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Subject JUNE MAIL Baybombs

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
 FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-582A) (J U N E)
 SUBJECT : BAPBOMB
 RM

Remy airtel 12/31/63.

Rec'd

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Further-
 more, experience has shown that information gained
 concerning other individuals on this testir does not justify
 its continuance.

Atlanta recommends that this testir be imme-
 diately discontinued. Bureau authority for discontinuance
 is requested.

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3 - Bureau RM
 2 - Atlanta

[REDACTED]
 (5) E. C. Wick

*Airtel SAC, AT
 1/15/64
 RB/LSDA*

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Approved: [Signature]
 Special Agent in Charge

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Airtel

To: SAC, Atlanta (157-582A) (JUNE)

From: Director, FBI (157-1025) S33

REC-23
RACIAL MATTERS

Reurairtel 1-13-64 captioned "Expbomb, RM."

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[Redacted]

you should immediately reconsider the discontinuance of [Redacted]

47c
It is noted that this informant has been monitored on a part time basis by your office due to the fact that [Redacted] was not always in the office. It is believed that if full time monitoring were given to this informant during the working hours, that productive information might be obtained. Prior to discontinuing the informant, serious consideration should be given to the above by your office and appropriate recommendations furnished to the Bureau.

REL:sda
(5) [Signature]

1 - Mr. Donahue

MAILED 20
JAN 16 1964

NOTE:

47c
The Atlanta Office installed a tesur on [Redacted]

The primary purpose of the tesur, however, was to develop information concerning [Redacted] and any violent activities he might engage in. Atlanta has advised that [Redacted]

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

it is believed that the Atlanta Office should give further consideration as to whether the informant should be discontinued.

JAN 16 1964
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE:

1/22/64

FROM :

SAC, MIAMI (157-643) (P)

SUBJECT:

RACIAL MATTERS - BOMBING MATTERS

Re Bulet to Miami 1/17/64.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, there are enclosed seven copies of a report of SA [redacted] dated 1/22/64, at Miami, which is to replace the report of SA [redacted] 1/14/64 at Miami.

Copies of this report are also being furnished to the indicated Offices and they are likewise requested to replace the report of SA [redacted] 1/14/64 with the enclosed report.

- ② - Bureau (Enc-7)
- 1 - Atlanta (Enc-1)
- 2 - Birmingham (157-352) (Enc-2)
- 1 - Charlotte (Enc-1)
- 1 - Jacksonville (Enc-1)
- 1 - Mobile (Enc-1)
- 1 - Tampa (Enc-1)
- 2 - Miami

Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD *Scout*
 Date Forw. JAN 27 1964
 How Forw. R-S
 By PMITAK

I cc Org. Unit

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RADIOGRAM

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TO SAC BIRMINGHAM (157-352)
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025) - 835

BAPBOMB.

REURTEL JANUARY TWENTY-EIGHT, SIXTYFOUR. ADVISE IF DYNAMITE CACHE AND CONTAINERS HAVE BEEN EXAMINED FOR LATENT FINGERPRINTS BY JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. ADVISE DATE DYNAMITE WAS LOCATED AND WHEN FIRST BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF YOUR OFFICE. ADVISE WHO NOW HAS POSSESSION OF DYNAMITE AND WHAT STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO TRACE IT.

EHL:nkr
(4)

NOTE: A cache of dynamite was discovered near a trash dump in an isolated portion of Jefferson County, Alabama. A fire marshal believes dynamite had been left for a period of three months which would have been about the time of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

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ENC.	ML
CK.	RJS
APPROVED BY	[Signature]
TYPED BY	[Signature]

VIA RADIOGRAM
JAN 29 1964
3:50 pm [Signature]

- Tolson _____
- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- Casper _____
- Callahan _____
- Conrad _____
- DeLoach _____
- Evans _____
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See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

Subject JUNE MAIL 16th Street Baptist Church
Birmingham, Alabama 9-15-

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File Number 157-1025-836

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *W*

DATE: 1/17/64

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

JUNE

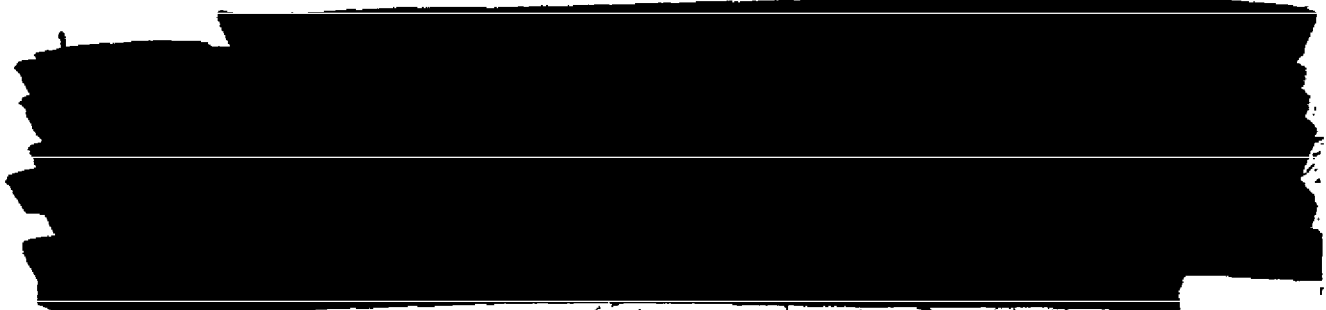
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING
OF 16th STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63
BOMBING MATTERS

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

SAC Faisst telephonically advised me that Al Lingo, Director of Public Safety of Alabama, has been quoted in the papers as stating that the bombers (of captioned church) will eventually be caught due to:

- (1) large reward outstanding,
- (2) that investigators for the State have never ceased their efforts,
- (3) that since the cache of the 137 sticks of dynamite was recovered and three individuals charged with the possession, there have been no further bombings, and,
- (4) State investigators expect to develop a confession from one of the defendants.

It should be noted that the defendants are prime suspects who were arrested by the Alabama Highway Patrol for possession of the dynamite when the State Patrol found out that we were concentrating our efforts on them. The State had no concrete evidence against them. The defendants are Charles Cagle, Robert Chambliss, and John Wesley "Nigger" Hall.



ACTION:

Birmingham is continuing to press the investigation into the bombing very closely.

1 - Mr. Donahue

157-1025-106A
RBI:cag (7)

22 JAN 31 1964

F *Mem* *Jan* *Q* *W* *ONE* *SIX*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
JAN 29 1964

TELETYPE

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

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FBI BIRMGHAM

9-06 PM CST URGENT 1-29-64 HEP

TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 3P

BAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY.

REBURAD TODAY.

REFERENCE CACHE OF FORTYFIVE STICKS OF DYNAMITE WAS LOCATED BY

62-10

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BIRMINGHAM PD AND FIRE MARSHAL WERE NOTIFIED BY
 FBI, JANUARY TWENTYSEVEN, SIXTYFOUR. DYNAMITE WAS EXAMINED BY
 FINGERPRINT EXPERTS, BIRMINGHAM PD, AND BY FIRE MARSHAL ON JANUARY
 TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYFOUR. NO LATENT FINGERPRINTS FOUND. DYNAMITE
 TURNED OVER TO JEFFERSON COUNTY CONSTRUCTION CAMP TO BE DESTROYED

END PAGE ONE

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PAGE TWO.

SINCE DYNAMITE IN VERY UNSTABLE CONDITION PER FIRE MARSHAL.

MILK CONTAINERS IN POSSESSION OF THIS OFFICE AND WILL BE FORWARDED
TO FBI LABORATORY FOR ANY POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL EXAMINATION. PHOTOS
OF DYNAMITE OBTAINED.

B7C
ID

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EFFORTS CONTINUING TO LOCATE

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Subject JUNE MAIL Bay Bomb

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Date: 1/13/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352-SF-2) JUNE
RE: BAPBOMB
BM

ReButel, 1/7/64.

Installation of misur on ROBERT CHAMBLISS, technically feasible; however, security cannot be guaranteed for the following reasons. It has been ascertained through informants and



It is recommended the Bureau consider authorizing the use of a radio-type misur installation utilizing equipment which could be purchased on the open market. The origin of this equipment could not be ascertained and its use would not compromise any existing Bureau techniques or equipment, should it be discovered.

3 - Bureau - AM RM
2 - Birmingham



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JUN 27 1964

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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1/22/64

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To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352-SF-2)

JUNE

From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB

Reurairtel 1/13/64.

The Bureau has no objection to the use of commercially available radio equipment if it is felt that this can be made more secure and accomplish the desired coverage.

The Bureau may have on hand commercial equipment suitable for your needs, in which case purchase of new equipment will not be necessary. Suitability of equipment on hand cannot be determined until details of proposed installation are known.

If the Laboratory is being requested to supply commercial equipment, full details of what is needed must be supplied by your office. This should include range to monitoring point, frequency of transmitting equipment, method of installation, and concealment of transmitting equipment.

Advise if the installation can be installed with full security.

1 - Laboratory (Route through for review)

1 - Mr. Donohue

RBL:cag:mfw (6)

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JAN 23 1964
COMM-FBI

NOTE:

The Birmingham Office desires to install a radio-type microphone surveillance (misur) on the home of Robert Chambliss, a prime suspect in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, on 9/15/63. Birmingham has indicated the installation of an ordinary misur cannot be made with full security since Chambliss has close friends and associates who are telephone company employees. This matter has been discussed with the Laboratory Division on the technical aspects and the questions set forth in the body of the airtel are information desired by the Lab.

- Tolson _____
- Belmont _____
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REPORTING OFFICE BIRMINGHAM	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BIRMINGHAM	DATE 1/29/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/2/63 - 1/21/64
TITLE OF CASE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA SEPTEMBER 15, 1963 <i>Exp Bator</i>		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY MRS [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE BOMBING MATTERS <i>62</i>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 12/20/63 at Birmingham.

- P -

LEADS:

BIRMINGHAM

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Will continue to handle leads in expeditious manner, setting out those leads for other offices by the indicated communication and handling the leads in the Birmingham Office as they are developed.

MOBILE (INFORMATION)

An information copy is designated for the Mobile Office due to the reciprocal interest in racial and Klan matters with the Birmingham Division.

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW		
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		12 FEB 5 1964		
DISSEMINATION RECORD OF ATTACHED REPORT		NOTATIONS <i>STAT SECT</i>		
AGENCY	REQUEST RECD.	DATE FWD.	HOW FWD.	BY

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BH 157-352

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The negative information received as result of investigation of leads in this matter is not being set forth in this report. Some of this pertains to automobile license plate checks and miscellaneous interviews regarding unknown suspects, the reporting of which would be of no benefit in this matter. The material included in this report does not reflect all investigation conducted prior to 12/21/63. There is some overlapping of investigative periods reported herein which has occurred prior to submission of referenced report.

Daily contact has been maintained with [REDACTED] Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, and with [REDACTED] Birmingham Police Department, both of whom are cooperative and vitally interested in the solution of this case. L7C1D

Frequent contacts have been maintained with informants who have been furnishing reliable information in this matter. Results of these contacts are set forth on the Cover Pages of instant report.

Almost daily spot surveillances have been conducted on the major suspects in this case. There have been no instances noted in conducting such surveillances during the period of this report which would reflect any unusual activity on the part of these suspects.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA [REDACTED] ^{42c}
Date: 1/29/64

Office: BIRMINGHAM

Field Office File #: 157-352

Bureau File #: 157-1025

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

Character: BOMBING MATTERS

Synopsis: No positive evidence obtained concerning individual or
individuals responsible for instant or related bombings in
Birmingham area.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THIS MATTER
being investigated and results obtained thus far set out
herein. Members of Alabama National Guard interviewed re
explosion which occurred near University of Alabama campus
in November 1963. No information obtained connecting these
individuals with BAPBOMB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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.

- P -

DETAILS:

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Bufile **157-1025** Field Division **BIRMINGHAM**

Title and Character of Case
BAPBOMB

Date Property Acquired **9-17-63** Source From Which Property Acquired **Alabaster Lime Company, Verlie, Alabama**

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit **Exhibit cabinet** Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same **POSSIBLE EVIDENCE - being retained for possible future laboratory examinations**

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

1. Pill box with dirt samples from area immediately adjacent to front door of 2nd powderhouse
2. Pill box with dirt samples from pallet and floor of interior of 1st powderhouse
3. Scripto ballpoint pen with lettering "Southern Screw Co., Statesville, N. C."
4. Corbin padlock with key, from door of 2nd powderhouse

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SUBMITTED BY: SA [REDACTED]

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JUN 7 1964
[Signature]

[Signature]
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Bufile **157-1025** Field Division **BIRMINGHAM**

Title and Character of Case
BAPBOMB
lrc

Date Property Acquired **10-1-63** Source From Which Property Acquired [REDACTED]

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit **Exhibit cabinet** Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same **POSSIBLE EVIDENCE**

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

1. Needle nose pliers
2. Cutting dike
3. Pliers
4. Electrical socket
5. Short piece of electrical cable
6. Dirty rag

SUBMITTED BY: SA [REDACTED]

lrc
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Lawrence
SA

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Buffile 157-1025 Field Division BIRMINGHAM

Title and Character of Case
HAPBOMB

Date Property Acquired 10-4-63 Source From Which Property Acquired
1955 Ford Sedan, owned by THOMAS E. BLANTON, SR

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit Exhibit cabinet Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
POSSIBLE EVIDENCE

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

Following items obtained by SA [redacted] during consent search of property and vehicles located at 1440 Princeton Ave., S. W., Birmingham, Alabama, the property of THOMAS E. BLANTON, SR:

1. 1 short coil of insulated wire
2. Five 3" long nails
3. 1 pair 7½" electrician type pliers with green plastic insulated handle covers
4. 1 pair 10" pliers, brand name Barcalo, USA
5. 1 piece 3/4" pipe and elbow

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NOT RECORDED
11 FEB 4 1964

SUBMITTED BY: SA [redacted]

Field File # 157-352-1B6
60 FEB
JH

Laurie

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Bufile **157-1025** Field Division **BIRMINGHAM**

Title and Character of Case
BAPBOMB
dsc

Date Property Acquired **9-25-63** Source From Which Property Acquired **Alabama**

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit **Gun Vault** Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
POSSIBLE EVIDENCE - being retained for possible comparison purposes

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same
1 ea. roll 100' safety fuse, Clover brand, orange wax finish

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Larrett
BIA

SUBMITTED BY: SA **[REDACTED]** *dsc*

Field File # **157-352-1984**

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[Signature]

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Bufile 157-1025	Field Division BIRMINGHAM
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Title and Character of Case BAPBOMB

Date Property Acquired 9-16-63	Source From Which Property Acquired Vicinity of 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama
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Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit Exhibit cabinet	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same Possible future comparisons - possible eviden
-----------------------------------------------------------------	------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

One carton containing:

- Pieces of heavy guage wire from the wire screen covering the windows in the ladies lounge.
- Pieces of window frame from windows in the ladies lounge.
- Fragments of drapery materal from drapes covering the windows in the ladies lounge.
- Scrapings from windowsill of windows in ladies lounge.
- Piece of red plastic insulated wire found on floor among debris in ladies lounge.
- Pieces of concrete from an Oldsmobile and Chevrolet outside of church.
- Piece of red plastic insulated wire taken from a bell signal system used in the church.

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SUBMITTED BY: SA [REDACTED]

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FEB 5 1964

TELETYPE

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Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Evans	
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FBI BIRMGHAM

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URGENT 2-5-64 CST JS

TO DIRECTOR

FROM BIRMINGHAM 157-352

BAPBOMB.

Mr. McGowan
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U.S. ATTORNEY MACON L. WEAVER, BIRMINGHAM, ADVISED THAT FEDERAL GRAND JURY FOREMAN CLARENCE PINSON IS INSISTING THAT SOME INFORMATION CONCERNING BAPBOMB INVESTIGATION BE PRESENTED TO GRAND JURY CONVENING BIRMINGHAM FEBRUARY TENTH, NEXT. PINSON WAS SUCCESSFUL IN SELLING U. S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE CLARENCE W. ALLGOOD ON THE IDEA, AND ALLGOOD HAS NOW TAKEN THE SAME POSITION, ACCORDING TO WEAVER. WEAVER STATED THAT HE CAN NO LONGER RESIST THIS PRESSURE AND FEELS THAT WE WOULD HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO MAKE SOME FORM OF A TOKEN STATEMENT TO THE GRAND JURY. HE STATED THAT HE IS FACED WITH THE PROPOSITION OF CONVEYING THE GRAND JURY'S REQUEST TO US AND SAID HE WOULD ISSUE A SUBPOENA FOR SAC. HE WAS TOLD THAT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE A SUBPOENA SHOULD NOT BE ISSUED BECAUSE IF IT WAS AGREEABLE TO THE BUREAU AND TO THE DEPARTMENT WE WOULD CERTAINLY PREFER TO APPEAR ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS

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Robert Belmont
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AND THAT SAC DID NOT LIKE THE IDEA OF ANY ELEMENT OF COMPULSION BEING INVOLVED OR POSSIBLY PUBLICIZED. WEAVER STATED HE WOULD, THEREFORE, HOLD OFF ON THE SUBPOENA, BUT SAID THAT HE SIMPLY HAS TO GET WORD TO THE GRAND JURY AND TO THE JUDGE NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, FEBRUARY SIXTH, AS TO WHAT ACTION WE CONTEMPLATE TAKING.

WEAVER STATED THAT THIS GRAND JURY IS THE SAME ONE WHICH INDICTED THE NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY MEMBERS FOR OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SCHOOL DESEGREGATION MATTER IN BIRMINGHAM THIS PAST FALL, AND THAT BY AND LARGE THE GRAND JURORS APPEAR TO BE A SUBSTANTIAL GROUP OF CITIZENS AND HE FEELS THAT THEY WOULD MAKE NO UNREASONABLE REQUEST. BY UNREASONABLE HE SAID HE MEANS THAT A GENERAL STATEMENT WOULD PROBABLY SATISFY THEM AND THERE WOULD BE NO RECORD MADE OF THE COMMENTS OF THE BUREAU REPRESENTATIVE AND THERE WOULD BE NO SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR DETAILS WHICH WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE SUCCESS OF ANY INVESTIGATION NOR WOULD THERE BE THE REQUEST FOR THE IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS. WEAVER NOTED THAT EVEN IF THERE WAS A POSSIBLE SEEPAGE OF GENERAL INFORMATION FROM THE GRAND JURY WE COULD CONVEY THE IMPLICATION THAT WE KNOW A LOT MORE ABOUT THIS THING THAN WE ACTUALLY DO AND IF THIS FILTERED BACK TO SOME OF THE SUSPECTS IT MIGHT HAVE A SALUTARY EFFECT ON

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SOME OF THE SUSPECTS AND ACT AS A DETERRENT TO SOME FUTURE
CONTEMPLATED UNDERTAKING. b7c

IT IS MY RECOMMENDATION THAT SAC AND / OR SA [REDACTED]
TO WHOM CASE IS ASSIGNED AND WHO HAS JUST CONCLUDED REVIEW OF
VOLUMINOUS MATERIAL IN BAPBOMB FILES FOR PREPARATION OF PROSECUTIVE
SUMMARY, BE AUTHORIZED TO APPEAR BEFORE THIS GRAND JURY AND FURNISH
A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED. SUCH SUMMARY WOULD
INCLUDE IDENTITY OF PRINCIPAL SUSPECTS AND IN GENERAL FASHION WHAT
EVIDENCE IS AVAILABLE TO JUSTIFY THEIR CONSIDERATION AS SUSPECTS.
BUREAU REPRESENTATIVE WOULD ALSO POINT OUT THE OBJECTIVE NATURE OF
THE FBI INVESTIGATION, NOTING SPECIFICALLY THAT ALL POSSIBLE SUSPECTS,
IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR RACE, HAVE BEEN GIVEN APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION
AND INVESTIGATIVE ATTENTION.

EVERY EFFORT BEING MADE TO COMPLETE PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY BY
FEBRUARY SEVENTH AND HAVE IT REACH BUREAU BY FEBRUARY EIGHTH, SOME
DIFFICULTY HAS BEEN ENCOUNTERED IN PREPARATION OF PROSECUTIVE
SUMMARY IN VIEW OF FACT THAT THERE IS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO
ACTUALLY SHOW ANY FEDERAL VIOLATION AND ONLY GENERAL PATTERN OF
ACTIVITIES OF CERTAIN SUSPECTS COULD EVEN BE CONSIDERED FOR
POSSIBLE LOCAL VIOLATION. WITHOUT EXPRESSING LEGAL OPINION, IT

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APPEARS HIGHLY DOUBTFUL THAT WE HAVE SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE ON HAND AT THIS TIME TO ATTEMPT TO SHOW ANY STATE VIOLATION EXCEPT FOR POSSIBLE CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT A MISDEMEANOR, PUNISHABLE BY A SHORT TERM IN A COUNTY JAIL. TO DIVULGE IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS TO PROVE A LOCAL MISDEMEANOR WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE TOO GREAT A SACRIFICE IN THE FORM OF VALUABLE INFORMANTS, AND SAC STRONGLY RECOMMENDS AGAINST SUCH A COURSE OF ACTION. WE MUST ALSO CONSIDER THAT EVEN IF AN INDICTMENT IN STATE COURT IS OBTAINED, IF THE CASE CANNOT BE PROVEN BEFORE A PETIT JURY THERE IS STRONG POSSIBILITY OF RETAILATORY MEASURES, INCLUDING POSSIBLE KILLING OF WITNESSES, DUE TO THE TYPE PEOPLE THAT WE ARE DEALING WITH.

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[REDACTED] ASSISTANT U. S. ATTORNEY

MACEY TAYLOR INDICATED THAT JUDGE ALLGOOD AND THE GRAND JURORS APPARENTLY TOOK A REASONABLE POSITION IN THAT CASE AND THE

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DEPARTMENT WAS ABLE TO SATISFY THE GRAND JURORS BY SUBSTITUTING
[REDACTED] FOR A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF OTHER POSSIBLE WITNESSES
IN THAT INSTANCE. PLEASE SUTEL BUREAU'S DESIRES RE RECOMMENDATION
OF SAC BY FEBRUARY SIX, SO USA WEAVER MAY BE ADVISED

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Called Mr. McGowan's ^{office} & routed per instructions
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FBI BIRMGHAM

MS:41 PM CST URGENT 2-4-64 GDM

TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 1P

BAPBOMB DAILY SUMMARY.

THOMAS "POP" BLANTON SR. INTERVIEWED AND STATES TOMMY, HIS SON, WILL MARRY JEAN CASEY UPON COMPLETION OF HIS TRIAL FOR ASSAULT ON FEDERAL OFFICER. "POP" STATES GOD WILL PUNISH FBI AND OTHERS WHO INCITE NEGRO DEMONSTRATIONS. BLANTON RECOGNIZED PHOTOS OF ROBERT SHELTON, IMPERIAL WIZARD UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA AND DR. EDWARD R. FIELDS. HE STATES HE KNOWS SHELTON FROM HIS, "POPS", FORMER MEMBERSHIP IN THE KLAN. HE ADVISED THAT HE LEFT THE KLAN BECAUSE HE DISAGREED WITH THE LEADERSHIP POLICIES. "POP" FURTHER DENIES HATRED OF ANY GROUP.

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EFFORTS BEING MADE TO DETERMINE VERACITY OF STATEMENT THROUGH AHP SOURCES.

NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
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Mr. Burke Marshall
Assistant Attorney General

February 7, 1964

Director, FBI

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

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

(O. BAPBOMB)

This memorandum will confirm the conversation between Mr. John L. Murphy of your Division and Mr. Richard B. Lavin of this Bureau on February 5, 1964. United States Attorney Macon L. Weaver, Birmingham, Alabama, advised our Birmingham Office that the Foreman of the Federal Grand Jury, Clarence Pinson, has requested that some information be furnished to the Grand Jury concerning this Bureau's investigation into the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. The Grand Jury will convene on February 10, 1964.

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According to Mr. Weaver, United States District Judge Clarence W. Allgood also desires that a statement be made to the jury. Mr. Weaver indicated that he would be willing to issue a subpoena for the presence of the Special Agent in Charge of our Birmingham Office; however, he was informed that this would not be necessary and this Bureau would prefer to voluntarily make a representative of the Bureau available to the Grand Jury providing the Department of Justice would be agreeable to such a procedure. 157-1025-

As you are aware, immediately following the bombing of the church this Bureau initiated an extensive investigation. We are continuing to exert an all-out effort to bring the matter to a logical conclusion. We have cooperated with the local authorities throughout the investigation and are continuing to cooperate. We have conducted thousands of interviews of neighbors, business people, possible suspects and voluminous material has been written; however, we still do not have any evidence which would sustain prosecution for the bombing either in Federal Court or in State Court.

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(11) SEE MEMO ROSEN TO BELMONT, ABOVE CAPTION, 2/6/64, RBL:n

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Mr. Burke Marshall

In view of this Mr. Murphy agreed that a Bureau representative should simply point out to the Grand Jury that the Bureau initiated an extensive investigation at the outset of the case and we are continuing to exert an all-out effort to bring the matter to a logical conclusion. A representative of this Bureau will appear before the Grand Jury in line with the above.

The Department will be advised of further particulars in this matter.

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8-27 PM CST URGENT 2-8-64 HEP
TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)
FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 1P
BAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY.

THERE IS BEING HELD IN BIRMINGHAM, FEBRUARY EIGHT AND NINTH INSTANT, A NATIONAL CONCLAVE OF THE KLANS OF AMERICA. CONSIDERABLE EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO AFFORD COVERAGE TO THIS MEETING. AS THE SUSPECTS OF THIS CASE WILL, IN ALL PROBABILITY, BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING, THE AGENTS WORKING THIS CASE ARE PARTICIPATING IN AFFORDING COVERAGE. RESULTS OF THIS MEETING WILL BE REPORTED AND ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SUSPECTS IN THIS CASE WILL BE DIRECTED TO THIS FILE.

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VN\FBI BIRMGHAM

10-23 PM CST URGENT 2-9-64 HEP

TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 1P

BAPBOMS. DAILY SUMMARY.

COVERAGE OF KLANVOCATION DEVELOPED SUSPECTS

ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS

WERE IN ATTENDANCE.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE. BIRMINGHAM ATTORNEY MATT MURPHY,
WHO HAS DEFENDED KLANSMEN, WAS SPEAKER FOLLOWING ROBERT SHELTON,
EXALTED CYCLOPS.

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DETAILS REGARDING

BLASTING CAPS SET FORTH IN BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE FEBRUARY NINE,
SIXTYFOUR, CAPTIONED QUOTE UKA EX INC., KKKK, RM UNQUOTE.

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cc - LAVIN

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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- Belmont _____
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TO : Mr. Malley *Malley*

DATE: February 6, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen *A. Rosen*

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

0 BAPBOMB

McGowan
H. P. [unclear]

I called SAC Faisst and stated that in reviewing his teletype February 5, 1964, it appeared that the use of the word prosecutive summary was improper inasmuch as we have no case which is prosecutable at this time. It was pointed out that the Birmingham wire specifically states that we have no Federal violation; consequently, the use of the word prosecutive summary would be improper. Faisst indicated that he would, therefore, call this an investigative summary and his correspondence will reflect that.

It was indicated that it appeared that if U. S. Attorney Weaver was such a good friend of the FBI office Faisst could talk with him about getting an opinion to him on February 7 rather than today. It was indicated that I did not think we ought to be pushed to the point where this situation could not be given proper consideration. He said he would call Weaver and, unless we heard from him to the contrary, we could assume that Weaver will go along. He felt that Weaver would be amenable to this suggestion.

I inquired as to whether we had turned anything over to the United States Attorney or to the State in the nature of a report concerning this matter. He stated that we had not. We had, of course, furnished information of interest to the State periodically. I indicated that I was familiar with this and that such information as was given to the State was on a liaison basis which was perfectly satisfactory and that we should continue to furnish the State information which they need to know.

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He indicated that Pinson of the Grand Jury is a brother of the County Commissioner and apparently is a reliable individual. FEB 10 1964

I discussed the type of information which I thought should be furnished to the Grand Jury. I indicated that I did not think it desirable at all to name names, dates, or places or to indicate who our suspects were. It was indicated

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6 *[Signature]*

Memorandum to Mr. Malley

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

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

that I thought all that should be given was a brief statement that the FBI had initiated an extensive special investigation at the very outset of this case and that we were continuing to exert all-out effort to bring this thing to a logical conclusion; that we had cooperated with the local authorities throughout the investigation and were continuing to cooperate; that we had conducted extensive technical examinations of various types of material which may have a bearing upon the ultimate solution of the case through the facilities of our technical services at the Bureau, the Laboratory, Identification Division in particular. It was indicated that I thought SAC Faisst should appear and state to the members of the Grand Jury our position and assure them that we were continuing our investigation looking to a solution of this matter and that we were continuing to cooperate with the local authorities.

I advised Faisst he would be given advice as to the Bureau's position and that he would have this advice by February 7.

He indicated he was preparing a summary of the information which they developed which he thought might be given to the Grand Jury. This would be given to U. S. Attorney Weaver also and it would name names and give the identities of principal suspects and the nature of the investigation being conducted. I advised him this was most undesirable, I thought, and that I did not think we would approve furnishing any specific information at this time inasmuch as we had no Federal violation. It was indicated when we were ready to present this case on the basis that there was a Federal violation in existence we would then be in a position to give the United States Attorney a report. Until that time there did not appear to be any obligation on the part of the Bureau merely to give what could be considered an inadequate presentation to the United States Attorney. I did not think this desirable.

The above information is for record purposes in connection with the teletype which Mr. Faisst furnished to the Bureau on February 5. It is my impression that Macon Weaver might be pushing for some comment in view of the fact that Judge Allgood had called this Grand Jury just about the time of the bombing and, of course, everyone in the area was commenting on their personal interest in the case.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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FBI BIRMGHAM

7-41 PM CST URGENT 2-7-64 HEP

TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 1P

BAPBOMB, DAILY SUMMARY.

PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE
FISUR CONDUCTED ON [REDACTED]

McGowan

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BOTH MEMBERS OF EASTVIEW KLAVERN NUMBER THIRTEEN, UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., FROM RESIDENCE TO KLAVERN MEETING IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF EITHER WAS TRANSPORTING DYNAMITE TO MEETING FOR POSSIBLE TRANSFER TO OTHER MEMBERS. ALTHOUGH ALL ACTIVITY IN VICINITY OF MEETING HALL OBSERVED, NOTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE NOTED TO INDICATE THAT EITHER [REDACTED] HAD DYNAMITE OR TRANSFERRED DYNAMITE TO OTHERS.

SUSPECTS IN BAPBOMB APPEAR PREOCCUPIED WITH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF UNITED KLANS WHICH IS MEETING AT TUTWILER HOTEL, FEBRUARY EIGHT AND NINE AS INDICATED IN MYTEL THIS DATE ENTITLED QUOTE UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, RM. UNQUOTE.

NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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cc Lavin

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2/11/64

Airtel

To: SAC, Miami (157-918)(157-876)

From: Director, FBI (157-1025)(157-1263)

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Reurtel 2/6/64.

In the future when furnishing such information to the Bureau by teletype, the message should be coded. It should be brought to the attention of investigative personnel in your office that commercial lines are used for teletype messages, and in the event information is being sent of a very confidential nature, the message should be encoded.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 11/8/84 BY SP867 JUV

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NOTE:

The Miami Office sent in a teletype by plain text concerning the taping of an interview between a former informant of this Bureau, [REDACTED]. The message should have been coded due to the nature of its contents.

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To: SAC, Mobile (157-416)
From: Director, FBI (157-1025)
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Re: [REDACTED]

BOMBING MATTERS

Re Mobile airtel 2/3/64.

[REDACTED] should be interviewed to ascertain if he has any knowledge concerning bombings in Birmingham. Arrangements for the interview should be made through his attorney. Following the interview, Mobile should furnish the results to Birmingham and the Bureau.

Birmingham should advise the Bureau if any of the other participants in the Tuscaloosa bombings have made any pertinent admissions concerning the bombings which have occurred in Birmingham and vicinity.

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NOTE:

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Since these men are significant, in order to round out investigation and any possible knowledge they may have concerning the bombings in Birmingham, they must be interviewed. RBL:nkr (6)

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POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS

SA [REDACTED] conducted numerous polygraph examination of persons furnishing pertinent information to this case and of people considered possible suspects in this case. Serious consideration should be given to calling SA [REDACTED] as a "polygraph expert" in the event the facts in this case are to be presented to a Grand Jury particularly if it is an inquiring Grand Jury. From records maintained by him SA [REDACTED] could advise the reactions of the various persons taking the examination to particular questions asked of them.

Following are summaries prepared by SA [REDACTED] concerning the following individuals:

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The polygraph charts and lists of questions asked these individuals are being retained in the Birmingham Office.

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Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
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SEPTEMBER 15, 1963

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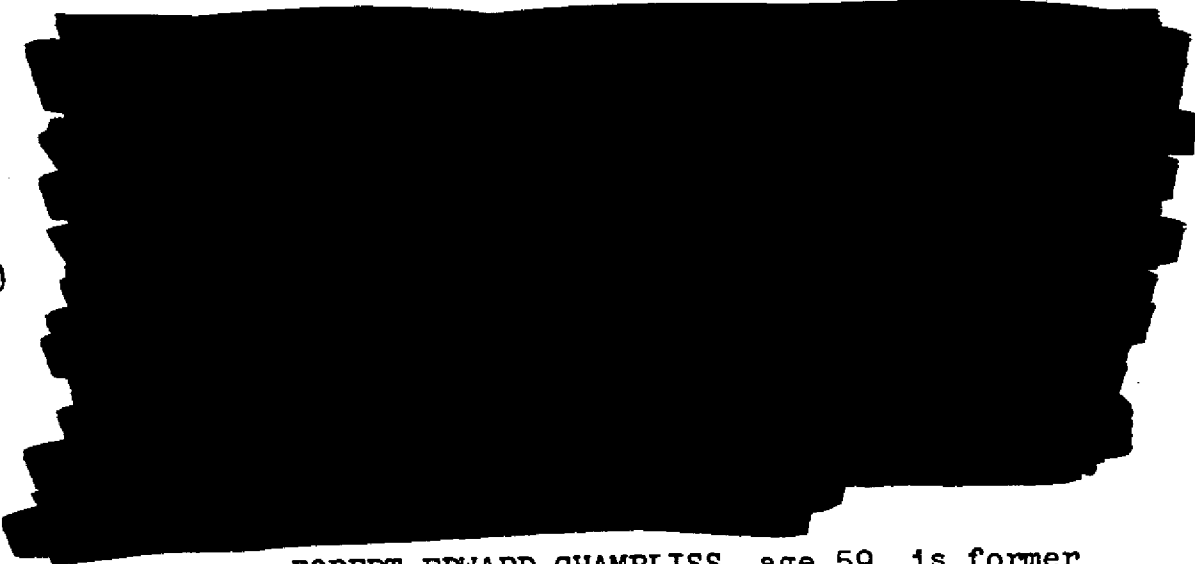
SUMMARY

Sixteenth Street Baptist, a Negro church, Birmingham, bombed 10:22 a.m., 9-15-63. Four teenage girls killed and 16 others injured. Debris indicated high order explosive, such as dynamite, placed on ground in front of window and under outside concrete stairway at northeast corner of church. Damage appeared to be consistent with that caused by 10 sticks of dynamite or its equivalent.

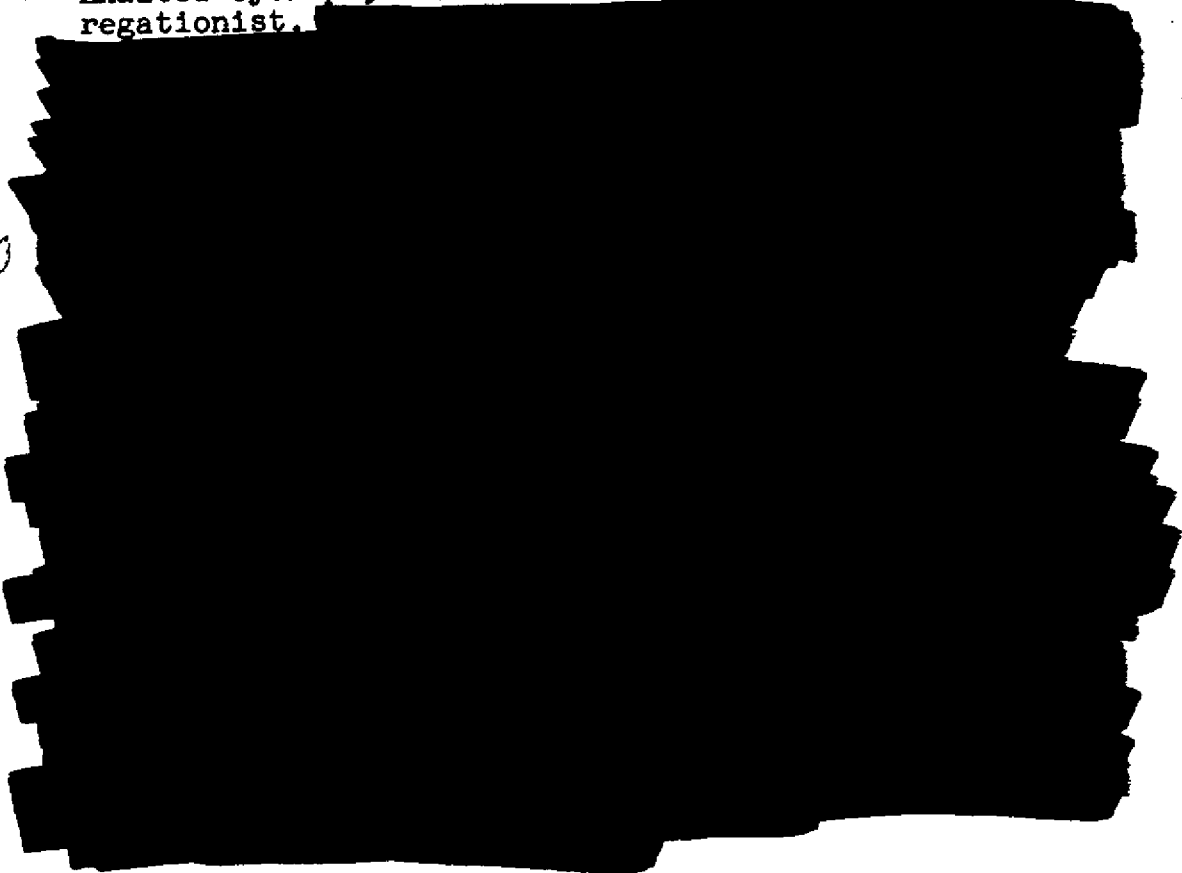
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ROBERT EDWARD CHAMBLISS, age 59, is former Exalted Cyclops, Eastview Klavern and is rabid segregationist.



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Information set forth concerning activities of numerous individuals associated with bombing suspects in some manner or with Klan activities indicating that over period of years they have followed course of action which has formed general pattern of violence. The identity of these individuals set forth, as well as various incidents they are identified with which fall within this broad general category.

SUSPECTS:

BOMBING OF CHURCH:

[REDACTED]

ROBERT EDWARD CHAMBLISS, also known as Bob, and "Dynamite"

[REDACTED]

CONSPIRACY:

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NARRATIVE OF OFFENSE

The Sixteenth Street Baptist Church (Negro), located on the northwest corner of Sixteenth Street and Sixth Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama, was bombed at about 10:22 A.M. on September 15, 1963. Four teen-age girls were killed and sixteen other church members were injured. Examination of scene revealed that explosion had occurred along the east wall of the church and at the foot of the stairs leading from the ground level to the main floor. The explosion caused extensive damage to the church and numerous windows were broken out in the neighborhood. It was concluded that a high order explosive was used and the damage caused was approximately equivalent to that of an explosion of about ten sticks of dynamite.

NAMES OF SUSPECTS

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ROBERT EDWARD CHAMBLISS
[REDACTED]

DATE AND PLACE OF ALLEGED ACT

September 15, 1963, at Birmingham, Alabama.

STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

Statute begins to run on September 15, 1963.

FEDERAL STATUTES INVOLVED

Title 18, Section 837, effective May 6, 1960, as part of the Civil Rights Act of 1960.

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STATE STATUTES INVOLVED

"Title 14, Section 123

Exploding or setting off dynamite; penalty for

Any person who wilfully sets off or explodes any dynamite or other explosive in, under or dangerously near to any steamboat or vessel or railroad car in which there is at the time any human being, or any prison or jail or any other house or building which is occupied by a person lodged therein or any inhabited dwelling house or any house adjoining such house whether there is at the time in such house adjoining a dwelling house a human being or not shall on conviction be punished at the discretion of the jury by death or by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than ten years."

PRELIMINARY PROSECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN

There has been no preliminary prosecutive action taken.

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Special Agents of the FBI

These Agents on the night of September 15, 1963, conducted an examination of damage to Sixteenth Street Baptist Church at 1530 Sixth Avenue, North. These Agents can testify to having found the following conditions present:

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

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

The explosion fragmented the outside concrete stairway. Directly beneath the stairway and opposite the window sill, in the ground, was a crater measuring 5½ feet wide, 2¼ feet deep, and it extended from the wall of the church to the inner edge of the sidewalk, a distance measuring 3 2/3 feet. The explosion fragmented the solid limestone window sill and tore out the foundation of the church immediately beneath the window sill. The window glass, window frames and heavy wire gauge protective screens were shattered and blown into the ladies lounge. Extensive

damage was caused in the interior of the ladies lounge. A large hole, approximately 7' x 7', directly opposite the window and 16 feet from it was blown out of a partition forming one side of the lounge. This wall was constructed of two thicknesses of brick and covered with wet plaster. At the time of the examination, the floor of the lounge was covered with 6" of debris consisting of brick, stone, concrete, glass, mortar, plaster, wood lath, and wood from a partition and from underneath and inside stairway.

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

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

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

These two Agents can testify that a thorough search was made of the explosion crater, damaged building, and the surrounding area on September 16, 1963, being assisted by several additional agents. The search consisted of a piece-by-piece examination of all debris. The following material was found:

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

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

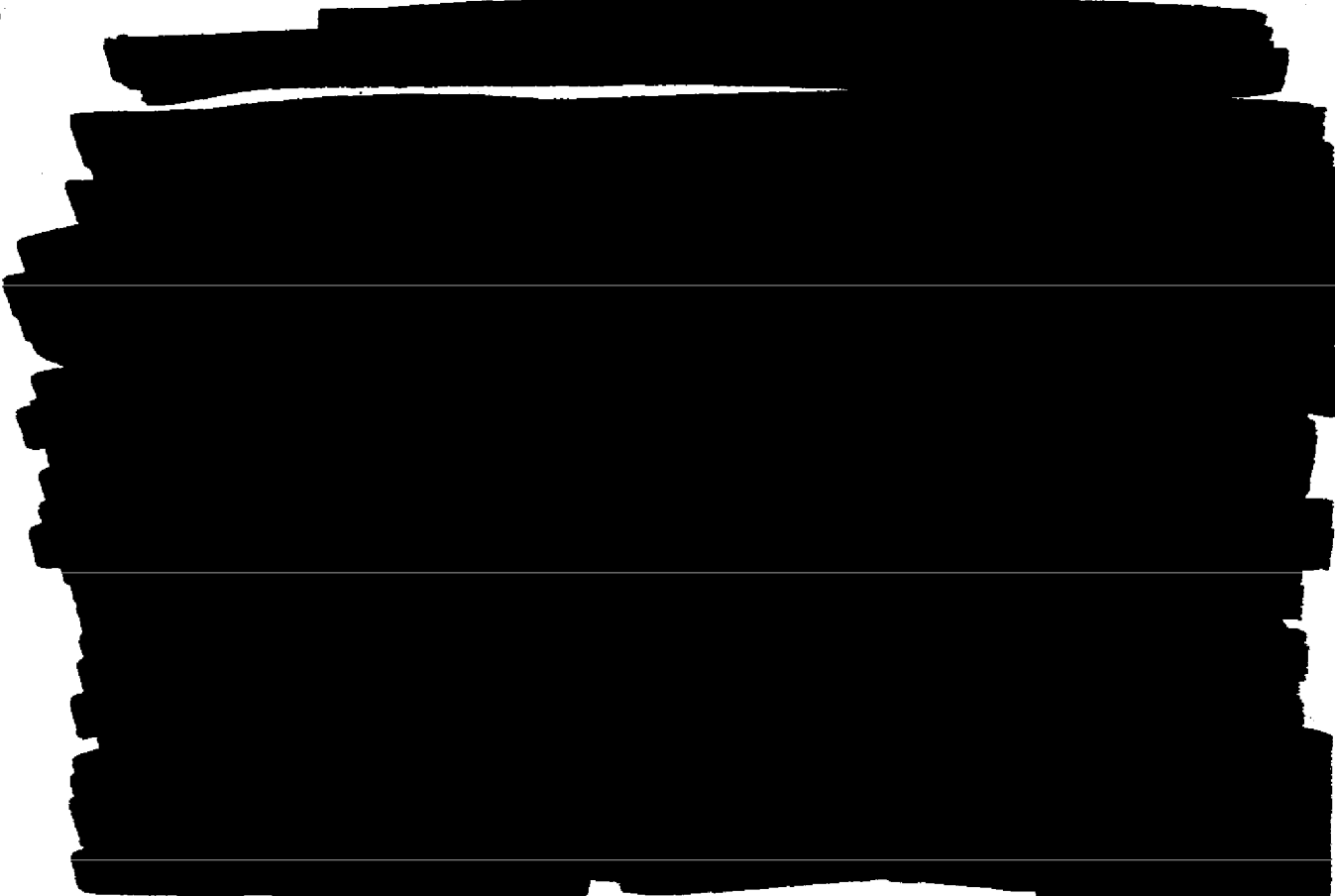
On September 20, 1963, the FBI Laboratory advised the specimens submitted failed to reveal any foreign residue or fragments which were indicative of a specific type of explosive or fusing device.

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RE: ROBERT EDWARD CHAMBLISS

ROBERT EDWARD CHAMBLISS resides at 2505 32nd Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama. He is a white male, having been born on January 14, 1904, at Pratt City, Alabama. He is presently married to FLORA MANNING CHAMBLISS, and they have no children. By a former marriage he has two grown sons living in Florida. He is very well known by people in many walks of life as being a rabid segregationist, and has been identified on numerous occasions as being associated with groups and movements advocating segregation.

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Special Agents, Federal
Bureau of Investigation

These two agents interviewed ROBERT EDWARD CHAMBLISS in the Birmingham Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, on September 28, 1963. He was advised that he did not have to make a statement and that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law; further, that he had the right to consult an attorney before making a statement. He was not threatened in any manner nor was he promised anything to obtain his cooperation.

CHAMBLISS admitted that he had joined the KU KLUX KLAN and was active in that organization until 1951, at which time he resigned from Eastview Klavern No. 13, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN. At the time of his resignation he was the Exalted Cyclops of the group. He said he resigned due to the unfavorable publicity which had been afforded him personally and unfairly because of his alleged acts of violence against Negroes in the Birmingham, Alabama, area. One particular incident got an unusual amount of publicity which involved the forcing of a Negro couple to move from a formerly all-white neighborhood. Due to this unfavorable publicity he was fired from his position with the Department of Street and Sanitation of the City of Birmingham. He felt this action by city officials was unfair as he had been doing what he was told to do by "BULL" CONNER, the Birmingham Police Commissioner at that time. CONNER had failed to intercede for him and he was fired outright.

CHAMBLISS stated he attends open meetings only, but is still very much interested in the KU KLUX KLAN and is an admitted strong segregationist, and feels that some type of definite action must be taken against the Negroes if the segregation cause is not lost.

CHAMBLISS recounted his association with the UNITED AMERICANS FOR CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT, which group he feels is the best organization in the segregationist groups operating at the time and the most likely to be successful.

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CHAMBLISS denied being involved in any bombings in the Birmingham area, and stated he has no direct knowledge of any of them other than that afforded through news coverage.

CHAMBLISS furnished what he stated was his best recollection of his activities during the pertinent periods of bombings occurring since the May 11, 1963, bombing of the residence of Rev. A. D. W. KING and the Gaston Motel on that day.

These agents again attempted to interview CHAMBLISS on October 29, 1963, at his place of employment, Rebuilt Auto Parts Company, 1508 3rd Avenue South, Birmingham. He showed a hostile attitude and furnished little information except criticism of the FBI.

SECTION TWO
CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT CERTAIN CRIMES

NARRATIVE OF OFFENSE

Set forth below is a list reflecting bombings that have occurred in Birmingham since December of 1956; which list is not complete nor was the bombing of December, 1956, the first bombing of a Negro home. It is noted that these are bombings of Negro properties. Most of the bombings of residences, except as indicated, were in the Fountain Heights Section of Birmingham, often referred to as Dynamite Hill. These were homes of Negroes moving into a previously all-white area.

December, 1956, residence of Reverend F. L. SHUTTLESWORTH.

April, 1957, home of ASBURY HOWARD, Negro labor leader at Bessemer, Alabama.

April, 1957, ALLEN TEMPLE, a church in Bessemer, Alabama.

July, 1957, a Negro home in Fountain Heights, area.

November, 1957, Negro home under construction in Bessemer, Alabama.

May, 1958, home of MRS. DORA MULDIN, Birmingham, Alabama.

June, 1958, Bethel Baptist Church, where Reverend SHUTTLESWORTH was Pastor.

July, 1958, residence of WILLIAM BLACKWELL.

January 16, 1962, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH.

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January 16, 1962, St. Luke's Zion Church.

January 16, 1962, Triumph Church of God.

January 22, 1962, Four-unit apartment house for Negroes under construction.

December 14, 1962, New Bethel Baptist Church.

March, 1963, residence of HOWARD ROBINSON.

May 11, 1963, residence of Reverend A. D. W. KING.

May 11, 1963, A. G. Gaston Motel.

August 20, 1963, residence of ARTHUR SHORES.

September 4, 1963, residence of ARTHUR SHORES.

September 15, 1963, Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

September 25, 1963, an explosion at 1601 Center Street.

It is noted the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church was the only case that anyone was killed by the blast.

There were additional acts of violence other than bombings that have occurred; some of these are as follows:

On December 2, 1961, there was an unprovoked attack on Negroes in the Krystal Cafe, Woodlawn Section;

On August 10, 1963, St. James Methodist Church, Warrior, Alabama, was burned;

On September 8, 1963, a fire bomb was thrown into residence of A. G. GASTON.

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NAMES OF SUSPECTS

[REDACTED]

ROBERT EDWARD CHAMBLISS, aka. Bob, "Dynamite"

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DATES AND PLACE OF ALLEGED ACTS

December, 1953 through September 25, 1963.

STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

Statutes began to run September 25, 1963.

FEDERAL STATUTES INVOLVED

Section 371, Title 18.

STATE STATUTES INVOLVED

"Title 14, Section 99

"Conspiracy to commit certain felonies

Any two or more persons conspiring together to commit an assault on another with intent to murder, maim, rob, ravish, or to commit the crime against nature, or who attempt to poison any human being, or to commit murder by any means not amounting to an assault, shall each themselves be guilty of a felony, and shall, on conviction, be imprisoned in the penitentiary of the State of Alabama for not less than one year, and not more than ten years.

"Title 14, Section 101

Misdemeanor; conspiracy to commit

Any two or more persons, conspiring together to commit a misdemeanor, shall each, on conviction, be fined not more than five hundred dollars, and may also be imprisoned in the county jail or sentenced to hard labor for the county for not more than three months.

"Title 14, Section 103

Conspiracy defined and punished

Whenever two or more persons shall conspire:

To commit a crime; or

falsely and maliciously to procure another to be arrested or proceeded against for a crime; or

falsely to institute or maintain any action or proceeding; or

to cheat or defraud another out of any property by unlawful or fraudulent means; or

to prevent another from exercising any lawful trade or calling, or from doing any other lawful act, by force, threats, or intimidation, or by interfering or threatening to interfere with any tools, implements or property belonging to or used by another, or with the use or employment thereof; or

to commit any act injurious to the public health, public morals, trade or commerce, or for the perversion or corruption of public justice or the due administration of the law; or

to accomplish any criminal or unlawful purpose, or to accomplish a purpose, not in itself criminal or unlawful by criminal or unlawful means;

every person so conspiring shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished as provided in Section 101 of this title.

"Title 14, Section 104

Overt act not necessary

In any proceeding for a violation of Section 103 of this title, it shall not be necessary to prove that any overt act was done in pursuance of such unlawful conspiracy or combination.

PRELIMINARY PROSECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN

There has been no preliminary prosecutive action taken.

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Should this individual agree to testify, he should be able to furnish information concerning the activities of the individuals with whom he is associated in the Klan, particularly those activities in which he may have participated.

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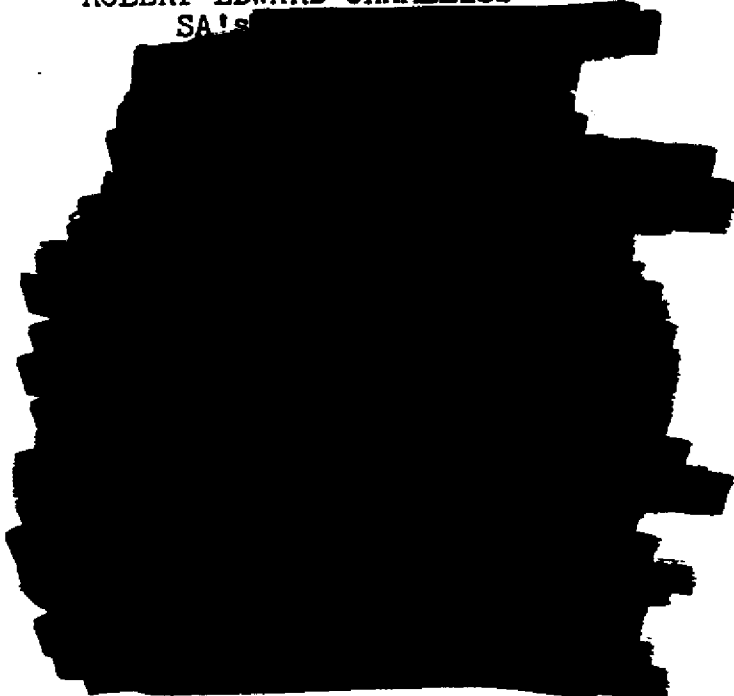
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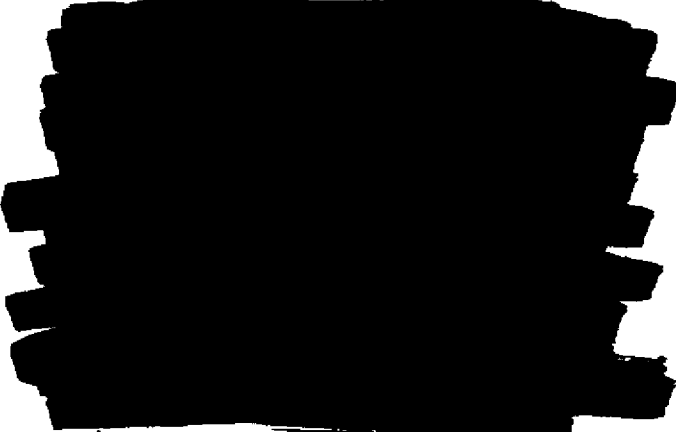
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Re Bureau airtel dated 12-18-63.

Enclosed herewith are 5 copies of the summary report of SA [redacted] dated 2-7-64.

This report, originally prepared as a prosecutive summary report contains that information developed during investigation that may be of interest to any inquiring Grand Jury as well as of use in the presentation of the facts in the case to a regular Grand Jury. There has been no real evidence developed to indicate a Federal law has been violated. It is noted there are two manufacturing plants that make explosives in the immediate area of Birmingham. As little evidence has been developed to prove the actual identities of the persons responsible for Bapbomb and as there seemed to be indicated a pattern of violent activity on the part of the members of the Eastview Klavern, that information available to indicate a continuing has been set out in a separate section. It is further noted that complete information was not set forth in each instance but the information is available in the voluminous files in this office that is in the proper form.

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont
RE: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH
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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: February 6, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

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

PURPOSE OF MEMORANDUM:

Pursuant to an inquiry from United States Attorney (USA) Macon Weaver, Birmingham, this recommends that SAC Raymond L. Faisst voluntarily appear at a session of the Federal grand jury in February, 1964, in Birmingham to give a brief statement concerning the Bureau's participation in the investigation of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. This conclusion is based on the following facts.

BACKGROUND:

USA Weaver in Birmingham has advised that the Federal Grand Jury Foreman Clarence Pinson has requested that some information concerning the investigation into the church bombing be presented to the grand jury which convenes in Birmingham on 2/10/64.

U. S. District Judge Clarence W. Allgood has taken the same position according to USA Weaver and the USA has indicated that he would issue a subpoena for the Special Agent in Charge (SAC).

USA Weaver was informed by SAC Faisst that if at all possible a subpoena should not be issued and if it was agreeable with Bureau headquarters and with the Department we would prefer to appear on a voluntary basis without any element of compulsion being present. USA Weaver has advised he would not issue any subpoena until he heard from Faisst.

USA Weaver believes that this particular grand jury is composed of substantial citizens and they would not make any unreasonable request. He believes that a statement concerning our investigation would probably satisfy

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

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RE: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

them and there would be no record made of the comments of the Bureau representative and there would be no specific request for details which might jeopardize our investigation.

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SAC'S RECOMMENDATION:

SAC Faisst has recommended that either he or SA  to whom this case is assigned and who has just concluded a review of voluminous material for the preparation of an investigative summary on the case, be authorized to appear before this grand jury and furnish a brief summary of the investigation conducted. According to SAC Faisst, such summary would include ~~an~~ identity of principal suspects and in some fashion what evidence is available to justify their consideration as suspects. The objective nature of our investigation would be pointed out noting specifically that all possible suspects irrespective of their race would be given appropriate consideration and investigative attention.

RECOMMENDATION:

This matter has been discussed with Faisst and also the Department and it is believed that the recommendation of the SAC goes too far in the amount of information that should be furnished to the grand jury. At the present time, although we have developed extensive information concerning the activities of the principal suspects, we have not established a Federal violation; consequently all that should be given to the grand jury is a brief statement that this Bureau initiated an extensive investigation at the very outset of this case and that we are continuing to exert all-out effort to bring this matter to a logical conclusion; that we have cooperated with the local authorities throughout the investigation and are continuing to cooperate; that we have conducted thousands of interviews; that we have conducted extensive technical examinations of various types of

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material which may have a bearing upon the ultimate solution of the case through the facilities of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions. Therefore, SAC Faisst should appear and assure the grand jury in line with above.

DEPARTMENTAL OPINION:

The above request of the USA was discussed with Mr. John L. Murphy of the CRD of the Department on 2/5/64.

It was pointed out to Murphy that as he knew following the bombing, we immediately entered the investigation, sent a special squad of Agents into the area and conducted thousands of interviews both in Alabama and neighboring states in an attempt to bring about a solution. It was pointed out to Murphy that we had voluminous memoranda and reports on the bombing but that in view of the fact we had no prosecutable evidence to prove a Federal crime, we were not disseminating the information. Murphy agreed and indicated that he was satisfied that the Bureau was conducting an extensive investigation and until such time as there was something concrete to go on or someone to prosecute the Department did not require reports. He indicated it would be proper to appear before the grand jury and indicate we are continuing to investigate this matter in line with the above recommendations.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

(1) Faisst will personally appear before grand jury and confine his remarks to the facts as indicated above that we have conducted from the outset an extensive investigation of this case and that we are continuing to exert all-out effort to bring this matter to a logical conclusion; that we have cooperated with the local authorities throughout the investigation and we are continuing to cooperate; that we have conducted thousands of interviews; that we have conducted extensive technical examinations of various types of material which may have a bearing upon the ultimate solution of the case through the facilities of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions.

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TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 1P

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TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/6/64

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-587) (P)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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Enclosed herewith is one color ~~film pack~~ containing two exposures of suspect [redacted]

The Bureau is requested to develop this film and return the prints to Birmingham for inclusion in [redacted] file.

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February 13, 1964

Director, FBI

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Reference is made to your communication dated 2/6/64 transmitting
 negative(s) film photograph(s) document(s)
pertaining to the above-captioned matter.

In accordance with your request film has been developed
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 1/31/64

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (157-503)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB
(OO: Birmingham)

The following is a list of Klansmen or suspected Klansmen interviewed in connection with the program of interviewing known Klansmen in subject matter. No information was developed as to the identity of anyone suspected of being responsible in captioned case:

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Klavern No. 41
Savannah, Georgia

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Washington, Georgia

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Waynesboro, Georgia

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Klavern No. 314
Swainsboro, Georgia

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Klavern No. 4
Effingham, S. C.

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ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA KLANS

Klavern No. 2A
Savannah, Georgia

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ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA KLANS

Klavern No. 335
West Columbia, S. C.

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CHARLESTON, S. C. (No Klavern)

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Camden County, Georgia

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The above individuals were interviewed during the period September 17, 1963, to October 8, 1963.

The originals of the FD-302s are filed in the BAPBOMB file and a copy has been placed in the pertinent Klan file and in the file on the individual member where one exists.

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TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 2P

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7-24 PM CST URGENT 2-21-64 HEP

TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 2P

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TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 1P

BAPBOMB DAILY SUMMARY.

SPOT CHECKS OF NSRP HEADQUARTERS, BIRMINGHAM, ON FEBRUARY
NINETEEN AND TWENTY INSTANT REFLECT PERSONAL CAR OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF ATLANTA, PARKED AT HEADQUARTERS ON BOTH DATES.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025; 157-1263)
Attention: Civil Rights Section-General Investigative Division
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-896; 157-918)
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Los Angeles should attempt to arrange for appropriate coverage of [redacted] particularly concerning his future travel plans in view of the remarks made by [redacted]

Mobile is requested to expedite leads set forth in Miami airtel, 12-14-63.

Miami will prepare appropriate LHMs for dissemination purposes regarding the information set forth in this airtel, except for the information concerning BAPBOMB.

UACB, Miami will endeavor to tape record any future conversations between [redacted]