

of curtains waved through broken and shattered windows. Then I saw it.

ON THE EAST SIDE of the church were previously had been a doorway and stairs leading to it was now an opening large enough to drive a big truck through. What had been the basement of the church now looked like remnants of war-torn buildings I had seen in pictures. The church had been bombed. The thick cement and brick wall, symmetrically and powerfully built to last for years, now was reduced to a mass of rubble. No floor was visible through piles of rock and debris. A toilet bowl was lying on top of some of the rocks as if it had been casually offhandedly thrown there. Blood was all over the side walk approaches to the church and people were being helped into the many ambulances which had now arrived. "Father," one of the bystanders said to me, "they are trying to kill all of us." I could only agree.

A well-dressed Negro man was now pleading with the crowd to refrain from violence. It was his church that had been bombed. "The police will find those responsible for this," he said. A group of young men in the crowd were loudly disagreeing with him. About then helmeted police quietly and cautiously tried to move into the crowd now massed all over the street. A patrol car slowly eased through one section of the surging mass and someone bounced a large stone off the top of it. Another followed. Other stones began to fly toward the line of police who did their best to dodge them. The minister was still pleading for order.

MANY OF THE PEOPLE I passed were anxious to speak. All of them who did so spoke respectfully and quietly. "Reverend", one man said, "isn't this terrible?" A well-dressed man who looked like he might have been an usher in the bombed church said, "Father, we've got to be patient. 'Vengeance is mine saith the Lord.' We must not become violent." A young boy with a Bible in his hand walked by cursing loudly.

Accidentally I bumped into a girl who was already in motion to throw a large rock toward the police in the middle of the street. When she saw me she paused and then dropped the rock when a Negro man standing nearby and tightly holding on to his wife told her not to

throw it. I shook hands with a minister dressed exactly as I was who told me that this was the fortieth bombing in recent years and then he asked rhetorically, "How long can we keep our people from serious retaliation?" This statement struck me immediately as being very similar to the "How long, O Lord, how long!" of the oppressed people of God in the Old Testament.

More police were now arriving. Fire trucks with lights burning brightly even in the daylight were slowly moving toward the area. Crowds of people were running here and there, some getting away from the rocks that were flying about, others were calling for children or for loved ones who seemed to have been in the church.

AS I WAS WALKING away from the church, an elderly looking gentleman approached me and asked, "Reverend, why can't they catch the ones who did such a thing? Why don't they get those who are trying to kill us?" A short time later the second question would have been stated differently for they found the bodies of four little girls who were killed by the explosion.

A LAST LOOK at the scene which was becoming more and more frightening by the minute brought once again to my attention the "How long?" of the minister. On this Sunday morning which had begun so quietly and continued so violently this same prayerful question must surely have been in the hearts and on the lips of many of the good people of Birmingham.

Birmingham — a city that is truly beautiful; a city which glories in a history that was so remarkable it merited for itself the title "the Magic City." Birmingham—now a name which epitomizes for many throughout the world hatred and violence and brutality. Birmingham—a city whose people now, if not in times past, truly know real fear. My sincere prayer as I walked away and the prayer of many others who, like myself, were born in this city and who love this city, my prayer was that the time would not be so long before this city once again would be known for her beauty, for her good people, for her tranquil and peaceful way of life, for charity towards all men, rather than for such as happened on this overcast and tragic Sunday morning.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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RE : BAPBOMB
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Chief W. E. LAIN, Savannah Fire Department, Savannah, Ga., advised that anyone who purchases explosives in Chatham County, Savannah, or who brings explosives into Chatham County is required to secure a permit from his department.

This permit bears the signature of applicant, purpose for which explosives are to be used, type of detonation to be used, right thumb print of applicant and place where it is to be used.

A copy of this application is then forwarded to office of State Fire Marshal, 132 State Capitol, Atlanta, Ga.

This information is being made available to Bureau, Birmingham as OO and Atlanta in event it is considered to have investigative potential re captioned case, it being assumed that other states have similar requirements.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

September 23, 1963

The attached anonymous letter was sent to the Director from New York, New York.

The note reads:

"It is a well known fact you have never tried to find the white people responsible for bombing. Ever since Emmet Tell was murdered you men by your orders have pretended to try to find the murderers. It is a disgrace to you and your F. B. I. that all you care about is brown nosing the Southern Senators for bigger appropriations. You have the nose for it and your face shows what you are, a big phony."

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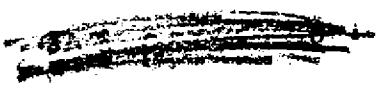
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Missing G-Men

JAMES A. WECHSLER

It became the bleak duty of Senate Majority Leader Mansfield to assure the Senate on Monday that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and his men are very much on the job in Birmingham.

Contrary to "reports in the press" about the "lack of interest of the FBI" in racist crime, Mr. Mansfield said, he personally had "no doubt" that the FBI and its director were "doing everything in their power to see that the culprits are found and punished."

I am sure he is right. There must, after all, be a limit to the immunity from criticism that Mr. Hoover can claim. A distinguished performance is overdue.

In the past eight years, Birmingham homes and churches have been bombed 21 times, according to official tabulation. If one goes back to 1947, the number of blasts is 40. The figures are probably an understatement. The crucial fact is that not one of those cases has been solved. Time and again it has been reported that FBI agents were diligently cooperating with local police in an effort to find the criminals. The record has been total failure.

Perhaps this time things will be different; Mr. Mansfield's plaintive defense reflects the degree to which Mr. Hoover is on the spot. One can only pray that the assassins of these innocent children will be caught. But one must add that, regardless of the outcome of this search, the FBI's Southern performance has been a disgrace.

Any lesser mortal than Mr. Hoover would long ago have been damned by press and politicians alike for the continuous story of failure. The FBI's ability to escape such condemnation is an almost unpalatable triumph of public relations in which even the faintest harsh word about J. Edgar Hoover has been loosely equated with treason.

The bomb that destroyed four children in Birmingham should have finally shattered the Hoover myth. But Mr. Mansfield's testimonial was a reminder that such legends die hard.

The question, of course, is not whether the FBI will finally break its scoreless streak. The children are dead.

The question is why the FBI has so systematically failed to infiltrate the racist mobs and thereby anticipate—and prevent—at least some of the terrorist frenzy that reached its monstrous climax in Birmingham on Sunday.

That issue was bluntly raised this week in a telegram from ADA's Joseph Rauh to President Kennedy—a communication

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largely ignored or buried by most of the press.

— "The failure or reluctance of the FBI to infiltrate right-wing subversive elements in the U. S. becomes more apparent with each additional tragedy in the South," he declared.

— "The total infiltration of the Communist Party by the FBI demonstrates the capacity of the bureau to forestall criminal activity. The failure to infiltrate the Citizens Council, the Ku Klux Klan and other racist organizations is inexcusable in this current crisis."

The telegram urged that either the FBI's Southern operation be drastically reorganized or that the Civil Rights Commission receive the money and manpower to conduct its own police operations in the South.

One assumes that the recommendation was filed in some Presidential pigeonhole reserved for explosive topics.

But this is the heart of the matter. No one can say with certitude, as this is written, that the Sunday murders could have been averted by such infiltration. But surely the long history of Birmingham violence suggests that the crime is the work of an organized conspiracy which undercover agents might have exposed long ago.

The real case against Mr. Hoover is not simply that he has failed; it is that he apparently hasn't tried on any major scale. He hasn't tried, I presume, because he is reluctant to risk his status as a sacred cow with the Southerners who control the FBI's budget, and annually grant him any funds he seeks, even in intervals of "economy."

The public record does show that Mr. Hoover, a big speech-maker on the subject of crime, has remained steadfastly inarticulate about racist violence. But again that silence may merely indicate his deference to the sensitivities of the Southern cabal.

Nothing said here is designed to create the impression that the FBI is composed of lazy men. Its agents are busy, earnest and generally conscientious in matters that the director gives a high priority.

Only yesterday I read an excerpt from the memoirs of Green Bay football coach Vince Lombardi in which he described the FBI's vigilance in scrutinizing pro football players.

In warning his players against any conduct that might render them suspect, Lombardi recalls, he told them, "I had a visit the other day from two FBI men and . . . they told me that they're keeping a closer watch than ever on all professional sports." And he added:

"Now these FBI men didn't mention anybody on this team, or on any other team either, but everyone is being watched."

One can only sadly observe that similar intense FBI surveillance of Southern racists might have spared the country much of our present ordeal.

It's Sadism

From "Social Astonishments" by David Cort (Macmillan, \$4.95)

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for the Administration to identify itself with a diluted bill even before this Birmingham atrocity. It seems inconceivable now. Surely all the dimensions of the behind-the-scenes struggle have been altered by these shattering blows to the whole doctrine of non-violence, and to the face of America.

Regardless of what happens today or tomorrow in Birmingham, the battle of Washington has been decisively altered.

The Justice Dept.'s decision to send such top civil rights trouble-shooters as Burke Marshall to the scene reflects the Administration's awareness of the national gravity as well as the human horror of these killings. The initial announcement merely said the FBI was being "called in" at once, but someone must have quickly recognized the inadequacy of that move.

The real question, as one ponders the latest communiques from Birmingham, is not whether the Administration can any longer contemplate some tidy compromise on civil rights legislation supplemented by isolated acts of intervention. It is whether even its effective advocacy of a strong bill will be sufficient to sustain the authority of the Negro leaders who have bravely clung to the course of non-violence in the face of so much brutal provocation.

The Kennedy Administration, in its first phase, underestimated the passion and meaning of the equal rights revolution. Mr. Kennedy has confessed that his own sense of timing changed when the dogs were unleashed in Birmingham; up till that moment he had obviously hoped to avoid any Congressional battle.

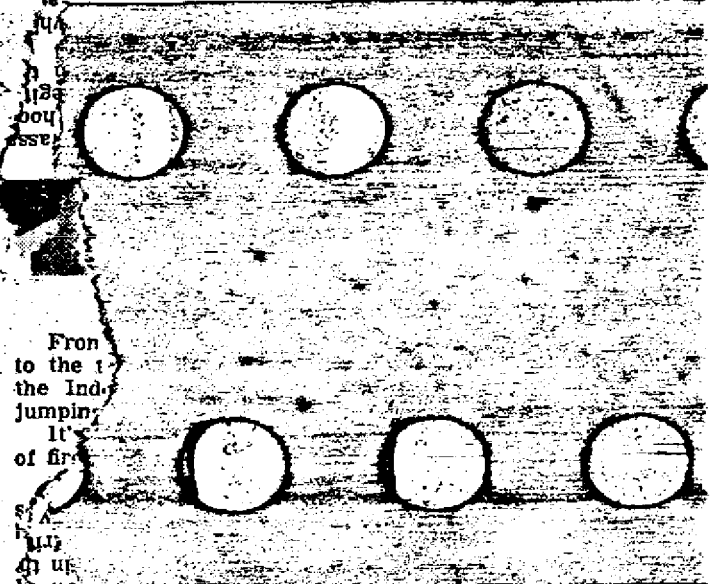
This slaughter of children in Birmingham is far more monstrous than anything that happened before. It renders academic any argument as to whether the Administration can avoid a major confrontation on Capitol Hill in the coming civil rights test. Once again events have dictated that the President rise to an occasion not because any clause of any bill might have saved these children, but because there can no longer be any ambiguity about where the Federal government stands.

In the context of this Birmingham tragedy some of the detailed arguments over specific provisions of the "public accommodations" bill become as vulgar as they are irrelevant. Shall we seriously quibble over whether these slain little girls should have been permitted to enter public swimming pools?

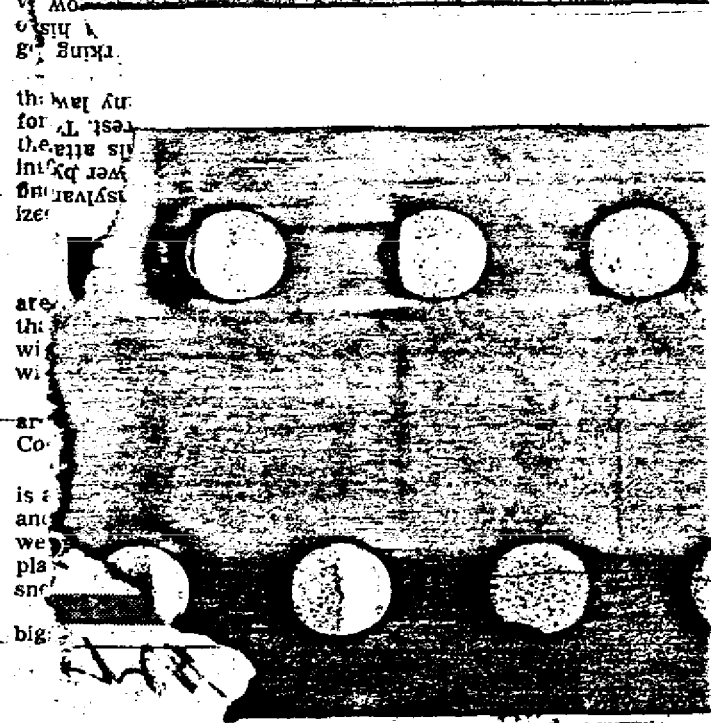
It was Harry Truman's misfortune, on the eve of this disaster, to deliver an oration proclaiming that "if the Northern busybodies stay at home and clean up their own backyards, the rest of the country will obey its laws" and to berate "these youngsters who are running around the country trying to institute mob rule." I trust Mr. Truman hates himself this morning. But there are many others whose insensitivity to the depth of this conflict appears equally conspicuous as funeral services are prepared for these children of Birmingham.

The calamity has happened. It is irretrievable and unforgettable. In the face of these murders, only the President can speak for the country's conscience—and not merely by words of genuine lament, but by full, dedicated commitment in a legislative as well as moral sense. His 1863 is here and now.

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GAMES A. WEIGLE

The bomb that mercilessly exploded in a Birmingham Negro church yesterday may have blasted the careful plans of many men in Washington who still refuse to believe that the struggle for equal rights is a life-and-death matter in which the usual formulae of political maneuver are out of date.

J. Edgar Hoover is the real murderer
(Phony Edgar)

letdown thereafter, permitting the jolly spirit of "compromise" to dominate legislative disposal of the civil rights bills.

Strong voices within the Administration quietly continued to resist the drive for a sweeping civil rights statute and to counsel the President against any total investment in such a measure. The important thing, the cool calculators argued, was to get "some kind of a bill" rather than to risk defeat by seeking such controversial provisions as the item known as "part III." Under the proposal the Justice Dept. would be armed with broad new powers to bring injunction proceedings against civil rights violators and their police accomplices. It would dramatically align the U. S. with the victims of racist hooliganism.

Both this provision and the demand for an FEPC clause were viewed by some Administration strategists "fighting" propositions that could only imperil the chance for "some kind of bill."

Throughout the last fortnight informed reports have indicated that the strategy of retreat was prevailing.

But that was before yesterday's terrible bombing in Birmingham, perhaps the most gruesome and inflammatory episode that has occurred in our modern sequel to the civil war.

As this is written little more is known than that four innocent Negro children were cruelly slain in the dynamiting of a Negro church that has been used as a citadel of civil rights assemblage, that a 14-year-old Negro boy has been killed by local police and a 9-year-old boy by two white warriors in the angry turmoil that followed the slayings. But one need not know much more to know that those who have been advocating a soft line in the Congressional civil rights debate must have suffered a devastating shock.

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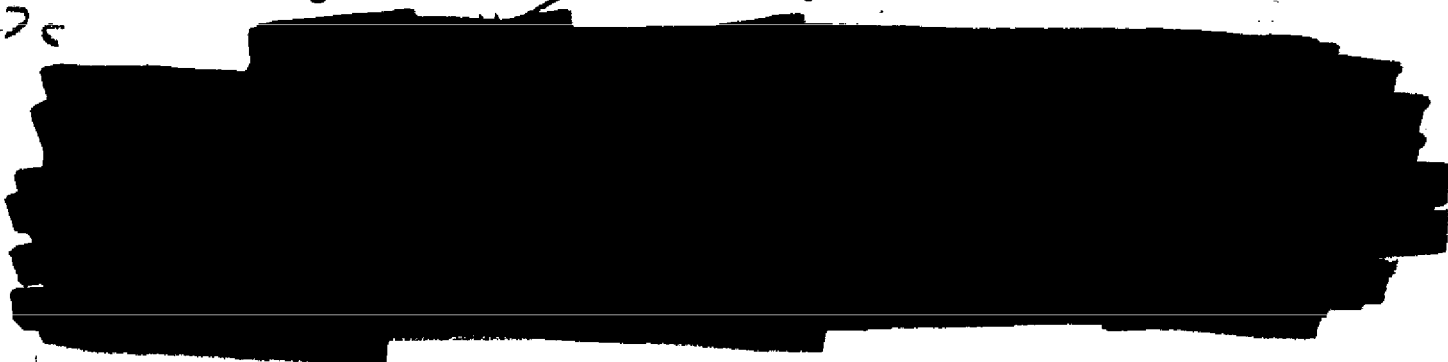
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A. Rosen

SUBJECT:

UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9-15-63 BOMBING MATTERS

In connection with our investigation of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, on 9-15-63, the following information is submitted.



Every effort is being expended to identify the Sergeant Bill described by [redacted] and inquiries and contacts of sources at Fort McClellan are continuing to be pushed. [redacted] is going to be available for interview again today and he will be further questioned by Agents in an effort to establish if there is any truth to his story.

With regard to the type of explosive used in the bombing of victim church, several additional persons who were in the church at the time of the explosion have advised that the odor which followed the explosion was unlike anything they had ever smelled before. They described it as somewhat like a dry gunpowder or firecracker type smell and yet not specifically the same as gunpowder or firecracker odor. Arrangements are being made through military authorities at Fort McClellan for a test explosion of composition C3 to determine if these witnesses can identify the odor from the explosion with the odor they detected at the church bombing.

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COPY TO MR. TOLSON

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

In connection with our investigation to locate a Rambler automobile with license tag beginning with 1A7 or 1B7 allegedly seen by [REDACTED] near the scene of the bombing shortly after its occurrence, the Birmingham Office has located and eliminated 17 such cars. Since other witnesses in the area of the church at the time of the explosion have advised that they saw no such car, there is some doubt as to the veracity of [REDACTED] information, and he is being reinterviewed today in this regard.

[REDACTED]

The Birmingham Office is continuing to check into the possibility of members of the Nation of Islam (NOI) being involved in view of that organization's advocacy of the separation of the races and its opposition to integration. Members of the Birmingham mosque of NOI, which is located across the street from victim church, are being located for interview and their whereabouts during the pertinent period checked out.

The Birmingham Office and auxiliary offices are completing as rapidly as possible interviews of known Klan and hate group members and are appropriately checking out the whereabouts during the pertinent period of any possible suspects among these individuals.

[REDACTED] upon contact by Bureau Agents on 9-23-63 refused to answer any questions or account for his whereabouts at the time of the bombing. That phase of the investigation concerning the possible involvement of [REDACTED] and members of his gang is continuing to be pressed.

FBI Rushes in Agents

Burke Marshall, 2 Aides, Ordered To Bomb Scene by Attorney General

By Wallace H. Terry
Staff Reporter

Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy yesterday ordered his chief civil rights aide and two other top Justice Department officials into Birmingham to spearhead a full investigation of the Negro church bombing that killed four children.

The three left Washington less than five hours after news of the tragedy was reported here.

A spokesman for the Justice Department said that outside bomb experts also were being brought in to aid the officials and FBI agents who are assisting local authorities.

Making the trip were Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall, Assistant Deputy Attorney General Joseph Dolan and the Attorney General's administrative assistant, John Nolan.

Marshall, who heads the Department's civil rights division, was the key figure in the mediations which brought an end to the racial strife in Birmingham last April and May.

No immediate comment was expected from President Kennedy, who learned of the bombing while aboard the White House yacht Honey Fitz off Newport, R. I.

The spokesman said the Attorney General is keeping his brother informed of the situation as he has done in past racial crises.

An FBI spokesman said agents in Birmingham rushed to the scene immediately and several more will be arriving from nearby cities.

He said the FBI moves in automatically to assist in investigations of violence like the Birmingham bombing, but in this case the Department has specifically directed a full investigation.

Federal officials can step into such cases immediately, without waiting for local of-

state authorities to request aid, because of a Federal law which presumes that any explosive used in a bombing has crossed a state line.

They may also move when it is suspected that persons have conspired to prevent others from enjoying their Constitutional rights.

The spokesman said a bombing on Sept. 4 in Birmingham is under FBI investigation but not five other bombings which have occurred there recently.

Investigations into bombings in that area—and Birmingham has had a long history of them—become very difficult because of the easy accessibility of dynamite.

Birmingham being an ore mining center, explosives are cheap and plentiful. Experts in their use are numerous.

Since 1947 the city has been rocked by at least 50 bombings. About half of these have been related to labor disputes.

But in more recent years Negroes primarily have become the targets.

The bombings of the church marked at least the 21st time in the last eight years that

Negroes have been the victims. But yesterday was the first time anyone was killed.

Churches have been the targets in seven instances.

The frequency of racially related bombings has increased since the city moved into an uneasy settlement of racial differences last May and with the desegregation of public schools Sept. 4.

Four persons were injured May 11 when the home of the brother of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King and a Negro motel were hit. On Aug. 20, a bomb caused extensive damage to a Negro attorney's home. It was again hit the night schools desegregated.

Four days later, the home of the Negro businessman who owns the motel was fired. And last Tuesday a small concussion grenade went off in a Negro neighborhood.

In the wake of the May 11 bombings, several persons, including policemen, were injured in a riot. The Sept. 4 bombing again set off rioting which left one Negro dead and 20 injured.

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TO : Mr. Belmont *W*

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"The Washington Post and Times Herald" for September 16, 1963, page A6, sets forth remarks allegedly from an FBI spokesman concerning subject bombing. The spokesman allegedly stated that the bombing on September 4, 1963, in Birmingham, is under FBI investigation but not five other bombings which have occurred there recently.

"The Washington Post and Times Herald" articles is inaccurate. Of the six recent bombings which have occurred in Birmingham since 5-11-63, the Bureau is investigating four of them and in two of them the facts were presented to the Department and no investigation was requested.

DETAILS

A check was made with the office of Mr. DeLoach and no such statement has been made as indicated in "The Washington Post and Times Herald" article.

Concerning the recent bombings which have occurred in Birmingham, the following should be noted. (1) The Gaston Motel, an integrated motel in Birmingham, was bombed on 5-11-63. (2) The home of Reverend A. D. W. King, the brother of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., was also bombed on the same night in Ensley, Alabama, a suburb of Birmingham.

The Bureau is conducting an active investigation into these bombings and extensive reports have been furnished to the Department.

(3) The residence of Arthur D. Shores, an attorney who has been active in civil rights matters in Birmingham, was bombed on August 20, 1963. No one was injured in the explosion and some damage was done to the eyes of his home above the garage of the southwest

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corner. The facts concerning this bombing were furnished to Mr. David H. Marlin and Mr. St. John Barrett of the Civil Rights Division of the Department and no investigation was requested.

(4) The residence of Arthur D. Shores was again bombed on September 4, 1963. The facts in this bombing were discussed with the Department on September 4, 1963, and no request for investigation was made; however, on September 5, 1963, the Department did request an investigation into the bombing. A full investigation is being conducted concerning this bombing and a special squad of Agents has been sent to Birmingham to conduct the investigation.

(5) On the evening of September 8, 1963, the residence of A. G. Gaston in Jefferson County, Alabama, was the object of two fire bombs. Mr. Gaston is the owner of the Gaston Motel and he is a wealthy Negro in the Birmingham area. He has not been active in civil rights matters. The facts in this fire bombing were brought to the attention of the Department on September 8, 1963, and no investigation was requested.

(6) The Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, a large Negro church which has been the center of Negro demonstrations, was the object of a bombing on September 15, 1963. This is the present bombing in which four Negro children were killed and 16 other persons were injured. We immediately entered this case to conduct a full investigation and sent an additional special squad of Agents under the supervision of SAC Roy Moore of the Little Rock Office into Birmingham to conduct the investigation.

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6 Dead After Church Bombing

Blast Kills 4 Children; Riots Follow

Two Youths Slain; State Reinforces Birmingham Police

BIRMINGHAM, Sept. 15 (UPI) — A bomb hurled from a passing car blasted a crowded Negro church today, killing four girls in their Sunday school classes and triggering outbreaks of violence that left two more persons dead in the streets.

Two Negro youths were killed in outbreaks of shooting

Three Justice Department officials sent to Birmingham to probe bombing. Page A6.

seven hours after the 16th Street Baptist Church was bombed, and a third was wounded.

As darkness closed over the city hours later, shots crackled sporadically in the Negro sections. Stones smashed into cars driven by whites.

Five Fires Reported

Police reported at least five fires in Negro business establishments tonight. An official said "Some are being set," including one at a mop factory touched off by gasoline thrown on the building. The fires were brought under control and there were no injuries.

[Meanwhile, NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins wired President Kennedy that unless the Federal Government offers more than "pica-yune and piecemeal aid against this type of bestiality" Negroes will "employ such methods as our desperation may dictate in defense of the lives of our people.."]

Reinforced police units patrolled the city and 500 battle-dressed National Guardsmen stood by at an armory.

City police shot a 16-year-old Negro to death when he refused to heed their com-

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mands to halt after they caught him stoning cars. A 13-year-old Negro boy was shot and killed as he rode his bicycle in a suburban area north of the city.

Police Battle Crowd

Downtown streets were deserted after dark and police urged white and Negro parents to keep their children off the streets.

Thousands of hysterical Negroes poured into the area around the church this morning and police fought for two hours, firing rifles into the air, to control them.

When the crowd broke up, scattered shootings and stonings erupted through the city during the afternoon and tonight.

The Negro youth killed by police was Johnny Robinson, 16. They said he fled down an alley when they caught him stoning cars. They shot him when he refused to halt.

The 13-year-old boy killed outside the city was Virgil Ware. He was shot at about the same time as Robinson.

Shortly after the bombing police broke up a rally of white students protesting the desegregation of three Birmingham schools last week. A motorcade of militant adult segregationists apparently en route to the student rally was disbanded.

Police patrols, augmented by 300 State troopers sent into the city by Gov. George C. Wallace, quickly broke up all gatherings of white and Negroes. Wallace sent the troopers and ordered 500 National Guardsmen to stand by at Birmingham armories.

King arrived in the city tonight and went into a conference with the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, a leader in the civil rights fight in Birmingham.

The City Council held an emergency meeting to discuss safety measures for the city, but rejected proposals for a curfew.

Dozens of persons were injured when the bomb went off in the church, which held 400 Negroes at the time, including 80 children. It was Youth Day at the church.

A few hours later, police

picked up two white men, questioned them about the bombing and released them.

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., wired President Kennedy from Atlanta that he was going to Birmingham to plead with Negroes to "remain non-violent."

But he said that unless "immediate Federal steps are taken" there will be "in Birmingham and Alabama the worst racial holocaust this Nation has ever seen."

Dozens of survivors, their faces dripping blood from the glass that flew out of the church's stained glass windows, staggered around the building in a cloud of white dust raised by the explosion. The blast crushed two nearby cars like toys and blew out windows blocks away.

Negroes stoned cars in other sections of Birmingham and police exchanged shots with a Negro firing wild shotgun blasts two blocks from the church. It took officers two hours to disperse the screaming, surging crowd of 2000 Negroes who ran to the church at the sound of the blast.

At least 20 persons were hurt badly enough by the blast to be treated at hospitals. Many more, cut and bruised by flying debris, were treated privately.

[Associated Press reported that among the injured in subsequent shooting were a white man injured by a Negro. Another white man was wounded by a Negro who attempted to rob him, according to police.]

Mayor Albert Boutwell, tears streaming down his cheeks, announced the city had asked for help.

"It is a tragic event," Boutwell said. "It is just sickening that a few individuals could commit such a horrible atrocity. The occurrence of such a thing has so gravely concerned the public . . ." His voice broke and he could not go on.

Boutwell and Police Chief Jamie Moore requested the State assistance in a telegram to Wallace.

"While the situation appears to be well under control of local law enforcement officers at this time, the possibility of

further trouble exists," Boutwell and Moore said in their telegram.

President Kennedy, yachting off Newport, R. I., was notified by radio-telephone and Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy ordered his chief civil rights troubleshooter, Burke Marshall, to Birmingham. At least 25 FBI agents, including bomb experts from Washington, were being rushed in.

City Police Inspector W. J. Haley said as many as 15 sticks of dynamite must have been used.

"We have talked to witnesses who say they saw a car drive by and then speed away just before the bomb hit," he said.

In Montgomery, Wallace said he had a similar report and said the descriptions of the car's occupants did not make clear their race. But he served notice "on those responsible that every law enforcement agency of this State will be used to apprehend them."

The bombing was the 21st in Birmingham in eight years, and the first to kill. None of the bombings have been solved.

As police struggled to hold back the crowd, the blasted church's pastor, the Rev. John H. Cross, grabbed a megaphone and walked back and forth, telling the crowd, "The police are doing everything they can. Please go home."

"The Lord is our shepherd," he sobbed. "We shall not want."

The only stained glass window in the church that remained in its frame showed Christ leading a group of little children. The face of Christ was blown out.

After the police dispersed the hysterical crowds, workmen with pickaxes went into the wrecked basement of the church. Parts of brightly painted children's furniture were strewn about in one Sunday School room, and blood stained the floors. Chunks of concrete the size of footballs littered the basement.

The bomb apparently went off in an unoccupied basement room and blew down the wall, sending stone and debris flying like shrapnel into a room where children were re-assembling for closing prayers fol-

lowing Sunday School. Bibles and song books lay shredded and scattered through the church.

In the main sanctuary upstairs, which holds about 500 persons, the pulpit and Bible were covered with pieces of stained glass.

One of the dead girls was decapitated. The coroner's office identified the dead as Denise McNair, 11; Carol Robertson, 14; Cynthia Wesley, 14, and Addie Mae Collins, 10.

As the crowd outside watched the victims being carried out, one youth broke away and tried to touch one of the blanket-covered forms.

"This is my sister," he cried. "My God, she's dead." Police took the hysterical boy away.

Mamie Grier, superintendent of the Sunday School, said when the bomb went off "people began screaming, almost stampeding" to get outside. The wounded walked around in a daze, she said.

One of the injured taken to a hospital was a white man. Many others cut by flying glass and other debris were not treated at hospitals.

Fourth in Four Weeks

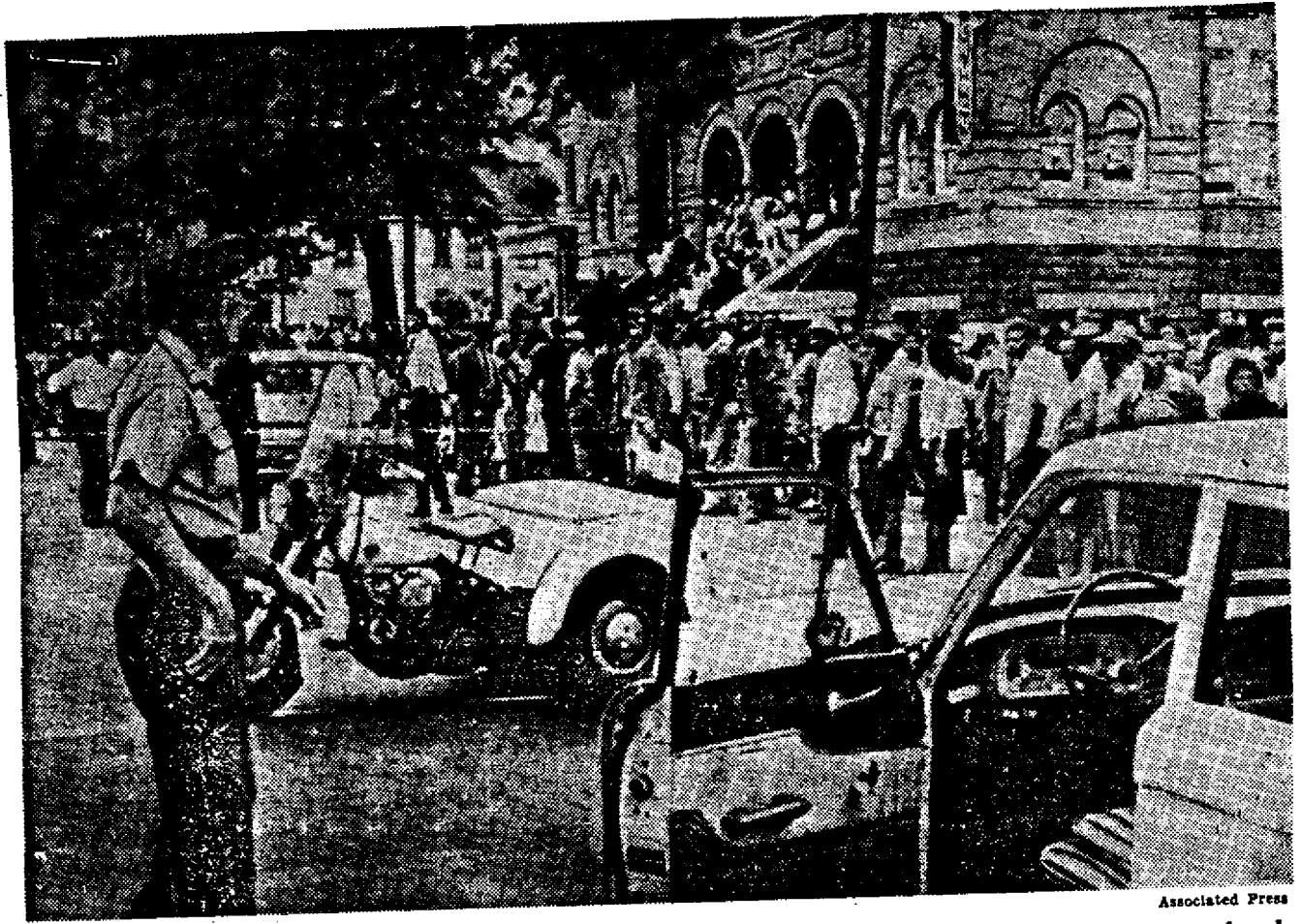
It was the fourth bombing in four weeks in Birmingham, and the third since the current school desegregation crisis came to a boil Sept. 4.

Desegregation of schools in Birmingham, Mobile and Tuskegee was finally brought about last Wednesday when President Kennedy federalized the National Guard. Some of the Guardsmen in Birmingham are still under Federal orders. Wallace said the ones he alerted today were units of the Guard "not now federalized."

The City of Birmingham has offered a \$52,000 reward for the arrest of the bombers, and Wallace today offered another \$5000.

Dr. King Berates Wallace

But Dr. King wired Wallace that "the blood of four little children . . . is on your hands. Your irresponsible and misguided actions have created in Birmingham and Alabama the atmosphere that has induced continued violence and now murder."

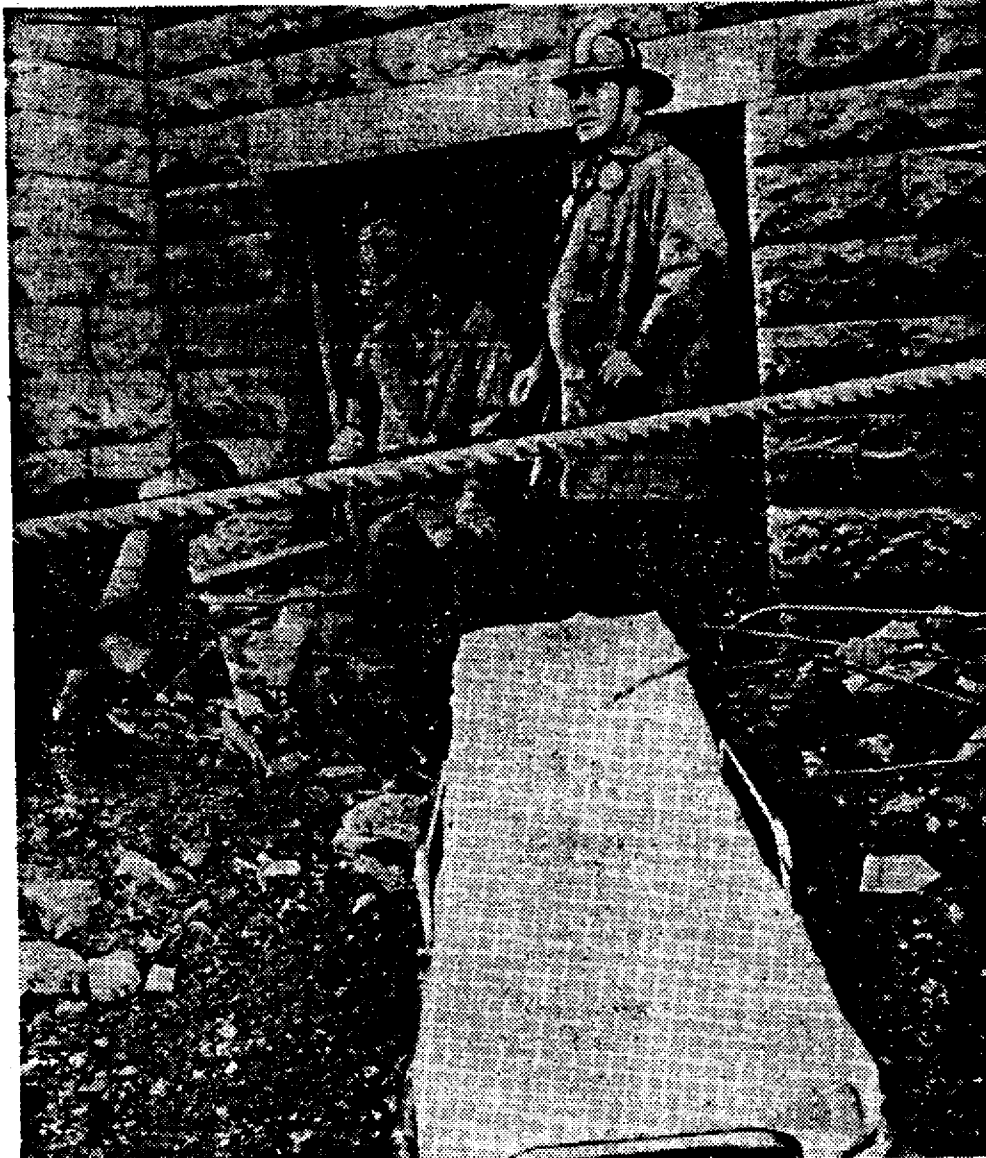


Associated Press

Policemen stood by as an angry crowd of Negroes gathered in front of the bombed church in Birmingham. About 150 State Troopers later were ordered to the scene by Gov. George Wallace.

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United Press International

An empty stretcher waited for one of the victims in yesterday's Birmingham bombing as police and firemen

investigated the blast in the 16th Street Baptist Church there. Doorway in center is the church entrance.



Associated Press

Damaged automobiles show the effects of the tremendous force behind the bomb, which tore large chunks of stone from the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham yesterday.



A Civil Defense worker in the foreground carries a bull horn as he and firemen inspect the debris from the bombing of a church

in Birmingham, Ala., during the bombing. Story, another picture

...drating, air conditioning, refrigeration mechanical and TV, industrial — skills that command high wages.

...allegedly more colleges open to Negroes. The emphasis was heavily on vocational training, such as mechanical cooking, industrial printing, drycleaning, pressing, cosmetology, etc. — occupations that are most vulnerable to the last-hired, first-fired.

...We do not need more vocational and training programs. We are dumping graduates as problem students, not as those that prepare

AT

...very day this week at the Ward & Lothrop store. The Vogue-First-TOWN GEMS OF display of grand designs with Miss Vogue stylist as today, Tuesday, and on Thursday, day also with Miss Vogue "CREATIVE by the Columbia-

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO :

Mr. Belmont *also*

DATE: September 19, 1963

FROM :

A. Rosen *Rn*

SUBJECT:

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

McClintock
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The following information concerns our investigation to identify the perpetrators of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, on 9/15/63.

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1590012 1963 Mr. Conrad
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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont
RE: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF
SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

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Investigation concerning the possible involvement of [REDACTED] is being vigorously pursued.

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In connection with the continuing investigation in the area of the bombing the Birmingham Office located and interviewed ten additional persons who were reportedly in the vicinity of the church shortly after the explosion but these individuals were unable to furnish any pertinent information. Additional members of the congregation who were present in the church at the

Memorandum for Mr. Belmont
RE: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF
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time of the bombing are also being located and interviewed as rapidly as possible. This phase of the investigation is being pressed and efforts are being made to identify and locate a Negro man and woman who were seen running from the vicinity of the church by two Civil Defense workers immediately after the explosion. The Civil Defense workers advised the man and woman told them they were running because they were frightened and had nothing to do with the bombing.

An additional 122 interviews of known Klan and hate group members and bombing suspects conducted by the Birmingham and auxiliary offices on 9/18/63 disclosed no information of value. These interviews are continuing.

The funeral services for three of the four children killed in the explosion took place on 9/18/63 and no suspicious persons were observed in the large crowd which attended the services. The only incident which occurred involved an anonymous report received by the Birmingham Police Department (PD) that a man in a cafe at Sixth Avenue and Twelfth Street, South, had a gun and had declared his intention to shoot at the funeral procession when it passed the cafe. Police located one [REDACTED] a white male at the cafe in question, found him in possession of a pistol, and placed him under arrest for violation of the State Firearms Act and for being drunk. This occurred prior to the funeral and the police were unable to find any witnesses as to any statements made by [REDACTED] that he intended to shoot at the funeral procession. 47c

The Birmingham Office has submitted to the FBI Laboratory material obtained during the crime scene search for spectrographic examination in an effort to locate possible explosive residues. This material is presently being examined by the Laboratory. The crime scene search including the examination of two automobiles damaged in the explosion has been completed but no physical evidence of the type of explosive device used in the bombing was found. An examination of the 1958 Chevrolet found burned about ten miles outside of Birmingham on 9/16/63 disclosed the car was completely burned with all combustible material reduced to ashes and nothing was found which could be associated with an explosive substance or bomb accessory. Inquiry into the theft and burning of this car is continuing in order to determine if it is possibly involved in the bombing.

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

A Washington news report on 9/19/63 that Birmingham Police have issued a pick up order for two white men in connection with the church bombing has been checked by the Birmingham Office with the Birmingham PD and Lieutenant Tom Cook of that department advised that he knows of no such order having been issued by his department.

The Birmingham Office and auxiliary offices are handling all phases of this investigation on a preferred basis and all leads are being run out as rapidly as possible.

ACTION:

This matter is receiving close attention at the Seat of Government and pertinent developments will be immediately brought to your attention.

[Handwritten initials and signatures]

FBI

Date: 9/20/63

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: Director, FBI (157-1025) (Atten: FBI Laboratory, Mechanical Section, Photographic Unit)
FROM: SAC, Birmingham (157-352) (P)
RE: BAPBOMB

Enclosed herewith is one roll 35 mm Tri-X Pan Film, containing approximately 14 exposures depicting a bundle of 12 and 15 sticks of dynamite, respectively, which was prepared as a model by the DuPont Company at Birmingham.

It is requested that five each 8 X 10 enlargements be made and returned to Birmingham. Expeditious handling requested. The last three exposures on the roll depicting a rural area outside Birmingham need not be printed or enlarged.

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- 2 - Birmingham

Approved: RJF/AY
Special Agent in Charge

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September 25, 1963

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Director, FBI (157-1025) - 195

BAPBOMB

Reference is made to your communication dated **9/20/63** 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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Mr. J. E. Trotter - 2266

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
c/o Federal Bureau Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Re: Bombing of Church in Alabama:

I think you should investigate and find out if it was not the negroes themselves who put the bomb. Don't believe any white man would risk going down into a Church basement- too much risk of being seen.

Think they know their assuming they are now master- and every white has to do what THEY WANT AND DEMAND MORE RIGHTS THAN THE WHITES IS LOSING THEM SYMPATHY AND THEY USE SUCH KKKX MEANS TO SNEAR THE WHITES.

Just a little over 100 years from slave to master- how they must laugh at the stupidity of the whites who ar giving them more rights than they themselves have.

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATIONS
YOUR INTEREST IS APPRECIATED

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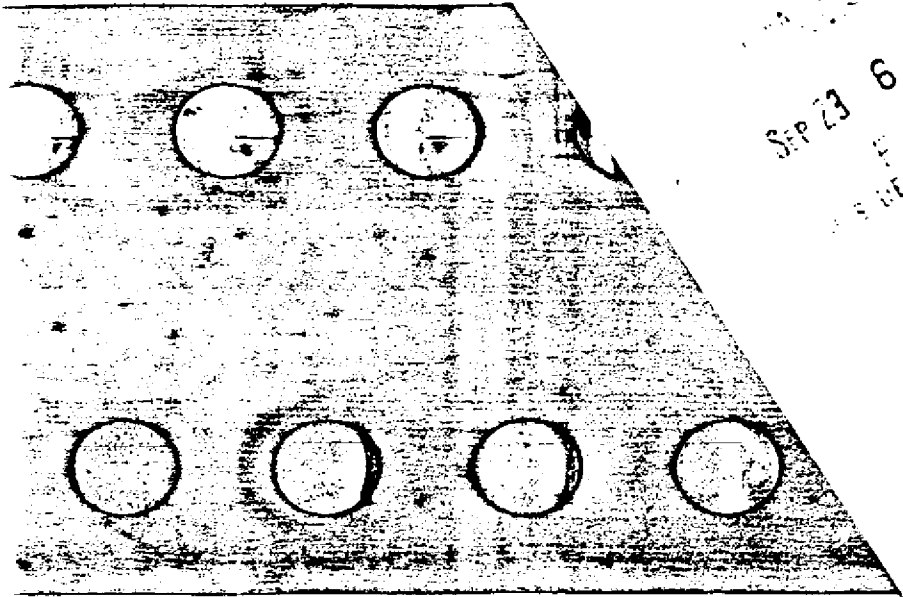
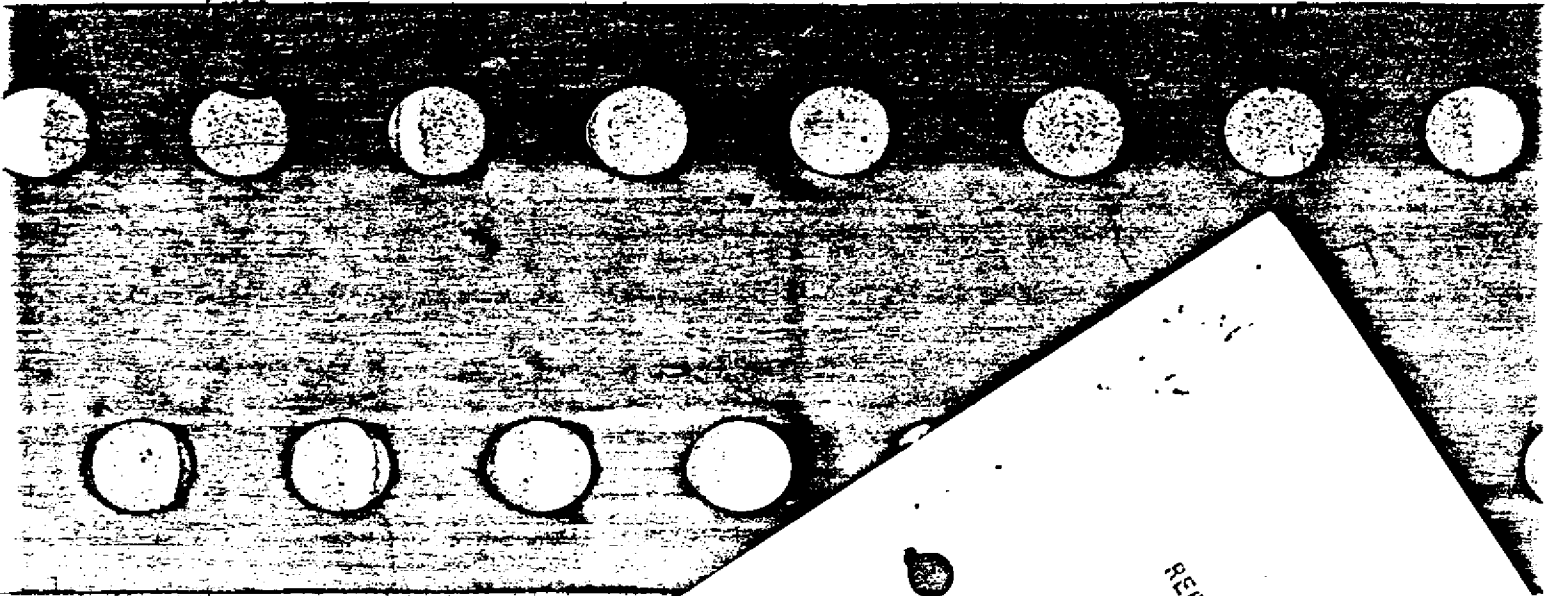
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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TO DIRECTOR FBI
FROM SAC SEATTLE 157NEW

SILENT MARCH IN SEATTLE FOR THE FOUR VICTIMS OF THE BOMBING
OF THE 16TH BAPTIST CHURCH IN BIRMINGHAM ALA. SEPT. FIFTEEN SIXTY-
THREE RACIAL MATTER.

COMMUNIST PARTY U.S. NEGROES QUESTION COMMUNIST INFLUENCE
IN RACIAL MATTERS.

SEATTLE P.D. ADVISED MARCH BEING PLAN FOR THREE PM SEPT.
TWENTY SECOND NEXT AT SEATTLE CENTER. LHM FOLLOWS
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TO SAC BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB.

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IN HIS INTERVIEW TODAY, IT SHOULD BE DETERMINED IF HE IS ALSO AN ASSOCIATE OF THE CHAMBLISS GROUP.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/
AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/
FROM SAC, KNOXVILLE /157-189/ 1 PAGE

Larson

BAPBOMB.

RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPES TO BUREAU SEPT. TWENTYFOUR LAST
AND SEPT. TWENTYEVE INSTANT.

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DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KLU KLUX
ALL KNOWN KLAN MEMBERS KNOXVILLE DIVISION HAVE NOW KLAN INTERVIEW

BEEN INTERVIEWED. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

A REVIEW OF TOLL CALLS, BOMB SUSPECTS, CONTINUING.

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URGENT 9-26-63 12-22 P AM EST PP

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, SAVANNAH /157-503/ 1P

BAPBOMB. BM.

REMYTEL SEPT. TWENTYFOUR LAST.

DUE TO UTILIZATION OF AGENTS IN SAVANNAH DIVISION IN BR,
BB, AND UFAP FUGITIVE INVESTIGATION, ONLY ONE KLANSMAN INTERVIEWED
THIS DATE IN CAPTIONED CASE. NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED RE IDENTITY OF
SUBJECTS OR POSSIBLE SUSPECTS. ABOUT SEVENTY SEVEN KLANSMEN
REMAIN TO BE INTERVIEWED.

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URGENT 9-24-63 11-35 PM CST GDM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 3P

BAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY.

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T. J. ...

L. J. ...

NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED NINETY. APPROXIMATELY FOUR HUNDRED REMAINING. ONE PCI DASH RAC FILE OPENED.

ANNISTON GROUP.

EFFORTS AT FORT MC CLELLAN, ALA., TO ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF QUOTE 'SGT. BILL' UNQUOTE CONTINUING. TWO POSSIBLE IDENTS BEING THOROUGHLY CHECKED OUT AT ANNISTON, ALABAMA. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES OF MILITARY CONTACTING ALL KNOWN MILITARY PERSONNEL INTERESTED IN GAMBLING AT FORT MC CLELLAN AS TO IDENTITY OF QUOTE 'SGT. BILL' UNQUOTE. RECORDS CHECK OF CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PERSONNEL AT FORT MC CLELLAN, ALA., EXAMINED FOR VEHICLE MEETING DESCRIPTION BELIEVED UTILIZED BY SGT. BILL MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

QUOTE 'HARD CORE' UNQUOTE ELEMENT OF ANNISTON KLANSMEN, DK, KKKK, INC. INTERVIEWED TODAY AND ALL DENIED CURRENT KLAN AFFILIATION OR ANY KNOWLEDGE AS TO IDENTITY OF RESPONSIBLE PERSON OR PERSONS CAUSING BOMBING OF CHURCH. SPECIFICALLY,

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*Memo Rosen
Belmont 9/24/63
J. J. ...*

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PAGE TWO

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REMAINING INTERVIEWS TO BE CONDUCTED THIS GROUP APPROXIMATELY TWENTYFIVE.

SURVEYS OF RESIDENCES AND BUSINESSES ANNISTON GROUP COVERED TODAY, INCLUDING HOURS OF OCCUPANCY, SECURITY, ETC.

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62010 [REDACTED] NOW UNDERGOING POLYGRAPH TEST, RESULTS OF WHICH WILL BE FURNISHED LATER.

WARRIOR GROUP.

ALL KNOWN ACTIVE MEMBERS AND SOME PAST MEMBERS, AS WELL AS ASSOCIATES INTERVIEWED. ALIBIS OBTAINED, AND CHECK TO NO AVAIL. NO INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWED OR CHECKED THIS GROUP DEEMED WORTHY OF FURTHER INVESTIGATION AS SUSPECT.

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[REDACTED] FURTHER CHECKS BEING MADE.

MISCELLANEOUS.

REV. JOHN CROSS, PASTOR VICTIM CHURCH, DURING CONVERSATION VOLUNTARILY ADVISED VICTIM CHURCH INSURED IN AMOUNT APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. STATED HAD NOT YET BEEN ADVISED OF EXENT OF DAMAGE TO BUILDING, BUT ORININAL ESTIMATE WAS THIRTY TO FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. REV. CROSS STATED HE HAD BEEN ADVISED BUILDING WAS UNDER INSURED. AS A MATTER OF INTEREST REV. CROSS STATED NEITHER ARTHUR D. SHORES NOR A. G. GASTON, VICTIMS OF FORMER BOMBING, WERE MEMBERS OF HIS CONGREGATION, OR WERE IN ATTENDANCE AT SERVICE DAY OF BOMBING.

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SURVEY OF RESIDENCES OF BUSINESSES OF ALL PERSONS INTERVIEWED TODAY UNDERTAKEN, INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHS, HOURS OF OCCUPANCY, AND SECURITY.

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URGENT 9-25-63 10-20 AM SLJ
TO DIRECTOR FBI /157-1025
SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352
FROM SAC KNOXVILLE /157-189/

BAPBOMB

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO BUREAU AND SURROUNDING OFFICES NINE TWENTYFIVE SIXTYTHREE.

ALL CURRENTLY LISTED BOMB SUSPECTS KNOXVILLE DIVISION DETERMINED TO BE IN CHATTANOOGA MORNING NINE TWENTYFIVE SIXTYTHREE. NO INDICATION ANY OF THEM WERE OUT OF THE CITY PAST TWENTYFOUR HOURS. CANVASS RAC INFORMANTS NOT COMPLETED, HOWEVER, NO PERTINENT INFO DEVELOPED TO DATE.

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Date: 9/19/63

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB
NATION OF ISLAM
IS - NOI

Re Birmingham airtel to all continental offices dated 9/18/63, captioned Bapbomb.

In connection with the investigation in this matter it is desired that all offices receiving copies of this airtel determine, through appropriate informants and sources, whether or not any members of NOI from their divisions have been in Birmingham recently, particularly immediately prior to and on 9/15/63. Particular attention should be given to any members who are considered especially capable of participating in bombings or other acts of violence.

The Bureau and Birmingham should be advised of the identities, descriptions and brief backgrounds concerning such persons, including identifying data concerning their automobiles, if used.

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Approved: _____ Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

WICK
w. 817 RB
P. J.

Handwritten signatures and initials, including "W. J. Wick" and "P. J."

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Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Rosen *Rosen*

DATE: September 24, 1963

FROM : C. L. McGowan *McGowan*

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

9/26/63

There are attached to this memorandum various photographs taken of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, prior to and after the bombing which occurred on September 15, 1963.

Also attached are six FD-302's prepared by Laboratory personnel concerning various aspects of laboratory examinations conducted in connection with this case.

ACTION:

For filing purposes.

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ENCLOSURE ATTACHED
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September 17, 1963

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On September 16, 1963, at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, 1530 6th Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama, Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] assisted by Special Agents [redacted]

[redacted] conducted a search of the church, which was bombed on the morning of September 15, 1963.

The search consisted of a piece-by-piece examination of all debris in the ladies lounge of the church and rooms immediately adjacent to the ladies lounge, the bomb crater and area immediately surrounding it, for any material of value that would assist in identifying the type and physical make-up of the bomb device used.

The following material, found in the ladies lounge, ladies restroom adjacent to the lounge, and the room west of and adjacent to the lounge was obtained for further Laboratory examination in an effort to identify the explosive substance used from possible explosive residues that may be present:

- (1) Pieces of heavy gauge wire from the screen coverings over the windows in the ladies lounge.
- (2) Pieces of window frame from the windows in the ladies lounge.
- (3) Fragments of drapery material that covered the windows in the ladies lounge.
- (4) Part of the metal frame of the wire screen covering the windows in the ladies lounge.
- (5) Scrapings from window sill in ladies lounge.

No burned safety fuse, fragments of a timing device, container fragments, fragments of blasting or electric blasting caps, wires, igniter fragments, or other materials which could be associated with a bomb, were found.

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Special Agents [redacted] 625

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September 17, 1963

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On the morning of September 16, 1963, Special Agent [REDACTED] with the assistance of Special Agents [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] conducted a thorough systematic search of the area outside the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, 1530 6th Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama. The search encompassed the streets abounded the church, the buildings across the street and behind the church, including the roof areas of these buildings. The debris that was located was examined minutely where found.

No burned safety fuse, fragments of a time device, blasting or electric blasting caps, fragments of a container in which a bomb may have been placed, or other material for association with a bomb was found.

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Special Agent [REDACTED]

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On September 18, 1963, at Kemp's Garage, 830 19th Street, North, Birmingham, Alabama, Special Agent [REDACTED] examined a 1958 Oldsmobile, white, four-door hardtop, bearing 1963 Alabama license 1-48895, serial number 588A01987. This car had been parked on 16th Street, North, adjacent to the 16th Street Baptist Church on the morning of September 15, 1963, at the time of the explosion at the church. It was the car nearest the point of explosion.

The major damage was located on the hood of this car which was buckled and pierced by flying pieces of concrete. Large pieces of concrete resembling that of the preformed steps from the northeast corner of the church were found under the hood on top of the motor. These were removed for Laboratory examination.

The windshield, rear window and all door glass was broken. The debris in the car was examined but nothing was found for association with an explosive or bomb accessory.

Photographs of the car were taken by Special Agent [REDACTED]

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The car was made available for examination at Kemp's Garage by [REDACTED], an employee, who resides at [REDACTED] Birmingham, Alabama.

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SA [REDACTED]

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On September 18, 1963, at Kemp's Garage, 830
19th Street North, Birmingham, Alabama, Special Agents
[redacted] and [redacted] examined a burned
1958 Chevrolet Impala Sport Coupe, serial number 58N
145302.

The car was burned to such an extent that its
original color could not be determined. Everything in the
car of a combustible nature was reduced to fine ash. All
low melting point metal trim pieces were reduced to molten
masses. The uniform manner in which the car burned suggests
an accelerant was used, specific type of accelerant used
could not be determined.

Nothing was found in the car to indicate the pre-
sence of an explosive or a bomb accessory.

Photographs of car taken by SA [redacted]

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Special Agent [redacted]

42c
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On the night of September 15, 1963, an examination was made of damage to the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, 1530 6th Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama, and of the area surrounding the church, which church was bombed at 10:22 a.m., the morning of September 15, 1963.

The characteristics of the damage, the distribution of debris inside, and outside the church, and the type of debris, indicated a high order type explosive, such as dynamite, had been placed on the ground in front of a double window of the church and under an outside concrete stairway that partially covered the double window. The stairway leads from the ground level to the second floor level and is located at the northeast corner of the church. The double windows are in a basement room of the church known as the ladies lounge and are covered on the outside by heavy gauge protective wire screens, as are all the basement windows of this church.

The floor of the lounge was approximately four feet below the window sill. The window sill was 8" above ground level. The church foundation was 30" thick at this point and consisted of a 10" stone facing over a 20" thick brick and masonry wall.

The explosion fragmented the outside concrete stairway. Directly beneath the stairway and opposite the window sill, in the ground, was a crater measuring 5 1/2 feet wide, 2 1/4 feet deep, and it extended from the wall of the church to the inner edge of the sidewalk, a distance measuring 3 2/3 feet. The explosion fragmented the solid limestone window sill and tore out the foundation of the church immediately beneath the window sill. The window glass, window frames and heavy wire gauge protective screens were shattered and blown into the ladies lounge. Extensive damage was caused in the interior of the ladies lounge. A large hole, approximately 7' x 7', directly opposite the window and 16 feet from it was blown out of a partition forming one side of the lounge. This wall was constructed of two thicknesses of brick and covered with wet plaster. At the time of the examination, the floor of the lounge was covered with 6" of debris consisting of brick, stone, concrete, glass, mortar,

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plaster, wood lath, and wood from a partition and from underneath an inside stairway.

The main supporting beams in the northeast corner area of the church were weakened. Numerous windows throughout the church were broken by the blast effect.

The main effects of the blast inside the church were confined to the ladies lounge.

Although there is no way of accurately determining the amount of explosives used, the damage caused by the bomb appears to be consistent with that which would be produced by from ten to twenty sticks of dynamite, or its equivalent.

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On September 18, 1963, at Kemp's Garage, 830 19th Street North, Birmingham, Alabama, Special Agent [REDACTED] examined a 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air, four door hardtop, with red body and white top, 1963 Alabama license 1-36022, Serial No. VC56A064159 (speedometer reading 34426). This car had been parked on the street adjacent to the point of the explosion that occurred on September 15, 1963, at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, 1530 6th Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama.

The major damage was located on the two doors on the right side of the car. This damage was caused by flying fragments of concrete that resemble the concrete from the preformed steps that were on the northeast corner of the church.

The windshield and rear window were completely blown out of the car and all the window glass was shattered. Debris in the car was examined, but no physical evidence for association with an explosive or bomb accessory was found.

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The car was made available for examination at Kemp's Garage by [REDACTED] an employee, who resides at [REDACTED] Birmingham, Alabama.

Photographs of this car were taken by SA [REDACTED]

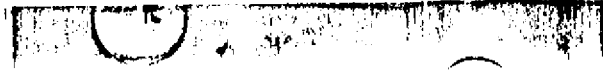
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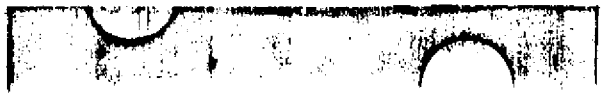
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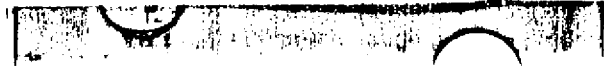
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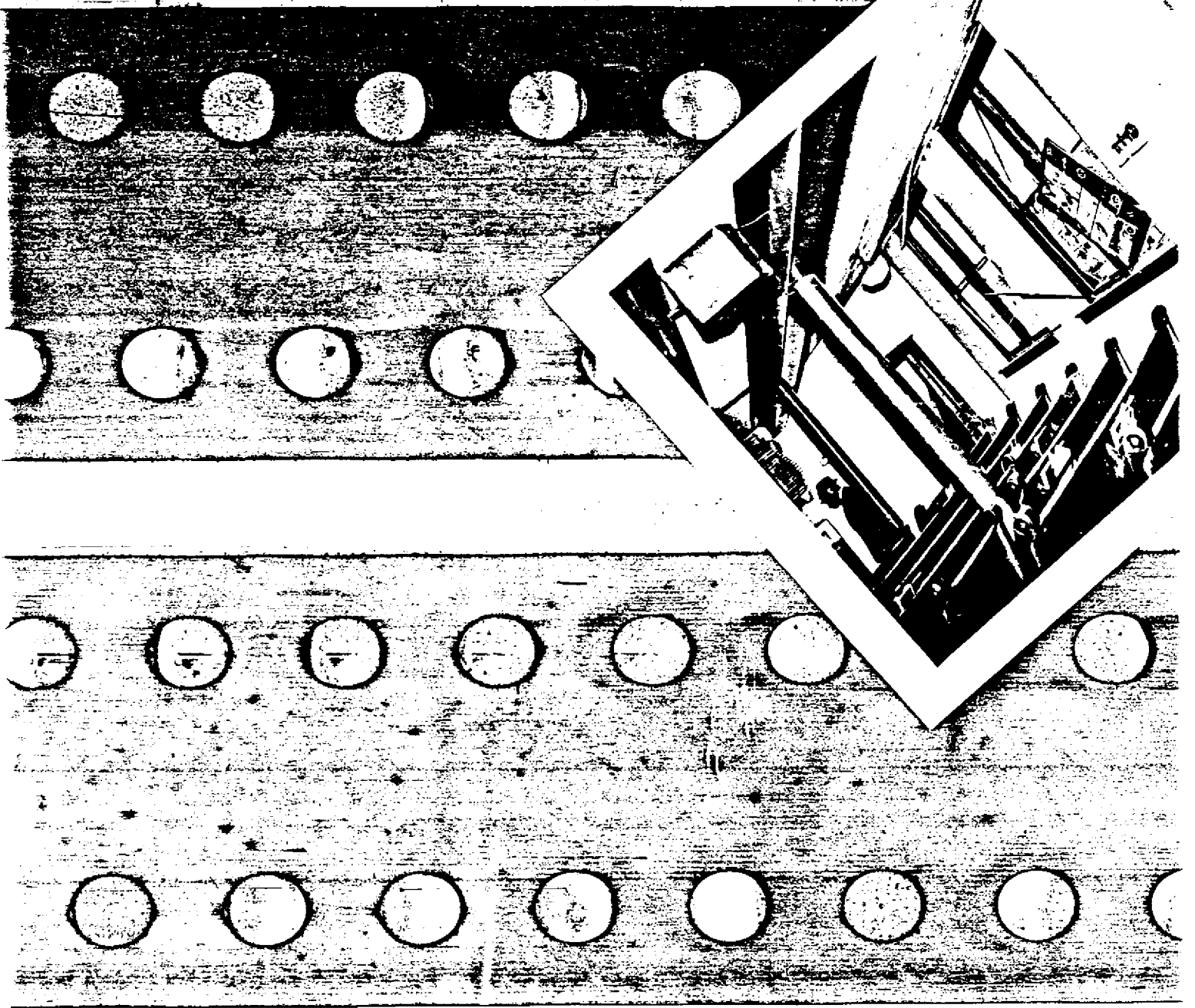
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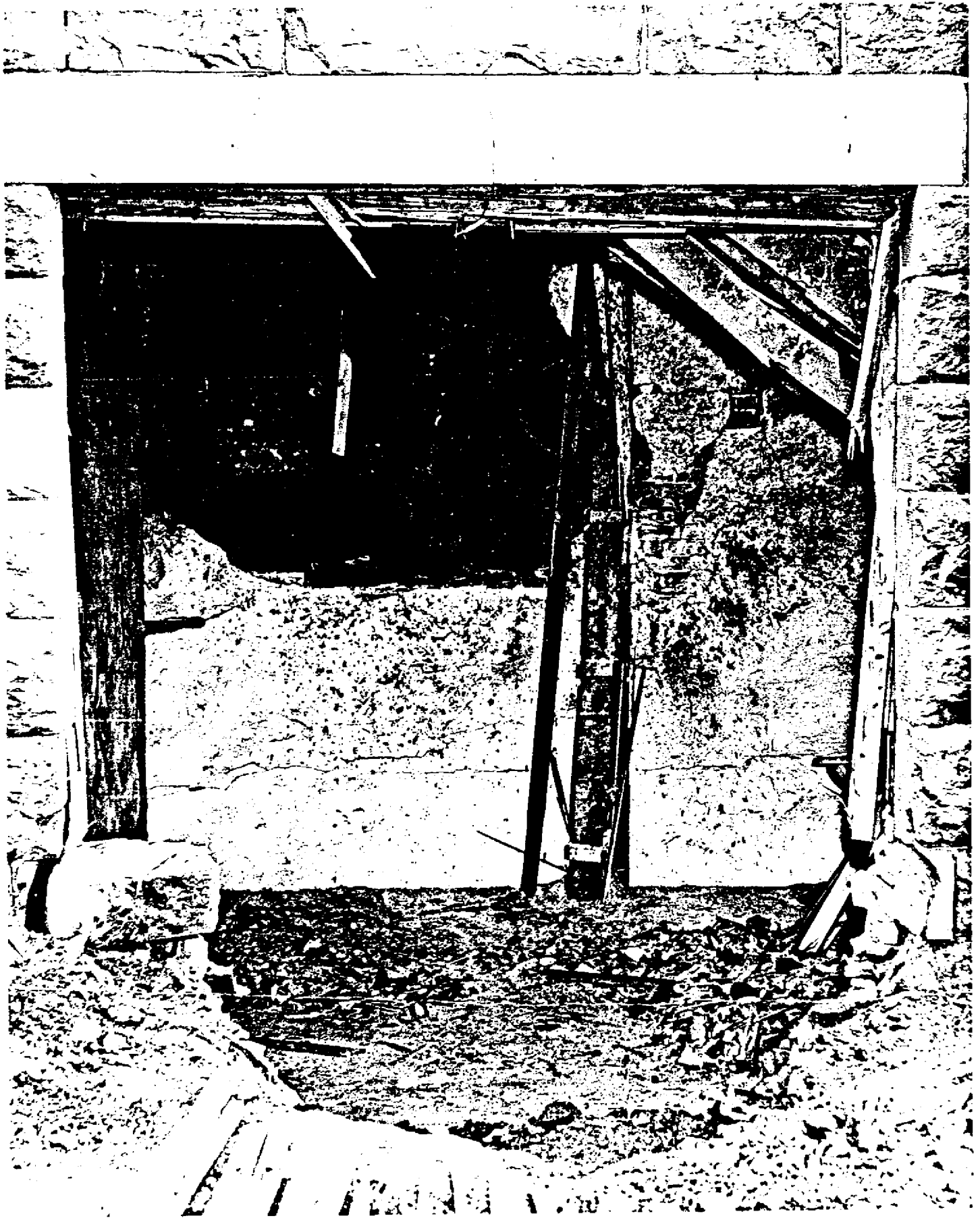




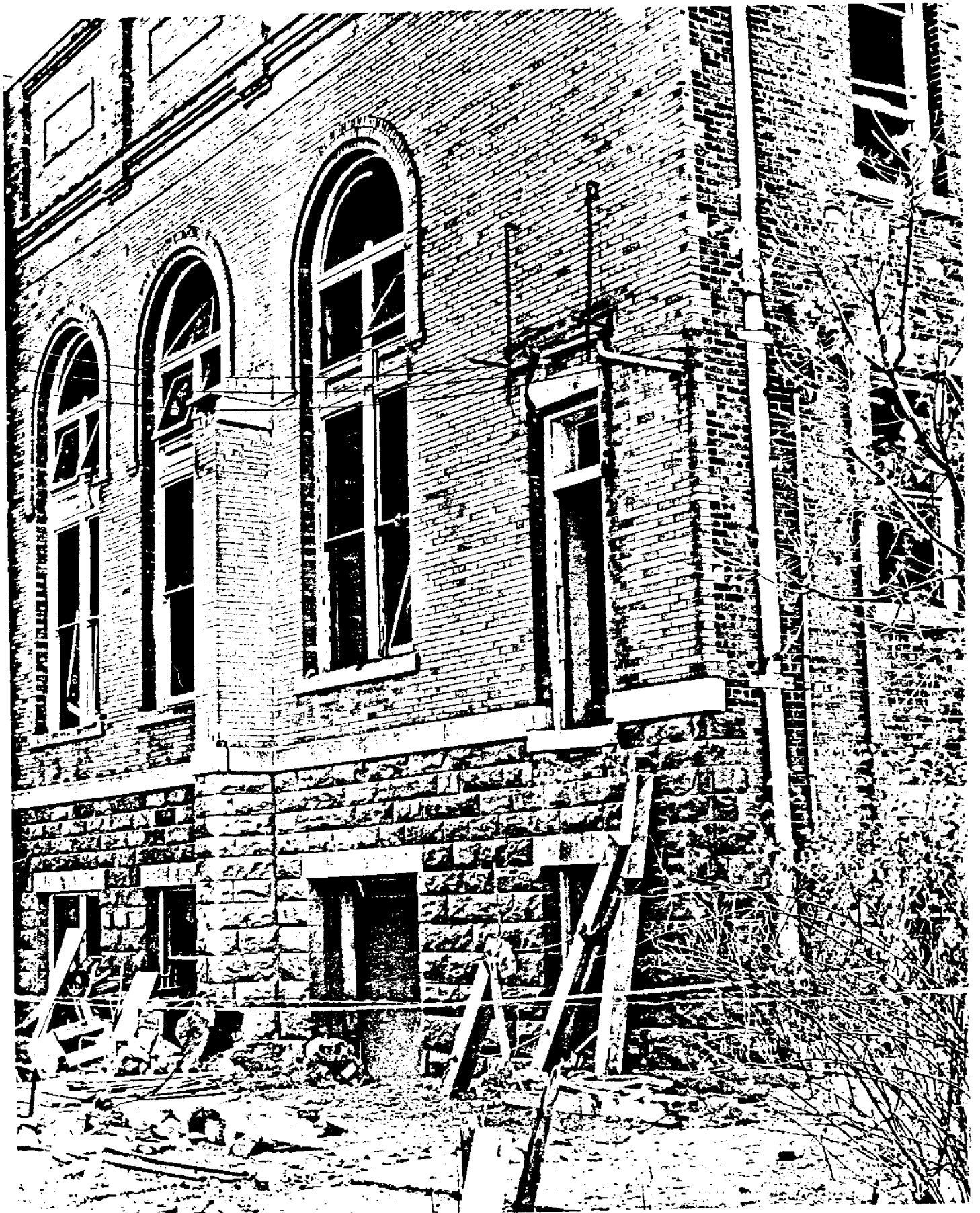


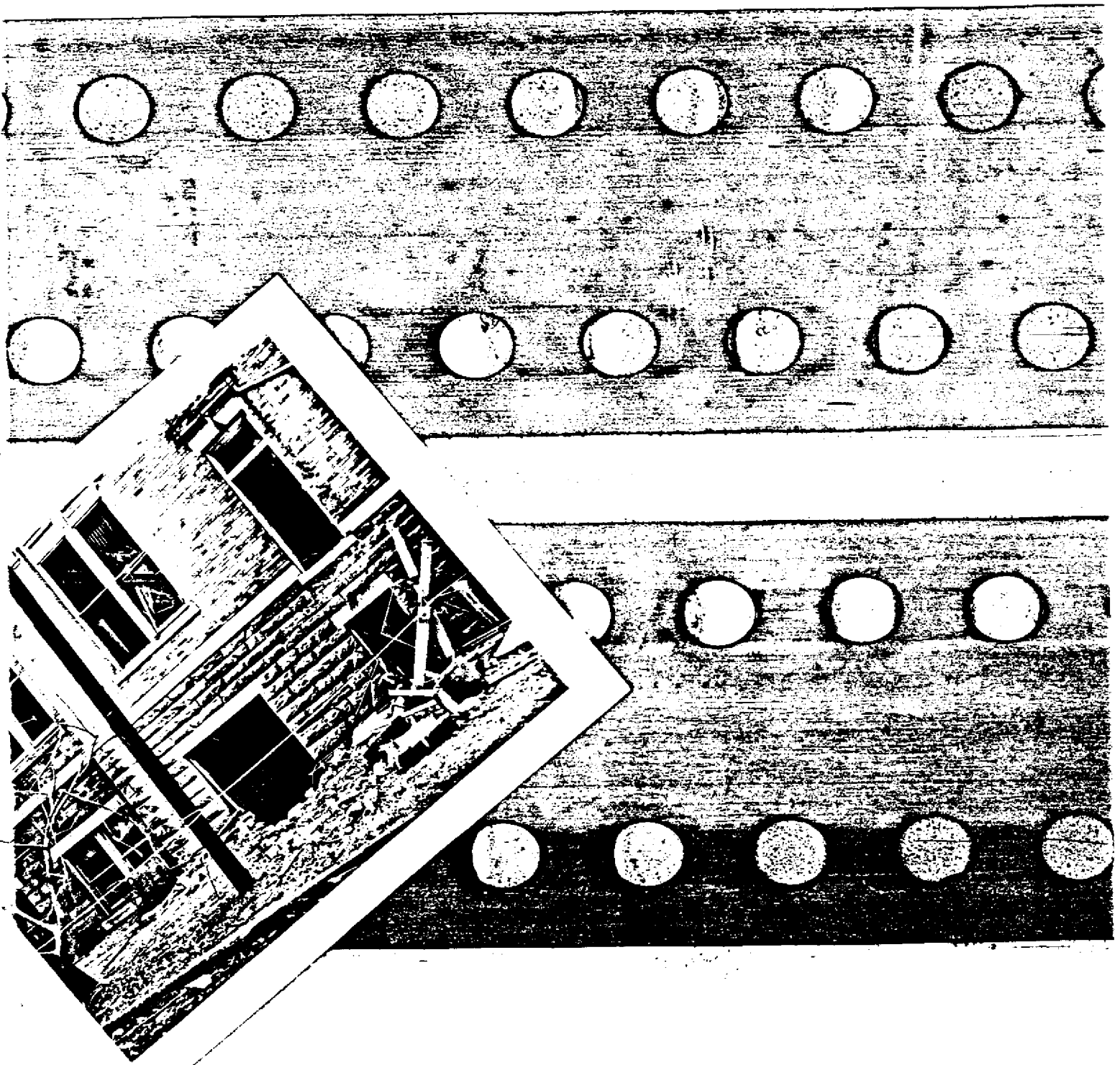


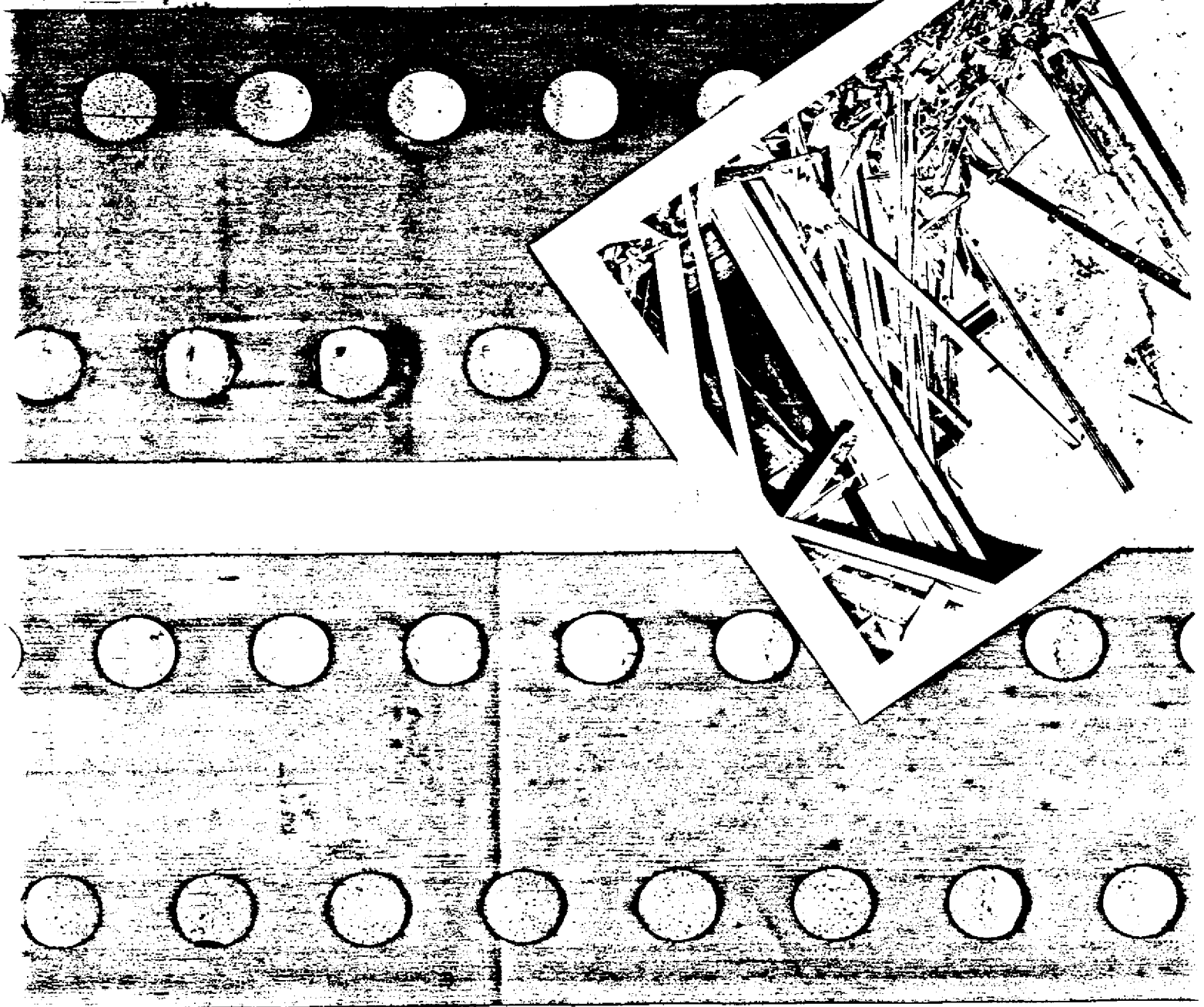












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Date 9/19/63

To

Director

FILE # 157-352

Att. Mr. Rosen

SAC

Title BAPBOMB

ASAC

Supv.

Agent

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ACTION DESIRED

Acknowledge

Assign.....Reassign.....

Bring file

Call me

Correct

Deadline.....

Deadline passed

Delinquent

Discontinue

Expedite

File

For information

Initial & return

Leads need attention

Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

Open Case

Prepare lead cards

Prepare tickler

Recharge serials

Return assignment card

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Send Serials.....

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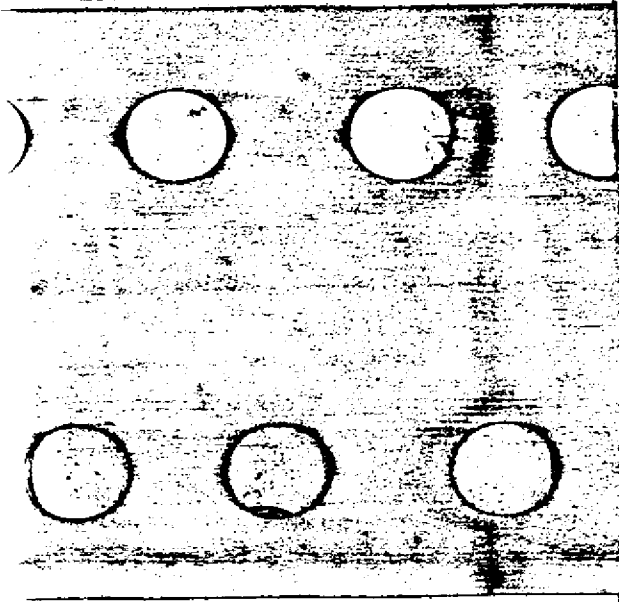
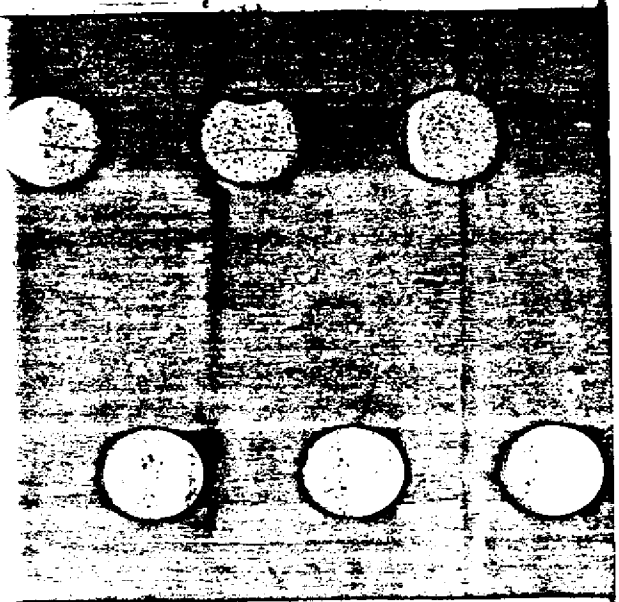
Attached Photo shows steps as they appeared originally. Bomb believed placed under these steps. Steps are solid concrete. Risers and treads covered with preformed concrete slabs. Areaway under steps open to a point several inches to left of center of window shown. Crater in ground extended from right side of window(facing) a distance of 6 ft.

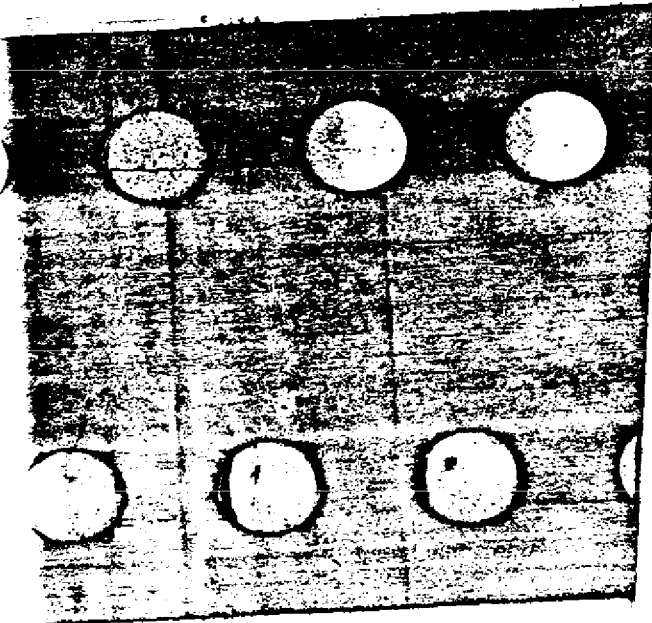
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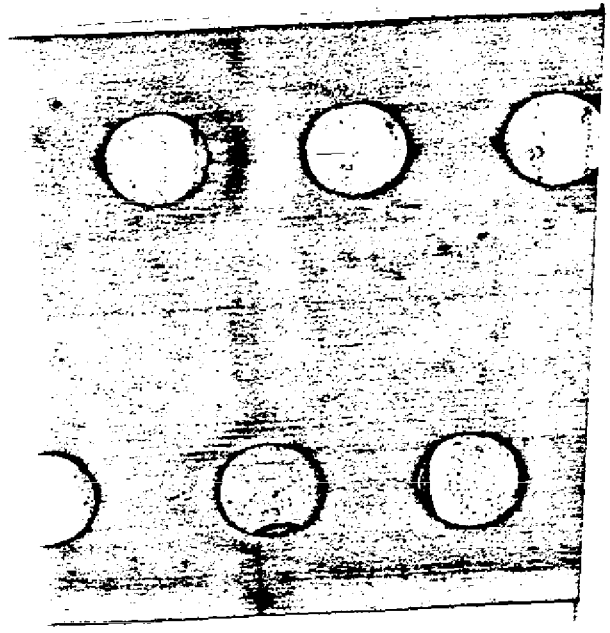
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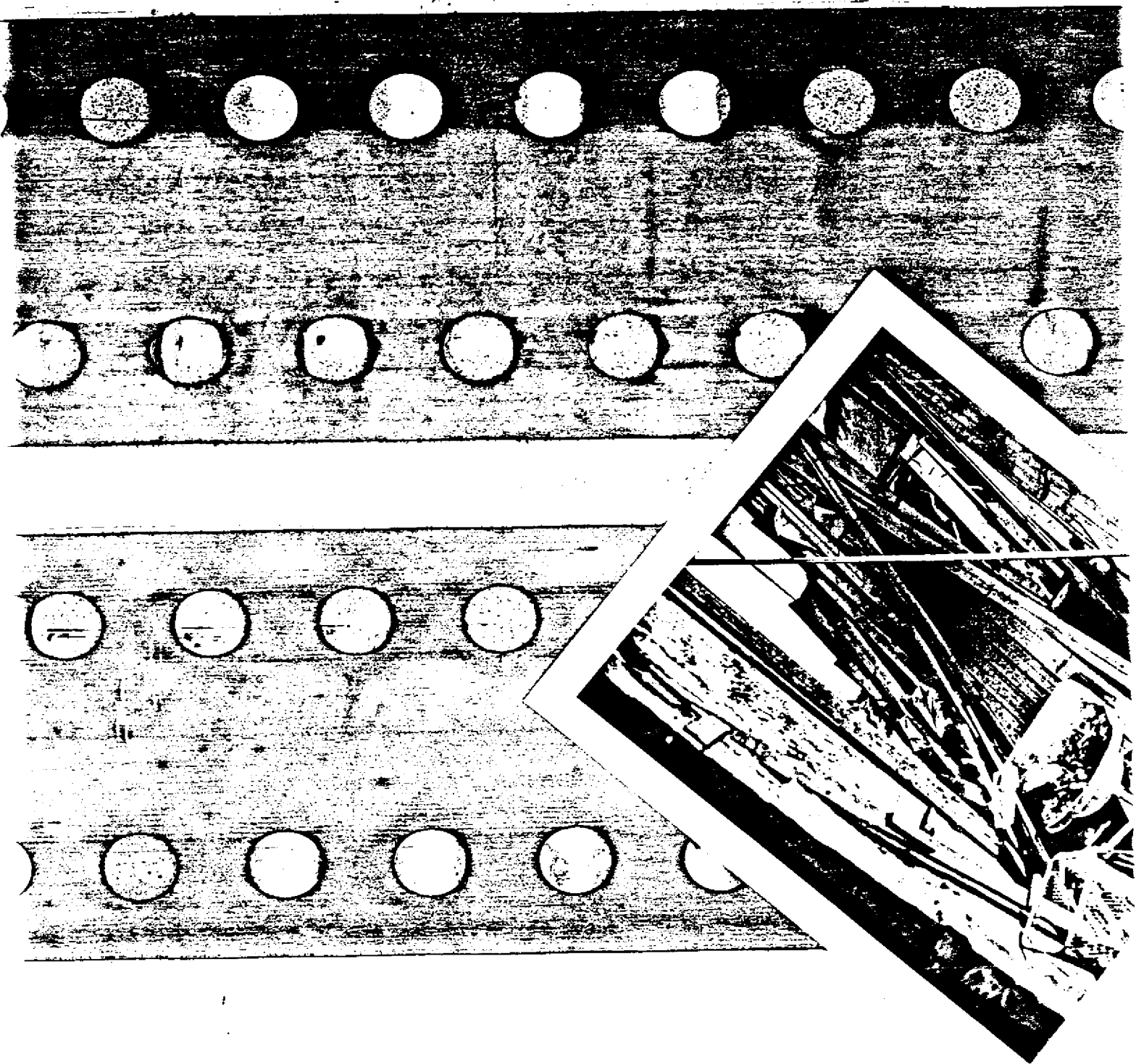
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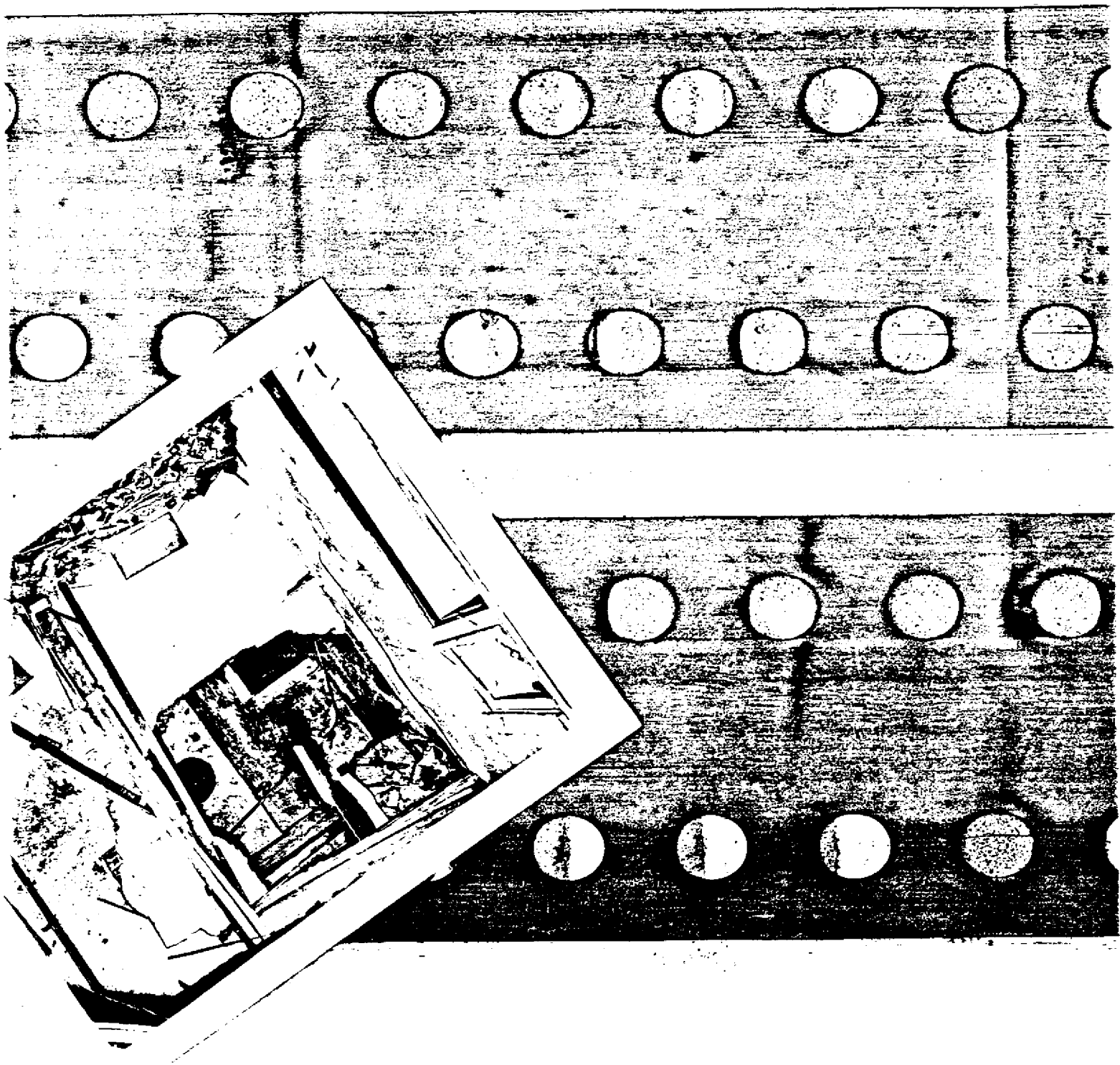


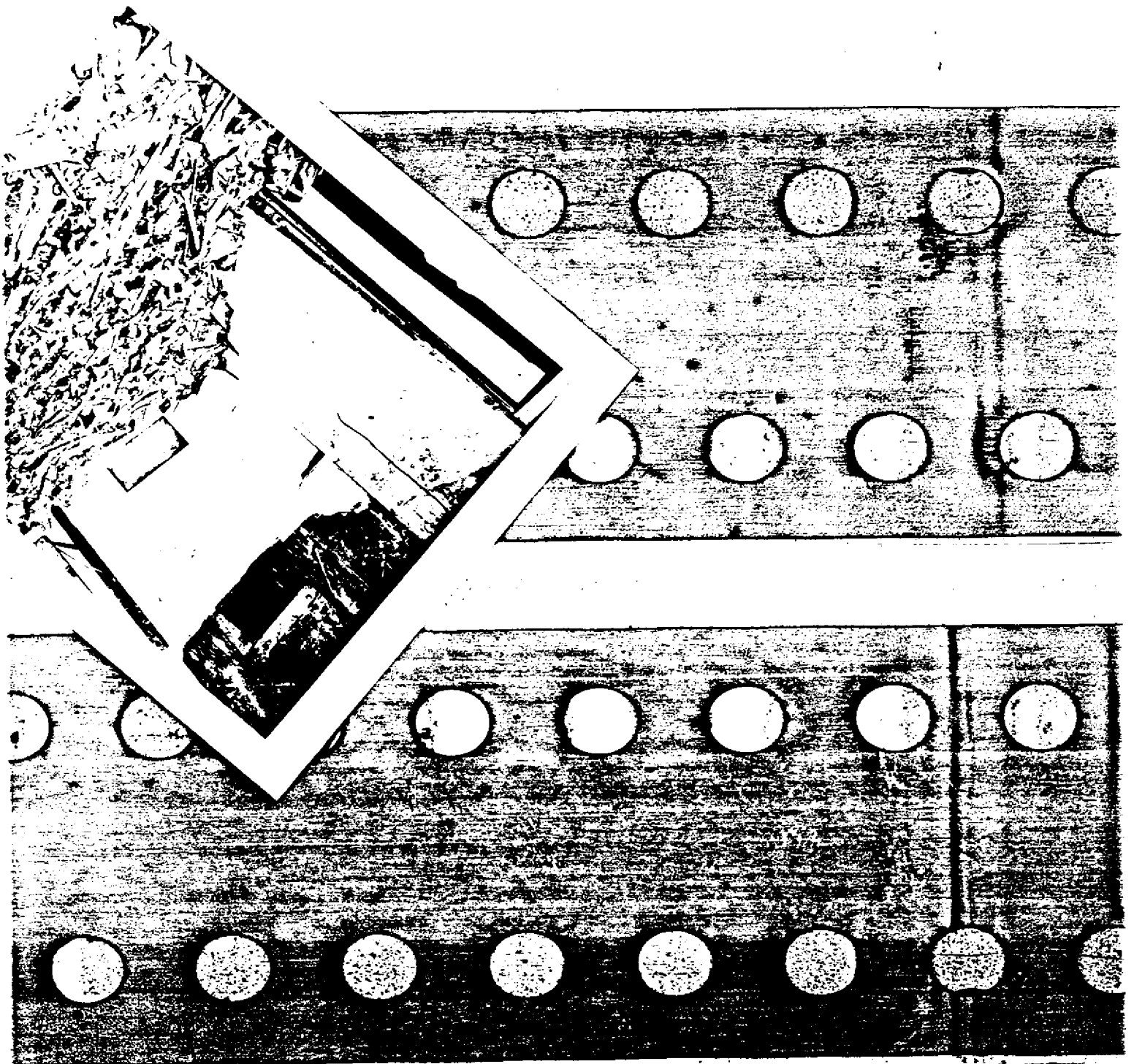


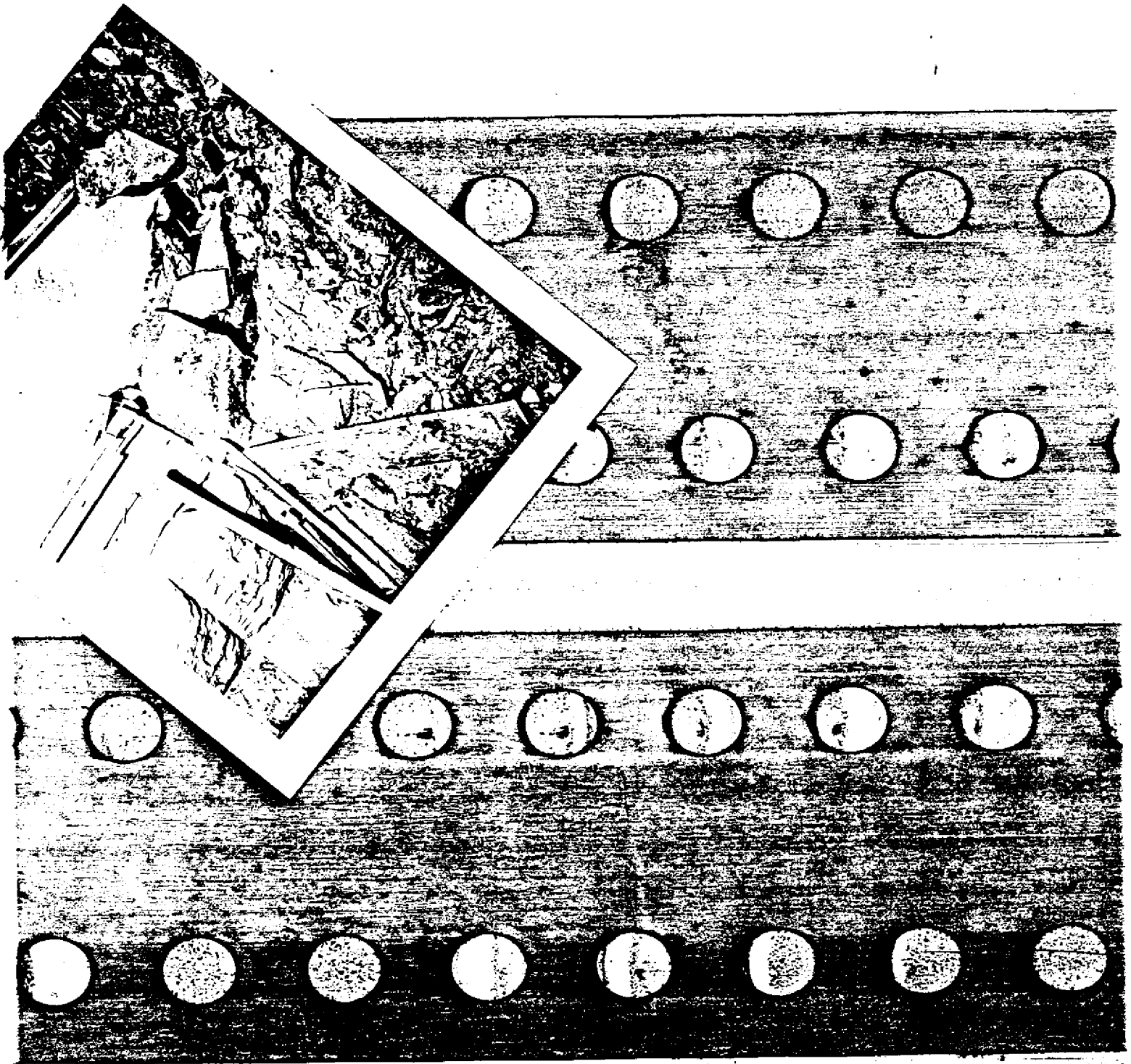
along wall and approx. 4 ft. from wall toward
walk and was 2 ft. 3 inches deep. Force of bla
directed downward causing crater; upward demol
ing steps; inward propelling window sill (comp
in size and construction to slab above window),
screen, window frame and material from wall bel
window sill; and, to the right along line of st
damaging a house to rear of church. Note: pict
taken approximately 10 years ago by Commercial
photographer for contractor who installed step:











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Memorandum

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

TO : Mr. Rosen *Rosen*

DATE: September 23, 1963

FROM : C. L. McGowan *McGowan*

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB (UNSUB. BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH ST. BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALA. 9-15-63 BOMBING MATTERS)

SAC Raymond L. Faisst called at 7:28 p. m., 9-23-63, to advise that he had received a call from Assistant Attorney General Louis Oberdorfer. Mr. Oberdorfer was calling on behalf of the Attorney General and desires that Agents meet the President's representatives, Kenneth C. Royall and Earl H. Blaik, upon their arrival tomorrow morning 9-24-63, at Birmingham. SAC Faisst indicated that Mr. Oberdorfer wanted the Agents to chat with them.

SAC Faisst was instructed that no information whatsoever concerning the bombing investigation should be discussed with either Royall or Blaik. They will, however, be met at the airport as a courtesy.

SAC Faisst indicated that when Deputy Attorney General Katzenbach was in Birmingham, Katzenbach and Departmental Attorney Joe Dolan made arrangements with the building manager in the 2121 Building which rents considerable space to the Government and in which building this Bureau maintains its Birmingham Office so that Katzenbach and Dolan had access to a two-bedroom apartment in the penthouse of that building.

Mr. Oberdorfer in his telephone call to SAC Faisst wanted the building superintendent contacted so arrangements could be made for Royall and Blaik in this apartment. SAC Faisst indicated to Mr. Oberdorfer that he would have the General Services Administration (GSA) representative in Birmingham call Oberdorfer direct and the FBI would not make arrangements for the apartment.

SAC Faisst was instructed to make no overtures for space for Royall and Blaik and that any such arrangements should be made by the GSA.

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen
RE: BAPBOMB

Thirdly, Assistant Attorney General Oberdorfer inquired of SAC Faisst as to the stenographic situation. He was advised that we cannot possibly provide stenographic services for Royall and Blaik and it was suggested that he call the United States Attorney's Office.

ACTION:

For information.

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Rosen

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Right J.

Royal has always been hostile toward the Bureau. We are overwhelmed with our own work & can't "net" anyone - Royal & Blaik. Be certain we don't chase them around.

*L. L. ...
SAC Faisst
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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URGENT 9-18-63 5-05 PM CST VFP

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-352/

FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-416/

FROM SAGXXXX

BAPBOMB.

REMOTEL SEPTEMBER SEVENTEEN, SIXTYTHREE.

TODAY MOBILE INTERVIEWED ELEVEN PERSONS WHO ARE EITHER BOMBING SUSPECTS OR MEMBERS OF KLAN OR HATE GROUP. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED DURING INTERVIEWS. SEVEN INTERVIEWS REMAIN.

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TO SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB

EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE SEPTEMBER NINETEEN, SIXTYTHREE, TO IDENTIFY NEGRO BOY WHO IS POSSIBLE EYEWITNESS TO PLACING OF EXPLOSIVE AT NEGRO CHURCH. IF IDENTIFIED, PHOTOGRAPHS OF VARIOUS PERSONS INCLUDING [REDACTED] SHOULD BE EXHIBITED TO HIM. CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO HAVING CIVIL DEFENSE WORKER WHO SAW NEGRO YOUTH OBSERVE VARIOUS SCHOOLS IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY NEGRO YOUTH.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad *[Signature]*

DATE: 9/17/63

FROM : R. H. Jevons *[Signature]*

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

<i>[Signature]</i>	Wilson	_____
	Casper	_____
	Callahan	_____
	Conrad	_____
	DeLoach	_____
	Evans	_____
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[Signature] LAVI

SAC Roy Moore of the Little Rock Office, presently heading the investigation of the above matter in the Birmingham Office, telephonically advised this afternoon that the search of the crime scene for evidence of the explosive device used in the bombing has been completed and no evidence of fuse, detonator or container has been found. Fragments of debris and other material which may contain explosive residues have been collected for Laboratory examination.

SAC Moore advised that SA's *[Redacted]* and *[Redacted]* will be returning to Washington when he has completed his dictation and SA *[Redacted]* is proceeding to Council Bluffs, Iowa, to honor a previous court commitment on 9/18/63, after which he will also return to Washington. SA *[Redacted]* is bringing the evidence collected at the crime scene for Laboratory study and analysis.

ACTION:

None - for information.

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- 1-Mr. Belmont
- 1-Mr. Mohr
- 1-Mr. DeLoach
- 1-Mr. Evans
- 1-Mr. Rosen
- 1-Mr. Lavin, Room 2268

NOTE: Subsequent to the above telephone call SAC Moore advised that SA *[Redacted]* would necessarily be held over one additional day to assist in the examination of several cars that had been damaged in the explosion.

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[Handwritten signature] [Signature]

[Handwritten initials] [Signature]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Rosen *[Signature]*

DATE: September 17, 1963

FROM : J. L. Handley *[Signature]*

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SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

At 8:10 p. m., 9-17-63, SAC Roy Moore, on special assignment to Birmingham, was requested to make arrangements for \$200 in cash to be available for SA [REDACTED] when he arrives at Nashville on special assignment in captioned matter.

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URGENT 9-18-63 5-15 PM CST TJB
TO DIRECTOR FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS /157-1294/ 1-PAGE

BAPBOMB, OO- BIRMINGHAM.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE SEPTEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST.

NINE INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION
OBTAINED. THIRTYSIX INTERVIEWS REMAIN TO BE CONDUCTED.

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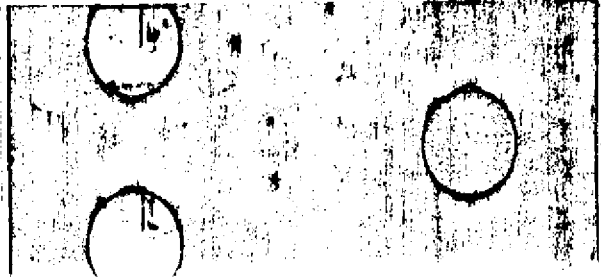
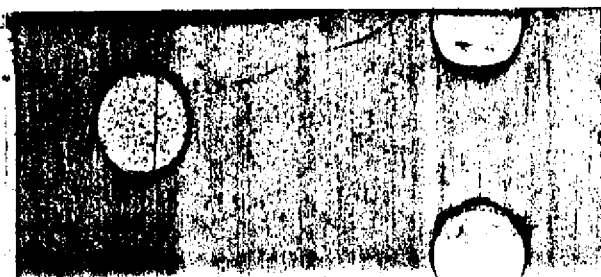
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URGENT

TO SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB

REBUTEL CALL TONIGHT. FOLLOWING ITEMS DISCUSSED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF CARS AT NSRP HEADQUARTERS AND PERSONS ENTERING NSRP HEADQUARTERS SHOULD BE SHOWN TO POSSIBLE WITNESSES. EFFORTS TO LOCATE RAMBLER STATION WAGON OBSERVED BY WITNESS [REDACTED] SHOULD BE VIGOROUSLY PURSUED. CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO INTERVIEWING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TONIGHT SINCE [REDACTED] IS BEING INTERVIEWED TODAY. CONSIDER INTERVIEWING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN NEAR FUTURE. THE STORY OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SHOULD BE BACKTRACKED AND OTHER PERSONS INCLUDING HIS GIRLFRIEND INTERVIEWED. IN VIEW OF NO [REDACTED]

EXPLOSIVE RESIDUE BEING LOCATED BY LABORATORY, CONSIDER [REDACTED]

CHECKING SOURCES OF MILITARY PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE AND TNT.

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- Belmont _____
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- Casper _____
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TELETYPE TO SAC, BIRMINGHAM
RE: BAPBOMB

CONSIDER EXHIBITING PHOTOGRAPHS OBTAINED
TO DATE TO EYEWITNESS ██████████ AND ██████████
INVESTIGATION CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS OF KLAN LEADERS
ANNISTON DURING PERTINENT PERIOD SHOULD BE PRESSED
VIGOROUSLY IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY BE INTERVIEWED
AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME.

INSURE THAT DETAILS CONCERNING INVESTIGATION
COVERED TO DATE ARE INCLUDED IN DAILY SUMMARY TELETYPE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Rosen *RM*

DATE: September 19, 1963

FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*

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

67c SA [redacted] of the Laboratory Division brought from Birmingham last night the following material obtained at the scene of the bombing which material is to be spectrographically examined for the presence of possible explosive residues.

1. Pieces of heavy gauge wire covering windows of the church;
2. Pieces of window frames from the ladies' lounge;
3. Fragments of drapery material found in the ladies' lounge;
4. Fragments of metal frame covering windows in ladies' lounge;
5. Scrapings from window sill of double window in ladies' lounge;
6. Piece of red plastic insulated wire found on floor of ladies' lounge;
7. Piece of red plastic insulated wire taken from bell signal system used in church;
8. Fragments of concrete or granite which were found on or in two automobiles damaged in the explosion.

The Birmingham Office has advised that the search of the church and surrounding area and the examination of the two automobiles damaged in the explosion are completed with no physical evidence being found to assist in the identification of the explosive substance used, the manner in which detonated, or the container in which it was possibly placed. It is not possible from the search conducted at the scene to determine the quantity of explosive used in the bombing but the extent of damage is consistent with that which would be caused by a high-order explosive charge such as ten or more sticks of dynamite or its equivalent.

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Birmingham advised that the fact that no evidence was found that could be associated with a bomb utilizing a time delayed device such as an electric blasting cap, wire, battery or clock fragments, suggests that the bomb may have been the type detonated by a safety fuse and blasting cap, both of which were possibly consumed by the detonation of the explosive charge.

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RM *CLM*

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Memorandum for Mr. Rosen

Birmingham advised that the bomb is believed to have been placed on or next to a limestone sill of a double window near the northeast corner of the church and that it could have easily been concealed at that point under a concrete stairway. The force of the explosion demolished the stairway, propelled concrete fragments of the stairs in all directions.

The explosion caused damage to the firm earth next to the window in the form of a U shaped crater measuring approximately six feet in width, and two feet in depth. The sill of the double window consisting of a solid piece of limestone eight feet in length was shattered. A hole approximately seven feet square in a partition at the back of the ladies' lounge opposite the double window resulted from propelled brick and stone from the blast.

The heavy wire mesh screen over the outside of the double window was badly distorted, broken from its frame and propelled into the ladies' lounge.

The principal bomb damage to the church was confined to the ladies' lounge and adjoining rest room. However, every window and room in the church including the Sunday School assembly room and main church auditorium were affected by the blast.

ACTION:

The material brought from Birmingham by SA [REDACTED] is presently being examined by the Laboratory.

R JKS V

September 19, 1963

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URGENT

TO SAC TAMPA (157-856)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB

REURTEL SEPTEMBER EIGHTEENTH LAST.

THE HIGHWAY PATROLMAN AND THE CONSTABLE WHO ARE KNOWN TO YOUR OFFICE AS KLANSMEN SHOULD NOT BE INTERVIEWED UNLESS LOGICAL INVESTIGATION SPECIFICALLY INDICATES THAT SUCH INTERVIEWS MIGHT BE PRODUCTIVE. BIRMINGHAM ADVISED BY MAIL.

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NOTE: The Bureau issued instructions 9/15 & 16/63 concerning intervis of all Klansmen and hate group subjects as well as potential bombing suspects. Tampa has requested advice of Bureau as to whether a Highway Patrolman and a Constable in the Tampa Division who are known Klansmen should be included in these intervis. In view of their connection with law enforcement agencies it appears at this time that these two individuals should not be interviewed unless such substantial reason is developed indicating that such interviews would prove of value.

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RADIOGRAM

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TO SACS, KNOXVILLE (157-187)
BIRMINGHAM (157-352)
ATLANTA (157-582)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB

INFORMATION WAS DEVELOPED IN CONNECTION WITH THE "BOMBING MATTERS, CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, JULY AND AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTY" CASE IN WHICH

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[REDACTED]

SEE MIAMI AIRTEL APRIL EIGHTEEN, SIXTY-ONE, COPIES TO BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA AND KNOXVILLE. KNOXVILLE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY UNDERTAKE A VIGOROUS INVESTIGATION INTO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONS IN KNOXVILLE TERRITORY IN CONNECTION WITH THE BAPBOMB CASE:

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IN ADDITION

THEY SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY INTERVIEWED CONCERNING INSTANT BOMBING. THEIR WHEREABOUTS DURING THE PERTINENT PERIOD SHOULD BE ASCERTAINED.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THESE MEN SHOULD BE OBTAINED, AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHS

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OF THEIR AUTOMOBILES AND AUTOMOBILES TO WHICH THEY HAVE ACCESS.

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RADIOGRAM TO KNOXVILLE,
BIRMINGHAM AND ATLANTA
RE: BAPBOMB

THIS INVESTIGATION MUST BE ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS WITH
INFORMATION BEING RELAYED TO THE BUREAU AND BIRMINGHAM.

A THOROUGH REVIEW OF THE CHATTANOOGA BOMBINGS SHOULD BE
MADE FOR PERTINENT INFORMATION WHICH MAY HAVE A BEARING ON
INSTANT BOMBING.

IN THIS CONNECTION, KNOXVILLE IS REFERRED TO YJB TELETYPE
SEPTEMBER NINETEEN, SIXTY-THREE, CAPTIONED "UNSUBS, THEFT OF
FOUR CASES OF DYNAMITE, E. I. DUPONT CO., STORAGE MAGAZINE, WALKER
COUNTY, GA., SEPTEMBER EIGHTEEN DASH NINETEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE,
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF EXPLOSIVES." ATLANTA AND KNOXVILLE
SHOULD CONTACT SOURCES AND INFORMANTS CONCERNING THEFT OF DYNAMITE
AND MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN THEIR
INVESTIGATION. FOR INFO OF KNOXVILLE AND ATLANTA, AN ANONYMOUS
SOURCE AT ANNISTON HAS INDICATED THREE MEMBERS OF ANNISTON KLAVERN,
DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, PERPETRATED INSTANT BOMBING
AND PLANNED OTHER BOMBINGS EITHER IN BIRMINGHAM OR ANNISTON. ATLANTA
AND KNOXVILLE SHOULD MAKE SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENTS TO RACIAL INFORMANTS
TO ACTIVELY OBTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING INSTANT BOMBING. KNOXVILLE
AND ATLANTA SUTEL PERTINENT INFORMATION IN THIS PHASE OF INVESTIGATIO
IN DAILY SUMMARY TELETYPE.

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URGENT

TO SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB

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TELETYPE TO SAC, BIRMINGHAM
RE: BAPBOMB

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WHEREABOUTS OF THESE INDIVIDUALS

DURING PERTINENT PERIODS SHOULD BE DETERMINED AND
INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED AT APPROPRIATE TIME.

IN CONNECTION INVESTIGATION PHOTOGRAPHS
OF ALL ABOVE INDIVIDUALS SHOULD BE OBTAINED AND
MAKES AND MODELS OF ALL AUTOMOBILES THEY OWN OR
HAVE ACCESS TO SHOULD BE DETERMINED.

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URGENT 9-19-63 827 PM EST PP
TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, SAVANNAH /157-503/ 1P

BAPBOMB. BM.

REMYTEL SEPT. EIGHTEEN LAST.

FOURTEEN KLANSMEN AND ONE INFORMANT INTERVIEWED THIS DATE DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR CAPTIONED BOMBING OR OF ANYONE FROM THIS AREA TRAVELING TO BIRMINGHAM DURING THE PERTINENT PERIOD, OR ANY LOCAL KLANSMEN HAVING POTENTIAL FOR BOMBING.

AN ESTIMATED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY KLANSMEN REMAIN TO BE INTERVIEWED IN THE SAVANNAH DIVISION.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 9/17/63

FROM : A. H. Belmont

cc Mr. Belmont
Mr. Rosen
Mr. DeLoach

SUBJECT: BIRMINGHAM BOMBINGS

2 Copies made by LTC
for review by Rowe Task Force
Date 7/21/78

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Belmont	_____
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Relative to the bombing of the church in Birmingham which resulted in the killing of four children, it was our feeling immediately on Sunday, when we got this news, that the persons who perpetrated this atrocity had gone beyond the bounds acceptable to even hardened segregationists. It is one thing to explode dynamite outside a house or in an empty building, with the aim of scaring Negroes and integrationists and holding them back from their drive to achieve racial equality, but it is another thing to take the lives of innocent children.

We issued immediate instructions to Birmingham and surrounding offices to interview all members of the Ku Klux Klan and the National States Rights Party, as well as other hate groups, in the belief that we might secure information, as this degree of violence is unacceptable to them. These interviews are being conducted on a special basis.

By the same token, we suggested yesterday that a newspaper article appear in a Birmingham paper stressing the responsibility of the Birmingham community for the underlying causes of this tragedy and calling on all persons to furnish information to the FBI, which has the ability to handle such information in confidence and get results from it. This article is being given to the press today.

I have noted in the press a play on this same theme, namely that it is the responsibility of the whole Birmingham and Alabama community for what has happened and for correcting the situation; for example, the article by Charles Morgan, Jr. in the Washington Post this morning, "Who's to Blame?"

I think it would be very timely for the Director to put out a statement to the press along the lines that, while in this country everyone is entitled to his own opinion, and to achieve his goal by lawful means, this tragedy pinpoints what can happen when unthinking individuals strive to reach their goals by violence and breaking the law; that, in effect, such activities lead to chaos and anarchy; that the Director is sure that all right-thinking

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Mr. Tolson

citizens deplore this outrage, and consequently the Director is making a plea to all individuals, regardless of their beliefs, to come forth and furnish information to the FBI which will help to remove this stigma from the community. The FBI is conducting a full investigation to determine those responsible for this tragedy and requests the assistance of the entire community in furnishing information to this end.

It seems to me that this article would have several results. First, it would clearly place the Director on record as to his feelings about this incident and the fact that the FBI is conducting a full investigation; second, it will further emphasize the responsibility of the Birmingham community in this matter and place a burden on the people of the community to cooperate; and third, it will set the stage for the development of additional sources and informants in a very sensitive area.

ACTION:

If you agree, Mr. DeLoach's division will prepare an appropriate statement along these lines.

R [Signature] ↓

62- ADDENDUM:(CDD:saj):9-17-63: Mr. Belmont's suggestion has merit and obviously reflects good thinking. I do have reservations. A statement of this nature should have been issued two days ago, immediately following the incident, such as we did in the [redacted] case. To issue such a statement now would make it appear that the Director is coming in the back door to capitalize on a tragic incident. The President, Attorney General, Martin Luther King, and countless others have issued numerous statements, many of them intimating that the blame lies on various personalities or groups. I don't think it advisable to join the parade.

There is another point. We all know that our record thus far in bombing cases is not good. For the Director to receive nationwide publicity, through the medium of the suggested statement, will serve to bring up--in the minds of many newsmen, and particularly our enemies--that we have yet to effect a solution. It will appear to many that we might be trying to absolve ourselves of responsibility.

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Belmont to Tolson 9-17-63
Re: Birmingham Bombings

Addendum (Continued)

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

I recommend that the Director make no statement at this time. We are accomplishing much of the same objective by a story I am having Gene Wortsman of the Birmingham Post Herald publish in his paper on Wednesday, 9-18-63. In this instance, I think we are far better off talking only when we have accomplishments.

J. Edgar Hoover
9/17

/ 9-18-63

Airtel

To: SAC, Birmingham

From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB

On 9-18-63 [redacted] Washington, D. C., telephone number [redacted] telephonically contacted the Bureau in connection with captioned matter.

[redacted] stated that he had been giving the matter of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church a great deal of thought and in connection with the reward of \$50,000 offered by local authorities desired to furnish the following suggestion.

He stated that the appropriate local authorities should consider placing a motorcycle officer at each one of the Negro churches and established Negro meeting places in the City of Birmingham. These officers should be retained on a round-the-clock basis so that if any future efforts are made to bomb such churches or meeting places the officers, while unable to actually prevent the bombing, would be able to pursue vehicles and thereby identify the perpetrator of the crime.

The above suggestion of [redacted] as well as his identity should be brought to the attention of the appropriate local authorities in Birmingham.

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FBI

Date: 9/21/63

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham airtel to all continental offices dated 9/18/63.

The following listed individuals [redacted] are currently considered suspects in captioned case.

All offices receiving this communication should immediately determine subscribers to listed phones, check indices, do credit and criminals and interview all individuals in their divisions receiving or sending long distance phone calls to any of these suspects in an effort to determine their degree of relationship with these individuals and/or any information pertaining to the BAPBOMB;

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It is requested that any communications reporting results of above leads bear the sub-caption of the respective names of suspects involved.

FBI

Date: 9/20/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-416)
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Bureau tel to Birmingham and Mobile, 9/15/63.

A pretext telephone call was made on 9/19/63 to an unidentified employee who answered the telephone at National Services, Inc., 736 Adams Ave., Montgomery, Ala. This person, who referred to ASA EARL CARTER as "ACE", stated that CARTER is employed at this company, which is an advertising and printing company, and said that CARTER resides at Oxford, near Anniston, Ala. She said that CARTER does not maintain a local residence at Montgomery, although he does sometimes stay overnight at Montgomery during the work week, staying in different motels and sometimes staying at the residence of Mr. OSCAR HARPER, owner of this agency. The inquiring agent told the employee that he would be out of town until Saturday, and asked where CARTER would most likely be on weekends. The employee indicated that CARTER would undoubtedly be at his residence at Oxford on weekends.

In view of the inter-division traveling customs of CARTER, it appears most reasonable that when a bombing occurs during the week that Mobile be responsible to ascertain his whereabouts, but that when it occurs on weekends, that Birmingham have that responsibility.

It being that captioned bombing occurred on Sunday morning, Birmingham should handle in this instance.

- 3-Bureau
- 2-Birmingham (157-352)
- 2-Mobile (1- 157-416)
- (1- 157-375)

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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It should be observed that a direct inquiry at National Services, Inc. was avoided because it is known that OSCAR HARPER, owner, is a close associate of Gov. GEORGE C. WALLACE. Until necessary, direct inquiry will be avoided to avoid affording WALLACE any unnecessary occasion to criticize the Bureau. It is clear that his criticism would be completely unjustified, but that would not eliminate the potency of such criticism in Alabama at this time.

9/23/63

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RADIOGRAM

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per M. Freund
3:22 pm J

TO SAC BIRMINGHAM (157-352)
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025)
BAPBOMB.

QUOTE CATHOLIC STANDARD UNQUOTE, WASHINGTON ARCHDIOCESE
NEWSPAPER, SEPTEMBER TWENTY, SIXTYTHREE, CONTAINS ARTICLE QUOTE
EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT IN/ERQUOTE, THEY'RE TRYING TO KILL US, FATHER
END IN/ERQUOTE UNQUOTE, WRITTEN BY FATHER WILLIAM JAMES IDENTIFIED
AS DIRECTOR OF CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE AND ASSISTANT
SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT IN THE MOBILE DASH BIRMINGHAM DIOCESE. IF
NOT ALREADY DONE, FATHER JAMES SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED FOR ANY
INFORMATION HE POSSESSES.

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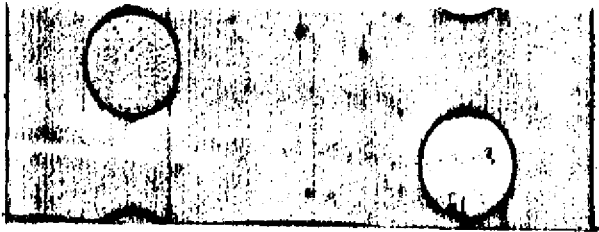
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URGENT 9-20-63 5-09 AM CST GDM
 TO DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/

BAPBOMB.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL SEPTEMBER TWENTY, SIXTYTHREE.
 [REDACTED] DETERMINED TO BE PERSON REFERRED TO IN
 PREVIOUS COMMUNICATION BY [REDACTED]
 INVESTIGATION ASCERTAINED THAT [REDACTED] KNOWN KLANSMEN, TO BE
 AT [REDACTED] FROM NINE AM UNTIL AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER
 FIFTEEN, SIXTYTHREE, CHANGING SEAT COVERS IN HIS CAR.

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END AND ACK

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COR LINE FOUR WD 8 D SHD BE "KLANSMAN"

WA 7-11 AM OK FBI WA ELR

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/
FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 3P

BAPBOMB.

REBUTEL INSTANT DATE.

ANNISTON KLAVERN, DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, HAS
NOT HELD MEETINGS FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

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157-1025-217
IT IS BELIEVED ABOVE LIST

OF NAMES ARE THOSE WHO HAVE CURRENT INTEREST IN DIXIE KLAN AT ANNISTON.
NO INFORMATION RECEIVED INDICATING THOSE RECENTLY DISASSOCIATING
THEMSELVES SINCE KLAVERN AT ANNISTON HAS NOT MET FOR EXTENDED PERIOD.

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EACH OF THE ABOVE THREE INDIVIDUALS LISTED MIGHT BE CONSIDERED
IN THE CATEGORY OF THOSE WHO MAY HAVE GRIPES OR SOME COMPLAINT
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[REDACTED] AND WILL BE CONSIDERED AS LIKELY PERSONS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE INTERVIEWS AT APPROPRIATE TIME. INVESTIGATION BEING PRESSED ON ASSOCIATES AND ACTIVITIES OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 679, 0
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TO DIRECTOR FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS /157-1294/ 1-PAGE
BAPBOMB. OO, BIRMINGHAM.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE SEPTEMBER EIGHTEEN LAST.

FOUR INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION
OBTAINED. THIRTYTWO INTERVIEWS REMAIN TO BE CONDUCTED.

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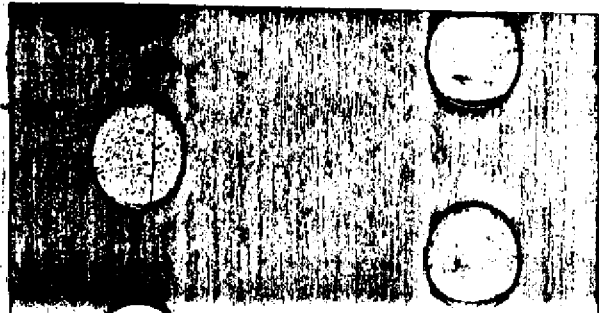
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URGENT 9-19-63 H 11-58 PM CSTEP

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-62/ TP

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INFO. BUREAU REQUESTED CONCERNING [REDACTED] AT ANNISTON,
ALABAMA, FORWARDED BY TELETYPE THIS AFTERNOON.

NINETY EIGHT INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY.

THREE TWENTYFOUR INTERVIEWS PENDING. THREE PCI DASH RAC FILES
OPENED.

END

2-23 AM OK FBI WA JGE

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cc - Mr. Conrad