

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

*WCS*

*ALB*

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[REDACTED]

Additional members of the Bessemer and Eastview Klaverns were interviewed on 11-27 and 11-28-63 with no additional information being developed.

ACTION

You will be advised of developments.

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*Chapman*

*Rg*

*[Signature]*

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 2P

BAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY.

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AUSA R. MACEY TAYLOR ADVISED CHARGES AGAINST SA-S [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BROUGHT BY NSRP HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM  
CITY RECORDERS COURT TO FEDERAL COURT TODAY BY US DISTRICT JUDGE  
C. W. ALLGOOD. DATE OF TRIAL NOT YET SET PER AUSA TAYLOR.

TWENTY SEVEN INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY. EIGHTY REMAINING.  
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WA 12-59 AM OK FBI WA LET  
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URGENT 12-4-63 8-43 PM CST HEP

TO DIRECTOR /157-1025/

FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 2P

**BAPBOMB**

DAILY SUMMARY.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND IDENTIFY FIFTYSEVEN FORD TUDOR SEDAN  
OBSERVED AT SIGHT OF BAPBOMB BOMBING ABOUT TWO WEEKS BEFORE ACTUAL  
BOMBING CONTINUING.

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*Rosen* *Belmont* 12/5/63

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ALA

ROBERT E. ~~CHAMBLISS~~ RETURNED TO HIS RESIDENCE ELEVEN P.M.,  
DECEMBER THREE FROM TWO DAY TRIP TO SOUTH ALABAMA AND PANAMA  
CITY, FLORIDA, IN CONNECTION WITH HIS BUSINESS.

SPOT CHECKS OF PRIME SUSPECTS AT RESIDENCES AND PLACES OF  
EMPLOYMENT CONTINUED WITHOUT UNUSUAL ACTIVITIES NOTED.

THIRTYFOUR INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED. ESTIMATED SEVENTYFIVE  
REMAINING.

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URGENT 12-5-63 7-43 PM CST HEP  
TO DIRECTOR /157-1025/  
FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 2P

OBAPBOMB.

DAILY SUMMARY.  
PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE  
FISUR OF THOMAS E. BLANTON, SR., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REVEALED VISIT BY HIM THIS DATE TO WEST END BRANCH,  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BIRMINGHAM WHERE HE REMAINED APPROXIMATELY  
ONE HALF HOUR AND EMERGED WITH SEVERAL PAPERS AS THOUGH NEGOTIATING  
LOAN. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED.

AT TRIAL OF JERRY DUTTON, NSRP OFFICIAL, IN BIRMINGHAM CITY  
RECORDERS COURT, ENSLEY PRECINCT, TODAY ON CHARGES OF HAVING MADE  
A FICTITIOUS COMPLAINT TO BIRMINGHAM PD ON OCTOBER THIRTY, LAST,  
DUTTON WAS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS AND SENTENCED TO SIXTY DAYS IN JAIL,  
THE JAIL SENTENCE BEING SUSPENDED. SAS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] APPEARED AS STATE WITNESSES. THE INCIDENT INVOLVING  
ARREST OF DUTTON OCCURRED AT NSRP HEADQUARTERS, BIRMINGHAM, WHEN  
DUTTON CALLED BIRMINGHAM PD ALLEGING AGENTS WERE COMMUNISTS, ALTHOUGH

END PAGE ONE

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PAGE TWO.

THEY HAD IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS AGENTS THERE ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS. AN OFFICER OF BIRMINGHAM PD TESTIFIED THAT THE FALSE CALL RESULTED IN ABOUT SIX CARS OF BIRMINGHAM PD ANSWERING THE CALL.

DUTTON/S ATTORNEY, MATT MURPHY, ACCORDING TO CITY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY BILL THOMPSON HAS MADE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO APPEAL THE CONVICTION AND IF SO THE CASE WOULD BE TRIED IN CIRCUIT COURT AT BIRMINGHAM WITHIN APPROXIMATELY FOUR MONTHS.

625 [REDACTED] ARRIVED BIRMINGHAM TODAY FROM ATLANTA AND OBSERVED AT NSRP HEADQUARTERS AFTER DUTTON/S TRIAL. LENGTH OF HIS VISIT TO BIRMINGHAM NOT KNOWN BUT EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO COVER [REDACTED] ACTIVITIES WHILE HERE. HE IS DRIVING SAME FIFTYEIGHT OLDSMOBILE CONVERTIBLE PREVIOUSLY IN HIS POSSESSION. BIRMINGHAM PD COGNIZANT.

INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY THIRTYTHREE. INTERVIEWS CONTEMPLATED SIXTYFIVE.

END

8-56 PM OK FBI WA WS

PLS CORRECT TIME TO 7-48 PM

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CLR

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/27/63

*308*  
*CMZ*

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (157-190) (RUC)

SUBJECT: THEFT OF FOUR CASES OF DYNAMITE, *André De Nemours,*  
E. I. DUPONT COMPANY, STORAGE MAGAZINE, *E. I. Du Pont Company*  
WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA  
9/18/63  
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF EXPLOSIVES

OO: ATLANTA

Re Knoxville teletype to Director and Atlanta dated 9/19/63. *(157-1025-65)*

Continued contacts have been made with local law enforcement agencies, Chattanooga and vicinity, and with other sources. No information has been developed concerning identity of subjects in this case.

This case is being placed in RUC status subject to be reopened in event any pertinent information is brought to the attention of the Knoxville Office.

*9/19/63*

- 2 - Bureau
- 1 - Atlanta (Info)
- 1 - Knoxville

*ST-105*

*[Redacted]* *L2c*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

BA

TO : The Director

DATE:

11/5/63

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

OBap bomb

Pages A6879-A6880. Congressman Huddleston, (D) Alabama, extended his remarks to include an editorial from the October 24, 1963, issue of the Alabama Baptist, edited by Dr. Leon Macon. This editorial stated "The attitude of the white people toward the bombings in Birmingham is one of appall, protest, and complete disgust with the guilty parties. That these crimes could have been caused by outsiders is seen in the fact that 25 FBI men could not solve the problem or point their fingers to the guilty ones. Our law enforcement officers have been firm, calm, and efficient, and humane in their treatment of those creating demonstrations, both white and black. They have done an excellent job in spite of some reports that our law enforcement in Birmingham is poor."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 11/4/63 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

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: December 2, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen

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

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Lampkin  
DJ B...  
M. G...

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Over the week end spot check surveillances and interviews of the principal suspects in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church and other bombings in Birmingham were conducted with no significant information being developed.

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It should be noted that after the premature arrests of three suspects by the Alabama Highway Patrol in September, 1963, the principal suspects in this case have become very wary about their activities and statements and are hostile when interviews are attempted with them.

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157-1025-715  
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ACTION:

You will be advised of developments.

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

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RBL:cag (9)

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8-11-63

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Date: 11/27/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

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

RE: BAPBOMB

Rerep SA [REDACTED] 11/15/63, BH.

Re: Suspect [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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3 - Bureau  
3 - Birmingham (2 - 157-352)  
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REC-18

C. G. Wick

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
(6) Special Agent in Charge

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It is felt that no useful purpose would be served in preparing and disseminating memoranda concerning frank revelations and, in fact, such memoranda might destroy any future assistance she might possibly be to the FBI.

UACB, disseminating memoranda will not be prepared in absence of any derogatory information which might come to the attention of this office in the future.

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TO : Mr. Belmont *AB*

DATE: December 2, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

JUNE

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

*L.H.V. [Signature]*

On 12/2/63, SAC Faisst of the Birmingham Office requested authority for a survey and installation of a microphone surveillance on the residence of Robert Edward Chambliss, 2505 32nd Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama, a prime suspect in this case.

It is hoped that through this microphone surveillance information will be developed leading to the identity of the perpetrators of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in which four small Negro children were killed.

SAC Faisst assured that the surveillance can be installed with full security.

ACTION:

That authority for the installation be granted and the attached teletype be sent to Birmingham.

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Donahue

JCT:nkr  
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*Close  
DK*

*Keppel*

*Cl*

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REC-48 157-1025-177

TO SAC BIRMINGHAM

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

<sup>C</sup> BAPBOMB, JUNE.

REURTELCALL THIS DATE CONCERNING INSTALLATION OF MISUR RE ROBERT CHAMBLISS.

AUTHORITY GRANTED FOR SURVEY AND INSTALLATION OF MISUR PROVIDING FULL SECURITY CAN BE ASSURED. ADVISE DATE OF INSTALLATION, SYMBOL NUMBER AND THE LOCATION OF PLANT. FURNISH INFORMATION CONCERNING ELEMENTS OF TRESPASS.

RED:nkr  
(9)

NOTE: See Rosen to Belmont memo, 12/2/63, captioned as above, JCT:nkr.

MR.	02 23 46
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CK.	<i>[Signature]</i>
APPROVED BY	<i>[Signature]</i>
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TO : Mr. Belmont *clerk*

DATE: JUNE November 14, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

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

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M. J. ...  
L. ...

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This memorandum recommends that the Attorney General's authority be obtained to install technical surveillances on the telephones of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] are prime suspects in captioned bombing and other bombings which have taken place in Birmingham. They are also close associates of other prime suspects in these bombings.

It is hoped that through such technical surveillances, information will be developed leading to the identification of the perpetrators of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in which four small Negro children were killed.

In view of the tense racial situation in Birmingham, aggravated by the recent bombings, it is believed that further activity on the part of those responsible for the bombings could easily lead to further rioting, bloodshed, loss of life, materially affecting the security of the United States.

The Birmingham Office has assured that the technical surveillances can be installed with full security. There are 60 investigative-type surveillances in operation at the present time and 14 are awaiting installation. The limit is 75.

RECOMMENDATION:

Attached is a separate memorandum concerning the installations desired. It is recommended that this memorandum be sent to the Attorney General requesting authority to install these technical surveillances.

Enclosure *clerk*  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Donahue  
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Subject UNKNOWN SUBJECTS: BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET  
BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63  
BOMBING MATTERS

This serial, the original memorandum from the FBI to the Attorney General dated 11/15/63, which was returned to the Bureau signed by the Attorney General authorizing FBI to conduct electronic surveillance, has been permanently removed for retention in the National Security Electronic Surveillance File per memorandum T. J. Smith to Mr. E. S. Miller dated 7-13-73. See 62-115687-1 for details and where maintained.

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November 15, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Lavin
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 0 Mr. Donahue

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

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are prime suspects and associates of suspects developed to date in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

It is requested that you authorize installation of technical surveillances at their homes or any addresses to which they may move in order that information may be developed leading to the identification of the perpetrators of the bombing, which bombing killed four small Negro children on September 15, 1963.

In view of the tense racial situation in Birmingham, further inflamed by the bombings, it is believed that additional activity on the part of those who are responsible for the bombings could easily lead to more rioting, bloodshed and loss of life, materially affecting the security of the United States.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover  
 Director

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NOTE:

See memo, Mr. Rosen to Mr. Belmont, 11/14/63, same  
caption, JCT/cbm.

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This letter is being classified SECRET since it mentions  
a technical surveillance.



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TITLE OF CASE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63</b>		TYPED BY <b>rlc</b>	
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>BOMBING MATTERS</b>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] 11/15/63, Birmingham.

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LEADS: An information copy is furnished Mobile because of its mutual interest in racial and bombing matters throughout the State of Alabama.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

No leads are being set out in this report inasmuch as all leads have been set out on an expedite basis and this practice will continue.

An additional copy is furnished to the Bureau in the event it is needed for dissemination.

This report includes material on stencil which had been run off as of 11/30/63 and does not intend to reflect all investigation conducted prior to 11/30/63.

APPROVED *[Signature]* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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NOTATIONS

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Any reference herein to Klan, KKK, Ku Klux Klan, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, or any similar designation shall be construed as referring to United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, unless otherwise qualified.

No index is being supplied at this time but will be furnished at a later date.

Numerous negative informant contacts from auxiliary offices have been received and are included in the Birmingham file, but are not being set out in the report.

Investigation regarding the shrapnel bombing of 9/25/63; in Birmingham, relative to the clutch hub assembly piece which was found in the crime scene search, and other investigation is being incorporated in this report because all suspects are being interviewed regarding all Birmingham bombings and the inclusion of the specific material relative to the shrapnel bombing furnishes an over-all picture of investigation and eliminates duplication of reporting. It should be noted that copies of any investigation which are pertinent to a specific bombing are being channelized to those specific files.

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[REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE

Approximately forty persons in the vicinity of Southway Grocery Center and 16th Street North and Finley Avenue were interviewed in an attempt to develop local violations against [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The names and addresses of persons interviewed, as well as other investigation conducted along these lines, all of which was nonproductive, is set out in the case entitled [REDACTED] Racial Matters, Birmingham File 157-401.

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[REDACTED] 12

On September 22, 1963, a surveillance was initiated of the immediate area surrounding the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama. Eight teams of agents recorded license tags for a period of two hours centered about the time of the explosion that occurred the week prior. A total of 954 license tags were recorded. Of these, the same license tag was recorded by more than one team and this figure was 157 tags. The same license tag recorded by more than one team and traveling on the same street was determined to be 59.

License tags in the third group, that is, tags recorded by more than one team and not traveling on the same street, were searched through records of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, the identity of owners determined, and owners interviewed without obtaining any information pertinent to this investigation. Names were searched against members of known hate groups and suspects in this matter. Schedules reflecting the determination of repeated occurrences of the same car are maintained in this file.

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A list of members of the 16th Street Baptist Church was obtained from [REDACTED] of the church. From this list the members that were present at the church on the morning of September 15, 1963, when the explosion occurred, was determined. These members were located and interviewed. Positive information concerning the identity of unknown subject in this matter was not obtained. However, in the course of this investigation several wide-spread rumors concerning the bombing were run down and determined to be without foundation. The list of the members of the 16th Street Baptist Church is being maintained in this file.

INFORMANTS

*b2*  
*b7D*  
[REDACTED] (RAC) -2 & 3 have continued to furnish information regarding the activities of [REDACTED]. These informants have also developed information relative to his contacts and associates [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] has been in touch with [REDACTED] on a regular basis and continues to be extremely conscious of FBI investigation directed towards him.

The following informants have been discontinued as set out below:

- b2*  
[REDACTED] (RAC) 12:10 p.m., 11/21/63  
[REDACTED] (RAC) 3:35 p.m.  
[REDACTED] (RAC) 10:20 a.m., 11/22/63  
[REDACTED] (RAC) 12:15 p.m.  
[REDACTED] (RAC) 10:30 a.m., 11/25/63  
[REDACTED] (RAC) 12:10 p.m.

The reasons for their discontinuance have been set out in a prior communication and are not being reiterated at this time.

Prior to discontinuance, these informants furnished extensive intelligence information regarding the activities of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, and NSRP headquarters.

*b2*  
In particular, [REDACTED] (RAC) advised that members of the NSRP were jubilant over the assassination of President KENNEDY. This informant also advised that [REDACTED]

*b7D*  
[REDACTED] (RAC) stated that ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS was happy over the death of the President.  
*b7D*  
[REDACTED]



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

Character:

BOMBING MATTERS

Synopsis:

[REDACTED]

Additional personal information developed  
Numerous present and former klansmen in  
Alabama interviewed. Background developed, but no further  
positive information re captioned bombing.

[REDACTED]

Extensive investigation to determine source of dynamite to  
used in 1958 attempted bombing has met with negative  
results.

[REDACTED]

Efforts  
to identify portion of clutch hub assembly for 1940-42 Hudson auto-  
mobile continue. All projects being afforded continuous attention.  
INVESTIGATION REFLECTS MANY MEMBERS OF KLAN AND SEGREGATION-TYPE  
GROUPS CARRY SOME TYPE OF WEAPON. ALL SUCH INDIVIDUALS ARE,  
THEREFORE, TO BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

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NEIGHBORHOOD

PRIME SUSPECTS

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[REDACTED]

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On October 30, 1963, a piece of coat hanger wire was found by SA [REDACTED] in a junk pile located just outside the workshop of [REDACTED]. This workshop is located behind the residence at [REDACTED] Alabama. This piece of wire was submitted to the FBI Laboratory for comparison with material previously forwarded from evidence located at the scene of the explosion in the vicinity of 1601 South Center Street, Birmingham, Alabama, September 25, 1963.

On November 22, 1963, the FBI Laboratory advised as follows:

A comparison of specimen K27 with the previously submitted Q17 portion of a wire coat hanger disclosed that they are not pieces of the same coat hanger. The beginning of the hook part of the hanger is present on Q17 and since it is also present on K27 the latter specimen could not be part of specimen Q17.

The cut ends of the K27 wire were cut with a similar type tool to the tool used to cut the Q17 wire. However, the cut ends of K27 are rusted which prevents a determination as to whether or not the same tool was used to cut these two specimens.

EASTVIEW KLAVERN, UKA, INC., KKKK

**INVESTIGATION REGARDING ALABAMA KKKK AND 1958 BOMBING**

**TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, AREA KLANSMEN**



INVESTIGATION RE KLANSMEN  
AND CHURCH BURNING  
WARRIOR, ALABAMA

OTHER KLANSMEN

DIXIE KLANS, KKKK, INC.,  
GADSDEN, ALABAMA

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b2 [REDACTED]

On November 1, 1963, two fragments of what appeared to have once been one or more beer cans, which were located in the vicinity of the explosion of the shrapnel bomb on September 25, 1963, in the vicinity of 1601 Center Street South, Birmingham, Alabama, were sent to the FBI Laboratory to be examined for any residue which could be either sulfuric or muriatic acid or for potassium chlorate.

On November 8, 1963, the FBI Laboratory advised as follows:

Specimens received 11/4/63

Q18 - Q 19 Two metal fragments

Results of examination:

No residues were recovered from the metal fragments, Q18 and Q19, which could be associated with the residues from an explosive, fuse or chemical delay device.

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[REDACTED]

During investigation to locate a portion of a 1940 - 1942 Hudson clutch hub assembly, junk yards and automobile salvage places have been searched in the following areas in Birmingham:

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[REDACTED]

In addition to the above, all suspects or acquaintances who have anything to do with auto parts places or garages have been questioned concerning the Hudson clutch hub assembly with negative results.

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FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 3P

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DAILY SUMMARY.

RE CHAMBLISS GROUP.

SAC, ASAC, AND CERTAIN BIRMINGHAM AGENTS WORKING ON THIS PHASE  
OF INVESTIGATION AT CONFERENCE WITH [REDACTED]

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ALL AGENTS IN BIRMINGHAM ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT BEING RELEASED THIS WEEK WITH EXCEPTION OF SA [REDACTED] WHO IS HANDLING LIAISON ASSIGNMENT WITH SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND IT IS CONSIDERED FEASIBLE TO HOLD HIM UNTIL DECEMBER 11, NEXT, TO FACILITATE COMPLETION OF TRANSITION STAGE IN ONE PHASE OF THE INVESTIGATION.

DETAILS CONCERNING RELEASE OF OTHER PERSONNEL THIS WEEK BEING FURNISHED BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: December 6, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen

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

- Tolson
- DeLoach
- Mohr
- Casper
- Callahan
- Conrad
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- Evans
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- Tele. Room
- Holmes
- Gandy

*Bopbomb*

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Jerry Dutton, an official of the National States Rights Party (NSRP), an anti-Negro and anti-Semitic group with headquarters in Birmingham, was tried in Birmingham City Recorder's Court on 12/5/63 for having made a fictitious complaint to the Birmingham Police Department on 10/30/63. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to 60 days in jail. The jail sentence was suspended.

*Alabama*

The incident involving Dutton occurred at NSRP headquarters in Birmingham when Dutton called the police department alleging that Bureau Agents were communists and trespassers although the Agents had identified themselves as Agents there on official business. An officer of the police department testified the false call resulted in six cars of the department answering the call. Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] appeared as state witnesses.

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Dutton's attorney Matt Murphy who is also the attorney for other members of the NSRP presently under indictment in Federal court for interfering with the desegregation of Birmingham schools, has made the necessary arrangements to appeal Dutton's conviction.

[redacted] arrived on 12/5/63 in Birmingham from Atlanta, Georgia, where he resides. His activities will be carefully watched.

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

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

Numerous interviews were conducted yesterday concerning the bombing cases with no additional pertinent information being developed.

ACTION:

You will be kept advised of developments.

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*Alvin*

*V. Keene*

*RM Rg*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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Gandy	_____

TO : Mr. Belmont *also*

DATE: December 5, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen *Rosen*

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

*BAP Bomb*

*Lar...*

It was mentioned in my memorandum yesterday that D. R. Hays, Superintendent of Camp Childersburg, Alabama, a prison camp, had received instructions from Attorney Charles Reynolds of the Legal Section of the Alabama Highway Patrol that convicts were not to be made available for interview by the FBI without a court order.

On 12/4/63 Reynolds advised the Mobile Office there must have been a misunderstanding at Camp Childersburg and Reynolds assured the Mobile Office that his department desires to cooperate with the FBI in matters of mutual interest and suggested recontact by the FBI at Camp Childersburg.

Reynolds assured the Mobile Office he would send letters to all superintendents of prison camps in the State of Alabama instructing that the FBI be permitted to interview prisoners and officials in civil rights matters. Reynolds did request that as much advance notice be given to insure availability of prisoners for interview, as possible.

[REDACTED SECTION]

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

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

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[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted] locate these two men and the car.

Efforts are continuing to

[Redacted] <sup>all</sup> was reinterviewed on 12/4/63 but no pertinent information was received.

Spot checks of prime suspects at their residences and places of employment were made yesterday without any unusual activity being noted.

ACTION:

You will be kept advised of developments.

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FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 2P

*McElroy*

*Sullivan*

BAPBOMB DAILY SUMMARY.

PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE  
SPOT FISUR CONDUCTED ON RESIDENCES OVER WEEKEND WITHOUT NOTING

ANY UNUSUAL ACTIVITY. DETERMINED THAT SUSPECT [REDACTED] THROUGHOUT  
SUNDAY AFTERNOON ASSISTED CIVILIAN DEFENSE IN HANDLING SABIN ORAL /  
VACCINE PROGRAM AT A LOCAL SCHOOL.

PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE  
FROM FISUR EARLY TODAY ON SUSPECT [REDACTED] ASCER-

TAINED THAT HE HAS NOW SECURED EMPLOYMENT IN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A BIRMINGHAM SUBURB.

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*cc: Lavin*

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TWENTY EIGHT INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED. FIFTY SEVEN REMAINING.

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Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
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Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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*McGowan* *Jarvis*

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TO DIRECTOR /157-1025/  
FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 4P

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DAILY SIMMARY.

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IT WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT THOMAS E. BLANTON, SR., VISITED WEST END BRANCH, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BIRMINGHAM, THIS PAST WEEK.

[REDACTED]

TAMPA DIVISION HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO DETERMINE DETAILS RE THIS AS NO PREVIOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING PROPERTY HELD BY BLANTON IN THAT AREA.

[REDACTED]

SPOT CHECKS OF PRINCIPAL SUSPECTS MADE AND NO PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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SIX INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED AND ABOUT SIXTYTHREE PENDING.

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*Mr. Gorman July 7 1963*

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Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Evans	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	<i>[initials]</i>
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

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*St. Johnston*  
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FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 4P

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DAILY SUMMARY.

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THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED INCLUDING DETAILS OF ARREST AND  
POSSIBILITY THAT [REDACTED] MAY AT THIS TIME BE RECEPTIVE TO  
INTERVIEW AND POSSIBLY FURNISH INFORMATION.

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DECEMBER TWELVE, SIXTYTHREE, AT WHICH TIME AN ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
WILL BE HELD. [REDACTED] EXPECTS A GOOD TURNOUT.

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SPOT CHECK FISURS NOT PRODUCTIVE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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Belmont	_____
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TO : Mr. Belmont *aw*

DATE: December 7, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen

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

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

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

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[REDACTED]

We are continuing to develop all information received concerning Robert Chambliss and [REDACTED] as well as other members of the Chambliss group who are prime suspects in this case.

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ACTION

You will be kept advised of developments.

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bcm/jat  
R  
V. Kennedy

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>KNOXVILLE</b>	Office of Origin <b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	Date <b>11/19/63</b>	Investigative Period <b>9/15/63 - 11/14/63</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF 16th STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963</b>		Report made by <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div>	Typed <b>CYP</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>BOMBING MATTERS</b>	

**REFERENCES:** Birmingham teletype to Bureau, Atlanta, Knoxville, Jacksonville, Tampa, Memphis, Mobile, New Orleans, and Savannah 9/15/63.  
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 Knoxville airtel to Bureau 10/8/63.  
 Knoxville airtel to Birmingham 10/10/63. (10)  
 Knoxville teletype to Bureau 10/21/63.  
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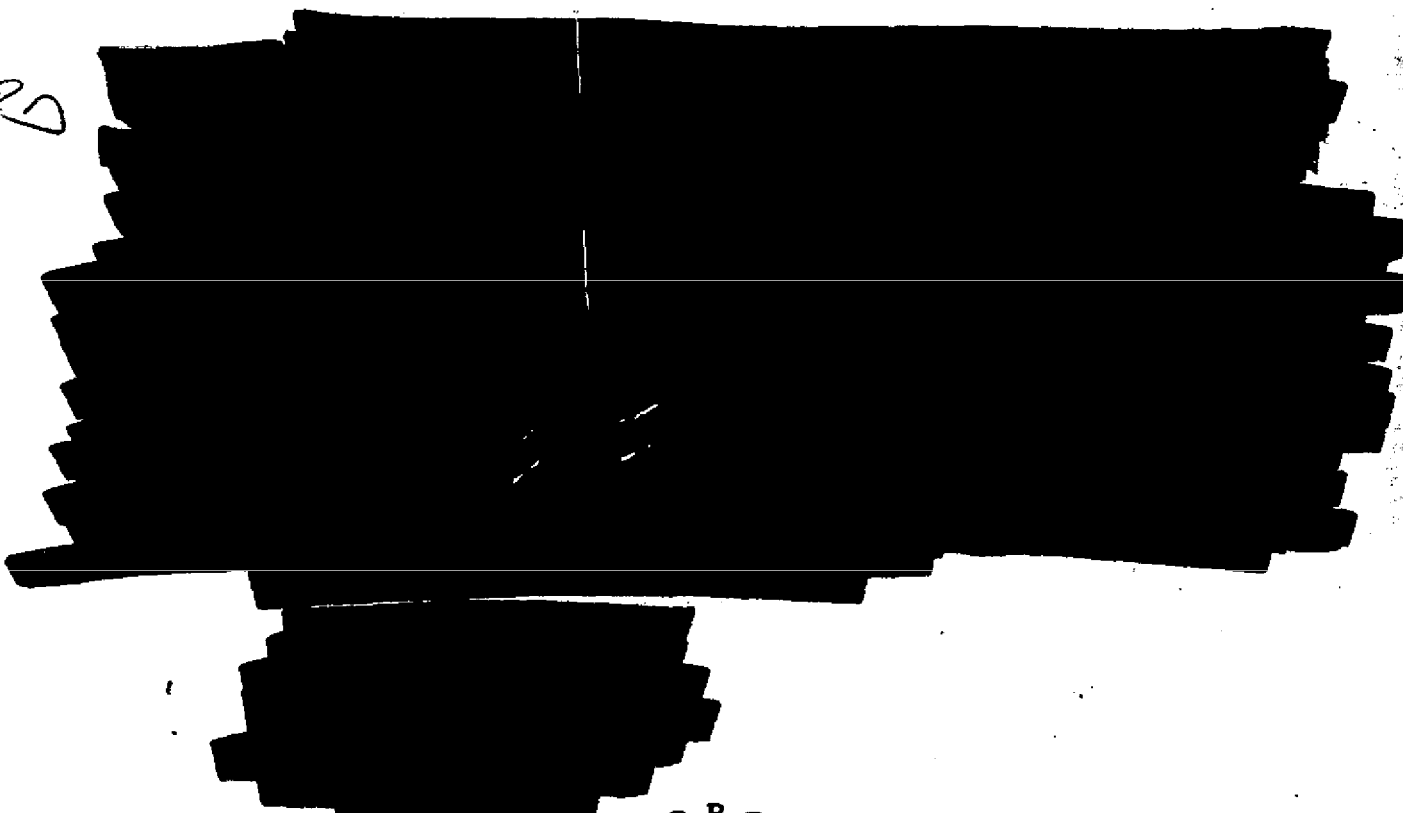
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ADMINISTRATIVE

One extra copy of this report is being submitted to the Birmingham Division in case it later develops that one copy is needed for USA, Birmingham.

One copy of this report is being submitted to Atlanta for information in view of the investigation this case, and one copy being submitted for Miami Division in view of reported activities by Miami informant relating to this case.

Knoxville airtels to Bureau 9/21/63 and 10/8/63 set forth results of investigation, Knoxville Division, regarding bomb suspects, Knoxville Division, reporting information regarding their past and present activities and reported position re acts of violence. Results of interviews with them, as well as members of klan-type and hate-type organizations, Knoxville Division, all met with negative results.



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Knoxville, by communication dated 11/4/63 to the Bureau, submitted to the Birmingham Division photographs of [redacted] together with color photographs of cars known to be available to these individuals.

By communication dated 11/5/63, the Knoxville Division furnished the FBI Identification Division with information regarding the above three individuals, with others, to assist in locating fingerprints of these individuals to be searched and compared against the latent fingerprint recovered in connection with the attempted bombing of the Jewish Temple Bethel, Birmingham, Alabama, April 28, 1958.

LEADS

All leads, this case, have been received through detailed airtel and other separate communications. When covered, the results of the investigation, Knoxville Division, has been furnished to the Bureau and Birmingham Division by separate communications; therefore, no leads are being set forth in this report.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: KNOXVILLE

Date: 11/19/63

File Number: 157-189

Bureau file: 157-1025

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF  
16th STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963

Character: BOMBING MATTERS

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Synopsis: [REDACTED]

All three of the above individuals determined through investigation to have been in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on September 15, 1963. No information developed any of the three individuals have associated with individuals from State of Alabama or that they have visited with individuals in Alabama or have been visited by individuals from Alabama within the past several months. Background information re recent activities of these individuals set forth.

- P -

DETAILS: AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE:

Date September 30, 1963

Special Agent [redacted] personally observed  
between 7:45 AM and 8:15 AM, September 25, 1963,  
at his place of employment, [redacted]

[redacted] Chattanooga, Tennessee.  
At this time his 1951 Ford half-ton pickup truck, dark green  
in color, bearing 1963 Tennessee license [redacted] was  
observed parked at this place of business.

At 8:10 AM, September 25, 1963, Special Agent [redacted]  
observed a 1957 Ford, 2-door, green and white, bearing 1962  
Tennessee license [redacted] which is the property of [redacted]  
parked at the [redacted] residence, [redacted]  
Chattanooga, Tennessee. Also parked at this address was a 1951  
Chevrolet Club Coupe, bearing 1962 Tennessee license [redacted]  
which is registered to [redacted] and has been used in  
the past by [redacted] however, during spot checks of  
this residence for the past two weeks, this car has had one  
flat tire and does not appear to now be in use by the [redacted]  
family.

At 8:15 AM, September 25, 1963, the above-described  
1957 Ford had been moved and was not located at this address.

On 9/25/63 at Chattanooga, Tennessee File # KX 157-189

by Special Agent [redacted] Date dictated 9/26/63

This document contains neither 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.

On October 29 and 30, 1963, Special Agent [redacted] took color photographs of the following automobiles, Chattanooga, Tennessee:

10/29/63 1957 Ford, 2-door, green and white, property of [redacted] bearing 1962 Tennessee license [redacted]. This car was parked at the parking lot of [redacted] Chattanooga, Tennessee. (4 photographs)

10/29/63 1951 Ford one-half ton pickup truck, dark green, 1963 Tennessee license [redacted] registered to [redacted] name [redacted] photographed at above address. (1 photo)

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10/29/63 1958 Ford, 2-door, tan and white, 1962 Tennessee license [redacted] registered to [redacted] who is now wife of [redacted] Photographed beside East Chattanooga Fire Hall. (4 photographs)

10/30/63 1959 Ford, 2-door, green and white, property of [redacted] Photographed at [redacted] parking lot. (7 photos) This car bore 1962 Tennessee license # [redacted]

10/30/63 1955 Oldsmobile "88", 2-door, white and orange, bearing 1963 Alabama license [redacted] photographed [redacted] (1 photograph)

10/30/63 1957 Dodge, two-tone blue, 2-door, property of [redacted] Photographed rear yard of [redacted] residence, [redacted] This car bore 1962 Tennessee license [redacted] (1 photograph)

The above 1951 Ford pickup truck was observed on October 29, 30, and 31, 1963, by Special Agent [redacted]

On 10/29,30,31/63 at Chattanooga, Tennessee File # KX 157-189

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by Special Agent [redacted] cyp Date dictated 10/31/63

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at various times in East Chattanooga, Tennessee, at 1911 Wilder Avenue, 2915 Taylor Street, and other locations in East Chattanooga.

On October 29, 1963, the 1955 Oldsmobile "88", 2-door, described above, was observed parked the majority of the day directly in front of the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and on numerous occasions [REDACTED] father-in-law of [REDACTED] was observed working on this car. It was again parked in the same location on October 30, 1963, and did not appear to have been moved from 12:35 PM to 5:30 PM, October 30, 1963. Again, on several occasions [REDACTED] appeared to be working or rubbing on this car. On this date the license number was obtained, which was reported as 1963 Alabama license [REDACTED]. This car was again observed parked same location on October 31, 1963.

On the afternoon of October 30, 1963, Special Agent [REDACTED] observed an unknown woman driving 1955 Oldsmobile, 4-door, bearing 1962 Tennessee license [REDACTED] drive up to the side of [REDACTED] let out two boys approximate ages 8 and 11, then drive away from this address.

On the afternoon of October 30, 1963, two other automobiles in addition to those listed above were observed at [REDACTED] Chattanooga, Tennessee. These two are described as:

1953 Dodge, 4-door, white, bearing 1962 Tennessee license [REDACTED] registered to [REDACTED] Chattanooga, Tennessee; and

1960 Cadillac Coupe, 1962 Tennessee license [REDACTED] registered to [REDACTED] Chattanooga, Tennessee.

On October 31, 1963, Special Agent [REDACTED] observed parked at [REDACTED] a 1961 Oldsmobile "88", 4-door, 1962 Tennessee license [REDACTED] registered to [REDACTED] Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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[REDACTED]

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By communication dated November 14, 1963, Birmingham Division furnished the following information:

On November 12, 1963, Special Agent [REDACTED] checked the automobile registration records, Fort Payne, Alabama, which records reflect that Alabama license [REDACTED] is registered to [REDACTED] Georgia (DeKalb County, Alabama), for a 1955 Oldsmobile, Identification [REDACTED]

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Investigation, DeKalb County, Alabama, reflects that [REDACTED] employed by [REDACTED] Chattanooga, Tennessee.

[REDACTED]

An article appeared in the Chattanooga News Free Press, Chattanooga, Tennessee, October 21, 1963, reflecting that J. A. MILTEER appeared at a Constitutional Party Convention scheduled at Indianapolis, Indiana. MILTEER had declared himself a Regional Chairman for the Southeastern States, reported was from Quitman, Georgia, and drove to that meeting in a truck plastered with signs advocating Senator J. STROM THURMAN, nominee for President.

Date October 30, 1963

At 6:05 PM, October 21, 1963, there was observed in the parking lot of the [redacted] located on [redacted] Chattanooga, Tennessee, operated by [redacted] a Volkswagen vehicle bearing 1963 Georgia license [redacted] or possibly [redacted]. This vehicle was either a truck or station wagon but as the sides were completely covered with signs it was not possible to tell definitely. The signs reflected the name of STROM THURMOND for President.

Also parked on this lot was a 1957 Ford pickup truck, green in color, similar to the truck driven by [redacted] in the past.

The machine shop appeared to open, however, no one was observed.

The Volkswagen vehicle was not observed later in the evening, either at the shop or at the residence of [redacted]

On 10/21/63 at Chattanooga, Tennessee File # KX 157-189  
by Special Agent [redacted] :CY Date dictated 10/25/63

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By telephone, the Birmingham Division advised the Knoxville Division at 2:15 AM, September 5, 1963, that unknown subjects had bombed the residence of ARTHUR SHORES, Birmingham, Alabama, on the night of September 4, 1963.

At 2:30 AM, September 5, 1963, Special Agent [redacted] observed the residence of [redacted] and [redacted] Chattanooga, Tennessee. All cars known to have been available for their use, including 1957 Chevrolet, 2-door, bearing 1962 Tennessee license [redacted] and 1957 Ford, 2-door, bearing 1962 Tennessee license [redacted] and 1951 Ford pick-up truck, bearing 1963 Tennessee license [redacted] were observed parked at this residence.

[redacted] was observed by Special Agent [redacted] between 7:30 and 8:00 AM, September 5, 1963, at his place of employment, [redacted] Chattanooga, Tennessee.

[redacted]

[redacted]



Date September 20, 1963

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Special Agent [redacted] spot checked the residence of [redacted] Chattanooga, Tennessee, between 4:00 and 4:30 PM, September 15, 1963. At that time [redacted] 1957 Ford, two-tone green, 2-door, bearing 1962 Tennessee license [redacted] could not be located by Special Agent [redacted]. Parked at this residence at the dead-end of [redacted] was approximately a 1954 or 1956 4-door Pontiac, two-tone green, which had no front license plate. No one was observed at the [redacted] residence at that time.

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Date September 20, 1963

On September 18, 1963, Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] at [redacted] Chattanooga, Tennessee, observed parked at the dead-end of [redacted] Street, two automobiles, one a 1955 Chevrolet Convertible, 2-door, white top and white trunk, bright red body, bearing 1962 Tennessee license [redacted]. Also observed was a 1954-1956 Pontiac, 4-door, two-tone green with no front license plate.

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by Special Agents [redacted]  
and [redacted] YP Date dictated 9/18/63

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On October 28, 1963, Special Agent [REDACTED] observed what appeared to be the remains of a red Chevrolet Convertible in a completely demolished condition in the driveway of the residence of [REDACTED] Chattanooga, Tennessee.

[REDACTED]

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On November 5, 1963, anonymous telephone call to Erlanger Baroness Hospital Information Desk determined that [REDACTED] condition was fair.

On November 12, 1963, the Information Desk, Erlanger Baroness Hospital, advised that [REDACTED] had been dismissed as a patient November 6, 1963.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: November 27, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen

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

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

Reference is made to the memorandum of November 19, 1963, reflecting that an additional seven Agents and one stenographer would be released at the close of business the week ending November 23, 1963.

The matter of personnel has been re-evaluated on a current basis. At the present time, there are 17 Special Agents, including the SAC on special assignment from Little Rock, and three clerical employees. It now appears that of the 17 Agents we should phase out 9 by the close of business this week. This will include the SAC, the remaining 8 to be released no later than the middle of next week. SAC Faisst at Birmingham has been in close daily touch with this case, as well as Agents of the Birmingham Office, and they should be in a position to pursue the investigation in a forceful manner in line with the present plans and objectives which have been initiated. This case will continue to receive the utmost attention in the Birmingham Office and auxiliary offices having leads.

### RECOMMENDATION:

If approved by the Director, we will immediately instruct Birmingham to phase out by the close of business this week 9 Special Agents, inclusive of the SAC on special assignment, and 3 clerical employees, the remaining Special Agents to be released no later than the middle of next week. If circumstances change in the meantime, you will immediately be advised.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Callahan

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Birmingham Office advised of the above and appropriate action being taken in accordance therewith.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: December 11, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen

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

[REDACTED]

This matter is being followed and the information may be utilized to assist in future interviews of the [REDACTED] by making reference to possible fraudulent income tax returns.

Spot check surveillances of prime suspects at their residences and places of employment were made on December 10, 1963, without any significant information being developed.

Investigation is continuing to develop all information received concerning Robert Chambliss and [REDACTED] as well as other members of the Chambliss group who are prime suspects in this case.

Numerous interviews were conducted on December 10, 1963, without any additional pertinent information being developed.

ACTION:

You will be kept advised of developments.

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

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 3P

BAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY.

SUSPECT ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS WORKED TODAY AT REGULAR EMPLOYMENT. A ONE NINE FIVE TWO CHEVROLET TUDOR SEDAN BEARING ONE NINE SIX THREE FLORIDA LICENSE PLATE [REDACTED] OBSERVED AT CHAMBLISS RESIDENCE. EFFORTS BEING MADE TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF VISITOR AND PURPOSE OF VISIT. CONTACTS WITH ASSOCIATES AND REINTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

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*Belmont*  
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*cc: Jarrin*

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