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Memorandum

1 - Mr. [illegible]. DeLoach
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: May 25, 1970

1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

FROM : C. D. Brennan

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
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Kent, Ohio, May 2, 1970
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
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The purpose of this memorandum is to advise that a report dated May 21, 1970, at Cleveland in captioned matter is attached and to recommend that such be furnished to the Department and the White House.

By memorandum May 22, 1970, a copy of which is also attached, you were furnished results of the investigation set forth in this report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter to the Attorney General with copies for the Deputy Attorney General, Assistant Attorneys General, Internal Security Division, Civil Rights Division, and Criminal Division; and a letter to John D. Ehrlichman at the White House be approved, enclosing for each a copy of the above report.

Enclosures (4) ~~Sent~~ 5-25-70

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UNSUBS; FIRE BOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO SEVENTY. SABOTAGE. OO: CLEVELAND

RE LOUISVILLE AIRTEL TO CLEVELAND MAY FIFTEEN SEVENTY.

INSTANT DATE [redacted] T. [redacted] ILLINOIS, ADVISED HE HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM WASHINGTON THAT A FEDERAL WARRANT HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR [redacted] FOR PAROLE VIOLATION. THOSE OFFICES SEEKING TO INTERVIEW [redacted] IN CONNECTION WITH KENFOUR SHOULD INTENSIFY INVESTIGATION. NCIC NEGATIVE. WFO VERIFY ISSUANCE PAROLE VIOLATOR WARRANT AND ADVISE. P.

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Honorable John D. Ehrlichman
Assistant to the President
for Domestic Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ehrlichman:

By letters dated May 15, 1970, and May 26, 1970, you were furnished reports of investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning the burning of a Reserve Officers' Training Corps Building at Kent State University on May 2, 1970.

There is enclosed for your information a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 28, 1970, at Cleveland, Ohio, which contains the results of additional investigation conducted.

A copy of this report is being furnished to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

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NOTE:

See memorandum C. D. Brennan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 6/1/70, captioned as above, prepared by GHM:kks.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTENTION: MECHANICAL SECTION)

DATE: 5/21/70

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
Firebombing of Army ROTC Building, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio
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The Bureau is requested to furnish Cleveland with 20, 8 x 10 prints from each of these negatives.

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Reference is made to your communication dated 5/21/70 transmitting
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FBI CLEVELAND

850 PM URGENT 5-27-70 GDS

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140)

RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

UNSUBS: FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BLDG., KENT STATE UNIV., KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY. SABOTAGE", 00: CLEVELAND.

RE CLEVELAND REPORT OF SA [redacted] MAY TWENTYONE, LAST.

SUMMARY

[redacted] KSU FACULTY, ADVISED HE WAS ONE OF THE "MARSHALS" WHO ATTEMPTED TO "COOL DOWN" STUDENTS DURING CAMPUS DISRUPTIONS EVENING OF MAY TWO, LAST. [redacted] OBSERVED STARTING OF FIRE AT ROTC BLDG. AND CUTTING OF FIRE HOSES BY UNIDENTIFIED SUBJECTS AND EXPRESSED DESIRE TO ASSIST IN IDENTIFICATION OF THESE INDIVIDUALS. [redacted] ALSO KSU FACULTY MARSHAL, ON MAY TWO, LAST, STATED SHE COULD NOT IDENTIFY SUBJECTS INVOLVED

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AND THAT SHE IS IN SYMPATHY WITH CAMPUS MOVEMENT.

[redacted] KSU STUDENT, PRESENT AT BURNING AND OBSERVED ONE UNIDENTIFIED SUBJECT CUT FIRE HOSE WITH LARGE KNIFE OR MACHETE.

[redacted] OBSERVED UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS AT FIRE CARRYING BAGS FILLED WITH ROCKS AND STATED THAT UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS IN CROWD THREW ROCKS AT POLICE OFFICERS.

[redacted] EYEWITNESS TO BURNING, VIEWED PHOTO OF A GROUP IN WHICH [redacted] AND ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE WITH LONG HAIR AND A BEARD WERE DISPLAYED. [redacted] STATED THAT [redacted] AS NOT PERSON HE OBSERVED THROWING BURNING RAG INTO ROTC BLDG. AS HE HAD INDICATED DURING A PREVIOUS INTERVIEW. [redacted] THEN IDENTIFIED THE SECOND BEARDED WHITE MALE AS THE BURNER. PHOTO ALBUM RECORDS REVEAL THE SECOND PERSON IDENTIFIED BY [redacted] TO BE PETER CHARLES BLEIK. BLEIK DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, BORN APR. ELEVEN, FORTYEIGHT. 4-11-48 OHIO HOME ADDRESS IS THREE FOUR HIGHWOOD RD., ROCHESTER, NEW YORK. CRIMINAL CHECKS NEGATIVE ON BLEIK AT KENT PD AND PORTAGE COUNTY SO.

DOUGLAS CHARLES CORMACK, CLEVELAND, OHIO, ADMITTED

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OHIO

PULLING HOSE AWAY FROM FIREMEN DURING BURNING OF ROTC BLDG. HE REFUSED TO SAY WHETHER HE REALIZED HE WAS HAMPERING EFFORTS OF FIREMEN.

[redacted] KSU STUDENTS, REFUSED TO DISCUSS HIS ACTIVITIES ON MAY TWO, LAST. KENNETH AND MARILYN HAMMOND ALSO REFUSED TO BE INTERVIEWED.

[redacted] CANTON, OHIO, FURNISHED SIGNED STATEMENT INDICATING HIS INVOLVEMENT IN BURNING OF ROTC BLDG. HE MAINTAINED HE JOINED MOB EN ROUTE TO ROTC BLDG. EVENING OF MAY TWO, LAST, WITH JOHN (LNU) OF PENINSULA, OHIO. MOB APPEARED TO BE LED BY FIVE OR SIX PERSONS, WHOSE IDENTITIES WERE UNKNOWN TO [redacted] HOWEVER, HE INDICATED HE BELIEVES HE COULD IDENTIFY THESE INDIVIDUALS IF HE OBSERVED THEM AGAIN. EN ROUTE TO ROTC BLDG. THE MOB STOPPED AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE AND LEADERS INSTRUCTED EVERYONE TO PICK UP ROCKS. AFTER ARRIVING AT ROTC BLDG., [redacted] OBSERVED JERRY RUPE BURN AN AMERICAN FLAG. [redacted] ADMITTED THROWING TWO ROCKS AT ROTC BLDG. HE OBSERVED RICK (LNU) CUT FIRE HOSES. UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE DIPPED RAG INTO TANK OF NEARBY MOTORCYCLE AND HANDED IT TO [redacted] PASSED RAG

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TO UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE, AND THIS INDIVIDUAL PLACED RAG INTO ROTC BLDG. AND IGNITED IT. [redacted] AND THIS INDIVIDUAL THEN BROKE OUT WINDOW OF ROTC BLDG. IN ORDER TO ALLOW MORE AIR TO GET TO FIRE. [redacted] ALSO OBSERVED JERRY RUPE THROW TWO MILK CARTONS THROUGH ROTC WINDOWS. [redacted] DENIED STARTING FIRE HIMSELF, OR CUTTING FIRE HOSES.

THOMAS MILLER, AKA AQUINAS, ADMITTED BEING PRESENT AT BURNING, BUT REFUSED TO IDENTIFY ANYONE TAKING PART. MILLER TOLD [redacted] HE CUT HOSES. [redacted] TOLD [redacted] THAT MILLER HAD BEEN "RIGHT IN THERE WITH THE TOP GUYS WHO STARTED FIRE." [redacted] ALSO FURNISHED INFO TO BOTH [redacted] WAS HEADQUARTERS OF REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITY IN KENT, OHIO.

[redacted] FURNISHED SIGNED STATEMENT ON MAY TWENTY, LAST, INDICATING HE WAS NOT IN KENT AT TIME OF ROTC BURNING, BUT WAS AT CHIPPEWA LAKE AMUSEMENT PARK WITH THREE OTHER PERSONS. THE OTHER THREE PERSONS, [redacted] ALL VERIFIED [redacted] STORY. [redacted] FURTHER INDICATED HE DID NOT KNOW IDENTITIES OF PERSONS INVOLVED IN BURNING

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[redacted] WHITE FEMALE, AGE ABOUT EIGHTEEN, ADVISED TWO KSU STUDENTS SHE HAD "STONED THE PIGS AND CUT THEIR HOSES."

[redacted] KENT, ADVISED [redacted] FLED FROM HIS ROOM IMMEDIATELY AFTER SHOOTING INCIDENT ON KSU CAMPUS. [redacted] WAS IDENTIFIED BY [redacted] AS AN ACTIVE REVOLUTIONARY.

ALFIE TATE IDENTIFIED BY [redacted] AS INDIVIDUAL RALLYING STUDENTS TO THROW ROCKS AT TIME OF BURNING. TATE ALSO IDENDIFIED BY [redacted] AS CARRYING MACHETE.

[redacted] ADVISED HE COULD NOT POSITIVELY IDENTIFY BURNERS OR HOSE CUTTERS AND WOULD NOT DO SO EVEN IF HE COULD. [redacted] PROFESSED TO BELIEVE IN NONVIOLENCE AT THE PRESENT BUT STATED HE MIGHT RESORT TO VIOLENCE IN FUTURE IF GOALS NOT MET.

[redacted]

IN MAY TWENTYSEVEN, SEVENTY, ISSUE OF THE CLEVELAND

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PRESS," DAILY EVENING NEWSPAPER, AN ARTICLE APPEARED CAPTIONED "FBI LINKS PARMA STUDENT TO KENT ROTC FIRE." THIS ARTICLE STATES FBI TODAY REPORTED IT HAS LINKED PARMA, OHIO, YOUTH WITH BURNING OF ROTC BUILDING ON KSU CAMPUS, MAY TWO, LAST. ARTICLE DOES NOT GIVE YOUTH'S NAME BUT STATES HE IS STUDENT AT KSU. IT ALSO STATES THAT SEARCH OF YOUTH'S QUARTERS AT TWO THREE ZERO EAST MAIN ST., KENT, OHIO, FAILED TO PRODUCE INCENDIARY OR EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS LISTED IN SEARCH WARRANT OBTAINED MAY TEN, LAST.

ARTICLE FURTHER STATES IDENTIFICATION OF YOUH MADE BY ANOTHER KSU STUDENT BY MEANS OF PHOTO FOLLOWING WHICH KENT POLICE OBTAINED SUSPECT'S NAME. ARTICLE ALSO STATED CLEVELAND SAC SAID THAT SUSPECT'S FATHER TOLD FBI HIS SON WAS PRESENT WHEN ROTC BLDG. BURNED AND THAT TWO KSU COEDS TOLD FBI THEY WERE AT EAST MAIN STREET RESIDENCE WHEN SEVERAL MALE STUDENTS ARRIVED AND STATED THEY SET BUILDING AFIRE. CLEVELAND SAC ALSO QUOTED AS STATING POSTERS FOR A JERRY RUBIN RALLY, A CARDBOARD TUBE COVERED WITH ALUMINUM AND HAVING A BURN HOLE AT ONE END, A BOOK ABOUT CHE GUEVARA, AND AN SDS BOOKLET WERE FOUND IN YOUTH'S QUARTERS.

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THIS NEWSPAPER ARTICLE APPARENTLY BASED UPON INFO REVEALED IN SEARCH WARRANT EXECUTED BY CLEVELAND DIVISION AT TWO THREE ZERO EAST MAIN ST., KENT, OHIO, ON MAY TEN, LAST. WARRANT AUTHORIZED ON MAY TEN, LAST, BY ASSISTANT AG J. WALTER YEAGLEY, WHO INSTRUCTED THAT USA, CLEVELAND, BE KEPT INFORMED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS. SEARCH WARRANT WAS RETURNED TO USC CLIFFORD E. BRUCE, CLEVELAND, ON MAY NINETEEN, LAST. USC FILED IT WITH CLERK OF USDC MAY TWENTYSIX, LAST, AFTER WHICH PRESS APPARENTLY BECAME AWARE OF IT. SAC, CLEVELAND, HAS MADE NO COMMENTS WHATSOEVER RE CAPTIONED MATTER TO MEMBERS OF PRESS.

CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN CONTACTS WITH [redacted] 7C INASMUCH AS HE REPORTEDLY HAS SUCIDIAL TENDENCIES.

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CLEVELAND CONTINUING EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY SUBJECTS.

REPORT TO FOLLOW.

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CC- MR. SULLIVAN

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9:10 PM URGENT 5-6-70 SLO

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140)

UNSUBS: FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BLDG., KENT STATE UNIV. (KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY. SABOTAGE. OO: CLEVELAND.

SUMMARY.

RE CLEVELAND TEL, MAY FIVE LAST.

[redacted] ADVISED OSHP MADE SEARCH OF THE BODIES OF THE FOUR PERSONS WHO WERE APPARENTLY KILLED BY OHIO NATIONAL GUARD GUNFIRE ON MAY FOUR, LAST, ON KSU CAMPUS. HE SAID THAT WHEN SEARCHING BODY OF JEFFERY MILLER, KSU STUDENT, THEY FOUND SMALL SCRAP OF PAPER WHICH HAD TELEPHONE NUMBER "SIX SEVEN THREE SEVEN FIVE NINE" AND WORDS "COMMUNICATION CENTER."

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OSHP INVESTIGATORS DETERMINED ABOVE NUMBER LISTED TO [redacted] TWO THREE SEVEN AND ONE-HALF, NO. WATER ST., KENT.

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KENT PD ON MAY FOUR, LAST, OBTAINED SEARCH WARRANT AND ARRESTED [redacted] AND [redacted] I ABOVE ADDRESS, CHARGING THEM WITH CURFEW VIOLATIONS. [redacted] HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN IDENTIFIED AS SDS MEMBER AND ARRESTED ON KSU CAMPUS APRIL SIXTYNINE, DURING DISRUPTION BY SDS.

KENT PD SEARCH OF ABOVE ADDRESS REVEALED SEVERAL PIECES OF LITERATURE CONTAINING NAMES OF KNOWN SDS AND YSA MEMBERS. ALSO OBTAINED WAS A LETTER FROM ABBIE HOFFMAN TO [redacted]. AMONG OTHER THINGS THIS LETTER URGED [redacted] TO "ABOVE ALL BUILD THE CONSPIRACY IN YOUR BACK YARD THAT WILL DEFEND OUR GROWING NATION". LETTER REPORTEDLY POSTMARKED APR. THIRTY, LAST. MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE, KENT, ORDERED THIS DATE THAT ALL EVIDENCE OBTAINED IN ABOVE SEARCH BE RETAINED BY KENT PD.

CLEVELAND ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN PHOTOS OF ABOVE INDIVIDUALS IF AVAILABLE AND DISPLAY TO WITNESSES. KENT FIREMEN INTERVIEWED THIS DATE BUT COULD NOT IDENTIFY UNSUBS. ARMY ROTC OFFICERS AND CADETS INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND COULD NOT FURNISH ANY PERTINENT INFO.

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DOCTORS AT KSU HEALTH CENTER FURNISHED NAMES OF STUDENTS WHO REPORTED INJURIES ON EVENING OF FIRE, AND THESE STUDENTS WILL BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED.

CLEVELAND HAS OBTAINED NEGATIVES OF PHOTOS TAKEN OF DEMONSTRATORS ON CAMPUS DURING DISRUPTION. NEGATIVES HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO BUREAU BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION FOR PRINTING OF SUFFICIENT COPIES. UPON RECEIPT OF PHOTOS, CLEVELAND WILL DISPLAY THEM TO WITNESSES. P.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. C. L. McGowan

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: May 28, 1970

1 - Mr. H. A. Schutz
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The purpose of this memorandum is to set forth highlights of investigation conducted by Cleveland since the submission of its last report in this matter on 5/21/70.

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[redacted] is no longer considered a suspect since the eyewitness who previously identified him by photograph no longer believes [redacted] was the person he observed. [redacted] has also been interviewed and provided information that he was not present at KSU on 5/2/70 which statement has been substantiated by three other persons.

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Interviews of faculty, students and nonstudents at KSU are continuing. Some individuals contacted have refused to be interviewed.

Cleveland has advised it will submit another report in this matter this weekend, and a copy will be furnished to the Director promptly with an appropriate recommendation for dissemination. Investigation is being vigorously pursued and closely supervised in an effort to identify subjects responsible and to bring this matter to a logical conclusion.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For the information of the Director.

1 - Mr. H. Wenzel

6/4/70

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To: SAC, Cleveland (98-2140)

From: Director, FBI (98-46479)

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Reference is made to Bureau telephone call to SAC, Cusick, at Cleveland 6/3/70 which advised Mr. Philip Morris, Attorney, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, will depart Washington, D. C., on Northwest Airlines flight arriving Cleveland 11:35 A.M. 6/4/70.

Copies of all reports in this matter to date have been made available to Mr. Morris. Cleveland should render appropriate assistance to Mr. Morris with regard to any requests made by him and insure that he is furnished copies of subsequent reports in this matter while in Cleveland.

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NOTE:

Pursuant to request made 6/2/70 to AAG Yeagley, Philip Morris, Attorney in the Internal Security Division will arrive Cleveland 6/4/70 to correlate Department's consideration of this case. This confirms information furnished Cleveland telephonically 6/3/70 which instructed Cleveland to render assistance to Mr. Morris.

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Cleveland has advised it will submit another report in this matter this weekend, and a copy will be furnished to the Director promptly with an appropriate recommendation for dissemination. Investigation is being vigorously pursued and closely supervised in an effort to identify subjects responsible and to bring this matter to a logical conclusion.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For the information of the Director.

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date June 2, 1970

Attached teletype concerning Kent State University ROTC burning, 5/2/70, identifies 10 persons who have been established by investigation as participants in violent acts directed against that facility on 5/2/70 including persons who hindered firemen endeavoring to put out blaze. Cleveland recommends Department furnish immediate prosecutive opinion and/or consider immediate Federal Grand Jury action concerning these subjects.

Accordingly, the attached information will be immediately made available to Assistant Attorneys General, Internal Security Division, Criminal Division and Civil Rights Division. Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, will be personally contacted and advised of the urgency of this request in view of the possibility of local arrests and prosecution being imminent.

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TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI CLEVELAND

10:43AM URGENT 6-2-70 AFS

TO DIRECTOR (98-46479)

FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140)

UNSUBS: FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BLDG., KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY. SABOTAGE. OO CLEVELAND.

RE CLEVELAND REPORT OF SA [redacted] MAY TWENTYEIGHT, LAST.

SUMMARY

INVESTIGATION TO DATE HAS IDENTIFIED TEN INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE ADMITTED INVOLVEMENT IN CAPTIONED MATTER OR WHO HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY WITNESSES AS HAVING BEEN INVOLVED. THE FOLLOWING INFO REGARDING THESE INDIVIDUALS IS SET FORTH FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BUREAU AS TO POSSIBLE PROSECUTIVE MERIT:

[redacted]

[redacted] OHIO

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Mr. Walters
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Soyars
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

[redacted] FURNISHED SIGNED STATEMENT MAY TWENTYSIX, LAST. HE ADMITTED JOINING GROUP OF ABOUT THREE HUNDRED TO FIVE HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS ON KSU CAMPUS ABOUT SEVEN:FIFTYFIVE P M, MAY TWO, LAST. AS THEY PASSED CONSTRUCTION SITE ON CAMPUS EN ROUTE TO ARMY ROTC BLDG., UNIDENTIFIED LEADERS OF GROUP INSTRUCTED GROUP TO PICK UP ROCKS. [redacted] ADMITTED PICKING UP FOUR ROCKS, TWO OF WHICH HE GAVE TO SOMEONE ELSE.

[redacted] CKNOWLEDGED THAT ON ARRIVING AT ROTC BLDG., HE THREW TWO ROCKS AT BUILDING, ONE OF WHICH WENT OVER BUILDING AND ONE WENT THROUGH A WINDOW. [redacted] ADMITTED HE AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS FROM CROWD PULLED FIRE HOSES FROM FIREMEN WHEN THEY ARRIVED TO EXTINGUISH ROTC FIRE.

[redacted] DENIED HE CUT ANY FIRE HOSES. [redacted] ALSO DENIED HAVING PERSONALLY SET BUILDING ON FIRE; HOWEVER, HE ADMITTED THAT UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE SOAKED A RAG IN GAS TANK OF MOTORCYCLE AND PASSED RAG TO [redacted] THEN PASSED RAG TO SECOND UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE, WHO THEN IGNITED RAG AT BUILDING.

IN ADDITION [redacted] STATED HE AND AFOREMENTIONED

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SECOND UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE TORE SCREEN FROM WINDOW OF ROTC BUILDING AND BROKE OUT THE WINDOW WITH OUR BARE FISTS AS WE FELT THE FIRE NEEDED AIR." [redacted] ADDED HE HIMSELF, UNDER INFLUENCE OF LSD DURING THAT EVENING.

[redacted] WHITE MALE, BORN AUG. TWENTXFIVE, FIFTY-ONE.

JERRY RUPE

ONE TWO SEVEN NO. MANTUA ST., KENT, OHIO

[redacted] IN AFOREMENTINED SIGNED STATEMENT ADVISED HE SAW JERRY RUPE HOLDING AMERICAN FLAG ON STICK OVER HIS HEAD AT ROTC BLDG. EVENING OF MAY TWO, LAST, AND THAT FLAG WAS THROWN TO GROUND AND RUPE SET FIRE TO IT. [redacted] ALSO SAW RUPE AND ABOUT TWENTY OTHER PERSONS ASSAULT A PHOTOGRAPHER IN CROWD DURING FIRE. [redacted] OBSERVED RUPE THROW TWO METAL MILK CASES THROUGH ROTC WINDOWS. [redacted] ALSO NOTED RUPE WAS IN CROWD AS IT DISPERSED FROM ROTC BLDG. AND WENT INTO CITY OF KENT.

[redacted]

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RUPE IS WHITE MALE, BORN JULY TWENTYTHREE, FORTYFIVE.

LAST NAME UNKNOWN
(LNU) WHITE MALE

KENT, OHIO

IN AFOREMENTINED SIGNED STATEMENT ADVISED HE OBSERVED (LNU) CUTTING FIRE HOSE WITH KNIFE HE HAD STRAPPED IN A SHEATH OF HIS LEG. BELIEVED RESIDED AT SAID WAS FORMERLY STUDENT AT UNIV. OF AKRON AND IS NOT CURRENTLY A STUDENT AT KSU.

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, OHIO

DURING BURNING OF ROTC BLDG. INDICATED THAT JERRY RUPE AND (LNU) APPEARED TO BE

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LEADERS OF CROWD AT BUILDING. [redacted] ALSO SAW JERRY RUPE WITH BURNING FLAG. HE DENIED ACTIVE PARTICIPATION DURING BURNING OF BUILDING, BUT ADMITTED HE WAS IN FRONT OF THE MOB.

[redacted] 7d

[redacted] AKRON, OHIO

[redacted] ORALLY ADMITTED ON MAY TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, HE TRAVELED TO KENT, OHIO, EVENING OF MAY TWO LAST, AND WAS PRESENT AT BURNING OF ROTC BLD. [redacted] OBSERVED JERRY RUPE WITH BURNING FLAG DURNING FIRE. HE ALSO ADMITTED PULLING ON FIRE HOSE. 7d

[redacted] 7d

[redacted] S, OHIO

[redacted] N MAY TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, ORALLY ADMITTED TO PULLING HOSES DURING ROTC FIRE. HE ALSO INDICATED HE WAS

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PRESENT WITH [redacted] AT THE FIRE.

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]WOOSTER, OHIO

ON MAY NINE, LAST, [redacted] ORALLY ADMITTED THAT AT ABOUT TWO A M, MAY TWO, LAST, HE AND HIS DATE, [redacted] WERE PASSING ROTC BLDG. AT KSU. AT THIS TIME [redacted] TOOK [redacted] POCKETBOOK AND SMASHED WINDOW IN ROTC BLDG. [redacted] DENIED BEING ON CAMPUS AT TIME OF BURNING.

[redacted] WAS CHARGED WITH MALICIOUS MISCHIEF BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES AS A RESULT OF ABOVE AND WAS SENTENCED TO THIRTY DAYS IN PORTAGE COUNTY JAIL, RAVENNA, OHIO, BEGINNING MAY TWENTY, LAST, AND WAS ALSO FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS.

[redacted] IS WHITE MALE, BORN JUNE FOURTEEN, FIFTY.

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ALFIE TATE

[redacted] KENT, OBSERVED NEGRO MALE KNOWN AS ALFIE

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TATE, GRADUATE OF JOHN HAY HIGH SCHOOL, CLEVELAND, OHIO IN KENT ON MAY ONE, LAST. HE SAID THAT TATE BRANDISHED A "SWORD," AND THAT TATE STATED, "I'M GONNA GET ONE OF THEM IF IT GET CLOSE ENOUGH." [redacted] LATER OBSERVED TATE AT ROTC FIRE. HE SAID TATE WAS RUNNING AROUND YELLING FOR STUDENTS TO GRAB ROCKS AND STICKS TO THROW AT OHIO NATIONAL GUARD TROOPERS.

[redacted] ON MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST, ADVISED HE SAW ALFRIE TATE ABOUT ONE THIRTY A M ON SAT. IN KENT PRIOR TO BURNING OF ROTC BLDG. TATE STATED HE WAS MEMBER OF BLACK PANTHER PARTY AND HAD RECENTLY BEEN IN CHICAGO. TATE WENT ON TO STATE, "I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU GUYS HOW TO RIOT." [redacted] ALSO OBSERVED TATE WAS WAVING A MACHETE WITH A BLADE ABOUT EIGHTEEN INCHES LONG.

TATE IS NEGRO MALE, DATE OF BIRTH UNKNOWN.

PETER CHARLES BLEIK

THREE FOUR HIGHWOOD RD., ROCKESTER, NEW YORK

WHEN INTERVIEWED MAY ELEVEN, LAST, BLEIK ACKNOWLEDGED HE WAS AT SCENE OF ROTC FIRE BUT DENIED HE WAS INVOLVED OTHER

OTHER THAN AS AN OBSERVER.

ON MAY TWENTYFIVE, LAST, [redacted] EYE-WITNESS TO BURNING, IDENTFIED PHOTO OF BLEIK AS BEING IDENT WITH PERSON HE OBSERVED THROW LIGHTED GASOLINE-SOAKED RAG INTO ROTC BLDG.

IT IS NOTED THAT [redacted] PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED PHOTO OF [redacted] AS THIS SUBJECT, BUT ON MAY TWENTYFIVE CHANGED HIS MIND.

IT IS FURTHER NOTED THAT BOTH [redacted] AND BLEIK ARE WHITE MALES, WELL OVER SIX FT. TALL, AND BOTH HAVE LONG HAIR AND BEARDS.

BLEIK WAS BORN APR. ELEVEN, FORTYEIGHT.

DOUGLAS CHARLES CORMACK

ONE TWO NINE FOUR ONE CHERRY LANE, CHESTERLAND, OHIO

ONE MAY TWELVE, LAST, CORMACK ACKNOWLEDGED HE AND OTHER MEMBERS IN CROWD AT ROTC BLDG. THREW ROCKS AT BUILDING. HE STATED UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL TOOK PILLOW CASE FROM HIM, STATING, "I NEED SOMETHING FOR GAS." SUBSEQUENTLY, CORMACK

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SAW INDIVIDUAL WITH BURNING RAG ON END OF STICK STARTING FIRE AT BUILDING. SUBJECT CAME FROM DIRECTION OF TWO MOTORCYCLES AND CORMACK STATED RAG COULD HAVE BEEN HIS PILLOW CASE.

CORMACK FURTHER ADMITTED ABOUT TWO HUNDRED STUDENTS, INCLUDING HIMSELF, PULLED HOSES AWAY FROM ROTC BLDG. AND AWAY FROM FIREMEN BECAUSE THEY DID NOT WANT FIRE PUT OUT.

FOLLOWING ABOVE, OHIO NATIONAL GUARD ARRIVED TO PROTECT FIREMEN, AND CORMACK AND OTHER MEMBERS OF CROWD THREW ROCKS AT THEM.

WHEN REINTERVIEWED ON MAY TWENTYONE, LAST, CORMACK AGAIN ADMITTED HE PULLED HOSE FROM FIREMEN FOR "KICKS" BUT REFUSED TO ACKNOWLEDGE HE THREW ROCKS. DURING THIS INTERVIEW, [redacted] 7C

[redacted]

CORMACK IS WHITE, MALE, BORN JAN. THIRTEEN, FIFTY.

ADMINISTRATIVE

CLEVELAND REQUESTS BUREAU CONSIDER DISCUSSING ABOVE INFO WITH DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR PROSECUTIVE OPINION AND/OR

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DESIRABILITY OF PRESENTING THIS MATTER BEFORE A GRAND JURY.

IT IS NOTED LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE ALSO CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION INTO DISRUPTIONS AT KSU, AND ARRESTS BY THESE AGENCIES MAY BE FORTHCOMING. IT IS EXPECTED [redacted] (LNU) WILL BE IDENTIFIED BY CV DIVISION THIS DATE.

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FBI WASH DC

The Attorney General June 4, 1970

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Director, FBI

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Fire Bombing of Army ROTC Building
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio
May 2, 1970
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS --
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

Reference is made to three investigative reports which have been furnished to you in this matter by letters dated May 15, 1970, May 26, 1970, and June 2, 1970.

For your additional information a summary of information in this case was personally furnished to Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley on June 2, 1970. This summary identified ten persons who committed acts of violence against the Reserve Officers' Training Corps building on May 2, 1970, and/or interfered with firemen who attempted to put out the fire in that building.

In connection with this information Mr. Yeagley was requested to expeditiously advise whether Federal prosecution is warranted in this matter. In view of the possibility of local arrests and prosecution of some of these individuals, it would be appreciated if an early decision would be made in this case.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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Criminal Division

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Internal Security Division

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NOTE: See memorandum C. D. Brennan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 6/3/70, captioned as above, prepared by GHM:pab.

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1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Deloach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Office, 7133
1 - Mr Aaron

TO SAC CLEVELAND (98-2140)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, NINETEEN SEVENTY; SABOTAGE, AND BUFFALO LETTER MAY TWENTYEIGHT, LAST.

NO SMOKE PARTICLES OR INCENDIARY CHEMICALS FOUND ON SUBMITTED SPECIMENS.

REPORT FOLLOWS. COPY MAILED BUFFALO.

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