

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

June 29, 1964

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[redacted] on Sunday, June 21, 1964, at
approximately 3:30 p.m. [redacted]

[redacted] were driving on Sandtown Road in the direction of Dekalb, Mississippi and approximately one mile from the Neshoba County Courthouse and at a place across the road from the Dallas Garage, she observed two white men and one Negro man standing beside a station wagon changing a flat tire. Standing with these three individuals was CECIL PRICE, the Chief Deputy Sheriff of Neshoba County. PRICE was driving a 1956 Chevrolet. [redacted] could not describe the automobile with the flat tire other than it was a station wagon. She could not recall the color of same. [redacted] could not identify the two white men or the Negro man. [redacted] could not identify the photographs of JAMES CHANEY, ANDREW GOODMAN, or MICHAEL SCHWERNER.

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B. APPROX [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised as follows: Miss

[REDACTED] saw the Ford stationwagon of the three civil rights workers parked on the north fork headed west about 50 yards west of the intersection of these two forks. A jack was holding the left rear wheel of the stationwagon off the ground but the left rear wheel had not been removed. A Negro male, believed to be CHANEY, and one of his white friends was standing beside the stationwagon on the right toward the front. [REDACTED] did not see the third of the three men. Deputy Sheriff PRICE was standing to the rear of the stationwagon and PRICE's car was parked immediately to the rear of the stationwagon. A Highway Patrol officer had parked his car also headed west to the rear of PRICE's car and was walking toward the stationwagon with what appeared to be a citation book in his hand. [REDACTED] continued to drive east and did not stop. This was about 1:25 P. M. June 21, 1964.

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B. APPROX [REDACTED]

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advised as follows:

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[REDACTED] traveled east on Main Street, and as they passed the Mason Street intersection in town they saw a blue stationwagon headed west on Mason Street about 75 feet west of the Main Street intersection the stationwagon was parked and had part of the rear jacked up. [REDACTED] driving and did not pay much attention to the scene, but saw one white man standing beside the stationwagon. Behind the stationwagon and headed in the same direction was a blue Chevrolet police car known to be that of Deputy Sheriff PRICE, and behind that was a Highway Patrol car. A man believed to be Mr. PRICE was standing behind the stationwagon with a book in his hand as if he were writing out a ticket and approaching the stationwagon was a Highway Patrol officer in uniform.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] arrived two or three minutes before 2 P. M. on June 21, 1964. This is recalled because there was a discussion of the time [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] estimated that [REDACTED]

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covered the stationwagon and the above related incident at about
O P. M. on June 21, 1964.

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as follows:

[REDACTED] saw the blue station-wagon which they believed had been used by the three civil rights workers in that area. The stationwagon was parked headed west on the north fork of Highway 16 with the left rear wheel jacked up. The wheel had not been removed. Deputy Sheriff PRICE was standing behind the stationwagon and had his car parked also behind the stationwagon and also headed west. Behind PRICE's car was a car of the Highway Patrol and a Highway Patrolman who was unknown by name was carrying what appeared to be a ticket book in his hand as he was walking from the patrol car toward the wagon. At the same time the man believed to be CHANEI and one of his white friends was standing on the right side of the stationwagon, and his other friend was looking under the stationwagon, as he was down on his knees on the left side of the wagon. [REDACTED] this was about 1:30 P. M. June 21, 1964, by his estimate, and he felt certain he could not be more than 15 minutes wrong in either direction in this estimate.

[REDACTED] on their arrival someone asked the time, and they began to discuss that it was 2 o'clock.

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IV. INCARCERATION OF VICTIMS AT THE
NESHOBIA COUNTY JAIL, PHILADELPHIA,
MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 21, 1964

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Date June 26, 19641

The jail docket of the Neshoba County Sheriff's Office, Philadelphia, Mississippi, was reviewed at which time it was ascertained the docket shows that JAMES E. CHANEY, a Negro male, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff CECIL PRICE for speeding on June 21, 1964, and that CHANEY paid a \$20 fine and was released on June 21, 1964. The docket also shows that MICHAEL SCHWERNER, a white male, and ANDREW GOODMAN, a white male, were arrested June 21, 1964, by Deputy Sheriff CECIL PRICE, and held for investigation, being released June 21, 1964. No times of arrest or release were reflected in the jail docket.

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[REDACTED] Neshoba County Jail, produced the jail docket which revealed that the following individuals were incarcerated at that jail during June, 1964: *b7c, b7d*

<u>Neshoba County Inmates</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dates Jailed and Released</u>
[REDACTED]	White Male	Jailed 6/1/64 Released 6/2/64
[REDACTED]	Male Indian	Jailed 6/1/64 Released 6/4/64
[REDACTED]	Male Indian	Jailed 6/1/64 Released 6/1/64
[REDACTED]	Male Indian	Jailed 6/1/64 Released 6/8/64
<i>1-0</i> [REDACTED]	Male Indian	Jailed 6/1/64 Released 6/1/64
[REDACTED]	Negro Male	Jailed 6/1/64 Released 6/3/64
[REDACTED]	White Male	Jailed 6/2/64 Released 6/3/64
[REDACTED]	White Male	Jailed 6/2/64 Released 6/5/64
[REDACTED]	White Male	Jailed 6/2/64 Released 6/6/64
[REDACTED]	Negro Male	Jailed 6/2/64 Released 6/2/64

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Neshoba County
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Description

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[REDACTED]	Negro Male	Jailed 6/16/64 Released 6/16/64
[REDACTED]	White Male	Jailed 6/17/64 Released 6/18/64
[REDACTED]	White Male	Jailed 6/18/64 Released 6/19/64
[REDACTED]	Male Indian	Jailed 6/18/64 Released (?)
[REDACTED]	White Male	Jailed 6/18/64 Released 6/18/64
[REDACTED]	White Male	Jailed 6/19/64 Released 6/19/64
[REDACTED]	Negro Female	Jailed 6/19/64 Released 6/19/64
[REDACTED]	Negro Male	Jailed 6/19/64 Released 6/30/64
[REDACTED]	Female Indian	Jailed 6/19/64 Released 6/20/64
[REDACTED]	Negro Male	Jailed 6/20/64 Released 6/21/64
[REDACTED]	White Male	Jailed 6/20/64 Released 6/21/64
JAMES E. CHANEY	Negro Male	Jailed 6/21/64 Released 6/21/64
MICHAEL SCHWERNER	White Male	Jailed 6/21/64 Released 6/21/64

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<u>Neshoba County Inmates</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dates Jailed and Released</u>
ANDREW GOODMAN	White Male	Jailed 6/21/64 Released 6/21/64
[redacted]	Negro Male	Jailed 6/21/64 Released 6/26/64
[redacted]	White Male	Jailed 6/21/64 Released 6/22/64
[redacted]	White Male	Jailed 6/21/64 Released 6/30/64
[redacted]	White Male	Jailed 6/21/64 Released 6/30/64
[redacted]	White Male	Jailed 6/22/64 Released 6/23/64
[redacted]	White Male	Jailed 6/22/64 Released 6/24/64
[redacted]	White Male	Jailed 6/22/64 Released 6/24/64
[redacted]	White Female	Jailed 6/25/64 Released 6/26/64
[redacted]	White Male	Jailed 6/25/64 Released 6/27/64
[redacted]	Indian Male	Jailed 6/27/64 Released 6/27/64
[redacted]	Indian Male	Jailed 6/28/64 Released 6/29/64
[redacted]	White Male	Jailed 6/28/64 Released 6/28/64

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JAMES CHANEY, a Negro male, was arrested on June 21, 1964, for speeding and at the same time of his arrest two white males were arrested for investigation.

██████████ believed the three were arrested by Sheriff LAWRENCE RAINE, Neshoba County Sheriff's Office, Philadelphia, Mississippi. ██████████ the three were released

the night of June 21, 1964, sometime after dark upon payment of CHANEY's fine of \$20 on the speeding charge.

██████████ advised of the missing status of the three persons ██████████ believes he heard one or more of the men advise they were heading for Meridian, Mississippi, at the time they were released from the jail.

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[REDACTED] released the three victims at 10:30 p.m., June 21, 1964, after [REDACTED] called the Justice of the Peace, LEONARD WARREN, and received from WARREN information as to how much the fine was for the violation of speeding.

[REDACTED] immediately upon receiving this information from Justice of the Peace LEONARD WARREN [REDACTED] released the three victims, they paid their fine and walked out of the door of the jail. This was the last time [REDACTED] observed the victims.

[REDACTED] when the victims were placed in the jail [REDACTED] booked them in [REDACTED] was present at the time. [REDACTED] the victims were brought to the jail by Neshoba County Deputy Sheriff CECIL RAY PRICE and searched by PRICE prior to putting them in the cell block. [REDACTED] did not observe Constable CLAYTON LIVINGSTON at the jail at the time the victims were booked in to the jail.

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1. Mrs. MINNIE HERRING, wife of the Jailer, Neshoba County Jail, Philadelphia, Mississippi, provided the following information:

She advised that she assists her husband in the handling of inmates and other duties at the jail since her husband is not in good health. She advised that their records reflected that on June 21, 1964, JAMES CHANEY, ANDREW GOODMAN, and MICHAEL SCHWERNER had been arrested at Philadelphia. CHANEY was charged with speeding and the other two were held for investigation.

She said she recalled that at about 10:30 p.m., June 21, 1964, Deputy CECIL PRICE came to the jail and said he had been in touch with WARREN who suggested a fine of \$20.00 for CHANEY. She advised that the three were then released and departed in a station wagon.

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Mrs. MINNIE LEE HERRING was contacted at the Nashoba County Jail, 422 Myrtle Street. She and her husband, Mr. HORACE VIRGIL MILTON HERRING, are jailers and reside in the jail building. She advised as follows:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the arrest of the three COFO workers. She recalls that Deputy Sheriff PRICE brought the three COFO workers, one Negro and two white males, into the jail [REDACTED]. He advised Mrs. HERRING that CHANEY had been arrested for speeding and that the other two boys were being held for investigation only. PRICE did not say for what they were being investigated. PRICE was alone at this time. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Normally, car keys belonging to prisoners of the sheriff's office are turned over to her. Occasionally, they are left with the police department. In this instance, she did not receive any car keys and she recalls no mention

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being made of them. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Deputy PRICE returned to the jail sometime after 10:00 p.m. and stated that he had contacted Justice of the Peace WARREN and that he had set the bond at \$20. When advised of the bond, CHANEY shouted over and asked the two white prisoners if they had \$20. The dark haired boy looked through his wallet and advised that he did. The cash bond was paid at about 10:30 p.m., the three prisoners were released and left the jail. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] June 21, 1964, at about 11:00 p.m. and at approximately 11:45 p.m. [REDACTED] brought in two white prisoners named RICHARD COWANS and JIMMY DOMMICK, who they had arrested for trespassing. Shortly thereafter, she said HUEL SULLIVAN was arrested for being drunk and disorderly by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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1Date August 6, 1964

MINNIE POSEY HERRING, wife of the jailer of Neshoba County Jail, was re-interviewed and advised that she had furnished all the information she knew concerning the circumstances surrounding the missing civil rights workers who were lodged in the Neshoba County Jail on June 21, 1964.

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

recalls seeing MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER, ANDREW GOODMAN,
and JAMES EARL CHANEY at this time as all three were incar-
cerated in the jail. He did not converse with any of them
and did not see them again.

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[REDACTED] two white males and a Negro were jailed. He knows this for the reason that he observed two white males and a Negro walking around the side of the building and he was later informed [REDACTED] that the law had locked them up.

[REDACTED] viewed a wanted flyer dated June 29, 1964, regarding ANDREW GOODMAN, JAMES EARL CHANEY, and MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER with descriptive data of each and stated that he was unable to identify the above three victims as the persons he observed at the Philadelphia jail on the afternoon of June 21, 1964.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CECIL PRICE
ailed two whites and a colored boy.

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Date June 30, 1964

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] furnished the following information:

At approximately 11:45 p.m. on June 21, [REDACTED] was arrested by Sheriff LAWRENCE RAINEY and LEONARD WARREN, Justice of the Peace, at Philadelphia, Mississippi. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Upon arrival at the above jail [REDACTED] placed in a cell with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] did not see the victims in instant case; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the only information he possesses relative to the victims in instant case being in the Neshoba County Jail on June 21, 1964, was the fact that [REDACTED] mentioned in idle talk that two white men and one Negro man had been at the above jail and had been released [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] between approximately 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. on June 21, 1964, he was returning from the country on Mississippi Route 16 leading into Philadelphia, Mississippi.

At approximately one-half mile from the center of Philadelphia on Route 16 and directly across the street from a church, he observed [REDACTED] b7c b7D

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two white men and one Negro man fixing a tire on a car. He also observed that Deputy Sheriff PRICE was standing near this car and apparently talking to or observing the individuals change the tire. He said that he did not stop to talk with the above individuals and that is the only information he possesses relative to any incident that might have occurred at that time.

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Midnight [REDACTED] at approximately 12:00
[REDACTED]
and arrested [REDACTED] and took him to the Philadelphia
Jail.

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and furnished the following information:

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Upon arrival at the jail, the only white prisoner in jail
was [REDACTED] o7c

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Date July 2, 1964

[REDACTED]
furnished the following information:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] were arrested by Deputy Sheriff PRICE and Constable LIVINGSTON and an unknown Philadelphia city Police Department officer. [REDACTED] taken to the Neshoba County Jail, [REDACTED] arrived at the jail at approximately 10:30 P. M. [REDACTED] saw Sheriff RAINEY and Justice of the Peace WARREN in the jail building having just arrested [REDACTED] was the only other white prisoner in Philadelphia at that time.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Sunday, June 21, 1964, some-
time in the afternoon before dark he recalls seeing two
white men and one Negro man in the Neshoba County Jail.
[REDACTED] two white men were placed in a cell together
and the Negro man was placed in a separate cell, with
another Negro man. [REDACTED] cannot recall the
exact time these men were placed in the above jail. [REDACTED]
does not recall having seen them leave the above jail on the
night of June 21, 1964. [REDACTED] did
not talk to any of the above individuals and does not
recall the identity of any of the other inmates of the
jail who did talk to them.

Photographs of CHANEY, SCHWERNER, and GOODMAN
were exhibited to [REDACTED] was unable to
identify any of them as being identical with the individuals
he saw at the Neshoba County Jail on the evening of
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] recalls that on Sunday, June 21, 1964, a Negro male was placed in the cell with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] cannot recall the exact time this person was placed in the cell [REDACTED] it was sometime prior to darkness.

[REDACTED] did not talk with this individual to any extent and does not recall his name; however, this person told him that he had been arrested while fixing a flat tire on his automobile.

[REDACTED] this person remained in the jail until sometime after darkness, exact time he cannot recall, and was then released when he paid his fine.

[REDACTED] examined a photograph of victim CHANEY and stated that this photograph was identical with the person who was in the cell with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] did not see anyone who had been placed in the jail with CHANEY and that he did not talk with CHANEY to any extent and that the only thing CHANEY told him was that he, CHANEY, was going home upon his release from the Neshoba County Jail. He said that CHANEY did not tell him where home was or how he intended going there.

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[REDACTED] was in jail on Sunday, June 21, 1964, when at approximately 5 P. M. a colored boy was placed in the cell [REDACTED] was shown a photograph of JAMES CHANEY and said it was identical with the boy who was placed in the cell [REDACTED]. He said he understood CHANEY was arrested with some white boys who were in another section of the jail. [REDACTED] CHANEY stayed in the jail until approximately 10 P. M., most of the time of which he spent sleeping. At approximately 10 P. M. somebody told him that he could be released upon payment of \$20 bond. CHANEY shouted across to the other side and asked one of the white boys if they had \$20. The white boy replied that he did, and CHANEY was released. He saw nothing of him after that time and has heard nothing concerning his whereabouts. He was unable to furnish any further information on the matter.

On 7/1/64 at Neshoba County, Miss. File # NO 44-2227by SA [REDACTED] ^{b7C} Date dictated 7/4/64

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Date June 30, 1964

[REDACTED]
furnished the following information:
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] identified photographs of victims SCHWERNER, GOODMAN, and CHANEY as individuals he had seen in the Neshoba County Jail between approximately 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. Victims SCHWERNER and GOODMAN were placed in the same cell [REDACTED] and that the Negro who was arrested with them, referring to victim CHANEY, was placed in another cell which was occupied by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He recalled that, when the arresting officer brought these individuals into the jail and before GOODMAN and SCHWERNER were placed in his cell, there had been some "loud talk" apparently between the officer and victims but he was unable to hear the conversation.

[REDACTED] when they were brought into the cellblock, he heard the arresting officer tell the jailer "Look these two up in the same cell with this Negro." [REDACTED] the jailer informed the arresting officer that he could not place the Negro prisoner with the white boys and placed the Negro in a cell occupied by another Negro prisoner.

At approximately 3:30 to 3:45 p.m., he recalled victim SCHWERNER asked the jailer if he, SCHWERNER, could make a telephone call to Meridian, Mississippi, explaining that his wife was located in Meridian and that she was expecting him and would be "uneasy" if he did not return to

On 6/29/64 at [REDACTED] File # NO 44-2227
by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] :eeb 620 Date dictated 6/29/64

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Meridian. [REDACTED] the jailer told him that he could not let him out of the cell to make a call but that he could place the call for him if the call could be made collect. [REDACTED] SCHWERNER declined the jailer's offer and to his knowledge never placed the call. [REDACTED] neither SCHWERNER or GOODMAN made much conversation during the afternoon but he did recall SCHWERNER and GOODMAN indicating that they were living in Meridian and working there for some place which they referred to by initials which he could not recall.

[REDACTED] around 4 00 p.m., or shortly after, SCHWERNER asked the Negro that was brought in with him, "Have they talked to you yet?" [REDACTED] the Negro answered, "No" and asked SCHWERNER, "What do you want to tell them?" SCHWERNER replied either, "Tell them we were at the church or either coming from the church."

[REDACTED] the victims, referring to GOODMAN and SCHWERNER, appeared to be calm and collected and apparently anticipated being in jail for several days. [REDACTED] they mentioned something about they guessed they would be in jail until court was held which he told them he had heard was generally on Wednesday.

[REDACTED] also recalled asking the victims, SCHWERNER and GOODMAN, what they had been arrested for and that SCHWERNER said they did not know yet but were being "held for investigation." [REDACTED] SCHWERNER said that they were arrested by Highway Patrolmen and a Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff. [REDACTED] SCHWERNER mentioned that they were driving a station wagon when arrested and that the arresting officers had brought the station wagon to the jail.

[REDACTED] he believed victim GOODMAN made some remark about their repairing a flat tire on the road at the time of their arrest but that GOODMAN was "grinning" when he made the remark [REDACTED] suspected that they must have been doing something else.

[REDACTED] victim SCHWERNER did most of the talking and was apparently the only one that had any money. [REDACTED] recalled some remark by the Negro boy who was arrested with them indicating that he only had 45 cents. [REDACTED] one time during the afternoon SCHWERNER ran out of cigarettes and had asked the jailer if he could buy some cigarettes with some money in his wallet. [REDACTED] the jailer said he could but later returned and said that the men who had arrested him apparently had taken his wallet, claiming it was not in the jail.

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[REDACTED] does not believe any of the three victims had a watch, ring, or other jewelry on their persons in the cells. [REDACTED] particularly recalls that they had asked the jailer for the time on one or two occasions.

[REDACTED] none of the victims mentioned any background other than SCHWERNER making a remark to the jailer about having a New York Driver's license and that they never mentioned why they were in the Philadelphia area.

[REDACTED] recalled the following dress for the victims:

SCHWERNER

Blue dungaree shirt and faded blue dungaree trousers and possibly black buckle-type boots. [REDACTED] believed that SCHWERNER was wearing some sort of dark blue cap similar to a baseball cap, and that SCHWERNER was wearing a beard or goatee.

GOODMAN

Khaki short-sleeved shirt and black dungaree trousers and black leather slippers with a pointed toe. [REDACTED] GOODMAN was reasonably clean-shaven.

CHANEY

Black pants and black leather slippers similar to the ones worn by GOODMAN.

[REDACTED] neither SCHWERNER nor GOODMAN made any remarks indicating that they had had any trouble with the arresting officers and other than giving the impression that they would be in jail for several days, they were calm and collected.

[REDACTED] did not realize who the individuals occupying the cell with him were until he saw the newspaper accounts of the missing civil rights workers.

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Date July 17, 1964

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] City Police Officers [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] about 8:30 p.m. on June

21, 1964

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] took him to jail and he was placed in a cell with a Negro who said he was from Meridian, Mississippi. [REDACTED] is quite certain now that this individual was JAMES CHANEY, one of the missing individuals. [REDACTED] It was somewhat dark in the cell and he could not recall how CHANEY was dressed. [REDACTED] had never seen this individual before and has not observed him since.

[REDACTED] sometime around 10:00 p.m. on June 21, 1964, Deputy Sheriff PRICE came to the jail and into the cell block. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PRICE then told CHANEY, "If you boys got \$20, you can get out". At this time, CHANEY asked a white prisoner if he had \$20 and the white prisoner said "yes". Deputy PRICE let CHANEY out of the cell, however, [REDACTED] could not see the two white boys who reportedly were released at the same time. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] no other officers were seen or heard at the jail at this time. [REDACTED]

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by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Date dictated 7/16/64

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did not see the Justice of the Peace at the jail anytime
after he was arrested.

██████████ would contact the FBI should
he learn of any information of value in this matter.

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Date 6/30/64

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[REDACTED] JAMES CHANEY, a Negro male, MICHAEL SCHWERNER, a white male, and ANDREW GOODMAN, a white male, were arrested by Deputy Sheriff CECIL PRICE on the afternoon of June 21, 1964, CHANEY for speeding 70 miles per hour in a 30 mile per hour zone, SCHWERNER and GOODMAN for investigation.

[REDACTED] the three were released from the Neshoba County Jail at about 10 p.m., June 21, 1964, after CHANEY paid a cash bond of \$20 for the speeding charge. [REDACTED] understanding the three had advised they were leaving Philadelphia for Meridian, Mississippi, [REDACTED]

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by SA [REDACTED] mjh 168 Date dictated 6/26/64

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] does not know the description of the vehicle the three were driving; however, it appears from the information in his possession they were driving a "wagon" bearing Hinds County, Mississippi, license. [REDACTED] three were definitely not in custody of the Sheriff's Office or the Neshoba County Jail at that time. [REDACTED] was advised concerning the missing status of CHANEY, SCHWERNER and GOODMAN and he said he had already received numerous inquiries from the press and other sources concerning the possible whereabouts of the three.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the description of the car driven by JAMES CHANEY on the evening of June 21, 1964, was a 1964 Ford station wagon, blue in color, Mississippi License H-25503, which vehicle is registered to the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), Hinds County, Mississippi. [REDACTED] had not seen or heard anything concerning the whereabouts of CHANEY, SCHWERNER and GOODMAN since they were released from Neshoba County Jail approximately 10 p.m., June 21, 1964.

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V. WITNESSES TO THE ABDUCTION AND MURDER
OF THREE CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/24/64

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The following is a signed statement which was furnished by HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE on November 20, 1964:

"Springhill, La.
November 20, 1964

"I, Horace Doyle Barnette, do hereby make this free and voluntary statement to SA Henry Rask and SA James A. Wooten, who have identified themselves to me to be special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and SA Henry Rask have informed me that I do not have to make a statement, that any statement made by me can be used against me in a court of law and that I am entitled to consult with an attorney before making this statement and that if I can not afford an attorney and I am required to appear in court, the court will appoint one for me. That no force, threats or promises were made to induce me to make this statement.

"I presently reside at Cullen, La. I am 26 years old and was born on September 11, 1938, at Plaindealing, La.

"On June 21, 1964 about 8:00 P.M., I was having supper at [REDACTED] house, Meridian, Mississippi. [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] on the telephone and told [REDACTED] that the klan had a job and wanted to know if [REDACTED] and I could go. [REDACTED] asked me if I could go and we went to [REDACTED] Meridian, Miss. We did not know what the job was. *all b7c*

On 11/20/64 at Springhill, Louisiana File # JN 44-1

SA HENRY RASK &
by SA JAMES A. WOOTEN :bjm Date dictated 11/23/64 *401*

"Upon arriving at [REDACTED] we were met by [REDACTED] Jim Jordan and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] told us that three civil rights workers were in jail in Philadelphia, Miss., and that these three civil rights workers were going to be released from jail and that we were going to catch them and give them a whipping. We were given brown cloth gloves [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], and Jordan got into my car and we drove to Philadelphia. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] left before we did and we were told that we would meet him there. [REDACTED]

"When we arrived in Philadelphia, about 9:30 P.M., we met [REDACTED] and wait for someone to tell us when the three civil rights workers were being released from jail.

"While we were talking, [REDACTED] stated that 'we have a place to bury them, and a man to run the dozer to cover them up.' This was the first time I realized that the three civil rights workers were to be killed.

"About 5 or 10 minutes after we parked a [REDACTED] came to the car and said that 'they are going toward Meridian on Highway 19. We proceeded out Highway 19 and caught up to a

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Mississippi State Patrol Car, who pulled into a store on the left hand side of the road. We pulled along side of the Patrol car and then another car from [REDACTED] pulled in between us. I was driving a 1957 Ford, 4 door, 2 tone blue bearing Louisiana license. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] then drove away and we followed.

[REDACTED] I then drove fast and caught up to the car that the three civil rights workers were in, pulled over to the side of the road and stopped. About a minute or 2 later, [REDACTED] came along and stopped on the pavement beside my car. Jordan asked him who was going to stop them and [REDACTED] said that he would and [REDACTED] we followed. The Civil Rights workers turned off Highway 19 on to a side road and drove about a couple of miles before [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] them to get out and get into his car. [REDACTED]

"At the junction of Highway 19 and where we turned off, I had let [redacted] out of the car to signal the fellows in the Philadelphia car. We then turned around and proceeded back toward Philadelphia. The first car to start back was [redacted] and he had Jim Jordan in the front seat with him and the three civil rights worker in the back seat. I followed next and picked up [redacted] at the junction of Highway 19. [redacted] drove the 1963 Ford, belonging to the Civil Rights Workers.

"When we came to [redacted] car [redacted] and [redacted] pulled over to the left side of the Highway and stopped in front of [redacted] car. I stopped behind it. [redacted] and [redacted] and the other men from Philadelphia got into the 1963 Ford and rode with [redacted] I do not know how many men were from [redacted] [redacted] then started first and I pulled in behind him and [redacted] driving the 1963 Ford came last.

"I followed [redacted] down Highway 19 and he turned left on to a gravel road. About a mile up the road he stopped and [redacted] and I stopped behind him, with about a car length between each car. Before I could get out of the car [redacted] ran past my car to [redacted] car, opened the left rear door, pulled Schwerner out of the car, spun him around so that Schwerner was standing on the left side of the road, with his back to the ditch and said 'Are you that nigger lover' and Schwerner said 'Sir, I know just how you feel.' [redacted] had a pistol in his right hand, then shot Schwerner.

[redacted] then went back to [redacted] car and got Goodman, took him to the left side of the road with Goodman facing the road, and shot Goodman.

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"When [redacted] shot Schwerner, [redacted] had his hand on Schwerner's shoulder. When [redacted] shot Goodman, [redacted] was standing within reach of him.

"Schwerner fell to the left so that he was laying along side the road. Goodman spun around and fell back toward the bank in back.

"At this time Jim Jordan said 'save one for me.' He then got out of [redacted] car and got Chaney out. I remember Chaney backing up, facing the road, and standing on the bank on the other side of the ditch and Jordan stood in the middle of the road and shot him. I do not remember how many times Jordan shot. Jordan then said 'You didn't leave me anything but a nigg^{er}, but at least I killed me a nigg^{er}.'

"The three civil rights workers were then put into the back of their 1963 Ford wagon. I do not know who put the bodies in the car, but I only put Chaney's foot inside the car.

[redacted] then got into his car and drove back toward Highway 19. [redacted], [redacted] and Jordan then got into the 1963 Ford and started up the road. [redacted], [redacted] and another person who I do not know the name of got into my car and we followed. I do not know the roads we took, but went through the outskirts of Philadelphia and to the Dam site [redacted]

"When we arrived at the Dam site someone said that the [redacted] operator was not there and [redacted] and I went in my car to find him. We drove out to a paved road and about a mile down the road

we saw a [REDACTED] parked on the left side of the road. [REDACTED] told me to stop and we backed up to this car. [REDACTED] and 2 other men were in the car. [REDACTED] said that they were already down there and [REDACTED] said to follow them. I followed the [REDACTED] back toward the Dam site, taking a different road, until the [REDACTED] stopped. [REDACTED] said 'it is just a little ways over there,' and [REDACTED] and the operator walked the rest of the way. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and I then followed [REDACTED] and the other man back [REDACTED]

"We were there about 30 minutes when the other fellows came from the dam site in the 1963 Ford. [REDACTED] got a glass gallon jug and filled it with gasoline to be used to burn the 1963 Ford car owned by the three civil rights workers. [REDACTED]

It was then about 1:00 to 1:30 in the morning.

[REDACTED], Jordan, [REDACTED] and I then got into my car and we drove back toward Philadelphia. When we got to Philadelphia a [REDACTED] stopped us and we got out. [REDACTED] who told us which way the civil rights workers were leaving town, got out of the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

"We talked for 2 or 3 minutes and then someone said that we better not talk about this and [REDACTED] said 'I'll kill anyone who talks, even if it was my own brother._

"We then got back into my car and drove back to Meridian and passed [REDACTED] car which was still parked along side the road. We did not stop and there was one or two men standing by [REDACTED] car. We then kept going to Meridian. I took [REDACTED] home, left Jordan and [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] took [REDACTED] home and when home myself.

"I have read the above Statement, consisting of this an_ 9 other pages and they are true an_ correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have signed my initials to the bottom of the first 9 pages and initial__ mistakes. No force_ threats or promises were made to induce me to make this statement_

"/s/Horace Doyle Barnette

"Witnessed:

"/s/Henry Rask, Special Agent, F. B. I. Nov_ 20, 1964.

"/s/James A. Wooten, Sp. Agent, FBI, New Orleans, La.,
11-20-64."

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A 1957 Ford Fairlane 500 Sedan, four door, previously owned by DOYLE BARNETTE, was viewed at the home of [REDACTED] Special Agent [REDACTED] and Special Agent [REDACTED] both noted the car was two tone blue, dark blue and light blue in color with the light blue being so light in color it could appear almost white and observed the following items concerning the car:

The car had Vehicle Identification Number D7DT172381, Body Number 58B, Color Number CF2, Trim Number AR, production code number 22B2418A, bearing 1964-65 Louisiana license number 115G350. The license plate was on the rear of the car only and the license plate holder had the name "LEON BLAKEY, ATLANTA," directly under the license. On the left lower windshield appeared a 1964 Louisiana Vehicle Inspection Sticker Number 53214A, and on the right lower windshield was a 1963 Louisiana Inspection sticker number 669042.

Both agents noted the car had twin mirrors, one mounted on the right front fender and one on the left front fender. The hood ornament was a small round chrome piece about the size of a silver dollar with the word "Ford" on the front. The window glass in the right rear window was cracked. Each car door had a chrome rain deflector at the top of the window glass.

Color photographs were made of the car by Special Agent [REDACTED]

On 11/22/64 at [REDACTED] File # NO 44-2227

by SA's [REDACTED] and b7c Date dictated 11/22/64

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 23, 1964

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[REDACTED] Louisiana, furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] HORACE DOYLE
BARNETTE traded in a 1957 Ford, two-door sedan, two tone blue in
color, Identification No. D7D1172381, bearing 1964-65 Louisiana
License No. 115G350, on a 1963 Ford, four-door sedan, color beige,
Serial No. 3A62C140822.

The 1957 Ford was subsequently sold to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Louisiana.

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by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] mtl Date dictated 11/23/64

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Photo of 1957 Ford Fairlane 500 sedan,
four door, Vehicle Identification Number
D7DT172381.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/14/64

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JAMES EDWARD JORDAN, [REDACTED] Mississippi, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents. SA [REDACTED] advised JORDAN that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to counsel before making a statement. He was further advised if he could not obtain counsel, the court would appoint counsel for him.

[REDACTED]

JORDAN stated that he knew FRANK HERNDON, WAYNE ROBERTS, [REDACTED] B. L. AKIN, EARL AKIN, [REDACTED] TOMMY HORNE, JAMES T. HARRIS, [REDACTED] OLIVER WARNER, all from Meridian, Mississippi, [REDACTED]

JORDAN also stated that he knew Deputy CECIL PRICE, Neshoba County, Philadelphia, Mississippi, [REDACTED]

JORDAN stated that the only other person he was acquainted with in Neshoba County was a man he knew as "PREACHER" KILLEN. [REDACTED]

On 10/13/64 at Gulfport, Mississippi File # JN 44-1
JN 157-1105

by SA [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] b7c
SA [REDACTED] :bjm Date dictated 10/14/64

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/29/64

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JAMES EDWARD JORDAN was interviewed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Gulfport, Mississippi. JORDAN was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and was advised by SA [REDACTED] that he did not have to furnish any information, that any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to consult an attorney of his own choosing before making any statement. No threats or promises of reward or duress were made JORDAN to get him to furnish any information.

[REDACTED] He did admit that he was a Klansman in Lauderdale County, Mississippi and associated with a number of fellow Klansmen in the Meridian area. [REDACTED]

On 10/23/64 at Gulfport, Mississippi File # JN 157-1105
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by SA [REDACTED] ^{b7c} :bjm Date dictated 10/26/64

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JAMES EDWARD JORDAN was interviewed

Mississippi. JORDAN was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and was advised by this agent that he did not have to furnish any information, that any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to an attorney of his own choosing before furnishing any information. No threats or promises of reward or duress were made JORDAN to get him to furnish any information.

He stated that on

June 21, 1964, [REDACTED] his wife was employed [REDACTED] at the Longhorn Drive-In, Tom Bailey Drive, Meridian, Mississippi. JORDAN stated that at about 9:00 PM on this date he went to the Longhorn Drive-In where he picked up his wife, [REDACTED]

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by SA [redacted] :bjm Date dictated 10/29/64

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[REDACTED] the three civil rights workers were released from jail and that several persons were in the vicinity of the jail when they were released. He stated that the workers in their station wagon were chased south on Highway 19 out of Philadelphia by several cars, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JORDAN stated that during the above chase, a 1958 red and white Chevrolet developed mechanical trouble and was abandoned on Highway 19. [REDACTED]

JORDAN indicated that according to the story he heard, "PREACHER" EDGAR RAY KILLEN from Philadelphia came to Meridian on June 21, 1964 and arranged for several persons to go to Philadelphia to intercept the civil rights workers. JORDAN indicated that there were four people in a car that went to DICK WARNER's grocery store in Meridian where some gloves were obtained. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JORDAN then indicated that there were four men that went from Meridian to Philadelphia for the purpose of intercepting the civil rights

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workers. [REDACTED]

JORDAN indicated [REDACTED] the civil rights workers [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were overtaken and stopped. He indicated that there were two automobiles in the chase at this time and that the three civil rights workers were taken out of the station wagon and placed into one of these automobiles. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JORDAN further indicated that the bodies of the civil rights workers were covered up by a bulldozer [REDACTED]

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Date 11/9/64

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The following is a signed statement furnished by JAMES E. JORDAN on November 5, 1964:

"November 5, 1964
Gulfport, Mississippi

"I, James E. Jordan, make the following free and voluntary statement to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Special Agent [REDACTED] advised me that I did not have to make any statement, that any statement I made could be used against me in a court of law and further, that I have a right to counsel before making a statement. I have consulted counsel concerning this matter and still choose to make the following voluntary statement which is not made under any threat, duress or promise.

[REDACTED]

"At about 6:30 PM on June 21, 1964, I was at the Longhorn Drive-In, Tom Bailey Drive, Meridian, Mississippi, in the company of Pete Harris, Frank Herndon and several others. 'Preacher' Edgar Ray Killen from Philadelphia came to the Longhorn along with Jerry Sharp and a second individual believed to be Jimmy Lee Townsend. They were

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

DOYLE's car had a license plate on it when parked at Akin's Trailer Courts in Meridian which was removed prior to going to Philadelphia. JORDAN advised that while parked at BURRAGE's garage just prior to returning to Philadelphia and Meridian, Mississippi, DOYLE put his car plate back on.

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there were two additional workers with him. KILLEN indicated that the civil rights workers had been in Neshoba County investigating a church burning that had occurred there. [REDACTED]

JORDAN advised that prior to going to get WAYNE ROBERTS, KILLEN had told him that the group would meet at Akin's Mobile Homes, Tom Bailey Drive, Meridian, Mississippi. JORDAN said that after picking up WAYNE ROBERTS, they drove to Akin's Mobile Homes [REDACTED]

KILLEN also stated they would need gloves

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] JORDAN stated that one day HERNDON pointed MICHAEL SCHWERNER out to him on Fifth Street in Meridian, Mississippi [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

JORDAN was questioned for details regarding the identity of persons at the Longhorn Drive-In on June 21, 1964 when "PREACHER" EDGAR RAY KILLEN contacted FRANK HERNDON and advised that PETE HARRIS, HERNDON, KILLEN, SHARP, and an individual believed to be JIMMY LEE TOWNSEND were the only ones present who were connected with the Klan and had anything to do with the conversation pertaining to the alleged beating arranged by "PREACHER" KILLEN.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

In addition to the conversation pertaining to Reverend KILLEN contained in the above signed statement, JORDAN stated that PETE HARRIS telephonically contacted [REDACTED] from a pay phone [REDACTED] while FRANK HERNDON telephonically contacted [REDACTED] from the phone [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

JORDAN advised that during his conversation with FRANK HERNDON and "PREACHER" KILLEN at the Longhorn Drive-In, KILLEN identified one of the civil rights workers that was being held in jail as MICHAEL SCHWERNER and indicated that
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Posey got out and talked to the officers and then got back in the car. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We drove back to Meridian where everyone returned home.

[REDACTED]

"I have read the foregoing statement consisting of this page & 15 others and declare that same is entirely true.

"/s/James E. Jordan.

"Witness:

"/s/[REDACTED] Special Agent FBI, Jackson, Miss. 11/5/64. b7c

"/s/[REDACTED] Special Agent FBI, New Orleans, La. 11/5/64." b7c

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On November 6, 1964, JORDAN was reinterviewed regarding additional details and asked questions regarding specific events as related in above signed statement. At the outset of this interview, JORDAN was again advised of his rights as set out in above signed statement.

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Snowden went down to see what it was and I asked, 'What is it?' Snowden said 'nothing. The operator [REDACTED]

"About this time we heard a noise similar to a tractor and assumed it was one of the two bulldozers which we had previously seen near the dam. The tractor ran approximately 15 minutes then stopped.

[REDACTED] asked if the station wagon was [REDACTED] Fossey replied, 'No, Herman will take it to Alabama where it will be burned.'

[REDACTED] All of the men got in Doyle's car and drove to the garage of Glen Burrage where Wayne and Sharp were standing talking.

[REDACTED] While parked at this spot, we put Doyle's license plates back on the car which had been previously removed before driving to Philadelphia.

[REDACTED] got into Doyle's car [REDACTED] and proceeded down the main street of Philadelphia where a police vehicle containing the same policeman who had previously contacted us and Price drove up behind Doyle's car blinking his lights.

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[REDACTED] The rest of us got into Barnett's car with Doyle at the wheel and followed Posey. We traveled on gravel roads to the outskirts of Philadelphia, Mississippi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Posey turned left onto a dirt road and stopped immediately at a gap in the fence which was constructed of light posts and barbed wire.

[REDACTED] Posey then said, 'Someone go and get the operator.'

"Sharp, [REDACTED] Doyle left in Doyle's car to get the operator. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Snowden and I proceeded up this dirt road and took a position near a gap in a row of trees [REDACTED]

"Everyone waited approximately 20 to 30 minutes then a whistle was heard which came from our right when facing the dam and to the north of the dam site. *al b7c b7D*

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] boys were loaded [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] through the tailgate of the station
wagon which had been previously opened. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Price got into
his car and turned around driving back toward
Mississippi State Highway 19. [REDACTED]

"Posey [REDACTED] got into the station wagon and
Posey said, 'Everyone follow me [REDACTED]'

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I had a .22 caliber German
revolver.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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"Jim Aldridge got into the station wagon [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] all vehicles turned around and drove to Highway 19 and proceeded to where Posey's red and white Chevrolet was parked. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

"Price proceeded north on Highway 19 to a gravel road where he turned west. At this point there is a wooden frame house on the left side of this gravel road and there is a red brick house on the east side of Highway 19 where Price turned off.

"Price's car, the civil rights workers' station wagon and the 1959 Ford all turned off onto this road.

[REDACTED]

"During the 15 or 20 minute period I waited at this intersection, I heard the cars stop, the motors stop running and car doors shut. I could not hear any conversation but could make out muffled voices. I then proceeded toward the cars. Approximately 200 to 300 yards from the vehicles, a volley of shots, approximately six or seven in number, were heard [REDACTED]

"Billy Posey, who was driving the 1955 or 1956 red and white Chevrolet, pulled up alongside of this car and the group in the 1959 Ford pulled in back of Posey's car. Posey talked to the officers in the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol car and at this point, Deputy Sheriff Cecil Price drove up in his 1956 blue Chevrolet alone and parked next to Posey's car. The Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol car turned around and headed back toward Philadelphia. Posey got out of his car and talked with Price and shortly thereafter Price took off down Highway 19 in a southerly direction. Posey walked over to the other car and said that Price would catch them and that the group was to follow him.

"Posey drove south on Highway 19 and the group followed. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] right side of Highway 19, Billy Posey's car pulled over to the right side of the road and Posey said he was having carburetor trouble and to proceed after Price's car. Price turned west on the road to Union, Mississippi and the group followed. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Price had the red light on his car on and the station wagon had stopped [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Price got out of his car and walked up to the station wagon on the driver's side and talked to the occupants of the station wagon. The group pulled up behind Price's car and parked. All three civil rights workers got out of the station wagon and got in the rear of Price's car. [REDACTED] for one of the group to drive the station wagon and to follow [REDACTED]

square and 'Preacher' Killen got out and said that he had been by the jail and that the civil rights workers were still in jail. 'Preacher' Killen got into the car and said that he would show the group where they could go so they could park and watch for the workers when they were released from jail.

[REDACTED] 'Preacher' Killen took the group and showed them the jail [REDACTED] showed them where they could park and see the civil rights workers if they left town by proceeding north. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 'Preacher' Killen said that when he got word which way the civil rights workers were going out of town, the group was to go out on the road and the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol would stop them. The group dropped Killen off at the funeral home located about two blocks from the Nashoba County Courthouse and went and parked at the above-mentioned location. They did not wait long until a policeman, white male, elderly and heavy set, drove up and said that the civil rights workers were leaving on Highway 19. The group left their parking place and headed south on Highway 19 out of Philadelphia. When they were on the outskirts of town, Sharp, Billy Posey, Wayne Roberts and the young man believed to be Townsend drove up alongside the group in a 1955 or 1956 red and white Chevrolet and said to follow them. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The group followed them [REDACTED]

patrol car proceeded out of Philadelphia a short distance and pulled off to the left in front of a Standard Service Station where it stopped.

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be obtained from Dick Warner's grocery store located on Grand Avenue, Meridian, [REDACTED] Roberts, Sharp and I went in Sharp's car to Dick Warner's store to see if he had any gloves [REDACTED]

"Upon arriving at Akin's Mobile Homes, all of the above-mentioned persons were still there. Doyle Barnett, Travis Barnett, Jim Snowden, Jim Aldridge and I got into Doyle Barnett's automobile. Prior to them getting into the car, 'Preacher' Killen said that Wayne Roberts, Sharp, Townsend and himself would go in Sharp's 1959 Chevrolet on to Philadelphia to see if everything was okay. Killen stated that Deputy Sheriff Cecil Price, Neshoba County Sheriff's Office, had arrested the three civil rights workers on a traffic charge and that they could not be held too long. Killen also stated that when the civil rights workers were released, officers of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol would stop them when they left Philadelphia. After they were stopped, then the group mentioned above would take over.

[REDACTED] Killen advised the second car that they should meet him on the west side of the courthouse in Philadelphia, Mississippi.

"The above group with Doyle Barnett driving proceeded to Philadelphia and parked on the west side of the Neshoba County Courthouse alongside a pickup truck, black in color, which contained E. G. 'Hop' Barnett [REDACTED] Barnett greeted this group and about this time another car came around the

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traveling in a 1959 Chevrolet, gray and white in color. Killen called Frank Herndon out to the porch of the Longhorn and talked to him for several minutes. Frank then called me over and asked me if I could make a trip. I said 'yes'. Killen then said that they had three civil rights workers in jail in Philadelphia and that they needed their 'asses tore up'. Killen said that it had to be done in a hurry since they were being held on a minor charge. He further said that they would need four or five men from Lauderdale County to go and that there would be several from Neshoba County. Herndon went to the telephone and started making several calls. Arrangements were made to meet behind B. L. Akin's trailer at Akin's Mobile Homes, Tom Bailey Drive, Meridian, Mississippi. Sharp and I went to the home of Wayne Roberts in Mountain View Village, Meridian, to see if Roberts could go. I went to the front door of Roberts' residence and asked him if he could go on a trip. Roberts answered 'yes' and came out and got into the car. We then proceeded to Akin's Mobile Homes where we met Travis Barnett, Doyle Barnett, Jim Snowden, Jim Aldridge, B. L. Akin, 'Preacher' Killen and Pete Harris. B. L. Akin filled Doyle Barnett's car with gas. This car was a 1959 Ford bearing 1964 Louisiana license plate and was blue and white in color and believed to be a four-door model.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Pete Harris is an investigator for the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] gloves could

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"I have read the above Statement consisting of this and one other page and it is true.

"/s/James E. Jordan

"Witness:

"/s/[REDACTED] Special Agent FBI Jackson,
Mississippi, 11/23/64. b7C

"/s/[REDACTED] Special Agent, F. B. I.
Atlanta, Georgia 11/23/64" b7C

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 25, 1964

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JAMES E. JORDAN, [REDACTED] was made aware of the identities of the Special Agents, [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] advised JORDAN that he did not have to furnish any information, that any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law and further that he had a right to counsel before making a statement. No threats, duress or promises were made to JORDAN to induce him to furnish any information. JORDAN stated that he had consulted counsel concerning this matter and still chose to furnish the following information: [REDACTED]

JORDAN stated that as best he could recall on the afternoon of June 21, 1964, PREACHER EDGAR RAY KILLEN, accompanied by JERRY SHARP and JIMMY LEE TOWNSEND, came to the Longhorn Drive-In in a 1959 or 1960 gray and white Chevrolet.

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by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] /amh Date dictated 11/25/64

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JORDAN advised that when the Meridian group got to Philadelphia and parked beside a black pickup truck, E. G. "HOP" BARNETT was standing near this truck [REDACTED]

JORDAN identified a photograph of OTHA NEIL BURKES, Philadelphia, Mississippi, Policeman, as being identical with the officer who notified the Meridian group which way the civil rights workers were leaving the Philadelphia area. He also said that BURKES was identical with the Policeman who was with CECIL RAY PRICE, Neshoba County Deputy Sheriff, and who stopped the Meridian group in Philadelphia, Mississippi, [REDACTED] after the burial of the three murdered civil rights workers. [REDACTED]

JORDAN stated that after BURKES had notified the Meridian group the direction in which the civil rights workers were traveling, they proceeded south on Highway 19 and were passed by BILLY POSEY in an automobile believed to be a 1955 or 1956 red and white Chevrolet. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] pulled off of Highway 19 in front of a Standard Service Station a short distance south of Philadelphia. JORDAN stated that the Highway Patrol car pulled in next to the service station and that POSEY's car drove in beside it and that DOYLE BARNETTE parked his car directly behind POSEY's automobile. JORDAN said that POSEY got out of his car and talked with two officers in the Highway Patrol car. While POSEY was talking to these officers, Deputy Sheriff CECIL PRICE drove up to the service station and parked next to POSEY's car. [REDACTED]

When POSEY finished talking with the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Officers, he walked over and talked with CECIL PRICE at which [REDACTED]

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time the Highway Patrol Officers made a "U" turn and drove north on Highway 19 toward Philadelphia, Mississippi. JORDAN stated that after POSEY talked to PRICE, PRICE drove south on Highway 19 followed by POSEY and the Meridian group.

JORDAN stated that POSEY's car became disabled and pulled off on the side of the road [REDACTED] and that POSEY told them to go ahead and catch up with CECIL PRICE. JORDAN stated that PRICE turned right off of Highway 19 [REDACTED]

JORDAN advised that when PRICE stopped the civil rights workers station wagon, he went up to the station wagon and got the three civil rights workers out of the station wagon and placed them into his 1956 Chevrolet. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JIM ARLEDGE got into the civil rights workers station wagon and all of the vehicles turned around and proceeded back to Highway 19.

[REDACTED] DOYLE BARNETTE came back to the dam in his 1959 Ford and took he, BILLY POSEY and JIM SNOWDEN to a garage believed to be owned by OLEN BURRAGE. [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 15, 1964

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JAMES EDWARD JORDAN, [REDACTED] reviewed recent photographs of the following persons and readily identified them as persons involved or having knowledge of the murders of the three civil rights workers in Neshoba County on June 21, 1964. b7c

B. L. AKIN

EARL B. AKIN

JIMMY ARLEDGE

HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE

TRAVIS MARYN BARNETTE

OLEN L. BURRAGE

JAMES T. HARRIS

FRANK J. HERNDON

TOMMY A. HORNE

PREACHER EDGAR RAY KILLEN

BILLY WAYNE POSEY

CICIL RAY PRICE

LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY

ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS

JERRY SHARPE

JIMMY SNOWDEN

JIMMY TOWNSEND

OLIVER RICHARD WARNER, JR.

On 12/14/64 at [REDACTED] File # Jackson 44-1
by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Date dictated 12/15/64
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Date December 3, 1964

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The following black and white photographs were taken using a Speedgraphic camera and Tri X Pan Kodak film. All pictures were taken with setting at 5.6 at 1/100th of a second:

1. Photograph of bridge located on Highway 492 near [REDACTED] home. *b7C*
2. Photograph of bridge and surrounding area on Highway 492 near [REDACTED] home. *b7C*
3. Photograph of Highway 492 taken in a westerly direction of a bridge and surrounding area in vicinity of [REDACTED] home. *b7C*
4. Photograph of Highway 492 and surrounding area of the first bridge east of [REDACTED] home. *b7C*
5. Photograph of bridge taken in westerly direction on Highway 492 near home of [REDACTED] *b7C*
6. Photograph of Highway 19 taken in a northerly direction showing access road to alleged murder scene.
7. Photograph of access road taken in westerly direction showing Highway 19 in foreground and road proceeding toward alleged murder scene.
8. Photograph of alleged murder scene as depicted from top of small hill looking toward Highway 19 in an easterly direction.
9. Photograph of alleged murder scene taken in a westerly direction located a short distance off of Highway 19.

On 11/20/64 at Philadelphia, Mississippi File # JN 44-1

by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] *b7C*
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10. Photograph of alleged murder scene taken in a westerly direction toward Highway 19. Photograph taken from top of hill west of murder scene.
11. Photograph of alleged murder scene taken from near top of hill in an easterly direction toward Highway 19.

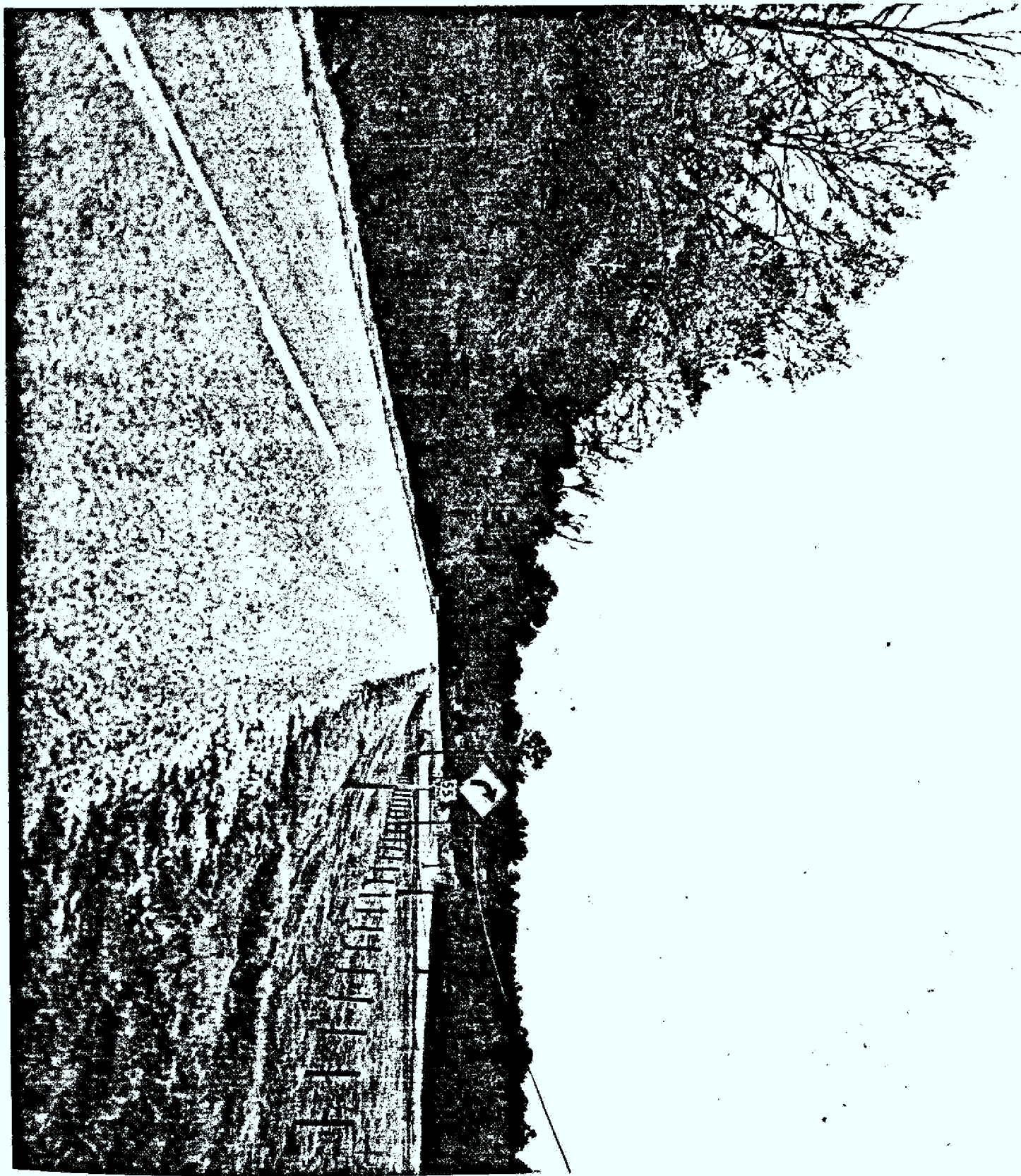


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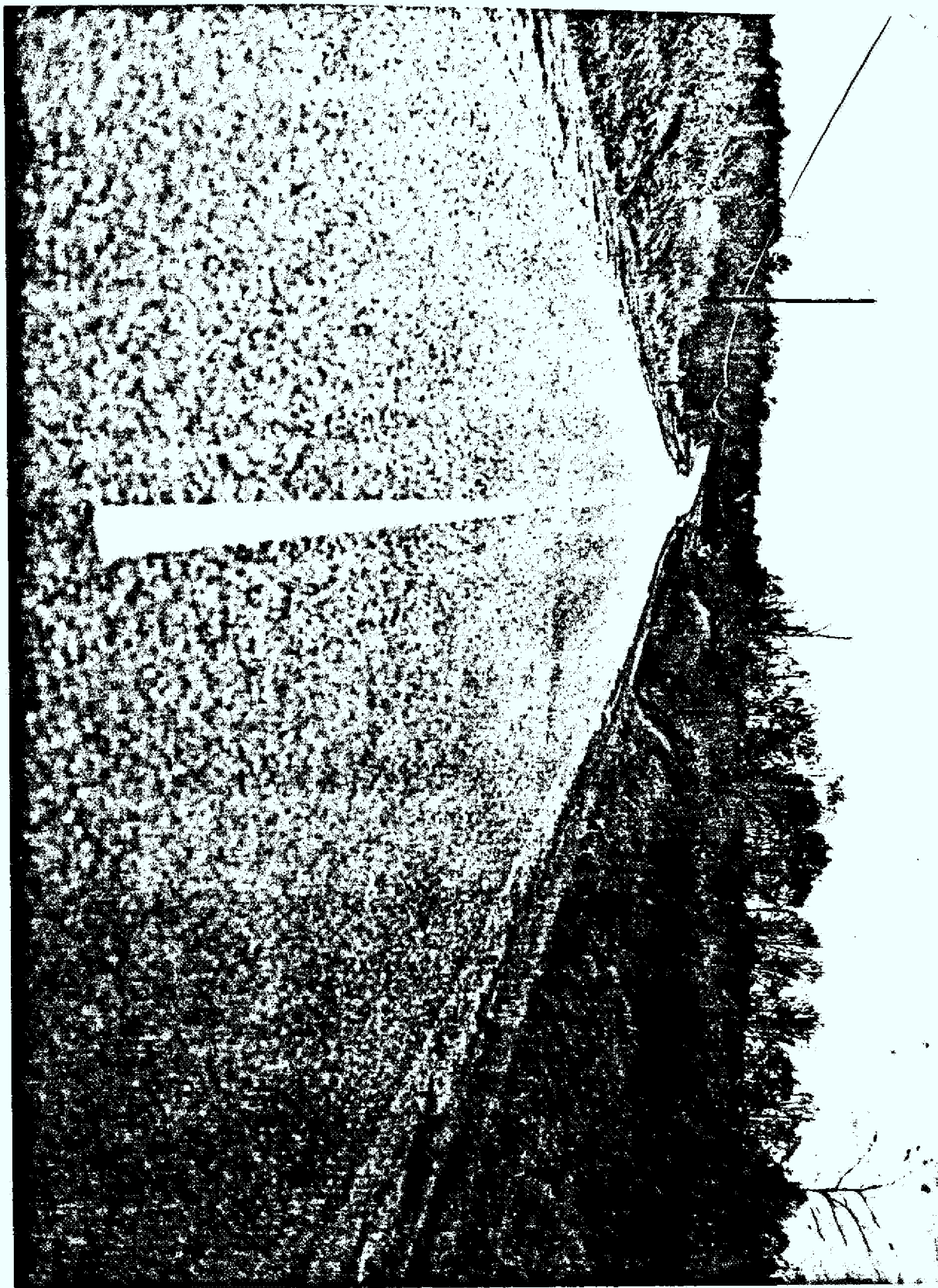


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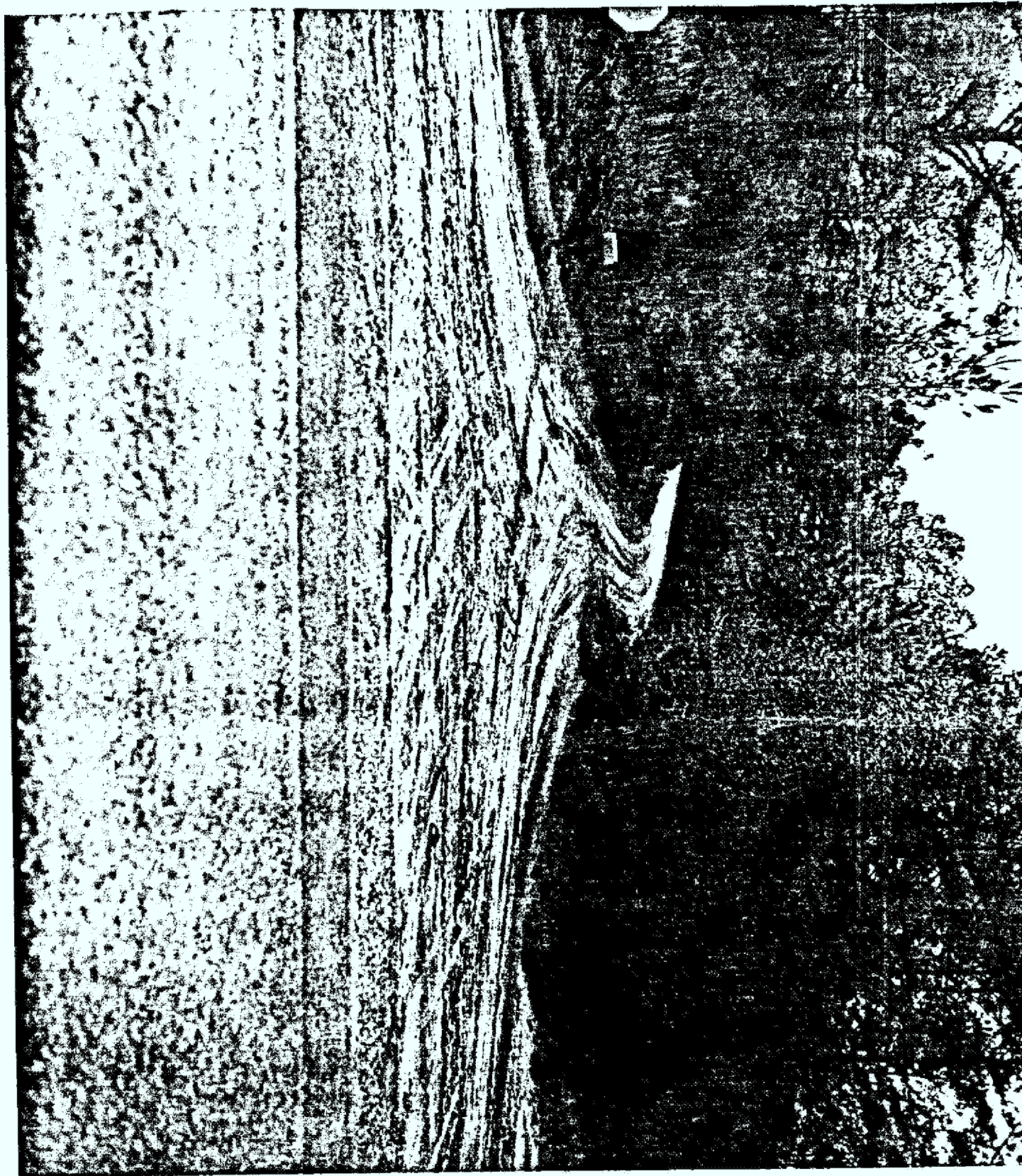


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Date October 2, 1964

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The area bordering both sides of the dirt road and the road itself leading west from Highway 19 south of Philadelphia, Mississippi, past the residence of [REDACTED] were examined for a distance of approximately one-quarter of a mile from Highway 19. Photographs of portions of this road were taken at this time. This dirt road is the one upon which or near which were heard gunshots fired on the night of June 21, 1964, at about the time of the disappearance of the victims.

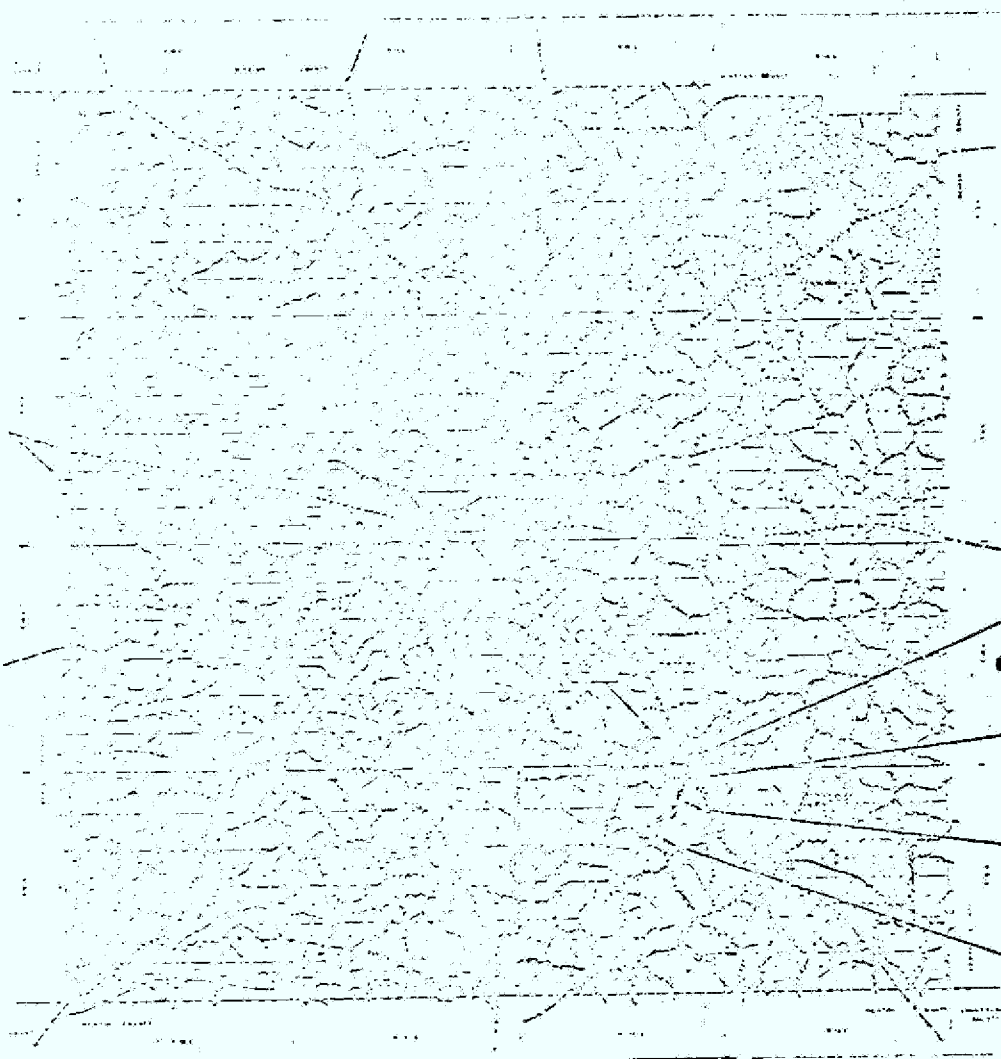
In addition, measurements were taken and photographs made to show the location of the dirt road leading past the residence of [REDACTED] in relation to the road past [REDACTED] residence.

[REDACTED] is one of the witnesses to the sounds of the gunshots. This second road is south of the road to [REDACTED] residence, the intersections of the two roads with Highway 19 being separated by approximately 150 feet. It leads away from Highway 19 toward the east.

It was noted that a car approaching Highway 19 on either of these two roads would have to come to within approximately 40 to 50 feet of the highway before an unobstructed view of the other road could be had.

As a result of the examinations and search of the above-mentioned road leading past [REDACTED] residence and the area bordering this road, nothing of significance was found or noted. Particular emphasis was placed on locating any bullets or bullet marks in trees and abandoned articles of clothing or personal property.

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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
NESHODA COUNTY
MISSISSIPPI

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 14, 1964

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had heard a number of gunshots about 11:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 21, 1964. [REDACTED] nor [REDACTED] had seen who was doing the shooting but [REDACTED] had heard a car or truck drive away at about the same time they heard the shots.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had thought about the incident a number of times after the bodies of the victims were recovered recently and were wondering if the incident was connected.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[redacted]
[redacted] had not heard the shots and had been
asleep.

[redacted]
[redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date August 13, 1964

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] furnished the following information:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] hearing
some shots fired at approximately 11:00 p.m. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on the evening of Sunday, June
21, 1964.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] heard a car starting up which appeared to be heading
toward Philadelphia after hearing the shots. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] heard a number of
shots [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] wondered whether it might be connected with the
disappearance of the victims in this case.

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SA [REDACTED] mem [REDACTED] Date dictated 8/13/64

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Date August 14, 1964

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] furnished the following
information: [REDACTED] Mrs.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] at approximately 11:15 p.m. [REDACTED] heard
a series of quick, short bursts of gunshots [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] estimated [REDACTED] heard more than 5 shots
and possibly as many as 10 or 12. [REDACTED] had no idea
as to the type of weapon but the shots were quick and close
together [REDACTED] impression that the pistol or
weapon might have been some type of automatic.

[REDACTED]

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heard sounds of an automobile or truck starting up and from the sounds gathered that the car had entered Highway 19 from one of the dirt roads

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Date August 13, 1964

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] heard a series of rapid gun shots. [REDACTED] the time was at about 11:00 p.m. [REDACTED] might have heard as many as 10 or 12 shots. [REDACTED] could not accurately say the exact number of shots but that there were several and that they were in two distinct and separate volleys. [REDACTED] there might have been about three shots fired in the last volley. [REDACTED] cannot state whether the shots were from a rifle or a pistol or any exact information except that the noise definitely was from gun fire.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had heard gun shots. [REDACTED] had heard nothing.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] did not hear anything except the gun shots and did not hear any automobiles. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] clearly heard the series of gun shots [REDACTED]

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Date August 18, 1964

late evening of June 21, 1964, heard several gun shots at about 11:00 p.m. The shots came from the general direction of a gravel road intersection on Highway 19

_____ cannot recall the exact number of gun shots but _____ estimate _____ at least 6 or 7 shots which definitely came in two groups although they were not spaced very far apart. _____

did not hear the shots.

is sure that the shots

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SA [redacted] and [redacted]
SA [redacted]: mem [redacted] Date dictated 8/18^v/64

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were fired between 11:00 p.m. and 11:15 p.m. on the night of June 21, 1964. [REDACTED] not seen any vehicles or persons on the highway.

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Date August 14, 1964

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information: [REDACTED] furnished the following

had not heard the shooting

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Date September 28, 1964

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] had not heard any shots fired
on the night of June 21, 1964, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] heard some shots fired [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] duplicated the
conditions [REDACTED] on the night of June 21, 1964,
and six shots were thereafter fired from the gravel road
area. It was observed that [REDACTED] absolutely
no sound of the gun shots could be heard.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Date September 28, 1964

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SA [redacted] sub

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 5, 1964

[REDACTED] denied
hearing any shots fired on the night of June 21, 1964, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] had no information to furnish to the FBI.

[REDACTED] accused the FBI of being a secret society and at
this point terminated the interview and ordered the interviewing
Agents to leave his property.

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Date September 29, 1964

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On the night of June 21, 1964, exact time not recalled, [redacted] did hear several reports [redacted] opinion could have either been firecrackers or gun shots. [redacted] cannot recall how many reports

or people, [redacted] did not see any cars

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by SA [redacted] and [redacted] :seb Date dictated 9/28/64

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 5, 1964

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has
no recollection of hearing any shots during the night on the
night of June 21, 1964. [REDACTED] does not recall
seeing any cars or other activity on that night which appeared
suspicious [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED] rjt

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