

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Rosen *RJ*

DATE: 9/29/63

FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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At 10:50 p. m. following an inquiry from the press service, Assistant Director DeLoach inquired as to the possibility of a break in the captioned investigation. Mr. DeLoach indicated that Governor Wallace of Alabama had indicated that state investigators expected to break the Birmingham Church case within the next few hours.

Mr. DeLoach was informed that at this time we had received no information either from the Birmingham or Mobile Divisions as to any imminent break in the case, but that immediate inquiries would be made to determine if such information existed.

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At 10:58 p. m. Supervisor [redacted] Birmingham Division, was contacted concerning the Governor's statement and indicated that the office was also aware of the release and would have SAC Faisst contact the Bureau concerning this matter.

At 11:14 p. m. SAC Earl Dalness, Mobile Division, was also contacted to determine if any information available at Montgomery, Alabama, concerning the alleged press release of the Governor of Alabama. Dalness indicated that they had not received this information but would make immediate inquiries to determine if possible the basis for the release. Dalness was also instructed to advise the Bureau as to the results of his contacts with sources close to the Governor in the Alabama Department of Public Safety.

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ADDENDUM:

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At 11:08 p. m. SAC Ray Faisst advised that they had also heard of this alleged break attributed to the Governor of Alabama and that inquiries through sources of the Birmingham Office have not produced any information indicating subjects had been developed nor were arrests imminent at this time. Faisst was again instructed to press this matter vigorously to develop all information which might be the basis for the Governor's statement.

ADDENDUM:

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At 11:56 p. m. SAC Earl Dalness advised that the sources close to the Governor in the Alabama Department of Public Safety both of whom are investigators in the Investigative and Identification Division of this department and both members of the National Academy were presently working this case in Birmingham and attempts to reach them by phone at their known places of lodging had been unsuccessful. Dalness indicated that a source of information in the radio and television industry had indicated that the Governor is actually weathered in at Jacksonville, Florida, and although he may arrive in Montgomery within the hour, it is not felt that he personally made the press release but same came from his office. Dalness was further impressed with vigorously following this matter to determine if possible the basis for the Governor's statement of imminent arrests.

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88TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 17, 1963

Mr. HART (for himself Mr. KUCHEL, Mr. HUMPHREY, Mr. JAVITS, Mr. CASE, and Mr. WILLIAMS of New Jersey) submitted the following resolution; which was ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

916th STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
BIRMINGHAM, ALA

RESOLUTION

Whereas on Sunday, September 15, 1963, the conscience of this Nation was shocked by the killing and maiming of Negro children while attending religious service in a church; and

Whereas Sunday, September 22, 1963, is the one hundred and first anniversary of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by the President of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate of the United States extends
2 its deep condolence to the families of these innocent children;
3 and be it further

4 *Resolved*, That the President of the United States be
5 informed that it is the sense of the Senate that he proclaim
6 Sunday, September 22, 1963, a day of national observance

7 in memory of these children and a day of rededication **NOT RECORDED**
8 this Nation to the principles of law, equality, and tolerance. **12 SEP 30 1963**

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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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To date polygraph tests have been afforded in this case to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Each of the above have signed consent forms to be interviewed with the aid of the polygraph, Bureau permission was granted before the interviews, and the polygraph charts together with the lists of questions and the consent forms are all being retained in the Birmingham file.

Copies of the airtels reporting the results of interviews are designated for Little Rock for record purposes inasmuch as polygraph examiner [REDACTED] is assigned to that office.

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 9/30/63

FROM : *RW* Rosen

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

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The following developments have taken place concerning our investigations of the bombings in Birmingham, Alabama, at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, the residence of Arthur Shores, and the intersection of Sixteenth Avenue and Center Street South.

Shortly before 9:00 p.m., CST, 9/29/63 information was received that the office of Governor Wallace of Alabama had issued a press statement in which it was indicated that Alabama state investigators expected to break the Birmingham church bombing case within the next few hours and that arrests were imminent. Immediate inquiry was initiated to determine the basis for the statement allegedly issued by the Governor's office.

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

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,

(1:10 am our time)

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Indications were that Chambliss was taken to the city jail at Midfield, Alabama, on the outskirts of Birmingham, but subsequent information disclosed that he had been taken to the AHP station in Midfield.

At 12:50 a.m. CST, 9/30/63 information was received that a second man had been arrested by the AHP and he was also taken to the AHP station in Midfield. Radio reports in Birmingham, attributed to the Governor's office, indicated that two white men were arrested in connection with the church bombing but their identities were being withheld "in the interests of continuing investigation." Efforts to identify the second man arrested through the AHP at Midfield were made by the Birmingham Office but the AHP refused to give out any information. The Birmingham Office asked to speak to Colonel Lingo and was told he was not available. It was learned through other sources that the second man was Charles Arnie Cagle.

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Information was also received by Birmingham that other individuals are presently being questioned by the AHP at Midfield.

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Prior to radio announcements Sheriff Bailey and Chief of Police Jamie Moore were not advised of these arrests or plans for the arrests by the Alabama Highway Patrol and both are considerably upset concerning this matter.

Members of the Chambliss group have been considered prime suspects by us in the Birmingham bombings and we have been conducting intensive investigation to develop evidence which could definitely tie them in to the bombings. We have talked to Chambliss.

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we have not developed sufficient information to warrant picking them up,

Chambliss, upon reinterview on 9/29/63, talked freely concerning his Klan activities but refused to discuss the Birmingham bombings and would not take the polygraph test.

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

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The intensive investigation of the Chambliss group and other phases of the investigation of the Birmingham bombings are continuing to be pressed. We are closely following the action taken by the Alabama Highway Patrol.

ACTION:

You will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

* ATTACHED
A letter to the Attorney General is being prepared advising him of the arrests of Chambliss and Cagle by the Alabama Highway Patrol.

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URGENT 9-30-63 1-34 AM CST HEP

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 6P

BAPBOMB, ET AL. DAILY SUMMARY, SEPTEMBER TWENTYNINE, SIX THREE.
NEIGHBORHOOD AND CHURCH MEMBERS.

TODAY ON SECOND WEEKLY ANNIVERSARY OF CHURCH BOMBING ENTIRE
AGENT COMPLEMENT, SPECIAL SQUAD, WAS IN NEIGHBORHOOD TO INTERVIEW
THOSE PERSONS WHO MAY NOT HAVE RETURNED ON FIRST WEEKLY ANNIVERSARY
TO THAT PARTICULAR AREA. EMPLOYEES IN BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS
OPEN AT THAT HOUR OF THE DAY, TO WIT, TEN TO TWELVE AM, WERE
INTERVIEWED. ALL PERSONS OCCUPYING OR VISITING RESIDENCES ON
SEVENTH AVENUE BETWEEN SIXTEENTH AND FOURTEENTH STREETS, AS
WELL AS THOSE ON SIXTEENTH STREET BETWEEN SIXTH AND SEVENTH
AVENUES AND FIFTEENTH STREET BETWEEN SIXTH AND SEVENTH AVENUES,
AS WELL AS THE ALLEY CONNECTING SIXTEENTH AND FIFTEENTH STREETS
BETWEEN SIXTH AND SEVENTH AVENUE, WERE INTERVIEWED. THIS OF
COURSE IS A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT COLORED NEIGHBORHOOD COMPRISED OF
RESIDENCES, APARTMENT HOUSES AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS, INCLUDING

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THE BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS AND SOME OF THE HOMES AS WELL AS APARTMENT HOUSES WAS MADE. SPECIFICALLY THOSE IN PROXIMITY TO THE CHURCH WERE THOROUGHLY RE-EXAMINED. OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS THESE ESTABLISHMENTS EXHIBITED MUCH FRIENDLIER ATTITUDE THAN HERETOFORE AND APPEARED TRYING TO BE OF HELP, HOWEVER NOTHING NEW WAS LEARNED.

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MY TEL YESTERDAY REPORTED THAT FOUR NEGROES HAD OBSERVED TWO WHITE MALES RUNNING BETWEEN THE RESIDENCES LOCATED OPPOSITE THE CHURCH FRONTING ON SEVENTH AVENUE ONE MINUTE AFTER THE BOMBING. IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT TWO OF THESE PEOPLE HAD PARTIALLY IDENTIFIED AND ONE FELT SURE THE PICTURE OF [REDACTED] APPEARED SIMILAR TO ONE OF THE WHITE MALES. [REDACTED]

ALIBI THOROUGHLY CHECKED THIS DATE AND AN OFFICIAL OF THE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] EACH SUBSTANTIATED [REDACTED] STATEMENT THEY WERE IN THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS THE MORNING OF THE BOMBING. TIMES RATHER DIFFICULT TO FIX. CONSEQUENTLY [REDACTED] REQUESTED TO TAKE POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION. BOTH IMMEDIATELY SIGNED WAIVERS. [REDACTED]

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ALL THOSE PERSONS INTERVIEWED IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT PROJECT ABOVE WERE INTERROGATED AS TO WHETHER TWO WHITE MALES SEEN IN THE AREA POINTED OUT IN THIS PROJECT, HOWEVER NONE COULD SUBSTANTIATE HAVING SEEN THESE TWO PERSONS.

CHURCH PROJECT.

NUMEROUS ADDITIONAL CHURCH MEMBERS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDEES INTERVIEWED THIS DATE HOWEVER NO NEW INFORMATION DEVELOPED. APPROXIMATELY THIRTY ODD CHURCH MEMBERS AND ABOUT THE SAME NUMBER OF SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDEES REMAIN TO BE IDENTIFIED AND INTERVIEWED IN THIS PROJECT.

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THIS PROJECT PROGRESSING SLOWLY DUE TO THE ABSOLUTE UNCOOPERATIVE ATTITUDE OF THE LEADER AND MEMBERS OF THE MOSQUE. ADDITIONAL IMPETUS BEING AFFORDED THIS PROJECT BEGINNING TOMORROW AM.

CHAMBLISS PROJECT.

ROBERT EDWARD CHAMBLISS INTERVIEWED IN BIRMINGHAM FBI OFFICE LAST NIGHT. HE WAS FRIENDLY AND TALKED FREELY CONCERNING HIS BACKGROUND,
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HIS EMPLOYMENT, HIS FAMILY, AND HIS KLAN ACTIVITIES UNTIL IT WAS NECESSARY FOR HIM TO IDENTIFY FELLOW MEMBERS AND TO CONVERSE ABOUT THE RECENT BOMBINGS. THESE TWO MATTERS HE AVOIDED AND REFUSED TO DISCUSS. HE WOULD NOT TAKE THE POLYGRAPH TEST. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, CHAMBLISS STATES HAD CANCEROUS ULCER REMOVED FROM INTESTINAL TRACT SOME SEVENTEEN YEARS AGO AND OPERATING SURGEON PREDICTED HE HAD ONLY TEN YEARS TO LIVE. HE ADVISES HE HAS ABDOMINAL PAINS REGULARLY.

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[REDACTED] REINTERVIEWED BIRMINGHAM OFFICE THIS DATE. FURTHER ATTEMPTS MADE TO ENLARGE UPON THEIR POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN RECENT BOMBINGS TO NO AVAIL. [REDACTED]

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ENDEAVOR MADE TO REINTERVIEW [REDACTED] FOR PURPOSE OF
AFFORDING POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION BUT HE DECLINED.

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ATTEMPTS MADE TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EACH REFUSED IN A PROFANE

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Mr. Evans	_____
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URGENT 9-30-63 6-21 PM CST RTL
TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-1294/

BAPBOMB. OO, BIRMINGHAM.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE SEPTEMBER TWENTYEIGHT LAST.

TWO INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION
OBTAINED. FIFTEEN REMAIN TO BE CONDUCTED.

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ONE THREE ZERO INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED THIS DATE.
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The Attorney General

September 30, 1963

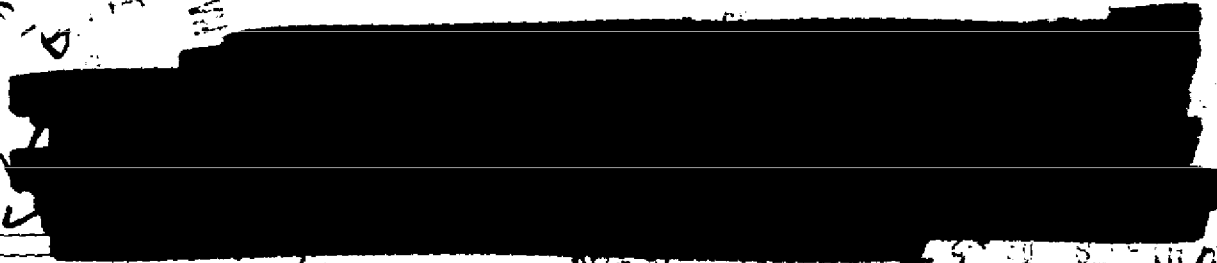
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**UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963
BOMBING MATTERS**

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

On September 29, 1963, I was advised that the office of Governor George Wallace of Alabama had released a statement to the press at 8:30 p.m., Central Standard Time (CST), that date to the effect that Alabama state investigators expected to break the case of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham within the next few hours and that arrests were imminent.

At 11:10 p.m., CST, an investigator for the Alabama Highway Patrol was observed placing Robert E. Chambliss under arrest. At 12:50 a.m., CST, September 30, 1963, information was received that a second man, Charles Arnie Cagle, was arrested by the Alabama Highway Patrol. Both men were reportedly taken to the Alabama Highway Patrol station at Midfield, Alabama, on the outskirts of Birmingham. Radio reports attributed to the Governor's office indicated only that two white men had been arrested in connection with the church bombing, but their identities were being withheld in the interests of continuing investigation. The Alabama Highway Patrol declined to furnish any information concerning the arrests or the identities of the two men.



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The Attorney General

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For your information Chambliss, who is a member of the United Americans for Conservative Government, a segregation group in Birmingham, and an old-time Klan member, and several of his associates in that organization [REDACTED] are considered prime suspects and we have been conducting intensive investigation to develop evidence indicating their involvement. We have interviewed Chambliss, [REDACTED]

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We have had no information that would permit the arrests of these individuals in connection with the bombing.

This will confirm information which has been given to Mr. Burke Marshall concerning the arrests made by the Alabama Highway Patrol.

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

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

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RADIO REPORTS ATTRIBUTED TO GOVERNOR-S OFFICE AT MONTGOMERY,
ALABAMA INDICATED TWO WHITE MEN WERE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH
BAPBOMB CASE BUT THEIR IDENTITIES WERE BEING WITH-HELD IN INTEREST
OF CONTINUING INVESTIGATION.

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Belmont 9/30/63
Let to G. G.
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CONTACTS MADE AS OF ONE THIRTY A.M. THIS DATE AT AHP OFFICE, MIDFIELD, WITH [REDACTED] ONLY BROUGHT FORTH STATEMENT THAT SOME INDIVIDUALS ARE BEING QUESTIONED AND THAT ANY COMMENT CONCERNING ARRESTS WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM [REDACTED] A SPECIFIC REQUEST WAS MADE TO CONTACT [REDACTED] AND IT WAS STATED THAT [REDACTED] WAS UNAVAILABLE.

CONTINUING EFFORTS BEING MADE TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUALS REPORTEDLY HELD AT AHP OFFICE FOR PURPOSE OF KETERMINING IDENTITY, CHARGES AND INFO RE ARRAIGNMENT.

SHERIFF MEL BAILEY AND CHIEF OF POLICE JAMIE MOORE, BIRMINGHAM, WERE NOT ADVISED OF THIS MATTER BY AHP, AND BOTH ARE UPSET CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

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MOBILE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN INFO RE THIS MATTER AT MONTGOMERY AND ADVISE BUREAU AND BIRMINGHAM IMMEDIATELY BY PHONE OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

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URGENT 9-29-63 10-45 PM CST VFP

TO DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, ^{mobile} BIRMINGHAM /157-416/ 1 P

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DIVISION.

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EFFORTS TO CONTACT MAJOR WILLIAM R. JONES, CHIEF, AND LT.
WILLIE B. PAINTER, INVESTIGATOR, ADPS, MONTGOMERY REFLECTS
BOTH IN BIRMINGHAM.

BH ATTEMPT TO CONTACT JONES OR PAINTER TO OBTAIN DETAILS.

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Mr. [Signature]

URGENT 9-30-63 6-39 PM EST WRR
 TO DIRECTOR FBI /157-1025/
 FROM SAC TAMPA /157-856/ 1P
 BAPBOMB.

[Signature]

RE TAMPA TEL SEPTEMBER TWENTYEIGHT LAST.

THREE INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED THIS DATE, NO PERTINENT INFORMATION OBTAINED.

ONE INTERVIEW REMAINS TO BE CONDUCTED, CONTACT WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL MADE DIFFICULT DUE TO HIS EMPLOYMENT. IT IS EXPECTED HE WILL BE INTERVIEWED EARLY MORNING OF OCTOBER ONE NEXT.

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END ACK PLS

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TO : MR. BELMONT

DATE: 9/30/63

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

cc Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Rosen
 Mr. Malley
 Mr. McGowan
 Mr. Lavin

SUBJECT:

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 BAPTIST CHURCH,
 Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63
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I talked with SAC Roy Moore, at Birmingham, this morning, to ascertain whether there were any new developments.

He told me that he feels that this situation will probably backfire on the state authorities for having picked up Chambliss and Cagle. This appears to be true for as yet no charges have been filed against either and they are being held on an open charge of investigation.

He pointed out that yesterday Robert Shelton of the Klan had been riding around in a state police car most of the day. Shelton is outspoken in his support of Governor Wallace and is the most vocal of the Klan leaders in the area.

SAC Moore is of the opinion that the state authorities obviously knew that we had been putting tremendous pressure on the Chambliss group. Obviously the word got back to Shelton's crowd and they apparently felt they had to jump in and beat the Federal authorities to it by taking some action.

It is possible that this will backfire and that these people may be subjected to a law suit. Moore indicated that Chambliss used to work for the city and he was with them for about 8 years in the transportation department and knows enough about the law to know that he has a right to demand to know the charges which are outstanding against him, if any.

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SAC Moore, in spite of the above, is not changing his position. We are going forward with our interviews, keeping the pressure on and trying to create as much conflict as we can among the group that we have under investigation.

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cc MR. TOLSON

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TO : Mr. McGowan ✓ DATE: 9/30/63

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

Bapbomb

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

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I talked with SAC Roy Moore who advised me that yesterday, Shelton rode around with the State Police most of the day. It is Moore's opinion that Luna, the investigator for the Klan, obviously talked with Hall and Cash and others who were told of the pressure being put on by the FBI. Luna obviously got in touch with Shelton concerning this and, in turn, this information was given to Posey, the investigator for the State of Alabama (Alabama Highway Patrol). It appears this may be the basis for the procedure followed by the Alabama Highway Patrol in trying to jump the gun and pick up these persons with the hope that they might have gotten a confession. So far it does not appear they have been successful because both Chambliss and Cagle are being held on open charges by the Birmingham Police Department for the Alabama Highway Patrol.

While talking with Moore I pointed to the teletypes sent to Birmingham concerning the examination of the evidence which was submitted as having come from the crime scene search at the explosion at 16th and Center Street on September 25, 1963. I called attention to the piece of coathanger cut with a pinching tool such as a diagonal cutting pliers or electricians pliers; also, the other items which might be susceptible of identification. Moore indicates that he is aware of this and they are pressing every possibility to come up with this, particularly one part which they felt came from a Hudson automobile and might have some bearing on the possibility of further identification.

With reference to the trip which Chambliss took to Florida, this was a regular run. He delivered parts which had been previously sold by salesmen. Nothing of significance was developed although we had him under surveillance.

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Memo to McGowan from Rosen

The report concerning the Hercules Powder Company having sold some dynamite on August 23, to a "redneck" concerning whom a license number was obtained has been washed out. The individual was identified and eliminated, according to Moore.

There was no meeting of the United Americans for Conservative Government (Chambliss' outfit) yesterday. Not a car appeared in the open area along the river where they met. Moore indicated, however, that the technical equipment which they tested out worked excellently. They were able to communicate with Agents who were in the woods with good fidelity at distances up to one mile. The Agents had on one of the portable transmitting and receiving sets which are carried on the body.

Yesterday Birmingham had [REDACTED] in the office for two or three hours. They came in voluntarily. Saturday night they had Chambliss in. Obviously this would become known after they left the office. We will continue to put the pressure on these people and talk with them repeatedly as we have in the past.

Concerning the surveys which are being made, Roy Moore advises there is a real problem because it appears that the telephone company is getting numerous reports from all of the neighbors and friends of this group (Chambliss, et al), which has resulted in the telephone company having to check out suspicious persons in the area. One individual was caught climbing a pole and it developed he had nothing to do with any attempt to put in any device. Moore pointed this out to show the attitude of the local people and indicated that with Chambliss and the rest being as conscious as they are they were going to move a little slowly in recommending any coverage; however, they would continue to survey the situation.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: September 30, 1963

FROM : C. L. McGowan

~~REC-97~~

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

1-14-04 PRATT CITY, ALA.

Robert E. Chambliss, aka, "Dynamite"

*2505 32ND AVE. N.E.
BIRMINGHAM, ALA.*

In 1949 Robert E. Chambliss, an employee at that time of the City of Birmingham's Garage, was suspended from his position when he threatened Willie German, a Negro. German had moved his furniture into a house in a white neighborhood.

*W. E. CHAMBLISS
POLICE EMPLOYEE*

In July, 1949, Robert E. Chambliss was one of those indicted, charged with flogging one Bill Hamilton, a coal miner who was taken from his home and whipped. Chambliss was acquitted on this charge. In December, 1949, Robert Chambliss, a discharged city employee of Birmingham, was reportedly in Crestview, Florida, organizing a Klan. A Newspaper article indicated he had been released from his employment as a result of his breaking a reporter's camera at a Klan meeting.

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen
RE: BAPBOMB


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In July, 1955, Chambliss was reportedly present at a cross burning and public speaking at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.



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In 1956 the "Birmingham News" had an article which stated that Robert E. Chambliss had distributed reprints from "The Daily Worker" and other leaflets tending to inflame racial prejudice at the University of Alabama.



b7C, D
In October, 1957, information was received that Robert E. Chambliss was elected Exalted Cyclops of the Alabama Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.



Memorandum to Mr. Rosen
RE: BAPBOMB

In July, 1958, Public Safety Commissioner Eugene "Bull" Connor advised that "Dynamite" Chambliss was arrested in connection with the bombing in North Birmingham on 7/17/58 but was released.

In October, 1958, Chambliss was interviewed concerning the bombing of the Clinton, Tennessee, High School on 10/5/58 and the bombing of the Jewish Temple, Atlanta, Georgia, on 10/12/58. Chambliss denied participation and stated he no longer belonged to the Ku Klux Klan or any similar group. He admitted that if Negroes tried to integrate his community, he himself would take care of the situation.

Chambliss on 10/13/58, upon interview, indicated that he had severed his Klan connections due to ill health and his dissatisfaction arising from the arrests of three men in connection with the July dynamiting in the Fountain Heights residential area of Birmingham.

The files of the Birmingham Office indicate that Chambliss has been frequently a suspect in connection with dynamiting of Negro residences in Birmingham in the past and has voiced threats of violence against Negroes and Jews. Birmingham Police Department has questioned him on practically all bombings of Negro residences in Birmingham but has never obtained definite proof connecting him with such acts.

In 1961 Chambliss was deleted from the potential bombing suspect list of the Birmingham Office since investigation of several bombings failed to indicate that Chambliss was involved in any of them. Established sources accounted for his whereabouts on all occasions.

During an interview on 5/21/63 Chambliss of 2505 32nd Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama, advised that it was none of the FBI's business as to his whereabouts on Saturday, 5/11/63 (the date of the bombing of the Gaston Motel and the residence of A. D. W. King). He stated he knew where he was on that evening and it was "up to the FBI to find out." He denied participation in the bombings and indicated that if he did possess any information he would not furnish such information to the FBI.

Attached is the FBI Identification Record on Robert E. Chambliss under number 1004302.

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TO : Mr. McGowan *dm*

DATE: 9/30/63

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FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

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

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BAP BOMB LAY

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I note that in the "Washington Daily News" Monday, 9/30/63, the first announcement of the arrest was made at 2:40 a. m. in Montgomery by Governor George Wallace's press secretary, Bill Jones. Jones allegedly stated that two persons had been arrested and their identities are being withheld in connection with the interest in the continuing investigation.

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URGENT 9-30-63 5-17 PM EST CLH
TO DIRECTOR, FBI 157-1025 AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM 157-352
FROM SAC, KNOXVILLE 157-189 2P

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BAPBOMB.

RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND BIRMINGHAM, SEPTEMBER TWENTYSEVEN, LAST, AND BIRMINGHAM AIRTEL TO ATLANTA, SEPTEMBER TWENTYFOUR, LAST.

CHECK OF ALL TOLL CALLS OF INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED BUTEL TO KNOXVILLE SEPT. TWENTY, COMPLETED, EXCEPT FOR ONE INDIVIDUAL WHICH WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL AFTER OCTOBER NINE, NEXT. ONLY LONG DISTANCE CALLS REFLECTED IN ABOVE CHECK SET FORTH KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND BIRMINGHAM, SEPTEMBER TWENTY SIX, LAST. NO SIXTY OR SIXTYONE RAMBLER STATION WAGON SIMILAR TO ONE MENTIONED BIRMINGHAM AIRTEL TO ATLANTA KNOWN TO BE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF KLAN OR HATE TYPE ORGANIZATIONS KNOXVILLE DIVISION.

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ONLY REMAINING INVESTIGATION KNOXVILLE DIVISION CONSISTS OF MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH RACIAL INFORMANTS, SOURCES, AND CHECK OF TOLL CALLS MENTIONED ABOVE. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, UACB

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NO DAILY TELETYPE WILL BE SUBMITTED AFTER THIS DATE, HOWEVER,
IF ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED, IT WILL BE FURNISHED
ON DATE DEVELOPED BY TELETYPE TO BIRMINGHAM AND BUREAU.

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TO : Mr. Belmont *B*

DATE: October 1, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen *r*

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

Mohr
LAV

In line with the Director's comment that the Birmingham Office should be instructed to have nothing to do with the Alabama Highway Patrol, I spoke with SAC Raymond Faisst concerning this and also SAC Earl Dalness of the Mobile Office. It was clearly indicated in view of the recent developments this action was absolutely necessary and it should be adhered to until further instructions.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-1294/

BAPBOMB. OO, BIRMINGHAM.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE SEPTEMBER THIRTY LAST.

NO INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY. FIFTEEN REMAIN TO BE
CONDUCTED. ALL AGENTS IN AREA OF INTERVIEWS UTILIZED ON
EXPEDITE CIVIL RIGHTS CASES AND BANK ROBBERY INVESTIGATION.
END AND ACK PLS

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U R G E N T 9-30-63 11-31PM CST JP
TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/

FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/

BAPBOMB, ETAL. DAILY SUMMARY.

CHAMBLISS GROUP.

AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY TELEPHONE AND TELETYPE,
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ALABAMA HIGHWAY PATROL PICKED UP FOR
QUESTIONING THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF CAPTIONED GROUP.
ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, CHARLES ARNIE CAGLE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND POSSIBLY OTHERS
WHOSE IDENTITIES WILL BE ASCERTAINED. ALL ARE BEING
INTERVIEWED OR REINTERVIEWED FOR SPECIFICS CONCERNING THIS
FIASCO. GENERALLY IT HAS BEEN ASCERTAINED THAT REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE HIGHWAY PATROL WERE OF OPINION THEY MIGHT SCOOP OTHER
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS BY WHOLESALE PICKUP AND INTERROGATION
OF THOSE SUSPECTS WHOSE IDENTITIES THEY HAVE LEARNED FROM [REDACTED]

VARIOUS SOURCES UNDER INVESTIGATION BY FBI AND OTHERS. OCT 2 1963
ALL SUSPECTS WHO WERE PICKED UP DURING EVENING HOURS

END PAGE ONE

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*Inmate Posen
to Belmont 10/1/63
J. Feak*

cc Lamm

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SEPTEMBER TWENTYNINE WERE RELEASED EARLY MORNING HOURS
SEPTEMBER THIRTY WITH EXCEPTION OF CHAMBLISS AND CAGLE WHO
ARE STILL IN CUSTODY. HOWEVER, NO CHARGES HAVE AS YET BEEN
FILED AND THEY ARE BEING HELD ON QUOTE OPEN CHARGE END
QUOTE OR FOR INVESTIGATION. CONCENSUS OF NEWS MEDIA AND LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IS SHOULD CHAMBLISS AND CAGLE DESIRE,
THEY PROBABLY WOULD HAVE EXCELLENT BASIS FOR FALSE ARREST
SUIT

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] RELATIVES OF CHAMBLISS AND CAGLE ARE QUITE CONCERNED AND HAVE CONSULTED WITH ATTORNEYS RE WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS BUT ATTORNEY WAS PREVAILED UPON TO WITHHOLD SUCH ACTION UNTIL AM OF OCTOBER ONE. RELIABLE NEWS MEDIA SOURCES HAVE REPORTED THAT THEY ARE POISED EDITORIALY TO TAKE THE AHP AND THE GOVERNOR APART. IT IS RUMORED THAT QUOTE "HEADS WILL ROLL" END QUOTE. THE ONLY CHARGE CONCEIVABLE AT THIS TIME, ACCORDING TO SOURCES, IS STATE CHARGE OF ILLEGAL TRANSPORTATION OF DYNAMITE WHICH IS A MISDEMEANOR, AND ALLEGEDLY PUNISHABLE BY A THREE HUNDRED DOLLAR FINE. IT IS DOUBTFUL THIS COULD BE SUSTAINED IN COURT TRIAL. IT IS RELIABLY REPORTED THAT THE QUOTE "MAN ON THE STREET" END QUOTE IS ALREADY ASKING EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS AND FEELS THAT HE HAS BEEN DUPED BY THE GOVERNOR AND AHP. REACTION OF MRS. CHAMBLISS AND HER SISTER TO ARREST OF MR. CHAMBLISS
END PAGE THREE

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PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY TELEPHONE TODAY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] *ALL*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] *when?*

[REDACTED] *?*

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NEIGHBORHOODS AND CHURCH MEMBERS.

NUMEROUS MEMBERS OF VICTIM CHURCH AND ADDITIONAL PERSONS
IN NEIGHBORHOOD LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED TODAY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OCCUPANTS THIS CAR WILL BE IDENTIFIED AND THOROUGHLY
CHECKED TOMORROW.

NOI PROJECT.

DUE TO INTENSIVE INQUIRIES BEING CONDUCTED IN AND AROUND
NOI HEADQUARTERS, THEY CLOSED TODAY. NO MEMBERS THIS GROUP
COULD BE LOCATED FOR INTERVIEW.

NSRP PROJECT.

DUE TO EXTENSIVE INQUIRIES BEING CONDUCTED CONCERNING
MEMBERS THIS ORGANIZATION IN BIRMINGHAM, INFORMATION WAS
RECEIVED FROM RELIABLE SOURCES TODAY THAT THEY HAVE BEEN
SERIOUSLY ^{hindered} IN THEIR OPERATIONS WHICH ARE REPORTED TO
BE AT A STANDSTILL. INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION WILL CONTINUE
THIS ORGANIZATION DUE TO THEIR UNCOOPERATIVE ATTITUDE WITH
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AGENTS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND EVERY EFFORT MADE TO
INSURE THEY ARE IDENTIFIED OR ELIMINATED AS SUSPECTS THIS
CASE. IT WAS LEARNED TODAY THAT [REDACTED] WHO HAS
REFUSED INTERVIEW WITH AGENTS, WAS RELEASED FROM HIS JOB.

[REDACTED]

JACKSONVILLE REPORTED [REDACTED] RETURNED ATLANTA THIS
DATE. ALSO THAT HE HAS RECEIVED CALLS FROM BIRMINGHAM
CONCERNING SHP-S PICKUPS LAST EVENING. POSSIBILITY EXISTS
[REDACTED] MAY TRY TO CAPITALIZE ON A FALSE ARREST SUIT SHOULD HE
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BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE IT.

PLA

etc

[REDACTED]

THEIR ALIBIS VERIFIED

THIS DATE AND THEY ARE ELIMINATED • SUSPECTS.

MISCELLANEOUS.

RE BUAIRTEL TO BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS SEPTEMBER TWENTYSIX
LAST.

etc

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ONE HUNDRED TWO INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY, THREE
HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE INTERVIEWS PENDING AND THREE PCIS DASH
RAC FILES OPENED.

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Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Tom [Signature]

[Signature]

URGENT 9-30-63 11-45 PM EST PNR

TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/

FROM SAC, SAVANNAH /157-503/

BAPBOMB, BM.

RE SAVANNAH TEL SEPTEMBER TWENTYSEVEN, LAST.

DUE TO CONTINUING INVESTIGATION BR, BB, AND NEW AUTOMOBILE THEFT RING CASE, ONLY TWO ADDITIONAL KLANSMEN INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. ATTEMPTS MADE TO CONTACT THREE OTHERS. NO INFO DEVELOPED CONCERNING POSSIBLE SUSPECTS IN CAPTIONED CASE.

APPROXIMATELY SEVENTYTWO KLANSMEN REMAIN TO BE INTERVIEWED SAVA DDIVISION.

END

WA 12-48 AM OK FBI WA JS

BH 10-48 PM CST OK FBI BH JP

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- Mr. Belmont
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- Mr. Casper
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Evans
- Mr. Gale
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Tavel
- Mr. Trotter
- Mr. Tele. Room
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

URGENT 10-1-63 9-14 PM EST WRR
TO DIRECTOR FBI /157-1025/
FROM SAC TAMPA /157-856/ 1P

BAPBOMB.

RE TAMPA TEL SEPTEMBER THIRTY LAST.

ONE INTERVIEW CONDUCTED THIS DATE, NO PERTINENT INFORMATION
OBTAINED.

SINCE THIS IS LAST INTERVIEW TO BE CONDUCTED IN CONNECTION
THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM, DAILY TEL BEING DISCONTINUED.

END ACK AND HOLD PLS

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Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

U R G E N T 10-1-63 11-43 PM CST PJP

TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 10 P

BAPBOMB, ETAL. DAILY SUMMARY.

CHAMBLISS GROUP.

ALABAMA HIGHWAY PATROL SERVED WITH WRITS OF HABIAS
CORPUS TODAY BY ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING ROBERT EDWARD
CHAMBLISS AND CHARLES CAGLE, NECESSITATING A CHARGE BE
FILED AGAINST THEM AND JOHN WFLEY HALL, ALSO TAKEN INTO
CUSTODY THIS AFTERNOON. HALL EXHIBITED COPY OF COMPLAINT
AND WARRANT OF ARREST TO AGENTS WHICH CHARGED HIM WITH QUOTE
HAVE IN HIS POSSESSION EXPLOSIVE, TO WIT, DYNAMITE,
WITHOUT PERMIT THEREFOR^{AS} AS REQUIRED BY SECTION FOUR FIVE
ONE OF THE GENERAL CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM OF
NINETEEN FORTYFOUR, ALL IN VIOLATION OF SECTION FOUR SIX
FOUR OF SAID GENERAL CITY CODE END QUOTE. COMPLAINT
SIGNED BY ALBERT J. LINGO BEFORE JUDGE OF THE RECORDERS
COURT OF BIRMINGHAM J. EARL LANGNER. BOND SET FOR ALL THREE
END PAGE ONE

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*In memo Rosen
to Belmont 10/2/63
JBJ/pab*

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PAGE TWO

SUBJECTS AT THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND CHAMBLISS SCHEDULED
TO APPEAR FOR TRIAL ONE THIRTY PM NEXT TUESDAY, OCTOBER
EIGHT SIXTYTHREE. TRIAL DATES FOR HALL AND CAGLE NOT KNOWN
AT THIS TIME. REPUTABLE NEWS REPRESENTATIVES AND MEMBERS OF
LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT HAVE REPEATEDLY REPORTED TODAY THAT
COL. LINGO, AHP, SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN IN AN UNTENABLE POSITION
IN THAT IT IS DOUBTFUL HE CAN SUBSTANTIATE ANY CHARGE
AGAINST THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS. HE WAS FORCED TO SIGN
THE POSSESSION CHARGE HIMSELF BECAUSE HE COULD GET NO
OTHER OFFICER TO SIGN IT. IT HAS BEEN REPORTED BY THESE
REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE INDIVIDUALS PICKED UP BY THE AHP
ON SUNDAY NIGHT RECOGNIZED DON LUNA, BOB SHELTON AND
HUBERT E. REEVES, KLAN REPRESENTATIVES, RIDING WITH THE
AHP OFFICERS AND WERE PRESENT WHEN SOME OF THEM WERE
PICKED UP. FOLLOWING ASSOCIATES CHAMBLISS GROUP
END PAGE TWO

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INTERVIEWED TODAY.

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INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONTINUING CONCERNING ALL
AFOREMENTIONED INDIVIDUALS.

NEIGHBORHOOD AND CHURCH GROUP.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF VICTIM CHURCH AND PERSONS RESIDING
IN NEIGHBORHOOD LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED TODAY. NO NEW
INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

[REDACTED] 67-50

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~~AND LINE THIRTEEN WORD 6 SHD BE "FORD"~~

END PAGE FIVE

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NOI PROJECT.

PURSUANT TO BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO CHICAGO YESTERDAY,
INFORMATION RECEIVED TODAY FROM CHICAGO OFFICE THAT NOI
HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO, HAS ORDERED HEAD OF NOI, BIRMINGHAM,
END PAGE EIGHT

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TO MAKE AVAILABLE MEMBERSHIP LIST THAT GROUP FOR INTERVIEW.
THIS WILL BE DONE.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

[REDACTED]

END PAGE NINE

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ONE HUNDRED SIX INTERVIEWS TODAY. THREE HUNDRED
THIRTYEIGHT REMAINING. ONE PCI RAC FILE OPENED.

END ACK

WA 2-12 AM OK FBI WA HFL

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RADIOGRAM

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**TO SACS BIRMINGHAM
JACKSONVILLE
SAVANNAH
ATLANTA
MIAMI**

If next radio contact missed,
send by plain text, deferred
teletype.

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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BAPBOMB

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- Tolson _____
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RADIOGRAM TO BIRMINGHAM, JACKSONVILLE, SAVANNAH, ATLANTA, MIAMI.
RE: BAPBOMB

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APPROPRIATE OFFICES SHOULD CONDUCT SPOT-CHECK SURVEILLANCES
OF [REDACTED] SAVANNAH SHOULD INSURE THAT
PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE MAINTAINED ON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SUTEL RESULTS OF PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE. APPROPRIATE OFFICES
SUTEL RESULTS OF SURVEILLANCES ON OTHER SUBJECTS.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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URGENT 10-2-63 12-19 AM EST PNR
TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/
FROM SAC, SAVANNAH /157-503/
BAPBOMB. BM.

RE SV TEL SEPTEMBER THIRTY LAST.

DUE TO CONTINUING INVESTIGATION BR, BB, AND NEW AUTOMOBILE
THEFT RING CASE, ONLY FOUR ADDITIONAL KLANSMEN INTERVIEWED THIS DA
-ATTEMPTS MADE TO CONTACT THREE OTHERS. NO INFO DEVELOPED
CONCERNING POSSIBLE SUSPECTS IN CAPTIONED CASE.

APPROXIMATELY SIXTYEIGHT KLANSMEN REMAIN TO BE INTERVIEWED
SAVANNAH DIVISION.

END

BH ADVISED SEP

1-23 AM OK FBI WA HFL

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date 9/20/63

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Consigned to: FBI, Birmingham (157-352)

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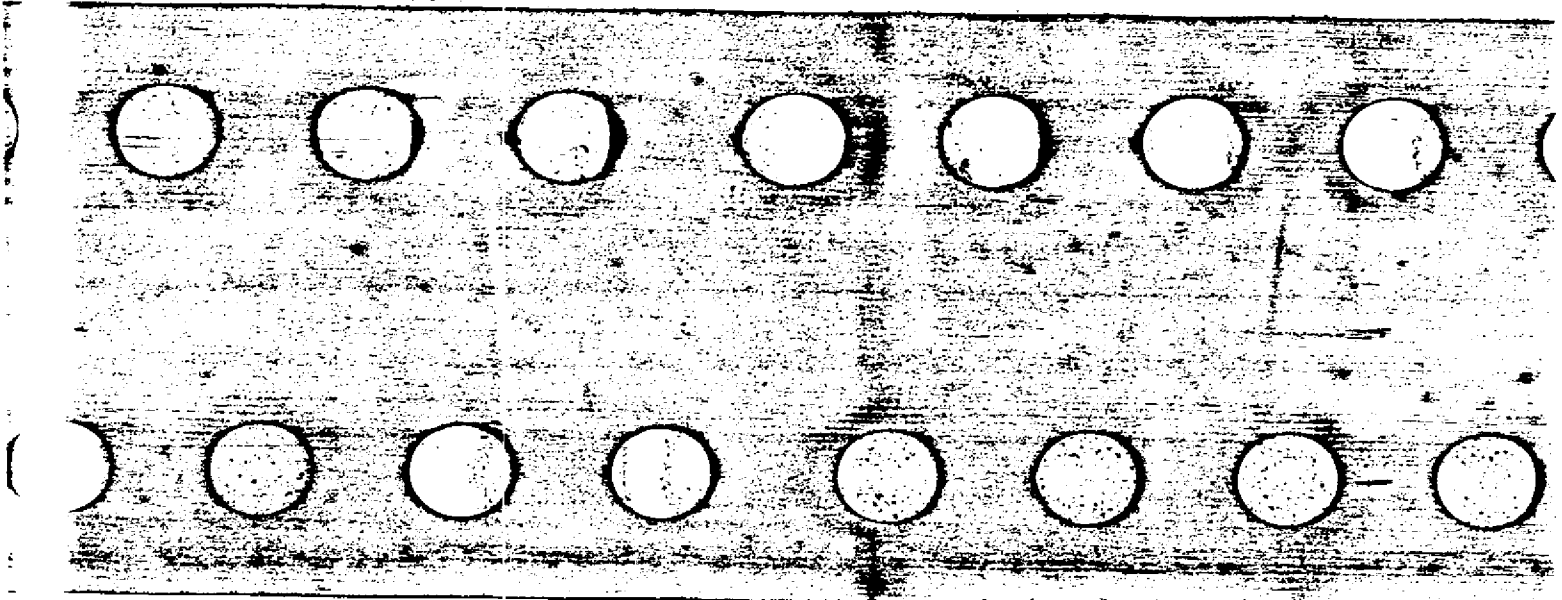
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 10/2/63

FROM: *[Handwritten initials]*

SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-402) P

SUBJECT:

BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham airtels to the Director 9/18/63 and 9/19/63.

Referenced airtels requested offices to contact appropriate racial informants and/or sources and through appropriate informants and sources attempt to determine if any members of NOI have been in Birmingham in the recent past, particularly immediately prior to incident 9/15/63..

Contacts with informants and sources to date have developed no information of pertinence in connection with above two requests.

By teletype dated 9/21/63 Atlanta Office requested Charlotte to locate and interview a [redacted] Madeira Beach, Florida, who had arrived at Atlanta on United Airlines Flight 198 from Tampa 9/21/63 en route to Asheville, N. C. This individual's name was furnished as a suspect by [redacted]

A check with United Airlines, Asheville, N. C., failed to locate any list of passengers on above-referred-to flight and a further check of established sources, including city directories, telephone directory, credit and identification, failed to locate or identify [redacted]. By airtel to Birmingham 9/24/63 Tampa advised that [redacted] is a retired Army man, a substantial citizen of Madeira Beach, Florida, and through investigation eliminated him as a suspect in captioned matter.

Charlotte will maintain close contact with informants and sources, particularly in the racial field, and any information developed will be immediately furnished the Bureau and Birmingham.

- 3 - Bureau Rm
 - 2 - Birmingham (157-352) Rm
 - 2 - Charlotte
- RLK:mjh
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RADIOGRAM

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TO SAC BIRMINGHAM
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

BAPBOMB.

UPI RELEASE SEPTEMBER THIRTY, SIXTYTHREE, INDICATES THE FATHER OF CHARLES ARNIE CAGLE IS THE REVEREND A. M. CAGLE, PASTOR OF THE GOOD HOPE FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH. THE ARTICLE INDICATES REVEREND MR. CAGLE COMMENTED CONCERNING RECENT RACIAL BOMBING QUOTE WE'VE GOT TO LOOK TO THE LORD. MY SON IS BEING FRAMED BY SOMEONE, UNQUOTE. GIVE CONSIDERATION TO CONTACTING REVEREND MR. CAGLE AS AN INTERMEDIARY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM HIS SON CHARLES ARNIE CAGLE LOGICAL SUSPECT.

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(FATHER)

BIRMINGHAM--THE FATHER OF ONE OF TWO MEN HELD FOR QUESTIONING ABOUT RECENT RACIAL BOMBINGS SAID TODAY "WE'VE GOT TO LOOK TO THE LORD--MY BOY IS BEING FRAMED BY SOMEONE."

THE REV. A.M. CAGLE PASTOR OF THE GOOD HOPE FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH, SAID HIS 22-YEAR-OLD SON CHARLES, IDENTIFIED AS HAVING LONG-TIME KLAN TIES, "BROKE AWAY FROM THE KLAN ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE:

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 16485 - 16486. Senator Humphrey, (D) Minnesota, in speaking of Birmingham situation, included miscellaneous material from recent newspapers. 1

included the article entitled "A Flower for the Graves" which was also set forth in remarks by Senators Ribicoff and Gruening.

In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for _____ was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: *SEPT. 19, 1963*

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

*16th ST BAPTIST CHURCH
BIRMINGHAM, ALA*

Pages 16470-16471. Senator Gruening, (D) Alaska, spoke concerning recent happenings in Birmingham. He included several articles and editorials with

remarks. This material included an article from the Washington Star of September 1963, entitled "A Southerner Speaks--A Flower for the Graves." This article states "It is too late to blame the sick criminals who handled the dynamite. The FBI and the police can deal with that kind. The charge against them is simple. They killed four children. Only we can trace the truth, Southerner--you and I."

Pages 16477 - 16479. Senator Ribicoff, (D) Connecticut, spoke on the situation in Birmingham. He submitted several articles and editorials with his remarks. Included was an editorial from the Washington Post of September 18, 1963, entitled "Hunting The Killers." This editorial stated "Because of the high repute of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, that agency's massive effort to solve the Birmingham bombing will bring reassurance to an outraged nation. - - - It is not so certain, however, that the announcement will bring full reassurance to Negroes in Birmingham or throughout the country. Negro leaders have complained for several years that the FBI has not been zealous in hunting down civil rights violators in the South. - - - Critics of the Bureau ought to take a few factors into account. The first of these is that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover is indubitably right in saying that investigation of crimes of this kind is primarily the duty of duly constituted local police authority; the FBI has jurisdiction only when the offense involved some crossing of State lines, and it needs to be careful to avoid exceeding its jurisdiction. - - - The FBI's task in Birmingham is not an easy one." Mr. Ribicoff also included the article entitled "A Flower for the Graves" which was set forth in comments by Senator Gruening earlier in this memorandum.

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64 OCT 14 1963 *MP*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 9/20/63

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page 16566. Senator Miller, (R) Iowa, in speaking on the church bombing in Birmingham, submitted an article written by Eugene Patterson, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, entitled "A Flower for the Graves." This article states "It is too late to blame the sick criminals who handled the dynamite. The FBI and the police can deal with that kind. The charge against them is simple. They killed four children. Only we can trace the truth, southerner--you and I."

Pages 16680 - 16681. Congressman Andrews, (D) Alabama, spoke in connection with the recent bombing in Birmingham and pointed out that "I can assure you that Governor Wallace is using every means at his command to see that the guilty are apprehended." Mr. Andrews included an editorial from the Montgomery (Alabama) Advertiser for September 17, 1963, entitled "The Tragedy's Aftermath." The editorial stated "A squad of FBI bomb experts is at work. They have been welcomed to the State and are as one working with State, county, and city police in the crucial manhunt."

Pages A5933 - A5934. Congressman Hawkins, (D) California, extended his remarks concerning the recent happenings in Birmingham. He included an article from the Washington Evening Star for September 17, 1963, entitled "A Flower for the Graves." This is a reprint of an article from the Atlanta (Georgia) Constitution newspaper which was included in the remarks of Senator Miller earlier in this memorandum.

Pages 10001 - 10006. Senator Humphrey, (D) Minnesota, spoke concerning his recent meeting with churchmen in connection with the situation in Birmingham and the need for civil rights legislation. He pointed out that these churchmen represented every religious faith in the country. Mr. Humphrey advised that this group met with many representatives of the Congress, with officers of the executive branch and with the Attorney General. Mr. Humphrey requested to have printed in the Record a statement issued by the religious leaders, a list of the leaders, and a digest of their statement to the Attorney General. This digest included the following recommendation: "The maximum use of the FBI on a basis of the currently existing antibombing statute and other existing legislation in the anticipation of, protection against, and detection of those who would by such or similar practices not only commit mayhem but incite to violence in a given community."

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DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

September 30, 1963

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

The note reads:

"Sir:

Is it just by "coincidence" that your stupid investigators are sent to Birmingham? Are those rebel bombers smarter than your men? Are the FBI men "really" looking for evidence?"

- MR. TOLSON _____
- MR. DELOACH _____
- MR. CASPER _____
- MR. CALLAHAN _____
- MR. CONRAD _____
- MR. EVANS _____
- MR. GALE _____
- MR. ROSEN _____
- MR. SULLIVAN _____
- MR. TAVEL _____
- MR. TROTTER _____
- MR. JONES _____
- TELE. ROOM _____
- MISS HOLMES _____
- MRS. METCALF _____
- MISS GANDY _____

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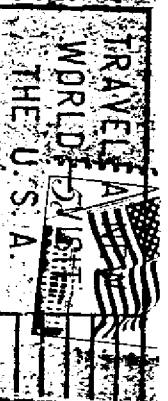
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M. J. [unclear]

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Chief of FBI
Washington 25, D.C.



SIR:

IS IT JUST BY "COINCIDENCE" THAT YOUR STUPID INVESTIGATORS ARE SENT TO BOMBINGHAM? ARE THOSE REBEL BOMBERS SMARTER THAN YOUR MEN? ARE THE FBI

UNITED STATES GOV

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *[Handwritten initials]*

FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

DATE: 10/1/63

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[Handwritten signatures and initials: J.W., W., J., A.B.]

At 10:12 P. M., 9/30/63, SAC Roy Moore at Birmingham advised Night Supervisor [redacted] that UACB within an hour an interview would be conducted with [redacted] with the use of the polygraph.

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SAC Moore stated that [redacted]

[redacted] For this reason and the fact that [redacted] has consented to the interview, SAC Moore feels this should be conducted promptly.

ACTION:

b7c, d

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Authority was granted to interview [redacted] as a suspect in the Bapbomb case with the use of the polygraph, providing necessary waivers obtained.

1 - Mr. Conrad

HSU:hw/cag *cag*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

- Tolson
- Belmont
- Mohr
- Casper
- Callahan
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R/TTO

Mr. Belmont

DATE: September 26, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen *in Bapt Bomb*

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

McGowan
Lariff
BB

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SAC Moore at Birmingham telephoned on the evening of 9-25-63, to advise that [redacted] was at that time being questioned concerning bombings in Birmingham and had signed a waiver for a polygraph examination. SAC Moore requested authority to afford [redacted] a polygraph examination.

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In connection with the investigation of bombings in Birmingham, information has been developed that [redacted]

[redacted] Investigation of this information is being vigorously pressed to determine if the group involved in possessing this dynamite might be responsible for the bombings in the Birmingham area.

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SAC Moore also requested authority at this time to afford [redacted] polygraph examination in the event [redacted] is located for questioning. SAC Moore stated, of course, that a waiver would be obtained prior to this polygraph examination.

ACTION TAKEN:

OCT 3 1963

In view of the urgency of this request in this important matter, SAC Moore was advised to go forward with the use of the polygraph examinations as requested.

1 - Mr. Conrad

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TO : Mr. Belmont *MB*

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

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

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William H. [unclear]
for review at FBIHQ by
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Ray

The following information concerns our investigations of the recent bombings in Birmingham, Alabama, at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, the residence of Arthur Shores and the intersection of 16th Avenue and Center Street South.

Material obtained from the crime scene of the shrapnel bombing at 16th Avenue and Center Street South on 9-25-63 has been examined by our Laboratory representative and no indication of the specific type of explosive or the method of detonation was found on the material, however, the damage is characteristic of that which would be caused by explosives such as dynamite. The evidentiary material collected at the scene has been forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for further examination in an effort to determine the nature of the explosive used.

The intensified investigation concerning the Chambliss group is going forward as rapidly as possible.

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

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The information furnished by [REDACTED] is being thoroughly checked into and the investigation concerning the Chambliss group is receiving most intensive investigative effort. Interviews of members of this group are continuing.

We are also continuing to check on members of the [REDACTED] and are following their activities [REDACTED]

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In connection with our inquiry as to the possible involvement of members of the Nation of Islam (NOI) in the bombings, [REDACTED] of the Birmingham Mosque of the NOI, refused to cooperate in any manner in the investigation although the Mosque is within a half block of the victim church. He stated that he believes in black supremacy and wants nothing to do with the white race. In addition to interviews of members, we are checking on this group through informants but nothing of significance has been developed indicating any suspects in the bombings thus far.

ACTION

You will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

O *[Signature]* *10/1/57*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *LR*

DATE: October 1, 1963

FROM : C. L. McGowan *LR*

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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At 10:10 p. m., 10-1-63, SAC Roy Moore at Birmingham advised Night Supervisor [redacted] that UACB within an hour interviews would be conducted with [redacted] with the use of the polygraph. *LR*

ACTION: *67-10*

Authority was granted to interview [redacted] as suspects in the Bapbomb case with the use of the polygraph, providing necessary waivers obtained. *B*

1 - Mr. Conrad

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(6) *hw*

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FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-167) (RUC)
RE: BAPBOMB
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Re Birmingham airtel, 9/19/63.

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No other information has been developed from Cleveland sources pertinent to captioned matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *W. Williams*

DATE: 9/23/63 *Z. Williams*

FROM : A. Rosen *A. Rosen*

SUBJECT: BOMBING OF 16th STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 9/15/63
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With reference to the newspaper story wherein it was stated all agencies investigating the bombing -- the FBI, the Sheriff of Jefferson County and city police-- are agreed that the bomb, a "high-order explosive", was placed undernea the exterior steps at the rear of the church, - the following is submitted:

Inquiry made concerning this matter reveals no statements were made by the Birmingham Office to the U. S. Attorney, as indicated.

SAC Moore at Birmingham advised that the U. S. District Judge, Clarence Allgood, had been in touch with U. S. Attorney Malcolm Weaver concerning rumors floating throughout the White and Negro sections of Birmingham relative to the bombing and that he, Judge Allgood, had stated these rumors should be squelched. This information is set forth in memorandum of 9/20/63 to Mohr from DeLoach, a copy of which is attached.

SAC Moore advised the Birmingham Office received a telephone call from U. S. Attorney Weaver concerning making a newspaper release and he was advised that the FBI was not joining in any release of information to the newspapers. At that time U. S. Attorney Weaver made a specific request to talk to SAC Moore.

Subsequently SAC Moore called Weaver and Weaver stated to Moore that he was making a joint release with the police and Sheriff's office scotching the rumors that had been floating in Birmingham concerning the bombing. Weaver told Moore that he had wanted to talk to Moore concerning the basic facts of the bombing; however, he had obtained his information from other agencies and newspapers and asked Moore for no facts whatsoever. There was no further conversation between Weaver and Moore and no other conversation with the Birmingham Field Office.

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- 1 - Mr. Mohr
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Birmingham Bombing

Some Rumors Exploded

By William G. Wing
Of The Herald Tribune Staff

BIRMINGHAM.

Because of rumors that Negroes caused the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church last Sunday the United States Attorney felt it necessary yesterday to issue a public statement.

The statement said all agencies investigating the bombing—the FBI, the Sheriff of Jefferson County and city police—are agreed that the bomb, “a high-order explosive” was placed underneath the exterior steps at the rear of the church. The four children who were killed were inside the ground-level basement of the building near the steps.

The announcement was not news. The concrete steps, which reached from the sidewalk to a first-floor back entrance, were cleanly removed from the side of the building by explosion and demolished. From the first, police have assumed the bomb was placed—not thrown from a car—beneath these outside steps.

The announcement con-

tinued with another unnewsworthy item:

No evidence has been uncovered to date indicating the identity of the person or persons responsible for the bombing. But, the statement said, “the public can rest assured that when his identity is uncovered, regardless of who he may be, it will be made public.”

Macon L. Weaver, Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama, said his announcement was made “to dispel certain false and misleading rumors concerning the bombing.”

One rumor was repeated

in so many barber shop and street corner conversations it came to the ears of a leading white Methodist minister, the Rev. Denson N. Franklin. Mr. Franklin feared the rumor would hurt the fund for the bombed church, started by the state’s religious leaders—a fund of which he is a trustee. The rumor goes this way:

The basement of the 16th Street Church was filled with explosives. The church was principal headquarters for civil rights demonstrations, and the explosives were being stored for no good purpose. One of the girls who was

killed, according to the rumor, accidentally kicked over nitroglycerine, which exploded a case of dynamite.

The second part of the rumor is that the janitor of the church, who knew about the stored explosives, was spirited away by the FBI and held incommunicado to keep him from revealing the secret.

Mr. Weaver said the janitor was questioned extensively by Birmingham police, but was never picked up by the FBI.

The janitor’s story belongs to a second set of rumors charging that the Justice De-

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- The New Leader _____
- The Wall Street Journal _____
- The National Observer _____
- People’s World _____
- Date _____

Why do we furnish an obviously fabricated and untrue information? It has indicated that we want U.S. City Publishing for FBI.

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partment is trying to cover up any clues to the crime that may damage the Negro cause.

These rumors are similar to others under way even before Sunday's bombing. They gained strength from a remark Gov. George C. Wallace made last week to the effect that the Justice Department could not be trusted to make public anything about previous bombings that might embarrass civil-righters.

The spread of the rumors indicates no mistrust in the FBI. Instead, it indicates monumental mistrust of the chief of the Justice Department, Robert F. Kennedy, whose name is anathema in much of Alabama.

However, Mr. Kennedy's statements on Birmingham, which were carried here on television Thursday morning, were so tempered that they were joyfully received by the city administration. Mr. Kennedy said he didn't think Federal troops were necessary here. He added that he doubted anything could be accomplished by saying, "Everyone's going to get along or we'll prick you with a bayonet."

The tone of his remarks made it easier for Mayor Albert Boutwell later in the day to ask the Attorney General's brother, the President, to receive an official white delegation from Birmingham. In Birmingham, it is an act of political daring to seek direct communication with a Kennedy.

The Mayor's delegation will tell the President on Monday the city administration's side of the story in an effort to balance some of the views expressed to the President Thursday by seven Negro leaders headed by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Meanwhile, leaders of both

racists appeared willing to cooperate with the two-man task force being sent here by President Kennedy—Kenneth C. Royal and Earl "Red" Blaik. They voiced the opinion that the two will have to concern themselves with Birmingham's economic problems, not just the outward signs of racial conflict.

The basis of the discontent of Negroes "is their lack of participation in the mainstream of the city's economy," said Arthur Shores, Negro attorney whose home has been bombed twice.

W. C. Hamilton, executive secretary to the Mayor, agreed that the basis is economic, but discounted the implication of discrimination. He put it this way: "There is a wide lack of opportunity for both Negroes and whites, particularly in unskilled jobs."

Also citing the economic aspect of the conflict was the Most. Rev. Thomas J. Toolen, Archbishop of the Mobile-Birmingham Diocese. In a pastoral letter that will be read tomorrow from all Catholic pulpits in Alabama and northwest Florida, he said:

"We see the fair city of Birmingham slowly being destroyed. For neither business nor industry will come into a city in which there is so much hatred and destruction."

As for the church-bombing, he said: "It is difficult to understand how a civilized human being could have in his heart such hatred."

Attendance at the three desegregated schools continued to rise yesterday, but Mrs. Ray McFall, a leader of the private school movement, said this "does not mean we're admitting defeat." She added: "This is a temporary thing until we get our private school set up."

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FROM SAC, SAVANNAH /157-503/ 1P
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-1294/

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Mr. Jones

TO : Mr. Belmont *W. J.*

DATE: September 28, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen *A. Rosen*

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

The following developments have taken place concerning our investigations of the bombings in Birmingham, Alabama, at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, the residence of Arthur Shores and the intersection of Sixteenth Avenue and Center Street, South.

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

- 1 - Mr. Evans
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*AGK - Association of Georgia Klans
UFKKK - United Florida Ku Klux Klan

COPY SENT TO MR. TOLSON

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

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[REDACTED]

The investigation concerning the Chambliss group is continuing. The physical surveillance of Chambliss on September 27, 1963, disclosed nothing significant. A polygraph examination was given to [REDACTED]

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A polygraph examination was also afforded [REDACTED] with no indication that he has knowledge of the bombings.

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Neighborhood inquiry disclosed nothing pertinent concerning [REDACTED] regarding the bombings.

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A rumor which has been circulated in Birmingham indicated that the [REDACTED] may have had something to do with the bombing. [REDACTED] took a polygraph examination which indicated that he has no knowledge of the identity of the person who bombed the church.

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

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Interviews of church members, members of NSRP and other logical individuals continued with no significant developments. Attempts to interview Nation of Islam members met with negative results. Five thousand additional automobile registrations were reviewed in an attempt to identify the Rambler automobile seen by [redacted]

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ACTION:

Pertinent developments will be brought to your attention immediately.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: September 20, 1963

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: B A P R O M B
BOMBING OF 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
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For record purposes, ASAC Robert Jensen of the Birmingham Office telephoned at 1:45 p. m. today and talked to Wick. He said that U. S. District Judge Clarence Allgood has been in touch with U. S. Attorney Malcolm Weaver. Judge Allgood said that he has learned from a Pastor of a church in Birmingham that many rumors are floating throughout both white and Negro sections of Birmingham concerning the police and FBI investigation of the bombing. Judge Allgood said particularly there are three rumors which should be "squashed" as follows:

- (1) The FBI knows who bombed the church but is making no arrest.
- (2) A child stumbled on a nitroglycerin bottle near the church and set off the 9-15-63 blast.
- (3) A Negro janitor at the church has been arrested by the FBI in connection with the bombing.

ASAC Jensen stated that SAC Faisst and SAC Moore are all agreed that the rumors are not healthy and that perhaps some official statement should be made by an authority to knock them down.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

Wick told ASAC Jensen that if Weaver or one of the Justice Department representatives on the scene desires to make a statement that is up to them. As far as the FBI is concerned, we will make no statement until we have something to talk about. Jensen said he believed that U. S. Attorney Weaver would be making such a statement, denying all three of these rumors.

ACTION: For record.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Jones
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Morrell
- 1 - Mr. Evans

REW:saj
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COPY SENT TO MR. TOLSON

Right. If we issue a statement over the wild rumors at this time we would have time for nothing else. I do not think I give for Weaver nor any of the Dept. Atty. They should mind their own business.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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Enclosed herewith are the following articles:

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COPIES & SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB FOR FAB ACTION & REPORT

- (1) 5 pieces of wire cut with wire cutters in the possession of [redacted] *A/2*
- (2) 2 nails located in the basement of the house occupied by [redacted]
- (3) 2 wire nails located in the basement of [redacted] house.
- (4) 1 piece of wire containing wire marks made by pliers found in the basement of the house occupied by [redacted]
- (5) One wire nail cut in two by pliers found in the basement of [redacted] house.
- (6) One metal hanger removed from the basement of [redacted] house, which contains tool marks made by pliers located in the basement of [redacted] house.

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The above material was obtained on 10/2/63 from [redacted] a suspect in the captioned matter, as a result of his execution of a Consent to Search Premises.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the enclosed material with any other material found in the crime scene search of the bombing, in Birmingham, Ala. at Sixth Avenue

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and Center St. on 9/25/63, in an effort to determine if there is any similarity in the articles found.

It is also requested that the Laboratory compare the tool marks on the enclosed material with the tool marks found in some of the material picked up near the area of the bombing on 9/25/63.

Results of the comparison should be made available to Birmingham, and it is not necessary to return the enclosed material to Birmingham in the event it proves to be worthless.

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FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

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[REDACTED] SHOULD BE CHECKED OUT DURING TIME OF PERTINENT BOMBINGS.
COMPLETE DETAILS CONCERNING [REDACTED] SHOULD BE FURNISHED TO
LOCAL AUTHORITIES. PRESENT FACTS TO APPROPRIATE U. S. ATTORNEY FOR
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TO SAC BIRMINGHAM (157-352)
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB.

REURTEL OCTOBER THREE LAST.

BY RETURN TELETYPE ADVISE ACTION YOU PLAN WITH REGARD TO
NEGRO MALE WHO ADMITTED TO POLICE CHURCH BOMBING AND LATER
STATED HE WAS LYING.

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ALSO ADVISE ADDITIONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION REGARDING

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WHETHER WHITE OR NEGRO, AND IF ANY

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Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	<i>[initials]</i>
Mr. Sullivan	<i>[initials]</i>
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/
FROM SAC, SAVANNAH /157-503/ 1P

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TWENTYFIVE KLANSMEN INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. NO INFORMATION
DEVELOPED CONCERNING POSSIBLE SUSPECTS CAPTIONED CASE

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THREE ALLEGED KLANSMEN UNKNOWN AT ADDRESSES GIVEN.

APPROXIMATELY FORTY KLANSMEN REMAIN TO BE INTERVIEWED SAVANNAH ³ OCT 4 1963
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (157-31)(RUC)
RE: BAPBOMB
BOMBING MATTERS

ReBurad 9/25/63.

A civilian employee of the Army at Fort Buchanan has been found who checked the locks on Bunker 774 on 9/18 or 19/63, and locks intact at that time. Thus theft occurred no earlier than 9/18/63.

Thus explosive in bombing of 16th St. Baptist Church, Birmingham, 9/15/63, does not appear to have come from the Composition C-4 plastic demolition charges reported missing from Fort Buchanan.

(3-Bureau (2) - 157-1025)(1 - 52-UNSUB; THEFT OF TWO CASES PLASTIC DEMOLITION CHARGES, FT. BUCHANON, PUERTO RICO, DISCOVERED 9/23/63.)
1-Birmingham (157-352)
1-Jacksonville (157-584)
2-San Juan (1 - 157-31)(1 - 52-1501)

(1) [redacted] lrc

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge
C. C. WICK

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Date: 10/4/63

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TO : Director, FBI (157-1025)
(Attention: FBI Laboratory)

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (157-93) (P)

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Review of Indianapolis files reflect the following three individuals possibly logical suspects as author of anonymous letter:

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C C. Wick

- ④ - Bureau (Enc. 8) ENCLOSURE
- 1 - Birmingham
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Approved: C. G. Wick
Special Agent in Charge

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 Autostats of these pages are being forwarded to the Laboratory for comparison purposes.

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The Laboratory is requested to compare the typewriting on the enclosed material with the anonymous typewritten letter received by the Bureau postmarked South Bend, Indiana, 9/30/63, and advise Indianapolis Office of the results. It is requested the enclosed material be returned to the Indianapolis Office upon the completion of the examination.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

DATE: 10/3/63

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Reference Birmingham letter to Bureau 9/26/63, entitled UNSUBS.; Explosion at 1601 Center Street South, Birmingham, 9/25/63, and Bulet to Birmingham dated 10/1/63.

The following described tools are being submitted to the Laboratory for examination:

- (1) Needle nose pliers.
- (2) Cutting Dike
- (3) Pliers

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The above items are owned by [redacted] a suspect in instant matter, as well as other bombings in the Birmingham Division. The tools were located in [redacted] automobile, and were voluntarily turned over to Agents.

It is requested that the following examination be conducted:

Attempt to determine if one of the three tools is identifiable with the specific tool used to cut the coat-hanger, Q17, in reBulet. Return all submitted tools to Birmingham at conclusion of the examination.

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- 3 - Birmingham
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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 10/3/63

FROM : A. Rosen *Rw*

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

Mr. DeLoach
Law

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[REDACTED] permitted search of his residence and garage by Bureau Agents on 10/2/63. Nails and wire found during the search and wire specimens cut with [REDACTED] wire cutter were obtained and have been submitted to the FBI Laboratory for comparison examination with material recovered at the scene of the shrapnel bombing which occurred at the Sixteenth Avenue and Center Street intersection 9/25/63.

Additional associates of Chambliss have been interviewed

[REDACTED] all of these individuals consented to polygraph examinations.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

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It was reported to the Birmingham Office that Robert E. Chambliss told officers of the AHP he had purchased a case of dynamite on 9/15/63 at Navels (phonetic) Hardware Store near Brookside, Alabama. Investigation by the Birmingham Office in Brookside disclosed no such store and no stores selling dynamite. It was determined, however, that Negron's Appliance and General Merchandise Store at nearby Blossburg, Alabama, does sell dynamite. Brookside and Blossburg are on the outskirts of Birmingham.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

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ACTION:

Pertinent developments will be brought to your attention immediately.

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September 30, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

MAILED
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With reference to the two arrests by the Alabama Highway Patrol yesterday in alleged connection with the recent bombing of the Negro church in Alabama, I wanted to bring to your attention certain observations concerning this matter.

O/B A B O M B

The Alabama Highway Patrol arrested Robert E. Chambliss and Charles Arnie Cagle. They have not filed any charges against them and they are being held for investigation. I am reliably informed that the Alabama Highway Patrol has very little substantial evidence against these two individuals.

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These two individuals have been among the principal suspects in the bombings which have occurred in Birmingham. We have interviewed them and their associates a number of times and have also given lie detector tests to them. They have admitted in our interrogations that they had been in possession of dynamite but beyond that they would make no statement. By reason of our intensive investigation of Chambliss, Cagle and their associates it has become generally known that the FBI was pressing vigorously its investigation of this particular group which has had active connection with the United Americans for Conservative Government. Chambliss himself in the past has been a member of the Ku Klux Klan. The question naturally arises as to why this Bureau was not advised by the Alabama Highway Patrol of the contemplated action in arresting Chambliss and Cagle. By doing so they have certainly "flushed" the case and I doubt that they will be able to hold these two men beyond the seventy-two hours allowed for detention for investigation.

As has been indicated to me on a number of occasions, there is a strong feeling upon the part of the Negro elements in the South that they cannot work with or report to the FBI any information because of our cooperation with the local authorities. The Negro elements have felt, I am

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Memorandum for the Attorney General

told, that such close cooperation prejudices the FBI and results in no results being obtained. That, of course, is an absolute fallacy for we have obtained results in a number of church bombings and other civil rights violations.

However, in order to minimize as much as possible the unwarranted criticism which the FBI has received, we have over the last year refrained from close contacts or connection with the local authorities. This I have regretted because a gulf has gradually developed and we are not kept informed as we have been in the past of actions contemplated and developments in cases handled by the local authorities. In the late twenties and early thirties there was great reluctance upon the part of the local authorities to cooperate with the FBI and it took us several years before we could break down this reluctance, but we finally did so and from that time until within the last year we have had the closest cooperation from the local authorities in all matters including civil rights. That cooperation has now practically ended by reason of our refraining from dealing with the local authorities. I personally do not approve of this policy because I think law enforcement should work as a team, and the mere fact that we have had in the past cordial relationships with local authorities did not mean that we favored them if they violated any Federal statute. As a matter of fact, our record shows that we have vigorously investigated and successfully prosecuted local authorities when Federal laws have been violated.

Another aspect of this matter which I think should be drawn to your attention has been the constant complaint made by the Negro elements in the South that there was no use to report matters to the FBI because all of our Agents in the South were Southerners. This complaint was untrue. Martin Luther King several months ago made a speech in which he claimed that all of our Agents in Albany, Georgia, where there had been violent racial demonstrations, were born in the deep South and Negroes should not report matters to that office. We have five Agents at Albany, Georgia, and I checked into the matter and found that four of the five had been born in northern states and that only one had been born in what could be called the deep South. I made an effort to effect an appointment with Martin Luther King so as to correct his impression, assuming he had been misinformed, but he refused to make an appointment so I, therefore, have to conclude that he was deliberately lying when he made the statement he did. Nevertheless the effect of his statement in the South and the statements of other Negro leaders has resulted in the impression that practically all of our southern offices are manned by Agents who were born in the South.

Memorandum for the Attorney General

This is likewise untrue but, in order to minimize the criticism as much as possible, I initiated the program a year ago transferring southern-born Agents from southern offices and replacing them with northern-born Agents. I did not think that this was a wise action to take but I took it in order that the criticism which has arisen against the Bureau in its work in the civil rights field might to some degree be minimized.

Now the climax seems to have finally been reached because last week in conferences with Blaik and Royall the Negro leaders in Birmingham claimed that they could not put any reliability in the FBI because the northern Agents who have been assigned to southern offices have married or are marrying girls born in the South. I certainly do not intend to issue any orders forbidding any Agent in this service to marry a girl irrespective of where she may be born. I think the limit of palliation and appeasement has been reached. The Bureau has and intends to continue to vigorously investigate any violations of the civil rights statutes which are authorized by the Department. You, no doubt, have noted that in the newspapers in the last week quite a number of Negro leaders have referred to the fact that there have been forty-six bombings in Alabama and none has been solved by the FBI. This again is a falsehood. Under the procedure set up by the Department we must submit to the Civil Rights Division a report on any bombing which takes place and the Civil Rights Division then determines whether the FBI should initiate a full and thorough investigation. Out of the forty-six bombings which have taken place in Alabama the Bureau has been authorized to investigate only five by the Civil Rights Division.

Because of the contention of the Civil Rights Division, and I think a very sound one, that the law as passed by Congress which raises a presumption that the explosive used in a bombing has been transported interstate does not relieve the local or state authorities from active investigations of such bombings, in instances where there is even a substantial indication that the explosives have been transported interstate the Department has authorized full investigations and the Bureau has made them.

I wanted to set forth my views concerning this matter because there is becoming more and more misunderstanding about just what the FBI's authority is and what it does and the reason why it does it.

Memorandum for the Attorney General

I do not believe that even within the Department the situation is fully understood. A week ago a newspaper reporter was furnished by the Department with the report concerning the forty-six bombings and the fact that the FBI had solved none. It was not pointed out to that reporter that the FBI had been authorized to investigate only five of the forty-six bombings so, as the article was written, it very improperly gave the impression that the FBI was dragging its heels in actively investigating the bombings in Alabama.

Respectfully,

J. EDGAR HOOVER

**John Edgar Hoover
Director**

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DATE	9-30-63
BY	<i>[Signature]</i>

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Date: 10/3/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (157-318) P
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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All logical sources in Memphis have been interviewed in an effort to locate a [redacted] without reflecting any information that an individual by this name ever resided in Memphis or in Whitehaven, Tenn. It will be noted that Whitehaven is an unincorporated suburb of Memphis, located in Shelby County, Tenn. and purportedly has about 50,000 population.

IC [redacted] checked at the following establishments and no record was obtained of either [redacted] or [redacted]

Also, pertinent phone and city directories were checked with negative results. No further action being taken by Memphis. It will be noted that re Bureau airtel indicates the possibility that these individuals returned to Birmingham, Ala.

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- 2 - Birmingham (157-352)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Report to Belmont

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TO : Mr. Belmont *ABW*

DATE: 10/1/63

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

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

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 3-10-86 BY SP4EJW/EN

The following are the developments which have occurred in connection with our investigations of the bombings in Birmingham, Alabama, at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, residence of Arthur Shores, and the intersection of Sixteenth Avenue and Center Street South.

The individuals picked up by the Alabama Highway Patrol (AHP) on the night of 9/29/63 and early morning 9/30/63 for interrogation following the arrests of Robert El Chambliss and Charles Arnie Cagle in connection with the Birmingham bombings were released during the early morning hours of 9/30/63. Chambliss and Cagle are still in custody at the city jail in Birmingham. Those released included John Wesley Hall and Levi Yarborough. Through interviews with suspects released the Birmingham Office has ascertained that representatives of the AHP were of the opinion that they might scoop other law enforcement officers by the wholesale pick up and interrogation of suspects whose identities they learned from various individuals under investigation as suspects by the Bureau and Birmingham police.

No charges have yet been filed against Chambliss and Cagle and they are being held for the AHP on "open charges" or for investigation. Birmingham advises that it is the consensus of law enforcement officers and representatives of press that Chambliss and Cagle, if they desired to sue for false arrest, would have an excellent basis since the interrogation of them by AHP developed only information that Cagle and John Wesley Hall had at one time picked up a partial case of dynamite at the residence of Chambliss.

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

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-876) (P)

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Re Birmingham airtel to the Bureau, 9/18/63; Miami teletypes to Bureau and Birmingham, 9/27/63 and 10/1/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for Birmingham, Atlanta, Jacksonville, Savannah and Tampa, two copies of a letterhead memorandum, suitable for dissemination.

The source utilized in this memorandum is [REDACTED]

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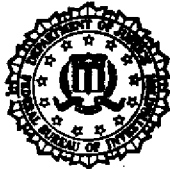
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida
October 2, 1963

RE: BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH, SEPTEMBER 15,
1963, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

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The following information was furnished by a source
who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property
of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents
are not to be distributed outside your agency.

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

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Relatives of Chambliss and Cagle have indicated they are quite concerned about the arrests and have consulted with an attorney regarding having them released on writs of habeas corpus. Indications are the attorney was prevailed upon to withhold such action until the morning of 10/1/63. According to sources of the Birmingham Office the only charge conceivable that could be brought against Chambliss and Cagle at this time is a state charge of illegal transportation of dynamite, a misdemeanor punishable by a \$300 fine. The source stated that it is doubtful that this charge could be sustained in court.

Reliable news media sources have informed the Birmingham Office that they are poised editorially to take the AHP and the Governor apart and that the "man in the street" is presently asking embarrassing questions and feels that he has been duped by the Governor and AHP.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

In addition to the intensive investigation which is continuing concerning the Chambliss group other phases of this investigation are also receiving close attention. Additional members of the victim church and persons located in the neighborhood of the church were interviewed 9/30/63.

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This information is being promptly checked out.

Information has been received that due to the intensive inquiries being conducted by the Birmingham Office concerning members of the National States Rights Party (NSRP) that organization has been seriously hindered in its operations which are reportedly at a standstill. Investigation concerning the possible involvement of members of the NSRP is continuing.

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ACTION:

Pertinent developments will be brought to your attention immediately.

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Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: September 30, 1963

FROM : C. A. Evans

BAPT BOMB

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

The Attorney General called shortly after 8 o'clock this morning and asked about developments in this case in Birmingham, particularly the reports that the State Police had arrested two individuals. He was informed that we had been keeping Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall of the Civil Rights Division informed during the night as to these developments. He was furnished the same information that had been given earlier to Mr. Marshall, which satisfied him, and he asked to be apprised as to any further information developed.

After his arrival at the office, the Attorney General was contacted personally. He was informed that as a result of the constant complaining by the integration groups about our Agents working with the local authorities in the South, we have had to withdraw in this regard so that we don't get information as to their plans as we have in the past; that there had been a time in the past when the local authorities did not trust or work with Federal Agencies, but that by concerted effort over the years we had overcome this insofar as the FBI is concerned, and had built up a close association, and we knew what action the local authorities were taking. Because of the criticism that FBI Agents have been too close to the police in the South, we have had to back off, and as a result have lost our contacts.

It was further brought to the Attorney General's attention that we had been replacing southern-born Agents assigned to that area with Agents born and reared in the North. Now the Negro leaders have cast aspersions on these northern Agents because some of them have married southern girls and this allegedly brings the Agents too close to the South.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
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