#### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY ACTS

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

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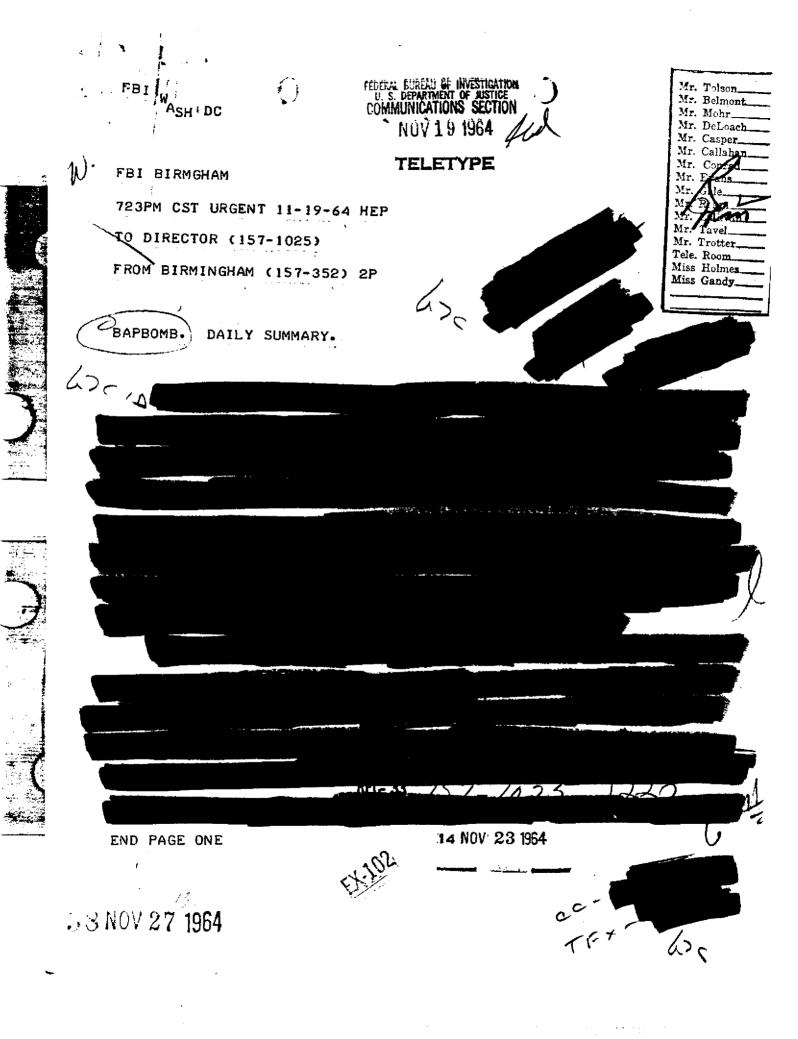
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December 3, 1964 1 - Mr4 **RADIOGRAM** URGENT If next radio contact missed, send by urgent teletype. TO SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352) DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1925) FROM BAPBOMB. REURTEL DECEMBER TWO LAST PERTAINING TO SURAD SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TO DATE CONCERNING AND ALSO ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION FURNISHED BY HIM AS PCI. SPECIFICALLY INDICATE MANNER IN WHICH HE WAS ELIMINATED IN BH BOMBINGS. NOTE: REC- 56 157-10-25-1233 11 bit 3 1964 FEDERAL BURGAU OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COMMUNICATIONS SECTION Tolson Belmont Mohr\_ DeLoach Casper\_ DEC 3 1964 Callahan Contad . Evons \_ TELETYPE 71/ Gale \_ Rosen \_

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It is noted instant report deals only with that aspect of the investigation pertaining to as requested in Bureau airtels 10/19/64 and 10/22/04.

Inasmuch as this phase of the investigation is not related to the primary direction this investigation is now taking, it is felt the interests of clarity would best be served by incorporating this information in a separate report.

A regular investigative report incorporating results of investigation regarding prime suspects in this matter will follow in the near future.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama November 30, 1964

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

A check with the following Birmingham racial informants and sources regarding association with Klan or hate groups resulted as follows:



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Birmingham, Alabama November 30, 1964

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Birmingham letterhead memorandum

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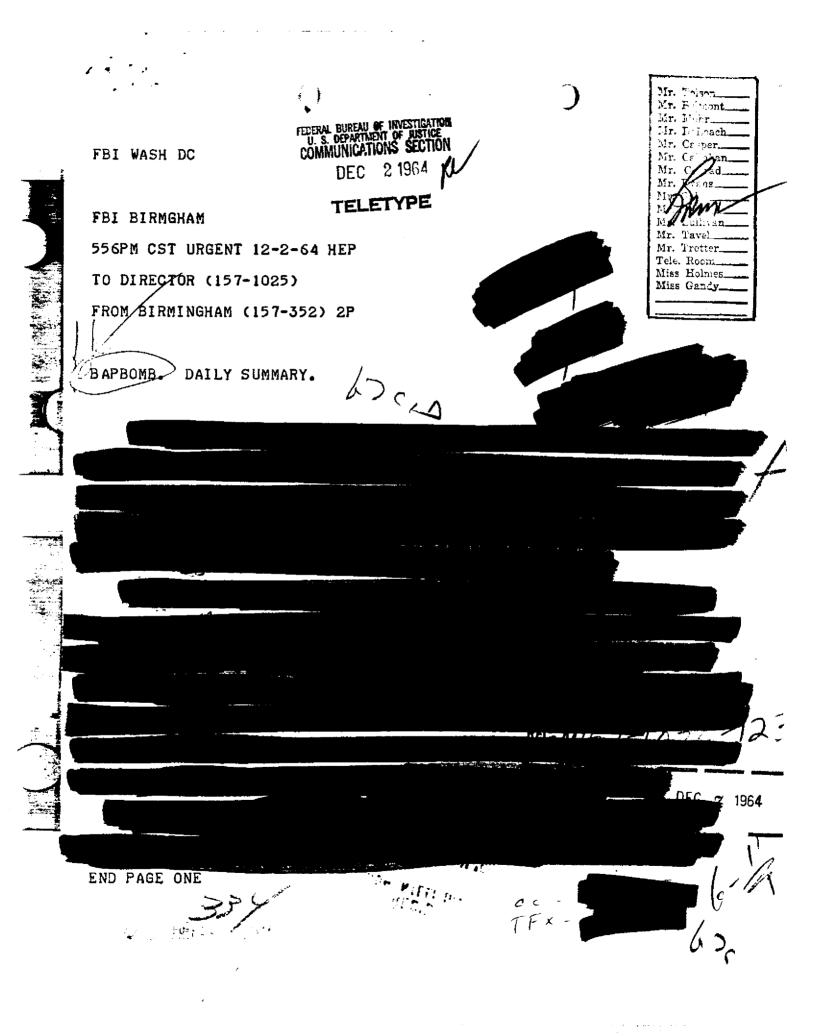
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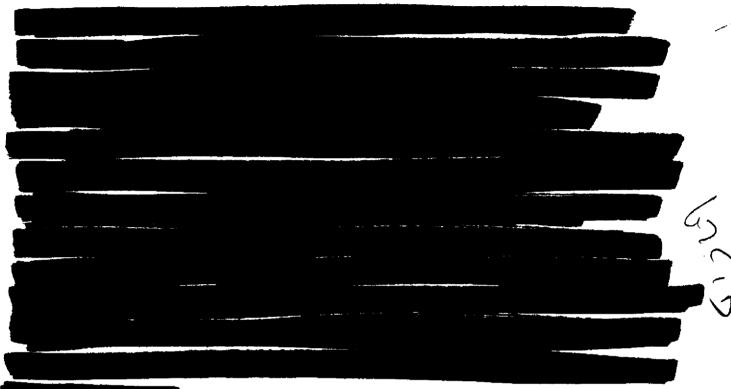
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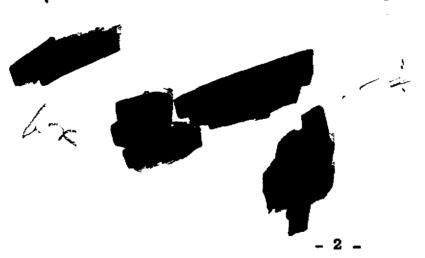
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In late September, 1963, in a publicity seeking move with no real legal basis for their action, Lingo and other state officers made arrests of individuals we were checking as prime suspects, thus seriously hampering our investigation.

ACTION:

In view of the confidential basis on which this information has been received, it does not appear possible to give it to the Department at this time; however, Birmingham is being instructed to follow this matter closely and advise the Bureau of any additional developments.





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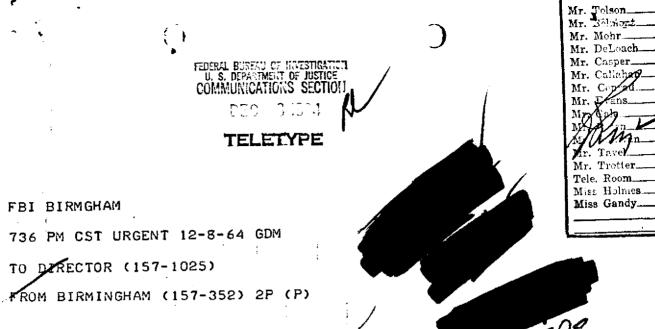
OPTIONAL PORM NO, 10 MAY 1942 EDITION GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27 Telson Belmont. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT Mohr \_  $\it 1emorandum$ Casper Callahan. Conrad . DATE: December 8, 1964 Mr. Rosen TO Rosen Sullivan . Tavel. 1 - Mr. Rosen Trotter Tele, Room FROM 1 - Mr. Holmes ..... 1 - Mr. - Mr. SUBJECT BAPBOMB In view of phrasing in Birmingham communication of 12/8/64 indicating had given information in confidence, there was an apparent discrepancy in one phrase of the communication which said "they would testify." This was checked with ASAC Jensen of Birmingham who advised the wording should specify that at this time these individuals would not testify. was Jensen/also requested to immediately furnish information as to possible voter registration activity in the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in the months preceding the bombing for possible action in terms of a Federal prosecution under Title 18, Section 241; he was also requested to furnish up-to-date descriptive data concerning the current suspects. ACTION: Jensen was instructed to keep the Bureau immediately advised of all developments in this matter. 21 DEC 10 1964

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FBI BIRMGHAM 736 PM CST URGENT 12-8-64 GDM TO DERECTOR (157-1025)

DAILY SUMMARY. BAPBOMB.

ACTIVITIES OF BAPBOMB SQUAD AGENTS TODAY CONSISTED PRIMARILY OF

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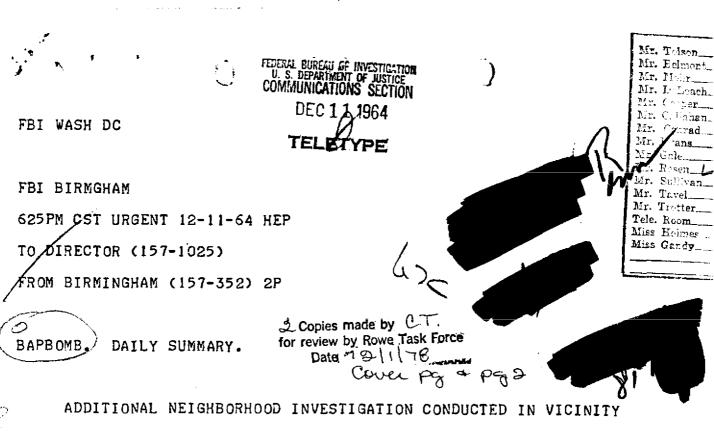
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In addition to the above information, Birmingham files reflect that Negro comedian DICK GREGORY was arrested on 5/6/63 for parading without a license after leading a group of about 25 persons from the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. The incident of GREGORY's arrest received front-page headlines in Birmingham at that time and helped to focus attention upon the church.

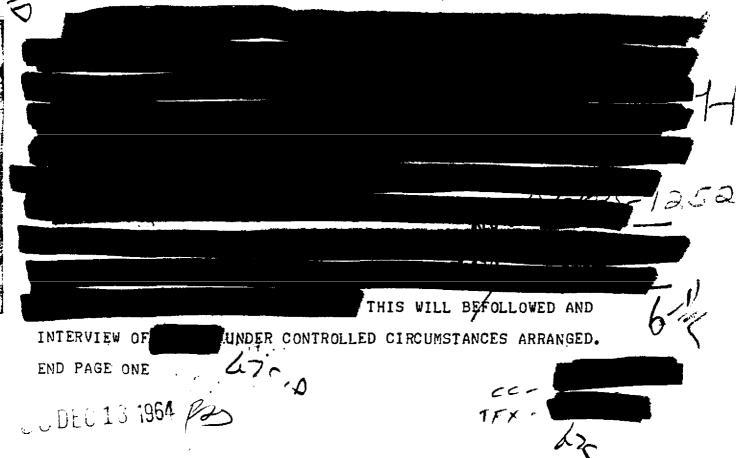


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# FBI 'knows' bombers and rights killers

The FBI says it still lacks sufficient evidence to get a conviction of Klansme, whom they say bombed the 16th Street Baptist Church nere last fall killing four small Negro girls.

The agency also said in Washington it knows who killed the three young civil rights workers in Philadelphia, Miss., last summer.

In a statement from Washington a spokesman for the FBI was quoted as saying "a small group of Klansmen" is believed to be responsible for the church bombing but there is insufficient evidence to make any arrests.

AT THE SAME TIME the agency was highly critical of the Alabama State Troopers whom they said "prejudiced" the investigation with premature arrests.

The church was bombed on Sept. 15, 1963. The four girls were among hundreds attending Sunday School when the blast ripped through the structure.

In its statement, the FBI said, "this investigation was prejudiced by premature arrests made by the Alabama Highway Patrol. Consequently it has not yet been possible to obtain evidence or confessions to assure successful prosecution."

State Troopers arrested three men shortly after Gov. George Wallace announced evidence had been found that would solve the series of bombings in Birmingham.

CHARLES CAGLE, R. E. Chambliss and John Hall were

charged with illegal possession of dynamite. They were convicted in Recorders Court but appealed and were found innocent in Circuit Court.

The church was the scene of many civil rights demonstrations in the spring and summer of 1963.

The bombing was the last and most serious one in a long series of racially connected attacks on a motel and the homes and churches of Negroes.

IN CONNECTION with the Philadelphia, Miss., case, the FBI spokesman said "intensive investigation is continuing to develop the case for prosecution as quickly as possible."

The three civil rights workers killed last June were Andrew Goodman, 20, of New York; Michael Schwerner, 24, of Brooklyn, N. Y. and a Negro, James Chaney, 21, of Meridian, Miss.

Their bodies were found in a deep grave near Philadelphia two months after they were last seen alive. They had been shot.

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#### NOTE:

BAPBOMB is the code name for the investigation of the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63.

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there have been statements in the public press indicating the FBI knows who is responsible for this case, and although it appears "talk" reported by informant is based on speculation, it is believed desirable to caution the Birmingham Division that the handling of the current developments must be on a discreet basis so as to safeguard our position.

UNITED STATES G 1emorang Casper Callahan Mr. Belmont DATE: December 10, 1964 Sullivan Tavel 1 - Mr. Mohr Trotter 1 - Mr. Callahan A. Rosen Tele, Boom . **FROM** Holmes. 1 - Mr. Sullivan 1 - Mr. Gale SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; 1 - Mr. Belmont BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH 1 - Mr. Rosen STREET BAPTIST CHURCH BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA SEPTEMBER 15, 1963 BOMBING MATTER w Som the Director noted that Inspector Sullivan is to take over direction of this church case as soon as he could do so without interference with the Philadelphia, Mississippi, case. Inspector Sullivan is aware of and encouraged by current developments in the church case. Presently there are numerous ramifications of the Philadelphia, Mississippi, case which require Inspector Sullivan's personal attention. Inspector Sullivan has been alerted to the Director' instructions, is ever mindful of the Birmingham situation and will resume direction of the church case at the earliest possible time. The Director also noted it was presumed that Agent had returned to Birmingham. On the basis of my memorandum of 12/4/64, the Director did approve that Agent return to Birmingham 12/7/64, for temporary duty of one or two days and who is presently assigned to Jackson, did return to Birmingham 12/7/64, as ordered. 9 DEC 17 1964 in working on the original special squad in this matter made the initial contact with and with Vhile contact with as a source has been made on a continuing basis by SA of the Birmingham special squad, it was thought that to elicit to the runest CONTINUED - Over 5 6DEC 21 1988

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possible extent the cooperation of it would be best to have both SA and SA present. It was felt that the impact of these interviews would be augmented by the presence of SA and SA who is most familiar with the aspects of the Birmingham case. Accordingly, the interviews were arranged so that they might be conducted without the knowledge of and proved fruitful.

SAC Birmingham has advised that the transition was effected smoothly by which SA who is assigned to the Birmingham Office, can handle contacts with the sources completely and effectively. Since the transition has now been successfully accomplished, it appears that SA presence for the time being has served its purpose and on 12/9/64 eturned to his assignment in Jackson.

#### ACTION:

The full exploitation of recent developments in the Birmingham church case is being given top priority and you will be advised of pertinent developments.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MemorandumCallahan December 4, 1964 Mr. Belmont 1 - Mr. Mohr Trotter Tele, Boom - Mr. Callahan FROM Holmes - Mr. Belmont 1 - Mr. Rosen UNSUBS: BOMBING OF SUBJECT:  $\bigcirc$  SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM. ALABAMA, 9/15/63 BOMBING MATTER - CONSPIRACY For sometime the Birmingham Office has been operating as an informant. developed by SA his recent transfer to the Jackson Division. / SAC Ingram, Birmingham, called to advise that has expressed an urgent desire to talk to Agent and the office has received information from another informant indicating that may now be willing to furnish information to Bureau Agents. SAC Ingram recommended that in view of the extreme importance of this investigation SA proceed to Birmingham Monday, 12/7, for one or two days for the purpose of interviewing the informant. Ingram has checked with the Jackson Office today and determined that vould be available. ACTION: SAC Ingram was advised that in view of the extreme importance of this investigation and in view of his recommendation that SA presence is vital to the effective interview of could arrange with the Jackson Office for SA o proceed to Birmingham 12/7/64 for temporary duty of one or two days. REC 8 64 DEC 21 1964

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In view of statements attributed to with respect s set forth in the daily summary of 12/8/64, you should furnish similar current background information concerning both of these individuals.

You are requested also to furnish two copies of the best 🛝 available photographs of the suspects included in your airtel of 12/9/64, along with photographs of 4

Although previous photographs of these individuals have been furnished in connection with the Bapbomb investigation, you should at this time furnish the likenesses regarded as being the best currently available photographs, identifying each as to source.

The photographs submitted should be of the type which might be eventually used in connection with press release material and accordingly, should not include any photographs which would in any way disclose an investigative technique. REC 8 157-1025-10

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the Bureau, it is desired to obtain likenesses which in the opinion of Birmingham are currently the best available and which might be used for news sources without jeopardizing a source (such as a cooperative relative, a surveillance shot, etc.).

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#### Memorandum

Mr. Belmont TO

DATE: December 8, 1964

1 - Mr. Mohr

FROM

A. Rose

1 - Mr. Callahan 1 - Mr. Sullivan

1 - Mr. Belmont

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

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#### BACKGROUND OF CASE:

Midmorning Sunday, September 15, 1963, an explosion rocked the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church which had been the scene of a number of racial demonstrations in preceeding months. addition to the injuries, four young Negro females were killed. The force of the blast was such that no identifying physical evidence remained which could be used by our Laboratory experts to reconstruct 157-1025- 1258 the exact explosive device employed.

#### DIRECTION OF INVESTIGATION: NEC. 11

In the absence of physical evidence, cour investigation has been directed to gathering of oral testimony which might form a basis for prosecution. Intensive investigation early focussed our attention to Klansmen and we were then certain we were on the right track. However, the publicity-seeking action of the Alabama Highway Patrol (AHP), acting on no other basis than the knowledge we were

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concentrating on certain Klan suspects, seriously hampered our investigation through the AHP's arrest in late September, 1963, of several of these Klansmen on possession of dynamite. As a result of the AHP's action, many of the suspects obtained attorneys throwing us against a stone wall of not being able to interview suspects freely.

Our investigation of the backgrounds of such Klansmen as a such and Robert C<sub>l</sub>ambliss showed they had been long involved in and suspected of acts of violence.

#### DEVELOPMENT OF SOURCES IMPLICATING CHAMBLISS:

As indicated by my memorandum of December 4, 1964.

the Birmingham Division for sometime has been working with the in an effort to develop information which might give us the basis for some Federal action.

It was approved that the Agent, who had originally developed as a source (and who has since been transferred to Jackson) might return to Birmingham 12/7/64. SA who originally developed this source

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#### **OBSERVATIONS:**

While statements by the sources point towards the six named suspects as participants, the fact remains that others, such as Klansman described as a may possibly have been involved in the planning. Continued investigation in an effort to tie-in and possibly others is indicated.

The lack of physical evidence, of course, means we have to extract the best possible oral testimony. In this connection all the named suspects have been interviewed, some several times and three with the aid of the polygraph, without obtaining admissions. (Indications of deception were indicated in the polygraph examinations of

Although at the present time no favorable potential exists with respect to proceeding under the Bombing Statute, in view 6 the apparent lack of interstate transportation of explosives, the possibility of proceeding under Title 18, Section 241 of the U. S. Code by charging a conspiracy to violate the civil rights of the victims is offered.

Hostility toward the special squad of Agents working this case seems to be subsiding. At the same time, it appears desirable to avoid any outward change of manpower which might in any way "tip" the AHP to the fact there have been current developments.

Accordingly, it is believed to be of paramount importance at this time to concentrate on winning the sources developed to a point where they will give testimony and enable us to move. Arrangements are being made for the sources to view suspect funder discreet conditions in the hope that their testimony may be enlarged to include specifically.

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#### ACTION:

Birmingham is being instructed to give the highest priority to efforts to persuade the sources to appear as witnesses. Available evidence tying in activities at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church with voter registration programs is being reviewed with the thought of possible procedure in this case under Civil Rights Statutes at such time as sufficient testimony and evidence becomes available to permit us to make a move on this case. You will be advised of additional developments.

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ABSOLUTE NECESSITY OF CONCEALING IDENTITIES THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE INFORMATION BEING RE-EMPHASIZED.

ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR TO BE OBSERVED IN DISCREET MANNER BY

ABOVE INFORMATION BEING CAREFULLY EVALUATED AND CORRELATED WITH OTHER KNOWN FACTS. METHODS OF APPROACHING THESE INDIVIDUALS IN ATTEMPT TO PRESUADE THEM TO APPEAR AS WITNESSES UNDER STUDY.

ABOVE APPEARS MOST SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT THIS CASE
-DURING ENTIRE INVESTIGATION. THIS INFORMATION BEING CAREFULLY
UTILIZED IN PLANNING AND INSTITUTING FURTHER ACTION THIS CASE.
BUREAU WILL BE PROMPTLY ADVISED OF FUTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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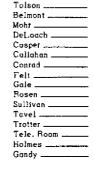
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB DATE: December 22, 1964

- Mr. Rosen

- Mr. Malley

- Mr.

- Mr.



In view of the developments set forth in Birmingham teletype of December 21, 1964, indicating

Mr. Malley contacted

SAC Ingram, Birmingham, and suggested Birmingham determine whether there is any independent verification of these developments other than the informant.

Mr. Malley advised SAC Ingram that it was the Bureau's feeling that if independent verification of the AHP action could be obtained, this might well be the appropriate time to hit Chambliss and possibly some of the other suspects on the basis that Chambliss or others were going to be the "fall guys." SAC Ingram was advised that Birmingham, of course, had the best view of the possibilities of such action and whether it might in any way prejudice other facets of the case but it was felt such should be considered. Birmingham was requested to advise whether the independent verification could be obtained and if so, at such time to furnish facts and recommendations with reference to hitting Chambliss and the other suspects as suggested.

ACTION:

For information.



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#### GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

BAPBOMB is the code name for the investigation of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Buptist Church, Birmingham, September, 1963. Our investigation has identified Klansmen Chambliss.

as responsible for the bombing and has indicated may have been involved in planning. On 10/1/63, Alabama Highway Patrol prematurely charged Chambliss, and Klansman Charles Cagle with possession of dynamite, hampering our investigation. As result, suspects obtained counsel, blocking our free interview of them.





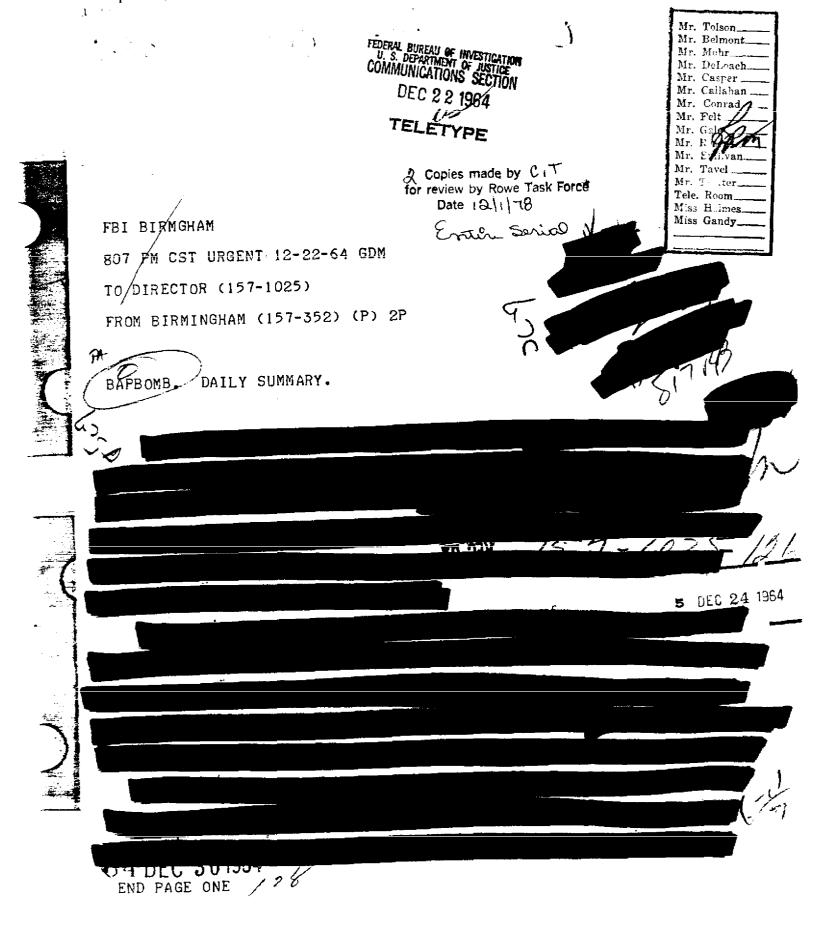
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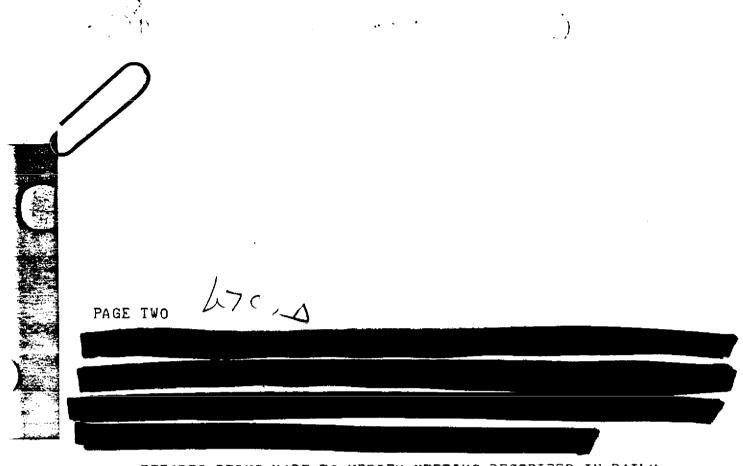
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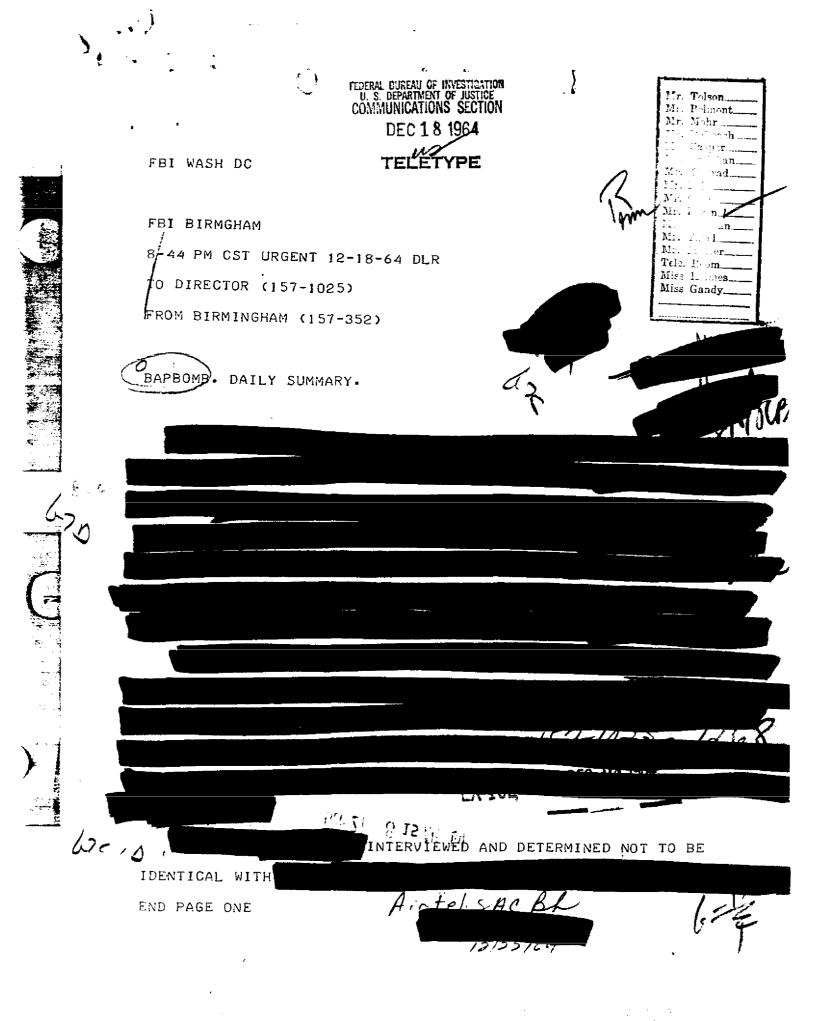
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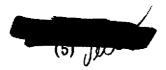
From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

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Advise status of investigation directed toward eliciting cooperation of

to the extent that these individuals may be willing to testify. This phase of the investigation, together with the development of additional live sources who may be in a position to testify, must be afforded top priority.



NOTE:

BH daily summary of December #8, 1964, reported information urnished K

BH indicated that these sources are fearful of testifying because to do so might place their lives in jeopardy. BH advised efforts would be made to win their cooperation to a point where they would be willing to cooperate.

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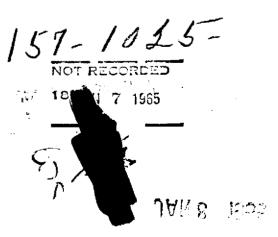
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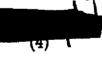
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Re Birmingham airtel 12/30/64.

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On basis of information furnished, it was not possible to locate any record of arrests for the literature of the Identification Division. On the basis of a check by name and serial number, it was not possible to locate a military fingerprint for the If not previously done, Birmingham should request check of military records through St. Louis Division.



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From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

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Reurtel 12/23/64 and Birmingham call 12/23/64 in which it was indicated that efforts would be made to interview suspect Advise results.

You should give top priority to the phase of the investigation concerning in view of information furnished by

Furnish descriptive data concerning along the lines of information contained in your airtel 12/9/64 concerning other prime suspects.

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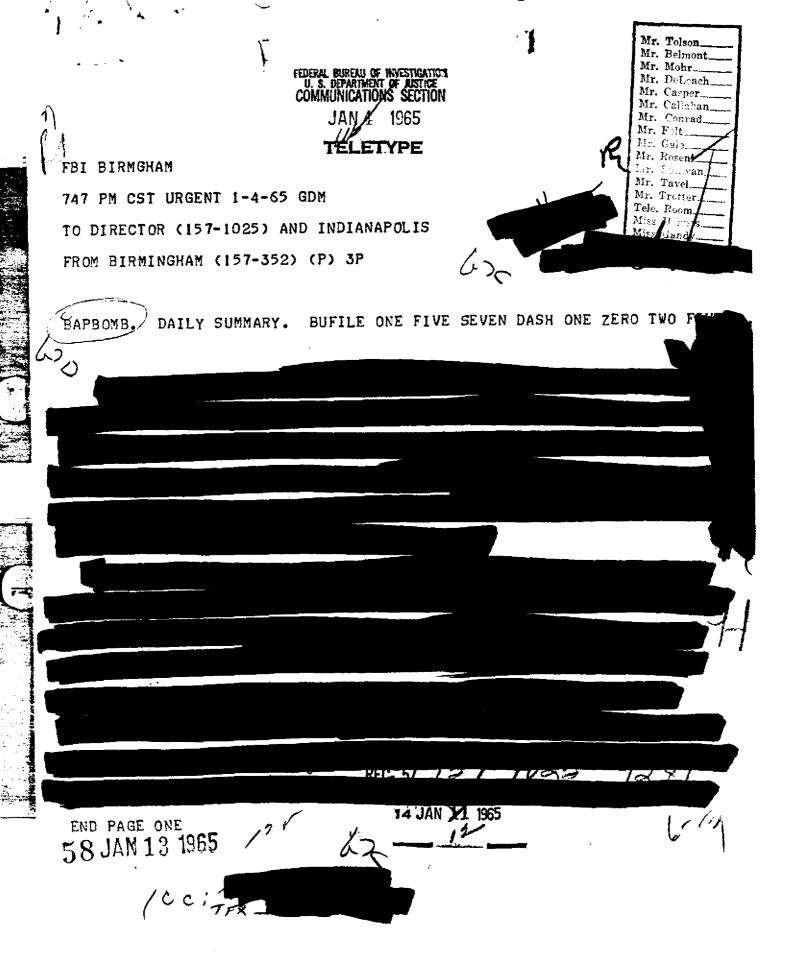
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FOR INFORMATION INDIANAPOLIS, CHAMBLISS IS PRIME SUSPECT THIS

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FURNISH PERTINENT INFORMATION RE CHAMBLISS. INDIANAPOLIS REQUESTED

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF BIRMINGHAM OFFICE AS TO FEASIBILITY AND
DESIRABILITY OF BIRMINGHAM AGENT FAMILIAR WITH BAPBOMB CASE
CONDUCTING INTERVIEW OF WILL BE FURNISHED BUREAU BY SEPARATE
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WITH REGARD TO BUREAU INQUIRY JANUARY FOUR LAST AS TO POSSIBLE PSYCHOLOGICAL ADVANTAGES OF INTERVIEWING SUSPECT CHAMBLISS AT THIS TIME.

IT IS CONTEMPLATED HE WILL BE REINTERVIEWED

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Date: 1/12/65 Transmit the following in \_ (Type in plain text or code) AIRMAIL - REGISTERED AIRTEL (Priority) TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025) SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)(P) BAPBOME SUBJECT (00: Birmingham) Re Birmingham teletype to Director and Indianapolis. 1/4/65; Indianapolis teletype to Birmingham, 1/6/65, and Birmingham teletype to Director, 1/7/65. RE: For background information of Indianapolis, the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, which had been utilized during the Spring and Summer of 1963 as the focal point, more or less, gathering place and headquarters for various Negro organizations participating in the extensive and widely publicized Civil Rights demonstrations, was severely damaged by an explosion during the morning of 9/15/63. Four young Negro girls were killed as a result and many others injured. The ensuing investigation, which has been conducted as a Major Case Special, has developed information indicating, in substance, as follows: The bombing was planned and perpetrated by a group of individuals known to have been active in the Eastview Klavern (3) - Bureau (AM - RM) - Indianapolis (157-93) AM-RM 3 - Birmingham (2 - 157-352)(1 - 157 - 385)14 JAN 13 1965 Approved: Sent.

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Accordingly, the action set out below is being requested of the Indianapolis Office.

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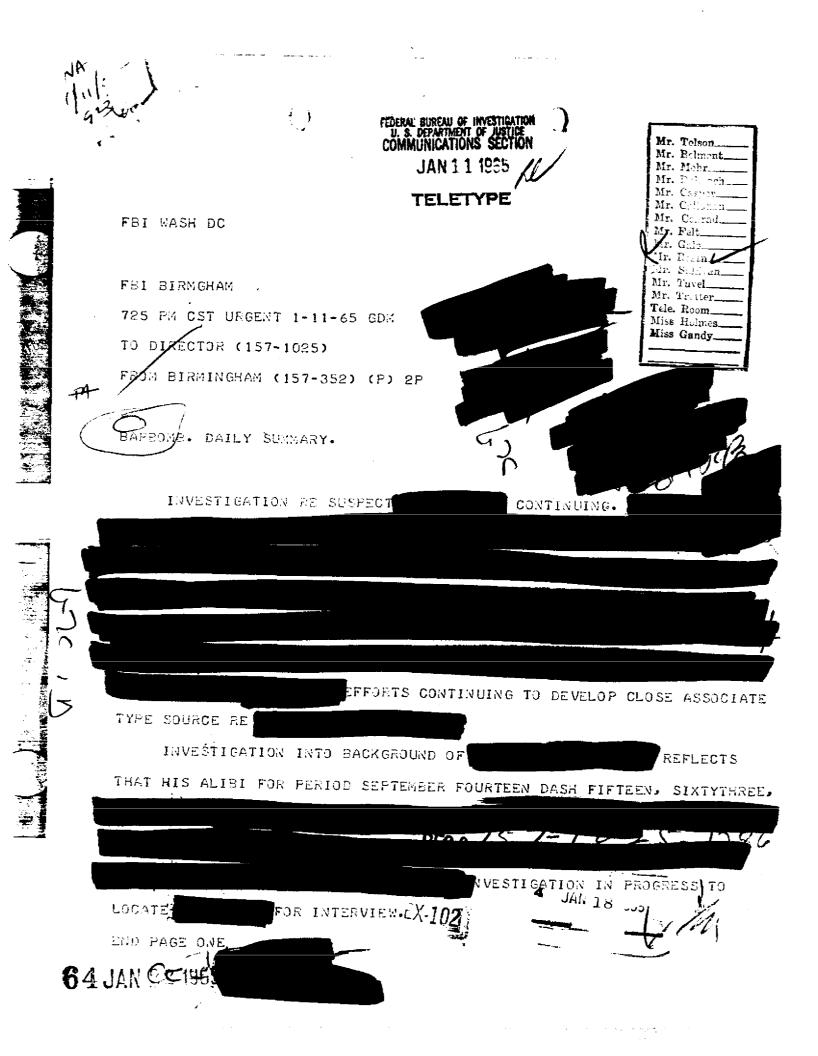
(3) Through logical and reliable sources, obtain sufficient background information results determine his general reputation, reliability, whether connected or associated with any Klan type or other racial or hate group organization, and, if possible to do so discreetly, determine his attitude toward the general racial situation.

It is anticipated that, if information developed regarding favorable, his assistance may be solicited in arranging interview with the under the most favorable circumstances.

Indianapolis is requested to assign instant matter to mature, experienced Agent of demonstrated good judgment, in view of the importance of this case in general and, more specifically, the possible value of this proposed interview.

BH 157-352

Upon receipt at Birmingham of results of above information, Birmingham will request Bureau authority for a Birmingham Agent assigned to the BAPBOMB case to conduct interview of the Indianapolis Agent conducting the preliminary investigation requested hereinbefore.



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It is noted that investigative period reflected herein includes investigation conducted prior to dates of Birmingham reports dated 11/30/64 and 10/12/64, described as references. This was necessitated because of some investigation conducted prior to submission of Birmingham report dated 10/12/64 but results thereof not included therein. It is further noted that Birmingham report of 11/30/64 dealt solely with additional investigation as requested by the Bureau concerning

and investigation concerning primary suspects conducted prior to submission of that report was not included therein; however, it is being reported herein.

Close liaison has been maintained with Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Birmingham Police Department, both of which are cooperative and vitally interested in the solution of this case.

Frequent contacts have been maintained with informants in this case and the information furnished by them, which is considered pertinent, is being set forth on the Administrative pages of this report.

#### INFORMANT INFORMATION

COVER PAGE

#### The information which follows. obtained from

Report Form, as the form in which originally recorded. Original FD-302 for each interview is being maintained separately under appropriate security. Due to extremely sensitive nature of the information, especially in connection with each individual source thereof, and the attendant danger to these persons should they become associated with the information, results of their interviews being incorporated herein in the Administration section of instant report.

This information, of course, will be incorporated in report form suitable for dissemination when above sources become willing to testify and it is no longer necessary to conceal their identities and when it appears prosecution is imminent.

BH 157-352

INVESTIGATION RE: METHOD OF DETONATION OF BOMB

BH 157-352

RE: NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION

BH 157-352

The following neighborhood investigation was conducted in the vicinity of 15th Street and 6th Alley, North, Birmingham, Alabama, on December 10-11, 1964, by Special Agents

The following persons were interviewed and failed to reveal any new information:



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Date: 1/23/65 Transmit the following in ... (Type in plaintext or code) AIR MAIL (Priority) TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025) SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (157-93) (P) FROM: BAPBOMB BIRMINGHAM 00: Re Birmingham airtel to Director 1/12/65. Indications are that he would not be cooperative with any law enforcement agencies. There are no known . Klan-type or other racial or hate group organizations in Porter County, Indiana, where Chesterton is located. The following investigation was conducted by on 1/21/65: REC 51 15-7-1025=1393 - Bureau (RM) Birmingham (157-352) Indianapolis 1 JAN 27 1965 Aintel: SACS BH, IP CC E. Wind

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It should be noted that if consideration is given for interviewing with the assistance of a polygraph operator, that the Chicago Division Office is approximately 50 miles from Chesterton, Indiana.

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At Birmingham, Alabama

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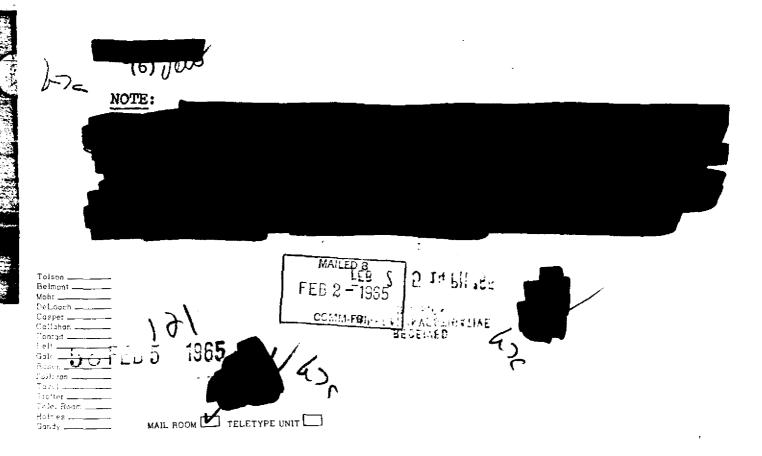
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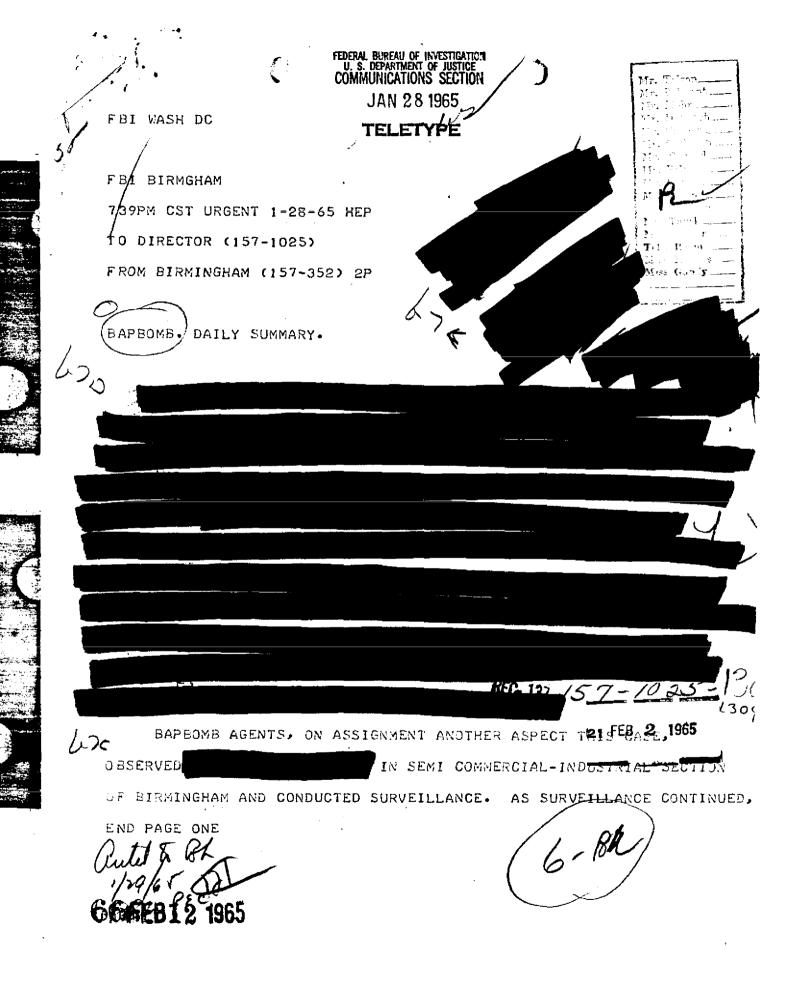
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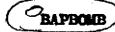
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TO SAC BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025)



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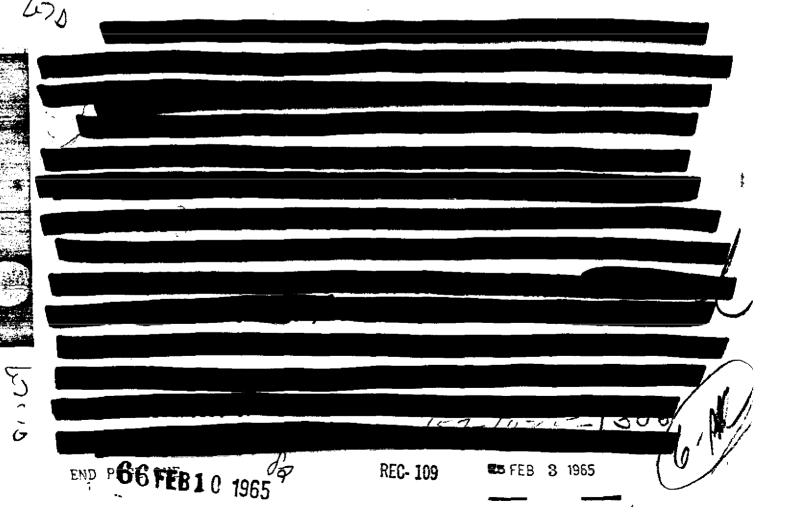
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From: Director, FBI 157-1025-1209

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Enclosed for each office is a self-explanatory memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Criminal Division, Department of Justice, dated 1/29/65.

Jackson is referred to captioned ' Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, Meshoba County Klavern, Philadelphia, Mississippi: Pacial Matters," and Et Al - Victims, Civil Kights; Election Laws. 44-26483, captioned

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TO

Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: January 29, 1965

HJM: AMP: cap 144-1-906

FROM:

Herbert J. Miller, Jr. Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division

SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63

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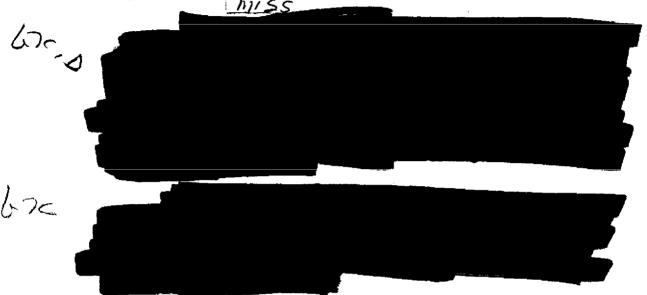
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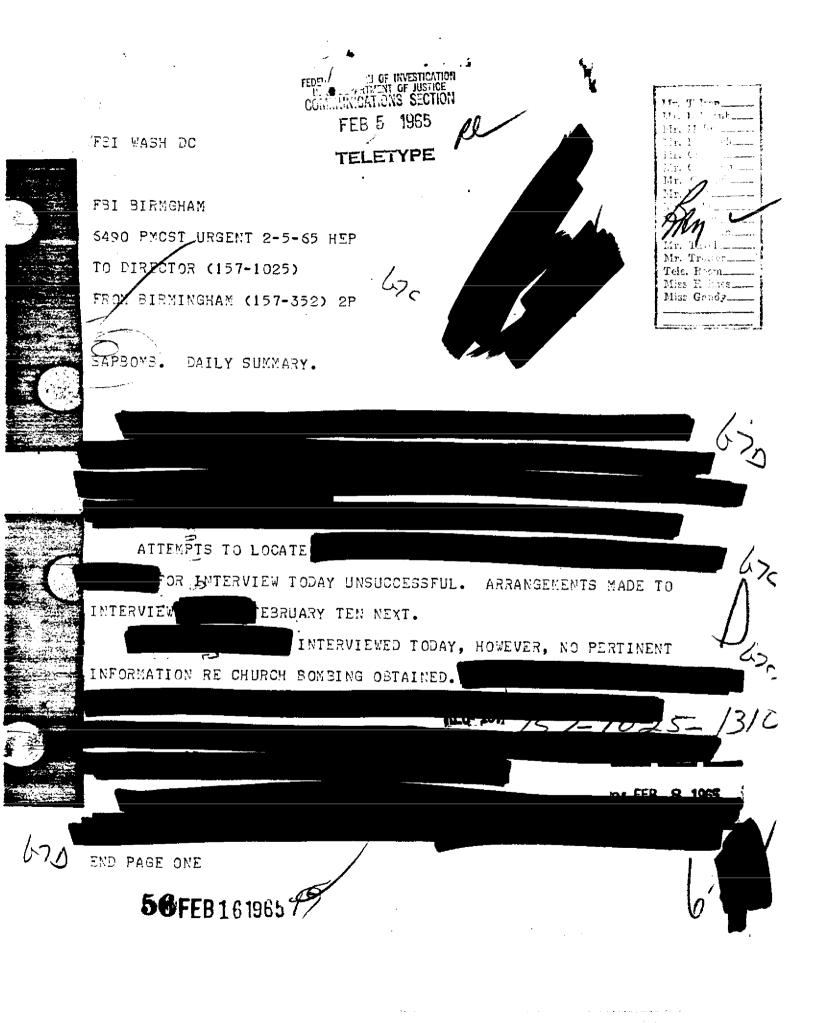
The Washington Star in its January 27, 1965 issue under dateline of Meridian, Mississippi (AP) reported the court proceedings in connection with the argument of various motions before United States District Court Judge Harold Cex filed by attorneys for 16 men indicted by a federal grand jury for conspiracy and violation of civil rights arising from the slayings of Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James Chaney.

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The article stated that defense attorneys contended that the defendants were unlawfully detained after their arrest on December 4, 1964. The article continued: "IAUREL-WEIR, a Philadelphia defense attorney, claimed the detention amounted to 'prejudicial treatment' which in effect resulted in a public trial."







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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025)

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ANY DISCUSSION WITH U. S. ATTORNEY AT THIS TIME APPEARS TO BE PREMATURE, AND WHEN WE HAVE EFFECTIVE WITNESSES READY AND WILLING TO TESTIFY IN STATE AND/OR FEDERAL COURT THE MATTER WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR DECISION AS TO WHETHER PROSECUTION WILL BE BY FEDERAL OR STATE

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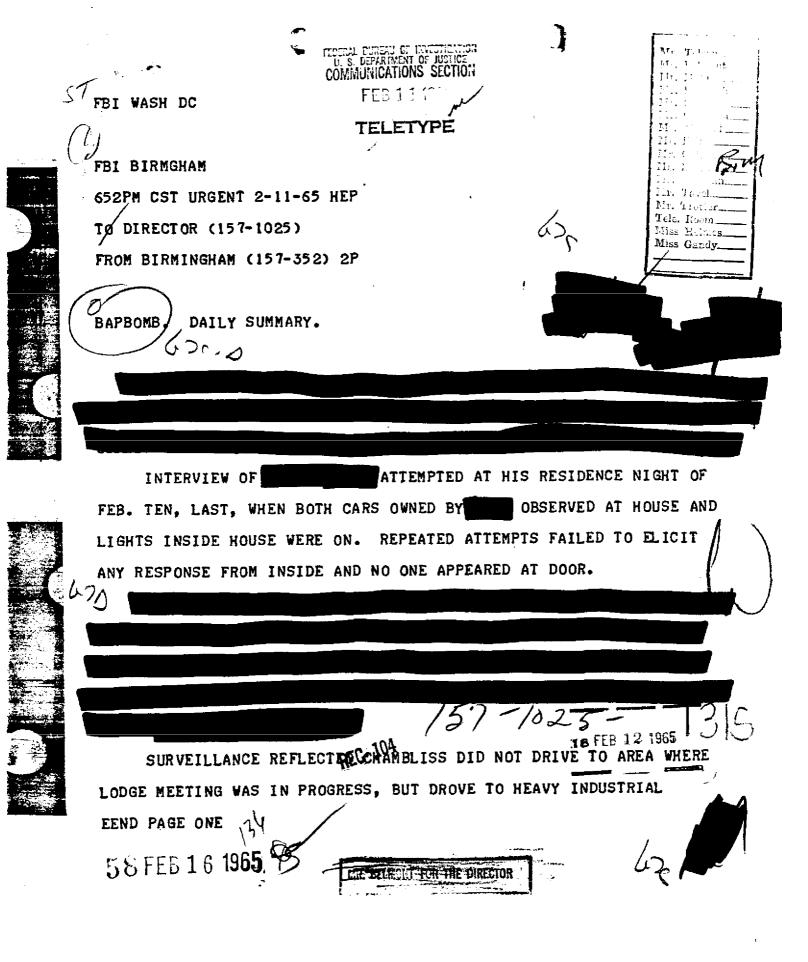
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### 2/10/65 GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, 9/15/63, in which four Negro children were killed.

Birmingham being advised any discussion with the U. S. Attorney at this time would be premature and when we have effective witnesses ready and willing to testify in State and/or Federal Court, the matter will be taken up with the Department for a decision as to whether prosecution will be by Federal or State authorities.



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FROM BIRMINGHAM 092252

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USA MACON L. WEAVER AND HIS CHIEF ASSISTANT, AUSA R. MACEY TAYLOR, WHILE GENERALLY COGNIZANT OF SOME KNOWLEDGE OF THIS CASE, HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED OF IDENTITIES OF EACH SUSPECT, NOR ARE THEY AWARE OF THE EVIDENCE DEVELOPED TO DATE. BUREAU AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED FOR SAC, BIRMINGHAM, AND AGENT HANDLING INSTANT CASE TO HOLD INFORMAL TYPE DISCUSSION WITH WEAVER AND TAYLOR WITHOUT DISCLOSING IDENTITIES OF WITNESSES AND SOURCES IN ORDER THAT FULL APPRECIATION OF THE PROSECUTIVE PROBLEMS INVOLVED ARE KNOWN SO THAT SOLUTIONS OR ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION MAY BE KEPT UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION.

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CC-MR. SULLIVAN

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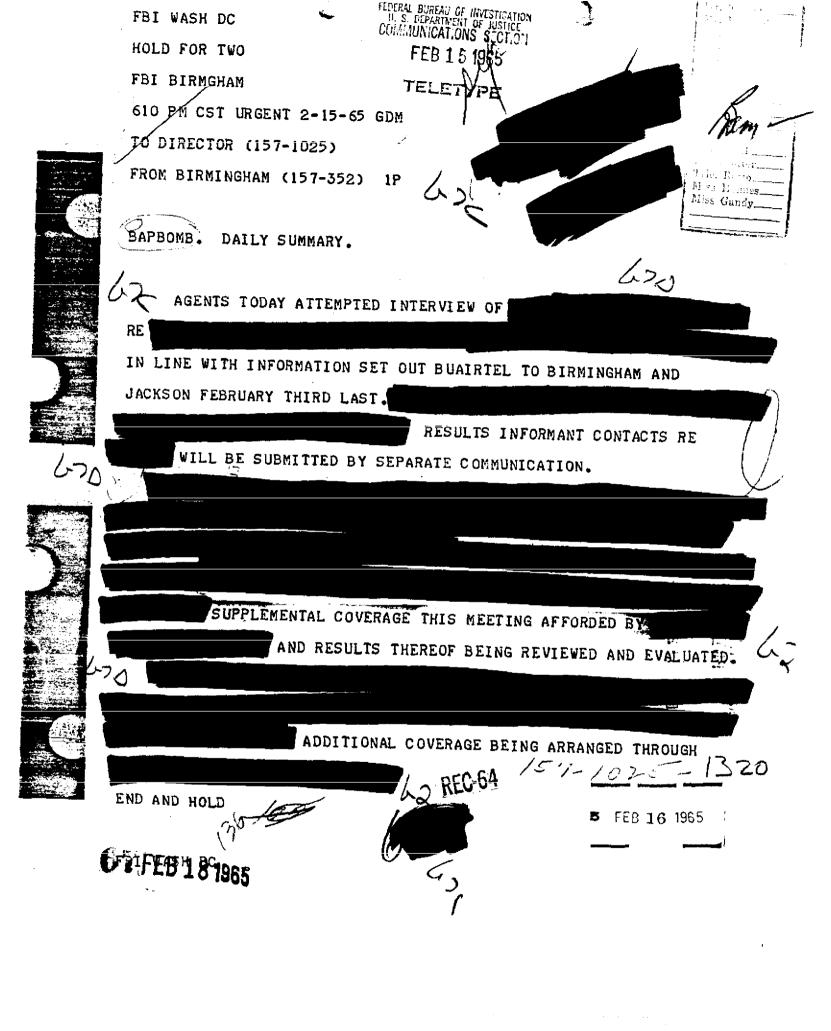
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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

RE: BAPBOMB

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#### ACTION TAKEN:

Based on SAC Ingram's comment that full security was assured and the importance and urgency of making this installation, authority for the installation was granted.



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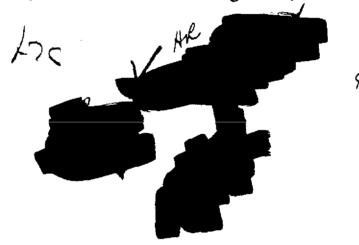
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	SUBJECT:	BAPBOMB	
		(OO: BIRMINGHAM)	
		RE:	
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	gation cond in Indianar	For information Indianapolis, background investicerning as reflected polis airtel 1/23/65, is sufficient and no additional garding is considered necessary.	
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from interview if the interview is conducted by an Agent naving detailed knowledge of instant matter, including that information furnished by

Accordingly, Bureau authority is requested for Birmingham Office, to whom this case is assigned, to conduct interview of Indiana, assisted by Indianapolis Agent The dangted previous background investigation regarding If Bureau authority is granted, it is planned that Sa on Tuesday, 2/23/65, will travel to Indianapolis via commercial air transportation and upon arrival Indianapolis Office, coordinate with Indianapolis Agent for immediate interview of Sa absence from Birmingham Office not expected to exceed three days.



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To:

SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

From:

Director, FBI (157-1025)

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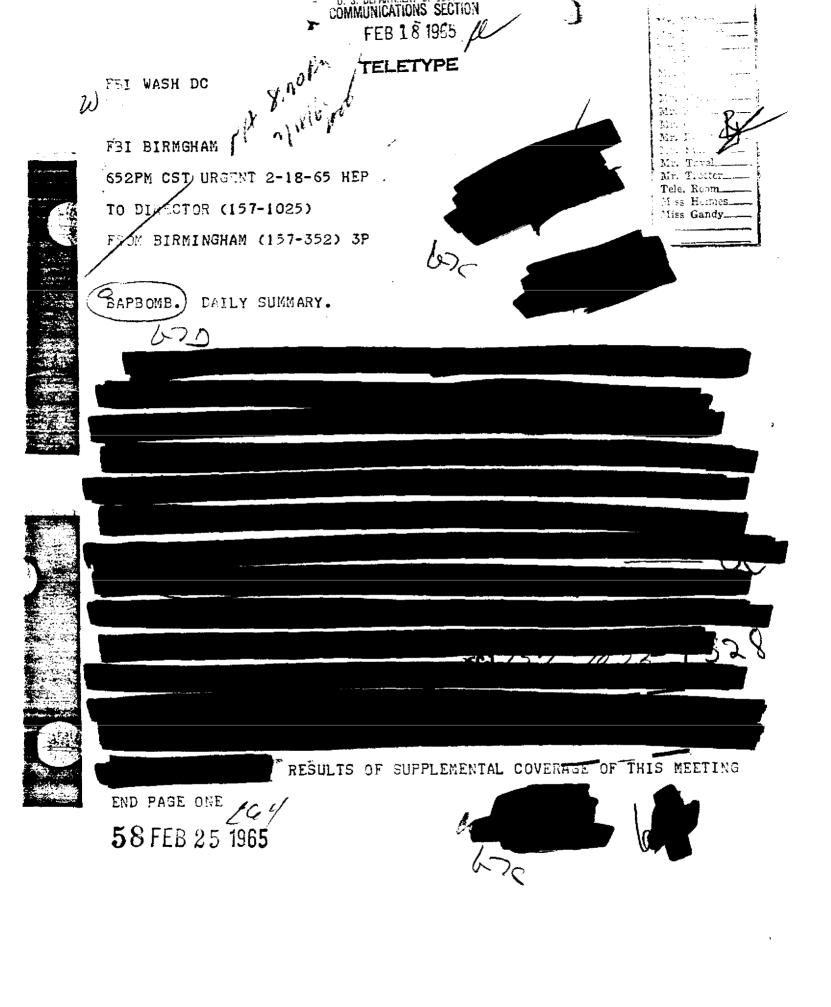
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NOTE: This is the case involving the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingha, Alabama, 9/15/63, in which four Negro children were killed.

Sirmingham requested that an Agent having full background information in this investigation be present in interviewing It is recommended that this authority be granted in view of the importance of this case which investigation has been in progress for 17 months.

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TO SAC BIRMINGHAM (15741552)

REC. 44

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB. JUNE

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PROVIDED FULL SECURITY ASSURED, PROCEED WITH

INSTALLATION OF MICROPHONE AND RECORDING EQUIPMENT IN

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NOTE:

principal suspect of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, on 9/15/63, in which four little Negro girls were killed.

Birmingham advises security assured

It is recommended this coverage be afforded due to the importance of this case.

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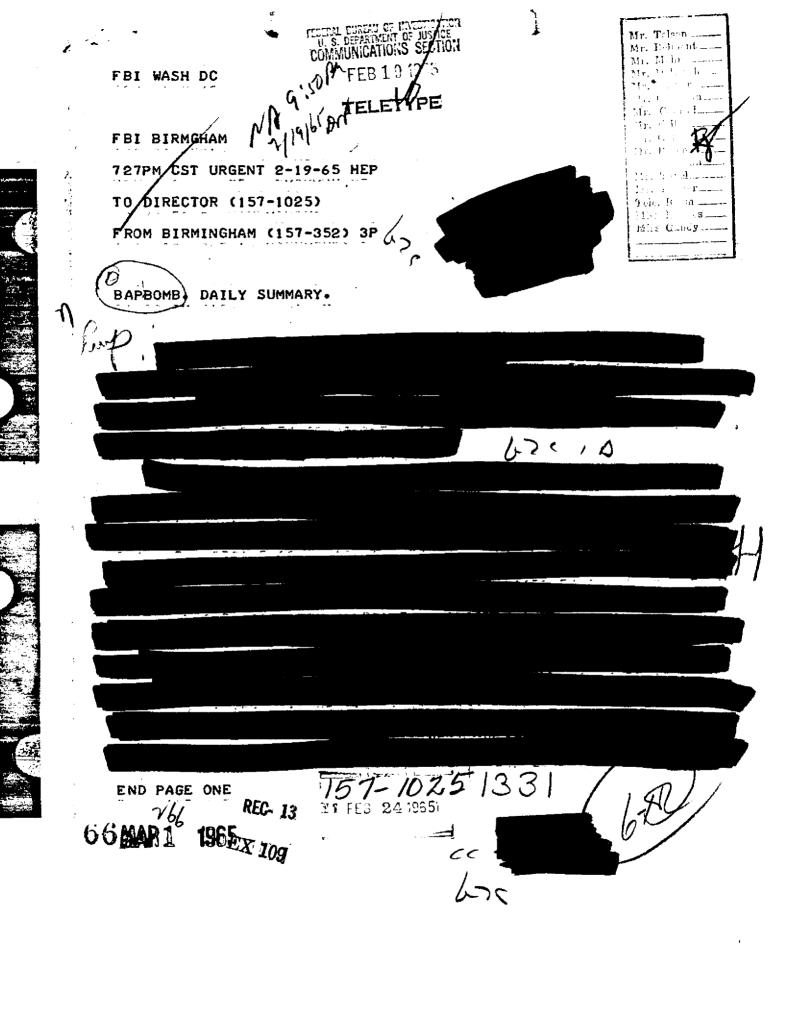
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APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY AT BIRMINGHAM TO OBTAIN FURTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION RE MAY BE OF MONTGOMERY, ALA., AND TO IDENTIFY 420 END PAGETWO

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AND LOCATE THEM FOR INTERVIEW. IT IS NOTED INDICES SEARCH AND FILE REVIEW, BIRMINGHAM, FAILED TO REFLECT EITHER OF THESE NAMES HAVE AS YET BEEN MENTIONED IN THE INVESTIGATION OF INSTANT MATTER.

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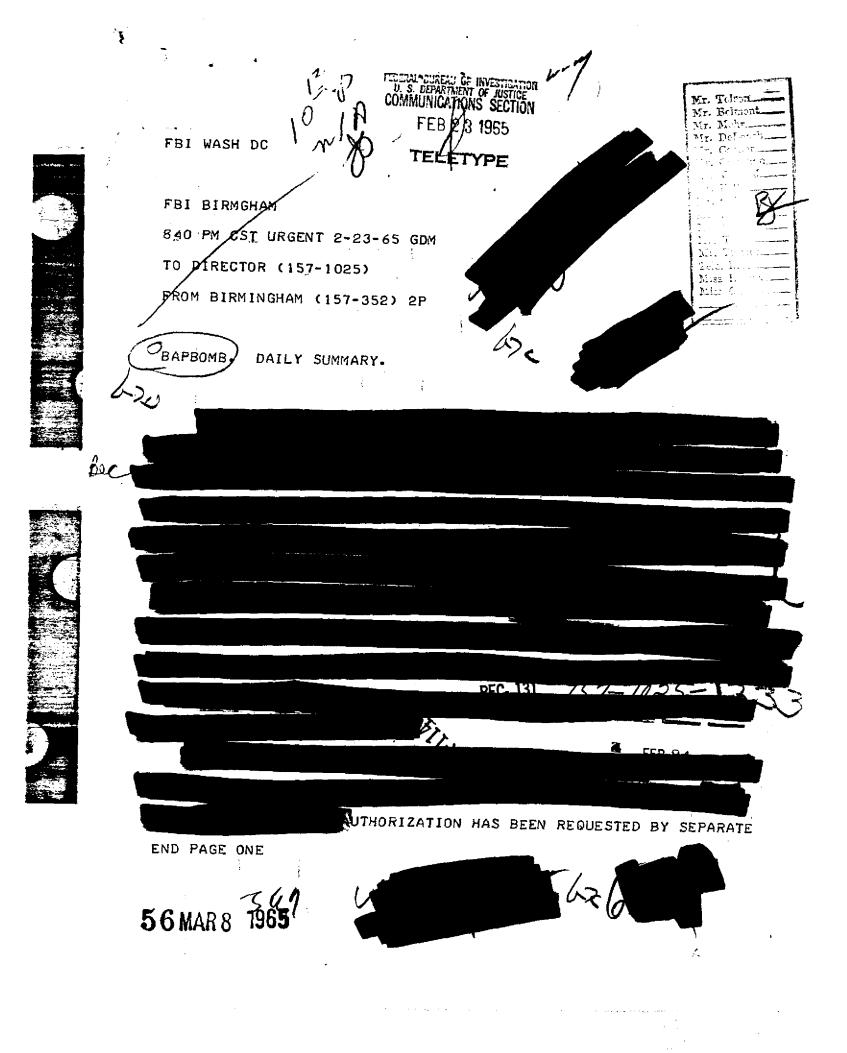
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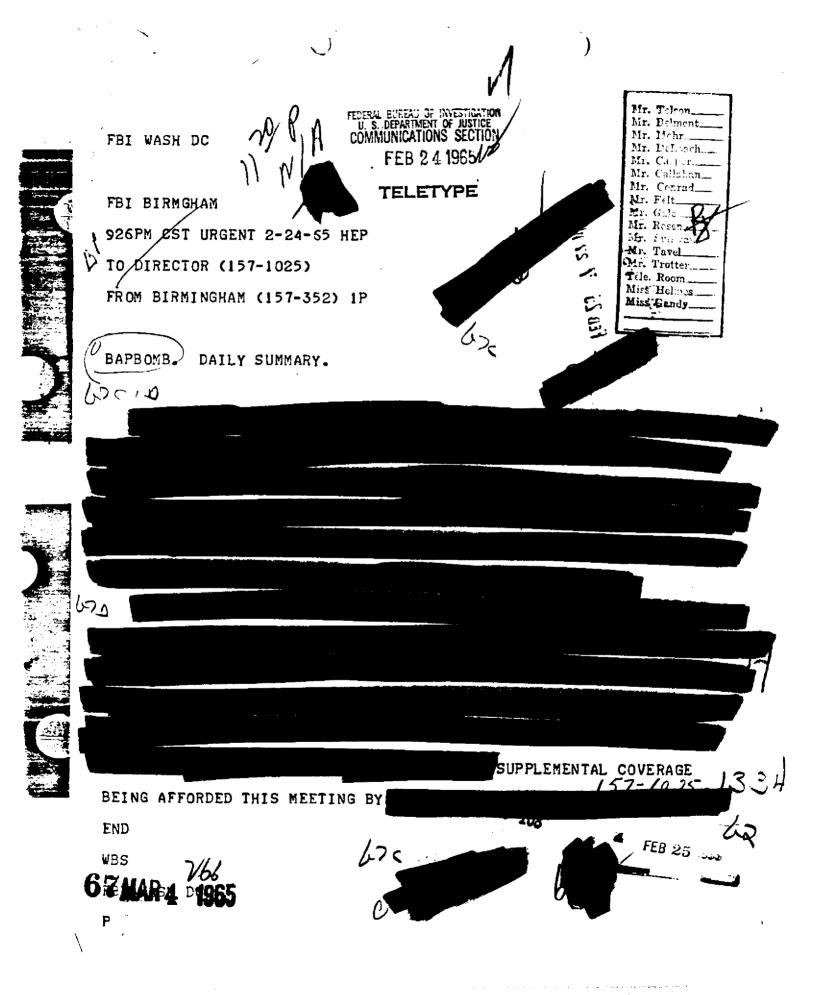
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	FROM: F SAC, B	IRMINGHAM (157-352)
	SUBJECT: BAPBOM	B
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#### BH 157-352

The Birmingham Office has a K-3 Variable Speed Transcriber; however, due to the nature of the tape and the possible evidence contained thereon, it was not used to attempt to transcribe the tape in an intelligible manner.

The Electronics Section is requested to review this tape and take the necessary steps to reproduce an intelligible tape. It would be appreciated if this matter could be expedited and the tapes returned to the Birmingham Office for review in order to evaluate the information contained on the tape, as well as the results of this installation, for consideration of other installations of this type in the near future.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C.

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то: FBI, Birmingham (157-352) (Р)

te: February 16, 1965

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Re: BAPBOMB

John Edgar Hoover, Director REC- 56 FBI File No. 157-1025 /3.3 7

Examination requested by:

FBI, Birmingham

Reference:

Airtel 2/4/65

Examination requested:

Electronics

second was submitted by Birmingham with the comment that the recording speed had not been constant. Birmingham made the request that the Electronics Section review the tape and make an intelligible copy for evaluation by Birmingham.

Q29 and three 7" reels of tape containing a copy of the periods on Q29 when the automobile was occupied, are being sent to Birmingham under separate cover.

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Date: FB1 File No. February 16, 1965

157-1025 Lab. No. E-278 IP

**BAPBOMB** 

Specimens received 2/5/65

One 5" magnetic recording sound tape Q29

#### Result of Examination:

Q29 was reviewed and it was determined that the recording speed had varied from 15/16 inches per second at the beginning of the reel to approximately 60% of this speed near the end of the reel.

A copy, on three 7" reels, was made of Q29 with the speed of Q29 constantly being adjusted to make the recorded material intelligible.

Q29 and the copy, consisting of three 7" reels, are being sent to Birmingham under separate cover.

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: BAPBOMB

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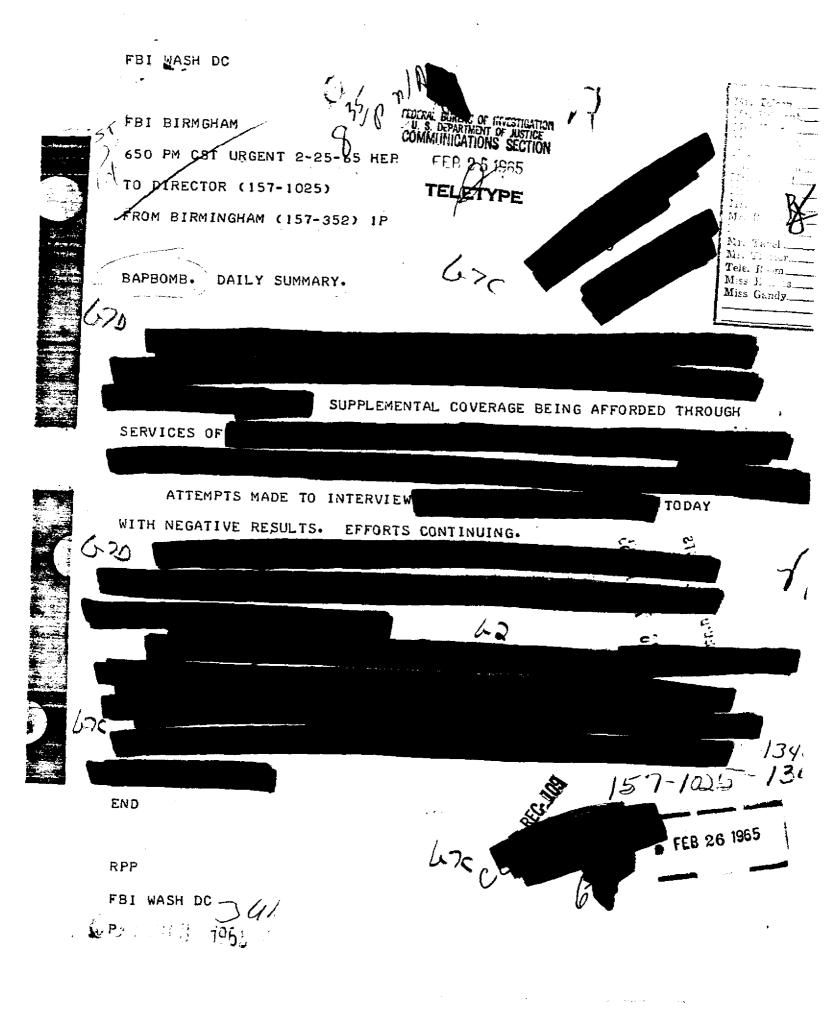
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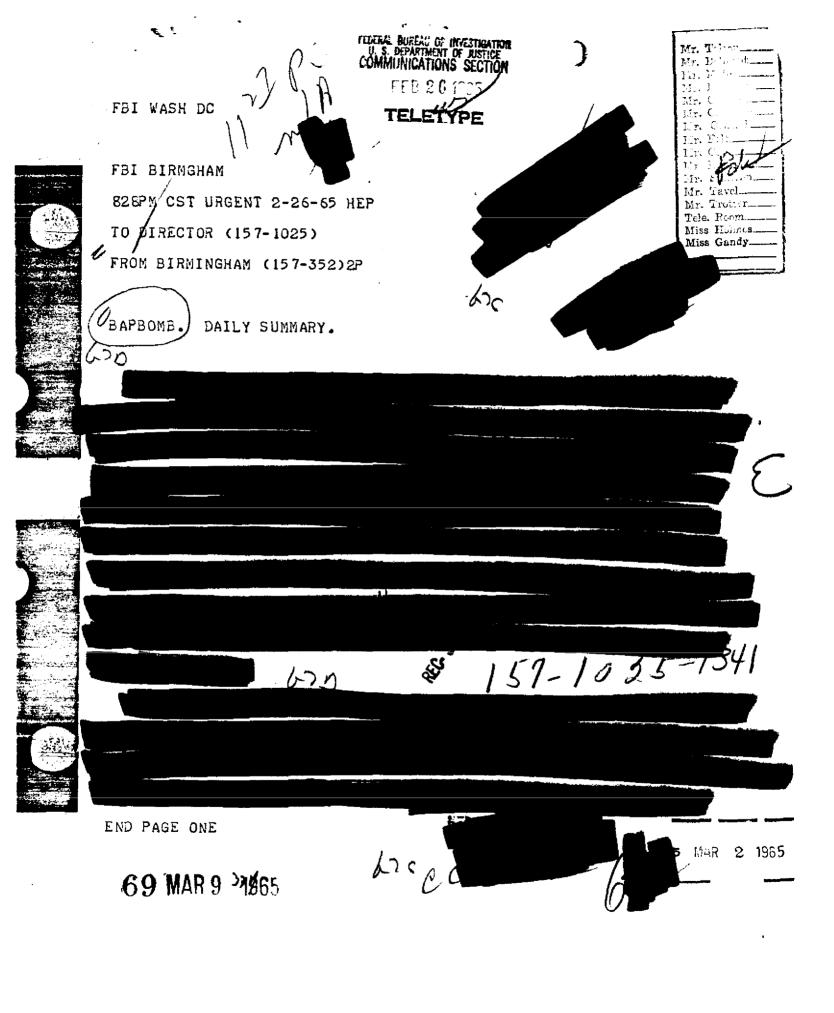
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SACs, Birmingham Jackson

Director, FBI From:

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By return mail advise date and caption of communication submitted in response to referenced communication. If this matter has not been handled, handle immediately and advise reason for delay.

NOTE:

On 2/3/64 the Birmingham and Jackson Divisions were requested to advise the Bureau of having racial informants contacted concerning the connection of

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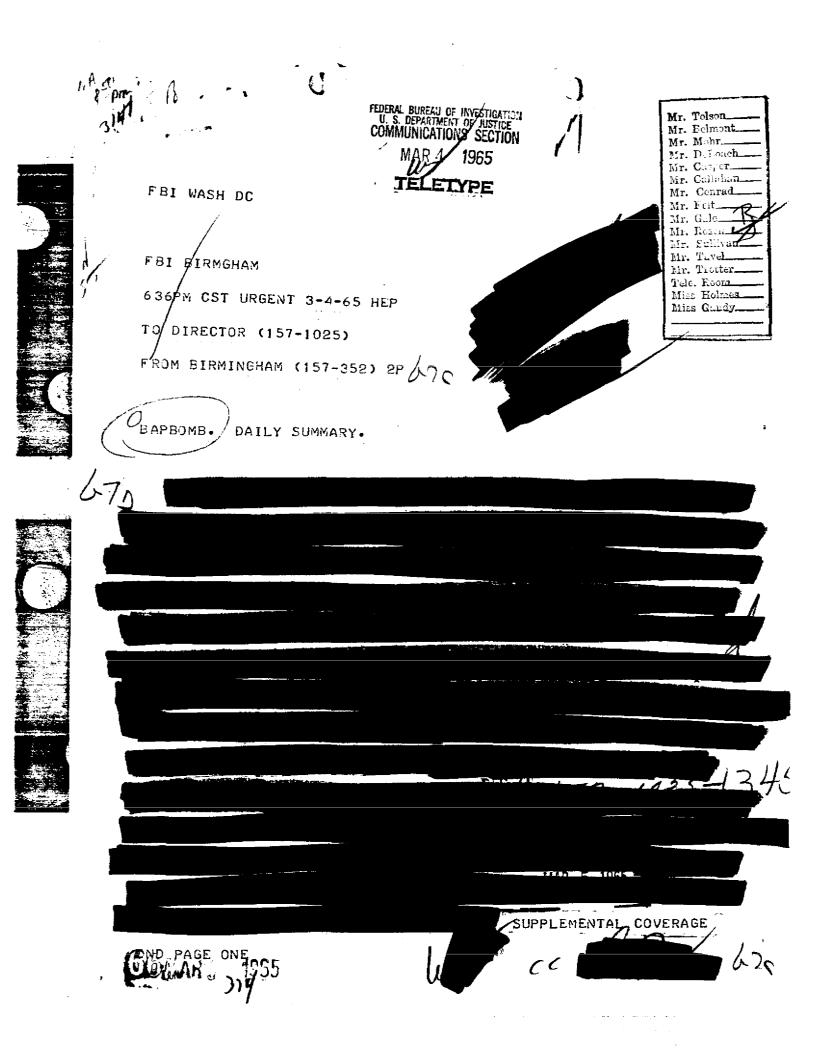
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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 18 MAY 1942 EDITION GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MemorandumCallahan Contad Mr. Belmont DATE: March 3, 1965 Sullivan Tavel. Trotter Tele, Room A. Rosen FROM 1 - Mr. Belmont 1 - Mr. Rosen UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BOMBING SUBJECT: 1 - Mr. OKSIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST 1 - Mr. CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM. 1 - Mr. ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963 BOMBING MATTER This is the case involving the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63, in which four Negro children were killed. In view of the time element, SAC Ingram was authorized to proceed with the installation as has been done on previous occasions. ムコム C Ingram also advised informant has been require Ingram requested (in view of the valuable information being obtained) Birmusham be permitted to make use of the microphone recorder on the night of ACTION SAC Ingram was advised that authority was granted for the installation on based on his assurance full security was available and there would be no trespass. ार गरिन (6)

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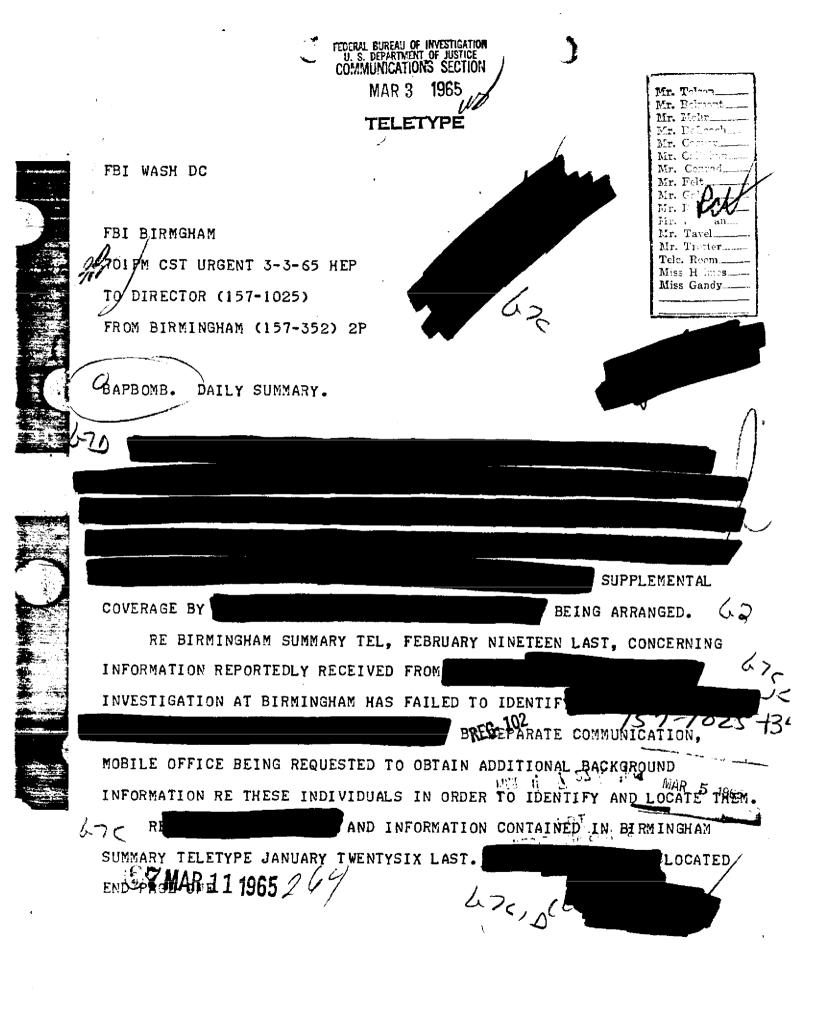
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Special Agent in Charge



It is noted the above informants, within the area of their coverage, would be in a position to be aware of any connection of with Klan activities in the Birmingham area and, incluentally thereto, in connection with suspects in the investigation of the church bombing at Birmingham.

with however, he is adamant in his refusal to even speak to FBI Agents even to the extent of rolling up his car windows and locking the doors on the most recent occasion when Agents attempted to contact him.

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FROM BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ /P/ 2P

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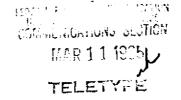
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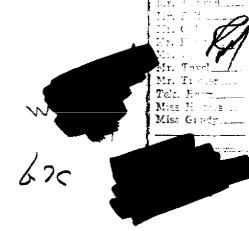
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DAILY SUMMARY.



IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY OF INCIDENTS EMANATING FROM

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BAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY.

AFFORDED SURVEILLANCE COVERAGE TODAY IN

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SIXTEEN, INSTANT.

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None of above sources are "close" enough to to inquire as to his possible connection with or other suspects. All are alerted and will immediately report any information coming to their attention. s currently attempting to develop additional contacts in the Philadelphia, Mississippi area.

Delay in the submission of this communication was occasioned by the desire to allow adequate time to the above sources to attempt to develop available information.



### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Jackson, Mississippi
March 12, 1965

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

Reference is made to letter of Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice, to Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, dated January 29, 1965.

The following organizations mentioned herein have not been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450, and are characterized in the appendix pages hereto:

White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM)

Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK)

Referenced letter requests effort be made to determine the possible connection between

with Klan activities, as related to the Birmingham, Alabama area.

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### **APPENDIX**

# ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (LOUISIANA) (OKKKK)

A source advised on October 25, 1963, that in December, 1960, a group was organized at Shreveport, Louisiana, known as the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK). The purpose of this organization was to promote Americanism, white supremacy, and the maintaining of segregation.

This source further advised on October 25, 1963, that the OKKKK continues to be active and that the aims and purposes continue to be the same.

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### WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

A source advised that on February 15, 1964, approximately 200 members of the Original Knights of the Rlux Klan (OKKKK) from the State of Mississippi met at ambokhaven, Mississippi. Those present decided to defect from the OKKKK and to form their own klan group in Mississippi to be known as the White Knights of the Ru Klux Klan of Mississippi.

This source advised that the aims and purposes of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi are to preserve Christian civilization, protect and promote white supremacy and the segregation of the races, to fight communism and to extend the dignity, heritage and rights of the white race of America.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

### Memorandum

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: The Director

DATE: September 17,1963

FROM

N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT:

The Congressional Record

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Page 16138. Senators Mansfield, (E) Montana, and Javits, (E) New York discussed the recent bombing of the Paptist church is kirmingham. Mr. Manafield staled, "There can be no excuse for an occurrence of that kind under any possible circum stances. I hope that those who are guilty are found and punished according to the desirts which they merit. --- I am glad to know that not only is the Coversor of Alabama, Mr. Waliace, responding to the request of the Birmingham city administration, but that the Fresident of the United States and the Attorney General are likewise taking an active and intense interest. That, of course, includes not only the dispatch of officials of the Department of Justice but also, in sufficient number, members of the PEI to probe into this matter to find the culprits who are guilty and to see that they get their justiceserts." Mr. Manafield went on to state, "Contrary to reports which appear in the preserom time to time about the lack of interest of the FEI in cases of the kind occurring in Birmingham, the Senator from Montana has no doubt whatsoever in his own mind that Mr. J. Edgar Hoover and those in his agency will do everything in their power to see that the culprits are found and punished."

In the original of a memorand in Exptioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 9 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.

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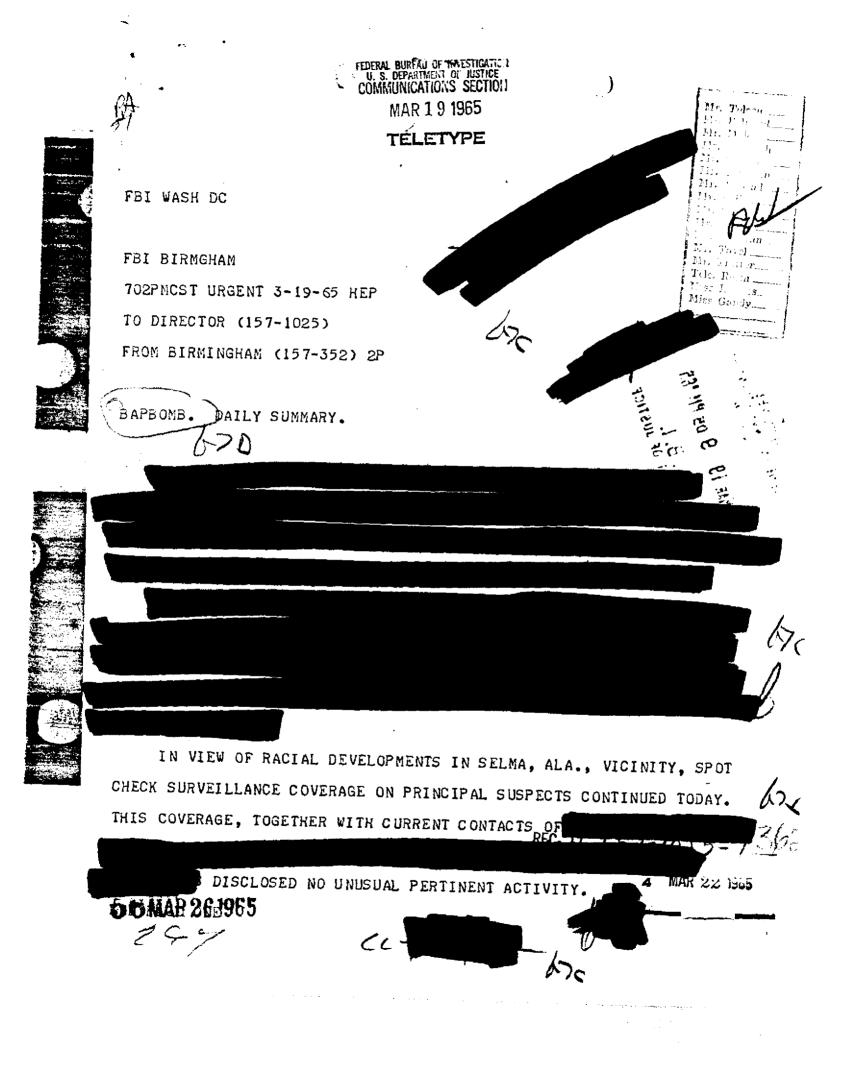
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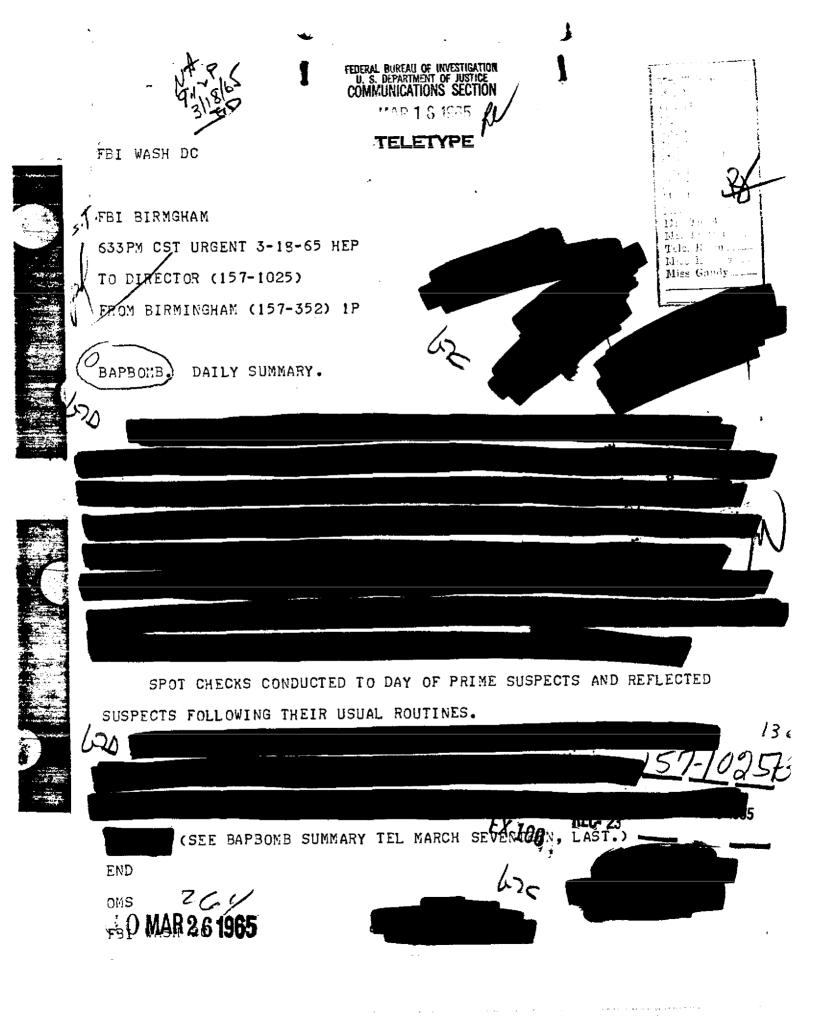
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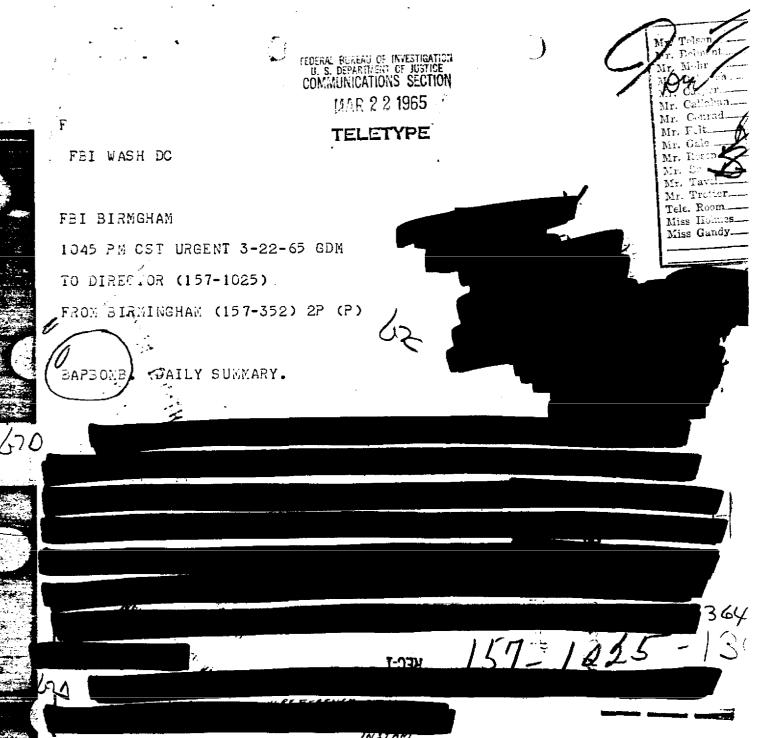


### March 23, 1965 GENERAL INVESTIGAT TE DIVISION

Bapbomb is the code name for the investigation of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham September, 1963, in which four small Negro children were killed. Our investigation has identified Klansmen Chambliss.

responsible for the bombing and has indicated may have been involved in planning. Our investigation and contact with live sources being given top priority in efforts to connect suspects in this case with the six attempted bombings in Birmingham on 3/21-22/65.





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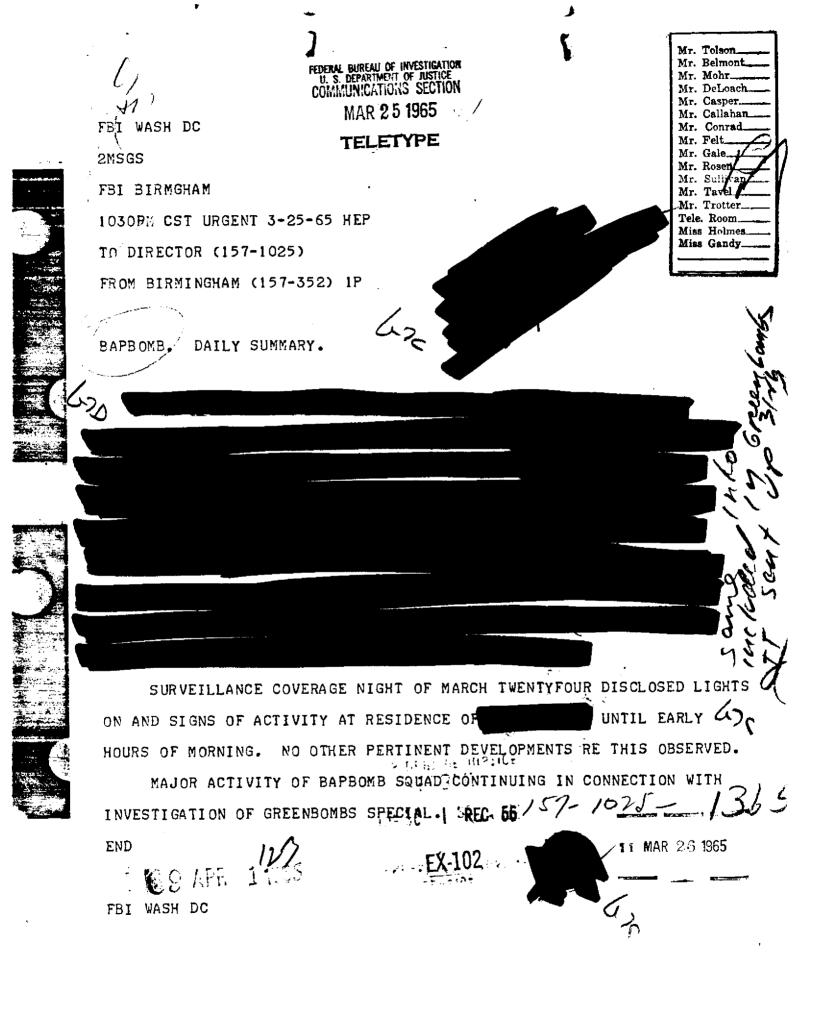
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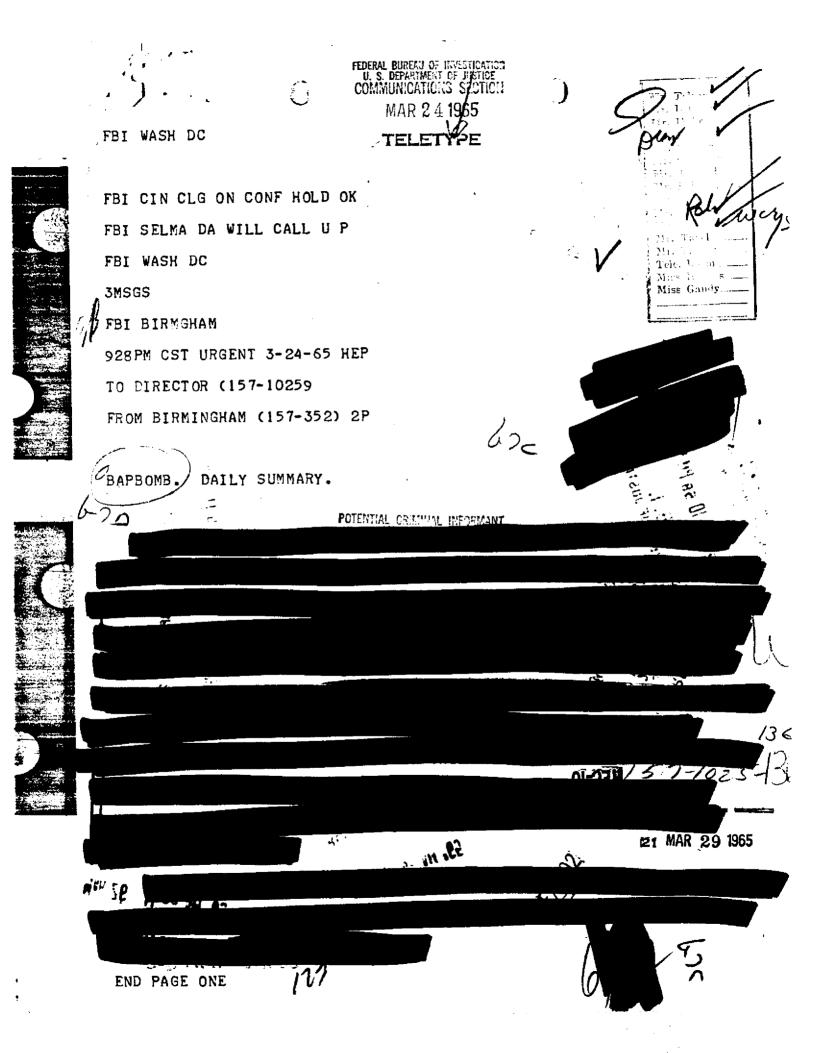
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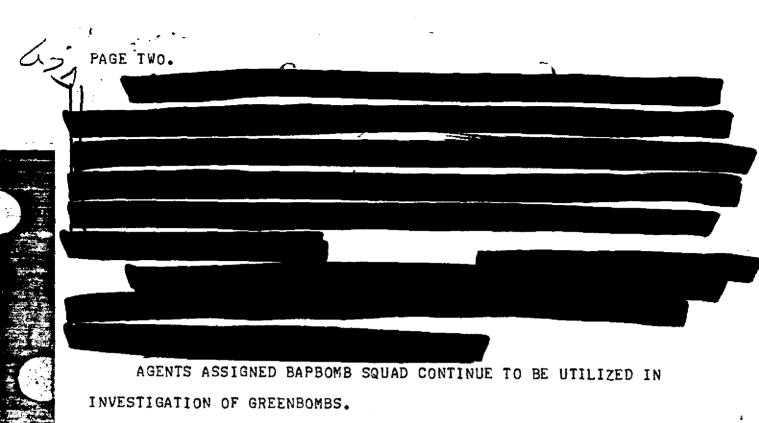
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### 3/25/65 GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Bapbomb is the code name for the investigation of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, September, 1963, in which four small Negro children were killed. Our investigation has identified Klansmen Chambliss.

bombing and has indicated may have been involved in planning. Our investigation and contact with live sources being given top priority in efforts to connect suspects in this case with the six attempted bombings in Birmingham on 3/21-22/65.





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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT Memorandum

GREENBOMB AND RELATED CASES

Mr. Tolson

DATE: March 27, 1965

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FROM :

A. H. Belmont

STATE OF ALABAMA

SUBJECT:

who is handling the special Inspector investigations at Birmingham regarding the six bombing devices found on March 21-22, 1965, and the murder of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo on March 25, 1965, discussed with me today the need for additional manpower. In addition to the leads in the Liuzzo case to develop corroborating data concerning the informants story and to establish the activities of the subjects prior to and subsequent to the murder, s vigorously pursuing the leads to identify the persons responsible for the bombing devices. He is running out the sources of the clocks used as timing devices, the dynamite caps and contemplates interviewing 180 employees of the mine from which it is believed the dynamite was stolen. is also very alert to develop any indication that these two cases are tied into the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in September, 1963. Additionally, the Bureau instructed to have all Klansmen and members of hate groups interviewed for the purpose of developing any information showing the activities of members of such groups in violence in the past, including the cases under investigation, and any contemplated violence or demonstrations opposing the civil rights movement. It is noted that about 45 automobiles from the Birmingham Bessemer area took part in the Ku Klux Klan demonstration in Montgomery on March 21, 1965, thus showing active participation in Klan activities.

said that he desired to pursue these Inspector investigations rapidly and aggressively and needs additional 30 Agents, 3 stenographers and 1 clerk for this purpose. He presently is using 12 Agents on special and 8 Agents from the Birmingham Office.

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson RE: GREENBOMB AND RELATED CASES

I talked to Inspector Sullivan at Selma, Alabama, bearing in mind that we had sent Agents in to Selma on special assignment to assist in covering the march from Selma to Montgomery on March 21-25, 1965. Sullivan has a number of special matters under investigation including the shooting of Jimmy Jackson by a state trooper on February 18, 1965, at Marion; the march at Selma on March 7, 1965, where troopers and the sheriff's posse used tear gas and clubs to disperse the march; the killing of Reverend Rebb on March 9, 1965; the dispersal of demonstrators at Montgomery by unnecessary force on March 16, 1965; leads from the murder of Mrs. Liuzzo on March 25, 1965; and the coverage of continuing demonstrations at the Selma area. Sullivan said these investigations are coming along well, he is getting results down in report form and while there is considerable additional investigation in some of these cases, he is now at the point where he can start releasing men. He has a total of 70 men, approximately 50 of whom are on special assignment. He can release 30 of these men starting Monday morning, March 29, 1965. I told him to have these 30 men together with 15 automobiles report at Birmingham, Monday morning or as soon as possible thereafter. Sullivan said he can release additional men probably by the end of next week and he will keep us advised.

I advised Inspector that 30 men and 15 cars would report to him unless advised to the contrary starting Monday morning, March 29, 1965, and that he should check with Inspector Sullivan to see if Sullivan could likewise release 3 stenographers and a clerk to come to Birmingham. If Sullivan cannot release the clerical personnel is to recontact the Bureau.

I told both Inspector and Inspector Sullivan that the Department is thinking in terms of an early Grand Jury and a Departmental Attorney is going down to Montgomery this weekend to lay the groundwork. The Department is interested in the cases we are investigating and also the activities of the Ku Klux Klan and other hate groups. I told them that we do not want incomplete investigative results furnished to the attorneys; that we want the investigations reduced to report form and sent into the Bureau and thereafter we will clear these reports for delivery to the attorneys at the scene. For this reason, it is essential that the investigations be completed promptly and reduced to report form promptly.



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Weekly summary airtels not being submitted for week ending 3/26/65.

All Agents assigned these matters utilized entire matter investigation of GREENBOMBS Special and ET AL; MRS. VIOLA LIUZZO - VICTIM; VICTIM. CR - EL.

Agents assigned BAPBOMB Squad continuing investigation above specials. BAPBOMB daily summary teletypes will be submitted as information pertinent to BAPBOMB is developed in investigation of these other matters.

	The Attorney General	April 5, 1965
	UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHUECH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA SEPTEMBER 15, 1963 BOMBING MATTER	1 - Mr. Sullivan (Attn: 1 - Mr. Belmont 1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. 1 - Mr. 1 - Mr. 1 - Mr.
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT Mohr DeLo MemorandumMr. Belmen то DATE: April 5, 1965 1 - Mr. Sullivan Trotte (Attn: rele. Room FROM A. Rosen 1 - Mr. Belmont 1 - Mr. Rosen SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BOMBING  $1 - Mr_{\bullet}$ OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST 1 - Mr. CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 1 - Mr.**SEPTEMBER 15, 1963** 1 - Mr. BOMBING MATTER This is the case involving the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63, in which four Negro children were killed. At 6:45 p.m., 4/2/65, SAC Ingram, Birmingham, advised Extra Duty Supervisor that Birmingham SAC Ingram requested approval to reactivat a technical installation (microphone recorde which has been used in the past. He related the informant would be aware of the installation so there will be no trespass involved. CONF. INFT. SAC Ingram stated that in view of the recent bombings, it in view of the opportunity to was most desirable to activate develop information. He advised that run security would be assured. SAC Ingram advised on 4/5/65, nothing of significance was developed. 5 APR 9 1965 ACTION: (1) In view of the extreme importance of this investigation and in view of the urgency in that the informant was meeting the suspect the same evening, SAC Ingram was authorized to reactivate the recorder since full security was assured and no trespass or other illegal action was involved. (2) A letter to the Attorney General advising him of the installation is attached. GO APRILLES Enclosure,

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