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To: SAC, Birmingham

From: Director, FBI (157-1025) JUNE

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Advise symbol numbers and status of technical coverage presently in use by your office in connection with this case. Reply should be furnished on Form FD-143, justification for continuation of technical or microphone surveillances.

1 - Mr [redacted] Room 815 RB

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NOTE:

The Birmingham Office has utilized various technical surveillances in connection with the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. Semiannual evaluation is being made and the technical installation and information is needed as to whether coverage should be continued.

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TO SAC BIRMINGHAM

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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April 21, 1964

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Dear [redacted]

Mr. Hoover received your letter of April 17th and asked me to advise you that the FBI is continuing its intensive investigation of the September 15th bombing of the church in Birmingham in which four children were killed. The complete resources of this Bureau are being utilized to solve this case.

He asked me to point out that the FBI endeavors to resolve each of its investigations as promptly as possible but that every situation differs and the results in one case cannot be compared with the results in another.

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Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

1 - Savannah - Enclosure

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April 17, 1964

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

16th St Baptist Church, Birmingham Ala.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The Associated Press on the occasion of the one-day visit to Indiana by Governor George C. Wallace Governor of Alabama on April 15, reports that Governor Matthew E. Welsh said of Governor Wallace:

> "This is the man whose beliefs were responsible for the deaths of innocent children in the bombing of a Sunday School class."

The statement refers, ofcourse, to the bombing of the Negro Church in Birmingham last summer resulting in the death of two or three Negro children. This statement is only the latest, regular, seemingly unending use of this unsolved, heinous crime to slur, indict and condemn people of the entire south, not Alabama alone, collectively or individually as the occasion may dictate.

The news media at the time of this particular bombing, as well as most of the many others that have occurred in Birmingham in recent years, reported that the FBI was investigating but so far as the public is informed neither this particular bombing nor any of the others have been solved.

This situation is conspiciously mystifying when one notes that similar crimes in other areas of the nation have been and are being solved by the FBI with expediency and apparent ease. The latest example of this is the Florida East Coast Railroad bombings and the bombing of a Negro home in Jacksonville, Fla.

No criticism, direct or implied, is here intended of the FBI. The institution you head is the finest in Washington - barring none. I realize that you cannot in any way control the use others make of ~~the~~ incidents such as here described. But if there is any information you may properly give me as to why the FBI has been unable to solve any of these Birmingham bombings it will certainly be appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

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PERSONAL ATTENTION JUNE

SAC, Birmingham April 24, 1964

Director, FBI

RACIAL BOMBING MATTERS
BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

Based on the recent on-the-spot analysis of racial bombing matters in your office, you are authorized to conduct surveys for the purpose of determining the feasibility of microphone coverage on the following places: [redacted] This should be handled in a prompt, discreet manner and appropriate recommendations made to the Bureau.

Eventual consideration should be given to the secondary targets discussed with you, depending on the productivity of the installation on the primary targets. In connection with these surveys consideration should be given to discreetly determining the vacation plans of the afore-mentioned individuals inasmuch as the vacation season is approaching.

Upon the development of additional data you should continue to bear in mind the eventual possibility of bringing some of the "action" group before an investigating grand jury, particularly the fringe group who may have information concerning these bombings. This may be the medium needed to have them cooperate with the Government. You should also consider the possibilities and potentialities of catching some of the Klan "action" squad in the act of committing violence. Before taking any action on either of these two courses you should, of course, communicate with the Bureau and obtain its evaluation and authority.

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You are instructed to immediately activate the other bombing cases you had under investigation. The two bombings which occurred on Center Street within minutes of each other may be worked out of one case as they apparently were perpetrated by the same individuals at the same time.

While the Bureau has the greatest possible interest in solving the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in view of the four deaths involved, nevertheless it is expected that the other bombings will also receive vigorous investigative attention. Some of the suspects in these bombings, while possibly not participating in the bombing of the Baptist Church, might nevertheless possess possible valuable information as to the church bombing as they are part of the same

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JHG:wmj (10) 1 - Mr. Rosen, Mr. Mohr, Mr. DeLoach, Mr. Callahan, Mr. Conrad (all sent separately) NOTE: Based on memo Gale to Mr. Tolson 4/23/64 "Bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., 9/15/63 JHG:wmj

6 APR 30 1964 MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

Klan "action" group. The solution of one of these other bombings might be just the lever we need to solve the church bombing. You are also instructed to re-institute the practice of submitting a daily teletype on the Baptist Church bombing and a weekly airtel summary on each of the other bombings.

You are being authorized to utilize a Relief Supervisor fifty percent of his time on your desk in order that you may devote at least fifty percent of your supervisory time to these major cases. This should give sufficient time to enable you to provide the necessary imaginative, vigorous and ingenious approach which is imperative if we are to solve these cases. The Bureau desires that you assign eight Agents of your office to the bombing cases and they are not to be used on other assignments except on emergencies and then only with Bureau approval. If you need additional manpower upon the successful installation of the aforementioned microphones, you should further communicate with the Bureau.

In order to facilitate and intensify your coverage at odd hours and on weekends, you are authorized to have Agents work odd-hour shifts and adjusted work weeks as needed. You should be sure Agents work at least five days between Sunday and Saturday of each week.

In order to facilitate surveillances on Klansmen, which must be discreet, you are authorized to rent automobiles from appropriate rental agencies. You are being furnished four portable two-way radios for communications purposes in these rented cars.

b2<,D The Bureau realizes that you have recently developed some very good information from [redacted] and you should continue to fully exploit this source. However, it is not felt that you have sufficient live informant coverage on the "action" group at the Eastview and Bessemer Klaverns. Maximum efforts must be made to increase this coverage, and you should immediately take the necessary steps to work other individuals into a position where they can furnish information on the activities of this group. You should continue to intensively investigate [redacted]

I cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of these bombing cases in your office. The reputation of the FBI depends upon your ability to solve same. I expect you to utilize every possible technique and spare no effort in order to bring these cases to a proper conclusion.

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URGENT 4-22-64
TO DIRECTOR
FROM BIRMINGHAM 221700

JUNE. BAPBOMB.
REBUTEL, MARCH 21 INSTANT.
THERE ARE NO MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCES OR TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCES IN OPERATION RE CAPTIONED MATTER AT PRESENT TIME.

RECEIVED: 12:55 PM TRM

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The information contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: April 21, 1964

FROM : C. L. McGowan

JUNE

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

By teletype 4-21-64, Birmingham was requested to advise whether or not they had any tesurs or misurs presently in operation concerning captioned case.

At 11:20 p.m., SAC Faisst telephoned the Bureau and advised that no such installations are presently in effect. SAC Faisst advised he would confirm this telephone call by radiogram 4-22-64.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

839 PM CST URGENT 4-28-64 GDM

TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 2P

BAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY.

NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEYS MADE IN VICINITY OF BESSEMER KLAVERN MEETING HALL, [redacted] BESSEMER KLAVERN. ALSO, NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY MADE OF EASTVIEW KLAVERN HALL.

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7-01 PM CST URGENT 4-29-64 HEP

TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 2P

BAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY.

[redacted]

SPOT CHECKS AT ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS AND [redacted]

RESIDENCES DEVELOPED NO PERTINENT INFORMATION.

[redacted]

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SURVEY IN VICINITY EASTVIEW KLAVERN HALL CONDUCTED.

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Date: 5/1/64

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352-SF-2)(P) JUNE

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

ReBuairtel 4/30/64.

Misur became inoperative 12/23/63.

In answer to Bureau's questions relative to the occupancy of this dwelling, it is noted that numerous spot checks have been made, both in daylight and night hours. No instance has been noted wherein the dwelling was not occupied during the night hours. These spot checks have also developed that there are individuals in the neighborhood who are apparently lookouts for occupants. It has not been deemed advisable to attempt entry during daylight hours for this reason.

Relative to the misur becoming inoperative, Agents have on several occasions attempted to gain entrance to the dwelling on pretext of interview but have not been admitted by occupants. [redacted]

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

6 MAY 7 1964

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Spot coverage of this misur is being made to become aware if it is reactivated by the occupant; also, attention has been and is continuing to be given to the problem of entering the residence to either reactivate or remove the misur.

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Airtel

To: SAC, Birmingham JUNE

From: Director, FBI

BAPBOMB

Reurlet 4/24/64, (FD-143).

Advise when misur became inoperative.

Also furnish additional explanations of remarks under item 17 which appear to be contradictory. In the first sentence you mention that this misur is inoperative due to almost constant occupancy of dwelling and yet in the last sentence you mention that entry will be made to either remove or reactivate the misur if it does not become operative again. One additional statement is made under item 17 which is not clear to the Bureau; the fact that [redacted]

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Furnish the Bureau your comments concerning the above items.

1 - Mr. Donahue (815 RB)

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
BIRMINGHAM	BIRMINGHAM	4/27/64	2/6/64 - 4/20/64

Title of Case	Report made by	Typed By
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963	SA [redacted]	HSS

CHARACTER OF CASE

BOMBING MATTERS

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] Birmingham, dated 3/6/64.

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LEADS:

Will continue to handle leads in an expeditious manner, setting out those leads for other offices by the indicated communication and handling 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: Special Agent in Charge

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The material included in this report does not reflect all investigation conducted, as negative results are not reported. The extensive period of investigation reflected in this report is due to the method of reporting, as some of these interviews were conducted primarily with regard to other matters.

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 that is considered pertinent is being set forth on the administrative pages of this report.

Numerous spot surveillances have been conducted on the suspects in this case. No pertinent information has been developed during these surveillances.

Investigation conducted relative to any of the bombings which have occurred in Birmingham is being reported in this case.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: SA [redacted] Office: BIRMINGHAM
Date: April 27, 1964

Field Office File #: BH 157-352 Bureau File #: 157-1025

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

Character: BOMBING MATTERS

Synopsis: [redacted] Trials of ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, CHARLES ARNIE CAGLE and JOHN WESLEY HALL, for illegal handling of dynamite, continued at request of State from 3/25/64 to 6/3/64. [redacted] Additional Klansmen interviewed without developing pertinent information. [redacted]

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On March 25, 1964, it was determined through a check of records of Circuit Court, Jefferson County, at Birmingham, that the trials of ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, CHARLES A. CAGLE and JOHN W. HALL had been continued from that date, 3/25/64, until June 3, 1964. This was done at the request of the State.

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TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 1P

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cc: Lavin

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Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Evans
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To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

From: Director, FBI (157-1025) 959

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Reurtel 4/30/64, which set forth that [redacted]

The above information should be clarified as to what is meant by "an arrest record." It is not clear whether this refers to a sheriff's office arrest record or local police department record.

The Bureau does maintain an identification record on [redacted] and this record was furnished to the sheriff's office in Birmingham.

Advise if there is any indication that the arrest record involved is the Bureau identification record. Thereafter, bearing in mind the security of the informant [redacted] submit your recommendations as to any action needed.

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NOTE: The Birmingham Office has previously furnished information that [redacted]

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Mr. [illegible]
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Mr. [illegible]
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Mr. [illegible]
Mr. Tavel
Mr. [illegible]
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FBI WASH DC

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8:11 PM CST URGENT 5-4-64 GDM

TO DIRECTOR

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 2P

BAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY.

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CC: Lavin RBG/mdr

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SURVEYS OF NEIGHBORHOODS OF PRIME SUSPECTS CONTINUING.

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To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

From: Director, FBI (157-1025) -960

BAPBOMB

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Reurtel 5/4/64.

You should insure that information developed by your office in the investigation of this matter bearing on local crimes committed by various suspects is reported to appropriate local authorities.

Under normal circumstances, however, the notification to these agencies need not be premature to the point of endangering our investigation. You should advise the Bureau of all such incidents and include therein appropriate recommendations concerning dissemination to local authorities.

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NOTE: In the investigation of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church the Birmingham Office is turning up information concerning old violations on the part of suspects. We are attempting to use this information in an effort to solve the bombing case, however, we must not lose sight of the fact that local authorities will have to be told concerning these violations. One such violation which has come to light is set forth in retel to the effect that [redacted] We should use this information for all it is worth prior to advising local authorities.

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See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

Subject JUNE MAIL 16th St. Baptist Church

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: April 23, 1964

FROM : J. H. GALE

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

BACKGROUND:

By letter dated April 8, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson inquired concerning the status of the Birmingham bombings. He was appropriately advised on April 10, 1964, and Mr. Rosen recommended, and it was approved, that I proceed to the scene to determine whether there are any additional pressure points that can be brought to bear and to assure that all possible steps to solve these cases are being taken. Mr. Tolson instructed that all 6 bombings we are investigating in Birmingham be looked into.

RESULTS OF INQUIRY:

A thorough review was made into all aspects of the 6 unsolved bombings and it was the Inspector's conclusion that all of these cases have been given a most vigorous and intensive investigation. Thousands of persons have been interviewed, a great many ingenious techniques were used to solve these cases without success to date. All of the investigation conducted to date indicates strongly that all 6 bombings were probably perpetrated by members of the Eastview Klavern of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) with possible assistance of several individuals from the Bessemer, Alabama, Klavern. Approximately 16 men from these two groups form a select hard core "action" group who are undoubtedly responsible for personal violence and bombings against Negroes in this area for a long period of time.

Inspector feels that there is a good possibility that we would have already solved some of these bombings had it not been for the interference of the Alabama Highway Patrol, the Birmingham City Police, and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. They not only arrested several of the key suspects at a most inopportune time, but they were extremely crude in placing technical coverage on the various suspects. In fact, they were so crude that they were caught climbing telephone poles to put on wire taps; one installation that they put under the seat in a suspect's car promptly rolled out by the suspect's feet [redacted]

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As a result of the pressure created by police ineptness and telephone company employees sympathetic to the Klan, [redacted] requested that we remove our installations in November, 1963. We had some technical coverage and very limited microphone coverage at that time.

Enclosure JHG:wmj (8)
1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Mohr 1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Callahan 1 - Mr. Conrad

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Memo for Mr. Tolson
Re: Bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church

This, of course, has seriously hampered our investigation.

We have interviewed and reinterviewed the suspects and their associates to the point where we are getting practically nothing from them. In fact, most of them will not even talk to us. Spot surveillances of the Klansmen have been unproductive and Inspector feels at this time that they are familiar with most of our cars in this area. While we have received some very worthwhile information from informants, we do not have enough coverage of the "action" group. There have been no bombings or other violence since September 25, 1963, undoubtedly partly as a result of investigative pressure. However, there are indications that the "action" group of the Klan is getting bolder. [redacted]

The local authorities, both city and state, have reduced their investigative activity concerning the bombings to a minimum. Inspector feels that there must be a fresh approach at this time and we should attempt to place microphone coverage on as many of the key suspects who are members of the Klan "action" squad as possible as well as on the Eastview and Bessemer Klavern meeting halls. [redacted] Microphone coverage would have to be without the knowledge of the telephone company as we cannot trust their employees because of their sympathy to the Klan.

Inspector has made on-the-scene tour of the area around suspects' residences and Klavern meeting places and microphone coverage appears feasible in most instances. Birmingham Office has also been advised that it is imperative to increase efforts to obtain additional live coverage on "action" group. During instant inquiry Inspector noted [redacted]

The envisioned increased microphone coverage should enable us to obtain a great deal more information concerning the day-to-day activities of the "action" group. Inspector feels that with the additional data we undoubtedly will obtain together with the information we have, that we should continue to give consideration to eventually having some of the Klan "action" group subpoenaed before an investigating

Grand Jury as well as "fringe members" close to the "action" group who appear to be on the edges of the conspiracy but not directly involved in the bombings, yet apparently in possession of valuable information.

Inspector feels that with additional coverage it may even be possible to catch some of the Klan "action" squad in the act of committing violence such as we did in solving the Florida train bombings recently. If this is not feasible we must at least place ourselves in the position where we are aware of new bombings and take appropriate preventative action.

At the present time all 6 bombings are being worked out of one case, i.e., bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church. This was done with Bureau approval on the theory that the suspects in the Baptist Church bombing were the same as those in the other bombings. At one time this may have been desirable, but at the present time Inspector feels this is highly undesirable. Subsequent investigation has disclosed that while there are some instances where the same individual may possibly have participated in several bombings, there are other instances where different individuals of the Klan "action" squad apparently participated in the different bombings.

The office has naturally concentrated on the key suspects of the Baptist Church bombing wherein the 4 little girls were killed. However, by doing this the investigation on some of the logical suspects in the other 5 bombings have more or less drifted and lost intensity. Inspector feels these cases should be worked separately and investigation of these 5 bombings intensified.

The Birmingham Office had been submitting a daily teletype summary to the Bureau up until 3/12/64. They are now submitting a weekly summary. In order to intensify the pressure on this case and provide for closer supervision, Inspector feels that Birmingham should be required to submit a daily summary on the Baptist Church bombing and a weekly airtel summary on the other bombings.

When special squad in Birmingham, we had SAC Roy Moore of Little Rock, devoting full time to this case. SAC Faisst in Birmingham has over 400 cases on his desk, including the bombing cases, together with the bulk of the public relations, personnel responsibilities, etc. Inspector does not feel Faisst can provide necessary leadership, guidance and impetus to the 6 bombing cases with such a heavy work load. Inspector feels Faisst should be authorized to use Relief Supervisor on his desk 50% of each day and that Faisst be required to spend 50% of his time supervising and providing the necessary imaginative, vigorous and ingenious approach on these 6 bombings so that they will be solved.

An equivalency of 4 Agents have been working on instant bombings for the past 2 months. With the return of 2 men from special assignment, the office contemplated assigning 6 men to these bombings. Manpower analysis conducted

during recently completed inspection reflects that two additional men can be made available from general criminal assignment to work on the bombing cases. This makes a total of 8 men available from the Birmingham Office to work on these bombings. If proposed technical coverage approved, it will be necessary to monitor these from individual rather than from a consolidated plant, which requires considerable manpower. Eventually the Birmingham Office may need 4 additional men if the microphones are installed. Inspector does not feel any additional manpower should be transferred into Birmingham until we are certain the microphone installations will be made. Inspector feels that SAC should not be permitted to use any of the 8 Agents assigned to bombing matters on any other assignments except those of an emergency nature and then only with Bureau approval.

[redacted]

The Birmingham Office has developed some evidence against the three principal suspects in the bombing of the Baptist Church, namely [redacted] Robert Chambliss, and [redacted] and some progress is being made. For example [redacted]

There is evidence that Chambliss and [redacted] are at odds with one another and that Chambliss and [redacted] are likewise fighting with one another. Birmingham has been instructed to intensely exploit these differences. One of the suspects, [redacted] gives indication that he is on the verge of a mental breakdown. Birmingham was instructed to continue keeping the pressure on him. [redacted]

Memo for Mr. Tolson
Re: Bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church

[redacted] Approximately $80,000 worth of reward money for solution of Baptist Church bombing is outstanding, and Birmingham instructed to make full use of this fact in handling the investigation.

Inspector feels that these bombing cases will undoubtedly only be solved if we can get one or more of the conspirators to confess or obtain sufficient admissions re bombings which suspects have made to close associates and relatives. Inspector advised SAC and Agents working on this case that the reputation of the FBI depends on their ability to solve this case and no matter what the obstacles and problems are, and in spite of all the negative investigation conducted, they must not become discouraged or adopt a defeatist attitude. The Brinks case was cited as an outstanding example where FBI persistence and ingenuity under similarly trying circumstances paid off. I informed them that the Director and the President expect them to bring these cases to a solution.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Birmingham be authorized to survey the Eastview and Bessemer Klaverns for the purpose of installing microphones; also to survey the residences of [redacted] for the purpose of installing appropriate microphone coverage. If approved, Birmingham will be advised in attached letter.

2. That Birmingham Office be instructed to continue to bear in mind the possibility of eventually considering bringing some of the "action" group before an investigating Grand Jury, particularly the fringe group, with a view to bringing additional pressure to bear on them; that office also explore possibility and potential of catching some of the Klan "action" squad committing an act of violence. If approved, Birmingham will be advised in the attached letter.

3. That the 5 bombing cases presently being worked under the church bombing be reactivated individually and worked separately in an intensive manner. The two Center Street bombings occurring on September 25, 1963, should be investigated as one case as both explosions took place within a few minutes of one another in the same area and were undoubtedly perpetrated by the same individuals. If

approved, Birmingham will be advised in attached letter.

4. That Birmingham be instructed to submit a daily rather than a weekly summary on the 16th Street bombing in order to intensify the pressure and provide closer supervision at the Bureau. A weekly summary airtel should be submitted on the remaining cases. If approved, Birmingham will be advised in attached letter.

5. That in order to provide necessary impetus, leadership and guidance to the instant bombing cases, that SAC Ray L. Faisst be authorized to utilize Relief Supervisor on his desk 50% of the time. If approved, Birmingham will be advised in attached letter.

6. That SAC, Birmingham, be instructed to keep 8 men on the bombing squad and not to utilize them on any other assignment unless Bureau approves. If approved, to be handled in the attached letter to Birmingham.

7. Upon installation of envisioned technical coverage that consideration be given to transferring no more than 4 additional men to assist in manning these installations. If approved, to be handled by the Administrative Division.

Memo for Mr. Tolson
Re: Bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church

8. That Birmingham be authorized to utilize rental cars for surveillance on "action" group of KKK. If approved, to be handled in the attached letter.

9. [redacted] If approved, to be handled by the Laboratory.

10. That the SAC be authorized to work the Agents on the bombing squad at odd-hour shifts and adjusted work weeks in order to facilitate coverage when needed. If approved, to be handled in attached letter.

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TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

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PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE

~~FISUR~~ CONDUCTED ON ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS ON BUSINESS TRIP TO FLORIDA. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

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PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE

MAJORITY OF AGENT TIME SPENT IN CONDUCTING ~~FISURS~~ AND NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEYS OF SUSPECTS.

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URGENT 5-8-64
TO DIRECTOR
FROM BIRMINGHAM 082122

JUNE. BAPBOMB. REBUTEL DECEMBER 2, 1963, CONCERNING INSTALLATION OF MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE RE ROBERT CHAMBLISS.

IT IS ANTICIPATED CHAMBLISS WILL MAKE A TRIP OUT OF TOWN MONDAY, MAY 11 NEXT, AND INSTALLATION OF MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE, APPROVED IN REFERENCED TEL, WILL BE MADE AT THIS TIME, UACB.

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cc Sullivan + Donohue

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11 MAY ~~13~~ 18 1964

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SPEC. MAIL RM.

6 MAY 20 1964

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Subject JUNE MAIL Bayshore

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352-SF-2)(P)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

JUNE

Re Birmingham radiogram, 5/8/64.

Misur installed residence of ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, 2505 - 32nd Avenue, North, as of 3:30 P.M. this date. Assigned symbol number [redacted] 62

CONF INFT

Physical trespass necessary in making installation.

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157-1025-972

(3) - Bureau (AM - RM)
2 - Birmingham
[redacted] (5)

B. D. Wick

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 5/15/64

nsmit the following in _____ (Type in plain text or code)

AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1263)
ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-918) (P)

RE: [redacted]
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: MIAMI)

Bapbomb

Re Miami airtel and LHM dated 5/13/64.

[redacted]

(4) - Bureau
(1 - 157-1025)
1 - Atlanta (Info)
2 - Birmingham (1 - 157-642 - [redacted] Info)
(1 - 157-352 - BAPBOMB)
2 - Los Angeles
(1 - [redacted] Info)
2 - Mobile (1 - 157-494 - [redacted]
(1 - 157-517 - [redacted]
2 - New Orleans (157-1601)
3 - Miami (1 - 157-918)
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MM 157-918

[redacted]

ATLANTA

Maintain close contact with sources familiar with the activities of MARTIN LUTHER KING and in particular any plans KING has for going to Alabama. It is noted KING recently made a public statement on TV that Alabama would be the target for demonstrations during next month.

67-5

UACB, Miami plans to reinterview [redacted] and attempt to pin him down regarding his activities as well as the activities and whereabouts of [redacted] on 9/15 and 16/63.

No specific leads are being set forth for other offices receiving this communication.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

ReBuairtel 5/7/64.

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[redacted]

3 - Bureau (AM)
2 - Birmingham (1 - 157-352)

[redacted]

(5)

C.C. Wick

b2c

b2D

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6 MAY 18 1964

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Inasmuch as no specific evidence can be obtained indicating this arrest information was furnished from a Bureau "Identification Record", no further action is recommended.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

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TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 3P

BAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY.

[redacted]

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2 MAY 22 1964

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. Evans
Mr. C[illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. Sullivan
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Mr. [illegible]
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Roser & Belmont memo 5/22/64 RBL:cag.

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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CONCERNING BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE MAY FOURTEEN, SIXTYFOUR, THIS OFFICE HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION INDICATING THERE IS ANY TRUTH TO "POP" BLANTON'S STATEMENT CONCERNING A LAW SUIT AGAINST THE FBI FOR ALLEGED INJURIES SUSTAINED WHEN ARRESTED LAST FALL BY AGENTS OF THE SPECIAL SQUAD. NO INFORMATION RECEIVED CONCERNING ANY PEACE BOND REGARDING FBI AGENTS. SAC ATTENDED LUNCHEON WITH CONGRESSMAN GEORGE HUDDLESTON ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO AND HUDDLESTON, WHO IS QUITE FRIENDLY, MADE NO MENTION OF ANY LAW SUIT.

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cc - Mr. Rosen

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FBI BIRMGHAM

735 PM CSGXX CST URGENT 5-22-64 HEP

TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 2P

BAPBOMB DAILY SUMMARY. b7D

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[redacted]

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[redacted]

INSPECTOR JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN ARRIVED BIRMINGHAM MAY TWENTYTWO INSTANT, P.M.

END

JRL

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Subject JUNE MAIL Bapbomb 64

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FBI

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI "JUNE"

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352-SF-2)

BAPBOMB

ReBUlet 4-24-64.

Misur survey Eastview Klavern Hall feasible. Security assured. Request authority install.

3-Bureau (RM)
2-Birmingham
[redacted]
(5)

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157-1025-984

4 MAY 5 1964

Rad SAC BH
5-7-64
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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RADIOGRAM URGENT

TO SAC BIRMINGHAM (157-352-SF-2)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB. JUNE

REURAIRTEL MAY FOUR, SIXTYFOUR.

PROVIDED MAXIMUM SECURITY MAINTAINED PROCEED WITH INSTALLATION OF MISUR ON EASTVIEW KLAVERN HALL. ADVISE TIME AND DATE OF INSTALLATION AND SYMBOL NUMBER. FURNISH DETAILS CONCERNING ELEMENT OF TRESPASS.

RBL:nkr
(4)

1 - Mr. Donahue

NOTE: Based on the recent on-the-spot analysis of racial bombing matters in the Birmingham Office by Assistant Director Gale, Birmingham was authorized by letter 4/24/64 to conduct a survey for the purpose of determining the feasibility of microphone coverage in various places. One of these is the Eastview Klavern Hall. Birmingham has now indicated the installation is feasible and security is assured. They are being granted permission to proceed with the installation.

If next radio contact missed, send plain text urgent teletype.

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VIA RADIOGRAM
MAY 8 1964
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721 PM CST URGENT 5-26-64 GDM

TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 2P

BAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY.

INVESTIGATION BIRMINGHAM REVEALS THAT A BOMBING OF A NEGRO DWELLING OCCURRED APRIL TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN FIFTY, AT ONE ONE ZERO ZERO CENTER STREET. NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF THIS BOMBING INDICATE IT WAS DONE AS THE RESULT OF ZONING DISPUTES IN THE CENTER STREET AREA AT THAT TIME. IT IS BELIEVED THIS BOMBING IDENTICAL TO BOMBING PERPETRATED BY [redacted] FURTHER INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN EFFORT TO IMPLICATE [redacted] AS MAN WHO HIRED [redacted] TO DO THIS BOMBING.

[redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: May 22, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

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

[redacted]

The attached letter from Congressman George Huddleston, Jr., (D - Ala.), indicates that a principal suspect in the bombing of the church, [redacted] has complained to Huddleston about the "harassment of himself and his family by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau [redacted] Investigation, Birmingham Office." [redacted]

A review of Bureau files indicates that we have had no close relationship with Huddleston. From time to time he corresponds with the Director on behalf of his constituents, who, for the most part, inquire about communist activities and desire information from Bureau files. He has been told numerous times that information in Bureau files is confidential. [redacted]

JUN 5 1964

REC-34 157-1025-987

Enclosure
ENCLOSURE

1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BOMBING
OF 16th STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

[redacted]

[redacted] The Birmingham Office is vigorously pressing this investigation. [redacted]

It should also be noted that "Pop" Blanton, [redacted] has told neighbors that he has "settled the FBI" and claims he has retained an attorney, name unknown, and with Representative George Huddleston is presently suing the FBI for injuries sustained by his son when he was arrested for assault on a Federal officer in 1963. "Pop" Blanton also is claiming he has the FBI under a "peace bond."

Our Birmingham Office has advised that no information has been received concerning any law suit and no Agents are under any peace bond. [redacted]

The attached Congressman's letter indicates that Blanton has been under "continual scrutiny, interrogation, and other forms of harassment by Agents of the FBI." No specifics are mentioned. [redacted]

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BOMBING OF
16th STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

RECOMMENDATION:

b7c It is recommended that Mr. DeLoach's Office contact Huddleston, not for the purpose of explaining the character of [redacted] but to ascertain the nature of the information he possesses. At that time it should be pointed out to Huddleston, that according to "Pop" Blanton, he, Huddleston, is supposedly suing the FBI on Blanton's behalf.

OK.

No further information available 5/26/64

Handled with [redacted] AA b7c

Congressman Huddleston

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605PM CST URGENT 5-30-64 HEP

TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 1P

BAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY.

[redacted]

NO TELETYPE WILL BE SUBMITTED ON SUNDAYS UNLESS MATERIAL OF SUBSTANCE MERITS SUCH SUBMISSION UACB.

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: May 30, 1964

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: "THE BIRMINGHAM CHURCH BOMBER"
SATURDAY EVENING POST, 6-6-64
WASHINGTON POST, 5-30-64 (Page A3)

In connection with the attached Washington Post article captioned "FBI Knows Church Bombers In Birmingham, Writer Says," which appears on page A3 of the May 30, 1964, issue, we have received many calls from news services. All callers have been answered with a strict "no comment." It appears that a free-lance writer, "George McMillan," who has written for the Saturday Evening Post in the past, is the author of several books, has talked considerably with United States Attorney Weaver at Birmingham, whom he quotes in the magazine article. The article points out that the FBI is aware that one man is responsible for the September, 1963, bombing of the Birmingham church in which 4 Negro girls were killed. It states the FBI is aware of the identity of other persons involved but it has not been possible for the FBI to arrest those responsible because of lack of evidence.

The article in both the Saturday Evening Post and the Associated Press wire story printed by the Washington Post this morning is not unfavorable to the FBI.

Early this year, McMillan, the author of the story, contacted several of our field offices as well as Bureau Headquarters and we told him we could not be of assistance to him. We are, of course, continuing to "no comment" all aspects of this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

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(BIRMINGHAM BOMBER)

NEW YORK.--POLICE AND FEDERAL AGENTS KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THE BIRMINGHAM BOMBER AND THE MEN WHO HELPED HIM DYNAMITE A NEGRO CHURCH KILLING FOUR YOUNG GIRLS, IT WAS REPORTED TODAY.

THE RINGLEADER OF THE GANG OF KILLERS, KNOWN AS "MISTER X," HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BECAUSE OFFICIALS DO NOT FEEL THEY HAVE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO PUT HIM AND HIS HENCHMEN IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR OR BEHIND BARS, THE CURRENT ISSUE OF THE SATURDAY EVENING POST REPORTED.

"THE FBI KNOWS WHO BOUGHT THE DYNAMITE, WHO MADE THE BOMB, WHO PLACED IT THERE, AND WHO ENGINEERED THE CRIME," MACON WEAVER, U.S. ATTORNEY IN BIRMINGHAM, WAS QUOTED AS SAYING.

"WE KNOW EVERY DETAIL ABOUT IT, BUT WE JUST DON'T HAVE THE EVIDENCE," SAID LT. MAURICE HOUSE, CHIEF OF BIRMINGHAM DETECTIVES, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE.

HOUSE DECLINED TO DISCUSS THE ARTICLE TODAY AND NEITHER THE FBI OR THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WOULD COMMENT ON IT.

IT WAS ON A SUNNY SUNDAY MORNING LAST SEPT. 15, JUST AS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WERE GETTING OUT, THAT THE DYNAMITE BOMB PLANTED UNDER THE STAIRS AT THE 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH EXPLODED, HURLING RUBBLE FOR BLOCKS IN THE NEGRO SECTION OF THE VIOLENCE-ROCKED ALABAMA CITY.

THE BLAST KILLED FOUR YOUNG NEGRO GIRLS AND INJURED 19 PERSONS. IT WAS ONE OF MANY EXPLOSIONS THAT HAVE KEPT RACIAL TENSIONS AT A FEVER PITCH FOR MONTHS.

BUT IT WAS THE ONE THAT SHOCKED THE NATION AS NOTHING ELSE HAD AND CAUSED PRESIDENT KENNEDY TO SAY HE FELT A "DEEP SENSE OF OUTRAGE AND GRIEF."

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THE MAGAZINE SAID THAT 10 DAYS AFTER THE CHURCH BOMBING, THE KILLERS STRUCK AGAIN--THIS TIME WITH A PAIR OF BOMBS DESIGNED TO KILL POLICEMEN AND DETECTIVES WHO WERE MAKING THINGS UNCOMFORTABLE FOR THEM BY PROBING INTO THEIR ACTIVITIES.

THE FIRST BOMB, PROBABLY ONE STICK OF DYNAMITE, WAS SET OFF IN A VACANT LOT. POLICE RUSHED TO THE SCENE, BUT COULD N NOT LOACATE IT IMMEDIATELY. THE SECOND BOMB, DYNAMITE IN A CAN FILLED WITH RUSTY SHRAPNEL, WENT OFF 13 MINUTES AFTER THE FIRST.

"IT WAS MEANT FOR US," A POLICEMAN WAS QUOTED AS SAYING. "IT WAS SET TO ALLOW JUST ENOUGH TIME FOR US TO GET THERE. IF WE HAD FOUND THE BOMB, MAYBE 50 OFFICERS WOULD HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES OR BEEN MANAGLED."

THE ARTICLE SAID FBI AGENTS FEEL THAT STATE POLICE CHIEF COL. AL LINGO "SERIOUSLY HURT THE CHANCES OF BUILDING A CASE" AGAINST THE BOMBER AND HIS GANG BY ARRESTING TWO MEN WHO HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES.

THE MEN, R. EE. CHAMBLISS, 59, AND CHARLES CAGLE, 22, BOTH OF BIRMINGHAM, WERE CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF DYNAMITE AND SUBSEQUENTLY WERE CONVICTED, FINED $100 EACH AND SENTENCED TO 180 DAYS IN JAIL.

THE MAGAZINE SAID THE FBI CONSIDERED IT A PREMATURE ARREST WHICH TIPPED OFF THE BOMBERS THAT AUTHORITIES KNEW A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THEIR ACTIVITIES BUT ALSO SHOWED THEY DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO CONVICT THEM OF THE CHURCH BOMBING.

TO PREVENT ANY OF THE GANG FROM TALKING, THE MAGAZINE SAID, A "KISS OF DEATH MEETING" WAS HELD WITH ALL OF THE GROUP INVOLVED IN THE BOMBING ATTENDING.

"IF ANY ONE OF YOU EVER TALKS, IT WILL BE THE KISS OF DEATH FOR YOU," THE RINGLEADER, MISTER X, WAS REPORTED AS VOWING. "WE JOIN HANDS HERE AND NOW IN SWEARING THAT EACH OF US TAKES A VOW TO KILL THE MAN WHO GIVES ANYTHING AWAY TO THE POLICE."

THE MAGAZINE SAID THAT DETECTIVES AND FEDERAL AGENTS FOLLOW "MISTER X" CONSTANTLY. HE KNOWS THEY ARE FOLLOWING HIM AND SOMETIMES SPITS AT THEM AND YELLS "YOU HOGS" AT THEM.

THE BOMBER IS BEING SO CAREFUL NOW, THE MAGAZINE SAID, THAT OFFICIALS HAVE LITTLE HOPE THEY CAN CONVICT HIM OF MURDER. THEY HAVE MORE HOPE OF PINNING A CONSPIRACY CHARGE ON HIM.

"YOU'VE PRETTY NEARLY GOT TO HAVE SOMEBODY WHO WAS AT THE MEETING WHEN IT WAS PLANNED," WEAVER WAS QUOTED AS SAYING. "AND JUST REMEMBER THAT THE PEOPLE WHO DID THIS ARE GOING TO THE CHAIR."

BUT AN FBI OFFICIAL SAID "WE WILL GET HIM. HE'LL MAKE HIS MISTAKE. WE'RE GOING TO SOLVE THIS CASE IF IT TAKES TEN YEARS."

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ADD BIRMINGHAM, NEW YORK (UPI-96)

INSPECTOR CAPT. W.J. HALEY SAID HE WOULD HAVE NO COMMENT "UNTIL I HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO READ IT AND STUDY IT." POLICE CHIEF JAMIE MOORE WAS OUT OF TOWN AND COULD NOT BE REACHED FOR COMMENT.

LT. HOUSE SAID AT FIRST HE WOULD HAVE NO COMMENT UNTIL READING THE ARTICLE. THEN, AFTER A BRIEF PAUSE, HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE NO COMMENT EVEN AFTER HE READ IT.

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ADD BIRMINGHAM BOMBER NEW YORK

WEAVER ALSO DECLINED COMMENT ON THE ARTICLE "UNTIL I HAVE READ IT." HE SAID HE HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED SSOME TIME AGO BY A MAN WHOSE NAME HE COULD NOT REMEMBER, AND "I MIGHT HAVE SAID SOMETHING TO HIM, BUT HE MAY HAVE MISQUOTED ME.

"IT SEEMS TO ME IF THE FBI KNEW WHO HE (THE BOMBER) WAS, THEY'D ARREST HIM. BUT I DON'T RUN THE FBI."

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In Birmingham, FBI Agent Ray Faisst said his office would have no comment on the article. Birmingham Police Chief Jamie Moore could not be reached for comment.

Officials stated recently, however, that they were continuing to check out all leads in what has been one of the most intensive investigations in Birmingham history.

No Charges Made

No one has been charged with any of Birmingham's racial bombings—more than 40 since World War II. Three white men were arrested in September and convicted on charges of illegal possession of dynamite, but prosecution attempts to link them with bombings were futile. The men have appealed their convictions.

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Hates Police

"Of course," the official was quoted, "we can't literally stay with him 24 hours a day . . . but we put him to bed every night and check him first thing every morning . . . he hates us, but he hates the FBI even worse. . . ."

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The "Mister X" was described as a man who "hates the FBI" so much he sometimes doubles back and yells "you hogs" at tailing agents.

"We will get him . . ." an FBI official is quoted as saying, "He'll make his mistake. We're going to solve this case if it takes ten years."

Mr. McMillan's story appears in the Saturday Evening Post's June 6 issue. He has lived in South Carolina for 20 years, and is "an authority on policing integration distrubances," the Post said.

He also is author of "Racial Violence and Law Enforcement," described by the Post as 'required reading for thousands of policemen throughout the country."

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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Birmingham instructed to keep Bureau advised of developments.

Most certainly,

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June 3, 1964

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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BUREAU SHOULD BE KEPT IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS RELATING TO APPEAL OF CASE INVOLVING CITY OF BIRMINGHAM AGAINST JERRY DUTTON AND THE CASE INVOLVING THE POSSESSION OF DYNAMITE BY CHAMBLISS, ET AL. IN EVENT AGENT TESTIMONY IS NECESSARY, BUREAU SHOULD BE ADVISED IN ADVANCE. BIRMINGHAM SURAD WHETHER USA AGREEABLE TO TESTIMONY OF AGENTS ON APPEAL IN JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT AND SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS.

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Birmingham airtel 6/1/64, indicated testimony of SA [redacted] of Houston, and [redacted] of Little Rock, will probably be necessary in connection with trial of Dutton's case. It appears that our best interest may be served in making Agents testimony available and that ends of justice require presence of Agents who testified in the original proceeding. However, this matter should be cleared with USA Birmingham and it appears that SAC Birmingham should submit recommendations.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

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

On October 30, 1963, JERRY DUTTON of NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY Headquarters, 1865 Bessemer Road, Birmingham, contacted the Birmingham Police Department and reported that there were two Communists at NSRP Headquarters and that he would like to have the Birmingham Police Department come out and get them. The Birmingham Police Department responded to the call and determined that there were not two Communists, but two Special Agents of the FBI, namely, SAs [redacted], of the Houston Office, and [redacted], of the Little Rock Office, at the scene. As a result, JERRY DUTTON was arrested by the Birmingham Police for furnishing false information to the Police Department. At a subsequent trial in Recorder's Court, DUTTON was found guilty and fined. His attorney, MATT MURPHY, appealed the case to the Jefferson County Circuit Court.

On June 1, 1964, Birmingham Office received two subpoenas issued by Jefferson County Circuit Court requesting appearance of SAs [redacted] and [redacted] in that court at 9 a.m., 6-3-64, for testimony in the case involving the City of Birmingham vs JERRY DUTTON.

SA [redacted] contacted Assistant City Attorney WILLIAM WALKER concerning the subpoenas and the necessity for the appearance of the Agents. Mr. WALKER advised that MATT MURPHY is handling instant case and also the case involving possession of dynamite by ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, JOHN WESLEY HALL, and CHARLES ARNIE CAGLE. Mr. WALKER said that he has been informed that the

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possession of dynamite case will be held on June 3, 1964, and that he does not believe it possible that the JERRY O. DUTTON case will be held that day. Mr. WALKER said that he would ask the Judge to postpone the case against JERRY O. DUTTON on June 3, 1964, inasmuch as he has been planning for several weeks to try the case against CHAMBLISS and others mentioned above on this same day. Mr. WALKER stated that it would not be necessary for Agents [redacted] and [redacted] to appear in Birmingham on June 3, 1964, due to the reason set forth above.

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BAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY.

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REBUTEL JUNE THREE LAST AND BIRMINGHAM AIRTEL JUNE ONE LAST. BIRMINGHAM CITY ATTORNEY BILL WALKER ADVISED THIS DATE THAT CASES AGAINST ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, CHARLES CAGLE AND JOHN WESLEY HALL WERE CONTINUED UNTIL JUNE SIXTEEN NEXT AS THEY WERE UNABLE TO DRAW A JURY ON JUNE THREE LAST. HE ALSO ADVISED THAT CASE INVOLVING CITY OF

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BIRMINGHAM AGAINST JERRY DUTTON AND NSRP HAS BEEN CONTINUED UNTIL FALL OF NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR AND NO SPECIFIC DATE HAS BEEN SET AS YET.

USA MACON L. WEAVER, BIRMINGHAM, ADVISES HE INTENDS TO REVIEW BOTH THE CASE OF THE CITY AGAINST JERRY DUTTON AND NSRP OFFICIALS AND CASE PENDING IN FEDERAL COURT BROUGHT AGAINST AGENTS BY OFFICERS OF NSRP BEFORE RENDERING DECISION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT AGENTS SHOULD TESTIFY IN JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT. THIS MATTER WILL BE FOLLOWED CLOSELY AND BUREAU ADVISED.

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USA, BIRMINGHAM, AGREEABLE TO TESTIMONY OF AGENTS ON APPEAL IN JERRY DUTTON MATTER JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, BUT FEELS THIS CASE WILL BE SETTLED. HE FEELS THIS CASE AND CASE AGAINST AGENTS WILL BE DISMISSED BEFORE THEY ARE CALLED IN THE FALL OF NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. IF SUBPOENAED, BIRMINGHAM OFFICE WILL RECOMMEND THAT AGENTS APPEAR IN ANSWER TO SUBPOENA.

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BOMBING OF BAPTIST CHURCH (NEGRO), BIRMINGHAM, ALA., 9/15/63

~~BAPBOMB~~. DAILY SUMMARY.

BIRMINGHAM RACIAL PROBATIONARY

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CHARLES CAGLE, JOHN WESLEY HALL AND ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS APPEARED AS SCHEDULED IN CIRCUIT COURT, BIRMINGHAM, THIS DATE, ON CHARGE OF ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF DYNAMITE WITHIN CITY LIMITS, THEIR CONVICTION HAVING BEEN APPEALED FROM CITY COURT, AND CASE PASSED UNTIL

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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