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Firebombing of
Army ROTC Building,
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio
5/2/70

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Will continue intensive investigation to identify persons responsible for the burning of the Army ROTC Building at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☐ NONE

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CASE HAS BEEN:
PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES
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J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Section, United States Department of Justic Washington, D.C., verbally authorized on May 10, 1970, the issuance of a search warrant for the off campus residence of [redacted] located at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio. A search warrant was issued on May 10, 1970, by United States Commissioner CLIFFORD E. BRUCE, Northern District of Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio, for the above residence authorizing the search for clothing, incendiary materials or other material that could be used for destructive purposes by explosion, thermal or incendiary destruction.

On May 10, 1970, the above search warrant was executed at the premises of 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio.

The results of this search, interviews conducted at the time of the search, and other results associated with the search will be set forth in a subsequent report. Evidence seized during the search have been forwarded to the Laboratory Division for examination.

It is noted that additional copies of this report have been designated for the Cleveland Office for review and lead purposes.

Whenever possible, signed statements were obtained from appropriate witnesses.

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Report of: SA [redacted]
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Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Firebombing of Army ROTC Building,
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio
May 2, 1970

Character:

SABOTAGE;
SEDITION;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY;
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 -
INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED FACILITY

Synopsis:

On evening of 5/2/70, the Army ROTC building at Kent Stat University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, was destroyed by fire durin campus disruption. Investigation was initiated by the FBI.

KSU currently has enrollment of approximately 21,000 stud It is second largest university in State of Ohio and is reportedly ranked 24th in size nationally.

Civil disorders started in the City of Kent, Ohio, during the evening of 5/1/70 when crowds gathered in the streets and went on a rampage breaking windows in downtown stores On the evening of 5/2/70 a crowd of about 500 individuals gathered adjacent to the Army ROTC building on the KSU ca Some members of this crowd threw rocks and debris at the building and set it on fire. Members of the crowd also threw rocks at members of the KSU campus police departmen and the Kent City Fire Department who were attempting to restore order and put out fire.

A diagram of area and location of the KSU ROTC building a photographs depicting the fire and remains of the buildin are set forth.

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[redacted], ROTC, KSU, advised the burned building was property of KSU, but that it contained Government property. Loss of Government property in the fire was estimated at $35,000. Although the building was not owned by the Federal Government, it did serve as a National Defense facility, used primarily by ROTC. [redacted] maintained physical control of the building and indicated that signs were on the building identifying it as a military facility.

Four ROTC cadets were interviewed and could provide no information concerning identity of persons who started fire.

[redacted] a student eye witness, identified an individual in a photograph of a group participating in a demonstration on the KSU campus during 4/70 as being one individual who threw a gas-soaked rag in ROTC building at time of fire. However, [redacted] was unable to furnish the name of this person. 21 other students and 3 staff members present at the fire were unable to identify persons responsible for the fire.

Six firemen, six policemen, Commander of State Police, Fire Chief and Chief of KSU Police Department interviewed and none of these individuals could identify persons who started the fire.

TERRENCE OBLANDER, reporter, Record Courier newspaper, was eye witness to incident. He indicated that he was warned by an unidentified individual not to take any pictures during the fire or he would be killed. OBLANDER has identified an unknown individual from photographs as a person who set fire to curtains in ROTC building during the incident.

Former student [redacted] an eye witness to the burning, described an individual who was one of the crowd leaders and identified this individual as being a member of the "Guerilla Theater Group" on the KSU campus.

The following campus groups have been identified as being opposed to the existence of ROTC on KSU campus: New University Conference, Young Socialist Alliance, Student Mobilization Committee, and Students for a Democratic Society.

During the evening of 5/2/70, following the burning of the ROTC building crowds of students continued to scan KSU campus. However, there were no additional serious acts of violence.

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Disruptions continued on the evening of 5/3/70. However, units from the Ohio National Guard and members of the campus police department and OSHP maintained control of situation. At about noon on 5/4/70, a confrontation between demonstrators and the Ohio National Guard occurre on the KSU campus and 4 KSU students were killed and seve students injured as a result of this incident.

[redacted] KSU student, developed as possible su regarding ROTC burning. Persons present at his off-campu residence during evening of 5/2/70 were interviewed. No information was developed to substantiate [redacted] participation in burning. [redacted] resides in Kent with six other males and whereabouts of two of these individua is undetermined. Information was developed four persons allegedly responsible for the fire came to [redacted] residence following fire. Witness at [redacted] residen evening of 5/2/70, indicated some occupants were pleased with the burning. A former roommate of [redacted] is a friend of JEFFREY MILLER, one of the four KSU students killed during disruptions on 5/4/70.

On 5/10/70, Special Agents of the FBI observed an individ in Kent, Ohio, who closely resembled the aforementioned unidentified subject, who was pointed out by eyewitness [redacted] in a group photograph. A surveillance of this individual was initiated in order to identify him. This surveillance and subsequent inquiries indicated that this individual's name was [redacted] is son of [redacted] Ohio [redacted] advised on 5/11/70, that [redacted] was formerly in the United States Armed Forces and has reportedly attempted suicide on one occasion. [redacted] also indicated that [redacted] had received psychiatric treatment. According [redacted] at some time in the past, [redacted] was allegedly affiliated with a cult in Santa Barbara, California. [redacted] described [redacted] as being white, male, [redacted] born 5/6/4[illegible]

During the aforementioned surveillance of [redacted] on 5/10/70, he was observed entering the College Towers Apartments in Kent, Ohio. A Special Agent of the

FBI contacted [redacted] who was on duty on 5/10/70 in the vicinity of the College Towers Apartments when [redacted] entered. [redacted] acknowledged that he saw [redacted] enter the building on 5/10/70. [redacted] initially indicated that he knew [redacted] only as [redacted] However, he later advised he recalled [redacted] last name was [redacted]

The group photograph that [redacted] identified as containing an individual who was involved in the burning of the ROTC Building, was displayed to [redacted] stated that the unknown subject in the photograph which was previously pointed out by [redacted] was identical with the individual he knows as [redacted]

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DETAILS:

At about 8:30 PM on May 2, 1970, the Kent State University (KSU) Campus Police Department telephonically contacted a Special Agent of the Akron, Ohio Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to advise that the Army ROTC Building at KSU had been set on fire. This Special Agent proceeded to the KSU campus and effecte liaison with DONALD SCHWARTZMILLER, Chief of the Campus Police Department. At approximately midnight on May 2, 1970, Chief SCHWARTZMILLER indicated that the ROTC Buildin had been completely destroyed by the fire.

Investigation in this matter was initiated by the FBI. Assistant Attorney General J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, on May 4, 1970, advised that the FBI should proceed to investigate the destruction of the ROTC facility under the Sedition Statute, Section 2388, Title 18; Civil Rights Act, Section 245, Title 18; as well as under the Sabotage Statute, Section 2153, Title 18.

I. CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

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A. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION AND PERTINENT BACKGROUND ON KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)

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Kent State University (KSU) was founded in 1910 and is located in Portage County, Ohio, approximately 60 miles east of Cleveland and 40 miles west of Youngstown, Ohio. The present enrollment is in the vicinity of 21,000 students on the Kent campus with an additional student body of 8,000 located in nearby academic centers in Northeastern Ohio. Student residence halls on campus house 3,678 men and 4,913 women. Other students live in fraternity and sorority houses, as well as in private rental facilities. Married students live in campus facilities and at private residences off campus. The faculty consists of 1,174 instructors. Kent is the second largest university in the State of Ohio and reportedly ranks 24th nationally.

The current President is Dr. ROBERT I. WHITE, who was appointed the 6th President on October 25, 1963. Dr. WHITE received a Bachelor of Philosophy degree in 1921 and Doctor of Philosophy in 1945. He first arrived on the KSU campus in 1946 as Dean of the College of Education. Dr. WHITE is in his early 60s.

I. CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS
B. SUMMARY OF EVENTS

FRIDAY
MAY 1, 1970

At about 12:00 noon on May 1, 1970, a rally was held on the Kent State University (KSU) Campus by a group of individuals, reportedly students, who were protesting the United States involvement in Cambodia. An article appearing in the "Akron Beacon Journal," an Akron, Ohio, daily newspaper, on May 10, 1970, Page A10, stated that at the time of this rally

> "About 500 heard graduate student STEVEN SHAROFF say 'NIXON killed the constitution last night by entering undeclared war in Cambodia. It is dead and we are going to bury it.'
>
> Three hours later Black United Students held another demonstration that drew 350, including 47 black students. Demands for more black programs and enrollments were read."

Shortly before midnight on May 1, 1970, approximately 400 to 500 individuals reportedly high school and Kent State University students began a rampage through downtown Kent, Ohio. The rampage resulted in the breaking of numerous windows in the downtown Kent business area of North Water Street and East Main Street. The individuals in this group also threw rocks at passing vehicles.

As a result of this rampage the Portage County Sheriff's Office, the Kent Police Department and the Stowe, Ohio, Police Department were called out and arrested fourteen individuals. The ages of these arrestees ranged from eighteen to twenty-three. During the rampage about four law enforcement officers were injured by rocks that were thrown but none required hospitalization. A representative from the Ohio National Guard (ONG) unit in Akron, Ohio, was present as an observer on May 1, 1970; but the ONG was not mobilized. The Mayor of the city of Kent later estimated the damage resulting from this incident on May 1, 1970, as $50,000 to the businesses in downtown Kent, Ohio.

The Mayor advised that upon being advised of the situation on the evening of May 1, 1970, he immediately notified state officials in Columbus, Ohio (capital of the State of Ohio), of the situation in the city of Kent. The Mayor also advised that the streets were cleared and a curfew was imposed beginning at 12:30 A.M., Saturday morning, May 2, 1970. The Mayor and the Chief of Police of Kent, Ohio, imposed an 8:00 P.M. to dawn curfew for the rest of the weekend.

SATURDAY
MAY 2, 1970

The Mayor of Kent advised that "reports reaching the Office of Mayor through the day on Saturday indicated the condition was worsening and at about 5:00 P.M. he again telephoned Columbus and this time requested National Guard troops to aid local officials in the protection of life and property of the residents of the city of Kent. On Saturday, May 2, 1970, Ohio Governor RHODES authorized the use of the Ohio National Guard in the city of Kent. The troops began arriving shortly after 7:00 P.M."

At approximately 7:34 P.M. on May 2, 1970, about 600 KSU students began to assemble on the campus adjacent to the Army Reserve Officers Training Course (ROTC) building. The crowd began yelling and shouting; and at about 8:10 P.M., they began to throw rocks and other objects at the ROTC building. Many windows on the north side of the ROTC building were broken by students.

The crowd had also started a fire where they were gathering and individuals from the crowd attempted to carry fire flares to the ROTC building. It was reported that someone from the crowd also threw what appeared to be a gasoline-soaked rag through a window of the ROTC building. A fire soon developed within the ROTC building and the Kent, Ohio, Fire Department was summoned. When fire trucks arrived, some of the students pulled hoses from the trucks and cut holes in them; and some students also took a hose away from a fireman who was attempting to put out the fire. The firemen were forced to retreat from the area and about 25 KSU Campus Police officers were called to the area to attempt to control the crowd. The crowd began throwing rocks at the officers and four officers were injured, none seriously. The crowd then

began to charge the officers after they had attempted to disperse the crowd with tear gas. Some of the students retreated, and some other students started another fire in a wooden frame building used as the archers supply building; however, some other individuals extinguished the fire.

At about 10:00 P.M. on May 2, 1970, the ROTC building began to burn out of control. The campus officers move back from the building for safety reasons since ROTC ammunition was contained within the building. At this time, a crowd of about 200 students gathered and again threw rocks a the officers. This crowd was dispersed again with the use o tear gas.

The Kent Fire Department returned to the scene at about 10:20 P.M. but were unable to extinguish the fire in the ROTC building; however, they were able to keep the fire from spreading to adjacent wooden buildings.

Between 10:00 and 10:30 P.M. on May 2, 1970, approximately 450 men of the 145th Infantry Division of the ONG, o ficers from the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Portage County Sheriff's Office began arriving on the KSU Campus and were subsequently deployed around the area of the ROTC building. The ONG utilized tear gas at this point to disperse th crowd. The large crowd of students broke up into small band and started to roam the campus. The ONG organized patrols around the campus and as of 3:00 A.M. on May 3, 1970, the campus activity was quiet.

The Mayor of Kent also stated "another rampage of the downtown area was prevented on Saturday night when the National Guard, backed by local law enforcement officers, marched shoulder to shoulder on East Main Street at the intersection of Water Street and East Main Street. At this time the students were again advised of the curfew regulations in the city which forbade vehicle and pedestrian traffic in the city of Kent. At this time, there was no observance of the curfew on the KSU campus. The town remained quiet through Sunday, and again Sunday night another march on the city was repelled by sufficient members of the ONG and local law enforcement officers."

SUNDAY
MAY 3, 1970

On May 3, 1970, the ONG was made aware of the potential emergency situations which existed on the campus of KSU

which resulted in bringing members of the 107th Armored Cavalry of the ONG to the KSU campus. This resulted in an increase of ONG forces of approximately 400 men and brought the total number of ONG troops on the KSU campus to approximately 850.

On the evening on May 3, 1970, at about 8:15 P.M., a group of approximately 250 KSU students assembled on the "Commons Field" which is adjacent to the campus ROTC facilities. At about 9:15 P.M. the KSU Police read the Riot Act to the crowd and they were ordered to disperse in five minutes or be arrested. The crowd moved off campus into downtown Kent. The group increased to an estimated number of about 2,000 individuals and were escorted by the ONG patrols. The group then broke up into smaller bands containing anywhere from 20 to 200 students. The smaller groups returned to the campus, and one band broke into the campus library. The individuals were contained in this building by the KSU police and the ONG; however, they were given, at 10:00 P.M., permission to leave the building without being arrested.

Other groups roamed the campus and broke windows in university buildings. Tear gas was used intermittently throughout the night to disperse the crowds. A curfew was imposed on the campus at about 11:00 P.M. but was not enforced until 11:30 P.M. following a thirty-minute grace peri

The ONG, KSU Police, and about twenty officers from the Ohio State Patrol policed the campus; and the ONG instituted perimeter and internal mobile patrols and helicopter patrols and assigned stationary units to protect water and electrical facilities and other physical plants on the campus

The patrols by the above-mentioned agencies kept the student groups moving and effectively protected campus facilities from damage with the exception of some broken windows.

On May 3, 1970, nine students were arrested on campus and charged with curfew violation or failure to disperse. There were also 54 arrests in the city of Kent mainly regarding violations of the curfew ordinance.

Three small fires were reported but none resulted any damage. One was in downtown Kent, Ohio; and the others were in the parking lot and a dormitory on the campus. The city of Kent and the KSU campus became relatively calm at about 1:00 A.M. on May 4, 1970

MONDAY
MAY 4, 1970

On May 4, 1970, the United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., requested the Federal Bureau of Investigation to conduct investigation regarding the fire bombing of the KSU ROTC building on May 2, 1970, regarding possible violations of Federal statutes relating to Sabatoge, Sedition and Civil Rights in Federally Protected Activity.

At about 10:30 A.M. on May 4, 1970, a crowd began gathering in the Commons area at KSU which soon numbered 9 to 1,000 people. The focal point of the rally was at a be erected in the Southeast end of the Commons area which was rung to attract students. The ONG had established a line the Northwest end of the Commons area to protect the remainder of the ROTC building. An ONG Jeep was driven near the crowd and orders were given to the crowd through the use o a loudspeaker to disperse. These orders were met with the response of hurled bricks and stones and the crowd failed disperse.

The ONG then launched tear gas grenades into the crowd; however, members of the crowd, some of whom were eq ped with gas masks, threw some of the tear gas grenades ba at the ONG. The ONG then started to push towards the stud in an attempt to disperse them. The ONG pushed the crowd from the Commons area up over the hill located between Tay and Johnson Halls. The ONG troops continued over the hill pushed the crowd to a practice football field area where t ONG reportedly ran out of tear gas. The ONG then retreate back up the hill between Taylor and Johnson Halls with the crowd following. The crowd was chanting and throwing bric and stones and other objects at the ONG and started to sur round the ONG troops. At the crest of the hill, the ONG turned and fired gunshots to disperse the crowd. The crow then dispersed and the following individuals were found to have been killed by gunshots, which were estimated to have been fired at about 12:30 P.M. on May 4, 1970:

ALLISON KRAUSE

JEFFREY MILLER

WILLIAM SCHROEDER

SANDRA LEE SCHEUER

The following individuals were also originally reported to have been treated for gunshot wounds suffered during the same shooting incident:

DEAN KAHLER

ALAN KANFORA

JOSEPH LEWIS

ROBERT STAMPS

JOHN CLEARY

THOMAS GRACE

DOUGLAS RENTMORE

DONALD MCKENZIE

[redacted]

JAMES RUSSELL

All of these individuals were reported to be KSU students.

[redacted] It was later determined through her own admission that [redacted] was not wounded by gunfire. She advised she had not taken part in the demonstrations but was in the area on the day of the shooting and became frightened in view of the volume of the crowd. She turned to run and a pencil protruded through her purse and wounded her in the leg. She advised this wound in the leg was the only wound she received during the incident.

On the evening of May 4, 1970, an injunction was issued by the Portage County Court of Common Pleas, Ravenna, Ohio which listed the defendants as KSU President ROBERT I. MILLER, the KSU Board of Trustees and John Doe Students. The injunction officially closed KSU as of 12:00 noon on May 5, 1970 with its reopening based on the judge's decision that order had been restored.

KSU has remained closed since that time. Members of the ONG remained on the KSU campus until May 8, 1970, to assist in the security of the campus.

At about 11:00 A.M. on May 5, 1970, Assistant Attorney General JERRIS LEONARD, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice, requested the FBI to conduct an investigation into the shootings that occurred at KSU on May 4, 1970.

II. PRE-INCIDENT ACTIVITIES

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Date 5/11/70

[redacted] Residence address [redacted] Street, Apartment [redacted] Ohio; address at Kent, Ohio, [redacted] was interviewed relative to any information she might be able to furnish concerning her knowledge of any destruction of Government property on the Kent State University campus; namely, the ROTC Building on May 2, 1970.

[redacted] advised that at approximately 2:00 AM, on May 2, 1970, she was walking from the Rathskeller to the University Terrace Apartments with her date. [redacted] For a reason she does not know, [redacted] took her pocket book and smashed a window of the ROTC Building.

[redacted] reiterated she did not know the reason why [redacted] broke the window.

On 5/9/70 at [redacted] Ohio File # C7 [illegible]-2140

by [redacted] JJW/par Date dictated 5/10/70

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[redacted] was interviewed by [redacted] and [redacted] who identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI subsequent to his being appropriately advised of his constitutional rights as is set out on an unexecuted warning and waiver form.

[redacted] refused to sign the above-mentioned form but stated that he understood the above-mentioned rights and would speak to the interviewing Agents.

[redacted] was interviewed relative to any knowledge he had concerning any destruction of Government property; namely, the ROTC Building on the Kent State campus, Kent, Ohio, which occurred on May 2, 1970.

[redacted] stated that at approximately 2:00 AM, on May 2, 1970, he along with his date, [redacted] were returning to his apartment complex at the University Terrace Apartments after spending an evening at the Rathskelle

[redacted] stated that as he passed the ROTC Building he took [redacted] pocketbook and smashed a window in the ROTC Building. [redacted] was asked as to his reason for breaking these windows to which he answered he was "pissed".

When questioned what he meant by the above statement he stated he was angered that NIXON had entered Cambodia and as such took his anxieties out on the ROTC Building.

It is to be noted that during the interview and advice of rights, [redacted] parents, Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] were present and, in fact, witnessed the rights and waiver form.

It is further noted that [redacted] father, [redacted] was extremely belligerent towards the interviewing Agents.

The following was obtained through observation and interview:

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SAs [redacted]

By [redacted] JJJ/par Date dictated 5/10/70

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Name: [redacted]
Born: June 14, 1950
at Wooster, Ohio
Social Security: Number [redacted]
Height: 5'7"
Weight: 150 pounds
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Blue
Residence address [redacted], Ohio
School address: Kent State University
University Terrace Apartments
Apartment [redacted]
[redacted], Ohio

[redacted] stated that he was at his residence addre in [redacted] from May 3, 1970 and, therefore, not present on campus during the riots on May 4, 1970.

[redacted] also stated that he is not knowledgeable of any persons involved in the burning of the ROTC Building on the Kent State University campus on May 2, 1970 inasmuch as he was not there on campus.

III. PHYSICAL SCENE

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ROTC BUILDING BEFORE
THE BURNING

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KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
POLICE OFFICERS SURROUND
BURNING ROTC BUILDING

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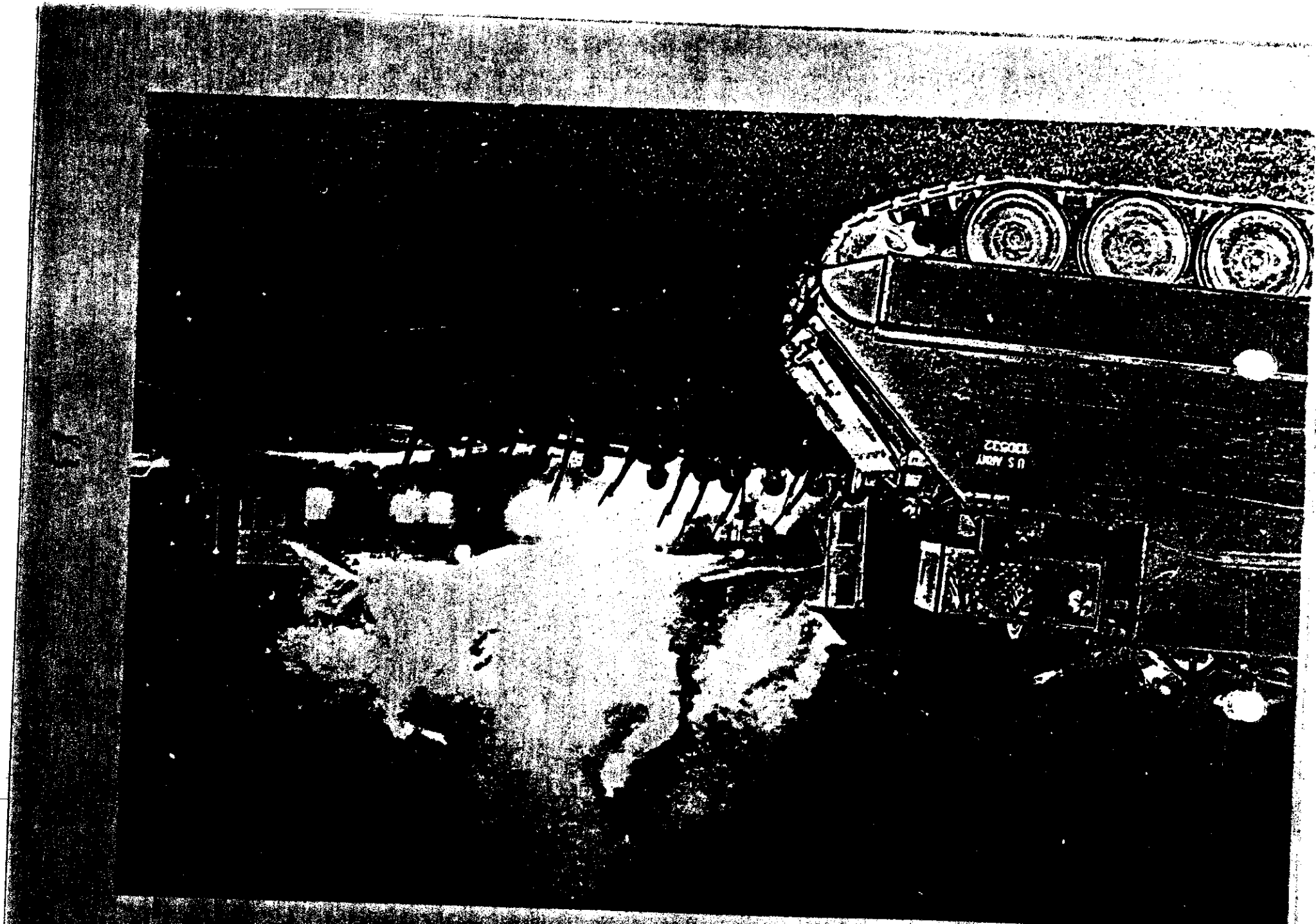
OHIO NATIONAL GUARD AT SCENE
OF BURNING ROTC BUILDING,
MAY 2, 1970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REMAINS OF ROTC BUILDING
WHICH BURNED ON MAY 2, 1970

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DIAGRAM OF AREA AND LOCATION OF KENT STATE UNIVERSITY ROTC BUILDING

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On May 12, 1970, Kent, Ohio, [redacted], Kent, Ohio, described what they observed and where they were located during the burning of the ROTC Building, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, to FBI Visual Information Specialist [redacted] and Special Agents [redacted] and by [redacted] Descriptions and information furnished [redacted] was obtained at the site of the ROTC burned building.

[redacted] prepared a chart of the area of the burned ROTC Building.

On 5/12/70 at Kent, Ohio File # Cleveland 98-2140

by SA [redacted]/slk Date dictated 5/13/70

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1. Kent FD truck # 3 dropped off fireman who hooked up hose.

2. Truck # 3 proceeded to this point unrolling hose on Portage Drive. This hose was cut after being unrolled.

3. Motorcycle parked here from which student age person soaked rag in cycle gas tank and threw into burning ROTC building.

4. Fireman observed student age person run over from South Hall to base of ROTC building and throw a flare at base of ROTC Building

5. KSU police assembled here.

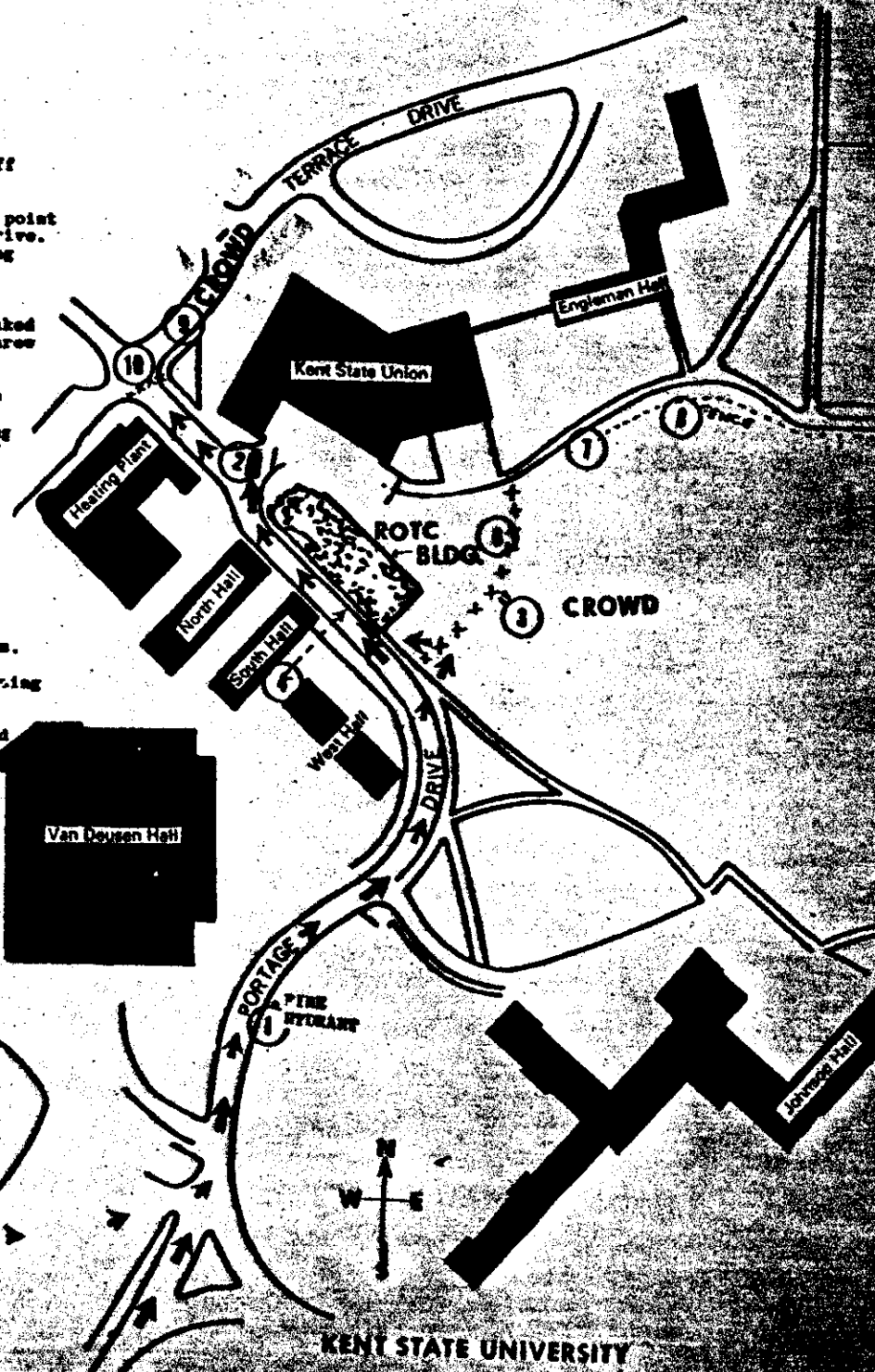
6. Police skirmish line formed here before several hundred people and tear gas fired.

7. Police officer observed 5 student age persons throw rocks taken from leather bags.

8. Fence knocked down by dispersing crowd.

9. Crowd of approx. 400 observed coming down Terrace Drive.

10. Police skirmish line formed and tear gas fired.



IV. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

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A. INTERVIEWS WITH ROTC OFFICIALS

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[redacted], ROTC Unit, Kent State University (KSU), advised that the destroye ROTC building was a white wood frame building, dimensions of which were fifty feet by one hundred fifty feet. He stated that the building was owned by KSU and not by the Department of the Army. [redacted] provided a temporary itemized list of t Government equipment lost in the fire and stated that the Commanding General of the U.S. Armor Center, Fort Knox, Kent is establishing a board to determine if the supplies and equ lost in the ROTC building will be written off of the books a some of the custody records were lost in the fire. [redacted] advised that the Army has approximately 60 days to establish the board and make their determination. Itemized list provi by [redacted] totaling $32, 543.55 is attached but [redacted] advise that his supply officer is continuing in his attempt to dete if there is any more Government property which was lost in the fire. [redacted] original estimate of the loss was $35,00 [redacted] advised that KSU made an official estimate of the val of the burned building of $50,000.

He also advised that the ROTC building was the ROTC Administrative Headquarters and also houses the KSU rifl range. He advised that the rifle club was sponsored by ROTC and that the range was constructed primarily for ROTC use an that the building is a National Defense facility.

[redacted] advised that all weapons, a list of which i attached, were completely destroyed by the fire and were turn into the Army Organizational Maintenance Shop, Akron, Ohio, being totally unserviceable. He advised that his training, supply, recruiting, funds, administrative documents were des in the fire but that no monies were destroyed. He advised t the students' personnel files and all classified material we saved by being placed in a fireproof safe, but that the pers files of the ROTC staff were destroyed in the fire. He advi that the permanent staff ROTC files were maintained by the Department of the Army in Washington, D.C. [redacted] advised t ROTC is not compulsory on the KSU campus and has been volunt since its establishment in 1947.

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by [redacted] Date [illegible] 5/12/70

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[redacted] advised there was a large sign, two feet by four and a half feet, over the doorway at the north end of the building, which read "Military Science." He also advised that on the same end of the building, there was a large round ROTC seal, 24 inches in diameter, which stated that the building contained "Army ROTC."

[redacted] advised that he was responsible for physical control of the ROTC building and that to the best of his knowledge, [redacted] of the Business and Finance Section, was responsible for the building itself as the building is owned by the University.

[redacted] provided a photograph of the building showing the entire building before its destruction including the aforementioned signs.

[redacted] advised that there are presently numerous faculty members at the KSU campus who are vehemently against ROTC and the presence of ROTC on the KSU campus. He advised that the following groups of students on campus were defintely against ROTC and its presence on the campus:

Young Socialist Alliance (YSA)
Black United Students (BUS)
Student Mobilization Committee (SMC)
Moratorium Committee

[redacted] advised that he did not know any specific individuals in the aforementioned organizations.

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ITEM	O/H	ITEM COST	TOTAL
Sling Flag Staff	2	$ 14.80	$ 29.60
Thermofax Duplicating Stencil Unit	1	772.00	772.00
Desk Type Right Ped	2	82.00	164.00
Desk Type Left Ped	1	82.00	82.00
Desk Dble Ped	8	75.00	600.00
Cup, Canteen	80	1.13	90.40
Trousers OG 107	93	2.20	204.60
Liner, Helmet	60	2.50	150.00
Typewriter	1	411.00	411.00
Telephone TA-1/PT	2	40.18	80.36
Rack Rifle	7	68.55	479.85
Pistol Cal. 45	1	57.00	57.00
Rifle Cal. 22	20	116.00	2320.00
Rifle Cal. M-1	90	94.30	8487.00
Rifle Cal. M-14	50	122.00	6100.00
Tool Kit Armor	1	66.00	66.00
Shirt OG 107	106	2.20	233.20
Intrenching Tool Comb	40	3.20	128.00
Compass Lensetic	25	8.31	207.75
Field Jacket	59	9.80	578.20
Typewriter 13" Non Elec	2	218.00	436.00
Duplication Thermofax	1	377.00	377.00
Table Work	1	110.00	110.00
Carrier Intrenching Tool	40	1.29	51.60
Case First Aid Field	80	.34	27.20
Foot Measuring Device	1	47.50	47.50
Sock Wool	1	.64	.64
Poncho Nylon OG 207	80	5.25	420.00
Table Field	6	11.90	71.40
Telescope M-48	3	181.00	543.00
Telescope	4	124.00	496.00
Filing Cab with comb/lock	2	530.00	1060.00
Top Book Case	5	3.85	19.25
Shelter Half	70	8.59	601.30
Cover Canteen	95	1.16	110.20
Coat Shooting	10	5.35	53.50
Chair W/O Arms	2	19.00	38.00
Camera, Polaroid	1	70.00	70.00
Projectors/Complete	2	1000.00	2000.00
Carousel Slide Projector	1	140.00	140.00
Yashika Reflex Camera	1	100.00	100.00
Rear View Screen & Kit	1	100.00	100.00
Case, Color Polaroid	1		
Case, B & W Polaroid	1	140.00	140.00
Case, 35mm Film	1		
Case, Recording Tape	1		
Case, Flashbulbs	1		

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ITEM	Q/E	ITEM COST	TOTAL
Canteen Plastic	20	$ .21	$ 22.00
Misc GSA Supplies		1000.00	1000.00
Misc Camera		150.00	150.00
Entire Library Books		2500.00	2500.00
Boots Combat Black	20	10.20	204.00
Helmet Liner	60	6.90	414.00

TOTAL: $32,543.55

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REPORT OF LOSS, THEFT AND RECOVERY OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION
(AR 190-6)

REPORTS CONTROL SYMBOL
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TO:
The Provost Marshal General
ATTN: PMGS-S
Department of the Army
Washington, D. C. 20315

FROM: (Complete identification and address, including ZIP Code)
Professor of Military Science
US Army ROTC Instr Gp
Kent State Univ
Kent, Ohio

1. COMPONENT (Check one)
ACTIVE ARMY [ ] 1 ARNG [ ] 2 USAR [ ] 3 ROTC [X] 4 DCA [ ]

2. COMMAND (AR 310-330, Code 190)
CODE [2 4] NAME

3. STATION CODE (AR 336-356; AR 310-352)
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4. UNIT IDENTIFICATION CODE (AR 18-50)
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5. UNIT NAME AND LOCATION (Abbreviate 25 places)
US Army ROTC Instr Gp
Kent State University
Kent, Ohio 44240

6. TYPE OF ACTION (Check one)
LOSS [X] 1 THEFT [ ] 2 RECOVERY [ ] 3

7. DATE OF ACTION (Enter numbers)
YEAR [7 0] MO [0 5] DAY [0 2]

WEAPON OR AMMUNITION IDENTIFICATION

QUANTITY	TYPE	CALIBER	MODEL	SERIAL/LOT NUMBER	TA
7 ea	Rifle Small Arms	7.62	M-14	See Attached List	
50 ea	Rifle Small Arms	30 cal	M-1	See Attached List	
1 ea	Pistol	45 cal	M1911A1	See Attached List	
20 ea	Rifle Shooting Match Gr	22 cal	M-12	See Attached List	

HOW DID LOSS OR THEFT OCCUR? (Check one)

a. TRAINING		h. UNLOCKED/UNATTENDED ARMS ROOM	
b. FIELD EXERCISE		i. ARMS RACK	
c. ILLEGAL ENTRY WITH FORCE		j. CLEANING/MAINTENANCE	
d. ILLEGAL ENTRY WITHOUT FORCE		k. AIRCRAFT/VEHICLE ACCIDENT	
e. IN TRANSIT		l. GUARD DUTY	
f. UNAUTHORIZED STORAGE		m. UNKNOWN	
g. LEFT UNATTENDED	X	n. OTHER Fire	

8. REMARKS (Include how and when loss occurred)
Weapons and ammunition destroyed by fire on 2 May 1970. The building Kent State University was destroyed by fire. All weapons and ammunition were moved into the Army Organizational Maintenance Shop, Akron, Ohio.

9. DATE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SURVEY
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12. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF REPORTING OFFICER
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[redacted] ROTC Kent, Ohio, furnished the following information concerning the burning of East Hall, ROTC Headquarters on Kent State University (KSU) campus on the evening of May 2, 1970:

[redacted] advised that in his opinion the burning of the building was planned in advance as he had received information from [redacted] on the morning of May 2, 1970 at approximately 3:00 AM to the effec that certain students might attempt to cause damage to the ROTC building or disrupt ROTC activities during the day of Satruday, May 2, 1970. He explained the Junior ROTC class c cadets was scheduled to go to the high velocity rifle ranges on Saturday and approximately 41 cadets would be in attenden

Prior to the class leaving for the rifle ranges aboard U.S. Army trucks, [redacted] was present and noti several students watching the class load onto the trucks and these students were standing near the Kent State Union buil observing their departure. There were no incidents and the class went to the ranges at approximately 7:00 AM.

While the class was at the ranges, [redacted] received a call from [redacted] at approximately 10:30 and [redacted] indicated that if possible the ROTC class sho not return to campus in the Army vehicles as the students mi possibly feel that the National Guard had been called to the University. [redacted] complied with the request of [redacted] and upon the cadets' return to the Kent area, they transferred the cadets to a University bus at the National Armory and then proceeded to the campus.

Upon their arival at the ROTC building, approximat 10 to 12 students simultaneously appeared at the Student Uni entrance and approximately six to eight proceeded toward the bus at the ROTC building. Upon the cadets departure from t University bus, the six to eight students began to hackle e every cadet departing from the bus. In particular, [redacted] remembers one individual who hackled every Negro cadet and stated something like the following to each: "What are you

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SA [redacted]

SA [redacted]

in that uniform black man. You have no rights in this country and shouldn't be wearing that uniform." [redacted] advised that the cadets did not respond to the heckling and immediately entered the ROTC rifle range doorway carrying their M-14 rifles in order to clean same. [redacted] advised that the heckling individuals remained outside the building and none attempted to enter it. On one occasion, an individual from the group indicated that it was thought by the students that the ROTC cadets were members of the National Guard and [redacted] explained to this individual that it was only the ROTC class returning from the rifle ranges. This unrecalled person relayed this information to the observing students.

[redacted] advised that none of the individuals who participated in the heckling and who were watching the Student Union building were familiar to him.

On the evening of May 2, 1970, [redacted] was telephonically contacted by an ROTC officer who indicated that East Hall had been set on fire and was burning. [redacted] went to the scene of the fire and at that time the building was engulfed in flames and could not be saved. He stood nearby with several other ROTC staff officers during the fire and while they were there a couple of officers were attempting to find a key to an Air Force vehicle which was parked in the close proximity to the burning building. While these officers were searching for a key to move the vehicle, [redacted] noted an individual standing with them whom he had seen around campus in the recent past. This individual indicated that he had been around campus during previous demonstrations and that he had possibly been around when the fire was started.

[redacted] could describe that individual as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	20-22
Hair	Blond
Build	Tall - Slender
Clothing	Dungarees and sloppy appearance

This individual is possibly employed by the University in some capacity, perhaps in maintenance work.

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Also present at this time was [redacted] may know the name of the above described young man.

At this time [redacted] would estimate the value of the building and [redacted] inside as being in the vicinity of $35,000. [redacted] could not identify any individuals who were [illegible] the fire and did not hear any names mentioned as to who were the individuals who started the fire.

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[redacted] Kent State University (KSU) campus, was interviewed concerning the burning of the ROTC building on May 2, 1970 at KSU.

[redacted] advised that at approximately 8:00 on May 2, 1970, he received a call from [redacted] Kent, Ohio, telephone number [redacted] advising him that the south end of East Hall was on fire. He also indicated that there was one fire truck at the scene and students were rushing the truck and the firemen throwing rocks and cutting the fire hoses with machetes.

[redacted] arrived at campus approximately 8:[illegible] and about that time a second group of fire trucks were early at the scene of the fire, as the first truck had shortly to been forced to depart the area by students' actions. Upon his arrival, [redacted] noted numerous students watching the blaze from the driveway above the building. [redacted] noted that [redacted] told him that he had been playing tennis on the Co[illegible] when the fire started.

[redacted] advised he took no specific action as the fire was being put out and only talked with other state officers in the area.

[redacted] could not recall the names of any students watching the fire but advised that the following individuals may be able to furnish information concerning persons present at the fire or involved in the actual burning:

[redacted]

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[redacted] advised that he recalls seeing two motorcycles parked in the parking lot at the rear of the burnin building and he heard rumors that the demonstrators were dippi in the gas tanks of these motorcycles to make torches.

Some of the cadets are possibly residing at 123 Cranc Street, Kent, Ohio, and could possibly furnish information as to the present whereabouts of the above listed individuals.

[redacted] indicated that earlier in the day on Saturday he assisted in taking the ROTC class to and from the high velocity rifle ranges and upon their return at campus, he recalls hecklers being at the bus trying to talk to each cadet. He heard several comments indicating that the ROTC building mig possibly be burned down and although he has heard similar comm in the past, [redacted] on this occasion, thought it wise to take home [redacted] items that evening. When he left the building, [redacted] and [redacted] and also [redacted] were still with the class.

[redacted] advised that all of the weapons were in the building when it was burned and all had been recovered af the fire.

IV. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING
B. INTERVIEWS WITH ROTC CADETS

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Md., telephone [redacted] furnished the following infor

He is 20 years of age and a junior at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, where he is majoring in political science. His address at KSU is Room [redacted] Dunbar Hall, Box [redacted] Kent, Ohio.

On Saturday, May 2, 1970, he participated in an ROTC training exercise at Malvern, Ohio, which consisted of familiarization with the M-14 rifle on the range at Malvern Approximately 3:30 PM, he returned to KSU campus along with the others who participated in the exercise. When he got the bus, about 10 hippie-type individuals were in the area the ROTC building. The only person he recognized was [redacted] who is a KSU student, a junior, and who formerly in ROTC. [redacted] was taking photographs of the ROTC stude getting off the bus.

He, [redacted] then went into the ROTC building and h clean the weapons which were used that day. He then went residence at Dunbar Hall.

About 7-8 PM on May 2, 1970, a friend of his, [redacted] Room [redacted] Dunbar Hall, told him that the ROTC Buil was on fire. [redacted] and he went to a hill that overlooks ROTC building. He observed that the ROTC building was burn and a large crowd was near the building cheering.

He then went to the center of the Commons which about 150 yards from the ROTC building. He watched the bu burn and also saw some KSU students whom he knew by sight, cannot identify by name, and some other individuals who he does not know if they were students or not. These people all just on-lookers and were not destroying any property.

He stayed there about three to five minutes aft which some policemen arrived. These policemen, whom he does know what department they were from, began to shoot five o six cannisters of gas onto the Commons. He and his roomm

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[redacted], then went back to the top of the hill
is referred to as "Blanket Hill" and took another look a
the people who were running from the Commons. Then [redacted]
and he went back to Dunbar Hall, arriving about 8 PM. [redacted]
returned to Dunbar Hall several hours later. He does no
any of the names of the persons he saw while he was away
Dunbar Hall.

He was in Dunbar Hall about one-half hour and
he saw the flames of another fire about 8 30 PM. [redacted]
and he then went to the sun deck of Prentice Hall and sa
that the girls physical education shack was on fire. Pe
were around it trying to put out the fire with fire estin
He watched the fire for several minutes and then helped
buckets of water to put out the fire. The fire was put
and he then returned to the sun deck of Prentice Hall an
watched what was going on. He just saw people milling a
all of whom were unknown to him by name and most were un
to him by sight.

About 9 PM, May 2, 1970, the ROTC building ha
caught on fire. He was still on the sun deck of Prentic
Police were at the ROTC building. At this time the Nati
Guard (NG) arrived around the side of Taylor building.
crowd in the area ran in all directions. About 9:30 PM,
left the sun deck and returned to Dunbar Hall where he s
the rest of that night.

The next morning, May 3, 1970, about 11 AM, h
and checked the ruins of the ROTC building. He helped c
up the arms room and assisted in the clean up operation
about 2 PM. He then went back to Dunbar Hall and slept
6 PM. Then from Dunbar Hall, he watched the NG attempt
disperse the crowd with tear gas. About 11 PM, he saw
Ohio State Patrol helicopter hovering above the crowd at
to disperse the crowd. The NG left the area of his dorm
at 11:35 PM that night.

On Monday, May 4, 1970, he went to his 8 AM
then he went to the ROTC building and helped clean up th
remaining debris. He stayed there until 12 noon and th
witnessed a rally of about 1,500 - 2,000 students held on
Commons. This crowd was told by the city police to disp
which they did not do. The NG started to use tear gas a
which this crowd left and went up the hill. None of the
people were known to him. Some of the people in the cro
picked up the tear gas canisters and threw them back
all lasted for about one hour.

The crowd gathered again and school officials t to get them to leave. Most of the people did leave. This was about 2 PM. About 300 - 400 people from the crowd did disperse and they went up the hill behind Taylor Hall. He could not see what went on behind Taylor Hall. He then he about a ten-second volley of rifle fire which consisted of what sounded like 40 - 50 rounds. He did not hear any sin shot prior to the volley.

He saw a student photographer running down the to the area where the police and NG were and stopped and h over a pistol to them. This photographer, the police, and NG are all unknown to him. There was another person with t photographer who is [redacted] who is a graduate student KSU.

He saw ambulances go up the hill and then heard over the NG radio that four students had been killed. The of the National Guardsmen told him that there was a confir report of a sniper. This National Guardsman was unknown t him.

At 3 PM, Dr. FRANK announced that the universit was closed. He went to Dunbar Hall, packed his bags, and in his car, after which he took four students off campus w him. He drove these students to their residences and spen night in Cleveland, Ohio. On Tuesday morning, May 5, 1970 continued on to his residence in [redacted] Md.

[redacted] advised he cannot identify any hippie-type individuals on campus during the night of the burning of t ROTC building. He has no knowledge of any people conspiri to burn the ROTC building. He has no knowledge of anyone' civil rights being violated. [redacted] did recall that two res of Dunbar Hall, [redacted] they were in the [illegible] Saturday night and they bot said they had heard individuals in the crowd that night sa were going to burn the ROTC building. The names of these individuals that said they were going to burn the ROTC bui are not known to [redacted]

[redacted] also recalled that [redacted] an ROTC [illegible] who resides in River View Apartments, stated he was near ROTC building and he had observed someone throw something through a window into the ROTC building. Also [redacted] report he saw a police officer aim a gun at a student [illegible] Saturday night.

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[redacted] also recalled that [redacted] and [redacted] or [redacted] stated they were in the crowd that was fired on.

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CRAIG ALAN MORGAN, 266 [redacted] Columbus, Ohio ([redacted]88-7087), a student at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, was interviewed at the residence of [redacted] Maryland. He furnished the following information:

Although MORGAN is a ROTC Cadet, he did not attend a drill on Saturday, May 2, 1970, at KSU. He is a KSU Student Senator and spent the day at the Student Activity Center organizing teams of faculty and student marshals. These teams were organized because a number of KSU students had staged a violent anti-war demonstration on the previous evening in the City of Kent, Ohio, and it was feared that there may be additional demonstrations. MORGAN was not present at the demonstrations on May 1, 1970, but he heard that a number of windows were broken and the city authorities had set a curfew.

At about 7:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m., on May 2, 1970, MORGAN was in the Student Activity Center and observed a crowd of about 500 students gathering some distance away, near the Victory Bell. The leaders of the gathering, none of whom was known to MORGAN, were attempting to promote a demonstration by shouting anti-war slogans. The group then marched past about ten dormitories, shouting for other to join them and chanting anti-war slogans.

About one hour later the crowd had increased to about 2500 students, but most were spectators rather than participants. They again gathered near the Victory Bell and some began chanting "ROTC off campus." At this time, [redacted] a highly regarded Negro student, who is active in [redacted] Wing" student politics, spoke to the students in an effort to disperse them, but they paid no attention to him. MORGAN, accompanied by [redacted] went into the crowd and talked to people individually but were ineffective in attempting to break up the crowd.

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At about 9:15 p.m., a white male, about 6' tall, 170 pounds, with black hair, in his late teens or early 20's, possibly wearing a red jacket, ran toward the ROTC Building which was locked and unoccupied at this time. He was carrying what looked like a lighted flare and used it to break a window and then threw it into the building. Others in the crowd threw rocks at the building. Very soon thereafter flames could be seen inside the building.

When the fire department arrived, shortly thereafter to fight the fire in the ROTC Building, a few people, none of whom were known to MORGAN, began throwing rocks about the size of golf balls at the firemen. The crowd got a hold of a fire hose and somehow managed to cut the hose. [redacted] a KSU student, was in the immediate vicinity when the hose was cut and may have been shouting anti-war slogans at that time.

About 20 University Police, wearing helmets and carrying nightsticks, arrived to protect the firemen. At about this time another demonstrator carrying a chain in his hand, threateningly approached the firemen and tried to encou the crowd to follow him. The fireman turned a water hose on him which drove him back and no one else in the crowd followed him. This student was a white male, 6'5" - 6'6" tall, very heavy (muscular) build, light complexion, having straight blac hair and a mustache. MORGAN does not know this student by nam but recognized him as a KSU student who participated in demonstrations last year and is rumored to be a military veter

The fire at the ROTC Building was extinguished and t firemen left the campus. Someone then set fire to a small storage building (about ten feet square) at the opposite end of the campus. MORGAN and other students used buckets of wate and fire extinguishers to put out this fire and as they were doing so, they saw the ROTC Building again burst into flames. This time the flames were about 50 to 60 feet high and when the firemen returned they were unable to save the building. The National Guard arrived with the firemen and used tear gas to clear the grounds and enforce a curfew.

[redacted] a graduate student who works for the Student Government kept a written account of the events on May 8, 1970.

One student who tried to persuade MORGAN to join the demonstrators while the ROTC Building was burning was RUTH GIBSON. This conversation was in the [illegible]

of [redacted] and [redacted] MORGAN did not actually see her throw anything or light a fire, but she verbally encouraged the burning of the building. During this conversation, MORGAN advised GIBSON that there was live ammunition in the building and he refused to join the group of demonstrators. She then responded that it was his responsibility to warn the other students about the ammunition.

Others who were present and participated in chanting anti-war slogans and who can possibly identify leaders of the group are [redacted] Faculty members present that night who may be able to identify some of the demonstrators are [redacted] and Doctor (First Name Unknown) FRANK. MORGAN later heard that Doctor FRANK broke up a group of students who were beating up a fireman.

MORGAN came to Washington, D.C. on May 6, 1970, with [redacted] and [redacted]. They have been meeting with United States Senators about the events at KSU and the United States policy in Vietnam. They may leave Washington, D.C. shortly, but can be located through telephone number 678-1730, Kent, Ohio. This telephone is at the apartment of JOANNE ZIMMERA and there is normally someone in the apartment to answer the telephone.

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[redacted] telephone [redacted] was interviewed and advised as follows:

He is a Senior at Kent State University (KSU), and a Lieutenant-Colonel in the ROTC.

[redacted] indicated he did not know who started the fire at the ROTC building on Saturday evening, as the building was in flames when he arrived. He did indicate he had received information from others to the effect that the fire could have been put out by the Kent Fire Department had someone not cut their fire hoses at the outset.

[redacted] was unable to furnish the names of any students who were breaking windows or started the fire in the ROTC building.

[redacted] stated he did not observe any of the actual shooting on the campus this past Monday. He indicated that he did observe, at quite a distance, several members of the student group knock down a couple of National Guardsmen, or at least it appeared so. However, he could not identify any of the guardsmen or students involved. All of these guardsmen were in the extreme flank positions.

[redacted] suggested that individuals from the Mobilization Committee to End the War in Viet Nam might be in the best position to furnish information concerning details of the shooting. [redacted] was unable to furnish the names of any individuals on the Mobilization Committee, but stated [redacted] is familiar with many of the members of the Committee.

[redacted] stated he can normally be contacted at [redacted] Kent, Ohio, which is where he is employed. He is usually at home on weekends. His fiance is [redacted] Ohio, telephone [redacted] was also at Kent during the recent disturbances; however, she did not observe any of it, according to [redacted]

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[redacted] white, male, born May 28, 19
Newark, New Jersey, [redacted] New Jerse
telephone [redacted], was advised that he did not have to make
a statement, that any statement made by him could be used
against him in a court of law and that prior to making a sta
he had the right to consult with an attorney. He furnished
the following information:

He is a senior student in the College of Arts and
Sciences at Kent State University (KSU), majoring in pre-law.
He is also a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps (
and has been since his freshman year. He resides off campus
Kent State, his address being [redacted] Apartme
[redacted] The apartment building is located 2½-3 blocks from Fran
Hall.

His roommates are [redacted]
[redacted] New Jersey; [redacted]
New Jersey; [redacted] Ohio, and [redacted]
Wooster, Ohio.

On the night of May 2, 1970, he was in his apartmen
with his roommates [redacted] and [redacted]. Th
other two roommates were at their homes. He heard about the
of the ROTC building at KSU on the radio but was not present
the site nor did he go to the site that day. He first saw th
results of the burning while on campus the following day.

He advised that he has no information pertaining to
the identity of any suspects. He advised that no one has mad
statement to him which would indicate that they might know th
identity of the perpetrators. He stated that he is well kno
as an ROTC student and that he wears his uniform on the campu
days a week. These days are Tuesdays and Thursdays when it i
obligatory to attend the Corps drill between 12:05 PM and 1:1
on the "Commons".

[redacted] had an 11:00 AM class on Monda
May 4, 1970, at Bowman Hall. He was released from class at
approximately 20 minutes before 12:00 because of the demonst

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which were occuring. From class he walked toward the "Comm
and stood on the front grounds of Johnson Hall for about 5-
minutes. From there he walked down to the fence that surro
the "Commons". While standing by the fence a trooper in a
using a bull horn, ordered the people to disperse. He imme
then proceeded to a point just outside of the Student Activ
Office at Johnson Hall. He stayed there for 10 or 15 minut
and during this time the tear gas started seeping toward Jo
Hall. He then went inside Johnson Hall to use the bathroom
From the bathroom he watched the activity and observed the
line of the National Guard. While he was observing from th
bathroom he heard and observed the Guard firing. His view
restricted and he did not see anything in particular but no
the back of the Guard.

He denied being a participant in the demonstratio
in any manner whatsoever.

[redacted] advised tha[redacted]
and [redacted] had already left the campus and were no
the date of the shooting. He had no information which woul
indicate that his other two roommates, [redacted] or [redacted]
had observed or were involved in any activities on the date
the shooting.

IV. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

C. INTERVIEWS WITH KSU STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE KSU STAFF

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[redacted], Cleveland Ohio, furnished the following information:

He stated he is a Senior at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, and is majoring in Education. He said he lived in [redacted], Johnson Hall while attending KSU, and was on Campus on May 2, 1970. He commented between 7:45 PM and 8:00 PM on that date, he went to the Student Activities Center at KSU and became a student deputy, to assist in preventing violence among the students at KSU. He remarked he was given a white arm band to wear in order to identify himself to other students and faculty members.

[redacted] advised he left the Student Activities Center and immediately joined a group of students leaving the Commons area. He said the group went from the Commons to Tri-Towers and then back past Eastway Center to the Commons, stopping in the area of the U. S. Army ROTC Building that is immediately adjacent to the Commons area. [redacted] advised he estimated the crowd to be about 4,000, but added he felt most of the persons there were on-lookers. He stated there was a group of about 50 to 60 persons who were in the area of a large rock and the corner of the ROTC Building nearest the Commons. He said this group was chanting and throwing rocks and other objects at the Building, resulting in several windows being broken. He commented among the group there were about ten persons who were actively trying to set the U. S. Army ROTC Building on fire. He remarked he recalled seeing one railroad type flare thrown from the crowd, but this flare did not appear to cause any damage or start a fire. He said he saw two other young white males he did not know and could not further describe, light and throw what appeared to be a "Molotov Cocktail" or firebomb. This object hit the side of the ROTC Building, bounced off and broke on the pavement next to the building. This fire bomb did not ignite. He added he recalls the person throwing the firebomb was wearing a white T-shirt with a red fist on the front and back.

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About ten minutes later, he said he saw two young white males go to a motorcycle parked near the ROTC Building, next to the street and on the Commons side of the building. He advised they opened the gas tank on the motorcycle and put a light colored rag into the tank. He said the rag appeared to be a handkerchief, an arm band or a small piece of cloth. After removing the rag from the gas tank, the two persons ran to the Commons end of the ROTC Building where they tried to put the rag i a window. When they were unsuccessful at this window, they went to another window already broken out. This window was the second one from the end, on the corner of the building closest to the Commons. He said he could not see which of these persons was holding the gasoline soaked rag and which one lit it, but it appeared as though they held the rag up to the window, lit it, and threw it i He remarked a fire had flared up, the curtains caught fire and the crowd cheered.

[redacted] advised after these two young men threw the flaming rag into the ROTC Building, they ran into the crowd in different directions. He stated he was only able to keep one of these men in view, and he had ran through the crowd on the Student Union side of the ROTC Building and joined a group of three other persons. Periodically, this person would throw rocks at the building. He commented he did not know either of the persons who threw the gasoline soaked rag in the U. S. Army ROTC Building, and he did not know any of the persons in the group where the one person ran. He remarked he was sure one person was a girl, but he was not certain whether the other two persons were male or female.

[redacted] described the young man who had run to the above group and who he had most closely observed as being 22 years old, 6' to 6'1", 190 pounds, long dark blond hair or light brown hair, beard and mustache which was trimmed, dark corduroy jacket which possibly had a belt, yellow-orange T-shirt with thin blue horizontal stripes, long dark blue bell bottomed pants, light blue canvas sneakers, and wearing no head band. He added

was this person who had soaked the rag in the gas tank. He said he had not closely observed the other person who had engaged in the lighting of the gasoline soaked rag, and could only described him as being a white male, 5'10", medium size and smaller than the first described person.

[redacted] advised on Sunday, May 3, 1970, between 1:00 PM and 1:30 PM, he had seen the person he described above first, looking at the burned structure of the ROTC Building. He said this person looked at the building for about 15 or 20 minutes after which he walked away. He stated later that same evening he had again seen this same person sitting with a group of other persons in the "Hub" area of the KSU Campus.

[redacted] was displayed two photographs of groups of persons and he made the following identifications:

He said the person he is identifying is not known to him by name, but was the person he described above first, who participated in the placing of the gasoline soaked rag in the ROTC Building on May 2, 1970.

[redacted] said in the photograph of a group of persons carrying a banner or sign, the person he recognizes is that person holding a pole and wearing a light jacket. He commented he recognizes this same person in a photograph of persons sitting next to a building and he is under the fourth window from the left. He added he is positive in his identifications, and recognizes the scene shown in the second photograph since this was taken in the "Hub" area on May 3, 1970, where he had personally observed this person, as previously described.

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[redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, furnished the following signed statement:

"May 12, 1970
[redacted] Ohio

[redacted], Cleveland, Ohio make the free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted], who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am a student at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, and prior to May 4, 1970, I lived in Room [redacted] Johnson Hall on the Kent State University campus. On the evening of May 2, 1970, I was acting as a student deputy, in an effort to stop any violence among the Kent State University students. At about dusk that evening I was on the Commons near the U.S. Army ROTC building, where a crowd of about 4000 students had gathered. Most of these students were onlookers, but there was a group of 50 or 60 students who were active in throwing stones and other objects at the ROTC building causing windows to be broken. About 10 persons in this group were active in trying _ set fire to the U.S. Army ROTC building and I observed two unknown white males throw a bottle at the building which I believe was a fire bomb. The bottle hit the side of the building, fell to the pavement where it broke, but did not ignite.

"About ten minutes later I saw two other young white males go to a motorcycle that was parked near the street on the Commons side of the U.S. Army ROTC building, where they put a light colored rag into the gas tank of the motorcycle. After taking the rag from the gas tank, they ran to a window on the Commons side of the U.S. Army ROTC building, but they were unable to put the rag in that window. They then went to another window on the same side of the building where it appeared as though they

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held the rag up to the window, lit it, and threw it into the building. The curtains caught fire and the crowd cheered. I did not see which one of these persons held the rag or which one lit the rag.

"After throwing the rag into the building these two persons ran back into the crowd and I could only keep one of them in view. This person is described as a white male about 22 years of age, 6'0" to 6'1", 190 pounds, long dark blonde or light brown hair, full board and mustach which was trimmed, brown corduroy jacket possibly with a belt, yellow orange T shirt with thin horizontal blue stripes, dark blue bell bottomed pants and light blue sneekers. I can only recall the other person as being a white male, 5'10", medium size, and smaller than the other person I've described.

"The following day, May 3, 1970, I again saw the first person I described, some time between 1:00 PM and 1:30 PM standing looking at the burned U.S. Army ROTC building for about 15 or 20 minutes and then left. Later that evening I observed a group of persons sitting in the "Hub" area of the Kent State University campus. Among this group I again saw the same person I described first above.

"I have observed a photograph of a group of persons walking in a street with some carrying flags and banners. I recognize the person I described above first as being the person holding the third pole from the left that supports the large banner above this group. I have also observed a photograph of a group of persons sitting near a building and I recognize this same person as being the individual sitting in front of the fourth window from the left. I have observed a photograph of a person not known to me by name who has a cigarette in his mouth and is holding what appears to be a pole. This is again the same person I described first, above.

"I have read the above statement consisting of

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this page and three others and I have initialed each page and all corrections. This statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

/S/ [redacted] 7d

"Witnesses

[redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Akron, Ohio 7
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[redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Cleveland, Ohio, 5/12/70"

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[redacted] was interviewed at his residence at [redacted] Kent, Ohio. [redacted] advised that a group formed spontaneously of members of the faculty senate of KSU on May 2, 1970. This group was formed for the purpose of cooling off students at a rally to take place that evening. To identify members of the group, all of them wore blue arm bands.

The faculty members were to circulate throughou the crowd and attempt to head off trouble. They also handed out a sheet of paper showing the curfew regulation and various legitimate activities taking place on the campus that evening.

DR. GLENN FRANK of the Geology Department at KSU seemed to be in charge of the group.

[redacted] was asked to be a member of this grou by [redacted], a professor in the English Department. Other faculty members involved known to [redacted] of the Honors College, [redacted] of the Psychology Department, (First Name Unknown) [redacted] of the Speech Department, and a teaching fellow by the name of [redacted] Numerous other faculty members were involved, but he knows none of their names.

[redacted] went to the KSU campus at approximate 7:00 p.m., May 2, 1970, and at that time, a large number of students were milling around on the Commons at the university. [redacted] talked with a few students here and there. He knew none of the students to whom he talke and, in fact, knew none of the demonstrators whom he saw the whole evening. He noted no one agitating at this time.

Suddenly, some time shortly after the curfew bell sounded, the crowd drifted towards a bell located at one end of the Commons. Then, two individuals he neve saw before stood up and rang the bell to get the mob's

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attention. One of these individuals stood on top of the bell and announced that a lot of students were in Tri Towers. He yelled at the mob to go to Tri Towers and round up more students. This individual was tall and slender and wore steel-rimmed glasses. He was a pleasant looking individual wearing bluejeans and a jacket of some sort. He could recall no further description, but stated that he may possibly recognize this person again.

At that time, the mob started in the direction of Tri Towers. The faculty members did not follow them, but a short time later, the mob returned to the Commons. He guessed the number of persons in the mob at that time to be approximately 500 to 600. In the crowd were several persons who had walkie talkies and he also saw a few people with cameras. He saw one person with a camera being beaten up and his film taken away. He does not know the identity of this person.

[redacted] noted that there were very few, if any, black students involved in this activity. He stated that there was one small group of black students observing the mob and one of these individuals had a camera. The one with the camera spoke to [redacted] while the mob was at Tri Towers. However, this group was not a part of the mob.

The mob milled around the Commons again briefly, and [redacted] could hear voices yelling that they should go to Taylor Hall. Few agitators were noted by him, and he knew none of them. The mob then drifted toward the student union building at KSU and actually went to the ROTC building.

They started throwing rocks at the ROTC building and [redacted] heard the clatter of the rocks on the building. He saw one figure go up to the building and throw something in the window. This individual immediately dashed back to the mob. What this person threw in the window was apparently lit and exploded or flared up when it was thrown in the window. This was repeated four or five times. The fire in the ROTC building burned awhile in one spot before spreading.

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In addition to the firebombs thrown in the building, flares were being thrown from the crowd at the building. [redacted] had the impression that only two or three people were actually involved in the lighting and throwing of the firebombs and the flares.

They seemed to come from, to [redacted] the same spot in the crowd. [redacted] said he was approximately 40 yards from the action and was unable to see who any of these individuals were and would not be able to identify them again. He kept circulating and the crowd surged and milled around the building.

Very shortly after the original lighting of the fire, the fire department showed up. [redacted] saw no more incidents in the building after the fire department showed up.

The fire department parked close to the ROTC building. They were trailing a hose from a large hydrant. Students grabbed this hose and other students sawed and hacked on it. The hose was dragged away from the firemen. There was no one from the police department there at that time. [redacted] recognized no one involved in this activity.

A short time thereafter, a contingent of police, whom he thought were KSU police, came on the scene from the direction of Bowman Hall. They deployed around the firemen. A yell went out among the demonstrators to get rocks. The demonstrators threw rocks at the police and firemen and milled around some more. Tear gas was then fired or thrown by the policemen. The crowd began to dissolve [redacted] decided to leave as there was nothing more he could do.

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[redacted] Kent State University, was contacted at [redacted]. After being advised of the matter under investigation, [redacted] advised as follows:

"May 10, 1970
"Kent, Ohio

"I, [redacted] Kent State University, and residing at [redacted] Kent, Ohio, was in Cincinnati, Ohio on Friday, May 1, 1970, and returned to Kent, Ohio on Saturday, May 2, 1970. Following an anniversary dinner with my wife on the evening of May 2, 1970, I went to the home of [redacted], Kent, Ohio, where I was told by [redacted] had gone to Kent State University because he had been called as a result of a disturbance taking place at that time.

"I then went to Kent State University alone, at which time I went to the area of the Kent State University Library on Main Street in front of the Library, arriving there at approximately 9:15 PM. At approximately this time I noted a group of individuals, approximately 1,000 in number, walking west on Main Street in the middle of the street. I noticed that there appeared to be a few individuals who were more or less assuming the leadership of this crowd. These individuals I noticed picking up litter trash cans and throwing them into the street. I overheard some of the individuals in the crowd, who appeared to be upset by the actions of these individuals, and I overheard comments such as 'why are they doing that', 'why don't they stop that.'

"Approximately 10 minutes later I overheard someone shouting 'the Guard, the Guard'. At this point the crowd began running south on to the lawn of the campus in the vicinity of the Library. I decided that I was going to stay on the sidewalk and not move.

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"Shortly thereafter some persons in the crowd began to throw rocks and bottles over my head in the direction of the National Guard which was on Main Street. I noticed no response on the part of the Guard and I do not know what particular individuals were involved in throwing objects toward the Guard. The National Guard was composed of a convoy of jeeps, trucks and what appeared to me to be half tracks. To my knowledge, they did not stop prior to the time that I left the area.

"I then went to the parking lot of the Library which is located on Lincoln Street, just south of Main Street, where the campus information booth is located. At this point I heard the sound of breaking glass and noticed one individual throwing rocks at the parking lot light and several youths throwing rocks at the glass of the information booth. I then noticed several individuals in the booth attempting to set fire to the booth by lighting newspapers. I did not see any of these individuals close enough to identify them. After helping other individuals in the vicinity extinguish the fires in the information booth, I then left the area. The individuals who had broken the glass in the building and had attempted to set the building on fire had left the area by this time. I followed the crowd southeast across the campus in the direction of the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) building. I arrived at the heating plant located to the west of the ROTC building and at the time I arrived, the ROTC building was ablaze. I did not see anyone lighting or attempting to set fire to the building, interfering with firemen or with Security Police. [redacted] and I then returned to his home.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and 2 additional pages. I have signed each page and initialed each correction. I now sign this statement because it is true.

"/s/ [redacted]

Witnesses:

[redacted], Special Agent, FBI, Buffalo, N.Y. 5/10/70
[redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Buffalo, N.Y. 5/10/70

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The following descriptive and background data was taken through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	[redacted]
Height	5' 11"
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	[redacted]
Eyes	Hazel
Occupation	Professor
Employment	Kent State University
Residence	[redacted]
Residence Phone	Kent, Ohio
Organizational Membership	[redacted]

[redacted] advised that the residence as above is his permanent residence and that [redacted] Pennsylvania, is a person who will always know his whereabouts.

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(home address) student, senior, Kent State University (KSU) residence Room [redacted] Johnson Hall, advised he is a [redacted] in the KSU student government, advisor to t President of the student body, and was on the main campus on May 2, 1970, at the time the ROTC building was burned. [redacted] explained he was connected with the Student Activities Cente Rumor Control Center, which operated in efforts to direct st away from groups and rallies on the Kent State campus on tha [redacted] advised a flyer, yellow sheet of paper, circulated o Kent State campus, May 2, 1970, indicated a rally was to be at 8:00 p.m., on the Commons with regard to the anti-war demonstrations. He advised at approximately 7:30 p.m., on May 2, 1970, he went to the area known as the Commons on Ken State campus and he noted students began to gather at approx 7:40 p.m., with tension growing. He advised at 8:00 p.m., a unknown white male, who he did not recognize, as a student, on the victory bell and shouted obscenities and indicated to gathered group they should go to the dorms and get the peopl out. [redacted] explained he is acquainted with most radical students who are members of the Young Socialist Alliance (YS Weatherman faction of the Students for a Democratic Society and Black United Students (BUS); however, he does not know t individuals by name. [redacted] advised the unknown individual announced the students should march at this time on the Tri and the entire group moved from the Commons toward Tri Tower picking up rocks on their way.

[redacted] advised at this time, he returned to the Student Activities Center and at approximately 8:25 p.m., through the use of binoculars, he observed unknown students burning an American flag at a location between Union Hall an the ROTC building. He advised at this time the crowd of stu which he would estimate at 300, moved toward the ROTC buildi and of this group, there were approximately 10 white males w he did not recognize as students, KSU. [redacted] advised the students began throwing rocks through the windows of the ROT building, and a fuse flair was thrown at the ROTC building;

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however, same did not go into the building. He stated at th point it was dark and from his position with binoculars, he unable to determine who threw the flare or who was throwing rocks at the ROTC building. He stated at approximately 9:00 a fire bomb was thrown into the ROTC building, and due to th flareup of same, it is his impression the fire bomb was made of gasoline. He stated the fire inside the building began t spread and the Fire Department was summoned by a student at office where he was located. Upon the arrival of the Fire Department, firemen attempted to get near the building to extinguish the blaze; however, they were pelted with rocks and after laying out their hoses, according to another stude who informed him, the fire hoses were slashed with machetes students. He stated he did not observe the fire hoses being cut; however, the Fire Department pulled back and the buildi thereafter was completely destroyed by fire and he noted the firemen had no police protection at the time they attempted extinguish the fire.

[redacted] vised at this time many of the students disbanded and moved out of the Commons to a shed, which was afire. He stated [redacted] Kent faculty, called him telephonically and told him the students roving on the campu were smashing everything in sight.

[redacted] advised the Ohio National Guard arrived on the Kent State campus at approximately 10:15 p.m., and the groups of students dispersed on their own. He stated some o the unknown individuals previously mentioned, approximately ten in number, had red bands on their arm or around their forehead, and they were wearing field-type jackets, and he observed these individuals only at the time the rally starte at 8:00 p.m., May 2, 1970. He stated he did not observe fou white males, commonly referred to as the "Big Four," former Kent State students, HEIDBERGER, ERICKSON, MINER and POWELL. He stated he knows most of the radical students on campus by face, not by name, and could identify those present at the time the ROTC building was burned. He stated he did not obs NIKE ALPERTZ (phonetic), President of the YSA; RALPH BELAMIC (phonetic), and [redacted] known radical students on cam

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[redacted] advised on Sunday, May 3, 1970, the Kent State campus appeared rather calm with the students generally wondering what would happen next. A group of students gather Sunday evening and the instigators, who were utilizing obscen language toward the Guard apparently drifted in and out of th action. He stated at no time did he observe students carryin firearms on their person and he observed no pamphlets put out by any of the radical groups with instructions regarding rall and demonstrations. [redacted] pointed out that he signed, along with other members of the student government, a statement for the President indicating their belief that the Ohio National Guard's presence on the campus was necessary to dispel further destruction of property. He stated very few black students were noticed at any of the rallies and they were obvious by their absence.

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[redacted], Ohio advised as follows:

On Saturday evening, May 2, 1970 students at K State University (KSU) held a rally or demonstration at the Commons at KSU. It started out as a march around th campus, in an effort to gather support, and the rally to place at the Commons. [redacted] followed the group aroun the campus to be certain that no black students became in volved in this demonstration, he being a member of the Black United Students. When he got back to the Commons, those gathered were shouting slogans such as 'One, two three four, we can't win the war' etc. It was dark by t time, and possibly 9:30 P.M. and as [redacted] walked from Taylor Hall area across to Johnson Hall he noted flares being thrown at the ROTC Building. It was not burning a the time, but the flares made a red glow. Then some of the students, individually, started breaking windows in ROTC Building and flares were thrown in the windows, and suddenly the building started to burn. Firemen came, an some men from the Sheriff's Office, with tear gas. When the tear gas was thrown, [redacted] left to go to the Blac Culture Center. He wanted to be certain that no damage done to this building, as there had been rumors that som these students were going to burn this Black Culture Cen There were lots of rumors going around, one being that a black girl had been bayonetted. These were efforts to get the blacks to participate in this demonstration, but the blacks did not participate.

[redacted] said that only about 5 or 6 students appeared to be involved in the efforts to burn the ROTC Building. It was dark at the time, and [redacted] could n see them clearly-only as shadows, and could not even tel if they were black or white, or girls-or boys that were doing this.

[redacted] stated he not only could not see who involved in this burning, but that he has heard nothing

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to indicate who might have been responsible. He stated tha the feelings between the black students and the radical white students are not good, and no radical white student would confide in a black student.

[redacted] stated that he would estimate that he was at least 100 yards away from the burning ROTC Building at all times. He did not at any time see anyone carrying flares or starting fires. He saw no one throwing rocks at firemen, nor cutting hoses.

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[redacted], Ohio, was advised of the identities of the interviewing agen and the fact that he was being interviewed in connection wit a violation involving sabatoge due to the burning of the ROT Building at Kent State University. He then provided the foll ing information:

[redacted] advised that he is the president of the Kent Inter Hall Council, and that he was near the Student Activities Center between Johnson and Stoffer Halls at the time of the burning. He stated that the only radical that he observed and knew by name was [redacted] who was on the Commons stirring up the crowd at approximately 8:00 P.M. Saturday, May 2, 1970. He advised that he saw three or four persons throwing railroad type flares at the building, but that none of them went through the broken windows of the building. He stated that after these efforts were unsuccessful, a single student lighted a rag, and threw the rag into the building. He advised that [redacted] was in the crowd as a student marshal, and that [redacted] Manchester Hall, who lives in Lakewood, Ohio, was also in the crowd. [redacted] stated that immediately proceeding the fire, [redacted] was moving through Fletcher Hall pulli fire alarms to rouse out students to participate in the demonstration. He advised that [redacted] who is from Lakewood, Ohio, had seen and reported [redacted] to him.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was one of the lead at a meeting in the Rotunda area on Sunday, May 3, 1970, at which time plans were formulated for a demonstration on the Commons area Monday, May 4, 1970. He stated that after each demonstration was dispersed, students would return to the dormitories, and pile their rocks or bricks, and other miss near the entrances to the buildings. He recalled that on th day of the shooting incident, and throughout the demonstrat the leaders wore red headbands, carried red handkerchiefs, attached red pieces of cloth to their clothing. He stated some of the militant student leaders carried knives, and th [redacted] reported a knife pulled on him in the Tri Tow

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Pit. He advised that [redacted] was co-ordinating rumor control from the Tri Towers, and was also at the shooting incident on Monday, May 4, 1970.

[redacted] advised that a group of three students reported to [redacted] that they could testify to the fact that ALLISON KRAUSE had a weapon in her possession at the time of the shooting, May 4, 1970.

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[redacted] furnished the following information:

He is in his Junior year at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio.

At approximately 6:00 PM, May 2, 1970, he parked his motorcycle in the motorcycle parking lot, which is locate on the KSU campus near the ROTC building. [redacted] noticed no congregation at the building at that time.

After having dinner at the college cafeteria, [redacted] and his roommate, [redacted] attended a concert at Tri- [redacted] Towers, a dormitory complex on the campus. Later that evenin [redacted] heard that there had been trouble at the ROTC buildi but he had no personal knowledge of same.

About noon the following day, [redacted] parked his motorcycle at his dormitory and observed another motorcycle parked nearby with the gas tank top missing. The owner of this motorcycle, name unknown, told [redacted] that while parked in the motorcycle parking lot the night before, someone remove the cap and stole some gas. [redacted] does not have a lock on his gas tank, but stated that due to the shape of the tank it is extremely difficult to siphon gas therefrom and he does not think his gas tank was tampered with.

[redacted] was unable to furnish any information conce ing damage to the ROTC building.

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[redacted] advised that he is a Senior at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, and is a campus resident of Johnson Hall.

On Saturday, May 2, 1970, [redacted] said he was wo at the Desk in Johnson Hall and two individuals having long hair and dressed in dark clothing came in and said to him, "Pass the word there is going to be a rally at 8:00 p.m. on the Commons, the National Guard is in town." [redacted] said he later learned that the ROTC units were returning to campus from field problems or some other activity dressed in fatigues, and were thought to be National Guardsmen.

He said that at approximately 8:30 p.m., a group approximately 200 or 300 people gathered near the ROTC Buil A number of individuals were not participating in any activ but merely watching the activities. [redacted] said he walke into the crowd gathered near the ROTC Building and saw some light a piece of cloth and throw it into the building. Someone later indicated the cloth had been dipped in gasoli before it was lighted. He observed an older individual, having short grey hair, at the ROTC Building and this indiv was wearing a sport jacket with a blue arm band. A few peo in the group were throwing rocks at the ROTC Building and t others in the crowd were cheering each time a window broke. [redacted] said there seemed to be five to ten individuals ur the crowd to action and about thirty or so were adding emph to these suggestions. He observed some of these individual to be wearing red arm bands. There was one male Caucasian with long brown hair, wearing a brightly colored cloth head who took an American Flag and set it on fire. The man walk forward from the group holding the Flag and then he, [redacted] took a picture of this individual holding the burning Flag. man continued walking toward the ROTC Building.

[redacted] said that a person walking by him hit hi arm in an apparent attempt to knock the camera out of his h Someone in the crowd yelled either, "Get the camera," or "G the guy with the camera" and persons from all sides started hitting him. [redacted] said he crouched down and held onto

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the camera and the group knocked him to the ground. They continued beating him and one individual tried to pull the camera away. A "hippie type" girl knelt in front of him an told the group to stop hitting him. He started to get up a the girl told him not to. She said that they had to have t film because they could go to jail if identified. He told that the camera also contained pictures of his best friend' wedding and wanted to keep it. The girl then said somethin to the effect that they won't let you go with the film. [redacted] said he looked around and could see no one coming to his assistance, and he could not run because the crowd h gathered around him so he surrendered the camera. Someone in the crowd took the film from the camera, a Kodak Instama and returned the camera to him. He got to his feet and som members of the crowd asked if he was all right. He observe a couple of "older" individuals in the crowd nearby and ass they may have been faculty members.

[redacted] said he then walked away from the crowd and observed fire trucks coming to the ROTC Building. He went to the hilltop near Johnson Hall as firemen were layin the hose in order to put out the fire. He observed six individuals pull a section of the hose aside and one of the individuals was striking the hose with an object. He then saw water coming from the hose where it was being struck. The police later formed a line between the demonstrators an the ROTC Building and threw gas into the crowd which caused it to disperse.

[redacted] said he went into his dormitory when the tear gas spread and came out about fifteen minutes later an observed a group of the demonstrators tear down a fence nea the tennis courts and also burn an equipment shed which was located at the base of Taylor Hill.

[redacted] said that someone later indicated to him that individuals wearing white arm bands were student deput marshals, blue arm bands indicated faculty deputy marshals, and red arm bands were being worn by "radicals." He stated he went back to the area near the ROTC Building where he he been attacked at approximately 8:30 or 9:00 the following morning and found the film pack which had been taken from h He assumed that the film had been exposed but kept it anywa The film is presently at the Desk area of Johnson Hall in a top righthand shelf bearing the name "General Nick

[redacted] stated that on Monday, May 4, 1970, he we walking from class at about 11:50 a.m., and he observed a large group of demonstrators on Taylor Hill chanting and throwing objects at the National Guardsmen. A loudspeaker truck was driving through the area telling the group to disperse and leave the area immediately. Tear gas was fired into the group to get them to disperse.

[redacted] said he went to his dormitory, Johnson Ha where he went to work at the Desk and went outside at one ti and observed the National Guardsmen moving up Taylor Hill. He later heard a commotion at the back of Johnson Hall and out back and observed the National Guardsmen at the top of hill firing their rifles in the direction of Taylor Hall.

[redacted] said that he did not see any students wi guns and did not see anyone fire at the Guardsmen. He did see any of the students who were shot.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] a resident of Johnson Hall, whose address is unknown to him, showed him two cartridges which had been fired. [redacted] indicated he had found these cartridges on top of Johnson Hall.

[redacted] Ohio, and a resident of Prentice Hall, said she had observed the National Guardsmen from her dormitory and the Guardsmen appeared to have fired into the air.

[redacted] stated that on Sunday night, May 3, 1970 he and [redacted] Ohio, were working at the Desk in Johnson Hall. A girl came into John Hall carrying an empty bottle and was going toward the wome toilet. [redacted] confronted her and asked what she was doing The girl told him it was none of his business and to get ou of her way. She then went into the women's toilet. [redacted] said he did not know the girl but [redacted] said her name was ALLISON KRAUSE. They did not see her leave Johnson Hall an assumed she had gone to the toilet to fill the bottle with urine.

[redacted] further advised that after the shooting May 4, 1970, he observed a piece of architecture, consisting of triangular pieces of metal, in the back of Taylor Hall with a bullet hole in it. The hole appears to be made by

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bullet coming from the direction in which the National Guardsm
were facing at the time the shooting took place.

[redacted] further advised that he is not personally
acquainted with anyone who took part in the demonstration.

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On May 10, 1970 [redacted] was interviewed at his residence, [redacted] telephone [redacted] furnished the following informat

He advised that hewas born on February 16, 1946 at Cleveland, Ohio, and he is presently a Junior taking an English major at Kent State University (KSU). He advised that he initially attended KSU in January, 1965 and he is presently employed as a truck driver and was attending school and basically is paying his way through college.

He advised that on Saturday, May 2, 1970, between 9:30 and 10:00 PM he went to the Portage Room in the Studen Union in order to attend a dance.

He stated the Student Union is located next to the ROTC building which was burned down on May 2, 1970.

He stated as he drew near the Student Union he heard sirens and young people were running around. He stated he assistedin lifting up the barriers at the Student Union in order to permit a fire truck to approach the ROTC building located 30 yards further on.

He stated that at this time the ROTC building was on fire and he noted that the roof of the building had ignited in flames as he arrived on the scene.

He stated that the National Guardsmen present were throwing tear gas in order to disperse the students.

He advised that his friend, [redacted] using his, [redacted] 8 mm. camera, exposed about 35 feet of film of the burning ROTC building. He stated that due to the fact the film was colored film, about the only thing that can be clearly seen were the flames of the fire.

He advised that about 9:30 PM he observed 7-10 young men, all white, except one boy, who was a Negro, throwing rocks at the east side of Lowry Hall. He stated

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he saw one boy throwing a brick through a screen and window on the east side of Lowry Hall.

He advised that all the boys that he saw were carrying clubs as was the Negro boy. He described this Negro male as about 20, 6'1", 170 pounds, and wearing a dark beret.

He advised that these boys were "in a highly emotional state", and stated he did not know if they had been using any drugs, but it could have been that they were just "emotionally keyed up".

He stated that he was just sick and tired of the fact that such a small student minority at KSU had been causing so much trouble, and he was unhappy because the majority of the students have remained silent during this time.

He stated when he saw the boy throwing a brick through the window, he went after him and a fight ensued and the group, all of whom had clubs, began to use them. He advised that he was hit in the left hip with a club and pulled up his shirt and displayed a black and blue mark on his left hip approximately two inches, in length and egg-shaped.

He advised that one of the men with a club tried to hit him on the head while he was engaged in fighting with his opponent, however, one of his, [redacted] friends, a wrestler, grabbed him and threw him to the ground.

He stated he felt he might be able to identify some of these boys all of whom were the "hippie" type with long hair and wearing bands on the forehead.

He advised that he noted on the afternoon of Sunday, May 3, 1970, the KSU campus, which always had been well-maintained, had many bricks and stones laying around the grassy area from prior incidents.

He advised that on Sunday evening, National Guardsmen at Main and Lincoln in Kent, Ohio, gassed some students in order to disperse them.

He stated that at that time, he was accompanied by [redacted] and two other girls who reside in the Greymore House located at the corner of Main and Sherman in Kent. He stated [redacted] called to his attention the fact that one boy who was walking past was openly wearing a holstered gun. He was unable to adequately describe this weapon. He stated the boy who was wearing it was a white male and under 25, and the boy had long hair and was accompanied by another youth. He stated he readily observed the holste gun on the first boy's hip, and the girls and others who accompanied him said that the other boy was also wearing a gun, but he did not observe this.

He advised that he personally does not know by sight the more active "campus radicals".

He stated however, that in the five years that he has been on the campus, he has "watched organizations opposing the war grow until they encompass groups that oppose society as a whole." He further stated "JERRY RUBIN was permitted on the campus about two weeks before the shooting. Demonstrators switched from peaceful protest to disruptive protest, even walking into classes and the administration continued to treat them as peaceful demonstrators and provide them with amnesty or social probation which means nothing".

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/11/70

[redacted], Akron, Ohio, voluntarily furnished the following signed statement:

[redacted] "Akron, Ohio
May 10, 1970
1:50 PM

[redacted]

"I, [redacted] furnish the following information to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I am furnishing this information voluntarily and no promises or threats have been made and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me. I understand that this statement could be used in a court of law.

"I am twenty-one years of age and reside at [redacted] Akron, Ohio. I am a Junior at Kent State University.

"On Saturday, May 2, 1970, I heard from various students at Kent State that a rally was to be held on the commons at Kent State on this date at eight o'clock PM. I did not know the purpose of the rally or who was sponsoring this rally. I had planned to attend the rally but I arrived late at eight fifteen PM. As I was walking across the campus with [redacted] of Twin Lakes, Ohio to Tri-Towers on the campus I observed a group of students walking toward the ROTC building. I saw members of the group throwing some rocks at the windows of the building and a lighted flare which landed on the roof of the building. The flare rolled off of the roof without starting a fire. I remained until I saw fire trucks arrive to put out a small fire which I had noticed inside the building. After the fireman had attached hoses to put out the fire, I noticed some students standing near

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"the fire hoses and water spurting from the hose vertically. [redacted] and I then left this area and we walked around Stopher Hall. I sat on the steps of the building and did not watch any more of the activity. [redacted] continued to watch the event for a few minutes. At approximately 8:45 PM we walked off the campus and did not return until approximately 11:30 PM. We then saw the ROTC building completely engulfed in flames. There were about twenty students observing the fire and some National Guardsmen headed toward Betsy and me. When the Guardsmen approached us we ran into a dormitory building called Terrace Hall. We then walked to Tri-Towers and remained there until it was announced that we had 45 minutes to leave the campus. We left the campus at about 12:45 AM without observing any further events. I did not recognize any of the individuals whom I had previously seen throwing rocks at the ROTC building or standing around the fire hoses, and I can furnish no information concerning them.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and 3 other pages. It is true and correct to the best of my knowledge I have initialed the other pages and any corrections made therein.

"/s/ [redacted]
May 10, 1970

"Witnesses:

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Buffalo, NY, May 10, 1970

"/s/ [redacted], Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Buffalo, NY, May 10, 1970"

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is [redacted] who is a sophomore whose college address is [redacted] Humphrey Hall, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio and whose home address is [redacted] Ohio furnished the following information:

[redacted] and she were at Engleman Hall on May 2, 1970 and observed a crowd of persons at the ROTC Building which was about 150 yards from them. They were in back of the crowd at the ROTC building. She saw members of the crowd ignite several red safety flares. She saw the red flares being thrown at the ROTC building. She saw one flare thrown in a window of the building. She cannot identify any of the people in the crowd around the ROTC building. She did not recognize any as students of Kent State University. She described the crowd as very large and all white. She said she had no additional information concerning the burning of the ROTC building and did not know the names of any who were involved.

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[redacted], Cleve
Ohio, stated that he is over 21 years of age and is an un
graduate student (junior) at Kent State University (KSU),
Kent, Ohio, his college address being 133 Musselman Hall,
KSU.

He recalled that around 9:00 PM on Saturday, Ma
1970, he had been in the company of two other KSU student
[redacted] in the vicinity of Engleman
KSU, as part of a crowd of people who were watching the
of East Hall, which housed the ROTC on the KSU campus, an
is located about 150 yards from where they were observing
fire.

[redacted] said that he observed individuals
in the immediate vicinity of East Hall hurling lighted re
flares at or into East Hall. He said they appeared to be
railroad or highway safety flares. He saw no other burni
material being thrown at the building. He was too far a
to recognize or describe any of the persons who were mill
about EastHall or throwing the flares. The only thing he
noticed was that all ofthem appeared to be members of the
white race. He saw no motorcycles in the vicinity. He
not state whether any of the persons he saw in the vicin
of EastHall at above time were students at KSU.

[redacted] has no pictures of above inciden
knows of no one who has. He was unable to recall any oth
information pertaining to the burning offe above building
He has heard no allegations as to the identities of any
of the persons involved in the above burning.

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Date May 10, 1970

[redacted] Ohio, address while attending school [redacted] Kent, Ohio, was interviewed and voluntarily furnished the following signed statement:

"Place: Kent, Ohio
Date: May 10, 1970

"I, [redacted] hereby furnish the following free and voluntary statements to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as special agents of the FBI. I was born Jan. 20, 1946 at [redacted] Ohio. I am a graduate student in business administration at Kent State University.

"I was present Saturday nite, May 2, to see the ROTC building burn. I have no information, however, concerning how the fire started or who started it.

"Sunday night, May 3, I co-operated along with three other members of the K.S.U. Vet's Association, in acting as a communication laison for the university police. I was normally in the crowd observing what I could. The crowd gathered on the commons first while several individuals rang the bell to get the crowd centralized and get their attention. Those in the center then stood on the platform supporting the bell and attempted to incite or arouse the thousand or more then gathered.

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SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]
By Date dictated 5-10-70

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It appeared at this time that no common objective was evident, as those standing on the bell housing shouted "let's do something" and "what do you want to do"? Suggestions were yelled to: (1) proceed to President White's lawn (2) burn the ROTC supply depoit.

"The crowd did not appear unified nor did the leadership appear cohesive, at this point they could not decide where to go or what to do. They decided then to walk around campus and regroup latter. They milled around as a group of probably 1000 or more and chanted for approximately an hour. They arrived at the corner of Main and Lincoln and several began marching down main street toward town. This was in violation of the cerfew. A small explosion was heard and all but approximately 200 of the group dispersed. The remaining 200 sat in the street and were surrounded by the national guard. I then left the scene.

"I am unable to identify by name any of the persons involved, or leaders.

"The above two and one half page statement is in my own handwriting and is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ [redacted]

"Witnessed: [redacted], SA, FBI,
Pittsburgh, Pa.
[redacted] SA, FBI,
Washington, D.C. 5-10-70

The following physical description was obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6'
Weight	170
Age	24
Date of Birth	January 20, 1946
Place of Birth	[redacted] Ohio
Hair	Light Brown
Eyes	Blue
Social Security Number	[redacted]
Service Number	Navy Serial Number [redacted]

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[redacted]

, Ohio, furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that he is a [redacted] and he is living at the above address with one [redacted]. He advised that at approximately 8:10 p.m., 2, 1970, he and his wife went to the Commons at Kent State University (KSU) where they had been told by [redacted] that a rally was to be held to protest the war in odia. When they arrived at the Commons, no one was there unknown individual on the scene told them that the viduals in the rally had moved to Tri-Towers to gather support. They went to Tri-Towers, parked the car, and ed the throng of demonstrators at Tri-Towers. The nstrators moved to the campus Commons again about 8:40 p. they first got to the Commons, the demonstrators milled nd. The only persons recognized by [redacted] or his at this time or any any time during the evening were [redacted] and a sociology professor by the name of [redacted]. He could recognize a few faces he had seen in class e, but he could not recall who these were well enough dentify them if he were to see them again, and he did not any of their names.

After milling around for a short time, the crowd ted making noises like they were going downtown in Kent. of the faculty marshals on the scene wearing blue armbar this from occurring. Soon the mob drifted toward the ROTC Building. There did not at this time or any other to be any leaders of the mob and the actions of the mob ared to happen spontaneously. Some individuals started wing rocks at the ROTC Building. He could hear glass king and rocks hitting the building. People would move and forth throwing rocks and go back into the crowd. this time there were some 600-700 people at the demonstra e was also numerous firecrackers being thrown.

A short time later, someone in the crowd he did no (who) threw a flare at the ROTC Building. It hit the ding, fell to the ground, and burned. Stones continued thrown at the building. Twenty minutes or so after the

[redacted]

first flare was thrown, another flare was thrown and [illegible] in the building. He did not see this flare thrown and [illegible] did not know who did it. This flare seemed to die out. [illegible] Shortly thereafter, firemen arrived on the scene. [redacted] went back to the back of the crowd with his wife at the [illegible] time. The majority of the demonstrators were not close [illegible] the action at that time. The students started throwing [illegible] rocks at the firemen and taking their hoses. The fire [illegible] looked like it was out and the firemen left. [redacted] at that time moved to an archery shed by the tennis court [illegible] There were numerous rocks thrown at the archery shed. [illegible] it appeared to simply explode into flames. [redacted] the [illegible] left the area and saw nothing further.

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TITLE OF CASE

UNSUBS;
Circumstances of
Army ROTC Building,
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio
5/2/70

REPORT MADE BY

S[redacted]

CHARACTER OF CASE

SABOTAGE; SEDITION;
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AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will continue intensive investigation to identify persons responsible for the burning of the Army ROTC Buildin at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☐ NONE

CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES	ACQUIT-TALS

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J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Section, United States Department of Jus Washington, D.C., verbly authorized on May 10, 1970, the issuance of a search warrant for the off campus residence of [redacted] located at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio. A search warrant was issued on May 10, 1970, by United States Commissioner CLIFFORD E. BRUCE, Northern District of Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio, for the above residence authorizing the search for clothing, incendiary materials or other material that could be used for destructive purpo by explosion, thermal or incendiary destruction.

On May 10, 1970, the above search warrant was executed at the premises of 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio.

The results of this search, interviews conducted at the time of the search, and other results associated wi the search will be set forth in a subsequent report. Evidence seized during the search have been forwarded to the Laboratory Division for examination.

It is noted that additional copies of this report have been designated for the Cleveland Office for review and lead purposes.

Whenever possible, signed statements were obtain from appropriate witnesses.

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REPORT OF SPECIAL AGENT [redacted] DATED MAY 13, 1970, AT CLEVELAND, OHIO, CAPTIONED "UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY 2, 1970."

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SECTION I

IV. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

D. INTERVIEWS WITH POLICE AND FIREMEN

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Chief FRED MILLER, Kent, Ohio Fire Department, showed interviewing agents his fire and radio logs for May 2, 1970. These indicated that at 8:49 P.M., Kent, Ohio Fire Department, fire number 123 was reported. The fire trucks got to the fire at 8:53 P.M. They left the fire at 9:28 P.M. Chief MILLER furnished at this time a copy of his fire report regarding this fire.

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[redacted] Kent State University Poli
Department, who resides at [redacted] Ohio,
advised that at about 8:00 PM on May 2, 1970, he was ordered
to report to the campus of Kent State University where he subsequently
took charge of about 20 campus policemen, riot equipped.

He and his men proceeded to East Hall on campus at about 8:40 PM, and he noticed that the southeast end of East Hall was on fire, and that Kent, Ohio firemen were bringing it under control. About 1,000 students were massed in the Commons, and were throwing rocks at both he and his men, and the firemen. The campu police formed a skirmish line between East Hall and the students. The students were shouting: "Fuck the pigs". "Get the pigs off campus". "Burn the fucking building down." "Who's fucking your wife now that you're here."

The rock throwing was organized, and about 50 students at a time would charge forward, throw their rocks, and then regroup. Some of these students had bags slung over their shoulders and were giving out rocks to other students. The campus police department sustained two rock charges and then put on gas masks, and threw about 15 canister of tear gas into the students. The students dispersed and moved back to an athletic equipment shed across the Commons, which they set on fire, manner unknown.

The firemen had left the scene because of injuries sustained from the rock throwing, and East Hall was still burning with a low flame. Shortly afterward the northwest section of East Hall began blazing and soon the whole building was in flames. The Kent firemen came back and fought the blaze but the building was a total disaster.

The campus police department was again confronted by the students at Summit and Portage, in the vicinity of the Heat Plant in th Student Union. The campus police department sustained three rock throwing volleys. About six canisters of tear gas were thrown into

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the crowd which dispersed them.

During the rioting, [redacted] noticed a student carrying on soda pop bottle in each hand, holding each bottle carefully and away from his body.

[redacted] was unable to furnish any information concerning who was responsible for the East Hall fire or the athletic shed fire or the manner in which each of these fires were started.

Although it was too dark for [redacted] to identify any of t participating students, he did recall seeing a student who was weari a white T-shirt with a "red fist", and SDS emblem on the front and b of the shirt.

[redacted] advised that during the rioting he was hit with projectiles on his chest, back, right leg, and two which struck his helmet.

[redacted] advised that the following men sustained sufficie injuries to necessitate treatment at the University Health Center:

[redacted] who was hit with a rock on his left elbow;

[redacted] who was struck on his testicles, upper thigh, and right shin;

[redacted] who was struck by a projectile on his leg; and,

[redacted] who was hit on his head by a rock.

All were treated and released with the exception of [redacted] who was kept overnight.

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[redacted] advised that the following men, all members of the Kent State University Police Department, were on the scene during the burning of East Hall:

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First Squad

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Second Squad

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[redacted] advised that he has been a member of the Kent State University Police Department for approximately 10 years.

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[redacted], Kent, Ohio, furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that he is a volunteer firem for the Kent, Ohio Fire Department. He responded to a call at the ROTC Building, Kent State University, betwe 8:00 and 9:00 P.M. on May 2, 1970. [redacted] advised th the truck he was on with its crew of six men approached fire at the ROTC Building, he was dropped off at the hy nearby. The truck then proceeded to the building. As t truck was going to the building, a group of students gra the hose he was attaching to the hydrant, and pulled it the truck and cut it in several places. He therefore, c off the hydrant, and went to the truck, and helped the c fight the fire. There was a large group of demonstrator the area, during the time of the fighting of the fire wh pelted the firemen with rocks, and clubbed them. They a took a hose, and cut another hose. In spite of the hard the fire was almost out, when they were called to leave the Chief, however, with the lack of portection they had they had to leave. He himself was hit with numerous roc At one point a mob of demonstrators were coming towards To protect himself, he turned his hose on the students, kept them off for a time while he was fighting the fire.

[redacted] saw no one make any attempt to light the fire in the ROTC Building. He also saw no one whom he could identify at a later date as being in the area a the time.

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[redacted] Kent, Ohio, phone [redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment, the Kent, Ohio Fire Department, where he furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that he is a full time fireman for the Kent, Ohio Fire Department. He stated that he was on duty during the evening of May 2, 1970. Sometime around 8:00 P.M. that evening, his department received a call to a fire at the ROTC Building on the Kent State University, Kent, Ohio Campus. The department sent one truck, a pumper designated Pump Number 1, which he, [redacted] drove. He drove to the north side of the ROTC Building. On the way to the ROTC Building, he dropped off a man at a hydrant on the hill side near the building. This man was to hook up a hose. When the truck stopped at the building, the hose should have stopped too, however, it did not. It kept spinning out as though the truck was still moving. Students were pulling the hose off the truck. In addition to pulling the hose off the truck it had already been cut, so it was useless. [redacted] and five other men were on the truck.

When they got to the ROTC Building, it was on fire, however, the fire was not very big as yet. The south end of the building was burning. The fire could have been out in 15 minutes, had it not been for the harassment by demonstrators nearby. There was a large number of demonstrators in the lawn area on the east side of the ROTC Building.

When it was seen that the hose on the hydrant hooked on the pumper had been cut, the man who hooked up the hose, simply cut if off at the hydrant, and returned to the pumper. They hooked up another hose to the pumper. While in the process of doing this, [redacted] who was the only one nearby at the time, saw one individual throw a flare in to the ROTC Building. This individual was a white male, wearing a goatee, long hair, worn shoulder length, slender build, age 23 to 28, light color shirt, gray pants. [redacted] did not know if he could identify this individual again were he to see him. This individual knocked out the window of the

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ROTC Building, and threw the flare inside. He hollered at this individual, but the individual paid no attention to him. He threw in a second flare. All of the firemen were getting hit by rocks and clubs. After they were there for approximately one hour, the police came, and told them to leave, as they were in too much danger. They saw smoke coming from upstairs window of the building by that time.

[redacted] then drove the truck with all the men out of the area, and back to the fire station. About an hour later, the police called the fire station, and said it was clear. Two trucks went back to the fire to put it out. The second time back, [redacted] saw no students in the area, and there were police all over the place. [redacted] stated that he himself had gotten hit with a rock.

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[redacted], fireman, Kent, Ohio, Fire Department, was shown an album of photographs, but could identify no one in these photographs as being anyone he observed during the burning of the Kent State University (KSU) ROTC Building, May 2, 1970.

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[redacted] a Kent fireman, was shown the following photographs and [redacted] telephone [redacted] was unable to identify any of these individuals as being pres[redacted] on the night of May 2, 1970 at the scene of the ROTC fire.

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[redacted] Kent, Ohio, phone [redacted] was interviewed at the Kent, Ohio Fire Department.

[redacted] stated that he is a volunteer fireman with the Kent Fire Department. He reported to a fire call on the evening of May 2, 1970, between 8:00 and 9:00 P.M. The firemen drove to the scene of the fire in a pumper truck. The fire was in the ROTC Building at the Kent State University Campus. When they approached the building they sent one man off the truck to the fire hydrant. They then drove down to the ROTC Building. When they got to the ROTC Building, individuals were jerking hose off the pumper truck. This was the hose that was supposedto be attached to the hydrant. They pulled off some 300 feet of hose , and split in numerous places. Therefore, the person attaching hose to the hydrant, simply cut it off and returned to the truck.

[redacted] advised that they had a one and a half inch hose on the truck, which was hooked up to the water in the pumper. They also hooked another line to a hydrant at the corner of the ROTC Building. When they first arrived at the scene of the fire, the fire was very small. There was just a small amount of smoke at the time.

[redacted] stated that he observed two motorcycles parked on Commons of Kent State University, approximately 50 feet from the ROTC Building. One of these motorcycles had Ohio license 1084J. As they were attempting to put out the fire, three individuals approached the two motorcycles. They slipped the lid off the tank of one of the motorcycles. They dunked rags into the tank, ran back to the windows of the ROTC Building, where the small fire was burning, and threw the rags in. The fire flared up at that time. [redacted] and two other firemen took the hose, which was hooked up from the hydrant, and went toward the window, where these individuals had thrown in the gasoline soaked rags. They were clubbed all over, and the hose was taken away. They did not see the individuals who did the clubbing. Then

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[redacted] returned to the pumper, and obtained the other hose, which was attached to the water in the pumper. He decided to go through the building to the scene of the fire. They went into the building through a steel door, and through the fire. During all this time, they were being subjected to a terrific amount of harassment, including the throwing of rocks, and clubs. When they had about gotten to the fire, their Chief called, and told them to load up and get out of there. They had been there approximately one hour at that time. There were six men on the truck, which had gone out at that time. They returned later, and put out the fire, at which time there were no students in evidence.

[redacted] stated that he got a good look at the individuals who threw the rags into the fire. These individuals took the gasoline soaked rags, laid them on the window sills lit them, and dumped them in the window. All three of these persons were white males, with large bushy "Afro" type hairdos.. He thinks these might be the same individuals that hit him and the other two fireman with the clubs. None of them had beards. All three were dressed in hippie type clothing. They could recall nothing further about this. He feels it is possible he would recognize all three individuals.

[redacted] noted that when the hose was taken away from him, after he was clubbed, a group of approximately six individuals with beards, went into the crowd, got the hose, and brought it back. He saw the students using machetes to cut the hose. He could not estimate the number of students who were demonstrators that were there, but the number was very large, 500 to possibly 1,000.

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[redacted] Kent, Ohio, was interviewed at his place of employment [redacted] Ohio.

[redacted] advised that he is a volunteer fireman for the Kent, Ohio Police Department. In this connection he reported for a fire, at the Kent State University, ROTC, Building, between 8:00 and 9:00 P.M. on May 2, 1970. [redacted] advised that when they got to this fire, it was relatively small. He was working with [redacted] taking a hose into one building, when he was clubbed, as was [redacted] and the hose they were carrying was taken away. He advised that he then saw three individuals going to two motorcycles parked near the ROTC Building. These three individuals put rags in a gasoline tank of one of the motorcycles, brought them back to the ROTC Building, lit them, and threw them in the window. This caused the fire to flare up considerably. He advised that he can recall one of these individuals very vividly, and is quite sure he could identify this person. He was approximately 5'8" tall, weighing 145 pounds, wearing a white T-shirt, brown bell bottom trousers, a white male, with long sandy bushy hair. He had no beard. He was approximately 26 years of age. [redacted] saw no one else at the scene of the fire, whom he could remember, or identify again. The other two individuals that were with the one he remembered so well, were slightly bigger. None of them were, of what he thought of, as student age. [redacted] would furnish no further information of value in this matter.

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[redacted], telephone [redacted] a Kent fireman, was shown the following photographs and was unable to identify any of these individuals as being present on the of May 2, 1970 at the scene of the ROTC fire.

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phone [redacted], Kent, Ohio, was interviewed at his place of employment, Kent, Ohio Fire Department.

[redacted] advised that he was one of six individuals on a fire department pumper truck, which responded to a call for a fire, at Kent State University, between 8:00 and 9:00 P.M. on May 2, 1970. When they got to the fire in the ROTC Building, a huge crowd of demonstrators had gathered around. They were making a great deal of noise. They pulled off and chopped off one hose, which was attached to a hydrant nearby. All the firemen were hit with rocks, and [redacted] was clubbed, and the hose taken away from him. He himself was hit twice by rocks and pieces of cement blocks. He saw no one involved in getting the fire at the ROTC Building. The fire was relatively small when the department got there. It was almost out, when they were forced to leave the scene due to the harassment they were receiving. He is unable to identify anyone among the deomonstrators that were on the scene. The fire truck was given escort out of the area by Kent Police Department, and Portage County Sheriff's officers. The National Guard was not there at the time. When the department went back a little later, the students were under control, but the fire was too far out of control to be put out. [redacted] was unable to provide any further information.

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[redacted] a Kent fireman, was shown the following [redacted] telephone [redacted] photographs and was unable to identify any of these individuals as being present on the night of May 2, 1970 at the scene of the ROTC fire.

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[redacted] furnished the following information, [redacted] Kent, Ohio,

[redacted] advised that he was a volunteer fireman with the Kent, Ohio Fire Department. He stated that he responded to a fire call at the Kent State University, ROTC Building, between 8:00 and 9:00 P.M. on May 2, 1970. When the fire department arrived at the scene there were large groups of demonstrators around who continually harassed the fire department. They threw rocks, cut hoses, and clubbed other firemen. [redacted] himself, was hit by rocks, once in the arm with the effect that his arm was numbed, and he was unable to use it again. He saw no one at the scene of the fire, setting fire to the ROTC Building. Nor did he see any demonstrators whom he could identify again in any way. He could furnish no further information of value in this matter.

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[redacted] a Kent fireman, was shown the following photographs [redacted], telephone and was unable to identify any of these individuals as being present on the night of May 2, 1970 at the scene of the ROTC fire.

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[redacted] Kent State University policeman, who resides at [redacted], Kent, Ohio, advised that on May 2, 1970, he was working the 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM shift and had gone home to eat supper, when he was called back to the campus. He joined 16 to 17 other Kent State University policemen, all riot equipped, and then proceeded to the East Hall, (ROTC building), at around 7:30 PM. Upon arriving at East Hall, he noted that the southeast end of East Hall was on fire and that there were several Kent, Ohio, firemen fighting the blaze. Out in the northeast section of the Commons were some 800 to 900 students, chanting and shouting phrases such as "one, two, three, four, we don't want this fucking war", "pigs go home", "Who's fucking the pig's wife now".

[redacted] While the fireman were working, [redacted] who was in charge of the KSO policemen, ordered the policemen to put on their gas masks, which they did. Rocks started flying toward the policemen from the direction of the students and [redacted] could see and hear his fellow officers being hit. [redacted] was hit in the mid section of the front of his body with a rock, which doubled him over. [redacted] then ordered gas, and [redacted] and a few others ran forward, near the front line of students in the Commons, and through tear gas canisters into the students, which dispersed them for a whilte. When the policemen turned around to regroup in front of East Hall, [redacted] was hit on his left leg with a thrown brick, which caused him intense pain and which also caused him to limp severely.

The policemen regrouped and then [redacted] noticed that the archery shed across the Commons was on fire. Some of the students were shouting at the policemen to do something about it, but [redacted] apparently sensing it was a diversion, did not attempt to save the archery shed, which burned to the ground.

Shortly afterward, one of the policemen shouted that the East Hall was again on fire and when [redacted] turned around to see, he noted the building was ablaze in several places. [redacted] had thought the Kent firemen had put out the

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fire and did not know how it started again. [redacted] did not hav any information concerning who may have set the East Hall ablaze either the first or second time. Kent firemen again appeared on the scene and fought the blaze and the policemen formed lines to protect the firemen. The students were chanting and shouting obscenities such as [redacted] mentioned previously. East Hall burned to the ground, after which the students gradually began dispersing. [redacted] departed the scene to begin patrol duty.

[redacted] could not identify any of the students who participated in the above matter, although, on several occasions, he believed he heard the voice of [redacted] who used to be a student teacher at KSU and who is currently a Students for a Democratic Society sympathizer, and is known to [redacted]. [redacted] described [redacted] as a white male, under 30 years old, about five feet six inches to five feet seven inches in height, weighing about 165 to 175 pounds, with a "hippie" appearance, including long dark hair and full beard. [redacted] could not identify any other possible participants because the students were in a shadow on the Commons and the riot occurred at night.

[redacted] advised that he has been a campus policeman at KSU for about two and a half years.

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[redacted] Portage County Special Deputy Sheriff, [redacted] Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents. [redacted] furnished the following voluntary information:

On Saturday night, May 2, 1970, [redacted] was on duty in Kent, Ohio. During the evening of May 2, 1970, [redacted] could not recall the exact time, he received instructions to go to the Kent State University (KSU) campus and help protect firemen that were trying to extinguish a fire in the ROTC Building on the KSU campus.

When [redacted] and another Portage County Deputy Sheriff, first name [redacted] could not recall [redacted] last name, arrived at KSU he saw the ROTC Building burning. Firemen were attempting to extinguish the fire; however, as the County Sheriff's car drove by one of the firemen at a fire hydrant on the Southeast end of the ROTC Building, the firemen shouted to [redacted] that there was no water and the people were cutting the hoses. There were several hundred people gathered in the area of the campus referred to as the Commons, located behind the ROTC Building.

When [redacted] and his partner arrived at the ROTC Building they drove past the South end of the building heading West. [redacted] saw approximately five people running East past the ROTC Building back to the Commons. [redacted] could not identify these people as he did not see their faces. [redacted] and his partner stopped at the Southwest corner of the ROTC burning building next to the campus heating plant. When their car pulled to a stop two firemen ran up to the car and requested help from the deputies. A fireman advised [redacted] that the demonstrators around the ROTC Building were cutting fire hoses and taking hoses away from firemen and

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pushing the firemen.

[redacted] partner remained in the squad car to maintain radio contact. [redacted] got out of the police car and ran to the North side of the burning ROTC Building past the fire truck and to a fire hydrant where the firemen were located on the North side of the building. [redacted] believed there was a fire hydrant on the North side of the building, but could not remember for sure. When [redacted] arrived on the North side of the ROTC Building he saw about fifteen students yelling and shouting in unison "the fuckin pigs are here." When the fifteen student age people saw [redacted] approximately nine of them ran East past the ROTC Building back to the large group of demonstrators located on the Commons.

When [redacted] first came around the North side of the ROTC Building he saw the group of fifteen demonstrators throwing rocks at the ROTC Building windows. [redacted] heard glass breaking as these people were throwing the rocks. As [redacted] rounded the North side of the ROTC Building and started East towards the Commons he felt a rock hit his police helmet and another rock hit him on the shoulder. [redacted] was wearing a heavy police jacket and the rock that hit him on the shoulder did not leave a mark. When he was hit with these rocks he heard several other rocks land on the ground near him. He did not see who threw these rocks but assumes that the fifteen people who were throwing rocks towards the ROTC Building threw some towards him. These fifteen people were only approximately 25 feet away from [redacted] while the large group of demonstrators were approximately 150 to 175 feet away from [redacted] standing in the Commons.

After the nine of the fifteen demonstrators ran back to the large group assembled on the Commons the six remaining student age people started coming towards [redacted] These people each had rocks in their hands about the size of a baseball.

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When these six people got to within fifteen feet of [redacted] he told them to disperse and move back to the Commons. These six student age people responded to this command of [redacted] by saying "fuck you pig - fuck you pig," and kept advancing towards [redacted] Two of these six people came to within four feet of [redacted] while the remaining four stayed about six feet away from [redacted] The two who approached [redacted] again said to him "fuck you pig." [redacted] advanced at them and poked each of them in the stomach with his riot stick. The two student age people turned and ran East towards the Commons followed by the other four people that had remained away from [redacted]

[redacted] described the two people who approached him as both being white males, 5'7" to 8", approximately 170 pounds. One individual was wearing a shirt and blue jeans and sandals and he had long blonde hair. The second individual was wearing a shirt, wash and wear pants, and loafers and he had brown hair.

After chasing the above described people back to the Commons [redacted] returned to his police cruiser and told his partner to call for assistance. At this point [redacted] and approximately seven firemen were gathered around the police car because the firemen had given up in their attempts to fight the fire. About eight minutes after [redacted] returned to his police cruiser approximately fifteen Kent State University policemen came down to the ROTC Building, dressed in riot gear. These policemen went to the North side of the burning ROTC Building and began moving the crowd of demonstrators back towards the Commons. [redacted] accompanied these Kent State University policemen and after seeing that the Kent State University policemen were about to move the crowd back [redacted] returned to his police cruiser to advise [redacted] of the situation. When he arrived at the cruiser he saw approximately four student age people coming West on the South side of the ROTC Building.

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[redacted] saw two other people threw rocks in his direction. However, [redacted] was not hit by these rocks. [redacted] advanced towards the students and they ran back to the crowd of people on the Commons.

After [redacted] chased these people back to the Commons he ran around the West end of the ROTC Building and approached the Kent State University policemen on the North side of the building and requested some of the policemen to assist him on the South side of the ROTC Building. [redacted] was given two of the Kent State University policemen to assist him and he returned to the South side of the ROTC Building. One of the two Kent State University policemen became involved in something else and could not assist [redacted] The second Kent St University policeman followed [redacted] around the South side of the ROTC Building. [redacted] was approximately twenty feet ahead of the Kent State University policeman as he rounded the South side of the ROTC Building. At this point [redacted] saw a student age person with a lighted fusee in his right hand running up to the East end of the ROTC Building. This individual disappeared behind the East end of the ROTC Building and came back into [redacted] sight about three seconds later and he was not carrying the fusee. [redacted] ran past the South side of the building and stopped at the Southeast corner of the burning building. He noticed a window in the East end of the building about three or four feet from the Southeast corner, and the glass was broken out of this window. This is the same area of the building that [redacted] saw the student age person running to with a burning fusee.

The Kent State University policemen joined [redacted] at the East end of the ROTC Building and the policemen discharged a tear gas canister. Something happened to the policeman's gas mask and he began to choke and [redacted] had to help the policeman back to the West end of the ROTC Building and turned him over to the Kent State University police. At this point in the disturbance [redacted] was ordered to protect the fire truck as the truck had been ordered to leave the area.

[redacted] and his partner escorted the fire truck from the Kent State University campus. [redacted] described the man who was carrying the lighted fusee as a white male, blond hair touching his shoulders, mustache and a small beard. The man was wearing a checked shirt, levis, and an arm band.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	June 11, 1943
Place of Birth	[redacted], Ohio
Weight	[redacted]
Height	5'10½"
Telephone Number	[redacted]
Eyes	Green
Hair	Blonde
United States Army Social Security Number	[redacted]

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business phone [redacted] telephone [redacted] a Kent fireman, was shown the following photographs and was unable to identify any of these individuals as being present on the night of May 2, 1970 at the scene of the ROTC fire.

[redacted]

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SAs [redacted]

by 5/13/70

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[redacted]

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[redacted]

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IV. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING
E. INTERVIEWS OF NEWS MEDIA

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 11, 1970

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TERENCE LEROY OBLANDER, 229 South Diamond Street, Ravenna, Ohio, was contacted and after being advised of the matter under investigation and the identity of the interviewing Agents advised as follows:

"May 11, 1970
"Kent, Ohio

"I, Terence Leroy Oblander, 229 South Diamond Street, Ravenna, Ohio, furnish the following voluntary statement to Special Agents [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am employed as a reporter for the 'Record Courier', 126 North Chestnut Street, Ravenna, Ohio, and have completed approximately 3½ years of college with two years at Kent State University (KSU). I attended KSU beginning spring 1968 and ending at the termination of the fall quarter 1969.

"On Saturday, May 2, 1970, I worked at the newspaper from approximately 7:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and then went to Olmsted Falls, Ohio and visited my parents who reside there. I had heard that there had been a curfew imposed on the city of Kent, Ohio beginning at 8:00 p.m. and suspicioned that there might be a student gathering at about 8:00 p.m. I, therefore, proceeded to the campus of Kent State University, arriving there at approximately 8:00 p.m.

"I parked my vehicle in a lot behind Prentice Hall next to Taylor Hall and was dressed as a student in casual attire. I saw persons in the surrounding area heading for the Commons, which is an area of ground surrounded by Taylor Hall, Prentice Hall, Johnson Hall, and the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) building.

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"I had my camera with me and took several photographs of persons involved in the events which I am going to relate. None of these pictures were suitable for printing and were over-exposed.

"I proceeded to an area of the Commons near the ROTC building where approximately 400 persons were gathered. Near this crowd I met Jeff Sallot, who is a reporter for the 'Akron Beacon Journal,' and Saul Daniels, who works for the campus radio station, WKSU. I observed that the crowd was continuing to grow and that it now consisted of approximately 700 persons. I think the majority of the persons who were gathered were students as I recognized many faces and know that I have seen them previously on campus during the two years that I was a student.

"Someone began to ring the bell which is at the bottom of a hill north of Taylor Hall. All of the persons in the crowd went to the location surrounding the bell. When I arrived there with Saul Daniels we were approached by three white males. One of them addressed me and said 'What role are you playing here'. I stated 'I am working'. This individual then stated 'Now look, I don't want you taking any pictures. You do and you're going to get it'. I replied with something like 'Don't threaten me or tell me what to do'. This same individual then stated 'You take pictures and we'll kill you'. All of the foregoing conversation is on a tape which Saul Daniels has, as he had a recorder on his person during the conversation. Another person who witnessed the conversation was Jeff Tucker, who is employed by either WKSU or WKNT. Also present was his girlfriend, [redacted]. I then overheard one white male who was sitting on the structure which houses the bell say 'let's get the rest of the students'. No speeches had been made and no chanting had occurred. The crowd then departed and walked between Prentice and Taylor Hall through Tri-Tower, where someone tripped a fire alarm, and on to Eastway Center dorms. During the marching by these persons, they were chanting 'One, two, three, four, we don't want your fucking war'. The crowd was approaching the Commons and when it got to just between Johnson and Taylor Hall a chant went up something like 'Down with ROTC' or 'ROTC off campus'. The crowd continued on to a point approximately 20 yards from the ROTC building on the Commons side.

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"Some of the persons in this crowd had picked up rocks along the path of their march and had put them in their pockets. Also, I observed a white male and a white female with pressurized cans of red paint, painting the sides of buildings as the march was in progress. Another person who I remember was in the crowd is [redacted] who I have known for approximately 1½ years, and who I know was arrested in Washington, D. C. during the inauguration of President Nixon. She approached me and asked me for a cigarette, commenting she had just gotten back from Cuba where she had helped with the sugar cane harvest. She also told me last fall that she was attending Ohio State.

"Various chants continued concerning ROTC and the persons in the crowd started throwing rocks at the windows in the ROTC building. I saw approximately ten to fifteen persons approach the building and strike the windows with sticks. I also observed one white male throw a large metal trash barrel at one of the windows in the building.

"I next observed an ignited flare come from the crowd and land on the roof of the ROTC building, however, it soon rolled off the roof on to the ground. I next observed a white male and white female approach the building and the male was holding a white cloth. The female lit this cloth and it immediately caught fire. The male then threw the cloth into the building through the broken window of the door. I observed that a yellow glow was coming from within the building. I don't believe that I could recognize this man and woman if I should see them again. I remember looking at my watch and noting the time as between 8:45 and 8:50 p.m. The glow which had been visible in the building died out and one person went to the door and said 'it went out'.

"I then observed a white male approach the building, coming from the direction of the crowd, holding a white cloth. He ignited it and it immediately was afire. This white male then reached in through the broken window and started the curtains on fire. This white male was approximately 19 to 20 years old,

approximately 5' 10" tall and was thin, weighing approximately 150 to 160 pounds. He was wearing a white band around his head and wore glasses. His hair was long and dark. He did not wear a beard and had on a blue Air Force workshirt.

"After the curtains were in flames this person ran into the center of the crowd. I watched him as he stood looking at the building and then he mingled with the crowd and I could not see him any longer. This person had reached through a window on the northeast side of the building close to the southeast end. I am certain that I would be able to recognize this individual if I saw him again. I did see this same individual in a crowd that was sitting on Main Street at the intersection of Lincoln Street on May 3, 1970.

"When the firemen arrived to extinguish the fire, five or six persons pushed the fireman, who was holding the hose, against the building. This fireman then left the area leaving the hose on the ground with water spraying from it at a high pressure. A large number of persons in the crowd then grabbed the fire hose and started running with it towards the commons. I next observed two white males using a large hunting knife cut the fire hose in two. Many police then arrived and with the use of tear gas forced the persons in the crowd to the other side of the Commons. A large number of the crowd then left the area and went north to Main Street and started walking down in the street towards the downtown area, or west. Steve Sharroff, who is a graduate student of Kent State University, talked to the crowd and attempted to get them to go back to their dormitories. The crowd continued down Main Street until approximately 25 National Guard vehicles consisting mostly of jeeps, came up behind them headed in the same direction down Main Street. The persons in the crowd got on the lawn on the campus along Main Street and threw rocks at the National Guardsmen and their vehicles as they passed by. The National Guardsmen offered no resistance other than to duck the projectiles which were thrown at them.

"Shortly after this and after a small number of persons

attempted to burn a small building near the parking lot and library, the crowd dispersed. I remember seeing [redacted] who I believe is a member of the Weatherman faction on campus who was in the crowd that was on Main Street. I observed her helping in the destruction of campus signs along Main Street.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and five previous pages and have signed each page and initialed each correction, which I made. I now sign this statement because it is true.

"/s/ Terence Leroy Oblander

"Witnessed:

[redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Buffalo, N.Y., 5/11/70
[redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Buffalo, N.Y., 5/11/70"

After viewing approximately 200 photographs taken on the Kent State University campus on May 4, 1970, and approximately 25 photographs taken near the intersection of Main and Lincoln Streets in Kent, Ohio, OBLANDER advised as follows:

"May 11, 1970
"Kent, Ohio

"I, Terence Leroy Oblander, 229 South Diamond Street, Ravenna, Ohio, furnish the following voluntary statement to Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted], who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am employed as a reporter for the 'Record Courier', 126 North Chestnut Street, Ravenna, Ohio, and have completed approximately 3½ years of college with two years at Kent State University (KSU). I attended KSU beginning spring, 1968, and ending at the termination of the fall quarter, 1969.

"On Saturday, May 2, 1970, between 8:30 p.m. and 9:15 p.m., I was at the campus of KSU near the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) building. I observed a white male at this time

approach the ROTC building, light a white cloth which he carried, and then reach through the broken window, setting the curtains on the inside of the building on fire. I have previously described this white male in a signed statement.

"After viewing approximately 200 photographs, which were exhibited to me by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] I recognized this white male in the photograph labeled A-50. This individual is standing approximately 15 feet from the curb of the street. He is wearing a short jacket and has his mouth open. He is facing the street.

"In my previous signed statement I indicated that on May 3, 1970, I again observed this individual sitting in a crowd at the intersection of Main and Lincoln Streets in Kent, Ohio. I was at this intersection at approximately 9:30 p.m. Photograph labeled A-81 appears to be a photograph taken of the crowd sitting at the above location. I am standing in front of the brick post on the right side of the photograph focusing my camera. The same individual who I identified in the last picture as the person who set fire to the ROTC building is in this photograph and is located in the crowd approximately four persons from the front and is higher than any person in that area. He is wearing glasses and there is a reflection on them.

"I do not know the individual's name who I have identified in these photographs. I am certain that I would be able to recognize this individual if I ever saw him again.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and one additional page. I have signed each page and initialed each correction which I have made. I now sign this statement because it is true.

"/s/ Terence Leroy Oblander

"Witnessed:

[redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Buffalo, N.Y., 5/11/70
Special Agent, FBI, Buffalo, N.Y., 5/11/70"

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The following description and background data was taken through observation and interview:

Name	TERENCE LEROY OBLANDER
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	July 19, 1947
Place of Birth	Cleveland, Ohio
Height	5' 11½"
Weight	175 pounds
Hair	Light brown, medium long, with long sideburns
Eyes	Blue
Soc. Sec. No.	269-44-7829
Residence	229 South Diamond Street Ravenna, Ohio
Phone	296-9897
Father	JACOB LEROY OBLANDER 126 Fitch Road Olmsted Falls, Ohio (Phone: 235-3737)
Occupation	News reporter
Employment	"Record Courier" 126 North Chestnut Street Ravenna, Ohio (Phone: 296-9657)

OBLANDER stated that he has no plans to change his current residence and that his father as indicated would always know his whereabouts.

IV. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

F. INTERVIEWS WITH OTHER INDIVIDUALS

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/10/70

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[redacted] Ohio, telephone [redacted] was interviewed in the presence of his par Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] He advised that he has attended coll at Kent State University (KSU) and had dropped out at the end the winter quarter in order to take employment at the [redacted] Ohio, which is a division of the Continental Oil Company. He stated he has been working there full time since April 14, 1970, and has not attended KSU as a student since the end of March, 1970.

[redacted] advised that he and his parents had heard that a boy named [redacted] of [redacted] Ohio, was "on the hill" at KSU at the time of the shooting of 4 students allegedl by members of the Ohio National Guard. He identified [redacted] further as being the son of Mr. [redacted] who operates a company known as [redacted] in Cleveland, Ohio. He sta [redacted] a sophomore at Kent State and lives on either [redacted] in [redacted]

[redacted] added that he had heard that [redacted] cousin, a boy named [redacted] was right on the scene of the sho of the 4 students and allegedly had dropped to the ground when shooting started and one of the girls who was immediately behin was one of the girls who was shot. He stated [redacted] lives in subu Cleveland, possibly Parma, Ohio.

[redacted] stated he was working on Monday, May 4, 1 at [redacted] at the time of the shooting.

[redacted] added that on Saturday, May 2, 1970, he had go over to KSU by hitchhiking and had obtained a ride with a forme [redacted] who he identified as [redacted] He stated that on the previous Friday, May 1, 1970, he had been at home and on Friday night he had a date with a girl friend named [redacted] He recalled it was about 6:00 PM on Saturday when he left [redacted] arriving at KSU at approximately 6:45 He stated that at this time he learned that there had been a rally at KSU on Friday night. He said he was in Stouffer Hall,

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SA [redacted]

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KSU, visiting a friend of his named [redacted] (ph). He said [redacted] resides in room [redacted] Stouffer Hall. He added other people were present in [redacted] room whom he identified as [redacted] who is [redacted] girl friend, 3 boys named [redacted] and [redacted] whose last names he did not know.

[redacted] said that at the time he was in [redacted] room he noted that students and others were milling about the campus and they went out to see what was happening. He said groups of people were yelling and shouting and he noted that an American flag was burned. He also noted that some young people were throwing rocks at the ROTC building and he could hear the rocks hitting the building and breaking the windows. He stated at this time that it was dusk to dark and he recalls seeing fla being thrown and noted some of them would hit the side of the building and fall to the ground. He said there was one group of people who were throwing numerous flares and he noted the group consisted of three boys and one girl. He said that one of the boys was wearing long dark curly hair and had on a yello light-weight jacket. He said that students on the campus descr the students who would do such a thing as throwing rocks and fl as "the crazies". He stated one of this group of flare thrower the one with the yellow jacket, left his group who were throwin flares against one side of the building, ran to the opposite si of the ROTC building and threw flares into an open window at th ner of the building, the glass in this window having been previ broken by rocks. He estimated it took about 60 minutes from th time of the first flare being thrown until the ROTC building wa enveloped in flames. He added he believes the people who set f to the ROTC building were in the building first before throwing the flares and may have poured gasoline on the drapes.

[redacted] stated that when the fire department arrived on the scene he saw groups of people who would pick up the fire hose and immediately thereafter would see water spurti up from the hose at the point at which it was picked up and therefore he would have to assume that these people were cuttin the fire hoses.

[redacted] stated that there was a rumor to the effect that two of the four persons who had been previously arrested a who had been released from jail just 2 or 3 days prior to the burning of the ROTC building were on the campus Saturday at the time of the burning.

[redacted] stated that one of the men students who was active in the burning of the ROTC building on Saturday, May 2, 1970, carrying a large machete-style knife strapped to the si his leg. He stated this man was wearing blue denims. He sai he recalls him throwing fire crackers and exploding them in various areas prior to the burning of the building. He descr him further as a white male, age about 21, tall, 6' or more, his hair was long, light brown or blond, curly and he describe him as having a good build, broad and husky. He stated this person was active in " the Guerilla Theater group" on campus whom he described as a dissident group. He said this person wa yelling and stirring up the crowd and acted as a leader. He advised that after the burning of the building he returned to [redacted] room in Stouffer Hall and he and others "rapped about it" until about 4:00 or 5:00 in the morning. He said because of this he believes the Friday night rally was started and planned at a local bar on North Water Street at Kent, Ohio, known as "JB's". He said that he frequents this bar himself an the above described person has been there every time he has bee there and from this he gathers the man "hangs out there all the time".

[redacted] stated he is working his way through scho so far as his college expenses are concerned inasmuch as his parents are unable to financially support him. He said he is no a member of any "radical or political group" and he said that la Spring he signed a petition in support of the ROTC being on camp He noted he returned to his home in [redacted] n Sunday after May 3, 1970, after having lunch at the Lake Cafeteria at KSU. He said he stayed over at Kent because of the curfew.

He noted [redacted] s from [redacted] Pennsylvani and assumed that [redacted] ould be residing at [redacted] nasmuc as the campus has been closed down.

[redacted] said that although he was not sorry to see the building burned, noting he was sympathetic with those that may have done it, that he himself took no active part in the burning of the building. He denied knowing the names of any of those involved and said it was rather dark at the time of the burning which he would estimate to be about 8:00 PM. He did sta he could identify the man wearing the blue jeans whom he describ above. It was noted that when [redacted] was specifically

questioned as to the identity of those who were active that
say it was rather dark and he did not know who they were but
say this in a manner which could be described as evasive. It
was further noted that he had injuries on both hands, was que
about these injuries and stated that he was injured at his pl
of employment. One of his fingers was bandaged and he stated
his employer had personally bandaged this one cut which he
stated he had incurred on Friday, May 8, 1970.

[redacted] promised that should he obtain any specific
information as to the identities of the people involved he wou
contact the FBI.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

(1) [redacted] Date May 10, 1970

[redacted] Ohio, telephone number [redacted] was interviewed concerning the whereabouts of his son, [redacted], who is a student at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. Mr. [redacted] stated that his son was attending the funeral of JEFFERY MILLER, one of the students killed during the rioting and demonstrations at Kent State University. He stated that he did not know his whereabouts but advised that he was attending the funeral in Plainview, New York. He advised that his son flew to Kennedy Airport and he expected him home sometime Saturday evening or Sunday, May 9 or 10, 1970. He said that he could not be sure his son would return home on these days because of planned demonstrations by students at Columbia University, New York, New York, and in Washington, D.C.

[redacted] stated that his son now resided at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, telephone number [redacted] with seven or eight other students in a private dwelling located at that address. He also advised that his son, who is known as [redacted]

He advised that his son had been arrested during the demonstrations at Kent State University for violating curfew and some other charge which he believed was refusal to disperse. He added that he believed his son was arrested by the Kent Police and had been incarcerated at the County Jail in Ravenna, Ohio.

He advised that he picked up his son at Kent State University and brought him home. He added that he asked him if he was present during the demonstrations and he said his son became quite agitated and told him he had been present at the demonstrations and was present at the burning of the R.O.T.C. Building at Kent State University, but denied to him

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that he was involved in the burning of the R.O.T.C. Building on the campus of Kent State University.

[redacted] was questioned as to his son's background and as to whether or not his son was an activist and took part in any other demonstrations. He stated that his son had changed tremendously since he has been at Kent State University. He added that his son is quiet and withdrawn and reads a great deal, including books by activist leaders such as JERRY RUBIN. He also said his son expressed great admiration for MARK RUDD after he had heard him speak on the campus of Kent State University. He added that he knew his son was vehement in his anti-Viet-Nam war feelings and had taken an active part in demonstrations in Cleveland, Ohio; Kent, Ohio; and Washington, D.C., about one year ago. He said that since he is not able to communicate with his son he does not know if his son is a member of any radical groups and does not know of any of his associates. He said the only associates of his son that he can recall is a [redacted] and a student named [redacted] last name unknown, who rooms with his son at Kent.

[redacted] furnished three colored photographs of his son and furnished the following description of his son:

Name:	[redacted]
Alias:	
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	[redacted]
Height:	
Weight:	
Hair:	Dark blonde or light brown worn long style
Peculiarities:	Mustache, formerly wore a beard which he trimmed off after returning home from Kent State University
Dress:	Usually dresses in corduroys and sport shirts

DERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

(1)

Date 5/6/70

[redacted] Ohio, telephone number [redacted], telephonically contacted the FBI Akron Office on May 5, 1970, and talked to SA [redacted] indicated he is a [redacted] who is attending Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, under an [redacted] program so he can obtain his degree in Business Administration. [redacted] is presently in his junior year at this school.

[redacted] indicated that he was calling as he understood the FBI was conducting an investigation into the shooting incident on campus on May 4, 1970; and he felt some investigation should be made into some of the KSU instructors in the arts department as they reportedly are a liberal group. [redacted] could not offer the names of any specific instructors in this regard.

[redacted] had no information regarding the burning of the Army ROTC Building at KSU on May 2, 1970.

[redacted] added that in the event he learned anything pertinent about the burning of the ROTC Building at KSU, he would call the FBI.

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F. ERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted] Ohio, tele
[redacted] presently residing at [redacted] Kent, Ohio
was interviewed concerning the burning of the ROTC building
Kent State University (KSU) campus on May 2, 1970.

[redacted] advised that he is presently attending Cuyaho
Community College, Cleveland, Ohio, and prior to entering sc
there he was a professional photographer. His present hobby
photography and because of this, he went to the KSU campus c
the evening of May 2, 1970 in order to photograph the fire w
was set in order to destroy the ROTC building, East Hall.

He advised that upon his arrival at the ROTC build
the fire had almost burned itself out. There were only
approximately 15 to 20 students remaining in the area, none
whom he recognized. He also advised that he did not hear an
conversations from the individuals remaining at the scene of
the fire mentioning the names of any individuals who would h
possibly been involved in starting the fire.

[redacted] stated he has no reason to believe this may b
of significance in the starting of the fire in the ROTC buil
but individuals who live behind [redacted] borrowed a
of kerosene Saturday afternoon from [redacted] residents.

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of [redacted] presently residing at the residence number [redacted] Kent, Ohio, telephon was interviewed concerning the destruction of the ROTC East Hall on Saturday evening, May 2, 1970. She advised she was not present when the building was burned and could furnish no information concerning the persons responsible for the fire; however, her boyfriend, [redacted], possibly too photographs of the fire.

She advised that one of her associates, [redacted] a Sophomore at Kent State University, may have possibl been present when the building was burned.

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(1)

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[redacted], Ohio, advised that he was not present on campus during the burning of the ROTC building and could supply no information about the burning or identities of anyone that witnessed the burning.

[redacted] roommate, did not advise him if he was present at the burning of the ROTC building.

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SA [redacted]

SA [redacted]

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Date May 10, 1970

[redacted] senior student, Kent State University (KSU), was interviewed at the [redacted] Akron, Ohio, where [redacted] is employed as a desk clerk.

[redacted] advised he was present during the confrontation between National Guard troops and a crowd of student demonstrators between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, May 4, 1970, on the KSU campus.

The confrontation took place between Taylor and Johnson Halls, and [redacted] witnessed the shooting into the crowd by several of the National Guardsmen.

[redacted] observed that the shooting apparently resulted from the activities of approximately 300 person who were doing a lot of screaming and name calling and were throwing rocks and sticks. The 300 individuals were the "hippie type" with regard to their personal appearance, long hair and beards, and disheveled clothin

Although there were several hundred additional persons present in the crowd, there seemed to be only 300 who were actively antagonizing the National Guard troops.

During [redacted] four year attendance at KSU, he has learned to recognize most of the radical demonstrators and activists on campus, but at the time of this incident, [redacted] noted that he was not able to recognize many of the most vociferous of the demonstrato He concluded that these individuals, therefore, must have come from off campus. Even though there are approximately 20,000 students enrolled at KSU, [redacted] has learned to recognize the activist groups who are students at KSU, and he is confident that many of the activists present during the confrontation with National Guard troops on May 4, 1970, were not KSU students.

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[redacted] has no personal knowledge about the burning of the ROTC building on the KSU campus on May 2, 1970, but he stated there is speculation on campus that four SDS (Students for a Democratic Society) affiliates who had been released from jail on Thursday, April 30, 1970, were responsible for this burning.

VI. POST INCIDENT ACTIVITIES

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The following synopsized sequence of events which took place at Kent State University (KSU) was provided by [redacted] ent State University, Kent, Ohio, to [redacted] on May 7, 1970:

At approximately 7:30 PM on Saturday, May 2, 1970, the Ohio National Guard had been ordered to the city of Kent, Ohio, and were beginning to arrive there. At about that time approximately 600 students began gathering at the ROTC building on KSU campus and were yelling, chanting and throwing objects at the building. Several windows were broken in the building and the students set fires in the area. Flame from these fires were carried to the building in attempts to set it on fire.

The ROTC building was set on fire, the Fire Department was called and upon their arrival at the scene, students met them throwing rocks and cutting the hoses they had on the fire trucks.

Officers of the Kent State University Police Department were used to disperse the crowd who had driven off the Fire Department and at approximately 10:20 PM, the Fire Department returned to the scene in an unsuccessful effort to put out the fire in the ROTC building. By this time the Ohio National Guardsmen had deployed themselves around the building and the immediate area and the crowd of students was dispersed and broke into smaller bands of students who continued to roam about campus. Approximately 500 Ohio National Guardsmen were on campus in addition to Kent State University police officers and members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

As of approximately 3:00 AM on Sunday, May 3, 1970, campus activity was relatively quiet. During the day of Sunday, May 3, 1970, the campus situation was relatively quiet although

tense and the Ohio National Guard continued to be deployed on campus and the number of Ohio National Guard personnel on campus was increased to approximately 850.

At 8:15 PM a crowd of 250 students formed on the Commons on Kent State University campus and the crowd was dispersed by the Kent State University Police Department and the Ohio National Guard, and this crowd proceeded to the downtown area of Kent, Ohio, increasing to approximately 2,000 individuals. At Kent the crowd was escorted by the Ohio National Guard and the Kent, Ohio Police Department and was dispersed into smaller groups of 20 - 200 persons. Some of these groups returned to campus and one group broke into the Library where they were contained by the Kent State University Police Department and the Ohio National Guard.

This group was contained until 10:00 PM when they were allowed to leave the Library without being arrested.

Several incidents of broken windows and roving groups were encountered on campus and tear gas was sporadically used.

An 11:00 PM curfew was set up and was enforced at 11:30 PM by the Ohio National Guard, Kent State University Police Department and the Ohio State Highway Patrol. A perimeter around the campus was established and the campus was effectively protected. There were nine arrests on campus, May 3, 1970, and 54 arrests in the city of Kent, Ohio, most of the arrests being for curfew violation or failure to disperse.

By approximately 1:00 AM, May 4, 1970, the situation on campus was again relatively calm.

On Monday, May 4, 1970, at approximately 10:00 AM, a crowd of stulents began forming on the Commons, the focal point of the gathering being at the bell on the Commons. Students rang the bell to attract others and the crowd steadily increased.

The Ohio National Guard continued in a perimeter around

the burned ROTC building and immediate area and at approximately noon, efforts were made to disperse the crowd after warning had been given to them to disperse by the Kent State University Police Department and Ohio National Guard. When these efforts were made to disperse the crowd, the crowd resisted with rock throwing, screaming and chanting.

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[redacted], Health Center, Kent State University (KSU), Eastway Drive, Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents. [redacted] furnished the following voluntary information:

According to the Health Center records, on Monday, May 4, 1970, at 12:20 AM, PETER CHARLES BLIEK was treated at the Health Center at KSU. From the medical records, the following description was obtained of BLIEK:

Date of Birth:	April 11, 1948
	Arts and Science Student
Home Address:	34 Highwood Road
	Rochester, New York.

PETER BLIEK is a junior at Kent State University and resides in Moulton Hall. The records further reflect BLIEK's student identification number as 053-40-4012-9. GERALD A. BLIEK is listed as PETER's father, address - 34 Highwood Road, Rochester, New York, telephone (716) 288-1273.

PETER CHARLES BLIEK came to the Health Center complaining of a loss of hearing in his left ear after he received a blow to the left side of his head. [redacted] treated PETER BLIEK.

[redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted] did not actually talk with PETER BLIEK or treat him in any way. The medical records show that BLIEK was examined and released from the medical center.

[redacted] advised that when the disturbance started on the campus of KSU, he, [redacted] was called to the medical center and he and his staff started their emergency plan in case of mass injuries due to confrontations between students and law enforcement.

On May 2, 1970, [redacted] observed flames from the burning ROTC building shoot up into the sky. He observed this burning from the medical center. He stated that there were several students walking around the dormitory next to the medical center coming and going as nothing was actually happening. They seemed not to be aware of the burning building. When [redacted] was called to the health center on Saturday night, May 2, 1970, he drove down Main Street in Kent, Ohio, to reach the campus and saw several people in the downtown area. Most of these people [redacted] felt were curious and wanted to see what was going on. As he drove to the campus through the downtown area, many of the streets were covered with glass; and at one point, he was approached by a large number of students; however, they only wanted to tell him to drive carefully and try to avoid the glass in the streets.

[redacted] furnished the following information from the files of the medical center at KSU concerning people treated in the medical center on May 2, May 3 and May 4, 1970:

[redacted]

Name:
Address:

Age:

[redacted]

Name:
Address:

Age:

[redacted]

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Name:
Address:

KSU address:

Name:
Age:
Address:

KSU address:

Name: PRIMO L. TUNARI
Address: 850 Morris Road Apartments
Apartment #5
Kent, Ohio
(Records show TUNARI's
home address is in Beverly, Ohi
According to the medical center
records, TUNARI stated he was a
"bystander" and was accidentall
wounded in the left knee by a
National Guardsman by the burni
ROTC barracks. TUNARI was trea
for a deep wound in his left kn
and taken to the Robinson Memor
Hospital in Ravenna, Ohio.

advised that the reason for the injury listed in the medical records, such as hand cuts resulting from handling glass, is furnished by the person being treated. The medical center personnel do not question the person being treated to the circumstances of how the injury occurred.

May 3, 1970 Sunday

Name:
Age:
KSU address:
Home address:

Name: HELEN T. OPASKAR
Age: 21
KSU address: Terrace Hall
Home address: 4057 Washington Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio
OPASKAR was treated at 10:00 PM for a stab wound from a bayonet point and sent to Robinson Memorial Hospital, Ravenna, Ohio.

Name: JAMES E. BEHRENS
Age: 21
KSU address: McDowell Hall
Home address: 5121 East 115th Street
Garfield Heights, Ohio
BEHRENS was treated at 10:50 PM for what he claimed was a hit on the back of the head using a rifle butt.

Name: RONALD SHINN
Occupation: Ohio National Guardsman
Home address: Aurora, Ohio
SHINN was treated at 11:15 PM for injuries to his lip and righ leg resulting from a thrown rock according to SHINN.

Name:
Age:

Home Address:

[redacted] further advised that on Sunday evening, May 3, 1970, the following individuals approached him at the medical center and offered assistance; however, he thanked them and told them that their assistance was not needed. Each

of the individuals wore an arm band with a red cross on the band, which appeared to be home made:

[redacted] 7C

May 4, 1970 Monday

DONALD MAC KENZIE was brought to the medical center with a bullet wound in his head and was taken from the medical center to a hospital in Akron, Ohio.

LAWRENCE SHAEFFER, Ohio National Guardsman, was treated at the medical center at approximately 3:30 PM. SHAEFFER was treated for being hit in the left wrist with an object which SHAEFFER claimed to be a brick. SHAEFFER's arm was X-rayed and placed in a sling. In [redacted] medical opinion, SHAEFFER was also showing some signs of shock.

MAC KENZIE and SHAEFFER were the only two people treated at the medical center on May 4, 1970, which is the same day that the shooting occurred by Ohio National Guardsmen on the KSU campus.

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[redacted] Health Center, Kent State University (KSU), East Hay Drive, KSU campus, Kent, Ohio, w advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents. [redacted] furnished the following voluntary information:

[redacted] examined the Medical Center's record concerning PETER C. BLIEK after which he stated he examined PETER BLIEK at the Medical Center on May 4, 1970. [redacted] examined PETER BLIEK because BLIEK stated he had received a sharp blow to the left side of his head and felt that he was having a loss of hearing. [redacted] examined BLIEK and BL was released after this examination.

During the time [redacted] was examining BLIEK, he recalls a conversation with BLIEK in which they discussed the campus disturbances that were taking place during the we of May 1 through 4, 1970. [redacted] cannot recall anything about this conversation except that BLIEK made a statement concerning the burning of the ROTC building on the Kent Stat campus. To the best of [redacted] memory, BLIEK made a general statement to the effect that "they" referring to the people that burned the ROTC building, had planned only to bu the ROTC office building.

[redacted] cannot recall any additional comments that BLIEK made. [redacted] cannot remember if the nurse wh took the medical history from PETER BLIEK was present during BLIEK's conversation with [redacted]. The nurse who took th medical background of PETER BLIEK was [redacted] RN.

[redacted] could offer no additional information concerning PETER BLIEK or recall any other comments made by people he treated in the Medical Center during the disturban on the KSU campus.

[redacted] did not witness any of the incidents th took place on the campus and confined most of his efforts du the demonstration to treating people at the Medical Center o the KSU campus.

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[redacted] Ohio, was contacted at her residence since inform
had been developed that she treated one PETER CHARLES BLIE
for a hearing loss on May 4, 1970 at the University Health
Center at Kent State University (KSU).

[redacted] is a registered nurse, a graduate
John Hopkins Hospital School of Nursing in Baltimore, Mary
in June, 1969, and is currently a transient student at KSU
pursuing a course for a Bachelor of Arts degree in nursing
addition to her studies, she is employed as a registered n
at the KSU Health Center and worked the 4 PM to 12 midnigh
shift on May 3-4, 1970. She advised as follows:

Because her replacement did not arrive as sched
at midnight, she remained there on duty at the Health Cent
and shortly after midnight, two girls and two boys, all as
to be KSU students, arrived at the Health Center in a red
The two girls and one boy were wearing arm bands and gave
appearance of being "self-appointed medics." The second boy
was brought to the Health Center for treatment in connectio
with a hearing loss and complained that he had been hit on
side of the head. [redacted]
[redacted] talked to the three "self-appointed medics" while
[redacted] obtained identifying data from the individual who
identified himself as a student and she believes that his
was PETER BLIEK. She cannot recall his identification, bu
believes she would have obtained his Social Security Number
campus address, and the like.

The patient was then examined by [redacted] (p
and [redacted] was not present during this examin

Subsequent to the examination, she gave the pati
the medicine prescribed by [redacted] and she recalls [redacted]
mentioning to her that this patient had "very radical views
and, in fact, upset [redacted] to the point where he was
concerned as to whether [redacted] should bring this inform
to the attention of [redacted] quoted the pati
as saying, "I wonder what is going to happen tomorrow?"

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[redacted] believes that [redacted] would have additional information concerning the conversation with the patient, however, noted that [redacted] has had a stroke and has problems recalling incidents.

Shortly after this incident, a campus patrolman or "private investigator" volunteered to return [redacted] to her dormitory as her replacement had arrived. This same "private investigator" also transported the patient in the direction of his dormitory, however, when the "private investigator" escorted [redacted] from his vehicle to the door of her dormitory, the patient left the vehicle alone and walked off in an opposite direction.

[redacted] could not recall having any pertinent conversation with the patient concerning incidents on the campus and her contact with him was strictly for the purposes of obtaining identification and later applying the prescribed medicine. She is not aware of what conversation [redacted] had with the three "self-appointed medics" and did not hear the conversation between the patient and [redacted]

[redacted] described the patient as a white male, approximately 19-20 years of age, approximately 6' tall, wearing blond hair, shoulder length, and a non-descript beard. She was unable to recall any article of clothing or any other physical characteristics.

DERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date May 9, 1970

[redacted], Associate Professor of Marketing, [redacted] Kent, Ohio, telephone [redacted], was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents. [redacted] voluntarily furnished the following information.

[redacted] advised he received information from [redacted] telephone [redacted], Ohio, employed by [redacted] Ohio, telephone [redacted] that [redacted] wife had a friend who said she was on a plane with some individuals who said they were going to Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, for the demonstrations, and asked if anyone wanted to accompany them.

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Date May 9, 1970

[redacted] Ohio, telephone [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents. [redacted] furnished the following voluntary information:

Mr. [redacted] wife, [redacted] advised Mr. [redacted] that she had talked to her aunt, [redacted] on Monday, May 4, 1970. Mrs. [redacted] advised Mrs. [redacted] that she had met a friend of her neighbor's and that person told Mrs. [redacted] that her daughter was on an airplane and two "hippie" type people made a statement to someone that they were going to Kent, Ohio, to see what was going on.

Mrs. [redacted] Ohio, was the person who made the statement indicating that her daughter [redacted] was on the airplane when some unidentified individuals maintained that they were going to Kent, Ohio.

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Date May 9, 1970

Mrs. [redacted] Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and nature of the inquiry. Mrs. [redacted] voluntarily furnished the following information:

On Monday, May 4, 1970 [redacted] was told by [redacted] Ohio, that her daughter was on an airplane flight on Sunday, May 3, 1970, en route to Akron, Ohio. While on this flight, according to [redacted] stated two "hippie" type people told her daughter that they were coming to Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, for the demonstrations. Mrs. [redacted] understood from [redacted] that the statement was made directly to her daughter.

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[redacted] Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents. Mrs [redacted] was further advised that the interviewing Agents were investigating information that Mrs [redacted] daughter had information concerning two people flying to Akron, Ohio area to attend demonstrations at Kent, Ohio. [redacted] furnished the following voluntary information:

[redacted] denied making a statement to [redacted] that her daughter had heard any statements about people coming to Kent, Ohio to attend demonstrations at Kent State University. [redacted] daughter, [redacted] was on a United Airlines flight from Newark, New Jersey to Akron - Canton, Ohio Airport on Sunday, May 3, 1970, but [redacted] did not state to [redacted] that she overheard anything about Kent State University demonstrations.

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[redacted] Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents. [redacted] furnished the voluntary information.

On Sunday, May 3, 1970, [redacted] advised she was on Flight 279, United Airlines from Newark, New Jersey to Akron-Canton Airport to arrive 7:07 PM on May 3, 1970. The flight arrived about 7:20 PM. [redacted] sat next to a man on this flight but did not talk to anyone, who advised her that they were en route to Kent, Ohio to take part in the demonstrations. [redacted] was in Newark, New Jersey visiting her boyfriend.

[redacted] is eighteen years old and is a senior at the Kent State High School.

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VII. INTERVIEWS TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 10, 1970

[redacted]

Kent, Ohio, [redacted] he had reason to believe that one [redacted] Kent, Ohio, is identical to the tall, blonde youth who "put the torch" to the ROTC Building at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, on the evening of May 2, 1970. [redacted] allegedly had been arrested in Kent for curfew violation subsequent to the burning, and a photograph taken of him at that time might be available at the Portage County Sheriff's Office, Rabenna, Ohio. [redacted]

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Date May 11, 1970

[redacted]

Cleveland, Ohio was advised of the identities of the in
ing Agents. [redacted] voluntarily agreed to furnish t
following information to the interviewing Agents:

[redacted] advised that she did not witness t
burning of the R.O.T.C. Building on May 2, 1970. She ad
that [redacted] had arranged a blind date for her with
[redacted] last name unknown, a friend of [redacted] boy
[redacted] last name unknown. She advised that [redacted] is a Sop
at Kent State University majoring in Sociology. She als
advised that [redacted] was from Akron, Ohio, and that he was e
with either the [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was resi
in Room [redacted] Verder Hall. She advised that [redacted] had
brought [redacted] (phonetic), an eleven year old Black gi
from Akron. She advised that [redacted] had been involved i
Sociology project which involves helping a Negro family
Akron and that she invites [redacted] to the Kent State Un
campus for the weekends.

[redacted] advised that on May 2, 1970, [redacted],
is not a student, was waiting downstairs in the Verder H
Lounge. She advised that [redacted] and herself m
[redacted] in the Verder Hall Lounge. She advised that the fol
announcement was made over the PA System before their de
from Verder Hall at approximately 8:00 P.M. on May 2, 19

"All students are to remain in the dormitory
because of tear gas being thrown outside."

[redacted] advised that they departed fr
dormitory disregarding the announcement and got into [redacted]
sports car. She advised that the sports car had bucket
and she could not give any further description of the ca
Upon leaving the dormitory, she proceeded straight to [redacted]
residence, which is described below:

Color	White
Location:	East Main Street, Kent, O

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Exterior Description: Lawn elevated and has stone wall around it. The front of the house has a screen d and there were trees on the front lawn.

Interior Description: Right Section - Staircase w a banister and a piano against the banister, there was a small thro rug at the bottom of t staircase.

Left Section:- Living Room blue carpeting, a sing light in the ceiling, fireplace, and two cou one on both sides of t room.

She advised that they entered the house through front door and that there were no occupants present in th downstairs area. She advised [redacted] was upstairs. She st tha[redacted] proceeded to make a fire in the fireplace and th the television was turned on and there was a war movie on She advised that several minutes later [redacted] came downsta and was introduced to her by either [redacted] or [redacted] [redacted] stated that while they were roasting marshmallows in the place, several guys came into the house commenting about burning of the R.O.T.C. Building. She advised that a cou of the guys indicated that they should go up on the roof watch the R.O.T.C. Building burn. She advised that she c not remember the exact time when [redacted] an herself had arrived at [redacted]'s residence. She advised that guys who arrived at [redacted] residence came to the house app mately 45 minutes after their arrival at the house. She stated they looked straggled and some were dressed in bel bottom jeans. She advised that the fellows did not stay the house and stated they stood in front of the house for long time watching the National Guard line up the tanks directly in front of the house.

She and [redacted] made telephone calls to their respective parents, and [redacted] also called [redacted] par

to assure them that they were unharmed. She also advised that [redacted] was making many calls and [redacted] was receiving many calls. She was not aware of the identities of the individuals whom [redacted] was calling and of those who were calling [redacted]

The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

Name:	[redacted]
Address:	[redacted] Cleveland, Ohio
Telephone No.:	[redacted]
Date of Birth:	4/7/46
Occupation:	Student - presently a Sophomore at Kent State Universi
College Residence:	Room [redacted] Verder Hall

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

(1)

Date 5/12/70

[redacted] telephone [redacted] was interviewed at the corner of Nola and Euclid, concerning the incident at Kent State University (KSU) on Saturday, May 2, 1970, during which time the ROTC building was burned.

[redacted] advised that she is a Kent State student residing at Verder Dormitory, Room [redacted] and knows one, [redacted] in Room [redacted]. [redacted] said that early Saturday morning, May 2, 1970, at approximately 3:00 AM, [redacted] told her something to the effect that if students do not get what they want, there may be trouble and maybe some students will even get killed. These words were said while students were generally discussing the situation on campus. [redacted] added that on Saturday she stayed in her dormitory all day during which time [redacted] asked her to go on a blind date with a real nice guy. It was not until approximately 8:00 PM that she left with [redacted] boyfriend named [redacted] and a little Negro girl by the name of [redacted] who was being looked after by [redacted]. At the time she was leaving the dormitory, a curfew order was given and all girls were requested to stay in the dormitory because there was general talk of gunfire and sniper activity. However, at this time, [redacted] advised that she did not know of any activity going on at the ROTC building and did not know of any disturbance or fire. She said that it took approximately two or three minutes to get to [redacted] house on Main Street, in Kent. Upon arriving they immediately entered the house and went into the living room where there was a fireplace and a TV. It was not until approximately five minutes after her arrival that she met her date named [redacted] at which time they were introduced and proceeded to have small talk in the living room. Approximately 15-30 minutes later, which was between 8:30 and 9:00 PM, [redacted] advised that she recalls a girl by the name of [redacted], her date, a white male, name unknown, straggly, long brown hair, and a mustache, and an individual by the name of [redacted]. It is noted that [redacted] identified the picture of [redacted] as the individual she recalls coming into the house at approximately

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9:00 PM. To the best of her knowledge, no activity occurred at this time, but approximately 15 minutes later, six to eight individual males came into the house and were introduced to her by [redacted] added she had never seen these individuals before, could not identify them, and does not know their names. They all gathered in the living room and talked, however, [redacted] went upstairs into his bedroom with [redacted] and she recalls a lot of telephone activity going on at that time, that is, frequent calls were coming in and she recalls frequent calls being made from the residence on Main Street.

It was at this time that an indication was made that a fire had occurred and some of the people decided to go on top of the roof to observe the fire in the ROTC building. [redacted] advised she does not recall exactly when this occurred, because at this point she called her parents at Cleveland, Ohio, and she added she did not realize the seriousness of the situation, and did not pay attention to the events or circumstances surrounding the activity. All she can recall is that National Guard troops were outside in front of the house and she herself was personally involved in playing with [redacted] the ten-year old Negro girl. To the best of her knowledge, [redacted] stated that she did not receive any indication from people in the house that they were involved in any way with the burning of the ROTC building. She did not hear any remarks or statements that would lead her to believe the people in the house knew what was occurring.

[redacted] advised that nothing extraordinary happened during the remainder of the evening, and as a matter of fact, she did not get together with her date until approximately midnight where they spent a half an hour together in the living room. However, nothing was discussed concerning the incidents at Kent State. She added that she went to sleep on the couch in the living room. The other people went upstairs into the bedrooms. She woke up subsequently on Sunday morning at approximately 7:30 and returned to the dormitory around noon, and the only other thing she learned subsequent to her visit at the house on Main Street was that on Thursday, May 7, 1970, [redacted] advised her that [redacted] had said that the FBI will not find the guys involved in the fire of the ROTC building, because they were at [redacted] house that evening. [redacted] added that she may

have been a little naive about the situation going on, and she is sure that her blind date and the group she was with considered her to be a "straight" individual.

[redacted] reviewed photographs of [redacted] COLIN HEIDURGER, [redacted] and his [redacted] and recognized only one, that of [redacted] as having been at the residence on Main Street Saturday evening.

[redacted] added that if she developed any further information or heard anything of other individuals involved, she would definitely forward the information. She also advised that she works for [redacted], and could be contacted at her number [redacted] if ever needed.

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[redacted] was reinterviewed at Wela and Euclid concerning the possible identities of certain individuals at 230 East Main, Kent, Ohio on Saturday evening, May 2, 1970. [redacted] viewed photographs of [redacted] COLIN HEILBURGER, [redacted] She advised the only one she recognized was the one of [redacted] and she believed that [redacted] was the date that accompanied the girl by the name of [redacted] She still did not recall [redacted] last name but described her as follows: white female, 5'2", approximately 25 years old, 100 to 110 pounds, short brownish black hair, delicate and petite looking, black rimmed glasses, non-student who had graduated from Kent State University (KSU) approximately two or three years ago and believed to work someplace in the City of Kent.

[redacted] also advised that she does recall answering the phone and receiving a call from an individual, male, who identified himself as [redacted] and requested to talk to [redacted] However, she advised that the name of [redacted] does not mean anything to her and she has no idea if this individual was at the house that evening. She also added that she does recall the name of [redacted] being mentioned in the general topic of conversation, however, she does not know what context it was used in and that the name of [redacted] has no special meaning to her.

She also added that one [redacted] who resides in Room [redacted] Verder Hall, KSU, is a very closeffriend of one [redacted]

She also advised that the correct address of [redacted] Ohio and phone number is [redacted] and can becontacted there if she is not at home.

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[redacted] was advised of the identities of th
Interviewing Agents. [redacted] agreed to furnish th
following information to the Interviewing Agents:

[redacted] advised she had no pertinent kno
ledge of the burning of the ROTC Building until May 3,
1970. She advised the information which she was furnish
ing was obtained from [redacted], who was off campus
because of the 8:00 PM curfew and who subsequently retur
when the curfew was lifted Sunday morning.

[redacted] advised during the burning of th
ROTC Building, she was in the room of her fiance [redacted]
[redacted]. She advised [redacted] told her to remain in his room
where she would be safe. She stated [redacted] was mingling wi
the crowd.

[redacted] advised she called Room [redacted] in
Verder Hall, and the telephone was answered by [redacted]
who advised everyone was all right. She advised she had
called because she was concerned about the safety of her
roommates and friends, the three girls who reside in Roo
[redacted] in Verder Hall.

[redacted] visited at approximately 2:00 PM,
[redacted] (Phonetic), an 11-year-old
Negro girl from Akron whom [redacted] was minding, and sever
other people, whom she did not remember, were proceeding
to Room [redacted] in Verder Hall. She advised she did not be-
lieve [redacted] had made any statement concerning the burn-
ing of the ROTC Building at that time. She advised she
believed that the following statement was made by [redacted]
approximately 4:00 PM outside Room [redacted] in Verder Hall in
the presence of [redacted]

"They (authorities) were not going to
catch the people who started the fire.
It was bad because the students were
going to be blamed for setting the

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"ROTC Building afire. The four guys who started the fire came to Bob's residence that night. They had gotten away through the crowd, and they will not get caught."

[redacted] advised [redacted] did not identify any of the four individuals mentioned in the above statement.

[redacted] advised the Fire Marshals had taken her past [redacted] residence, which she identified as being located at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio. She advised the Fire Marshals identified [redacted] who works for the [redacted]

[redacted] advised on May 1, 1970 while she and [redacted] were eating dinner, [redacted] came into the Verner Hall cafeteria and appeared to be very upset. [redacted] had attended the Black United Student rally and one of the Commons to which she did not attach any name. [redacted] indicated the students were riled over the fact President NIXON was sending troops into Cambodia. [redacted] indicated she did not feel as if she should personally participate in the activities which were planned by the students to happen on Monday. She stated she did not agree with violence and that she feared someone would be injured.

The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

Name
Address

Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Characteristics

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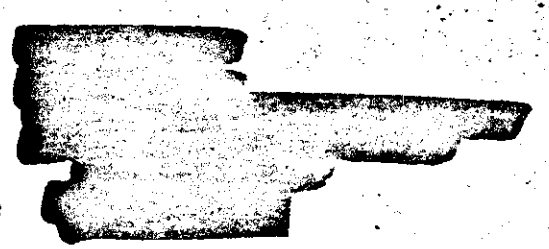
Father
Mother
Sisters

Permanent
Residence Telephone



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advised that she was a sophomore at Kent State Univers
(KSU) and prior to the burning of the ROTC Building and t
shooting of the KSU students, she circulated among vario
groups on the campus obtaining information on the plans
possible plans of various groups. In this regard, she s
that she talked to several students from New York, Chicag
and Columbus, Ohio, on Friday, prior to the ROTC Building
being burned and from various conversations no exact
individuals known by her nor any identities recalled. She
stated the plans were to be a rally at noon on Friday, a
demonstration in downtown Kent on Friday night, the burni
of the ROTC Building, a student strike and the Administr
Building being taken over by students of the Black United
Students (BUS). She said that the whole affair was simp
to secure some incident with the authorities, either the
police or the National Guard and this incident being used
advance the anti-war cause.

In regards to the burning of the ROTC Building,
she stated that she had gone to the home of her boyfriend
[redacted] t 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, along
with a child in her custody, [redacted] age 11. She
arrived at the Main Street ad[redacted] oximately 9:30
on Saturday, May 2, 1970, and [redacted] and [redacted]
were present. Some time after her arrival a t[redacted]
call was received and the calling individual asked for [redacted]
Since [redacted] was not present, [redacted] took the call and the c[redacted]
who [redacted] later stated was [redacted], said that three flare
had [redacted] used to start the ROTC Building burning. Later
[redacted] during the conversation with other people, identif
[redacted] as being a student at KSU who resided at Brady La
near KSU, exact house unknown.

Soon after the telephone call, exact time not k
[redacted] and [redacted] came into the house. She said
[redacted] also may have appeared but she is not one hundred pe
sure. She indicated that she did not know [redacted]
last name, however, believed that [redacted] was named [redacted]
and [redacted] last name was [redacted]

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When the above individuals came to the house they all sat around in the living room and discussed the ROTC fire. At this time she said that [redacted] was present, along with herself, but she was primarily interested in taking care of [redacted] and could not remember exactly which party said what or the precise time the conversation took place. The general trend of the conversation seemed to be how happy and pleased these individuals were with the fire and the fact that the ROTC Building had burned down. They considered the ROTC Building a symbol of military might and the general war policy of the United States Government, therefore, the destruction of same fulfilled their aims in opposing the Government's policy on the war.

Ohio, was interviewed at her place of employment, [redacted] She was interviewed regar her knowledge concerning the incident involving the burn of the ROTC Hall at Kent State University (KSU). She mentioned that she is a junior at KSU, residing in Room Verder Hall. She stated on Friday, May 1, 1970, she was school attending as a student. She recalled that on Sat evening she was at a party being held by her service sor when someone, whose identity she does not recall, came i said the ROTC Building was on fire. She advised she did have any more knowledge concerning this building than an student who was on campus at the time and stated she did see who had caused it.

She recalled that after having a date Friday n she came into the dormitory and at this time she would e it to be about 3:00 a.m., Saturday. Her roommate was talking to [redacted] Verder Hall, KSU. She mentioned at this time she was aw the fact that [redacted] had gone to a Black United Students at KSU and had told her that the Black United Students h plans to start trouble at KSU, however, she did not know specific plans they had.

[redacted] stated that on Sunday morning, May 3, 19 she went to church and later when she returned, which was about noon to 1:00 p.m., Sunday, [redacted] her roommate, came in and started to talk to her. She s that [redacted] told her that she knew who had burned down the Building. She stated the people who had burned the build were roommates of her boy friend, [redacted] said asked [redacted] whom she had [redacted] to be a roommate [redacted] had been involved and [redacted] said that he was. She stated [redacted] reportedly had previously been in jail po on charges of drug use or abuse. She then stated that [redacted] said that it was [redacted] roommates who were involved in th burning and she was almost positive that [redacted] said it w four roommates.

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She then recalled that she, herself, had seen [redacted] whose last name she did not recall on Sunday morning prior to going to church and did not recognize him at fir because of his long hair and mutton chops. She said [redacted] had said, "hello [redacted] to her and she told this person s was sorry, but she did not recognize him. She stated he identified himself as [redacted] and about this time she did rec him as the person she had previously known. She stated t perhaps it was a woman's intuition but she gathered the i that he was acting guilty as though he had done something wrong. She then recalled that [redacted] had told her that [redacted] had not been involved in the actual burning of the ROTC Building. She stated one of his roommates is known to her to be a [redacted] whose true name is [redacted] whose family she knows and whom she knows to be a welfare worker for Portage County.

[redacted] stated she had no prior information concer the burning of the ROTC Building and added she had no information that [redacted] had any prior knowledge. [redacted] stated that [redacted] said something to the effect that s hoped they (the actual arsonists) got caught as they had right to do this. [redacted] stated that as best she knows the are six male students living in this house in which [redacted] resides. She stated she has never been in the house, whic located on East Main Street, in Kent, Ohio, between the P Sigma Kappa and the Sigma Chi House.

[redacted] identified a [redacted] as a mutual acquaintance of hers and [redacted] and stated [redacted] from the State of Michigan and [redacted] father is a [redacted] She said [redacted] boy friend is [redacted] who lives in Cleveland, Ohio. She stated [redacted] lives in Room [redacted] Verder Hall, when she is attending KSU. She ide the following three persons as close associates and girl f of [redacted] noting they all live on the fourth floor of Verder Hall:

[redacted]

[redacted] stated that about noon on Monday, May 4, 1970 she was having lunch in the cafeteria of Verder Hall when it came to her attention that there was a disturbance on the campus. She stated she had seen students and National Guards lobbing tear gas canisters back and forth at each other. She also noted that the two groups would charge and retreat and retreat and charge each other. She stated she saw tear gas canisters actually being thrown but did not hear any shots nor did she see the shooting incident. She said the actual shooting incident took place on the far side of the hill which was not visible to her from her vantage point in the cafeteria. She advised that [redacted] boy friend, was allegedly at the shooting incident on Monday and apparently had been rather badly exposed to tear gas. She stated he had a handkerchief over his face and was crying as a result of the tear gas.

She stated that on Sunday afternoon [redacted] and a little Negro girl by the name of [redacted] all went sailing together. She advised that she, herself, had left the campus at approximately 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 1970.

She was shown a group of photographs and stated the only one that appeared to be familiar to her was that of [redacted] She did not recognize the photograph of [redacted] as anyone she knew.

She advised that should she hear any additional information she would contact the FBI and furnished telephone no. [redacted] as the number at her place of employment where she is employed from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. She advised her residential telephone no. is [redacted]

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[redacted] Parma, Ohi
interviewed at her residence. Her husband [redacted] wa
present during the interview.

[redacted] stated she has known [redacted]
family for the last fourteen years [redacted] her
[redacted] were very close friends [redacted]

Both boys were very close to [redacted], who
that time was assigned to [redacted] is no
[redacted], Chi

[redacted] said [redacted] ttended [redacted]
[redacted] where he excelled in basketball. During his
school years, he was a quiet, conscientious boy who was no
problem to his parents. They knew of no girl friends or c
associates in the Cleveland area.

After graduating from [redacted] he enro
at Kent State University (KSU). The first year at KSU he
in the dormitory and played freshman basketball. [redacted]

[redacted] stated she noticed a marked change in [redacted]
during his second year at KSU. She said his actions and m
were markedly changed. She stated she has no proof, but b
that [redacted] is taking drugs or dope, even though
knows he does not smoke. [redacted]

In conversation with [redacted]
said he never mentioned any affiliation with any group at
He has never been outspoken for peace but she did recall he
attended some type of peace rally during his summer vacatio
last year.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] returned ho
from KSU on May 7, 1970, and left Friday, the following day,
plane, for New York to attend JEFFREY MILLER's funeral.
mentioned that [redacted] mother told her that
a very restless night last Thursday night. [redacted] presum
it was because of the tragic incident at KSU. [redacted] sa
she and her husband left town to go to Buffalo, New York, an
returned home early Monday morning. She said neither she no
her husband have had any occasion to speak to [redacted]
concerning the KSU disturbances except for this morning when
she spoke with [redacted] briefly in his back yard. This was just
prior to the time when FBI Agents came to talk to [redacted] Du
this brief conversation, [redacted] told [redacted] e and his mo
were planning to drive down to KSU to pick up his personal
belongings and to move to another residence (location unknown
to [redacted]. He mentioned the fact he hoped to find a job
in the Kent area and remain there for the summer.

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The following interview took place at [redacted] between [redacted], university address [redacted] North Water Street [redacted], Ohio, and Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted]. At the beginning of the interv[illegible] was advised of the identities of Special Agents [redacted] as Special Agents of the FBI, of the nature of the [illegible] to be conducted and of his rights as reflected in a warni[illegible] waiver of rights form which he executed.

[redacted] advised that on the evening of May 2, 1970, [illegible] in the Student Union Building of Kent State University (K[illegible]) Kent, Ohio, with [redacted] a senior art major at [illegible] State, until about 8:30 PM. He then went to [redacted] re[illegible] [redacted] Kent, Ohio, where he spent the nigh[illegible] advised he was not a witness to nor participant in the da[illegible] which occurred to the ROTC building which happened on cam[illegible] night. He further stated he knew of no one who was. He [illegible] he had heard the damage was inflicted by 15-30 students o[illegible] university. [redacted] stated that he had been an outspoken ad[illegible] of abolishing ROTC from the Kent State campus as deleteri[illegible] an atmosphere of liberal free exchange of ideas.

[redacted] advised that on the afternoon of May 4, 19[illegible] spent his time going back and forth between the students [illegible] rally on the Commons and the Sociology Building which was [illegible] approximately 300 yards distant from the Commons. [redacted] s[illegible] that he and 5 other students [redacted] a senior from [illegible] Ohio; [redacted] Kent, Ohio; [redacted] freshman fro[illegible] Syracuse, New York; [redacted] Kent, Ohio, whose father i[illegible] [redacted], had arranged with some law studen[illegible] Western Reserve Law School, Cleveland, Ohio, to give lega[illegible] and assistance to any Kent State student arrested by the [illegible] during the demonstrations. [redacted] stated that the telephon[illegible] to his apartment, 673-1759, had been distributed and [redacted] was standing by the phone there. [redacted] advised that he sp[illegible] of his time in the Sociology Building because he was afra[illegible] contact with authorities who might react to his appearanc[illegible] less, bearded and long hair, etc.

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He advised that he heard a jeep arrive at the Com a bull horn tell the students they were illegally gathered ordered them to disperse. Immediately thereafter, tear gas shells were lobbed into the student group of whom there were approximately 1,000. He advised he returned to the Sociolo Building, heard shots and ran to the Commons where rumors o killings and woundings abounded. He returned to the Sociol Building and talked to [redacted] who has an assistant the Sociology Department in Anthropology and lives at the D Terrace Apartments, East Main Street, Kent, Ohio. [redacted] she had been standing next to a girl who had been shot.

He advised he decided to go to his apartment to h legal aid telephone calls and arrived there at approximately 3:30 PM.

[redacted] said that at 7:15 PM his apartment was broke into by police officers with a search warrant. He and the occupants of the apartment [redacted] were ordered out of the ap searched and arrested for a curfew violation. They were re May 5, 1970, on their own recognizance. He stated the only the search of the apartment revealed was a letter from ABBI HOFFMAN to [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he had never been arrested on an other occasion. He advised he is not a member of any stude organization. He stated the Students for a Democratic Soci (SDS) does not exist on the KSU campus and has not since Sp 1969. He advised there was no outside agitation at the Ken State campus that he knew of. He hastened to add that he w certain he would have known if there had been any outside agitation.

[redacted] advised he intends to return to KSU May 11, He stated he will live at home in New Jersey this summer an graduate work at Kent State beginning in the Fall of 1970.

[redacted] made the following free and voluntary statement:

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[redacted] make the following free and volu
statement. No threats or inducements have been offered to
I am 21 yrs. old and a Senior at Kent State.

"At approximately 8:30, May 2 I was in the Studer
Union with [redacted], & her roommates [redacted] &
[redacted] eating some food. I was aware of disturbances taking
place outside on the commons, and saw one fire man standing
near the ROTC building. I saw no fire or smoke. Immediate
after eating I left campus and returned t[redacted] St
with the above mentioned people. I remained there throughc
the night, listening to the radio, reports were talking abc
massive fire in the ROTC building. I know of no one involv
in the burning or anyone who was a witness to it.

"At noon on May 4th I was in the Sociology Lounge,
was aware that there was a rally gathering on the commons,
went to a position near the commons where I could view what
going on. For fear of being arrested or hurt I left and r
to the Soc. building. I was sitting in the Soc. building wh
I heard shots, I ran out to see what had happened and hear
saw ambulances I went back to the Soc. building where repor
of student deaths and injuries were being circulated.

"At this time I secured transportation down to my
apartment. I was in my apartment with 5 other students at
7:00 PM May 4, I was arrested and taken to jail.

"The above statement consisting of this and one
page is true and accurate to the best of my recollection.

"/s/ [redacted]
May 9, 1970

"Witness: [redacted], FBI, Newark
[redacted], FBI, Newark"

The following description was obtained through
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Name:	[redacted]
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Marital Status:	Single
Address:	1696 Edmund Terrace [redacted], New Jersey
Telephone:	[redacted]
College Address:	[redacted] North Water Street Kent, Ohio Telephon[redacted]
DOB:	4/26/49
POB:	Newark, New Jersey
Height:	5'5" - 5'6"
Weight:	165 lbs.
Build:	Heavy
Hair:	Black, thinning and long
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Light
Characteristics:	Wears beard and glasses
Social Security No.	[redacted]
Employment:	Student - Senior in Sociology Kent State University, Kent, O[illegible]

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At 1:35 p.m., on May 10, 1970, SA [redacted] and SA [redacted], observed an individual walking east on East Main Street in Kent, Ohio. These Agents noted that this individual very closely resembled an unidentified white male, who was previously identified by [redacted] a Kent State University (KSU) student, who was an eyewitness to the burning of the Army ROTC Building.

It is noted that [redacted] has furnished information to the effect that the individual in question helped start the ROTC fire. However, [redacted] said he did not know this individual's name. As indicated above, [redacted] made his identification from a photograph of a group participating in a demonstration on the KSU campus.

SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] observed the aforementioned individual turn south on Lincoln Street. At this point, a discreet surveillance was initiated by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] for the specific purpose of determining the identity of this individual.

SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] observed this individual walk south on Lincoln Street to East Summit Street. He turned east on East Summit Street and proceeded to Rhodes Road. At Rhodes Road, he turned north and walked to the College Towers Apartments, located at 1800 Rhodes Road.

At 3:34 p.m., SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] observed the aforementioned individual walking west on East Summit Street, coming from the direction of Rhodes Road. The individual began to hitchhike and got a ride at the corner of Summit Street and Terrace Street. This ride took him to the K-Mart Discount Store on State Route 59.

At this point, he received a second ride which took him to the intersection of Route 59 and Darrow Road. He proceeded on foot north on Darrow Road to Graham Road, where he got a ride west on Graham Road to the intersection of Graham Road and Bath Road.

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He proceeded walking west on Bath Road to th vicinity of the intersection with State Route 8, wher he got a ride in a red Corvair, Ohio license number [redacted]

This ride took him to a housing division, kn as Hidden Valley Estates. After turning into this are the Corvair was observed at 4:41 p.m. to have turned a Phillips Drive or at Ardella Drive. This Corvair exit from Hidden Valley Estates shortly thereafter, and the individual in question was not observed in the car at time.

SA [redacted] nd SA [redacted] ere assisted in the above surveillance by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted]

On May 10, 1970, SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] concernin the identity of the above individual.

[redacted] who was, on May 10, 1970, positioned adjacent to the College Towers Apartments, acknowledge that he saw this individual enter the building. [redacted] said he did not recall the individual's last name, but his first name was [redacted] and his father is [redacted]

SA [redacted] displayed to [redacted] a photograph fro which [redacted] had previously pointed out an indivi who participated in the burning of the ROTC Building. [redacted] identified the same individual that [redacted] had poi out as being identical with the individual he knew as [redacted]

On May 11, 1970, LUKE telephonically contact SA [redacted] and advised that he had recalled that [redacted] last name was [redacted]

On May 11, 1970, SA [redacted] contacted [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] is currently employed with his department. He said that [redacted] resides at [redacted] Ohio, and has a son named [redacted]

[redacted] proceeded to furnish the following information regarding [redacted]

He was previously in the United States Armed Forces, exact branch and dates of service unrecalled. While home on leave from the Armed Forces on one occasion, he allegedly attempted suicide. He was treated at Green Cross Hospital at that time. He also has reportedly received psychiatric treatment at Akron General Hospital. He was formerly employed at one of the rubber companies in Akron, Ohio, and is reportedly employed somewhere in Kent at the present time. At some time in the past, he allegedly spent some time in Santa Barbara, California, where he was affiliated with some sort of cult. He was also reportedly arrested in the Boston, Massachusetts, area about one to one and one-half years ago for shoplifting

[redacted] furnished the following descriptive information on [redacted]

Race:
Sex:
Height:
Weight:
Date of Birth:
Social Security Number:

[redacted]

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[redacted], Kent, Ohio, furnished the following information:

He stated his home address is [redacted], Ohio, telephone number [redacted] He no [redacted] is working on a part-time basis [redacted]

[redacted] stated that on May 10, 1970, while he was assigned to Post Number 30, which is located nea the College Towers Apartments, 1800 Rhodes Road, Ke he observed a young white male, known to him as [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) walk past his post. He said he greeted this person, and had called him by his first name; and this individual had acknowledged his gree by saying, "hello."

[redacted] was displayed a photograph of a grou individuals, one of which was holding a pole which a banner; and he said that this individual was iden to the individual he knew as [redacted]. He said he h met this person prior to July 4, 1969, and this ind had formerly gone with a girl he knew only as [redacted] He added that [redacted] lives in a corner house in a area north of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and although he not recall the address of this residence, he feels he could locate the house. [redacted] further advised tha has not had any close association with [redacted] and knew him on a casual basis. He recalled that in th he has observed this person sitting on the steps of Townhouse in downtown Kent, Ohio, and also that he seen him frequenting "U.B.'s" and "The Cove", which two nightclubs located on North Water Street in Ken

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[redacted] Kent, Ohio, telephonically advised that he had located among his personal papers information tha would identify the person he had previously observed on May 10, 1970, known to him as [redacted] He said this person's full name is [redacted]

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