELATIVE TO INTERVIEWING
MEMBERS AND LEADERS OF ALL KLAN AND HATE GROUPS IN THE
TERRITORY , THIS IS TO ADVISE THERE HAS BEEN NO ACTIVE
PLANNED ORGANIZATION WITH REGULAR MEETING IN THIS
TERRITORY IN OVER A YEAR. THE KLAN HAS NOT BEEN ABLE
TO DEVELOP AN ACTIVE ORGANIZATION IN THIS AREA IN MANY
YEARS. IT IS NOT KNOWN TO HAVE ADVOCATED VIOLENCE.

UACB MEMPHIS WILL NOT INTERVIEW FORMER KLAN MEMBERS
AT THIS TIME.

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RE /157-NEW/

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EFFORTS ARE CONTINUING TO DETERMINE THE WHEREABOUTS OF TWO BOMB SUSPECTS RESIDING IN NASHVILLE, AND THEY WILL BE INTERVIEWED WITHOUT DELAY. ALL RACIAL INFORMANTS AND SOURCES IN THE AREA ARE BEING ALERTED AND THE BUREAU AND OFFICE OF ORGIN WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS.

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TO : Mr. Mallory *JM*

DATE: September 16, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF THE SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63
 BOMBING MATTERS

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In connection with the above matter, the Director approved sending SAC Roy Moore from Little Rock to Birmingham to take charge of the special squad looking in on the bombing of the Baptist Church and the recent bombings there. An additional ten men and stenographic assistance and cars were sent in by Mr. Mohr's office.

Katzenbach called me shortly before 8:00 p.m., 9/15/63, indicating that he was sure he need not call but wanted to express his interest in this case. He told me that he had called a number of Negro leaders in Birmingham and had urged that they see to it that anyone with information should come forward with it and give it to the FBI. He said he spoke to the Reverend Martin Luther King and his brother, the Reverend A. D. W. King, and other leaders.

He was assured that we were going all out in this investigation; that no holds would be barred; that all our facilities were available and would be used in the event needed. Katzenbach was most pleased with the action which we have taken and wanted to express it.

Upon SAC Moore's arrival at Little Rock, I pointed out to him instructions previously issued to the office that there was to be no blow-by-blow reporting to the Department as to what we were doing. This was to include no information about how much manpower we had on the case nor what our plans are. The position would be that we are conducting an all-out investigation and we plan to pursue all phases of the case most vigorously. There could be no doubt that we were going to do our job. SAC Moore was advised to make sure that Faisst understood this even though he had been told previously.

*set up
 at Little Rock
 conference
 at 10:30
 with
 Moore
 and
 Faisst*

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Memorandum to Mr. Malley

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

BOMBING OF THE SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63

Moore requested that he be allowed to have a Chief Clerk assist him in keeping indices and so forth with whom he could be in constant contact, who would be in addition to the present office personnel. I authorized him to obtain Chief Clerk ^{b7c} [REDACTED] from the Charlotte Office.

These items are being made a matter of record.

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TO : Mr. McGowan *WJG*

DATE: September 18, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF
SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63
RACIAL MATTERS

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I furnished this information to Mr. Moore at Birmingham.

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It is also noted that I made arrangements with SAC Faisst and Roy Moore so that [REDACTED] a prominent Birmingham citizen, could call directly and ask for SAC Faisst and furnish information which he might have directly to SAC Faisst.

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TO : Mr. Malley *RM*

DATE: September 18, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF
SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63
RACIAL MATTERS

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In addition to previous memos with reference to the above matter and the assignment of Agent [redacted] it should be made a matter of record that he was to be met at the airport in Nashville by Special Agents [redacted] who is from Birmingham, and [redacted] who will be there from Nashville.

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I called Moore and told him that arrangements should be made so that Agent [redacted] would be able to talk directly to the student. Obviously if the Agent had to approach this boy, he ought to have the boy's confidence and this could only be gotten if word were sent to the boy from either his girl friend, mother, the priest, or somebody that the boy knew. He otherwise might be reluctant to talk and obviously the people are fearful of reprisals if their identity should become known. Moore stated he would work this out.

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Arrangements were also made to have \$200 sent up to Nashville so that [redacted] would have this money available in the event it was necessary to have funds handy.

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URGENT 9-18-63 6-19 PM EST CLH
TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, KNOXVILLE 157-189 1P
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RE KNOXVILLE TEL TO BUREAU AND BIRMINGHAM SEPT. SEVENTEEN LAST.
TWENTY SEVEN INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED THIS DATE. NO PERTINENT
INFORMATION OBTAINED. APPROXIMATELY FIFTYEIGHT INTERVIEWS REMAIN
TO BE CONDUCTED, KNOXVILLE DIVISION.

ALL BOMB SUSPECTS KNOXVILLE DIVISION ACCOUNTED FOR.

END ACK PLS

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cc. Lavin

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: September 17, 1963

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: BOMBING OF THE 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963

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Malone	_____
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With reference to the attached article in the Washington Evening Star written by Miriam Ottenberg, captioned "Signs Of U. S. Violation Puts FBI In Bomb Case," I thought you should know that we talked to Miss Ottenberg about this yesterd

Miss Ottenberg had talked with Jack Rosenthal in Guthman's office in the Department and called here to "get her facts straight" as she put it.

The story as put together by Miss Ottenberg after talking with Mr. Rosenthal was completely distorted, facts were wrong and the impression was given the FBI had not solved any cases and not investigated any cases and was doing little in the civil rights field.

We told Miss Ottenberg that we could not help her too much on the current matter. We then explained most carefully the FBI's jurisdiction in civil rights cases, the accomplishments of the FBI in these cases and the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1960. We pointed out that the FBI entered the September 15th church bombing at once because of an indication of a violation of Federal law and that we have closely and carefully advised the Department of Justice of the facts in the other bombings in Birmingham and that there are four cases wherein the Department authorized investigation following an indication of a violation of Federal law within the FBI's jurisdiction.

Miss Ottenberg said she wished to point out the difficulties encountered by the FBI in this type of investigation and wished to give the FBI all credit possible for its fine work in the civil rights field.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Jones

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Signs of U. S. Violation Puts FBI in Bomb Case

By MIRIAM OTTENBERG
Star Staff Writer

FBI agents moved in on the Negro church bombing in Birmingham Sunday because there was an immediate indication a Federal law had been violated, an FBI spokesman said today.

The FBI declined to disclose what information prompted agents to take over active investigation, but under the 1960 law giving the FBI jurisdiction in bombing cases under the Civil Rights Act, it would have to be an indication that the dynamite had been taken across State lines or that suspects were crossing State lines to avoid capture or prosecution.

Although there have been more than a score of bombings in Birmingham, the FBI has played a major investigative role only in four cases. The FBI emphasized that it investigates only where there is evidence of a Federal violation.

FBI at All Bomb Scenes

The FBI has gone to the scene of all the recent bombings but picked up the investigation in these three cases before the church bombing:

The May 11 bombing of the home of the Rev. A. D. King. The bombing of the A. G. Gaston Motel on the same night. The September 14 bombing of the home of Arthur Shores, a civil rights attorney. Mr. Shores' home had been bombed a month earlier, but the FBI did not enter the investigation in that case.

Although limited in its own investigative role to the cases indicating direct violation of Federal laws, the FBI has offered its laboratory and identification facilities to local police and has pursued out-of-State leads.

The FBI can and does investigate bombings and similar violence under other Federal laws. Thus, FBI agents investigated the bombing of a Freedom Riders' bus at Anniston, Ala., as a violation of interstate commerce laws and investigated church burnings in Georgia as a violation of laws forbidding intimidation of vot-

Clues Are Scarce

None of the four cases the FBI has under active investigation has been solved. The difficulties in bombing cases are legion. Most of the usual investigative techniques cannot be used.

There is no gun to trace, and in Birmingham particularly, dynamite is readily available because of its widespread use in industry. The search of the crime scene is usually non-productive because the bombs have destroyed such promising evidence as fingerprints. The scene itself is usually trampled because of the need to remove the injured.

Informers are practically the only source of clues. That's why FBI agents and local police have taken on the job of interviewing literally thousands of potential witnesses.

The law that brings the FBI into the church bombing makes it a crime to transport or aid another to transport explosives interstate with the knowledge or intent to use explosives to destroy property "for the purpose of interfering with its use for educational, religious, charitable, residential, business or civic objectives or of intimidating any person pursuing such objectives."

Possible Death Penalty

The penalties provide imprisonment for not more than one year or up to \$1,000 fine or both. If personal injury results, the prison sentence can go up to 10 years and a fine up to \$10,000. If death results from the bombing, as it did in the Birmingham church, imprisonment can go up to life, or the court may impose the death penalty on recommendation of a jury.

The 1960 law also provides that possession or use of an explosive to damage property covered by the Civil Rights Act creates an assumption that explosive was transported interstate. But a person cannot be convicted under this law unless there is evidence aside from the presumption that State lines were crossed.

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ENCLOSURE

The Evening Star
Washington, D. C.
September 17, 1963

FBI

Date: 9/15/63

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: MECHANICAL SECTION
PHOTOGRAPHIC UNIT
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)
SUBJECT: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH ST.
BAPTIST CHURCH, Birmingham, Ala.
9/15/63
BM

Transmitted under separate cover are two rolls of exposed Tri-X movie film used to film bombing scene at 16th Street Baptist Church and activities in surrounding area in Birmingham on 9/15/63.

FBI Laboratory is requested to process and return these rolls of film to the Birmingham Division. **EXPEDITE.**

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 - 2- Birmingham
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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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Per _____

SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

September 18, 1963

Director, FBI

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UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH ST.
BAPTIST CHURCH, Birmingham, Ala.
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BM

Reference is made to your communication dated 9/15/63 transmitting
 negative(s) film photograph(s) document(s)
pertaining to the above-captioned matter.

In accordance with your request film has been developed
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 print(s) made
 slide(s) made
 negative(s) made
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TO DIRECTOR
FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 3P

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for review by Rowe Task Force
Date 9-17-63

BAPBOMB.

AT THREE TEN P.M. CST, SEPTEMBER EIGHTEEN, SIXTYTHREE,

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RECOMMEND THAT HIS IDENTITY REMAIN WITHIN CONFINES OF BUREAU
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TO : Mr. Belmont *AB*

DATE: 9-17-63

FROM : A. Rosen *ARM*

SUBJECT: **BAPBOMB** (BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH ST.
 BAPTIST CHURCH BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
 9-15-63, RACIAL MATTER)

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ACTION

The Washington Field Office has alerted the Metropolitan Police Department and the Secret Service at the White House.

The Washington Field Office will follow the activity and furnish pertinent details.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans

RBL:cac
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Mr. Edgar J. Hoover - Chief
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.



Sept, - 16 - 1963

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Sixteenth Street Baptist Church

My purpose in writing to you, has reference to the most recent bombing in Birmingham Ala., in which 4 Negro girls were killed; as well as the wanton disregard in many instances of late, of many citizens of that State, as well as their public leaders; as it pertains to complying with federal Law and Civil Rights of the Negro population. 9-15-63

It is with sincere interest, that according to the news on the Radio this A. M.; the writer has learned that men of your Agency are now investigating the most recent bombing, and I hope they are most successful in apprehending the guilty party ^{and} ~~or~~ parties in the very near future.

Although the writer in the capacity as a regulatory official for the Michigan Department of Agriculture for many has had some experience in enforcement and investigation work, it is as a Neophyte in respect to men of your Department, that I offer the following information. As an outsider, and basing my opinion on News only - it strikes the writer that these bombings are the work of an organization ^{and} ~~or~~ someone trained in handling of explosive. Perhaps an ex-service man trained in handling demolition charges or perhaps even at present a member of the Local or State Police, ^{and} ~~or~~ perhaps a member of the Alabama National Guard. I realize that to operate on this assumption, and check such information out - could be along an tedious process, perhaps ending in naught. However, back in the second world war as a member of the U. S. Airforce, I served several years at various bases in the deep South; and associated with a good many Southern soldiers, and I know of the deep hate, and disrespect, that was harbored by some of the Rebel soldiers, for the colored populations. Some could never be educated to think differently. With out a doubt, your office has given thought to this same thing - but I make mention of the same - for as an outsider considering that 8 such bombings have taken place without an apprehension - this does not appear to be the work of a crack-pot.

42 Very truly yours,



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