

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
AND  
PRIVACY ACTS**

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

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)  
FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-65)  
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

There are attached for the Bureau eight (8) copies of a LHM and for Birmingham two (2) copies of LHM containing a verbatim copy of an article appearing in the "Minneapolis Morning Tribune" for 10/3/63.

It will be noted that this article concerns a letter written by JAMES (WEE WILL) WARE to TOM OLSON, a high school boy in Richfield, Minnesota.

It will be noted that the letter from WARE to OLSON is the result of OLSON having written to WARE consoling WARE about WARE's brother's death shortly after instant bombing.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 8)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

October 3, 1963

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

The following article appeared in the "Minneapolis Morning Tribune" for Thursday, October 3, 1963:

"LETTER TO RICHFIELD BOY  
Negro Tells of  
Brother's Slaying

A APPROX

"One day last week, a letter from James  
(Wee Will) Ware, 16-year-old Birmingham, Ala.,  
Negro, arrived in Richfield.

"It was addressed to TOM OLSON, 6939 4th  
Av. S., a junior at Richfield High School. The  
pair became friends this summer when both were  
delegates at a national Hi-Y conference at  
St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.

"On Sept. 15, Wee Will was pedaling his  
bicycle along a street with his brother, Virgil,  
13, sitting on the handlebars.

"Birmingham was tense, because of the  
bombing earlier of a Negro church, where four  
girls were killed: Denise McNair, 11; Carol  
Robertson, 14; Cynthia Wesley, 14, and Addie  
Mae Collins, 14.

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BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

"On Docena Road, the two boys on the bicycle were approached by a red motorbike which was decorated with Confederate stickers and carrying two white youths. One of the youths pulled out a pistol and fired twice. Virgil Ware fell off the bike, fatally wounded.

"Two white youths, Lee Farley and Larry Joe Sims, both 16, have been charged with murder and bound over to a Birmingham Grand Jury that will convene Monday.

"Tom Olson read about the shooting in the papers and wrote his friend a consoling letter. Here is Wee Will's reply:

"Hi, Tom,

"Things are really going bad for me down here. Virgil, my brother's funeral will possibly be Sunday.

"The newspapers don't give a complete rundown of what's going on around here. Our darling Governor has caused so much trouble, until I am about ready to leave this place. But I figure this is what he wants. All of the Negroes to leave Ala. (the nut).

"THE LITTLE girl Denise McNair was my next door neighbor's niece. As you know she was one of the girls who was killed in the bombing of the 16th St. Bapt. Church.

"I've been in school since the beginning of the semester but is quite hard to study with the fear that engulfs B'ham. We have a fire drill almost every morning because of a bomb threat.



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"'All of the Negro businesses have closed up and near dark there isn't a Negro to be seen on the street. And could you blame them? The State Troopers sent here to protect us will ride along the street with their rebel flagged cars saying 'run nigger.'

"'It's quite difficult to write a cheerful letter under the circumstances but in spite of all I guess I still have a lot to be thankful for. Don't forget to come to my funeral when ever you read about it. (Smile, I think).

"'Love, Wee Will Ware."

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 7P

BAPBOMB, ETAL. DAILY SUMMARY.

CHAMBLISS GROUP.

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
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	_____

*W. [unclear]*  
*Rob*

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POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS.

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NEIGHBORHOOD AND CHURCH GROUP.

ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS EITHER RESIDING OR WHO WERE IN  
NEIGHBORHOOD AT TIME OF SIXTEENTH STREET CHURCH BOMBING, AS WELL AS  
ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH CONGREGATION, INTERVIEWED TODAY,  
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INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY EIGHTYSEVEN. PENDING INTERVIEWS APPROXIMATELY FOUR HUNDRED. ONE PCI DASH RAC CASE OPENED.

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CORRECTIONS. ~~PAGE 1 LINE 9 WD 4 "PATROL"~~

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EIGHTYONE INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED THIS DATE. APPROXIMATELY  
THREE HUNDRED NINETYFOUR PENDING.

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~~W CORR LAST PAGE LINE 9 WD 8 "PICKLE"~~

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI  
Attn: FBI Laboratory, Electronics Section

DATE: 10/3/63

FROM: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB  
(Technical Equipment)

There is being returned to the Bureau this date via  
Railway Express:

- 1 Uher Stereo Tape Recorder
- 1 Vega FM Receiver and Accessories

} Recd 10-7-65  
OK. JMM

This equipment is no longer needed in above captioned  
case.

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- 3 Bureau
- (1 Package)
- 1 Birmingham

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DYNAMITE PROJECT.

THERE ARE TWO MANUFACTURERS IN ALABAMA, NAMELY, E. I. DUPONT AT WATSON AND HERCULES AT MC ADORY. BOTH THESE HAVE WHOLESALE OUTLETS, DUPONT/S BEING COWAN EQUIPMENT CO., BIRMINGHAM, AND HERCULES BEING ALABAMA POWDER CO., BIRMINGHAM. BOTH OUTLETS HAVE APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED REGULAR WHOLESALE CUSTOMERS PLUS THEY ALSO SELL TO ANYONE RETAIL. DUE TO THE VARIOUS TYPES OF MINING BEING CONDUCTED IN THE AREA MOST OF THE WHOLESALE BUYERS THEN SELL DYNAMITE AND OTHER EXPLOSIVES ON A RETAIL OR COST BASIS TO THEIR OWN EMPLOYEES OR SMALLER MINING AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF QUOTE WAGON MINES UNQUOTE RUN BY ONE TO FOUR PERSONS WHO PURCHASE DYNAMITE DIRECTLY FROM THE DISTRIBUTOR OR BUY FROM A WHOLESALE BUYER IN SMALL LOTS. THESE WAGON MINERS ALSO STEAL EXPLOSIVES FROM EACH OTHER AS COMMON PRACTICE AND THEFTS ARE SELDOM REPORTED AS THIS CONSIDERED OCCUPATIONAL HAZARD. ALL REPORTED THEFTS ARE BEING IMMEDIATELY CHECKED OUT. LARGE MINING OPERATIONS SELL DYNAMITE DIRECTLY TO THEIR MINERS FROM COMPANY STOCKS FOR THEIR DAYS WORK AND NO RECORDS KEPT RE HOW MUCH THEY USE DURING DAY AS THEY DO NOT TURN BACK UNUSED

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DYNAMITE OR OTHER EXPLOSIVES. THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF MINERS IN ALABAMA WHO USE EXPLOSIVES DAILY. THESE MINERS ALSO SWAP DYNAMITE ON CREDIT BASIS WHEN SHORT OF MONEY TO BUY FROM COMPANY. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES HAVE DISTRIBUTORS IN ALABAMA.

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[REDACTED] OLIN MASSON CO., OF ILLINOIS, HAS A DISTRIBUTOR AT JASPER, ALA., AND ATLAS POWDER COMPANY AT ONEONTA, ALA. NEITHER HAS BEEN CONTACTED TO DATE AS SOURCES IN IMMEDIATE BIRMINGHAM AREA BEING CONCENTRATED ON AT THIS TIME. MOST OF ABOVE COMPANIES SELL BOTH HIGH ORDER AND QUOTE PERMISSIBLE POWDER END QUOTE COMMONLY KNOWN AS QUOTE COAL POWDER END QUOTE. ALABAMA POWDER COMPANY HAS TWO MAGAZINES, ONE AT ALDRIDGE, ALA. AND AT BIRMINGHAM, BUT NO THEFTS REPORTED. HERCULES AND E. E. DUPONT HAVE RUN INVENTORIES AND NO IRREGULARITIES NOTED. E. I. DUPONT HAS SEVERAL THOUSAND POUNDS SURPLUS MILITARY C DASH FOUR, BUT ALL HAS BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR. ADDITIONAL CUSTOMERS IDENTITIES BEING GLEANED

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FROM FILES ALL SOURCES ABOVE AND WILL BE CONTACTED RE SALES DURING  
PERTINENT PERIODS.

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INTERVIEWS TODAY SIXTYFOUR. THREE PCI/S & DASH RAC FILES  
OPENED. INTERVIEWS TO BE COMPLETED THREE HUNDRED NINETYTHREE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 10/4/63

*WMA*

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-218) (RUC)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB  
(OO: BIRMINGHAM)

Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau, 9/18/63.

Racial sources of the Pittsburgh office contacted during the period 9/26 - 30/63, and advised they had no information concerning the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, on 9/15/63.

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - Birmingham (157-352)
- 1 - Pittsburgh

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*M. J. [Signature]*

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Date 10/1/63

Case References BAPBOMB

Signed to: FBI, Birmingham

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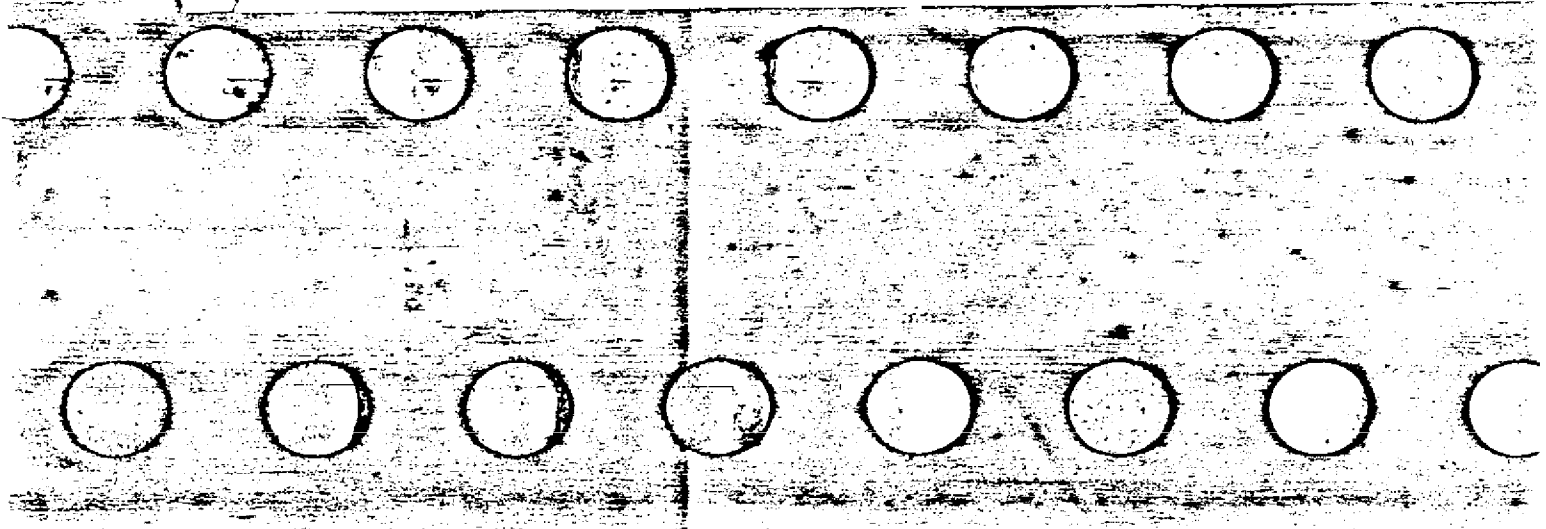
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NEIGHBORHOOD AND CHURCH.

SEVERAL YOUNG NEGROES WHO ATTENDED SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICES  
VICTIM CHURCH MORNING OF BOMBING INTERVIEWED. NO NEW INFORMATION  
DEVELOPED.

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[REDACTED]

FOUR YOUNG PEOPLE, WHO WERE DOUBLE DATING  
PARKED CORNER OF EIGHTEENTH ST. AND EIGHTH AVE. WHEN EXPLOSION  
OCCURRED ON SIXTEENTH ST. BETWEEN SIXTH AND SEVENTH AVENUES,  
IMMEDIATELY DROVE TO SCENE AND STATE OBSERVED NOTHING SUSPICIOUS  
EITHER PRIOR TO OR FOLLOWING THE BOMBING. ADDITIONAL RAMBLER STATION  
WAGONS CHECKED. NONE FIT DESCRIPTION FURNISHED BY WITNESS [REDACTED]  
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INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED THIS DATE SEVENTYTHREE. PENDING INTERVIEWS  
FOUR HUNDRED NINETEEN.

CORR. PAGE 2 LINE 2 WD 6 "ADVISES", LINE 12 WD 1 "SEVEN"

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 9/27/63

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page A6069. Congressman Powell, (D) New York, extended his remarks to include an article from the Atlanta Constitution of September 15, 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." This article has been inserted in the Record previously by several other Congressmen.

*Ray bomb*

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# Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 9/27/63

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A6093 - A6094. Congressman Smith, (R) California, extended his remarks and stated "there has been considerable confusion surrounding the role the public believes the FBI should play in recent civil rights flareups. I would like to call attention to two recent articles on this subject which point up that the FBI actually does not have jurisdiction in 95 percent of these cases. Where they do have jurisdiction they are on the job in their usual efficient and effective way." The two articles entitled "In Rights Cases: FBI Operates Only Under Justice Department Orders" from the Joliet (Illinois) Herald-News, and "FBI Gives Top Priority to Bomb Investigation" from the Washington Evening Star, were included with Mr. Smith's remarks.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 9/27/63

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A6096 - A6097. Congressman Andrews, (D) Alabama, submitted for inclusion in the Record a recent statement made by Mr. William M. Spencer, of Birmingham, Alabama, entitled "Judgment Without Trial." Mr. Spencer pointed out that in reporting the recent bombings in Birmingham all news media have so slanted their reports as to imply that they were perpetrated by white persons. He stated, "The most skilled investigators of the FBI, the law enforcement agencies of Birmingham, of Jefferson County, and of the State of Alabama, have searched diligently and thoroughly for evidence to identify the criminal or criminals, but to this date, there has been disclosed to the public not one shred, not one scintilla, of evidence which would point an accusing finger at any person. - - - We deem it to be the duty of the President of the United States and of the Attorney General to make public a full report of all the facts found by the investigators of the FBI of the bombings in Birmingham; that if no evidence has been found that the crime, or any of them, were perpetrated by a white person, or persons, such fact should be clearly stated; that if no evidence has been found that the crimes, or any of them, were perpetrated by a citizen of Birmingham, white or black, or any other color, such fact should be clearly stated."

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Mr. Bishop	
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URGENT 10-5-63 9-10 PM EST PP  
TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC CHARLOTTE,  
BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ AND ATLANTA.

FROM SAC, SAVANNAH /157-503/

BAPBOMB. BM.

*pl*

REBUTEL OCT. TWO SIXTYTHREE, AND SV TEL TO BUREAU OCT.  
FOUR SIXTYTHREE.

RESVTEL INDICATED [REDACTED] INTENDED HUNTING ALL DAY OCT.  
FIVE SIXTYTHREE.

PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE  
FISUR DISCLOSED [REDACTED] LEFT RESIDENCE COLUMBIA, S. C.

FOUR FIFTY A. M. OCT. FIVE SIXTYTHREE PROCEEDED ABOUT EIGHT  
MILES FROM COLUMBIA, S. C. MET A GROUP OF APPARENT HUNTERS  
AND PROCEEDED INTO WOODS LEASED BY HUNTING CLUB.

[REDACTED] OBSERVED LEAVING THESE WOODS ABOUT ELEVEN  
FIFTEEN AM PROCEEDING TO RESIDENCE COLUMBIA, S. C. AND  
AT ELEVEN FIFTYFOUR PROCEEDED TO LEXINGTON CO. S. C.  
ABOUT FIFTEEN MILES FROM COLUMBIA, S. C. WHERE HE WENT  
HUNTING AT PARENTS FARM AND REMAINED THERE UNTIL AFTER  
EIGHT THIRTY PM OCT. FIVE SIXTYTHREE.

NO INDICATION HE ATTENDED ANY MEETING THIS DATE.

[REDACTED]

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FISUR DISCLOSED [REDACTED] WORKED AT [REDACTED] S. C. *620 ?*

MORNING AND EARLY AFTERNOON OF OCT. FIVE SIXTYTHREE AND DEPARTED  
RESIDENCE COLUMBIA, S. C. FOUR TWENTY PM OCT. FIVE SIXTYTHREE  
PROCEEDING TOWARD NEWBERRY, S. C.

CE VERIFY [REDACTED] PRESENTS AT NEWBERRY.

E AM COPIES TO JK AND MM.

END

WA 10-15 PM OK FBI WA NH

CE 9-14 PM OK FBI CE HM

BH 8-14 PM OK FBI BH HEP

AT 9-14 PM OK FBI AT JDW

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Date: 10/7/63

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-402)

BAPBOMB

Re Savannah teletypes 10/5/63.

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*b7D*

[REDACTED]

CHARLOTTE will contact other informants to attempt to positively identify presence of [REDACTED] at Newberry, S. C.

- 3 - Bureau (157-1025) RM
- 2 - Savannah (157-503) RM
- 1 - Birmingham (157-352) RM
- 1 - Atlanta RM
- 2 - Charlotte RM

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G C. Wick

*SLX*

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
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- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO : Mr. Rosen *Bry*

DATE: 10/6/63

FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

SAC Roy K. Moore, Birmingham, called at 1 p.m., 10/6/63, and spoke to Extra Duty Supervisor [REDACTED]

He advised that last night Agents patrolled in Birmingham, however, the city was extremely quiet and no incidents occurred. Several calls were received that the Gaston Motel would be blown up, however, nothing transpired in this connection.

[REDACTED]

Arrangements are being made with a [REDACTED] who is cooperative with the Bureau and not in sympathy with [REDACTED] to establish twenty-four physical surveillance of [REDACTED]. Further coverage will be established as Mr. Moore previously explained to you.

Routine investigation is going ahead and man power is being applied for most effective results. Moore stated that the Agents assigned to the special are confident and applying themselves with vigor to the investigation.

[REDACTED] *b7c* *clm*

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October 7, 1963

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[Redacted]

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E. I. du Pont de Nemours  
and Company  
Watson, Alabama

Dear [Redacted]

L2c

I have been informed of the cordial and cooperative manner in which Special Agents [Redacted] of our Laboratory and [Redacted] of our Birmingham Office were received by you during their recent visits to your Company.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to you for the courtesies extended to them during their visits.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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1 - FBI, Birmingham (157-352)

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NOTE: The above Company was visited on 9/27/63, in connection with the BAPBOMB investigation (Bufile 157-1025) and the Laboratory's continuing policy of keeping up-to-date on information concerning explosives in order for the Laboratory to more effectively handle explosive matters. The Du Pont Company in Watson manufactures nearly all of the various types of basic commercial explosives, such as dynamite, produced by the Du Pont Company. Most of the explosives manufactured by the Du Pont Company for export are produced at the Watson plant. No derogatory information in Bufiles identifiable with addressee.

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FBI

Date: 10/5/63

Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Conrad	_____
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Via AIRTEL

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DATE 3-10-86 BY SPdEw/ew

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025) *2 copies made by [unclear] for [unclear] by [unclear] Task Force 10-1-78*

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (P)

BAPBOMB

ReButel to Birmingham 3:43 p.m., 10/4/63, requesting information concerning suspects in this case.

While the men assigned to this investigation have definite suspects under consideration, the names of whom will be set out hereinafter, we have not closed our minds to the fact that any member of any hate group in the entire state might be responsible.

Those under active investigation to date are the following:

(1) ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, born 1/14/04, is a suspect for the reason

[REDACTED]

(2) [REDACTED]

3 - Bureau  
2 - Birmingham

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C. C. Wick

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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While the foregoing represent those suspects under active consideration at the moment, this does not preclude possibility that representatives from groups such as the National States Rights Party, might be involved. It is a well-known fact that [REDACTED] Atlanta, and [REDACTED] his associates, have been in Birmingham during pertinent periods, have met with questionable individuals and are entirely capable of having planned and/or participated in at least a portion of the bombings. Every consideration is being afforded them.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

OCT 7 - 1953

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Mr. Tolson	_____
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*McGowan*

*J. J. [Signature]*

*W*

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URGENT 10-7-63 6-01PM CST TM

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

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-1294/ 1 P

BAPBOMB. OO, BIRMINGHAM.

REBUTEL TODAY.

FOUR INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY. NINE REMAIN.

CONSTANT ATTENTION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THIS INTERVIEW PROGRAM OF KLANSMEN, HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THAT MEMBERS HAVE BEEN PURPOSELY AVOIDING INTERVIEWS IN THAT WHEN MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTED TO BE CONTACTED AT THEIR RESIDENCES, THEY HAVE REFUSED TO ANSWER THE DOOR. OTHER MEMBERS HAVE BEEN UNAVAILABLE AT PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT.

REMAINING TEN INTERVIEWS WILL BE CONDUCTED OCTOBER EIGHT NEXT.3

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HARVEY H. HEWITT  
COLONEL, U.S. AIR FORCE (RET.)  
210 EAST GREENWAY BOULEVARD  
FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA

September 14, 1963

Dear Senator Robertson:

Last night (September 13) Washington television station WTOP broadcast a recording of some statements made in Baltimore by Governor Wallace of Alabama. In one statement the Governor charged that since 1947 there had been 47 bombings in Alabama of Negro homes and churches but that the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which had investigated every case, had failed to come with a single solution.

The Governor intimated that these bombings had very likely been committed by persons with pro-Negro sentiments who hoped through the "liberal" press and networks to arouse hatred against white persons in Alabama who are opposed to racial integration. He said that no Negroes had been killed and that personal injury and property damage had been slight. But that the integration forces, through the publicity given to the bombings, had succeeded in attracting much sympathy and money to their cause.

Governor Wallace also intimated that the F.B.I. in their investigations must have found evidence of this duplicity on the part of the pro-Negro forces. He said that such evidence if any has not been brought to light because of embarrassment it might bring to the United States Department of Justice and the Attorney General.

I feel that the charges made by Governor Wallace are serious ones which bring into question the integrity our system of justice on the Federal level. I therefore ask that the charges be looked into to determine their truth or falsity.

Sincerely yours,

*Harvey H. Hewitt*  
HARVEY H. HEWITT

Honorable A. Willis Robertson,  
United States Senate

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Honorable A. Willis Robertson  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

My dear Senator:

I have received the letter Colonel Harvey H. Hewitt wrote to you on September 14, 1963, with the copy of your reply to him of September 19th, and I do appreciate your bringing this matter to my attention. Let me assure you at the outset that the implied charges against the FBI reported in Colonel Hewitt's letter have no basis in fact.

Both sides in the racial issue have used the FBI's name in recent months to gain support for their respective points of view. Obviously, neither side has spoken with any authority since their statements have dealt with cases on which no public announcement has been made regarding the results of our investigations. Supposition often is stated as fact, and the matter of legal jurisdiction frequently is ignored.

At the present time, different individuals are citing various totals for the number of bombings which have occurred in Alabama. Some allege the FBI has investigated all of them; others declare we have taken little or no action. Our jurisdiction to investigate these bombings comes from the Civil Rights Act of 1960 which became effective on May 6, 1960. It is broad in scope, but the Department of Justice has stated that Congress clearly indicated there was no intention in the statute to usurp investigative and prosecutive authority in bombing matters from state and local authorities. The Department has instructed that the FBI should not initiate investigations into such cases without special Departmental authorization.

BY COURIER SVC.

- Tolson
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1 - Mr. Rosen

Enclosures are: Article from Washington, D. C. "The Evening Star" entitled "FBI Piecing Together Church-Bombing Clues" dated 9-21-63. Article from 9-21-63 issue of Joliet Herald-News, Joliet, Illinois, regarding Alabama bombings.

NOTE: Colonel Hewitt cannot be identified in Bufiles. Bufiles indicate we have had generally cordial relations with Senator Robertson.

DWB:bsp (10)

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Honorable A. Willis Robertson

The facts of each bombing incident have been presented immediately to the Department, and the FBI has been requested to investigate five bombing cases in Alabama, including the one on September 15th in which four children were killed. Due to the nature of the September 15th bombing, the FBI began an immediate investigation and advised the Department of the actions being taken. Although the FBI does not actively investigate all bombing cases, it does cooperate in every way possible with state and local authorities. The full facilities of the FBI Laboratory and Identification Division are available to render any assistance.

The FBI's actions in the civil rights field are governed by laws as they are in all fields. We cannot exceed our authority nor will we attempt to do so. If a Federal law within our jurisdiction is violated, FBI Agents will conduct a prompt, thorough and objective investigation. If no Federal law is involved, we will not--cannot--investigate.

In spite of these facts, we are accused of both exceeding and shirking our duties. Some of these charges stem from a lack of understanding, but many of them come from persons who have a personal interest and distort the truth to suit their own purposes.

Acting within the law, the FBI has recorded a number of accomplishments in the civil rights field. For example, FBI investigations have enabled the Department of Justice to file more than forty suits in five states to end racial discrimination in voting. FBI Agents solved the case involving the burning of a Greyhound bus transporting "Freedom Riders" through Alabama in 1961. Six persons have been convicted for their part in this crime. An FBI investigation in September, 1962, led to the arrest and conviction in state court of four persons for burning a Negro church in Terrell County, Georgia. FBI Agents also arrested Byron De La Beckwith, the man charged with the murder of Medgar Evers, the Mississippi leader of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Honorable A. Willis Robertson

I hope the foregoing will prove helpful to your constituent in understanding our role in civil rights cases. I am enclosing two recent newspaper articles you may desire to forward to him and am returning his letter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *Bu*

DATE: 10/5/63

FROM : A. Rosen *f*

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

Tolson	_____
Belmont	_____
Mohr	_____
Casper	_____
Callahan	_____
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Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

*✓ [Handwritten signature]*

SAC Roy Moore called to request authority for the following:

1. Afford polygraph examination to [REDACTED] (waiver will be obtained)
2. Afford polygraph examination to [REDACTED]

*67-10*

3. [REDACTED]

SAC Moore also advised that [REDACTED]

ACTION:

In view of the importance of this matter, SAC Moore was authorized to proceed with items 1-3 above.

[REDACTED] *Wc*  
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TO : Mr. Rosen *RW*

DATE: 10/6/63

FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*

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

*0* BIRMINGHAM

*LAVIN*

*B. APPROX. 1992* *FLA*

At 4:40 p.m., 10/6/63, SAC Roy Moore of Birmingham *NEGRO* called and advised that [redacted] was at that time being interviewed in the Birmingham Office. SAC Moore requested authorization to afford [redacted] a polygraph examination.

[redacted] was pointed out by SAC Moore that [redacted]

In connection with the investigation of the bombing of captioned matter, extensive investigation is being conducted of all potential subjects in order to bring this matter to a logical conclusion. This would, of course, include checking out the previous admission of [redacted]

SAC Moore indicated that a waiver would be obtained prior to this polygraph examination. *W*

ACTION:

In view of the importance of this matter and the urgency of his request, SAC Moore was advised to proceed with the use of the polygraph in connection with the interview of [redacted]

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TO DIRECTOR /157-1025/ AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM  
FROM SAC, SAVANNAH /157-503/ 3 P

BAPBOMB. BM.

REBUTEL THIS DATE AND SV TEL OCTOBER FOUR LAST.

TEN KLANSMEN INTERVIEWED SINCE OCTOBER FOUR LAST AND NO  
INFORMATION DEVELOPED CONCERNING IDENTITY OF SUBJECTS.

[REDACTED]

FOUR REMAINING KLANSMEN ARE EITHER OUT OF TOWN ON BUSINESS  
WITH NO FIXED ADDRESS OR RESIDENCES IN RURAL AREAS NOT LOCATED.  
FUGITIVE TYPE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED TO LOCATE LATTER FOUR.

[REDACTED]

IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS TO INTERVIEW ALL  
KNOWN KLANSMEN, SV FILES WERE REVIEWED AND ASSIGNMENTS MADE.

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OF FIFTEEN AGENTS AT HQ CITY, ONE WAS AT INSERVICE, TWO ON BAPBOMB SPECIAL, BIRMINGHAM, ONE SICK LEAVE FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK, ONE ANNUAL LEAVE ABOUT ONE WEEK AND ONE ARRIVED ON TRANSFER DURING PERTINENT PERIOD, LEAVING NINE MEN AVIALABLE.

ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY FOUR LAST A THIRTY NINE THOUSAND DOLLAR BANK BURGLARY WAS COMMITTED IN JOHNSONVILLE, S. C., AND THREE SUSPECTS IMMEDIATELY DEVELOPED, ALL OF WHOM WERE IN SAVANNAH.

ALSO ON MORNING OF SEPTEMBER TWENTY FOUR LAST FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN BRANCH AT GARDEN CITY, GA., A SURBURB OF SAVANNAH WAS ROBBED OF THIRTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS. INTERVIEWS, INVESTIGATION AND SURVEILLANCES IN BANK BURGLARY AND BANK ROBBERY CASE HAD TO BE COVERED IMMEDIATELY OR LOSE THEIR VALUE AND REQUIRED ALL AVAILABLE MANPOWER.

IN ADDITION AUTO THEFT RING CASE DEVELOPED IN SAVANNAH NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER TWENTY FIVE LAST REQUIRING CONTINUAL ATTENTION.

AS AGENTS AVAILABLE THEY CONDUCTED KLAN INTERVIEWS. FOR MOST  
END PAGE TWO

PAGE THREE

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PART OF A YEAR PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF NEGRO DEMONSTRATIONS IN SAVANNAH IN MAY LAST ONLY THREE KLANSMEN BELONGING TO UKA, INC., SAVANNAH, ATTENDED REGULAR MEETINGS, INCLUDING ONE INFORMANT. THESE MEN, INCLUDING ██████████ MENTIONED ABOVE, WERE INTERVIEWED IMMEDIATELY ON RECEIPT OF BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS ON INSTANT PROGRAM. THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF KLANSMEN INTERVIEWED JOINED THIS KLAN SINCE JUNE AS RESULT OF RACIAL DISTURBANCES.

AGENTS WILL WORK CONTINUOUSLY TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW REMAINING FOUR KLANSMEN WHO HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BUT ARE AWAY FROM HOME AND THIS SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY OCTOBER EIGHT NEXT.

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 9/30/63

FROM : A. Rosen

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

*Rosen*  
*Trotter*  
*W...*  
*J...*

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The Birmingham Office indicated that Allen is the only one who ever, according to their knowledge, got a conviction against any member of the Klan heretofore. It was not indicated what the conviction was for. It is significant to note that Captain Allen has not been friendly with the Bureau.

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

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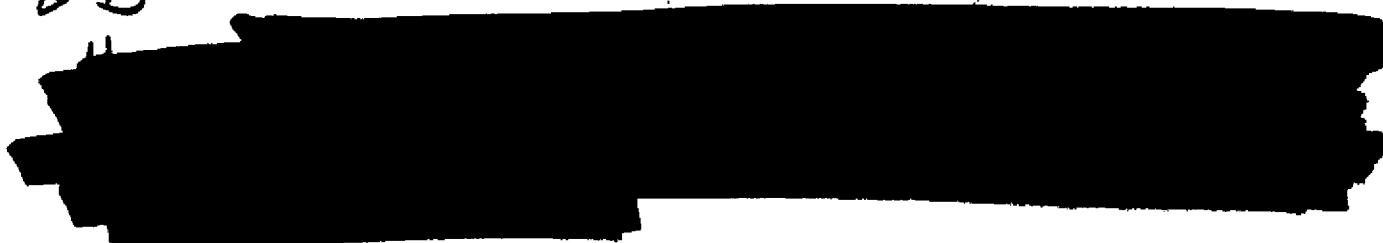
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Memo to Belmont from Rosen

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I suggest  
memo to as  
& Dept Z.

1. Yes.
2. Was instructed our Birmingham office to have nothing to do with A & P.

All done  
20 Oct  
9/30/63

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Jac Oshers  
adv 9/30/63  
R/ra

The Attorney General

October 1, 1963

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Director, FBI

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

With regard to the arrests of Robert E. Chambliss and Charles Arnie Cagle by the Alabama Highway Patrol on the night of September 29, 1963, in connection with the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham,

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**The Attorney General**

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Burke Marshall  
Assistant Attorney General

SENT FROM D. O.  
TIME 9:50AM  
DATE 10-1-63  
BY [Signature]

157-102<sup>5</sup>

October 9, 1963

FBI, Indianapolis (157-93)

Re: **BAPBOMB**

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report D-432785 IK, dated 10/8/63, in connection with the above-entitled matter, a copy of which was forwarded to your office.

There are transmitted herewith the following:

K22 through K26

Very truly yours,

*John Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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URGENT 10-8-63 7-20PM CST TM  
 TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM  
 FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-1294/ 1 P  
 BAPBOMB. OO, BIRMINGHAM.

NINE INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION  
 OBTAINED. NONE REMAIN TO BE CONDUCTED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 10-7-63

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET  
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- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans

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

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Birmingham in its efforts to run down sources of dynamite has ascertained there are two manufacturers of dynamite in Alabama; E. I. DuPont at Watson and Hercules at McAdory. These two companies have one wholesale outlet in Birmingham apiece and these wholesale outlets have a total of 200 regular wholesale customers. They also sell retail. Due to the large mining operations in Birmingham the use of explosives is widespread and few accurate records are kept. Birmingham is continuing this project.

Additional interviews have been conducted in the neighborhood of the 16th Street Baptist Church without pertinent information being developed.

ACTION:

You will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

*1578* *Sam* *Don* *V.* *AM*

FBI

Date: 10/8/63

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

FROM: SAC, WFO (127-293)

BAPBOMB  
(OO:BH)

ReBHairtels 9/19, 21/63.

[REDACTED]

Sources familiar with NOI activities in WFO have been contacted and furnished no information regarding travel of NOI members to Birmingham during pertinent period.

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Birmingham
- 1 - WFO

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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URGENT 10-8-63 7-47 PM EST PNR  
TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM  
FROM SAC, SAVANNAH /157-503/

BAPBOMB, BM.

RE SAVANNAH TEL, OCTOBER SEVEN, LAST.

THE FOUR REMAINING KLANSMEN HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED AND FURNISHED NO INFORMATION OF VALUE IN IDENTIFYING SUSPECTS IN THIS CASE.

THIS COMPLETES THE PROGRAM OF INTERVIEWING KLANSMEN IN THE SAVANNAH OFFICE. RECONTACT WITH INFORMANTS AND LEADERS WHO HAVE APPEARED COOPERATIVE AND APPARENTLY MADE INDEPENDENT INQUIRIES INDICATES THE LOCAL KLANSMEN HAD NO KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING THE BOMBINGS IN THE BIRMINGHAM AREA.

END  
BH ADVISED SEPERATELY.  
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TO : Mr. Rosen *R*

DATE: October 8, 1963

FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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SAC Roy K. Moore at Birmingham advised at 7:35 p. m. , that Charles Arnie Cagle was tried in local court today on charges of having in his possession dynamite. This trial resulted in his conviction following which he was fined \$100 plus costs and sentenced to six months in jail at hard labor. SAC Moore advised that the prosecution put on only two witnesses that being police officers.

Cagle and Robert E. Chambliss were arrested by the Alabama Highway Patrol (AHP) on 9-29-63, in connection with the Birmingham bombings on open charges. John Wesley Hall was also taken into custody 10-1-63, by the AHP. All three were charged on 10-1-63, with having in their possession an explosive, to wit, dynamite, without a permit as required by Section 451 of the General City Code of the city of Birmingham of 1944.

SAC Moore advised further that no date has been set as yet for the trial of Chambliss and Hall.

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WHILE AGENTS WERE CONVERSING WITH [REDACTED] <sup>h/c 10</sup>  
[REDACTED] APPEARED AT HER RESIDENCE AND BEGAN TO EXAMINE  
BUREAU CAR PARKED IN FRONT. AGENTS ASKED HIM FOR IDENTI-  
FICATION. HE CLAIMED HE WAS A TAX PAYER AND AS SUCH HAD  
THE RIGHT TO EXAMINE GOVERNMENT PROPERTY. HE WAS TOLD  
IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS WHAT HE COULD AND COULD NOT DO IN-  
SOFAR AS BUREAU PROPERTY WAS CONCERNED AND ASKED FOR  
IDENTIFICATION, WHICH HE EXHIBITED, AND WHEN IT WAS NOTED  
HE DID NOT POSSESS A SELECTIVE SERVICE CARD HE WAS  
INSTRUCTED TO INSURE THAT HE BROUGHT IT TO FBI HEADQUARTERS  
WITHIN TWENTYFOUR HOURS, AS HE COULD NOT SUBSTANTIATE DATE OF  
BIRTH ON IDENTIFICATION IN POSSESSION AND APPEARED YOUTHFUL.

CONCERNING TELETYPE FROM MOBILE TO DIRECTOR TODAY  
BASED UPON CONTACT SRA MONTGOMERY BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAC-S NOW <sup>W/C</sup>  
N BIRMINGHAM SHOULD THEY BE CONTACTED BY [REDACTED] WILL ADVISE  
HIM THAT SHOULD HE HAVE ANY INFORMATION TO IMPART  
TO THE FBI WE WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN THE FBI OFFICE, BIRMINGHAM.  
HE WILL BE TOLD THAT WE DO NOT CONTEMPLATE MEETING HIM  
CLANDESTINELY NOW OR IN THE FUTURE.

END PAGE FIVE

EXXXADDITIONAL CARS ELIMINATED AS POSSIBLE SUSPECT  
RAMBLER OBSERVED BY WITNESS [REDACTED]

BIRMINGHAM REPORT OCT FOUR LAST THIS CASE BEING  
REVIEWED AND ADDITIONAL LEADS GLEANED THEREFROM WHICH  
ARE BEING COVERED ALONG WITH OTHER CURRENT INVESTIGATION  
THIS CASE.

INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY SEVENTYEIGHT, PENDING INTERVIEWS  
THREE SEVEN NINE. ONE PSI AND ONE PCI PAREN RAC END PAREN OPENED  
TODAY.

END AND ACK

WA PLS REPEAT LINE ONE PAGE SIX

X "ADDITIONAL CARS ELIMIN

"ADDITIONAL CARS ELIMINATED AS POSSIBLE SUSPECT"

END AND ACK

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AIRGRAM     CABLEGRAM     RADIO     TELETYPE

URGENT            10-4-63            6-26 PM    EST TT1  
 TO DIRECTOR  
 FROM SAC INDIANAPOLIS            042115

*Long*  
*[initials]*  
*Rosen*  
*[initials]*  
*[initials]*  
*[initials]*

BUFILE 157-1025, IP FILE 157-93 **BAPBOMB.**  
 RE BUREAU TEL OCTOBER 3 LAST.

ALL SECURITY INFORMANTS REPORTING ON COMMUNIST PARTY  
 ACTIVITIES IN IND. WERE CONTACTED THIS DATE AND THEY HAVE  
 NO INFORMATION CONCERNING ANONYMOUS LETTER.

*6301A*  
 [REDACTED]

IT IS NOT RECOMMENDED THEY BE INTERVIEWED UNTIL AFTER  
 ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED, AS NOT BELIEVED  
 LETTER ACTUALLY WRITTEN BY A NEGRO COMMUNIST. THIS OFFICE HAS  
 THREE SUSPECTS WHO ARE ANTI/COMMUNIST, ANTI/NEGRO AND IN SOME  
 INSTANCES ANTI/JEWISH AND ANTI/CATHOLIC, AND SAMPLES OF  
 TYPING OF THESE ARE AVAILABLE AND ARE BEING FORWARDED TO  
 BUREAU BY AIR MAIL FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE INDIANAPOLIS RESULTS OF  
 LABORATORY EXAM OF ANONYMOUS LETTER AND TO FURNISH INDIANAPOLIS  
 PHOTOGRAPH OF ENVELOPE AND LETTER WHICH MIGHT AID THIS OFFICE  
 IN IDENTIFYING TIME AND PLACE OF MAILING.

BIRMINGHAM ADVISED BY AIR MAIL

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or are being contacted and interviewed for any information they may have concerning any Birmingham bombings.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

1400 - 2121 Building  
Birmingham, Alabama, 35203  
October 2, 1963

RE: [REDACTED]

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A characterization of the National States Rights Party is being attached to this letterhead memorandum.

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Bufile 157-1025  
Birmingham file 157-352

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**NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY  
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Date: 10/8/63

PC-77545  
Blanton

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

K22-K26

BAPBOMB

PC77545

On 10/4/63, a consent search was made of the premises, vehicles and outbuildings located at 1440 Princeton Avenue, S. W., Birmingham, Alabama, owned by and under the control of THOMAS EDWIN BLANTON, SR., who is considered a suspect in captioned investigation.

The following items are being submitted today under separate cover via registered airmail, return receipt requested:

COPY & SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB FOR LAB ACTION & REPORT

10/10/63

EX-116

- (1) One (1) short coil of insulated wire.
- (2) Five (5) three inch long nails.
- (3) One pair 7½ inch electrician type pliers with green plastic insulated handle covers.
- (4) One pair 10 inch pliers, brand name Barcalo, U.S.A.
- (5) One piece 3/4 inch pipe and elbow.

Lab  
10/15/63

Each of the above five (5) items were found in the 1955 Ford sedan owned by THOMAS E. BLANTON, SR., by SA [redacted]

REC-44 157-1025-39

The following examinations and requests are made covering the listed items:

- 5 - Bureau  
(2 - Package) RM
- 2 - Birmingham  
(1 - 157-352)  
(1 - 157-391)

EX-116

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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(1) Furnish type, usual use, and evaluation of general availability.

(2) Request the nails be compared with material previously furnished by Birmingham letter dated 9/26/63.

(3) Pliers being submitted for tool mark comparisons with material previously furnished by Birmingham letter dated 9/26/63.

(4) Same comparison as requested for item #3.

(5) Pipe and elbow submitted for comparison of tool marks with material previously submitted by Birmingham Office by letter dated 9/26/63.

The above listed items should be returned to the Birmingham Office upon completion of examination unless holding it in the Laboratory will serve some future purpose.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Birmingham (157-353)**

Date: **October 15, 1963**

Re: **BAPBOMB**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by:

**Birmingham EX-102**

FBI REC-86  
Lab. No.

**157-1025-399  
PC-77545 CW 13**

Reference:

**Airtel 10/8/63**

Examination requested:

**Microscopic - Toolmarks**

Remarks:

Reference is made to your letter dated 9/26/63, and Laboratory report PC-77373, D-432066 dated 10/1/63, in your case captioned "UNSUBS; EXPLOSION AT 1601 CENTER STREET, SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/25/63; EM" (Your file 157-407, Bufile 157-1042).

No wire fragments similar to the K22 wire found in Blanton's Ford were found in the debris submitted under cover of your letter of 9/26/63.

The K23 nails are new and on this basis, they are different from the rusty old assortment of used nails recovered in your case 157-407. The nails which were recovered at the scene of the explosion do not appear to have any value for comparative purposes with other specimens of old nails.

You will be advised later concerning the results of the toolmark comparisons. After the examinations have been completed, specimens K22 through K26 will be returned to you.

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

**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**  
**2 - Birmingham (157-407) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**  
**1 - Birmingham (157-391) Enclosure (Lab report)**  
**1 - Bufile (157-1042)**

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REPORT  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Birmingham**  
Re: **RAPBOB**

Date: **October 15, 1963**  
FBI File No. **157-1025-398**  
Lab. No. **PC-77545 CW 13**

Specimens received **10/10/63**

- K22 Insulated wire found under rear seat of 1955 Ford owned by Thomas Blanton, Sr.**
- K23 Five nails found on floor of Blanton's Ford**
- K24 Pair of pliers with insulated grips found in Blanton's Ford**
- K25 Pair of Barcolo slip-joint pliers found in Blanton's Ford**
- K26 Pipe nipple connected to street elbow found in Blanton's Ford**

**Results of examination:**

The 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ " long piece of gray insulated stranded-copper wire, specimen K22, which was found in Blanton's automobile is an old wire made primarily for automotive wiring. It is an 18-gauge wire consisting of 16 copper strands. Wire, such as K22, is available at most automotive supply stores, garages and at many service stations. The manufacturer of the K22 wire could not be determined.

The K23 nails are new 10 d (10 penny) cement-coated box nails.

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(9)

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Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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10/10/63  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: **BAPBOMB**

File # 157-1025 - 378  
Lab. # PC-77545 CW IJ

Examination requested by: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (air 10/8)  
2 cc " (157-407)

Examination requested: Microscopic (met) 57-391 Date received: 10/10/63 RAM  
Toolmarks - Spectrographic

Result of Examination:

1 cc yellow 157-1042

Examination by: [redacted] ⑦  
LSC

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PC-7754

K22:

old appearing pc. of  
grey insulated stranded  
copper wire  $3\frac{1}{4}$ " long.

OD over insulation =  $\frac{3}{32}$ "  
Insulation thickness  $\frac{1}{64}$ "

Solid grey insulation, Cu  
strands not turned.

16 Cu strands, each  
approx 0.010" dia.  
which is equivalent  
to a #18 ga. solid  
conductor

Automotive type wire

Beginning  $3\frac{3}{4}$ " from  
one end I cut a  
pc. of insulation about  
 $3\frac{1}{4}$ " long toward the other end to make the above measurement.

No similar wire in the Q1 through Q17 specimens  
submitted in Birmingham case captioned "Theater,  
Explosion at 1601 Center Street, S., Birmingham, Alabama,  
9/25/63; BM (Birmingham file 157-407, Bufile  
157-1042) listed in Laboratory report PC-77373GH  
JV CW 1J, D-432066 JD. dated 10/1/63.



1 CDIL INSULATED WIRE  
FOUND REAR SEAT  
1955 Ford Sedan - OWNED  
by Thomas Blanton -  
10/14/63

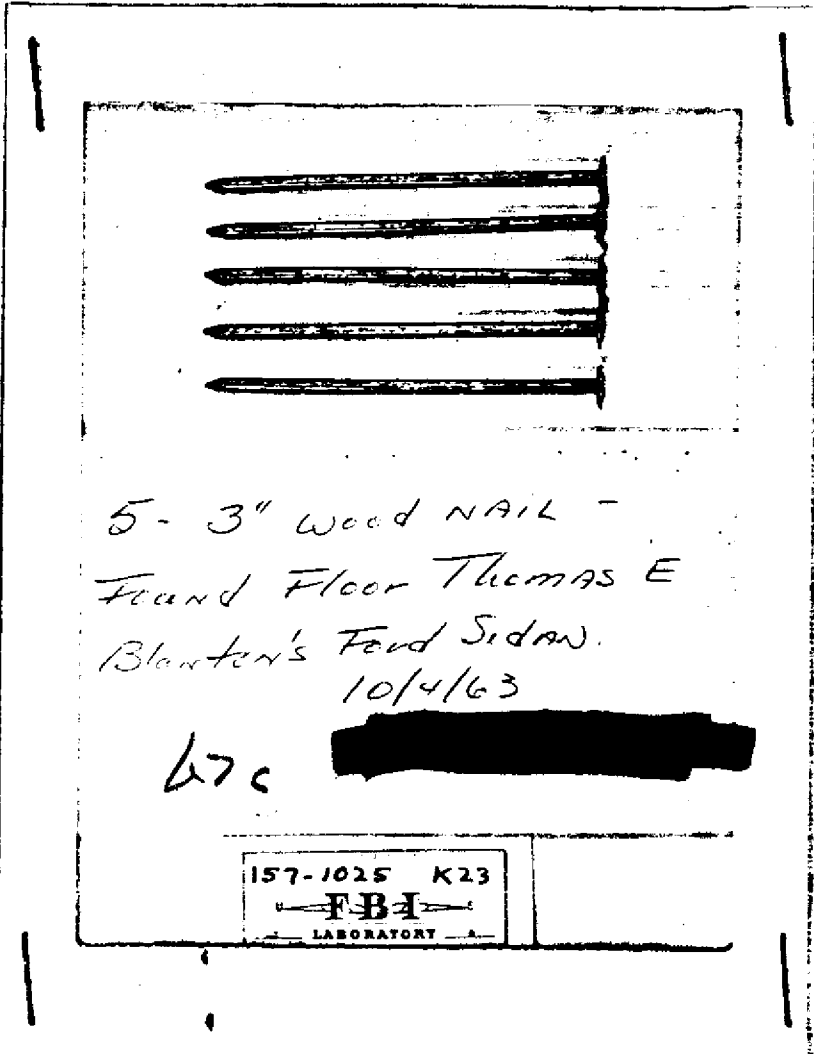
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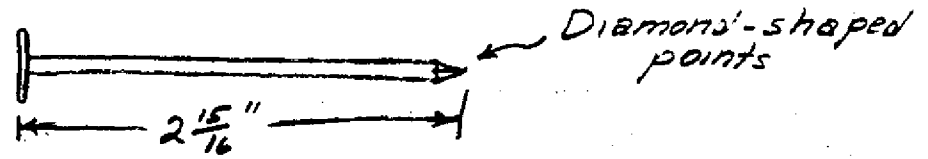


5 - 3" Wood NAIL -  
 Found Floor THOMAS E  
 Blanton's Ford Sedan.  
 10/4/63

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157-1025 K23  
 FBI  
 LABORATORY

5/16" dia.  
 heads



Shank diameters:

a.	0.1138"	.1144"	.1148"
b.	0.1148"	.1148"	.1148"
c.	0.1140"	.1145"	.1141"
d.	0.1139"	.1149"	.1149"
e.	0.1148"	.1148"	.1148"

Nails are # 1 1/2  
 Steel Wire Gauge

Are new 10d  
 cement-coated  
 box nails (see next page)

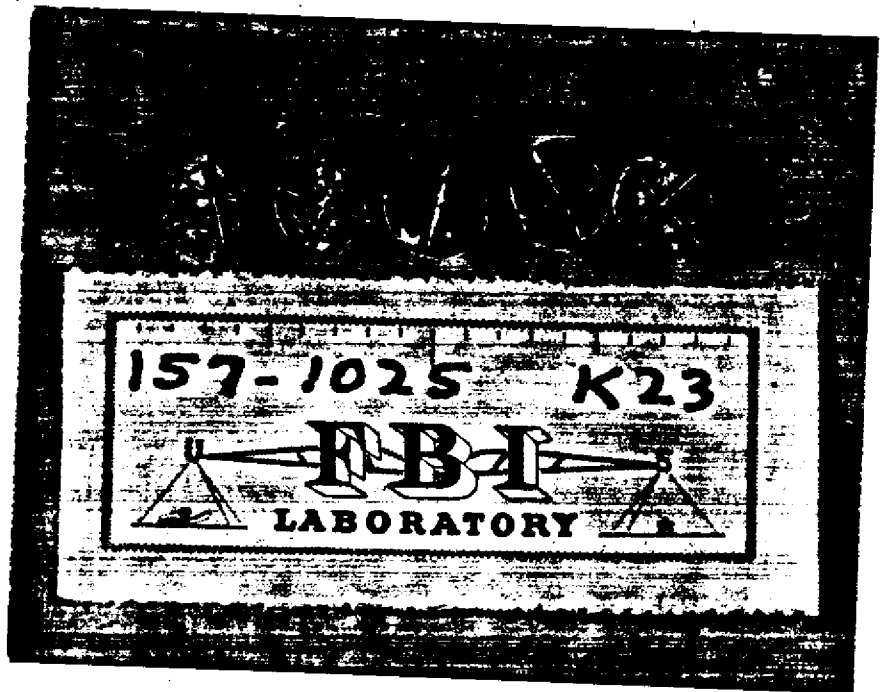
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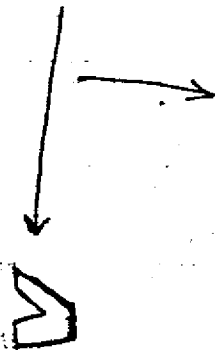
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Nails submitted in 157-1042, PC-77373, are old and rusty used nails of various sizes and types, no new unused nails in previous submission. K23 could not be associated with the swagel nails.



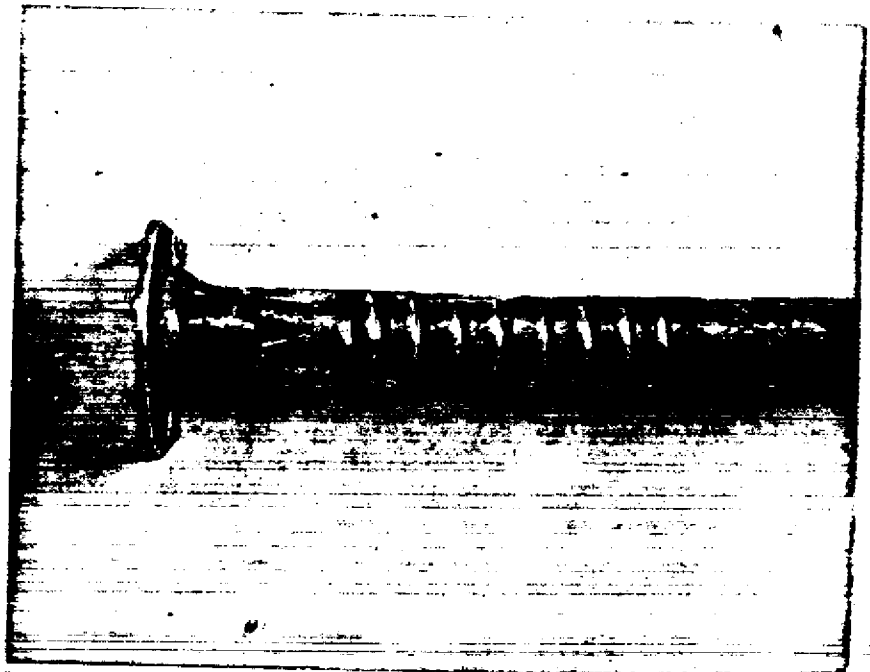
Note above design on heads of box nails, raised ridges at 90° to each other

Note design at beginning of die shank markings; all 5 nails are similarly marked.



Appears to be a "V"

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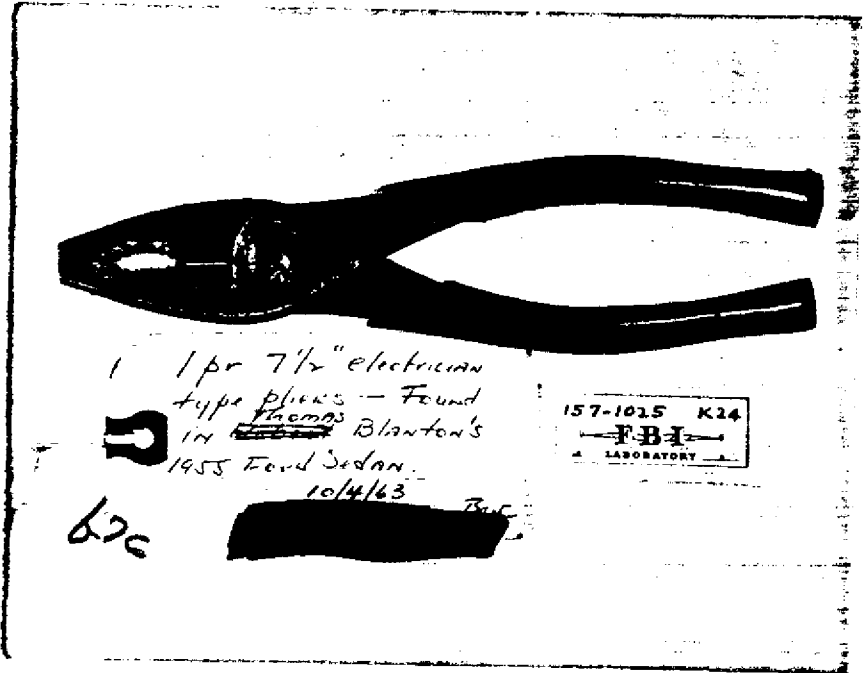
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K24:

Green insulated  
grips on K24.

For tool mark  
examination



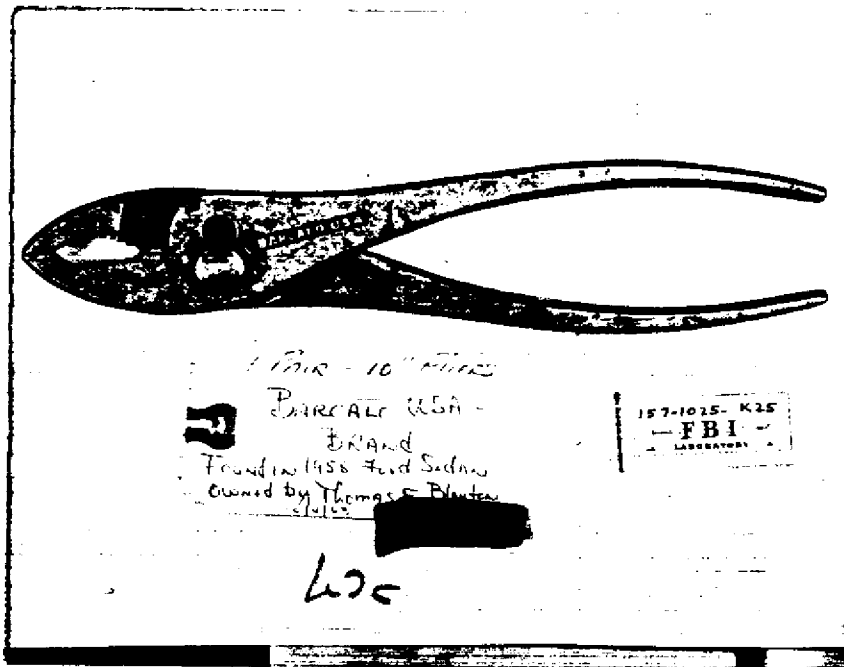
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type pliers - Found  
in ~~Thomas~~ Blanton's  
1955 Ford Sedan.

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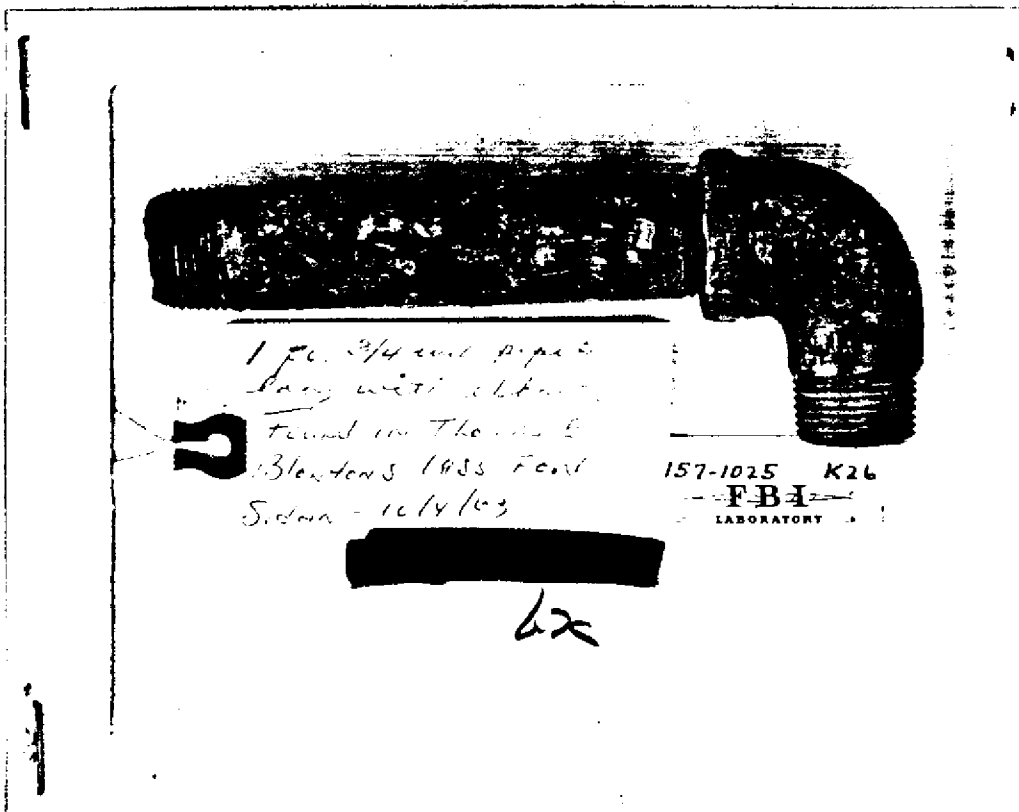
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1 Pair - 10" PIRELLI  
USA -  
BRAND  
Found in 1955 Ford Sedan  
Owned by Thomas Blanton

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K26:



Note remnants of black paint on the old pipe nipple. The nipple has a total length of 5" and protrudes 4 1/2" from the street elbow. 3/4" inside dia pipe so pipe is 3/4". Inside of nipple and fitting corroded. No part of the nipple is missing or is any part of the street elbow missing. Threads on exposed end of nipple are old, no pc. has been recent cut off. As a result, it is not possible to associate K26 with any of the pipe fragments in Q1 through Q16, case 157-1042, PC-77373 on the basis of the metal. Tool mark examination will be made later by Cochran.

157-1042-11.

C-77373

- Q1-a Rusty assortment of old nails  
Q1-b No insulated wire or nails  
Q1-c " " " " "  
Q2-a " " " " "  
Q2-b " " " " "  
Q2-c Pipe fragment  
Q2-d Rusty assortment of old nails  
Q3-a No insulated wire or nails  
Q3-b Pipe fragment  
Q3-c No insulated wire or nails  
Q3-d Rusty nail assortment, old  
Q4-a Twigs  
Q4-b Pipe fitting fragment  
Q4-c Rusty assortment of old nails  
Q5- Steel washer  
Q6- Paper  
Q7 Broken screen door hinge  
Q8 Nail, nut, bolt & string  
Q9 No nails, pipe or wire  
Q10 " " " " "



Q11: Point end of a nail, no pipe, wire or other nails

Q12: Rusty nails, steel wire

Q13: Broken pipe hushing, broken hinges, nails, sheet m  
no copper wire

Q14: Rusty nail, no Cu wire, sheet metal, no pipe pcs.

Q15: Wood fragments & several metal fragments dug up

Q16: Pipe fragments, collection of rusty nails, Cu wire

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Date: 10/8/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)  
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Q27-928  
157-352

Enclosed is one transistor Eveready battery and one piece of electrical wiring received on 10/8/63, from

COPY & SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB FOR LAB ACTION & REPORT

10/10/63

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The above should be examined in connection with other evidence found at the scene of 16th Street Baptist Church. Upon completion of examination of the enclosures, they should be returned to the Birmingham Office for return to [REDACTED]

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Birmingham (157-352)**

Date: **October 14, 1963**

Re: **RAPBOMB**

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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.  
Lab. No. **REC-122 157-1025 -399**  
**PC-77544 CW**

Examination requested by: **FBI, Birmingham**  
Reference: **Airtel 10/8/63**  
Examination requested: **Microscopic**  
Remarks:

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*42510* Specimens Q27 and Q28 are enclosed for their ultimate return to

*Savin* 2268 ✓

Enclosures (4) (2 Lab report, Q27 and Q28)

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- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
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- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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*10/15/63*  
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Birmingham**  
Re: **BAPBOMB**

Date: **October 14, 1963**  
FBI File No. **157-1025**  
Lab. No. **PC-77544 CW**

Specimens received **10/10/63**

- Q27** Eveready No. E9, 1.4 volts battery found in 1600 block  
of 16th Street  
**Q28** Short piece of insulated wire with terminals attached  
at each end

**Results of examination:**

The physical condition of the battery and the wire connector does not indicate that they had been close to an explosion.

The No. E9 Eveready battery is in an operable condition. No battery parts or batteries have been previously submitted in this case.

Specimen Q28 appears to be a wire connector for use in an automobile. No similar wire has been previously submitted in this case.

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Re: BAPBOMB

File # 157-1025-399  
Lab. # PC-77544 CW

Examination requested by: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (Air 10/8)

Examination requested: Microscopic (met) Date received: 10/10/63 re

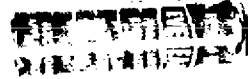
Result of Examination: Spectrographic Examination by: [Redacted]

Specimens submitted for examination

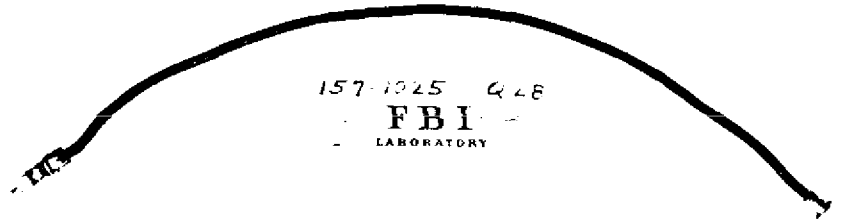
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- Q28 Short piece of insulated wire with terminals attached at each e

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Q27:



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157-1025 Q28  
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No. E9 1.4 volts Eveready mercury energized battery for transistor radio and electronic applications. The paper cover, as may be observed in above photo, is in condition. No evidence it has been subjected to an explosion.

Jack (in Electronics) tested battery and it tested at 1.3 volts and is in a serviceable condition now.

Initialed paper cover by arrow pointing to positive bottom.

No visible evidence that battery was used to trigger the explosion.

No battery components found in previously submitted Bezbomb evidence, Q1 through Q6.

Q28: See photo page 1.

Stiff nonmagnetic wire about  $7\frac{3}{4}$ " long measured to extreme ends of terminals,  $6\frac{3}{4}$ " of insulation between terminals. One is an aluminum-co male plug in terminal and the other is a crimped on brass terminal similar to those used to make contact in fuse holders of an automobile or to make the center contact of an automobile light bulb.  $\Rightarrow$ . Black insulation on wire, O.D. =  $3/32$ ". Wire in perfect physical condition no evidence it had been in an explosion. Solid black plastic insulation  $1/64$ " thick.

Soft copper strands (not tinned) under insulation each strand 0.010" diameter, 16 individual strands. It is equivalent to a solid conductor #18 gauge wire. Wire is a type used extensively for automotive applications. Had to cut open part of the insulation to examine wire construction.

The only wires previously submitted in the BAPBOMB case are Q26 (piece of red plastic-insulated telephone "JKT" station wire, copper coated steel) and a piece, K1, of red plastic-insulated wire taken from a bell signal system used in the church.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC BIRMINGHAM  
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RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE OCTOBER THREE LAST.

ONE INTERVIEW CONDUCTED TODAY. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION  
OBTAINED. THIRTEEN REMAIN TO BE INTERVIEWED.

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If no contact today, =send by urgent tel plain text.

TO SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1294)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)-*400*

BAPBOMB

RENOTEL OCTOBER FOUR LAST INDICATING THIRTEEN INTERVIEWS IN KLANSMEN DASH HATE GROUPS REMAINING. IT APPEARS INTERVIEWS WITH KLANSMEN ARE NOT BEING CONDUCTED WITH THE REQUIRED PREFERRED ATTENTION, IT BEING NOTED THIS CASE IS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE AND OF NATIONWIDE INTEREST. FURNISH EXPLANATION AS TO WHY SUCH AN EXTENDED PERIOD IS NECESSARY FOR COMPLETION. INTERVIEWS WITH KLANSMEN REGARDED AS PARTICULARLY PERTINENT AND THIS PHASE OF INVESTIGATION IN THE NEW ORLEANS DIVISION MUST BE IMMEDIATELY RESOLVED. BIRMINGHAM ADVISED BY MAIL.

1 - BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

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NOTE: Current suspects in the Birmingham area have Klan connectic and New Orleans and other Southern offices have been interviewing members of Klan and hate groups as possible suspects in order to insure this phase of investigation promptly completed. New Orleans is being instructed by radiogram to expedite remaining interviews.

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