



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

KENT STATE SHOOTING

PART 1 OF 8

FILE NUMBER: 98-46479

UNITED STATES

MENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *7/5*

DATE: May 5, 1970

FROM : G. D. Brennan *6/2*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

Fire Bombing of Army ROTC Building
Kent State University (KSU), Kent,
Ohio, May 2, 1970

SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY

Since 5/1/70 civil disturbances on the campus of KSU have resulted in extensive damage to property. On 5/2/70 unknown persons destroyed an ROTC facility on the campus by fire. These disturbances were highlighted by the death of four students and wounding of several others. On 5/4/70 the Internal Security Division of the Department requested an investigation be conducted to determine whether violations of sabotage, sedition and civil rights laws have been committed in connection with the bombing of the ROTC building.

An investigation as to sabotage has been initiated by the Cleveland Division which is being advised by the attached teletype to initiate an urgent investigation with regard to the other aspects of this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached teletype to Cleveland be approved.

Enclosure *sent 5-5-70*

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

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
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TO SAC, CLEVELAND

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

Reserve Officers Training

UNSUBS; FIRE BOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, LAST; SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS - FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY.

REURTELS MAY TWO - FOUR, LAST, IN CAPTIONED MATTER.

ON MAY FOUR, LAST, THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTED AN INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED CONCERNING THE FIRE BOMBING OF THE ROTC FACILITY AT KSU ON MAY TWO, LAST, AS POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF SECTION TWO ONE FIVE THREE, TITLE EIGHTEEN, USC (SABOTAGE), SECTION TWO THREE EIGHT EIGHT, TITLE EIGHTEEN, USC (SEDITION) AND SECTION TWO FOUR FIVE, TITLE EIGHTEEN, USC (CIVIL RIGHTS - FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY). IN ADDITION TO SUBSTANTIVE VIOLATIONS OF THESE SECTIONS, THE DEPARTMENT ADVISED IT DESIRES INVESTIGATION TO ESTABLISH A CONSPIRACY TO DESTROY ROTC AND REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING: NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS SETTING FIRE TO BUILDING AND NAMES OF PERSONS ORGANIZING, INSTIGATING OR INCITING DAMAGE.

OBTAIN POST-ACT OR PRE-ACT STATEMENTS BY LEADERS INCLUDING

SPEECHES URGING ABOLISHMENT OF ROTC; ANY LEAFLETS OR OTHER

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SECRET TELETYPE
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TELETYPE TO SAC, CLEVELAND
RE: UNSUBS; FIRE BOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, 5/2/70

PRINTED MATERIAL AUTHORED AND DISTRIBUTED BY SUCH PERSONS DURING THE SAME ACTION SHOULD BE OBTAINED. DETERMINE WHETHER DISRUPTIVE ACTIONS WERE THE RESULT OF SDS OR OTHER MILITANT NEW LEFT LEADERSHIP OR THE ACTS OF LOCAL GROUPS ON INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE WITHOUT ADVICE FROM NATIONAL OR OTHER OUTSIDE INFLUENCES. SUBMIT REPORT IN TWO WEEKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION EIGHTY-SIX, MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS, AND ASSIGN SUFFICIENT MANPOWER IN ORDER THAT A COMPLETE REPORT MAY BE PREPARED TO OBTAIN A PROMPT OPINION FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

NOTE:

See memorandum C. D. Brennan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, dated 5/5/70, captioned as above, prepared by GHM:djb.

5/6/70

Airtel

1 - Mr. E. J. McDonough
1 - Mr. T. P. Rosack
1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

To: SAC, Cleveland

From: Director, FBI

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

SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY

ReButel 5/5/70.

Referenced teletype advised that the Department has requested an investigation be conducted concerning the firebombing of the captioned facility on 5/2/70.

There are enclosed for your assistance in connection with this investigation two copies of the letter from the Department dated 5/4/70 which requested this investigation.

Also enclosed for your assistance is a set of instructions relating to ROTC sabotage cases. These instructions represent inquiries which have been specifically made by the Department in other current cases of this type and should be followed along with those specific instructions relating to the other characters in the above caption.

Enclosures - 3

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NOTE:

By teletype 5/5/70, Cleveland was advised that the Department requested sabotage, sedition, and civil rights investigation be conducted with regard to firebombing of ROTC at Kent State University, Ohio, 5/2/70. Copies of the Department's letter requesting this investigation is being furnished Cleveland along with specific instructions relating to the investigation of ROTC sabotage cases based on recent requests by the Department.

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TELETYPE

FBI CLEVELAND

2:00PM URGENT 5-7-70 AFS

TO DIRECTOR, FBI, ALBANY, BALTIMORE, BUFFALO, CINCINNATI,
NEWARK, AND PITTSBURGH

FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140) 4P

Preserve Officers Training Corps
UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT
STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY.
SABOTAGE. OO: CLEVELAND.

RE CLEVELAND TEL TO THE BUREAU, MAY SIX, SEVENTY.
FOR INFOR OF ALL OFFICES, ABOUT EIGHT PM ON EVENING OF
MAY TWO, LAST, ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KSU, WAS DESTROYED BY
FIRE DURING CAMPUS DISRUPTION. ESTIMATED CROWD OF SIX
HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS WERE GATHERED ADJACENT TO BUILDING DURING
INCIDENT. PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES INDICATED THAT ABOUT FIFTY TO
SEVENTYFIVE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN
THROWING ROCKS AND DEBRIS AT BUILDING AND BREAKING WINDOWS
IN BUILDING. SOME OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ALSO SET BUILDING
ON FIRE.

CLEVELAND OFFICE ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW
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WITNESSES WHO CAN IDENTIFY UNSUBS. HOWEVER, CAMPUS WAS CLOSED MAY FOUR, LAST BY OHIO NATIONAL GUARD AND STUDENTS WERE EVACUATED. NO DATE HAS BEEN RELEASED FOR REOPENING OF CAMPUS.

CLEVELAND THEREFORE SETTING OUT LEADS TO HAVE POSSIBLE WITNESSES LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED AT HOME ADDRESSES.

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ADVISED KSU PD THAT THEY WITNESSED BURNING:

[REDACTED] OHIO.

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE TREATED AND RELEASED FROM CAMPUS HEALTH CENTER EVENING OF MAY TWO, LAST AND WERE POSSIBLY AT BURNING:

[REDACTED], PITTSBURGH, PA., TREATED FOR CUTS ON HAND;

[REDACTED] TOLDEO, OHIO, TREATED FOR CUTS ON HAND.

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[REDACTED] NO STREET ADDRESS AVAILABLE, BEVERLY, OHIO, TREATED FOR WOUND TO LEFT KNEE. 7C

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL WAS TREATED FOR HEARING LOSS ON MAY FOUR, LAST AND REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED BURNING AT HEALTH CENTER: *aka Peter A. Bliek* 6/1/70

PETER CHARLES BLIEK, THIRTYFOUR HIGHWOOD ROAD, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK. 7C

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
INQUIRIES WITH ROTC PERSONNEL DETERMINED FOLLOWING ROTC CADETS ON CAMPUS AFTERNOON OF MAY TWO AND WERE PARTICIPATING IN ROTC EXERCISES, FOLLOWING WHICH THEY WERE CONFRONTED WITH STUDENTS HECKLERS:

[REDACTED] COLUMBUS, OHIO;
[REDACTED]
PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, A FORMER CADET ALSO PRESENT; 7C

[REDACTED] . PITTS-
BURGH, PA.;

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[REDACTED] WHO REPORTEDLY HAS
INFO ABOUT HIPPIE-TYPE INDIVIDUALS IN VOLKSWAGEN ON KSU
CAMPUS NIGHT OF BURNING.

[REDACTED], AKRON, OHIO, TELEPHONICALLY
ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] A KSU STUDENT, CAN IDENTIFY A KSU
PROFESSOR, WHO ENCOURAGED STUDENTS TO DEMONSTRATE AND THREATENED
THEM WITH GRADES IF THEY DID NOT. [REDACTED] ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN.
HOWEVER, HER MOTHER IS REPORTEDLY EMPLOYED WITH [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] OHIO.

ABOVE INDIVIDUALS SHOULD BE PROMPTLY INTERVIEWED RE
CAPTIONED MATTER FOR ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION, IT BEING
NOTED THE CLEVELAND OFFICE IS ALSO ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP INFO
RE POSSIBLE CONSPIRACY TO BURN BUILDING AND IS CONDUCTING
POSSIBLE CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION RE SHOOTING OF KSU
STUDENTS ON CAMPUS ON MAY FOUR LAST.

POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE RESULTS SHOULD BE FURNISHED CLEVELAND
BY FD-THREE ZERO TWO'S.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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FBI CLEVELAND

1007PM URGENT 5-7-70 GDS

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140)

Reserve Officer Training Corps

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

SUMMARY

RE CLEVELAND TEL, MAY SIX, LAST.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO LOCATE WITNESSES RE CAPTIONED
MATTER AND IDENTIFY UNSUBS.

[REDACTED] KSU STUDENT AND WITNESS TO FIRE, ADVISED THIS
DATE HE OBSERVED TWO WHITE MALES SOAK RAG IN GASOLINE FROM
TANK OF MOTORCYCLE NEAR SCENE AND PROCEED TO START A FIRE
IN ROTC BLDG. [REDACTED] HAS TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN
INDIVIDUAL IN PHOTO OF GROUP OF DEMONSTRATORS AS REC-32
ABOVE INDIVIDUALS WHO STARTED FIRE. EFFORTS CONTINUING TO
DETERMINE IDENTITY OF UNSUB IN PHOTO. 11 14 30

INQUIRIES THIS DATE DETERMINED THAT FACULTY AND STUDENT

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DEPUTIES APPOINTED BY KSU ADMINISTRATION ATTEMPTED TO REASON WITH AND DISPERSE CROWD PRIOR TO FIRE. IDENTITIES OF THESE INDIVIDUALS BEING OBTAINED, AND THEY WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

PHOTOS WERE TAKEN THIS DATE OF DOCUMENTS OBTAINED BY KENT PD IN SEARCH OF RESIDENCE AT TWO THREE SEVEN AND ONE-HALF NORTH WATER ST., KENT, ON MAY FOUR, LAST. ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO INTERVIEW ARRESTEES INVOLVED IN THIS SEARCH; HOWEVER IT WAS LEARNED THEY WERE RELEASED FROM PORTAGE COUNTY JAIL MORNING OF MAY FIVE, LAST.

IT IS NOTED THIS INVESTIGATION IS BEING COORDINATED WITH CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION AT KSU AND DEATHS OF FOUR STUDENTS, MAY FOUR, LAST.

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To: SAC, Cleveland (98-2140)

From: Director, FBI

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

Reserve Officer's Training Corps

Reurtel 5/9/70 and Bureau telephone call 5/10/70.

This confirms referenced Bureau telephone call to SA [redacted] wherein Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley, Internal Security Division of Department, verbally authorized a search warrant for the off-campus residence of [redacted] as requested in referenced teletype. **7C**

As you were telephonically advised, you should insure the United States Attorney is kept fully apprised of all pertinent developments and the Bureau is likewise kept fully apprised so that Assistant Attorney General Yeagley may be kept currently advised.

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MAY 11 1970
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NOTE:

Telephone call made to Cleveland in view of exigency of the situation and time being of essence.

See memorandum J. A. Sizoo to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, captioned as above, dated 5/10/70, prepared by RLS:bjp.

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FBI CLEVELAND

11:15 PM URGENT 5-10-70 SLO

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140)

Reserve Officer

TRAINING CAMP

UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIV., KENT
OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY, SABOTAGE, OO: CLEVELAND.

SEARCH WARRANT EXECUTED TODAY AT TWO THREE ZERO EAST MAIN
ST., KENT, OHIO, BUT NO INCENDIARIES OR SIMILAR ARTICLES LOCATED.
LITERATURE ON PREMISES INDICATES RESIDENTS MEMBERS OF OR
SYMPATHETIC WITH SDS AND OTHER RADICAL GROUPS. SOME CLOTHING
INCLUDING JACKET, PANTS SEIZED BUT NO EVIDENCE OF INCENDIARY MATERIAL
ON THESE ARTICLES. ITEMS WILL BE SENT TO LABORATORY MAY ELEVEN
SEVENTY.

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*Included in addendum to
memo Sigs to Sullivan
5-16-70*

*Let to the
Sigs*

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1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

May 12, 1970

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

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

By teletype dated May 9, 1970, the Cleveland Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation advised [redacted] Parma, Ohio, had been identified as the individual who was observed dropping a gasoline-soaked rag into a window at the ROTC Building at Kent State University on May 2, 1970, when that facility was burned.

On May 10, 1970, you were contacted by telephone and verbally authorized the Cleveland Division to obtain a search warrant for [redacted]'s off-campus residence in order that a search could be made for evidence of his involvement in this fire bombing.

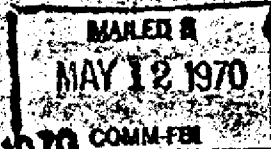
For your information, this search warrant was executed on May 10, 1970. No incendiary devices or similar articles were located by this search. Literature on the premises appeared to have been published by Students for a Democratic Society or other radical groups. Some clothing was seized for examination by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory. The results of such examination will be promptly furnished to you.

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

GHM:djb, (5)

NOTE: At the request of Cleveland, Assistant Attorney General Yeagley was contacted 5/10/70 and authorized a search warrant for an individual identified as participating in the fire bombing of the ROTC Building at KSU 5/2/70. AAG, Yeagley, being advised as to the results of this search.

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FBI CLEVELAND

146PM URGENT 5-11-70 PMB

TO DIRECTOR, NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, CHICAGO, AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140) 5P

Reserve Officers Training Corps

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

RE CLEVELAND AIRTEL TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES, MAY TEN,
LAST.

INVESTIGATION IN CAPTIONED MATTER DEVELOPED INDIVI-
DUALS RESIDING IN RESIDENCE LOCATED TWO THREE ZERO EAST
MAIN ST., KENT, OHIO, MAY HAVE KNOWLEDGE OR HAVE BEEN ACTIVE
PARTICIPANTS IN CAPTIONED BURNING.

ON MAY TEN, LAST, SEARCH WARRANT EXECUTED AT TWO THREE
ZERO EAST MAIN ST., KENT, AND NUMEROUS SDS AND NEW LEFT TYPE
LITERATURE OBSERVED AND SOME OF IT SEIZED. IT WAS DETER-
MINED FOLLOWING SEVEN PEOPLE ARE RESIDENTS OF THIS HOUSE:

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] OHIO
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 7C
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] OHIO
[REDACTED]

ON NIGHT OF BURNING OF ROTC BLDG. THERE WAS A GATHERING
AT RESIDENCE WHERE AFOREMENTIONED PEOPLE RESIDE AND ALSO
PRESENT WERE SEVERAL FEMALES: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THESE FEMALES, ALONG WITH THE RESIDENTS, HAD
A SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER AT WHICH THEY TOASTED MARSHMELLOWS
AND COOKED HOT DOGS. IT HAS BEEN ALLEGED THAT FOUR MALES
RAN INTO THE HOUSE DURING THIS GATHERING AND STATED THEY HAD
JUST SET FIRE TO THE ROTC BLDG.; HOWEVER, IT HAS NOT BEEN
DETERMINED WHETHER THEY MEANT THEMSELVES AS INDIVIDUALS OR
THE GROUP OF STUDENTS WHO WERE OUTSIDE THE ROTC BUILDING
HAD ACTUALLY SET THE FIRE.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED, BUT DURING INTERVIEW WAS APPARENTLY UNDER INFLUENCE OF NARCOTICS AND COULD NOT REMEMBER A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THE NIGHT OF THE BURNING BUT DID INDICATE HE FELT SOME INDIVIDUALS CAME INTO THE RESIDENCE AND MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT A FIRE. THAT NIGHT HE HAD A DATE WITH [REDACTED] HE INDICATED THAT AT PRESENT [REDACTED] IS AT HIS PHILADELPHIA ADDRESS. 7C

[REDACTED] HAS ALSO BEEN INTERVIEWED. HE RELATED THAT ALL RESIDENTS OF THE HOUSE WERE PRESENT THE NIGHT OF THE BURNING, AS WELL AS THE FEMALES, AND THE ONLY TWO WHO COULD HAVE POSSIBLY BEEN AWAY FROM THE HOUSE AND WHOM HE CONSIDERED "MOBILE" WERE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]. HE ALSO STATED THAT [REDACTED] WAS GONE FROM THE RESIDENCE SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR TO THE BURNING AND DISTURBANCES AT KSU AND HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ARE ROOMMATES, AND BY VIRTUE OF WHAT WAS OBSERVED IN THEIR ROOM THEY ARE UNDOUBTEDLY VERY SYMPATHETIC TO NEW LEFT ACTIVITIES.

[REDACTED] IS ALSO APPARENTLY VERY SYMPATHETIC TO NEW LEFT ACTIVITIES SINCE IN HIS ROOM AND AMONG HIS PERSONAL BELONGINGS WERE OBSERVED LITERATURE AS WELL AS PEACE SYMBOLS AND ARM

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BANDS WHICH WOULD BE UTILIZED BY DEMONSTRATORS.

ABOUT THE TIME THAT THE ROTC BLDG. WAS BURNED AND SOME
TIME DURING THAT DAY THERE WAS A VISITOR AT THE HOUSE NAMED
[REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED] STUDENT AT SOUTHERN ILL. UNIV.,
CARBONDALE, ILL., RESIDING ON CAMPUS, IN ROOM EIGHT ZERO FOUR
SCHEIDER HALL, SIU. HIS PARENTS ARE MR. AND MRS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ONE TWO NINE FOUR ZERO S⁰UTH BALTIMORE, CHICAGO, ILL.

ALL RECIPIENT OFFICES REQUESTED LOCATE AND INTERVIEW INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN THEIR TERRITORIES OR SET FORTH APPROPRIATE LEADS TO DO SO AND DETERMINE THEIR ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO THE BURNING OF THE ROTC BLDG. AT KSU, WHERE AND WITH WHOM THEY WERE THAT NIGHT, ANY INFO RE ACTIVITIES OF OTHER MEMBERS WHO RESIDE AT THE HOUSE, THEIR PHILOSOPHIES, THEIR ASSOCIATES, IF THEY HAVE ANY IDEA AS TO WHO MIGHT HAVE BURNED THE ROTC BLDG., OR IDENTITIES OF ANY PERTINENT WITNESSES.

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AND ANY AND ALL INFO RELATIVE TO ALL OF THE DISTURBANCES AND VIOLENCE WHICH TOOK PLACE DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AT KSO. THESE INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE VERY DETAILED AND PROBING SINCE IT IS FELT THESE PEOPLE ARE IN POSSESSION OF PERTINENT KNOWLEDGE RELATIVE TO CAPTIONED MATTER.

IF INFO DEVELOPED RE KENFOUR (CLEVELAND FOUR FOUR - SEVEN ZERO THREE), SEPARATE THREE ZERO TWOS NECESSARY.

SUTEL RESULTS.

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NRO16 NK PLAIN

4:05 PM URGENT 5/8/70 IPC

TO DIRECTOR (ATTN. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)

CLEVELAND (98-2140)

FROM NEWARK (98-2643) (RUC)

Reserve Officers Training Corps
UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT
STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, FIVE TWO SEVENTY. SABOTAGE.

OO: CLEVELAND.

RE CLEVELAND TEL FIVE SEVEN LAST.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], PALINFIELD, NJ, REVEALED [REDACTED] FAMILY

LEFT AREA IN LATE NINETEEN SIXTY NINE.

[REDACTED] PLAINFIELD POST OFFICE, FURNISHED

FORWARDING ADDRESS OF [REDACTED] FAMILY AS [REDACTED]

OHIO, FOUR FOUR ONE TWO TWO.

CLEVELAND HANDLE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Sullivan

DATE: May 8, 1970

FROM : C. D. Brennan

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Firebombing of Army ROTC
Building, Kent State University,
Kent, Ohio, May 2, 1970.
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY

Reserve OFFICERS TRAINING
CORPS

Ohio

Reference is made to my previous memorandum of today.

Pursuant to your instructions, Special Agent in Charge Cusick was advised at 5:15 p.m. this date that the deadline in submitting a report in this case has been extended to noon, May 14, 1970.

ACTION:

For information

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. Menzel

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8:20PM URGENT MJB 5-5-70

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: CLEVELAND (98-2140)

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UNSUBS: FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC, KENT STATE UNIV. (KSU).

KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY. SABOTAGE. OO: CV.

STRE CLEVELAND TEL, MAY FOUR, LAST.

[REDACTED] FURNISHED INFO TODAY PROVIDED BY STUDENT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WHO WITNESSED CAPTIONED FIREBOMBING. [REDACTED] A STUDENT [REDACTED]
WHO WAS ATTEMPTING TO DISPERSE STUDENTS AROUND ROTC BUILDING,
INDICATED THAT ABOUT FIFTY OF THE SIX HUNDRED MEMBERS OF THE CROWD
WERE ACTUALLY ENGAGED IN THROWING ROCKS AT THE BUILDING AND START-
ING FIRE. EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE [REDACTED] AND INTERVIEW RE ADDIT-
IONAL DETAILS.

OTHER KSU STUDENT WITNESSES IDENTIFIED ARE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND ATTEMPTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW.
CLEVELAND WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

END.

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NR 012 SPRINGFIELD PLAIN

552PM URGENT 5-11-70 DJK

TO DIRECTOR

CLEVELAND (98-2140)

CHICAGO

LOUISVILLE

FROM SPRINGFIELD (98-) 2PP

Reserve Officers Training Co

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

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY ELEVEN, INSTANT.

A COPY OF REFERENCED TELETYPE IS BEING FORWARDED LOUISVILLE
AMSD.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF BUREAU, LOUISVILLE, CHICAGO, AND
CLEVELAND, EFFORTS TO LOCATE [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED] SOUTHERN
ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY (SIU) NEGATIVE. SIU OFFICIALS INDICATE [REDACTED]
REFERRED TO UNIVERSITY FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ASHLAND FEDERAL
YOUTH CENTER, ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, JANUARY ONE, LAST. [REDACTED] LEFT
RESIDENCE, ROOM ONE ZERO THREE ONE, SCHNIDER HALL, APRIL THIRTEEN,
LAST, AFTER FORGING NAME OF A FELLOW STUDENT ON CHECK. FORMER
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ROOMMATE AND RESIDENT HALL SUPERVISORS HAVE NO IDEA AS TO [REDACTED]
WHEREABOUTS,

UNIVERSITY RECORDS INDICATE PARENTS, [REDACTED] 7C

[REDACTED] CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. CONTACT WITH
U. S. PROBATION OFFICE, EAST ST. LOUIS, DEVELOPED THAT [REDACTED] IS
ON PAROLE BUT HAS NOT BEEN DECLARED AN "ABSCOUNDER" AS YET.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, SPRINGFIELD WILL RE-CONTACT CASE
OFFICER HANDLING U. S. PROBATION, EAST ST. LOUIS.

LOUISVILLE SHOULD REVIEW INSTITUTION FILES, ASHLAND, FOR
BACKGROUND RELATIVE TO [REDACTED]

CHICAGO RECONTACT PARENTS FOR INFORMATION AS TO [REDACTED] 7C
WHEREABOUTS, IT BEING NOTED PARENTS ADVISED APRIL TWENTYFIVE,
LAST, THAT [REDACTED] LEFT SIU.

INASMUCH AS [REDACTED] EX-CON AND POSSIBLY CONVICTED ON
NARCOTICS VIOLATION, CLEVELAND SHOULD BE ALERT FOR ANY OTHER
INFORMATION CONCERNING [REDACTED]

END

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FBI NEW YORK

525PM URGENT 5-12-70 AJN

TO DIRECTOR, CLEVELAND 98-2140

FROM NEW YORK 98-3014

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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
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Reserve Officer Training
UNSUBS, FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, NINETEEN SEVENTY
SABOTAGE, OO- CLEVELAND

RECUTEL TO DIRECTOR, NEW YORK AND OTHER OFFICES, DATED
MAY ELEVEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY, REQUESTING INTERVIEW OF
[REDACTED] PLAINVIEW, NEW YORK.

ON MAY TWELVE, NINETEEN SEVENTY, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PLAINVIEW, NEW YORK, ADVISED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DEPARTED EARLY AM THIS DATE TO PICK UP BELONGINGS
AT RESIDENCE AT KENT OHIO, TWO THIRTY EAST MAIN STREET.

[REDACTED] TRAVELLING BY AUTO WITH UNIDENTIFIED KSU STUDENTS
RETURNING TO KSU. SHE ADVISED [REDACTED] MAY RETURN HOME BY

WEEKEND BUT STATED THAT INASMUCH AS HE IS VERY "MOBILE"
IT IS DIFFICULT TO PREDICT THE DATE OF HIS ACTUAL RETURN.

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IN KENFOUR INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY ELEVEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY, [REDACTED]

PLAINVIEW, NEW YORK, A KSU STUDENT, WAS INTERVIEWED. DURING INTERVIEW, HE WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE NAMES OR ACTIVITIES OF ANY INDIVIDUALS PRESENT AT KSU DURING WEEKEND PRIOR TO AND ON DATE OF BOMBING. POSSIBILITY [REDACTED] RETURNING TO KSU WITH [REDACTED] IN INTERVIEW MAY ELEVEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY.

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE WAS RETURNING TO KSU EITHER MAY TWELVE OR MAY THIRTEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY FOR BELONGINGS. ATTEMPTS TO RECONTACT [REDACTED] THIS DATE, AT RESIDENCE, NEGATIVE.

CLEVELAND CONSIDER RE-INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] IN VIEW OF ABOVE INDICATION THAT BOTH COME FROM SAME COMMUNITY, PLAINVIEW, NEW YORK, AND HAVE RESIDENCES APPROXIMATELY SIX BLOCKS APART.

END

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FBI CINC/NTI

313PM URGENT 5/8/70 CFR

TO DIRECTOR AND CLEVELAND

FROM CINCINNATI (98-1455901P)

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UNSUB; FIRE BOMBING OF ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE
UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO SEVENTY
SABOTAGE

RE CLEVELANDTEL TO BUREAU, MAY SEVEN LAST.

[REDACTED] YORKVILLE, OHIO.

THIS DATE ADVISED THEIR SON STILL RESIDING AT UNKNOWN FRATERNITY
HOUSE NEAR KENT STATE UNIVERSITY. [REDACTED] NIGHT COKE HOME
SOMETIME DURING WEEKEND BUT EXACT TIME UNKNOWN.

CLEVELAND ATTEMPT CONTACT [REDACTED] AT KENT, OHIO.

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NR006 AL PLAIN

3:17PMURGENT 5-11-70 KEM

TO DIRECTOR

BUFFALO

CLEVELAND (98-2148)

NEW YORK

FROM ALBANY (98-963) 4P

C.O. effect
M. J. [unclear]

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UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY. SABOTAGE.
OO CLEVELAND.

RE CLEVELAND TEL MAY NINE LAST.

FOR INFO BUFFALO, RETEL ADVISED AT ABOUT EIGHT PM, EVENING
MAY TWO LAST, ARMY ROTC BUILDING AT KSU WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE
DURING CAMPUS DISRUPTION. CROWD OF ABOUT SIX HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS
WERE GATHERED ADJACENT TO BUILDING DURING INCIDENT. PRELIMINARY
INVESTIGATION INDICATES THAT ABOUT FIFTY TO SEVENTYFIVE OF
THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THROWING ROCKS AND
DEBRIS AT BUILDING AND BREAKING WINDOWS AT BUILDING. SOME OF
THESE INDIVIDUALS ALSO SET BUILDING ON FIRE.

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CLEVELAND OFFICE ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW WITNESSES WHO CAN IDENTIFY UNSUBS. THEREFORE, CLEVELAND IS SETTING OUT LEADS TO HAVE POSSIBLE WITNESSES LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED AT THEIR HOME ADDRESSES.

ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW SIX KSU STUDENTS ARRESTED BY KENT PD EVENING OF MAY FOUR LAST, AND RELEASED MAY FIVE LAST. THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE ARRESTED AT TWO THREE SEVEN AND ONE HALF W. WATER ST., KENT, IN A RESIDENCE WHICH KENT PD BELIEVES WAS USED AS A COMMUNICATIONS CENTER FOR INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN DISRUPTION.

[REDACTED], KENT, 7d
ADVISED THAT HE BELIEVES SDS MEMBERS HAVE BEEN RESIDING IN A HOUSE [REDACTED] HE INDICATED THAT NUMEROUS "HIPPIE TYPE" INDIVIDUALS WERE AT HOUSE DURING DISRUPTION AT KSU. HE ADDED THAT ONLY A COUPLE OF INDIVIDUALS REMAINED AT HOUSE AND THAT THEY HAVE A GREEN TRIUMPH CAR WITH NEW YORK LICENSE WO EIGHT FOUR FOUR ONE. OHIO NATIONAL GUARD ALSO FURNISHED FOLLOWING NEW YORK LICENSE NUMBERS AS BEING SIGHTED IN KENT AT RESIDENCE
END PAGE TWO

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POSSIBLY USED BY STUDENTS INVOLVED IN DISRUPTION; SEVEN FOUR THREE TWO B SIX; FOUR SEVEN TWO ZERO E.

CLEVELAND HAS REQUESTED IDENTITIES OF REGISTRANTS BE OBTAINED AND INDICES CHECKED.

DMV RECORDS, ALBANY, N. Y., REVEAL NEW YORK LICENSE WO EIGHT FOUR FOUR ONE ISSUED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

LICENSE SEVEN FOUR THREE TWO B SIX NOT VALID NEW YORK STATE LICENSE, HOWEVER, LICENSE SEVEN FOUR THREE TWO BG ISSUED

[REDACTED]

LICENSE FOUR SEVEN TWO ZERO E ISSUED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 7C
BUFFALO REVIEW INDICES RE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]
CLEVELAND ADVISE ALBANY AND BUFFALO IF ABOVE REGISTRANTS
SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED.

NEW YORK DISREGARD LEAD TO DETERMINE LISTINGS OF NEW YORK
PLATE NUMBERS AS REQUESTED RETEL.

AM COPY CHICAGO. P.

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FBI CLEVELAND

105PM URGENT 5-4-70 PMB

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CLEVELAND (98-NEW) 3P

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

RE CLEVELAND TELS, MAY TWO, THREE, AND FOUR, SEVENTY,
CAPTIONED CIVIL DISORDER, KENT, OHIO, MAY ONE AND TWO,
SEVENTY, INFO CONCERNING (IS); STAG.

RETELS REPORTED DISORDERS IN KENT, OHIO, AND ON CAMPUS,
KSU. INCLUDED IN DISORDERS WAS FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC
BUILDING ON KSU CAMPUS DURING EVENING MAY TWO, LAST.

AT ABOUT SEVEN THIRTY P M, MAY TWO, LAST, ABOUT SIX
HUNDRED KSU STUDENTS ASSEMBLED ON CAMPUS ADJACENT TO ROTC
FACILITIES. THE CROWD BEGAN YELLING AND CHANTING AND AT
ABOUT EIGHT TEN P M THEY STARTED THROWING ROCKS AND OTHER
OBJECTS AT ARMY ROTC BUILDING. NUMEROUS WINDOWS WERE
BROKEN OUT ON NORTH SIDE OF BUILDING.

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MEMBERS OF THIS CROWD ALSO BUILT A FIRE WHERE THEY WERE GATHERED AND ATTEMPTED TO CARRY THE FIRE TO THE ROTC BUILDING. THEY USED HIGHWAY OR RAILROAD-TYPE FLARES IN THIS REGARD, AND ONE INDIVIDUAL REPORTEDLY THREW A GASOLINE-SOAKED RAG INTO BUILDING. SOON A FIRE DEVELOPED IN BUILDING.

WHEN KENT FIRE DEPT. ARRIVED THEY WERE REPELLED BY STUDENTS, WHO THREW ROCKS AND CUT FIRE HOSES. CAMPUS POLICE ALSO REPORTED TO AREA AND FOUR OFFICERS RECEIVED MINOR INJURIES FROM THROWN ROCKS.

BY TEN P M ARMY ROTC BUILDING WAS BURNING OUT OF CONTROL. KENT FIRE DEPT. RETURNED TO AREA AND MANAGED TO SAVE SURROUNDING BUILDINGS, BUT ARMY ROTC BUILDING WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED.

THIS BUILDING WAS A SINGLE STORY, WOOD FRAME BUILDING, AND DAMAGE WAS INITIALLY ESTIMATED AT EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. ABOUT TWO THOUSAND ROUNDS OF TWENTYTWO CALIBER AMMUNITION EXPLODED IN FIRE, BUT CAUSED NO INJURIES. ALSO, ABOUT TWO HUNDRED MILITARY PISTOLS AND RIFLES WERE DESTROYED. NO WEAPONS WERE NOTED TO BE MISSING AS RESULT OF SEARCH OF RUINS.

END PAGE TWO

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KSU POLICE, WHO OBSERVED BURNING OF BUILDING, WERE
UNABLE TO MAKE INITIAL IDENTIFICATIONS OF SUBJECTS DUE TO
DARKNESS AND MADE NO ARRESTS IN VIEW OF SIZE OF CROWD.

UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY

JACB, CLEVELAND IMMEDIATELY INSTITUTING SABOTAGE IN-
VESTIGATION AND WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

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CC- MR. SULLIVAN

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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FBI CLEVELAND

PM 10:10PM URGENT 5-9-70 GJZ

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140)

Reserve Officers Training Corps

UNSUBS; FIREBOMBINGS OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE

UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO SEVENTY. SABOTAGE

BUREAU REQUESTED TO CONSULT WITH DEPT. FOR APPROVAL OF
SEARCH WARRANT BASED ON FOLLOWING AFFIDAVIT FOR KENT RES-
IDENCE OF [REDACTED] **7C**

U.S. ARMY RESERVE OFFICER'S TRAINING CORPS BUILDING NUMBER
FORTY-FIVE, EAST HALL ON THE CAMPUS OF KENT STATE UNIVERSITY WAS
BURNED TO THE GROUND DURING A RIOTOUS DEMONSTRATION BY DEMONSTRATORS
AT KENT STATE UNIV. ON MAY TWO SEVENTY.

[REDACTED] STUDENT AT KSU ROOM TWO ONE ONE, JOHNSON HALL,
WAS PRESENT AT THE DEMONSTRATION AS A NON-PARTICIPATOR AND OBSERVED
A TALL WHITE MALE LIGHT GASOLINE SOAKED RAGS AND DROP THEM INTO A
BROKEN WINDOW OF BUILDING FORTY-FIVE.

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[REDACTED] IDENTIFIED A PHOTOGRAPH OF A TALL WHITE MALE DEMONSTRATOR TAKEN AT THE KENT STATE UNIVERSITY DEMONSTRATIONS AS THE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE TALL WHITE MALE HE HAD OBSERVED LIGHTING A GASOLINE SOAKED RAG AND PUTTING IT IN A BROKEN WINDOW OF THE BURNED R.O.T.C. BUILDING FORTYFIVE. [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED THE PHOTO OF THE TALL WHITE MALE IN THE GROUP PHOTO MENTIONED ABOVE AS THE PHOTOGRAPH OF [REDACTED] PARMA, OHIO.

[REDACTED], PARMA, OHIO, 7C
ADVISED HIS SON [REDACTED] HAD TOLD HIM HE WAS PRESENT AT THE BURNING OF THE R.O.T.C. BUILDING NO. FORTY-FIVE AT KENT STATE UNIV.. HE ALSO ADVISED THAT HIS SON IS A STUDENT AT KSU AND RESIDES OFF CAMPUS AT TWO THREE ZERO EAST MAIN ST., KENT, OHIO, AND HAS ATTENDED NUMEROUS CAMPUS DEMONSTRATIONS IN CLEVELAND, WASHINGTON, D.C. AND KENT, OHIO.

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[REDACTED] A KENT STATE UNIV. STUDENT, FOUR FOUR FOUR VERDA, KENT, OHIO, ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] A KENT STUDENT WAS PRESENT AT TWO THREE ZERO EAST MAIN ST., KENT, OHIO, WHEN CERTAIN MALE INDIVIDUALS ENTERED THE BUILDING AT TWO THREE ZERO EAST MAIN ST., KENT, OHIO.
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IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FIRE WAS SET IN THE R.O.T.C. BUILDING NO. FORTY-FIVE AND THEY STATED THAT THEY HAD JUST FIRED THE R.O.T.C. BUILDING ON THE KENT STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS.

ON INTERVIEW WITH FATHER INSTANT DATE, FATHER INDICATED HE WAS TRAVELING TO KENT TOMORROW OR MONDAY TO OBTAIN SON'S PERSONAL BELONGINGS.

CLEVELAND BELIEVES BELONGINGS MAY CONTAIN EVIDENCE OF VALUE. CLEVELAND INDICES NEGATIVE RE [REDACTED] 76

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FBI WASH DC

MR SULLIVAN

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. A. Rosen

DATE: 5/10/70

FROM : J. A. Sizoo

1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel
1 - Mr. R. L. Shackelford

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army ROTC
Building, Kent State University (KSU),
Kent, Ohio, 5/2/70
SABOTAGE

1. Cleveland teletype (attached) requested the Bureau to consult with the Department to obtain authorization for a search warrant for the off-campus residence of student [REDACTED]

The attached teletype relates another student had observed an unidentified male drop lighted gasoline soaked rag into a broken window of the ROTC building at Kent State University and identified this person from a group photograph taken at the time of the incident. [REDACTED] identified this individual in the photograph as being [REDACTED] Parma, Ohio. [REDACTED] father was interviewed and advised his son [REDACTED] had told them he was present at the burning of the ROTC building, was a student at Kent University and resided off campus at 230 East Main Str Kent, Ohio. He stated his son has attended numerous campus demonstrations in Cleveland, Washington and Kent, Ohio. Father indicated he planned to travel to Kent on 5/10/70 or 5/11/70 to obtain his son's personal belongings.

On 5/10/70 Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley Internal Security Division of the Department, was telephonically contacted by SA R. L. Shackelford, Duty Agent, Domestic Intelligence Division, and advised of the request for a search warrant by the Cleveland Office and the supporting facts. Yeagley was advised Cleveland Office believes the apartment of [REDACTED] contain evidence of his involvement in the firebombing of the ROTC building.

Assistant Attorney General Yeagley verbally authorized the Cleveland Division to obtain a search warrant of [REDACTED] off-campus residence to search for evidence of his involvement in the firebombing.

Enclosure

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army ROTC
Building, Kent State University (KSU),
Kent, Ohio, 5/2/70

Case Supervisor G. H. Menzel and Branch Chief J. A. Sizoo were advised. John N. Ouellette, Security Supervisor, Cleveland Division, was telephonically advised of Assistant Attorney General Yeagley's authorization at 10:05 a.m. Ouellette was also advised of Yeagley's instructions that the United States Attorney there be kept fully apprised of all developments in this matter. A confirmatory airtel will be forwarded to the Cleveland Division.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

ADDENDUM:

5-11-70

By teletype 5-10-70 Cleveland Office advised search warrant executed that date but no incendiaries or similar articles located. Literature on premises indicates residents members of or sympathetic with Students for a Democratic Society and other radical groups. Some clothing, including jacket, pants seized but no evidence of incendiary material on article which will be sent to Laboratory 5-11-70.

confirming airtel attached

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line 5/11/70

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Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

May 13, 1970

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. G. H. Menze

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

Fire Bombing of Army ROTC Building

① Kent State University (KSU)

Kent, Ohio; May 2, 1970

SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY

Reference is made to your letter dated May 7, 1970, captioned "Unknown Subjects, Kent (Portage County), Ohio; Interference with Federal Activity (ROTC), Civil Rights Act of 1968."

For your information, investigation concerning this matter has been initiated by this Bureau based on a letter from Mr. J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, dated May 4, 1970. The Cleveland Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is being furnished those specific items which you requested to be covered in connection with this investigation. The results of this investigation will be promptly furnished to you.

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MAY 13 1970
COMM-FBI

Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

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Cleveland (Enclosure)

19 MAY 14 1970

ATTENTION: SAC, CLEVELAND

Attached is a copy of a letter received by the Bureau from Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, the contents of which were telephonically furnished to you 5/8/70. This letter requests certain specific items to be covered in connection with the investigation of this matter. At that time you were instructed to insure all these matters are incorporated into the report which will be submitted by you. Furnish Bureau sufficient copies of reports in consideration of multiple character of investigation and dissemination which will be necessary by the Bureau.

CHN:djb/jlm

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

NOTE:

Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, requested investigation concerning possible violation of Civil Rights Law related to burning of ROTC facility at Kent State University, 5/2/70. He is being advised that such an investigation has already been initiated at the request of the Internal Security Division by its letter 5/4/70 and that the specific items listed by him will be covered during the investigation.

1-Mr. Mohr
1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen

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1-Mr. Con
1-Mr. Jev
1-Mr. Aar
1-Office,

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TELETYPE

IMMEDIATE

TO SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

Reserve Officers Training Corps

UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE
UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, NINETEEN SEVENTY,
SABOTAGE. REURLET MAY ELEVEN.

NO INCENDIARY CHEMICALS FOUND ON ARTICLES OF CLOTHING.

NO EVIDENCE FOUND TO ESTABLISH BALLOONS AND CEMENT WERE
USED FOR SNIFFING PURPOSES.

NO MARIJUANA FOUND IN PIPE ALTHOUGH CHEMICAL TESTS
SUGGEST IT MAY HAVE BEEN USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

REPORT FOLLOWS.

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

5/21/70

SAC, CLEVELAND (93-2140)

SUBJECT: Firebombing of Army
NORC Building, Kent State
University (KSU), Kent, Ohio
5/2/70
SABOTAGE

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CO: Cleveland

Transmitted to the FBI Laboratory under separate cover, are the following items which were seized in the search of 603 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio under the authorization of a search warrant, issued May 10, 1970, by United States Commissioner CLIFFORD E. BRUCE, Cleveland, Ohio, which search warrant was executed May 10, 1970, by searching the residence at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, for clothing, incendiary material or any other material that could be used for destructive purposes by explosion, thermal or incendiary destruction:

- 17 (Item 1) 3/4 length gray winter jacket (parka), with fur-lined hood and orange lining.
- 18 (Item 2) One pair blue denim jeans trousers
- 19 (Item 3) One pair tan suede gloves.
- 20 (Item 4) One blue, men's shirt (cotton).
- 21 (Item 5) One hippie type headband.
- 22 (Item 6) One pair purple levis trousers
- 23 (Item 7) One tan corduroy coat in plastic dry-cleaners bag.
- 24 (Item 8) Two make-shift peace armbands, made from duncanoes.

3 - Bureau
1 - SAC (RM)
1 - Cleveland

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(11-19) Items found in first floor bedroom:

- Q 9 6 rubber balloons.
- Q 10 1 tube Fibers Contact Cement
- Q 11 1 tube Duro cement
- Q 12 1 cardboard tube, partially covered with aluminum foil, with burned hole in one end (make-shift marijuana pipe?)

The FBI Laboratory is requested to examine the items of clothing, numbered Item #1 thru Item #8, for any traces of residue or smoke particles or incendiary chemical residue which might indicate the wearer of this clothing had started fires through the use of gasoline soaked rags, railroad flares or any other type of device of a flammable or combustible nature.

It is requested that the FBI Laboratory examine the items submitted under Item #9, that is the six rubber balloons, the two tubes of cement with the intention of determining if these balloons and cement were used by individuals to sniff glue for narcotic effect. For example, examine the tubes to determine if any facial hairs or nasal hairs are present on the cap or the tubes.

It is also requested that the cardboard tube which is probably a make-shift pipe, be examined to determine whether or not this pipe was used to smoke marijuana, hashish or any other type of narcotic which could be utilized by smoking.

The Attorney General

May 15, 1970

Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. A. Rosen
- 1 - Mail Room (5531 JB)
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. G. H. Menzel

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

Fire Bombing of Army ROTC Building
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio
May 2, 1970

SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

Reference is made to letters dated May 4, 1970, and May 7, 1970, from Assistant Attorneys General, Internal Security Division and Civil Rights Division, respectively, which requested an investigation be conducted concerning the captioned matter.

There is enclosed a copy of the initial report which contains the results of investigation conducted. The investigation in this case is continuing and you will be kept promptly advised.

A copy of the enclosed report is being furnished to Honorable John D. Ehrlichman at the White House.

Enclosure

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
Civil Rights Division
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
Criminal Division
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
Internal Security Division

GHM:rad
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NOTE:

See memorandum C. D. Brennan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan captioned as above, prepared by GHM:pab.

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FBI

Date: 5/11/70

Transmit the following in

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TELETYPE

URGENT

(Priority)

TO : BUREAU (MAIL) AND CLEVELAND

FROM: PITTSBURGH (98-1317)

UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY/ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE

UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO, FIVE TWO SEVENTY, SABOTAGE

OO: CLEVELAND

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU FIVE SEVEN LAST,
AND PITTSBURGH TELETYPE FIVE EIGHT LAST.

[REDACTED] ROTC MEMBER, PLANS TO REMAIN IN KENT,
OHIO, THIS WEEK. CLEVELAND INTERVIEW HIM AT [REDACTED]

1 - BUREAU (AIRMAIL)
1 - PITTSBURGH
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Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
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Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
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Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
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Miss Gandy

FBI WASH DC

FBI CLEVELAND

1:45AM URGENT MJB 5-9-70

TO: DIRECTOR, ALBANY, CHICAGO, NEW YORK, NEWARK
FROM: CLEVELAND (98-2140)

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS: FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING KENT STATE
UNIV. (KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY, SABOTAGE. 00: CV.

RE CLEVELAND TEL TO BUREAU MAY SEVEN, LAST.

FOR INFO OF ALL OFFICES, AT ABOUT EIGHT PM EVENING OF MAY TWO,
LAST, ARMY ROTC BUILDING AT KSU WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE DURING
CAMPUS DISRUPTION. CROWD OF ABOUT SIX HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS WERE
GATHERED ADJACENT TO BUILDING DURING INCIDENT. PRELIMINARY INVEST-
IGATION INDICATES THAT ABOUT FIFTY-SEVENTYFIVE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS
WERE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THROWING ROCKS AND DEBRIS AT BUILDING AND
BREAKING WINDOWS AT BUILDING. SOME OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ALSO SET
BUILDING ON FIRE.

CLEVELAND OFFICE ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW WITNESSES
WHO CAN IDENTIFY UNSUBS. HOWEVER, CAMPUS WAS CLOSED ON MAY FOUR,
LAST. NATIONAL GUARD (ONG) AND STUDENTS WERE EVACUATED.

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NO DATE HAS BEEN RELEASED FOR REOPENING OF CAMPUS.

CLEVELAND IS THEREFORE SETTING OUT LEADS TO HAVE POSSIBLE WITNESSES LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED AT THEIR HOME ADDRESSES.

ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW SIX XSU STUDENTS ARRESTED BY KENT PD EVENING OF MAY FOUR, LAST AND RELEASED MAY FIVE, LAST. THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE ARRESTED AT TWO THREE SEVEN AND ONE HALF N. WATER ST., KENT, IN A RESIDENCE WHICH KENT PD BELIEVES WAS USED AS A COMMUNICATION CENTER FOR INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN DISRUPTION.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE THE FOLLOWING ARRESTEES WERE NEGATIVE:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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ABOVE INDIVIDUALS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS POSSIBLE SUSPECTS AND SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED FOR ANY KNOWLEDGE THEY MIGHT HAVE REBURNING OF ROTC BUILDING, CAMPUS DISRUPTION, OR CONSPIRACY IN CONNECTION WITH THESE MATTERS.

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[REDACTED] KENT, ADVISED THAT HE BELIEVES SDS MEMBERS HAVE BEEN RESIDING IN A HOUSE [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT NUMEROUS "HIPPIE TYPE" INDIVIDUALS WERE AT HOUSE DURING DISRUPTION AT KSU. HE ADDED THAT ONLY A COUPLE OF INDIVIDUALS REMAIN AT HOUSE AND THAT THEY HAVE GREEN TRIUMPH CAR WITH NEW YORK LICENSE WO EIGHT FOUR FOUR ONE. OHIO NATIONAL GUARD ALSO FURNISHED FOLLOWING NEW YORK LICENSE NO'S AS BEING CITED IN KENT AT RESIDENCE POSSIBLY USED BY STUDENTS INVOLVED IN DISRUPTION: SEVEN FOUR THREE TWO B SIX; FOUR SEVEN TWO ZERO E. NEW YORK OFFICE REQUESTED TO DETERMINE LISTINGS FOR ABOVE NUMBERS AND CONDUCT INDICES CHECKS.

[REDACTED] SILVER
[REDACTED] OHIO, ADVISED [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] TOLD HER ON MAY FOUR, LAST THAT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WAS RETURNING TO AKRON AREA ON FLIGHT FROM NEW
ARK, NEW JERSEY MAY THREE, LAST. [REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]
END PAGE THREE

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[REDACTED] TOLD HER TWO "HIPPIE TYPE" INDIVIDUALS ON PLANE MADE STATEMENT TO [REDACTED] THAT THEY WERE GOING TO KSU FOR DEMONSTRATION.

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WERE INTERVIEWED AND APPEARED UNCOOPERATIVE, AND DENIED MAKING ANY SUCH STATEMENTS.

INSTANT FLIGHT WAS UAL FLIGHT TWO SEVEN NINE ON MAY THREE, LAST, ARRIVING AKRON-CANTON AIRPORT SEVEN ZERO SEVEN PM FROM NEWARK.

CHICAGO REQUESTED TO DETERMINE NAMES OF ANY PASSENGERS DEPARTING FROM ABOVE FLIGHT AT AKRON-CANTON AIRPORT AND OBTAIN NAMES OF STEWARDESSES.

INQUIRES DETERMINED THAT TWO MOTORCYCLES PARKED ADJACENT TO ROTC BUILDING AT TIME OF FIRE AND THAT GAS WAS TAKEN FROM ONE BY AN INDIVIDUAL TO HELP START FIRE. MOTORCYCLES HAD OHIO LICENSE ONE ONE FIVE ONE FOUR AND ONE ZERO EIGHT FOUR FIVE, LISTED TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TOLEDO, OHIO, AND [REDACTED], OHIO.

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ABOVE INDIVIDUALS SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED TO DETERMINE IF THEY WITNESSES INSTANT FIRE AND CAN FURNISH PERTINENT INFO.

POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE INFO DEVELOPED AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE FURNISHED TO CLEVELAND OFFICE ON FD THREE ZERO TWO'S.

END.

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FBI WASH DC

cc Mr. R...

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *P*

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

SUBJECT: KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
Kent State

DATE: May 13, 1970

1-Mr. DeLoach

1-Mr. Rosen

1-Mr. Malley

1-Mr. McGowan

1-Mr. Hines

1-Mr. Sullivan

1-Mr. Bishop

1-Mr. Conrad

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Assistant Attorney General Jerris Leonard, Civil Rights Division called. He was out of the city. I assume he was in Chicago as he was there yesterday. He said the initial request for an inquiry at Kent came from the Attorney General and he (Leonard) was to coordinate it. He said the two Departmental attorneys in Cleveland should be given any reports which are furnished to the Department and any other information which may be furnished with reference to the investigation conducted. A copy of the report has been delivered to the Departmental attorneys in Cleveland.

He - reserved office from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM, 5/13/70

Leonard did not know the extent of the preliminary investigation report which was sent over to the Department yesterday and I went over the table of contents. He said this would cover the preliminary information which he had requested and that preference should not be given to any phase of this investigation. He said he understood Yeagley had requested certain investigation of the Domestic Intelligence Division on the Sabotage phase the Criminal Division may also have an interest in it. I told him no preference treatment had been given nor would it be given to any phase of this investigation.

File bombing of Army National Guard building, Kent State University, 5/13/70

He said Yeagley's request was not sent through him. I advised this obviously was a lack of coordination in the Department among the various divisions. He said on the basis of our conversation it appeared this was because Yeagley has requested certain investigation, the Criminal Division may have an interest in this matter, and he (Leonard) is being held responsible for the over-all coordination of it.

He said he realizes now the Bureau has followed the procedure of sending information to his Division, as well as to the Interdepartmental Intelligence Unit, Yeagley, and the Criminal Division, and apparently this material is not being brought to his attention. He said he would make sure the Department channels into the proper hands the information which the Bureau has sent. He told me he will make sure any requests for investigation will be coordinated and cleared through his office so he will be aware of requests from Yeagley and Wilson of the Criminal Division.

ACTION:

For your information.

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Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

FROM : C. D. DE LOACH

SUBJECT: UNSUBS.; KILLING OF FOUR STUDENTS,
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO,
5/4/70; ALLISON KRAUSE, ET AL - VICTIMS;
CIVIL RIGHTS

1-Mr. DeLoach

1-Mr. Rosen

1-Mr. Bishop

DATE: 5/8/70

1-Mr. McGowan

O Reserve OFFICIALS TRAINING CORPS
KENT, OHIO 5-6-70

At Kent State University there are two investigations being conducted; (1) the civil rights type of investigation which involves the death of the four students and the wounding of a number of others, and (2) the sabotage type investigation which concerns the attack on and the burning down of the ROTC building and its belongings. This incident occurred prior to the shooting and, of course, was one of the principal reasons why the National Guard was called in to control the situation at Kent State University.

There is, of course, considerable pressure on us to complete all investigation as expeditiously as possible. The Director has instructed that the report be completed as of 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, May 12, 1970. Instructions have been issued accordingly and we will meticulously adhere to this deadline.

In order to put more investigative pressure on the civil rights angle (we currently have 48 Agents working on this matter), and if the Director has no objections, I would like to recommend that the deadline on the sabotage report be set for Thursday, May 14, 1970, at 12:00 Noon. If the Director agrees, the civil rights type of investigative report will be completed by 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, May 12, 1970, and the sabotage type investigative report will be completed by 12:00 Noon, Thursday, May 14, 1970.

ACTION:

approval.

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As recommended above, if this meets with the Director's

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Department of Attorney General
Federal Security Division

Director, FBI
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: ACTS AGAINST ROTC FACILITIES
OF MILITARY CAMPUSES
DATE: 1 - 8, 1970

1 - Mr. C. C.
1 - Mr. C. R.

Reference is made to your letter dated May 4, 1970, captioned as above.

Investigation has been initiated in each of the 48 states mentioned in your letter and we are conducting investigations of every incident involving physical attack on Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) facilities and other defense-related installations by extremist elements. In response to your request, we will endeavor to develop evidence of the course of these investigations and evidence of the existence of a conspiracy to drive the ROTC Program from the country.

Our investigation will not be limited to the 48 states, however, and in the event information is received indicating that an individual or group of individuals has committed a substantive violation of the espionage laws or any other violation within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, the facts will be presented to you for appropriate action.

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The Department in referenced letter requested information of fire bombings and other types of attacks on ROTC facilities at various colleges and universities throughout the country in an effort to determine if these incidents were in violation of the espionage statutes. The field has been instructed to conduct investigation in those cases referred to in the Department's letter already under investigation. The Department is conducting a conspiracy-type investigation (see page 5 of the letter attached).

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Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/11/70

FROM :

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

SUBJECT:

SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)

Reserve Officers Training Corps
 UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army
 ROTC Building, Kent State
 University (KSU), Kent, Ohio
 5/2/70
 SABOTAGE

OO: Cleveland

Transmitted to the FBI Laboratory under separate cover, are the following items which were seized in the search of 203 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio under the authorization of a search warrant, issued May 10, 1970, by United States Commissioner CLIFFORD E. BRUCE, Cleveland, Ohio, which search warrant was executed May 10, 1970, by searching the residence at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio for clothing, incendiary material or any other material that could be used for destructive purposes by explosion, thermal or incendiary destruction:

- Item #1 3/4 length gray winter jacket (parka), with fur-lined hood and orange lining.
- Item #2 One pair blue denim jeans.
- Item #3 One pair tan suede gloves.
- Item #4 One blue, men's shirt (cotton).
- Item #5 One hippie type headband.
- Item #6 One pair purple levis.
- Item #7 One tan corduroy coat in plastic dry-cleaners bag.
- Item #8 Two make-shift peace armbands, made from dungarees.

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MAY 22 1970 U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

Item #9 Items found in first floor bedroom:

- 6 rubber balloons.
- 1 tube Elmers Contact Cement
- 1 tube Duco cement
- 1 cardboard tube, partially covered with aluminum foil, with burned hole in one end (make-shift marijuana pipe?)

The FBI Laboratory is requested to examine the items of clothing, numbered Item #1 thru Item #8, for any traces of residue or smoke particles or incendiary chemical residue which might indicate the wearer of this clothing had started fires through the use of gasoline soaked rags, railroad flares or any other type of device of a flammable or combustible nature.

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It is also requested that the cardboard tube which is probably a make-shift pipe, be examined to determine whether or not this pipe was used to smoke marijuana, hashish or any other type of narcotic which could be utilized by smoking.

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 5/7/70

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
ALLISON KRAUSE, ET AL. - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen
1-Mr. Malley
1-Mr. McGowan
1-Mr. Mohr
1-Mr. Bishop
1-Mr. Conrad
1-Mr. CallahanRESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS
KENT, OHIO 5-7-70

SAC Cusick, Cleveland, advised that of particular interest the fact some of the National Guard have indicated they fired shots in the air. One said he did shoot and saw someone collapse but he could not identify anyone. He was not sure he shot the individual. More specific details will be obtained concerning this incident. The above is pointed out merely to show that we apparently are developing pertinent information.

Also of significance is the fact that a student, one [redacted] indicated that on Sunday prior to the confrontation on Monday someone came to the Wright Dormitory and indicated there were four wooden [redacted] on the campus and all of them had to burn. These were ROTC buildings. The spokesman for this group said they would meet on the common of campus at noon on May 4 (Monday). This was the day and time of the confrontation. The student said he might be able to identify the leader because he attended a gym class with him. He also said he later saw a fellow throwing a cannister.

At the present time the squad of 36 has been augmented and are now 46 Agents working on various phases of this matter.

More specific details are being furnished. This is preliminary data.

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For your information.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 13 1970

145PM URGENT 5/13/70 PFD

TO DIRECTOR, CLEVELAND, CHICAGO, AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM LOUISVILLE (98-698) 3P

TELETYPE

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Reserve Officers Training Corps
UNSUBS; FIRE BOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT
STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY; SABOTAGE.

OO: CV.

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RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE, MAY ELEVEN, LAST:
RECORDS AND INQUIRY FEDERAL YOUTH CENTER (FYC),
ASHLAND, KY., REFLECTS THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INFORMATION
CONCERNING [REDACTED]

BORN AUGUST [REDACTED], CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
SIX FEET ONE INCH, ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, BROWN
EYES, INCARCERATED FYC, ASHLAND, FEBRUARY THREE, SIXTY-NINE
THROUGH DECEMBER TWENTY-TWO, SIXTY-NINE, FOR VIOLATION
DYER ACT. PAROLED ON THAT DATE TO ATTEND SOUTHERN
ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY (SIU) UNDER GRANTS FROM STATE OF KENTUCKY
AND FEDERAL "PROJECT NEWGATE". ONLY RELATIVES ARE FATHER
AND MOTHER, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
[REDACTED]

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. W. L.
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
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FRIEND AS OF FEBRUARY, SIXTY-NINE, WAS [REDACTED]
NINETEEN YEARS OLD, [REDACTED], CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

[REDACTED] WAS FRIENDS WITH [REDACTED] WHEN BOTH WERE AT
FYC, ASHLAND. [REDACTED] NOW ON PAROLE ATTENDING KENT STATE
UNIVERSITY.

[REDACTED] ATTENDED ASHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE AUGUST,
SIXTYNINE THROUGH DECEMBER, SIXTYNINE, WHILE AT FYC AND
VISTED THIS COLLEGE IN MARCH, SEVENTY, WITH A GIRL FRIEND
[REDACTED] AND DRIVING A RED VOLKSWAGEN.

[REDACTED] PROJECT NEWGATE, FYC, ADVISED [REDACTED]
VISITED HIM ON MARCH FIVE, LAST, INQUIRING ABOUT POSSIBLE
GRANT TO ATTEND SUMMER SCHOOL AT SIU. [REDACTED] LOANED

[REDACTED] TWENTY DOLLARS AND TOLD HIM [REDACTED] WOULD PROBABLY
BE AVAILABLE TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NOT SEEN IN ASHLAND SINCE MARCH VISIT.

FILES AND INQUIRY DO NOT SHOW [REDACTED] CONVICTED OF
NARCOTICS OR EVER USED NARCOTICS.

CHICAGO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW GIRL FRIEND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CHICAGO, IN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE [REDACTED]

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SPRINGFIELD ATTEMPT TO LOCATE GIRL FRIEND [REDACTED]

POSSIBLY A STUDENT AT SIU, IN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MAY BE USING RED VOLKSWAGEN OWNED BY [REDACTED]

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Date: 5/13/70

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (98-1317) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; *Reserve Officers TRAINING COR*
 Fire Bombing of
 Army ROTC Building,
 Ⓢ Kent State University (KSU),
 Kent, Ohio
 5/2/70
 SABOTAGE
 (OO: CLEVELAND)

Re Cleveland teletype to Bureau dated 5/7/70,
 and Pittsburgh teletype to Bureau dated 5/8/70.

Enclosed for the Cleveland Office are 9 copies each
 of 4 FD-302's furnished by [REDACTED] and his
 sister, [REDACTED]

Information set out in the enclosed FD-302's was
 synopsised in referenced Pittsburgh teletype dated 5/8/70,
 and, therefore, no copies are being furnished the Bureau.

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 2 - Cleveland (Encls. 36) (RM)
 1 - Pittsburgh

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Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI CLEVELAND

9:07 PM URGENT 5-8-70 SLO

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140) *O*

*Reserve Officer
TRAINING CAMP*

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

SUMMARY. CLEVELAND CONTINUING TO IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW WITNESSES
IN CONNECTION WITH INSTANT MATTER. IDENTITIES OF UNSUBS STILL
UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.

INTERVIEW WITH KSU PD OFFICER INDICATED IT WAS TOO DARK FOR
TO IDENTIFY UNSUBS AT THE TIME OF FIRE. ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO LOCATE
AND INTERVIEW SIX KSU STUDENTS ARRESTED BY KENT PD AT ALLEGED
"COMMUNICATION CENTER", TWO THREE SEVEN ONE HALF N. WATER, ST. W. RE
ONE OF ARRESTEES, [REDACTED] WAS LOCATED. HOWEVER, SHE REFUSED
TO BE INTERVIEWED. EFFORTS CONTINUING TO LOCATE OTHER ARRESTEES.

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May 15, 1970

BY LIAISON

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

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. G. H. Meuzel
1 - Mail Room (5531 JB)

Dear Mr. Ehrlichman:

An investigation is being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning the burning of a Reserve Officers' Training Corps Building at Kent State University on May 2, 1970.

There is enclosed for your information a copy of the initial report prepared in this matter.

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

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

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NOTE:

See memorandum C. D. Brennan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 5/15/70, captioned as above, prepared by CHM:rad.

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1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Office, 7133

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Cleveland (98-2140)**

Date: **5/14/70**

Re: **Reserve Officers Training Corps
UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army
ROTC Building, Kent State
University (KSU), Kent, Ohio
5/2/70
SABOTAGE**

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.
Lab. No.

PC-C6429 ME

Examination requested by: **Cleveland**
Reference: **Letter 5/11/70**
Examination requested: **Chemical Analyses**
Remarks:

This report supplements and completes the information furnished the Cleveland Office by teletype dated May 13, 1970.

Specimens Q1 through Q12 are being returned to the Cleveland Office under separate cover by registered mail.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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W.A. Moh (5)

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REPORT
of the1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Office,FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Cleveland

Date: 5/14/70

Re: UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army
ROTC Building, Kent State
University (KSU), Kent, Ohio
5/2/70
SABOTAGE

FBI File No.

Lab. No.

PC-C6429

Specimens received

5/12/70

- Q1 Gray jacket (Item #1)
- Q2 Denim trousers (Item #2)
- Q3 Pair of gloves (Item #3)
- Q4 Shirt (Item #4)
- Q5 Headband (Item #5)
- Q6 Purple trousers (Item #6)
- Q7 Tan coat (Item #7)
- Q8 Two make-shift peace armbands (Item #8)
- Q9 Six balloons (Item #9)
- Q10 Elmers contact cement (Item #9)
- Q11 Duco cement (Item #9)
- Q12 Improvised cardboard pipe (Item #9)

Results of examination:

No traces of smoke particles, flammable liquid or other oxidizing chemicals were found on specimens Q1 through Q8.

No hairs or other evidence was found on specimen Q9, Q10 or Q11 to indicate they had been used for sniffing purposes.

Although chemical tests suggested that marijuana had been smoked in the Q12 pipe, it was not possible to identify marijuana specifically in the absence of any material having other characteristics of that plant.

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EXPEDIT
Deadline 5/14

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army
ROTC Building, Kent State
University (KSU), Kent, Ohio
5/2/70
SABOTAGE

File #
Lab. # PC-C6429 MK

Examination requested by: FBI, Cleveland (98-2140)

let. 5/11

Examination requested:

Date received: 5/12/70

Result of Examination:

Chem Anal (gen chem - nar)
Mic Anal (hairs)

Examination by: AARON

CHARK

no flame or other chemical

Q1 → Q9

No hair in glue on Q9, 10, or 11

*Q12 gives duquenois but no plant matter
in confirmation of marijuana*

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 Gray jacket (Item #1)
- Q2 Denim trousers (Item #2)
- Q3 Pair of gloves (Item #3)
- Q4 Shirt (Item #4)
- Q5 Headband (Item #5)
- Q6 Purple trousers (Item #6)
- Q7 Tan coat (Item #7)
- Q8 Two make-shift peace armbands (Item #8)
- Q9 Six balloons (Item #9)
- Q10 Elmers contact cement (Item #9)
- Q11 Duco cement (Item #9)
- Q12 XXXXXXXX Improvised cardboard pipe (Item #9)

Sample

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5/12/70

PC-C6429

Received from FBI Cleveland via
air mail registered NO. 470092
a cardboard box wrapped in brown paper
(~ 24" x 18" x 12") PM Cleveland, Ohio
5/11/70. Box sealed w/ masking tape
all contents sealed in individual
containers

- Q 1 item large hooded grey jacket mfg by
M Robin & sons the
" 2 pair of blue denim pants 'Rancher'
" 3 gloves (PL)
" 4 (per L) "sears"
" 5 white cloth w/ mitts
" 6 light brown (PL) no brand
" 7 (PL) size 36 (car seat size) open type
" 8 foam legs of chair PEACE encl
Q 1 1 9 6 balloons 2nd, 1 blue, 1 yellow, white type
Q 1 1 10 1 fl. of 1/2 full Dept. of Justice cement tube
Q 1 1 11 1 fl. of 1/2 full Dept. of Justice cement tube
Q 1 1 12 1 cigar size cardboard tube (1/2 full)
(Charcoal type) mfg. ind.

PC-C 6429 MK 12

5/12/70

Specimens Q₁ through Q₈ were all found to be dry and odorless. No chemicals solid or liquid were seen on any specimen. Specimen Q₁ had mud splashed on few spots of leg. All other specimens are clean or normal soles. Clean papers on ridge down. No evidence of charring anywhere.

The Q₉ balloons are dry and odorless. No hairs or other foreign substance such as glue residue found on them. (The only material on them other than the rubber is the material used to fasten down the rucks.

Q₁₁ Elmer's cement labeled as containing formaline

Q₁₂ Dupont Duro Cement labeled containing acetone and butyl acetate

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5/12/73

The 912 improved pipe was examined
under 30X no evidence of nodules
plant material

wash tube & tenfold to get other
evaporate & run modified
duquenois - positive but weak
and all of sample used

no further exams - probably margin
had been marked but didn't find

DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

5/11/70

SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)

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

PC-C 6429

OO: Cleveland

Transmitted to the FBI Laboratory under separate cover, are the following items which were seized in the search of 203 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio under the authorization of a search warrant, issued May 10, 1970, by United States Commissioner CLIFFORD E. BRUCE, Cleveland, Ohio, which search warrant was executed May 10, 1970, by searching the residence at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, for clothing, incendiary material or any other material that could be used for destructive purposes by explosion, thermal or incendiary destruction:

- Q1 (Item #1) 3/4 length gray winter jacket (parka), with fur-lined hood and orange lining.
- Q2 (Item #2) One pair blue denim jeans trousers
- Q3 (Item #3) One pair tan suede gloves.
- Q4 (Item #4) One blue, men's shirt (cotton).
- Q5 (Item #5) One hippie type headband.
- Q6 (Item #6) One pair purple levi's trousers
- Q7 (Item #7) One tan corduroy coat in plastic dry-cleaners bag.
- Q8 (Item #8) Two make-shift peace armbands, made from dungarees.

3 - Bureau
1 - Package (RM)
3 - Cleveland

Q (Item #9) Items found in first floor bedroom:

- Q 9 " 6 rubber balloons.
- Q 10 " 1 tube Eimers Contact Cement
- Q 11 " 1 tube Duco cement
- Q 12 " 1 cardboard tube, partially covered with aluminum foil, with burned hole in one end (make-shift marijuana pipe?)

14 The FBI Laboratory is requested to examine the items of clothing, numbered Item #1 thru Item #8, for any traces of residue or smoke particles or incendiary chemical residue which might indicate the wearer of this clothing had started fires through the use of gasoline soaked rags, railroad flares or any other type of device of a flammable or combustible nature.

30 It is requested that the FBI Laboratory examine the items submitted under Item #9, that is the six rubber balloons, the two tubes of cement with the intention of determining if these balloons and cement were used by individuals to sniff glue for narcotic effect. For example, examine the tubes to determine if any facial hairs or nasal hairs are present on the cap or the tubes.

48 It is also requested that the cardboard tube which is probably a make-shift pipe, be examined to determine whether or not this pipe was used to smoke marijuana, hashish or any other type of narcotic which could be utilized by smoking.

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FBI

Date: 5/10/70

Transmit the following in PLAIN

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)

RE: UNSUBS; FIRE BOMBING
OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING,
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)
KENT, OHIO
5/2/70
SABOTAGE

RESERVE OFFICE TRAINING
CORPSROUTING UNIT
ERROR LETTER SENT

In connection with this investigation, the CV Office is attempting to identify and locate witnesses. However, classes at KSU have been discontinued for the remainder of the Spring school term, and students have left the campus.

In view of this, the CV Office is setting out numerous leads to offices by teletype and telephone. In order to facilitate setting out leads, the following info is being made available:

At about 8:00 PM on evening of 5/2/70, the Army ROTC Building at KSU was destroyed by fire during a campus disruption. A crowd of approximately 600 individuals was gathered adjacent to the ROTC Building during the incident.

Preliminary inquiries indicate that about 50 to 75 of these individuals were actively engaged in throwing rocks and debris at the building, breaking many of the windows. Some of these individuals also started the fire.

Campus PD officers, who witnessed the burning were unable to identify the UNSUBS due to darkness and the fact that demonstrators were throwing rocks at them.

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Special Agent in Charge

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One witness has advised he observed an unidentified white male place a rag in a gas tank of a nearby motorcycle and carry the rag to the building where it was ignited.

The Kent Fire Department attempted to extinguish the fire. However, demonstrators interfered with their efforts by throwing rocks at them and cutting their hoses.

Prior to the burning demonstrations occurred in downtown Kent, Ohio, 5/1/70.

On the evening of 5/3/70, bands of demonstrators roamed the KSU campus during the night.

During the afternoon of 5/4/70, four KSU students were killed when Ohio National Guard (ONG) troops attempted to disperse a crowd of demonstrators.

In addition to the substantive violations of the sabotage sections, the Department of Justice advised they wanted investigation conducted to establish a conspiracy to destroy the ROTC Building at KSU and requested that the following points be considered:

1. The names of participants setting fire to the ROTC Building.
2. The names of persons organizing, instigating or inciting damages to this ROTC Building.
3. Obtain post-act or pre-act statements made by leaders including speeches urging abolition of the ROTC at KSU.
4. Attempt to obtain any leaflets or any other printed material authored or distributed by such persons urging the abolition of ROTC.
5. Determine if SDS or New Left Leadership caused the burning of the ROTC Building or if this was an act of local groups or an individual initiative without the advice or outside or national influence.

All offices are requested to refer to the above in connection with any leads set forth by the CV Office.

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 5/8/70

In connection with the burning of the ROTC Building at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio 5/2/70, Jerris Leonard, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, has requested investigation be conducted as to a possible violation of Title 18, Section 245, U.S. Code (Civil Rights-Federally Protected Activity). Attached letter itemizes specific information requested by Leonard.

This investigation, also encompassing possible violations of sabotage, sedition, and destruction of Government property was initiated on the basis of a letter 5/4/70 from Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley, Internal Security Division.

Leonard will be advised that this investigation is being conducted and that the results will be promptly furnished to him when received. Cleveland is also being advised of specific requests made by Leonard.

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and Yeagley

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad

1-Mr. Conrad

1-Mr. Jevons

1-Office, 7133

DATE: 5/13/70

1-Mr. Aaron

FROM : L. H. Jevons

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army
ROTC Building, Kent State
University (KSU), Kent, Ohio
5/2/70
SABOTAGE

This case involves the firebombing of the Army ROTC Building at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, on 5/2/70. On 5/12/70, the Cleveland Office submitted evidence consisting of clothing, balloons, cement and a hashish pipe.

The following results of examination were obtained in response to specific requests by the Cleveland Office. The clothing was examined for incendiary chemicals, but none were found. No evidence was found on the balloons and cement to indicate whether they had been used for sniffling purposes. No marijuana was found in the pipe; however, chemical tests did suggest that marijuana may have been smoked in it.

The Cleveland Office is being advised of the above information by teletype this date.

ACTION:

For information.

1-Mr. Mohr

1-Mr. DeLoach

1-Mr. Rosen

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FBI

Date: 5-5-70

Transmit the following in

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Via

AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN.: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140 and 44-703)

UNSUBS.; FIRE BOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO 3-2
SABOTAGE

OO: CV

UNSUBS., OHIO NATIONAL GUARD;
ALLISON KRAUSE, JEFFREY MILLER, WILLIAM SCHROEDER
SANDY LEE SCHEUER - DECEASED - VICTIMS - ET AL
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO - 5-4-70
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Permission was requested and received from Assistant Director N. P. CALLAHAN that four clerical employees be temporarily assigned to the Akron Resident Agency to assist in the investigation of the captioned violations. The captioned violations are being handled as a special in this division.

Three stenographers will handle the dictation, and one clerical employee will assist in handling the paper. It is estimated these employees will remain in the Akron Resident Agency until about 5/12/70. In the event it is felt advisable to have them come back to headquarters, this will be done immediately.

Mr. CALLAHAN made it crystal clear that the clerical employees would not be allowed to set up or work on the Kent State University campus, and their activities would be limited to the Akron Resident Agency.

Bureau will be advised when the clerical employees return to headquarters city.

4-Bureau
2-Cleveland
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Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

1 - Mr. A. A. Schutz, Jr.
1 - Mr. C. L. McGowan, Jr.
6/19/70
1 - Mr. G. H. Mohr

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To: SAC, Cleveland (98-2140)

From: Director, FBI

RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army ROTC Building,
Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio,
May 21, 1970

SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS - FEDERALLY
PROTECTED ACTIVITY; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT
PROPERTY

Rerep of SA [REDACTED] dated 5/14/70 at
Cleveland.

In view of the intense interest and concern with
regard to this matter, Cleveland should promptly advise the Bureau
as to the date its next report will be submitted and the extent
of investigation which is outstanding in this matter.

Your intensive investigation of this matter should be
continued to identify the subjects responsible for this
incident and to complete outstanding investigation necessary as
soon as is possible.

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NOTE:

The initial report dated 5/14/70 from Cleveland
concerning the firebombing of the KSU ROTC building has been
received and disseminated. Inasmuch as it is of intense interest
and concern, Cleveland being requested to advise when its next
report will be submitted and the extent of investigation outstanding.

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NR008 AT PLAIN

10:02 PM NITEL 5-14-70 TEK

TO DIRECTOR

CLEVELAND (98-2140)

FROM ATLANTA (98-586) P

Rec'd Officers Training Corps
UNSUBS: FIRE BOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
(KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO SEVENTY, SABOTAGE, OO: CLEVELAND.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, CLEVELAND, AND ATLANTA,
MAY THIRTEEN SEVENTY.

ATLANTA DOES NOT POSSESS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING IDENTI
OF RYM OR RYM II MEMBERS AT KSU OTHER THAN INFORMATION CONTAINED IN
CLEVELAND REPORT OF SA [REDACTED] DATED MARCH THIRTEEN SEVENTY.
CLEVELAND FILE ONE ZERO ZERO DASH TWO SEVEN ZERO THREE ONE.
NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN BY ATLANTA REGARDING THIS LEAD.

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Walters	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
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Mr. Gale	_____
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Mr. Sullivan	_____
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FBI NEWARK

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8-45PM URGENT 5-9-70 RGH

TO DIRECTOR (ATTN. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION) AND

CLEVELAND (98-2140)

FROM NEWARK (98-2843) (RUC)

UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
(KSU), KENT, OHIO, FIVE EIGHT SEVENTY. SABOTAGE. OO: CV.

RE CV TELETYPE THIS DATE.

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AT RESIDENCE.

[REDACTED], UNION, NJ.

[REDACTED] ADMITTED TO BEING ACTIVE DISSENTOR OF ROTC PRESENCE
ON KSU CAMPUS BUT DENIED HAVING WITNESSED CAPTIONED MATTER OR
ANY PERSONAL COMPLICITY IN IT. HE COULD FURNISH NO IDENTITIES
OF PERSONS POSSIBLY INVOLVED IN THE BURNING OF ROTC BUILDING.

[REDACTED] ADDED HE DID NOT OBSERVE SHOOTING OF FOUR STUDENTS
AT COMMONS, KSU, INASMUCH AS HE WAS IN SOCIOLOGY BUILDING AT
TIME SHOOTINGS OCCURRED. [REDACTED] SOLE KNOWLEDGE OF SHOOTINGS
WAS DERIVED FROM REPORTS OF NEWS MEDIA AND OTHER STUDENTS
PRESENT AT THE RALLY.

[REDACTED] CLAIMED HE WAS ARRESTED BY KENT, OHIO, PD ON
NIGHT OF FIVE FOUR SEVENTY FOR VIOLATION OF CURFEW. HE ASSERTED

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HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY CONSPIRACY INVOLVING STUDENTS OR
OUTSIDERS WHICH LED TO VIOLENCE AT KSU. HE INTENDS RETURNING
TO KENT, OHIO, MONDAY, FIVE ELEVEN SEVENTY.

HANDWRITTEN STATEMENT OBTAINED. CLEVELAND APPRISED
TELEPHONICALLY THIS DATE OF NK INVESTIGATION.

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FBI WASH DC*

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE 5/19/70

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (98-1317) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
Fire Bombing of
Army ROTC Building,
Kent State University (KSU),
Kent, Ohio.
5/2/70
SABOTAGE
(OO: CLEVELAND)

Re Cleveland airtel to Bureau dated 5/7/70, Pittsburgh teletypes to Bureau dated 5/8 and 5/11/70, and Pittsburgh airtel to Bureau dated 5/13/70.

Enclosed for the Cleveland Office are nine copies of an FD-302 which was furnished by [REDACTED], a third-year student, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

On 5/18/70, [REDACTED] Pittsburgh, Pa., appeared at the Pittsburgh Office and advised that he was not present at the demonstration on 5/2/70, that resulted in the bombing of the ROTC Building on the campus of Kent University, Kent, Ohio. He stated that he left the campus area about 6:00 PM and was in his room from about that time until after the fire bombing of the building.

[REDACTED] continued that on 5/4/70, when the National Guard allegedly fired at students on the campus, he was in his room. He heard the radio news at 1:00 PM announcing the shootings. [REDACTED] immediately left his room and proceeded to the campus, arriving at about 1:10 PM.

On campus [REDACTED] noted that there were bullet holes on opposite sides of a tree and that there was a bullet hole

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2 - Cleveland (98-2140) (Enc. SEC 101)
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in a statute on the side opposite the National Guard which indicated to him that at least two shots had been fired at the National Guard.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : C. D. Brennan

1 - Mr. C. L. DeLoach
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: May 15, 1970

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

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

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

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise that the initial report from Cleveland is attached concerning the cap investigation which has developed [redacted] and [redacted] as suspects.

Sabotage investigation instituted on 5/4/70 and then after enlarged to include other possible Federal violations request of Assistant Attorneys General, Internal Security Division and Civil Rights Division.

Violent disturbances by students erupted at Kent, on 5/1/70. This developed into an anti-ROTC demonstration on 5/2/70 during which demonstration the ROTC Building was destroyed set on fire by participants. The Building was destroyed amounting to a \$50,000 loss plus the loss of \$35,000 in Government property. Demonstrators interfered with police and fire department attempting to restore order and put out the fire. Interviews of ROTC officials, students, local police, firemen, news media representatives covering the incident and other persons have been conducted. Several witnesses observed unidentified persons apparently ignited the fire. One witness identified photograph of person unknown to him by name who threw ignited gasoline-soaked rag into ROTC Building. Subsequent investigation discloses individual is identical with [redacted] a student who reportedly attempted suicide in the past and has been afforded psychiatric treatment. [redacted] KSU Student, identified as suspect by Kent Police Department based on descriptive data obtained from witnesses. Associates of [redacted] who reside off campus at Kent, Ohio, may have knowledge as to who is responsible for the fire.

Enclosures (3)

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

Fire Bombing of Army ROTC Building
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio, May 2, 1970

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI CLEVELAND

PM URGENT 5-21-70 RJB

1:30 AM URGENT 5-22-70 SLO

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)

Reserve Officers Training Corps
UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE
UNIVERSITY, KENT, O., MAY TWN SEVENTY. SABOTAGE; SEDITION;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; CRA OF SIXTYEIGHT- INTER-
FERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED FACILITY.

SUMMARY TELETYPE

REREP MAY FOURTEEN LAST AT CLEVELAND.

[REDACTED] ROTC STAFF, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
(KSU), ADVISED THAT ON MAY TWO LAST PRIOR TO BURNING OF ROTC BUILD-
ING, SMALL GROUP OF UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS HECKLED ROTC CADETS AS
THEY RETURNED FROM TRAINING EXERCISE. [REDACTED] ALSO ADVISED WILLIAM E.
SCHROEDER, KSU STUDENT WHO WAS SHOT TO DEATH DURING CONFRONTATION WITH
OHIO NATIONAL GUARD (ONG) ON MAY FOUR LAST, WAS ALSO AN ROTC CADET.
HE SAID SCHROEDER PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED DOUBTS

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ABOUT PLACE OF ROTC ON CAMPUS AND CONSIDERED FLEEING TO CANADA TO
BREAK HIS CONTRACT WITH ROTC.

[REDACTED] ROTC, IDENTIFIED
FACULTY MEMBERS OPPOSED TO ROTC ON CAMPUS AND INDICATED FOLLOWING ORGAN-
IZATIONS PROTESTED IN PAST AGAINST ROTC: YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE, BLACK
UNITED STUDENTS, AND STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE.

[REDACTED] KSU STUDENT, MAINTAINED SHE OVERHEARD UNIDEN-
TIFIED PERSONS ON CAMPUS ON MAY ONE LAST DISCUSSING POSSIBLE PLANS
TO BURN ROTC BUILDING.

PETER CHARLES BLIEK, KSU STUDENT, ATTENDED RALLY ON CAMPUS
PRIOR TO BURNING AND STATED UNIDENTIFIED LEADERS AT RALLY URGED
STUDENTS TO "GET ROTC BUILDING."

[REDACTED] KSU STUDENT,
NOTED THIRTY TO FORTY INDIVIDUALS WEARING RED HEADBANDS IN CROWD AT
FIRE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] KSU STUDENT, CLAIMED UNIDENTIFIED W/M WEARING
RED AND WHITE STRIPED BELLBOTTOM PANTS WAS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN SETTING
ROTC FIRE. [REDACTED]

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STUDENT, ORALLY ADMITTED TO FBI AGENTS THAT HE THREW ROCKS AT ROTC BUILDING.

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BOTH KSU FACULTY MEMBERS WERE OF OPINION [REDACTED] ALSO MEMBER KSU FACULTY, WAS INVOLVED IN BURNING THE BUILDING. WHEN INTERVIEWED [REDACTED] STATED HIS ONLY PARTICIPATION AT THE BURNING WAS THAT OF FACULTY DEPUTY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] KSU, INDICATED HE OBSERVED FIVE TO TEN PERSONS IN CROWD AT FIRE ATTEMPTING TO KEEP MOB STIRRED UP AND THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS DID NOT APPEAR TO BE KSU STUDENTS.

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE INDICATING STUDENTS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH BURNING ROTC BUILDING.

RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED] TWO THIRTY-E. MAIN ST., KENT, OHIO WAS SEARCHED BY FBI AGENTS ON MAY TEN LAST, SUBSEQUENT TO ISSUANCE OF SEARCH WARRANT AUTHORIZED BY USDJ.

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CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS SEIZED AND SUBMITTED FBI LAB FOR EXAMINATION. NO TRACES OF SMOKE PARTICLES, FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS OR OXIDIZING CHEMICALS FOUND ON CLOTHING.

[REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED AND DENIED INVOLVEMENT IN THROWING ROCKS AT ROTC BUILDING OR SETTING IT ON FIRE. HE ACKNOWLEDGE AFFILIATION WITH SDS AND PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE PAST. HE ALSO INDICATED HE WAS FRIEND OF JEFFREY MILLER, KSU STUDENT SHOT TO DEATH IN CONFRONTATION WITH ONG ON KSU CAMPUS, MAY FOUR LAST. OTHER OCCUPANTS ABOVE ADDRESS ALSO INTERVIEWED AND DENIED INVOLVEMENT IN ROTC FIRE.

ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED] PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED IN PHOTO BY EYEWITNESS AS ONE WHO STARTED ROTC FIRE. [REDACTED] FATHER INDICATED [REDACTED] LEFT AREA ABOUT MAY ELEVEN LAST AND INDICATED HE WAS GOING TO CALIFORNIA. HE ALSO INDICATED [REDACTED] FRIEND, [REDACTED] HAD GONE TO NEW YORK ON MAY ELEVEN LAST. [REDACTED] FATHER FURTHER ADVISED [REDACTED] HAS SUICIDAL

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TENDENCIES AND HAS ATTEMPTED SUICIDE ON ONE OCCASION. HE ALSO ADVISED [REDACTED], ASSOCIATE OF [REDACTED] IS MENTALLY ILL AND REQUIRES MEDICATION ON CONTINUOUS BASIS.

DOUGLAS CORMACK ORALLY ADMITTED TO FBI AGENTS THAT HE HINDERED FIREMEN WHO WERE ATTEMPTING TO PUT OUT ROTC FIRE AND THREW ROCKS AT ONE [REDACTED] STUDENT, REFUSED TO DISCUSS HIS

ACTIVITIES ON MAY TWO LAST AND STATED HE DESIRED TO CONSULT AN ATTORNEY.

VARIOUS FACULTY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH "KENT FREE UNIVERSITY," "TWENTYTHREE CONCERNED FACULTY" AND "NEW UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE," GROUPS ON KSU CAMPUS WHICH HAVE BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY UNIVERSITY SOURCES AS FOMENTING DISSENT AND DISRUPTING UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY. PROMINENTLY MENTIONED AMONG GROUP WAS ASSOCIATE PROF. THOMAS S. LOUGH, KSU SOCIOLOGY DEPT. FORMER STUDENT OF LOUGH, [REDACTED], ADVISED LOUGH HAS DISTRIBUTED LITERATURE TO STUDENTS CONTAINING INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO ASSEMBLE "MOLOTOV COCKTAIL."

LOUGH REFUSED TO BE INTERVIEWED ADVISING HE WAS NOT AVAILABLE.
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IN AGREEMENT WITH FBI CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATIONS IN SOUTH,

CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN ANY CONTACTS WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] [REDACTED] REPORTEDLY HAS SUICIDAL TENDENCIES
AND [REDACTED] IS REPORTEDLY MENTALLY ILL AND REQUIRES CONTINUOUS MEDIC-
ATION.

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REPORT TO FOLLOW.

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FBI WASH DC

The Attorney General

May 26, 1970

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

Fire Bombing of Army ROTC Building
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio
May 2, 1970

SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mail Room (5531 JB)
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. G. H. Renzel

Reference is made to my letter dated May 16, 1970, which furnished you a copy of the initial report in captioned matter.

There is enclosed a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 21, 1970, at Cleveland, which contains the results of additional investigation conducted. The investigation in this case is continuing and you will be kept promptly advised.

A copy of the enclosed report is being furnished to Honorable John D. Ehrlichman at the White House.

Enclosure

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
Civil Rights Division
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
Criminal Division
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
Internal Security Division

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NOTE:

See Memorandum C. D. Brennan to Mr. [redacted] dated 5/23/70. Captioned as above. Prepared by [redacted]

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

Report of SA [REDACTED] 5-14-75, at Cleveland.

CLEVELAND:

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

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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 are being obtained from appropriate witnesses.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 USA, CLEVELAND

Report of: SA [REDACTED] 7C
Date: MAY 21, 1970

Office: CLEVELAND

Field Office File #: 98-2140

Bureau File #:

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING,
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)
KENT, OHIO
MAY 2, 1970

Character:

SABOTAGE;
SEDITION;

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

Synopsis:

7d [REDACTED] ROTC Staff, Kent State University (KSU), advised that on 5/2/70, prior to the burning of the ROTC Building, a small group of unidentified individual heckled ROTC cadets as they returned from a training exercise. [REDACTED] also advised that WILLIAM K. SCHROEDER, KSU student who was shot to death during a confrontation with the Ohio National Guard (ONG) on 5/4/70, was also an ROTC cadet. He said SCHROEDER had previously expressed doubts about the place of ROTC on campus and had considered fleeing to Canada to break his contract with ROTC.

[REDACTED], ROTC, identified faculty members opposed to ROTC on campus and indicated the following organizations have protested in the past against ROTC: Young Socialist Alliance, Black United Students, and Student Mobilization Committee.

[REDACTED] KSU student, maintained she overheard unidentified persons on campus on 5/1/70 discussing possible plans to burn ROTC Building.

PETER CHARLES BLIEK, KSU student, attended rally on campus prior to burning and stated that unidentified leaders at rally urged students to "Get ROTC Building". [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] KSU student, noted 30 to 40 individuals wearing red headbands in crowd at fire. [REDACTED] KSU student, claimed unidentified white male wearing red and white striped bellbottom pants was actively engaged in setting ROTC fire. [REDACTED] student, orally admitted to FBI Agents that he threw rocks at ROTC Building.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both KSU faculty members, were of the opinion that [REDACTED] also a member of KSU faculty, was involved in burning the building. When interviewed, [REDACTED] stated his only participation at the burning was that of a faculty deputy. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] KSU, indicated he observed 5 to 10 persons in crowd at fire attempting to keep mob stirred up and that these individuals did not appear to be KSU students.

[REDACTED] advised he received information from a confidential source indicating that students [REDACTED] had something to do with burning the ROTC Building.

The residence of [REDACTED] 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, was searched by FBI Agents on 5/10/70, subsequent to issuance of search warrant authorized by United States District Judge. Clothing and miscellaneous items were seized and submitted to FBI Laboratory for examination. No traces of smoke particles, flammable liquids, or oxidizing chemicals were found on clothing.

[REDACTED] was interviewed and denied involvement in throwing rocks at ROTC Building or setting it on fire. [REDACTED] acknowledged affiliation with Students for a Democratic Society and participation in various anti-war demonstrations in the past. He also indicated he was friend of JEFFREY MILLER, KSU student shot to death in confrontation with ONG on KSU campus, 5/4/70. Other occupants at above address were also interviewed and denied involvement in ROTC fire.

Attempts were made to locate and interview [REDACTED] previously identified in photograph by eyewitness.

is one who started ROTC fire. [REDACTED] father indicated [REDACTED] left area about 5/11/70 and indicated he was going to California. He also indicated that [REDACTED] is friend, [REDACTED] had gone to New York on 5/11/70. [REDACTED] father further advised that [REDACTED] has suicidal tendencies and has attempted suicide on one occasion. He also advised that [REDACTED] an associate of [REDACTED] is mentally ill and requires medication on a continuous basis.

DOUGLAS CORMACK orally admitted to FBI Agents that he hindered firemen who were attempting to put out ROTC fire and that he threw rocks at the ONG. [REDACTED] student, refused to discuss his activities on 5/2/70, and stated he desired to consult an attorney.

Various faculty members have been identified with "Kent Free University", "23 Concerned Faculty", and the "New University Conference", groups on KSU campus which have been characterized by University sources as fomenting dissent and disrupting the University community. Prominent mentioned among this group was Associate Professor THOMAS LOUGH, KSU Sociology Department. A former student of LOUGH's, [REDACTED] advised LOUGH has distributed literature to students containing instructions on how to assemble a "Molotov cocktail".

LOUGH refused to be interviewed advising he was not in agreement with FBI civil rights investigations in the South.

CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN ANY CONTACTS WITH [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] REPORTEDLY HAS SUICIDAL TENDENCIES AND [REDACTED] IS REPORTEDLY MENTALLY ILL AND REQUIRES CONTINUOUS MEDICATION.

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I. PRE-INCIDENT ACTIVITIES

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/14/70

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[REDACTED] Ohio, advised she is a junior, 3rd year student, Kent State University (KSU), with residence at Kent, Ohio, 814 So Depeyster Street. She advised she was not on the Kent campus on May 2, 1970, and could provide no information with regard to the burning of the ROTC building, nor did she attend any rallies prior to that date. She advised on Thursday, April 1970, while walking on Summit Street between Lincoln Street, the first street west of Lincoln in Kent, Ohio, she observed COLLIN NEIBERGER, a former Kent student, and [REDACTED] walking in a westerly direction on Summit Street. She advised she spoke briefly to NEIBERGER as she had known him personally on campus having met him over a year ago when he was dating a friend of hers. She stated she is not personally acquainted with [REDACTED] however, knows him to see him as she has seen him on campus at Kent, Ohio previously. She stated the conversation consisted of NEIBERGER asking her how she was and as she was in a hurry she did not stop to talk with him. She advised she has no additional information pertaining to these individuals and she is not acquainted with a former student by the name of [REDACTED]

She stated she was on campus May 4, 1970, however, worked in the cafeteria at the Tri Towers Dormitory from 11:00 until 2:30 PM and she has no knowledge of the confrontation between Kent students and the Ohio National Guard.

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by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/14/70

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Date: May 10, 1970

after being furnished the identities of the interviewing Agent furnished the following information concerning the demonstration at Kent State University on May 1 through May 3, 1970.

[redacted] advised that on May 1 at the noon rally the group gathered around the Victory Bell on the Commons and on a tree nearby was a homemade sign attached to the tree which in red letters at the bottom of the sign said "Why is the ROTC building still standing". He said he did not recall the other wording but the sign was made from a white cloth which was about four feet high. He said later this sign was removed from the tree and placed over the top of the sign which advertised another activity on the campus. He said he did not see the sign put on the tree and had no idea where it came from.

10 [redacted] said he was nearby when this rally was taking place and there were approximately two markers, in particular, RALPH DEVILBANK and STEVE SHAROFF. [redacted] said previously there was a sign posted around the campus to the effect that the noon rallies for the purpose of burying the constitution. He said this poster was sponsored by a group called the World Historians Opposed to Racism and Exploitation (WHORE). He explained that this was not a recognized organization on campus and not allowed to post activities so therefore it was sponsored by the Student Religious League (SRL). This was also contained on the poster.

During the rally SHAROFF made a statement to the crowd that as he sees the constitution as a piece of paper that it is dead as far as constituting the people it represents and should be buried. [redacted] said at this point a student went to the loud speaker and asked the crowd if they were going to allow the constitution to be buried and as SHAROFF placed the constitution in the small hole which he had made with the shovel, this student attempted to remove the constitution from the hole and SHAROFF shoved him to the ground. [redacted] said at first he felt that this was a serious attempt on the part of the student to not allow the constitution to be buried but now he feels that this was strictly an act in an attempt to rile the crowd. [redacted] said SHAROFF stated that it was his

On 5/15/70 at Kent, Ohio

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SA [redacted]

by [redacted]

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right under the constitution to bury the constitution. [redacted] said that posters were placed around the campus advertising a rally at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, 1970. He said he was in the area of the Commons around 8:00 p.m. when a group began marching through the campus attempting to get followers. He said the group accumulated approximately 200 to 300 people and converged on the ROTC building. He said unlike other demonstrations in which the group gathers, speeches are made and then they decide what action is to be taken, this group came directly to the ROTC building that no speeches were made and immediately began breaking the windows. This was about 8:30 p.m. and two male individuals began breaking the windows in the ROTC building with what appeared to be long sticks or two by fours and after these windows were broken they moved out of the immediate area and seemed to disappear while others threw flares and what appeared to be Molotov cocktails in the building. He described these individuals as follows:

#1, approximately 6' tall, 170 to 175 pounds, shoulder length brown hair with band around his head, color unknown. He said the individual had a beard and wore stripped pants.

#2, [redacted] said this person was shorter and more stocky than #1, had long brown hair, a jacket which he could not describe and a beard.

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[redacted] reviewed photographs in the possession of FBI and could not identify any of the people he observed at the time of the burning of the ROTC building in these photographs. [redacted] said he believes he could recognize the two individuals in particular if he observed them again and stated that he did not see them in these photographs.

With regard to the burning of the ROTC building, [redacted] said one flare that was thrown on the inside burned for a short time and went out. He said a Molotov cocktail was thrown into a window and he observed that apparently the bottle broke on the inside because the flames scattered.

[redacted] said at one point [redacted] very excitedly rushed up to him and explained that the building was burning.

[REDACTED] said he did not observe any of the activities on Sunday or Monday May 3 and 4, 1970.

[REDACTED] after being exhibited the photographs in possession of the FBI identified the following:

Photograph A-1, Individual #4

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Kent State University

Photograph A-1, Individual #5

Unknown individual, Kent State University faculty member - possibly in Psychology

Photograph A-33, Individual #1

STEVE SHAROFF, Graduate Student
former member of Concerned Citizens
for the Kent State University Community (CCC)

Photograph A-40, Individual #5

[REDACTED] Kent State University student

Photograph A-65, Individual #2

Unknown individual, also known as "Fargo",
Negro male, spoke at 3:00 p.m. rally
May 1, 1970, Kent State University student,
member of the Black United Students (BUS)

Photograph A-69, Individual #8

CRAIG MORGAN, Student senator, accused Kent State University administration of over-reacting. Went to Washington, D. C. to organize a memorial service attended by CORETTA KING, wife of MARTIN LUTHER KING and TED KENNEDY

Photograph A-75, Individual #1

WILLIAM A. RESCH, President, Graduate Student Council

Photograph A-80, Individual #4

Unknown individual believed not to be a student who arrived on campus just before weekend of violence.

Photograph A-68, Individual #1

Possibly [REDACTED]

Photograph P-3, Individual #3

[REDACTED]
Freshman student

Arrested 1969 in Canton, Ohio, for possession of marijuana, received one to ten years sentence, was paroled after four months.

Photograph P-6, Individual #2

[REDACTED], involved in SDS last year, was leader of sit-in when Oakland, California Police Department had recruiters on campus.

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A. INTERVIEWS WITH ROTC
OFFICIALS AND CADETS

Date May 19, 1970

[REDACTED] ROTC Unit, Kent State University (KSU), was interviewed while [REDACTED], ROTC Staff, KSU, was also present concerning organizations and individuals on the KSU campus of an anti-ROTC nature.

7d [REDACTED] advised that he has been present on KSU campus since July, 1969, and has actually been in command of the ROTC Unit since September, 1969. He advised that he kept a 3 x 5 card file which was begun in October, 1969, on individuals, organizations, and incidents on the KSU campus which were anti-ROTC by nature. He advised that he had approximately eight of individuals in the KSU faculty who have shown by their actions that they were vehemently anti-ROTC. [REDACTED] advised that his 3 x 5 card file was destroyed in the fire which destroyed the ROTC building; and he, therefore, could not provide the names from that file.

[REDACTED] advised that the following academic departments on the KSU campus were observed by him from their actions during faculty meetings to be anti-ROTC: Sociology, Anthropology, Political Science, and English Departments.

[REDACTED] also specifically named the following individuals who have attempted to have ROTC "thrown off" of KSU campus in the past:

Dr. EDWARD H. FRIEDMAN, Professor of Chemistry; *of*

Dr. MYRON J. TAYLOR, Dean of Honors College; *of*

Dr. DONIS D. FRANKLIN, Associate Professor of English, President of American Association of University Professors; *of*

Dr. ROBERT BERTHOFF, Assistant Professor of English; *of*

Dr. GERALD KATZ, Professor of French, Romance Languages and Classics; *of*

BOB FRANKLIN, Graduate Assistant, Chemistry Department

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by SA [REDACTED]

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Date dictated 5/19/70

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[redacted] advised that of the above-mentioned individuals, Dr. GERALD KAMBER was probably the individual on the KSU campus who has done the most to try and have ROTC dropped from the campus. He stated that KAMBER, while attending a meeting on the KSU campus during the week of May 11, 1970, to May 17, 1970, spoke out against ROTC, and also condemned all the present Officials of the United States Government concerning their political view points, and the manner in which the Administration is carrying out its policies. [redacted] also mentioned that the aforementioned Dr. DORIS E. FRANKLIN, Associate Professor of English, was in charge and took it upon herself to write up a referendum to censor the Ohio State Officials for their policies and interference in the incidents which took place at KSU campus.

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[redacted] advised that this referendum has not been drawn up and passed by the faculty at this time. [redacted] stated that he could not be sure of the following information, but it was provided to him by a reliable source that campus [redacted] was permitting SDS members to distribute literature in the foyer of the [redacted] House. [redacted] also advised that his son recently informed him that the son of [redacted] is presently distributing SDS literature on the high school level at Roosevelt High School in Kent, Ohio.

[redacted] could not provide the names of the faculty who permitted SDS on the KSU campus on November 5, 1969, when SDS speaker, MARK RUD, was permitted to come on the campus to speak, and then hold a rally at which time individuals from SDS marched around the ROTC building.

[redacted] advised he still knows of no other anti-ROTC organizations on KSU campus other than Young Socialist Alliance (YSA), Black United Students (BUS), Student Mobilization Committee, and Moratorium Committee.

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[redacted] Staff ROTC Unit, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, was interviewed concerning the burning of the ROTC building on KSU campus on May 2, 1970. [redacted] advised that there had been several demonstrations on campus earlier in the week and he recalls that on Thursday, April 30, 1970, individuals were handing out leaflets at the cafeteria on campus concerning demonstrations to take place on campus that week. One of the persons handing out leaflets identified as being [redacted] whom [redacted] now has been barred from campus under penalty of arrest. Upon realizing who this individual was [redacted] went back to see [redacted] and [redacted] had left the cafeteria and was nowhere around.

[redacted] recalls that Friday night, May 1, students and demonstrators had broken windows downtown and several windows in the ROTC Headquarters building had been broken. These windows were on the west and north sides of the building.

On Saturday, May 2, 1970, [redacted] was scheduled to take a ROTC class to the high velocity rifle ranges and [redacted] had told [redacted] that he, [redacted] had received a call from a cadet at 3:00 AM that morning indicating that some group was planning to move to stop the class from going to the ranges or was planning to disrupt operations of the class. As the class was preparing to leave for the ranges, three or four students appeared in the driveway near the Student Union building and these persons watched the class load onto Army vehicles. [redacted] noted that these persons were fairly well dressed, more well dressed than the average KSU student would be, and was unusual to [redacted]. The class proceeded to the ranges and returned in the afternoon at approximately 2:30 when they were stopped prior to arriving on campus by [redacted].

[redacted] told [redacted] that there might possibly be trouble on campus if the class returned in the military vehicles and therefore, the class went to the National Guard Armory where they transferred to University buses in which they returned to campus.

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by SA [redacted]
Date dictated 5/11/70

As the bus arrived at the ROTC building for unloading, approximately eight to twelve individuals again appeared in the area of the Student Union building. Four or five of these came down the driveway to the bus and as the class unloaded began heckling the cadets. They attempted to talk to each other although they were unsuccessful in gaining the attention of the cadets. In particular, the hecklers made it a point to ask each of the three Negro cadets their reason for being in uniform and to them they had no reason to fight in a country where they had freedom themselves.

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After the class entered the building, [redacted] made several trips from the front of the building to the Administrative Offices in the rear and the walk around the north side of the building. On one occasion, as he walked the rear of the building, one of the hecklers walked along him and told him "This would be a good place for you and your men to be tonight because it is going to burn," or a statement similar in context to that. [redacted] recalls replying to him "Why not now?" This person was a white male, 18-20 years of age, 5'8" tall, medium slender build, clean shaven, fairly long hair (not quite shoulder length), wearing a shirt and pants coat in colors. This incident took place at approximately 3:15 PM. The cadets were all inside cleaning weapons.

[redacted] paid little attention to this person's statements as he had heard similar ones five or six previous times. Several of these persons hung around the building but all of them were gone when the building was closed at approximately 5:30 PM by [redacted].

[redacted] indicated that the following Cadet may have knowledge as to the identity of some of the hecklers.

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[redacted]

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7d [redacted] advised that on the evening of May 2, 1970, he was telephonically contacted and advised that the ROTC Headquarters building was burned. He went to the vicinity of the building and firemen were putting the fire out at that time and there were several students standing by watching the fire, although [redacted] could not recall or identify them. He indicated that Cadets [redacted] may have possibly been present when the fire was started.

7c He also noted that Cadet [redacted] indicated to him that he had seen an individual with a torch starting fire in the building.

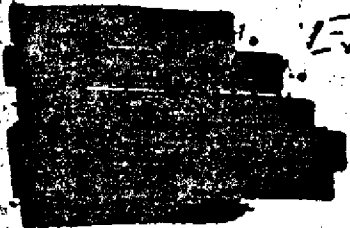
[redacted] furnished a list of the ROTC Junior class that went to the ranges and that list is attached with the members of the class who were not present indicated.

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JTC Routes MS III & IV Cadets

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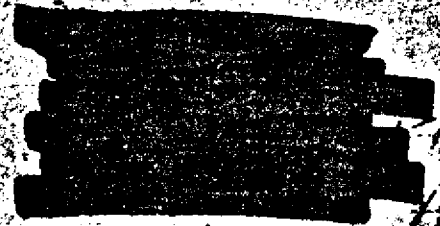
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[REDACTED] ROTC Staff, Kent State University (KSU), advised that he had been assigned to the ROTC Staff at KSU for approximately two years. He advised that he heard first-hand information concerning faculty members who would be against ROTC as his Commanding Officer, [REDACTED], would be, the individual who would have direct contact with these people during the faculty conferences. He stated that he was aware of one individual, [REDACTED], who is well-known on the KSU campus as an agitator and an individual who is very much against ROTC.

[REDACTED] advised that the student groups on campus who were anti-ROTC were Young Socialist Alliance (YSA), Black United Students (BUS), Student Mobilization Committee, and Moratorium Committee. He also advised that two new organizations on the campus were New University Conference (NUC), and Student Religious League (SRL), but that these organizations have not made their policies toward ROTC known to date.

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Cadet [REDACTED] a sophomore at Kent State University (KSU), presently residing at 123 Crane Street, Kent, Ohio, advised he could furnish no information regarding persons responsible for the burning of the ROTC building, all he is interested in helping identify these persons in any way possible.

[REDACTED] stated on Saturday evening after the fire had started, he had seen the flames from the burning building and to campus where he talked for a while with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] talked with several other staff officers names unrecalled, that evening and although there was a crowd standing around watching the fire, [REDACTED] cannot recall the names of any of the persons. One individual, who was talking with [REDACTED] was standing in the Air Force ROTC offices and this person works on campus and is a student. He is a young white male with light brown hair and although [REDACTED] does not know his name, possibly some officers in the Air Force ROTC may know them.

[REDACTED] recalls that one of the individuals on the [REDACTED] was a Negro male, who is a football player and is a sophomore or junior and he was taunting the firemen and National Guards Saturday night. Another person who was in the crowd was an individual who is an officer for the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) and this person is approximately 5'6" - 5'8", white male, short slender build (140 lbs.), bushy hair, full beard, glasses and always wears a fatigue cap and a brown jacket. There is a Mexican student who is also in the YSA who was present Saturday night and [REDACTED] does not recall his name either.

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[redacted] Staff ROTC, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, advised that he was not on campus on Saturday as his wife was in the hospital, although on Saturday evening he was visiting [redacted] at [redacted] residence, when at approximately 7:45 PM, [redacted] received a call from [redacted] regarding the fire at the ROTC building. [redacted] and [redacted] went to KSU campus and arrived there at approximately 8:45 PM and when they arrived either no fire trucks had yet arrived or one had been present and had been driven off by students.

[redacted] is not sure of the above as he heard all kinds of rumors that evening.

[redacted] recalls that there was a white male dressed in bluejeans, a plaid jacket and a white armband, who had black hair standing around the Air Force ROTC building that evening and [redacted] and other members of the ROTC staff briefly talked with this individual. He mentioned several comments regarding activities on campus within the last several days and possibly was present when the fire was started. [redacted] advised that this individual works for the University, possibly in the Maintenance Department and he is 19 or 20 years old, over 6' tall, slender build, light complexion, and is probably also a student.

[redacted] believes that possibly [redacted] may know the identity of the above individual as [redacted] was around the area of the ROTC building talking with [redacted] that evening.

[redacted] was also around that evening and may have seen the fire started. [redacted] talked to him occasionally although he could not recall if [redacted] mentioned seeing the fire started.

[redacted] could furnish no names of individuals who he saw standing around the building as the fire was burning.

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[REDACTED] ROTC, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, furnished the following information concerning activities around the ROTC building on Saturday, May 2, 1970:

In the early morning of May 2, 1970, a ROTC class boarded a bus and went to the high velocity rifle ranges and returned from the ranges in the early afternoon approximately 2:30 PM. At the time the class arrived back at the ROTC building they were in an University bus, having transferred from an Army Reserve vehicle which they originally left the campus in. [REDACTED] advised they had transferred in the University bus in view of the fact there were rumors on campus that the National Guard was being moved in.

At the time the bus arrived, [REDACTED] noticed several individuals standing on the driveway by the Student Union building and approximately four of these students were at the bus as the class was departing. [REDACTED] stated these individuals were hecklers and they were attempting to talk to members of the class as they came off the bus. [REDACTED] cannot recall the names of any of these individuals although he does recall that one of the persons was a white male who was wearing a headband and had long hair. Another individual and a girl were walking around the ROTC building toward the Commons and [REDACTED] heard the boy make a comment to an unknown person and the comment was "You better keep guarding that boy that place will burn good."

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] possibly knows one of these hecklers or might have heard the above comment.

[REDACTED] also advised that one heckler was talking to a black student cadet briefly and the only two black cadets [REDACTED] knows of in the class were (PNU) [REDACTED] (phonetic) and [REDACTED] both of whom are seniors.

[REDACTED] advised that after the class finished cleaning the guns and had left, he and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], locked the building and [REDACTED] noted that there did not appear to be any hecklers outside or any persons watching them leave.

At approximately 8:30 PM, [REDACTED] received a telephone call from the campus police who advised him that the ROTC building had been set on fire. [REDACTED] advised he did not come to the campus that evening as several of the other officers were there.

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[redacted] ROTC, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, advised as follows concerning the burning of the ROTC building on Saturday, May 2, 1970, and the events which took place prior to that burning on the afternoon of May 2, 1970:

At approximately 7:30 AM, [redacted] and several other staff officers took a ROTC class to the rifle ranges and then left in an Army Reserve truck. Before they left, [redacted] had indicated to [redacted] that there may be trouble on campus with students trying to stop the class from going to the ranges. There were no problems in that regard, however, upon returning from the ranges, their bus was stopped by [redacted] on Route 43 and [redacted] advised [redacted] that the rumor on campus was that the National Guard was coming to KSU and they decided to transfer to a University vehicle so as not to arouse attention. They took the class to the National Guard Armory and there transferred to the University bus and arrived on campus at approximately 2:30 PM.

When they arrived, approximately ten students were standing on the driveway by the Student Union building looking towards the ROTC building where the class began departing from the bus. One of these students [redacted] recalls was a Negro male and he came down to the class and talked for a while to the three black cadets who were in the class. These cadets were [redacted]. He recalls that this student definitely talked to [redacted] for a short while. [redacted] cannot recall the names of any of the students although several of them were standing around heckling the class and the black student was possibly in the ROTC previously. When [redacted] left, the class was finished cleaning their weapons and [redacted] left with [redacted] around 6:00 PM.

On Saturday evening prior to the ROTC building being set on fire, [redacted] had occasion to drive on campus with members of his family at approximately 7:30 PM, and at that time he saw 300 to 400 students near the back of the ROTC building and some of these students were carrying large bags, similar to

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grocery bags. They were carrying them in their hands, hanging towards the ground, and [REDACTED] does not know what was in the bags. Seeing the large crowd, [REDACTED] decided not to go near the building and left the campus.

He later heard that the ROTC building had been set on fire. He advised he cannot recall any of the names of the persons in the large crowd.

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7d [redacted] Staff ROTC, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, advised that he was with the cadet class which returned to the campus from the rifle ranges on Saturday, May 2, 1970, and as they arrived on campus, he recalls several cadets commenting that there appeared to be a lot of strangers on campus. As the class was departing the bus, to enter the ROTC building, [redacted] heard a male individual who was standing near the bus make some comment to the effect that the staff officers should watch the ROTC building closely as it would make a pretty fire. There were several individuals standing around the bus trying to talk to the cadets, although [redacted] cannot recall the identity of these persons.

[redacted] left the building after the class had gone and at that time, recalls no persons standing around the building. He returned that evening at approximately 9:30 PM, after having been advised that the building had been set on fire. He recalls the identity of none of the persons in the crowd that evening.

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B. INTERVIEWS WITH STUDENTS

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[redacted] nickname, [redacted] residing with his brother [redacted] furnished the following information:

During the evening of May 2, 1970 he was studying in the Architectural Building at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio. At approximately 10:00 PM he returned to his dormitory, Tripp Towers, and approximately one hour later noticed a fire in the distance. [redacted] advised he at first thought that some trees were burning due to the angle from which he was looking at the fire. He advised someone then told him that the ROTC building was on fire. He advised he stayed in the dormitory during the entire fire. He advised he was not in the ROTC building during the fire, nor jumped out the window. He stated that he has no knowledge whatsoever as to who started the fire. He advised if he knew who started the fire, he would voluntarily furnish the identity of the individual(s) concerned to the FBI.

When questioned as to the reason for the cast on his right hand, [redacted] advised he fractured his hand while playing soccer on April 28, 1970. He advised he has a doctor's appointment on May 19, 1970 for the removal of the bandages. He advised his hand fracture can be verified by contacting the KSU Student Medical Center.

[redacted] stated that he did not partake in any of the rallies or demonstrations at KSU during the weekend in question. He advised that he came to visit his brother in Garfield Heights on May 3, 1970 and has not returned to KSU since that date.

He advised he is a Sophomore at KSU, majoring in Architecture. He advised his campus address is Leebri Hall, [redacted], KSU, telephone [redacted]. He advised he is not a member of any subversive organizations. He also advised he is not enrolled in the ROTC program at KSU due to his alien status. He advised he has been in the United States for the past two years.

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[REDACTED] was exhibited photographs of various Students for a Democratic Society Weatherman members and fugitives, and he advised he has never seen any of these individuals before.

The following description regarding [REDACTED] was obtained through observation and interview:

Date of Birth:	July 1, 1946
Place of Birth:	[REDACTED]
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	145 pounds
Hair:	Dark brown
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Medium
Characteristics:	Wears mustache
Social Security #:	[REDACTED]
Arrests:	None admitted

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[REDACTED], Canton, Ohio, advised he is a third year, Junior, student at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, and resides Room [REDACTED] Stopher Hall, on campus.

He advised that on the night of May 2, 1970, he was working in the Student Activities Center, Tutor Center, and at approximately 8:30 PM, he noted flares thrown at the side of the ROTC building and some individual in the Center called the fire department. He advised due to the darkness, he could not identify any of the individuals who threw flares and set fire to the ROTC building.

[REDACTED] advised a short time after the fire department was summoned, he went outside and observed the firemen attempt to get near the ROTC building with their hoses and he, in fact, grabbed hold of one of the hoses in efforts to free it from a signpost which was holding up its free end towards the fire. He stated several unknown students came to a position near him, grabbed hold of the hose and began slashing same with machete knives. He stated he could not identify any of the individuals responsible for cutting the hose due to darkness. He stated he returned to the Student Activities Center and could provide no further additional information with regard to the burning of the ROTC building.

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[redacted] Canton, Ohio, advised he is a third year, Junior, student at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, with campus residence Room [redacted] McDowell Hall.

[redacted] advised on Saturday night, May 2, 1970, he went to the Tri-Towers dormitory complex at approximately 8:00 PM, accompanied by [redacted] to pass out leaflets written by the University announcing information pertaining to the Friday night incidents in efforts to inform the students the truth as to what had happened in downtown Kent, Ohio. This pamphlet further notified students of activities, such as movies and dances, to be held on campus that night.

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He advised at approximately 8:30 PM, a group of 200 to 300 students marched to the Tri-Towers complex, shouting and hollering, and, although he knows those people as students to be radicals, he could not personally identify any of them. He stated at this time he was with [redacted] a fellow student who is running for the Student Senate, and he, [redacted] observed a white male, whom he knew as a student at Oberlin College, in the group of 200-300 marching students. He stated [redacted] asked this individual why he was there and he, the unknown individual, stated he was taking a course on campus during the Spring Quarter. [redacted] stated [redacted] knew this individual by name and should be able to furnish same.

[redacted] stated the group left the Tri-Towers building and he thereafter, at approximately 9:10 PM, went into the Student Activities Center where he observed individuals throwing rocks at the ROTC building, a flare, and shortly thereafter a fire bomb, with the building erupting into flames. He stated due to the darkness he could not identify any of the individuals responsible for throwing these items at the ROTC building. He stated upon the arrival of the fire department

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he went to the University Police Department to report the firemen's arrival and to tell them, the campus police, that the firemen's hoses were being cut.

He stated after reporting this to the police department, he returned to his dormitory.

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[REDACTED] Vienna, Ohio, who is a Junior at Kent State University (KSU), majoring in Elementary Education and who resides at [REDACTED] furnished the following information:

On Saturday, May 2, 1970, she had a date with her boyfriend, [REDACTED] and went to Garrettsville, Ohio with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. She said that they returned to the campus about 2:30 AM and the first she heard about the burning of the ROTC was Sunday morning when she and a few other girls walked across campus to the burned building.

On May 4, 1970, she stated she was in the main library when she heard the shooting outside Taylor Hall. She said she did not observe any of the shooting by the National Guard as it had all ended when she walked across the campus to Taylor Hall.

[REDACTED] stated earlier Monday morning on May 4, 1970, there were two girl students in her history class who discussed the burning of the ROTC with [REDACTED]. This was in History 152. She could not identify the two girls that stated that they sat on the front row and the conversation between them and [REDACTED] concerned how long it had taken to get the ROTC Building on fire. She also overheard these two girls mention that some of students had knives with which they cut the fire hoses.

She said that her boyfriend, [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED] Ohio, told her he was standing beside SANDRA SCHETTER, one of the girls who was killed. She stated that she had known SANDRA during the previous year because they lived in the same dormitory. She added that in her opinion SANDRA associated with so-called third students, explaining she meant students who wore long hair and beards and were active in student demonstrations. She did not know any of these friends of SANDRA.

She stated her boyfriend, [REDACTED] address [REDACTED]

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above, has told her he has already been interviewed by the FBI.

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PETER CHARLES BLIEK voluntarily appeared at the Rochester, New York Resident Agency of the FBI. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the inquiry.

Pet. BLIEK furnished the following signed statement:

"May 11, 1970
Rochester, New York

"I, PETER CHARLES BLIEK, make the following statement to [REDACTED] a Special Agent of the FBI.

"I am a student at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, and reside at 34 Highwood Road, Irondequoit, N.Y.

"On May 2, 1970, I attended a rally at 8:00 PM on the Commons which consisted of about 200 students. The rally turned into a march through campus gathering additional students and then regrouped in the Commons, which group was about 2,000 students. Some of the leaders, identity unknown, numbering about 5 wanted to 'get ROTC building'. The majority of the students did not respond to the idea, however; about 7 students proceeded to the parking lot and syphoned gas from motorcycles and made fire bombs with cloth and bottles. Prior to the fire bombing a majority of the windows had been broken and the fire bombs were tossed into the building through main entrance and broken windows by about 5 students whom I don't know. Upon response by fire company an unknown number of students cut the fire hoses. The state troopers arrived to protect the firemen but students numbering 30-50 threw rocks at the troopers. Tro then used tear gas to disperse the students. Students numbering about 100 knocked down a chain link fence, near tennis courts up to athletic storehouse and then about 15-20 students started fire in storehouse. Students then proceeded to march around throwing rocks and crowd was dispersed by tear gas. Many students returned to the Commons to watch ROTC building burn. Tear gas resumed and crowd finally dispersed and I returned to the dorm about midnight.

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"I have read the above statement of this and on page, it is true to the best of my knowledge. I have initialed each page.

"/s/ PETER CHARLES BLIEK

7C "Witness: SA [REDACTED] FBI, Rochester, New York

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name:	PETER CHARLES BLIEK
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	4/11/48, Rochester, New York
Height:	6'3"
Weight:	185 lbs.
Hair:	Brown (long), with full beard
Eyes:	Brown
Social Security:	053-40-4812

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[redacted] Wright Hall, Kent State University (KSU), telephone 672-7211, furnished the following information:

He is a freshman at KSU on an athletic scholarship. By way of background, [redacted] advised he was high school [redacted]

[redacted] His home address is [redacted] [redacted] home telephone [redacted]. He commented that he witnessed certain events on May 3 and 4, 1970, which he felt the FBI should be made aware of. He commented he would certainly not consider himself an activist on campus and does not condone certain of the activities on the part of some activists. He commented that if it ever became necessary for him to testify in any type of a judicial hearing, he would be most happy to testify.

On Sunday night, May 3, 1970, he returned to KSU after spending the weekend in Maple Heights, at approximately 8:30 PM. He was in his dormitory, Wright Hall, and at approximately 11:30 PM, May 3, 1970, approximately 200 students marched into Wright Hall and sat on the floor in the lobby of this dorm. Two individuals appeared to be the leaders of this group as they were usually on their feet leading chants and trying to "psyche up" the other students. He heard comments such as "We have to get the pigs off the campus" and "There are only four wooden buildings on campus left, and they have got to go," "Burn, baby, burn," and other phrases, some of which contained obscenities. The two leaders also commented that everyone should be on the Commons at 12:00 noon, tomorrow, Monday, May 4, 1970. The comment was also made that "the time to act is tomorrow."

[redacted] and [redacted] were at this gathering and apparently were in some type of discussion with them.

Shortly after the students entered the lobby of Wright Hall approximately 100 Ohio National Guardsmen came

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marching to the building, at which time some of the students raised the windows and were yelling at the guard. The apparent commander of this Ohio National Guard contingent was met by [redacted] outside of Wright Hall and a three or four minute conversation took place. After this meeting terminated, the Ohio National Guard left and did not enter Wright Hall. [redacted] then returned to the lobby, where he told the assembled students that he would permit them spend the night in the lobby of Wright Hall; however, they had to be out by morning. This announcement was made on a public address system which is in the lobby. Furniture and other items were pushed back and the students were on the floor.

During this time, the two individuals who he designated as the leaders again were telling everyone to be on the ground at noon and again getting the students excited. He stayed in the vicinity of the lobby for approximately 20 minutes; and at approximately 12:00 midnight, he went up to his room on the tenth floor of Wright Hall.

He advised he did not know the names of the individuals who were the apparent leaders of this group; however, he furnished the following descriptions and background concerning them:

INDIVIDUAL NUMBER ONE

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	19
Height:	5'7"
Weight:	145 pounds
Occupation:	Student
Complexion:	Dark
Hair:	Black, short - kinky
Build:	Well built
Characteristics:	Ears which stuck out from head; wide nose, possibly Italian descent; possibly from New York

Remarks: [redacted] was in tumbling and acrobatics course taught by [redacted] which met on Wednesday and Friday 1:10 PM to 2:15 PM.

Dress:

White jacket
Blue jean trousers

INDIVIDUAL NUMBER TWO

Race:

White

Sex:

Male

Age:

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Height:

5'9"

Weight:

160 pounds

Hair:

Light brown, long, reaching
to shoulders, kinky over

Eyes:

Blue

Characteristics:

Trimmed mustache, which
extended from one corner of
mouth to other, Fu Man
type.

Dress:

Faded red sweatshirt
Blue jean trousers
Light tan suede ankle

Remarks:

Has not been seen on
campus before.

On the morning of May 4, 1970, he went to the
of Wright Hall at approximately 11:00 AM, at which time the
group which had been there the night before was not there.
At approximately 12:00 noon, he decided to walk over by the
Commons out of curiosity, and certainly not because he agreed
with the philosophy of the group he had encountered the
night, at which time there were approximately 1000 students
in the Commons, some sitting on the grass, and were chanting
various phrases, some of which were obscene, which dealt
the war in Southeast Asia and the presence of the Ohio National
Guard on campus. He was standing in the back of Taylor Hall
overlooking the Commons and could hear someone shouting on
a bull horn that the campus was under Martial Law and that
the crowd should disperse because it was unlawful for them to
congregate. This individual repeatedly told the crowd to
disperse; however, this was to no avail. There was a great
deal of chanting and yelling from the students back at the

individual with the bull horn and at the Ohio National Guard which had formed a line near the burned ROTC building. The pleading on the part of the individual continued for approximately ten to fifteen minutes; and on one occasion, someone got into a jeep and drove out near the students with a bull horn and again told the students to disperse. However, they did not; and rocks and other objects were thrown at the jeep. Shortly after this incident, tear gas was fired by the National Guard into the crowd and the students started to disperse, running in all directions. Some students had gas masks and wet cloths, which they held to their faces and several students picked up canisters of tear gas and threw it back at the National Guard. After this barrage of tear gas, the line of Guardsmen moved out; and it was at this point he noted that one of the individuals who appeared to be in the middle of the demonstrators was the individual who he described before as the number one individual and with whom he had the tumbling and apparatus class. This individual was observed by him on one occasion picking up a can of tear gas and throwing it back at the Guard.

The Ohio National Guard in a line formation moved across the Commons, up the hill to the right of Taylor Hall, down the hill in front of Taylor Hall and across the football field to a chain link fence which surrounds the practice field. The Guardsmen dispersed the students; however, it looked like it was a continuing thing as the students were retreated to the rear and to the sides of the Guard formation. During this maneuver by the Guard, numerous students were throwing large rocks, some six to eight inches in diameter at the Guard and were chanting and yelling at them. When the Guard reached the chain link fence, some of the Guardsmen assumed a kneeling position with their rifles at their shoulders; however, no shots were fired to his knowledge. After three or four seconds in the kneeling position, they resumed the standing position as if by command. At this point, he heard someone yell that the Guard was out of tear gas.

The skirmish line then moved back across the football practice field and up the hill to where Taylor Hall is located, this time moving to the left of Taylor Hall as one would see it from the practice football field. As the Guard was going back toward Taylor Hall, numerous students closed in behind them and at times were within five yards behind the skirmish line.

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line. He observed one student throw a large rock at a National Guardsman, hitting him in the small of the back, and the National Guardsman stumbled, but did not go down. When the line reached the plateau where Taylor Hall is located and near the pagoda-type structure, he saw one Guardsman pull a .45 caliber automatic from his holster and hold the gun in the air; however, he did not hear any shots. He also observed one student hit an officer with a rock, who started after the student who had hit him; however, the student ran and the officer did not pursue the student into the crowd. At this time, he was on the patio of Taylor Hall observing this activity.

Suddenly, the Guardsmen started firing their rifles, some of them shooting in the air and others shooting into the ground away from the students. He noted that some of the National Guardsmen who were closest to Taylor Hall appeared to be shooting at the crowd. He did not hear any command given to commence firing or to cease firing, but it appeared to him that the Guardsmen started together and ended together. This barrage lasted approximately four seconds, after which he noted numerous people on the ground to get away from the firing; and he also noted later on some were still on the ground, obviously wounded.

The students generally dispersed and the large portion of them left the area.

He noted one individual was lying in the roadway in front of Taylor Hall and approximately five or six National Guardsmen ran to the body in the street as if to protect the body. Numerous students started milling around this protection maneuver by the Guard and all were yelling, gesturing, and calling them pigs and murderers. Shortly thereafter, an ambulance came and left with this individual who had been wounded or killed.

After the shooting, he observed numerous students go to the area where the shooting had taken place and pick up empty cartridges and live rounds of ammunition off of the ground. One student was yelling that anyone who had cartridges or live rounds should give them to him as it would be evil that the pigs had shot at students. He observed several turning over cartridges they had picked up off of the ground to this individual, whose identity he does not know.

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He advised that a friend of his, [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] Ohio, was one of the individuals who picked up a cartridge case and later gave it to this unidentified individual.

He commented that in retrospect he felt the Ohio National Guard acted only to preserve their own safety in as at times they were completely surrounded by students. He added he personally felt the Guard acted in a prudent manner although he certainly did not want to see loss of life; but at times he himself felt that the Guard was in danger of having their own weapons taken from them, inasmuch as the students were very angry and were about to try something foolish.

[REDACTED] commented that in his opinion, if the group of approximately 200 students who gathered in Wright Hall on the evening of May 3, 1970, had not been allowed to remain there and had been dispersed, the unfortunate situation wherein four students were killed might not have happened. He feels that the two instigators of this group were responsible for "psyching up" this group up to a fever pitch and that this group in turn encouraged the other students to follow along.

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[REDACTED] t, who is a senior at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, majoring in Economics, advised as follows:

On the night of May 2, 1970, he heard there was to be a rally at 8:00 PM near the bell on the Commons of the KSU campus. He was uncertain of the reason for the rally and arrived at the bell at approximately 8:10 PM. Upon his arrival, the rally had already been held and he learned that pamphlets had been passed out to those in attendance and that the pamphlets contained information regarding curfew restrictions being imposed on KSU students.

He inquired of someone in the group as to who to see regarding legal representation for students who were arrested the previous evening, Friday, May 1, 1970, and was instructed to see the [REDACTED] R (Phone [REDACTED]). He went to [REDACTED] office which is located in a wing of Johnson Hall and while there, [REDACTED] was receiving telephone calls regarding people on campus who were in possession of sticks and stones. He received the impression that some information had been developed that a group had planned setting fire to the ROTC building.

He left Johnson Hall and from a vantage point on the balcony of Taylor Hall, saw about 250 people congregated on the football practice field. The group then left the practice field and walked down between Johnson and Taylor Halls chanting as they went and arrived in the vicinity of the ROTC building. He continued to watch from atop the hill and saw someone light a torch in the midst of the group and this torch was layed near the entrance of the ROTC building. From his view of the people involved in this group, he estimated there were 30 or 40 individuals wearing thin red headbands signifying a particular group which he could not identify. He stated that he also felt there were a number in this group who were not KSU students basing his opinion on the fact he did not recognize them as such.

As he continued to watch, he saw at least three additional torches placed adjacent to the ROTC building; however,

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the building did not appear to catch fire. After sometime he moved from Taylor Hall over to the vicinity of Johnson Hall discussed with a group of individuals in that area what effort should be made to stop the burning of the building. After a discussion, it was decided that it would be unwise to attempt stop the burning and no effort was made by this group to due

At approximately 9:00 PM the Kent Fire Department arrived to the rear of the ROTC building and laved hoses he believes from the rear of the building around the corner in an effort to fight the blaze which had then started. At this point, he had not observed any uniform police in the area. continued that the fire hoses were cut by the demonstrating in at least three places. One fireman attempted to retrieve torch or to grab the drapes which appeared to be on fire and was driven off by three persons from the group.

Approximately 45 minutes later, it would have been in the vicinity of 9:45 or 10:00 PM, campus police arrived from the Portago Drive area and the demonstrating group was moved back from the fire with tear gas to the Commons area. The fire at this point seemed to have been put out or at least was no obviously burning fiercely from his vantage point. When the demonstrating group was dispersed to the Commons area, they set fire to a small shed on the Commons which is utilized for the storage of archery equipment.

He stated he then left the area and proceeded to the Student Activity Center and in conjunction with others, put a white arm band and went back to the campus and instructed on the scene that the National Guard would be coming to the campus and that anyone on campus would be subject to arrest. He said he instructed those he approached to leave the campus.

He continued that while on this tour he saw something thrown through the window of Taylor Hall by an unidentified individual. He stated also that suddenly the ROTC building to erupt in flame as perhaps the ammunition inside had been exploded; however, he heard no such report. He also observed at this time that the demonstrators had gained control of the fire hoses and turned it on the firemen who were trying to put the blazes out.

He said that most of the people he warned about in the campus turned and left and about 11:00 PM he, himself, left as the National Guard troops were arriving on campus.

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While on the campus, he was accompanied by [REDACTED] a student at Smith College who resides at [REDACTED] House, Smith College, North Hamden, Massachusetts. He was also accompanied by [REDACTED] both Kent State students living in Summit Hill Apartment [REDACTED] Kent, Ohio.

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

[redacted] said that a person walking by him hit his arm in an apparent attempt to knock the camera out of his hands. Someone in the crowd yelled either, "Get the camera," or "Get 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 and told the group to stop hitting him. He started to get up and the girl told him not to. She said that they had to have the film because they could go to jail if identified. He told that the camera also contained pictures of his best friend's wedding and wanted to keep it. The girl then said something 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 had gathered around him so he surrendered the camera. Someone in the crowd took the film from the camera, a Kodak Instamatic, and returned the camera to him. He got to his feet and some members of the crowd asked if he was all right. He observed a couple of "older" individuals in the crowd nearby and assumed 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 laying 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 and 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 and observed a group of the demonstrators tear down a fence near the tennis courts and also burn an equipment shed which was located at the base of Taylor Hall.

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

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[redacted] stated that on Monday, May 4, 1970, he was 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 Hall, where he went to work at the Desk and went outside at one time and observed the National Guardsmen moving up Taylor Hill. He later heard a commotion at the back of Johnson Hall and went out back and observed the National Guardsmen at the top of the hill firing their rifles in the direction of Taylor Hall.

[redacted] said that he did not see any students with guns and did not see anyone fire at the Guardsmen. He did not 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 Johnson Hall carrying an empty bottle and was going toward the Women's toilet. [redacted] confronted her and asked what she was doing. The girl told him it was none of his business and to get out 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 and assumed she had gone to the toilet to fill the bottle with urine.

[redacted] further advised that after the shooting on 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 appeared to be made by a

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bullet coming from the direction in which the National Guardsmen 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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[redacted] was contacted at the residence of [redacted] Ohio. He advised that his home address is [redacted] Long Island, New York. He advised that he is a Sophomore and attends Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio and resides at the College Towers and his campus residence. On May 2, 1970, he left his room and went to Hall on campus after the fire in the ROTC Building had started. He did not get close enough to the building to see the people in the area but merely saw the flames shooting up into the air. He stated that he does not know of anyone personally who might have any knowledge regarding the identities of the people starting the fire or harassing the firemen during their attempt to put the fire out.

He advised that on May 4, 1970, he had received word that there would be problems on the campus that day and did not want to become involved so he did not go to his 11:00 class. He stated that he did not observe any of the shooting on the campus and could not furnish the names of anyone who did observe these activities.

He stated that he was acquainted with [redacted] as he had dated her during the last school year and that he has talked to her very briefly after the above listed activities and that neither the shooting or the fire were mentioned during this conversation.

[redacted] Akron, Ohio

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