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KENT STATE SHOOTING

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TITLE OF CASE

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

REPORT MADE BY

SA [redacted] 7C

CHARACTER OF CASE

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

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] 5-14-70, at Cleveland.

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AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

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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Whenever possible, signed statements are being obtained from appropriate witnesses.

REPORT OF SPECIAL AGENT [redacted] 7C
[redacted] DATED MAY 21, 1970, AT
CLEVELAND, OHIO, CAPTIONED "UNSUBS;
FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING,
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU),
KENT, OHIO, MAY 2, 1970."

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Section 3

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Date 5/7/70

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

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

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

[redacted] stated he has no reason to believe this may be
of significance in the starting of the fire in the ROTC build
but individuals who live behind 123 Crane Street borrowed a c
of kerosene Saturday afternoon from Crane Street residents.

On 5/6/70 at Kent, Ohio File # Cleveland 98-2140

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 5/7/70

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[redacted] Ohio, advised he is a freshman at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio.

On Friday, May 1, 1970, there was a gathering at approximately 12:30 PM, on the Commons. Several individuals made speeches. He listened to about 15 minutes of a speech by an individual whose last name he believes was FREDERICK. He recognized FREDERICK as a student at KSU, and believes him to be a Chemistry major and a member of the Students for a Democr Society (SDS) or Young Socialist Alliance (YSA). FREDERICK's speech dealt with the school administration allowing the ROTC on campus and the Cambodian issue. [redacted] said he did not recall any specific statements made by FREDERICK, and he did not know any of the other speakers. The campus police were in attendance at the time the speeches were being made because FREDERICK made reference to them while he was speaking. [redacted] estimated that approximately 600 students attended the speeche

[redacted] stated that on Saturday, May 2, 1970, he and [redacted] another KSU student, had attended a movie at KSU auditorium. The movie was over at approximately 9:00 P and on the way back to their dormitory they observed fire trucks and saw a fire hose laid out near the ROTC Building. The large crowd was gathered around the ROTC Building and they saw a glow inside the building. [redacted] had a motorbike parked approximately 50 feet to the rear of the ROTC Building and they went to move it away from the area. While they were tryi to move the bike, a White male having long hair, broke a windo in the ROTC Building. The demonstrators started moving in the direction, and they left the motorbike there and went to their dormitory, Stopher Hall. They watched the rest of the activit from the dormitory and were not close enough to recognize anyo participating in the demonstration. [redacted] said he did see one individual in the area wearing a blue armband but did not know who this individual was or what the armband represented.

[redacted] said a former roommate, of [redacted] whose first name is [redacted], last name unknown, told him on Sunday, May 3, 1970 that the demonstrators used the gasoline from [redacted] motorbike in setting fire to the ROTC Building.

On 5-12-70 at [redacted] Ohio File # Cleveland 98-2140

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[redacted] stated that the gas had gone for a good cause, and the ROTC on campus was finished. [redacted] said that [redacted] is considered a radical and associated with the radical elements on campus at KSU. [redacted] is a Freshman at KSU and from his statements he was obviously at the ROTC Building when it was burned according to [redacted]

[redacted] said on Monday, May 4, 1970, he watched all the demonstration from his dormatory and did not go outside. He was not close enough to see or identify any of the participants in the demonstration, and he did not take any photographs. He further advised that he does not know of anyone who took photographs during the burning of the ROTC Building or the shootings that had occurred on Monday, May 4, 1970.

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[redacted], Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent. [redacted] agreed to voluntarily furnish the following information to the interviewing Agent:

[redacted] advised on May 2, 1970 at approximately 8:30 PM, he was in Tri-Towers Hall. He stated a concert was going on and that there was supposed to be a jam session when the concert was over.

[redacted] stated a large number of demonstrators came marching through the dormitory and that individuals present in the dormitory joined the marching demonstrators. He approximated the number of demonstrators at 2,000. He stated he also joined the marching demonstrators, but he remained at the rear of the march.

[redacted] stated that the demonstrators marched over the hill near Tri-Towers and over the Commons. The crowd extended from the hill to the ROTC Building. He advised he was positioned halfway up the hill in front of Taylor Hall. He stated from his position he observed the crowd and they seemed to be running and having a good time.

[redacted] stated he questioned various individuals in the demonstration as to the cause of the demonstration in which he was now a participant. He advised an individual unknown to him stated they were demonstrating against the war. He advised at this point some individuals were saying, "Look, the ROTC Building is ablaze."

[redacted] advised the next thing he recalls was the throwing of tear gas into the crowd by the National Guard. He advised the crowd dispersed and retreated to the top of the hill. He stated they also advanced toward the ROTC Building and the Guard. He advised when the crowd retreated to the hill, he left and went back to Tri-Towers and remained in the pit. The pit is another name for the Tri-Tower lounge.

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[redacted] advised on May 3, 1970, he and [redacted] visited [redacted] Ohio. At approximately 5:00 PM, [redacted] received two or three telephone calls from friends stating the students had taken over the street and that they were surrounded by the National Guard and Kent Policemen.

[redacted] stated [redacted], Ohio [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) and he then proceeded to set up a first aid station in [redacted] 1965 or 1966 Ford Econoline Van. They then drove into Kent via Summit Street and went to Tri-Towers where an individual had been hit in the head. The individual complained he could not hear and his eyes were dilated. We were also told a girl who had been bayonetted by the National Guard was located in the Lincoln Street area. They drove this first individual to the Health Center on campus and offered to assist at the Health Center. The Health Center sent them to the Lincoln Street area to pick up the injured girl. It was at this point that they were arrested for curfew violation by Patrolmen of the Kent Police Department.

[redacted] stated they were confined at the Portage County Jail located in Revenna, Ohio. He stated he pled Guilty and was arraigned in the Kent Municipal Court before Judge KENT and was subsequently fined $25 and Court costs and released at 4:30 PM, May 4, 1970.

As a result of his detainment in jail on May 3 and 4, 1970, [redacted] could not offer any personal observations of the National Guard confrontation with persons on the KSU Campus.

The following is a description obtained through interview and observation:

Name [redacted]

Address [redacted] Also known as [redacted]
Kent, Ohio

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Date of Birth	January 21, 1950
Place of Birth	Oberlin, Ohio
Height	5'4"
Weight	120 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Hazel
Father	[redacted]
Mother	[redacted]
Brothers	[redacted], Age 13
Scars and Marks	2" cut scar on left side

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[redacted], advised he was arrested at about 12:30 AM on May 3, 1970 by the Kent Police for violation of a curfew violation, which curfew had been instituted on Saturday, May 2, 1970.

[redacted] advised he had observed the entire demonstration which occurred on the evening of May 2, 1970 and that he observed some "kids" attempt to set fire to the ROTC Building at Kent State University. He advised he was sitting on a hill between Taylor and Johnson Halls and was approximately 150 yards away from the ROTC Building when he saw these individuals run up to the building with a flaming object in their hands, throw it into the building and run back into the crowd. He stated from his position, he would be unable to identify any of these individuals.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Address	[redacted] Ohio
Date of Birth	December 17, 1951 at [redacted], Ohio
Height	5'8"
Weight	143 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Social Security Number	[redacted]
Occupation	Student Kent State University
Person Always Knowing Whereabouts	[redacted] Ohio

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by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 5/14/70

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[redacted] Ohio, was interviewed at her residence and advised as follows:

She is a junior in the school of education at Kent State University and while on campus resides in Room [redacted] at Koonce Hall.

The weekend of May 2nd, she had gone to her home in [redacted] the previous evening (Friday, May 1) and did not return to the University until Sunday afternoon, May 3rd.

[redacted] did not see any part of the burning o the ROTC Building. The day of the shooting she was on her w to a class and heard the shots on the other side of a hill w she was walking. As she approached the top of the hill she students running and also saw two people lying on the ground

[redacted] indicated she did not know who had be shot nor did she see any of the shooting. She left this are and returned to a dorm.

[redacted] stated she was not a part of the group tha was demonstrating and she is not acquainted with any of the demonstrators.

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[redacted] Ohio, telephone number [redacted] attends Kent State University (KSU) where he is a junior student and is a member of the ROTC. He resides off campus at apartment [redacted] Kent, Ohio, telephone number [redacted] He will be at the residence of his parents during the summer of 1970 and expects to return to KSU in September, 1970.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] same residence address as above, will always know his whereabouts.

[redacted] s a Cadet with the ROTC at KSU, commencing on Saturday, May 2, 1970, he had rifle practice with other Cadets at the rifle range south of Canton, Ohio. They returned to the ROTC Building at approximately 3:30 p.m. A group of 25 - 30 males met the bus and jeered the Cadets as they departed the bus and entered the building. There was no physical contact; no hurling of rocks; no destruction resulted. He remained in the building until approximately 5:30 p.m. at which time he departed the campus for his apartment. At that time there were no students gathering or present on the campus or in the vicinity of the ROTC Building.

He received a telephone call approximately 9:30 p.m. from [redacted] a student in his junior year at KSU who resides in McDowell Hall, who is also a ROTC Cadet. [redacted] stated it was rumored a ROTC Building was on fire.

[redacted] and his friend, [redacted], a junior at KSU and also a ROTC Cadet, walked to the scene of the ROTC fire arriving approximately 9:45 p.m. The area around the building had been cordoned off by the Ohio National Guard. No demonstrators were observed and at this time the ROTC Building was burning fiercely, the roof having already caved in as well as some of the walls.

[redacted] residence is in an unknown Cleveland suburb. At KSU he resides off campus in apartment [redacted], Kent, Ohio.

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[redacted] understands there was a rally on the campus that evening but he was not present and therefore did not see any of the activity.

[redacted] who resides in [redacted], Ohio, and is a junior at KSU as well as a ROTC Cadet, advised him that he, [redacted] observed the demonstration at the ROTC Building and saw 15 - 20 demonstrators being invplved in burning the building, throwing stones and cutting fire hoses. [redacted] resides off campus at apartment [redacted] Kent, Ohio. [redacted] said he was accompanied to the scene by another student, a senior and also a Cadet, identified as [redacted] His home address is unknown but he is a roommate of [redacted]

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

[redacted] returned to Syracuse, New York on May 7, 1970. [redacted] was arrested by the police at Kent, Ohio on May 4, 1970, however, [redacted] was released from jail on May 5, 1970, and all charges were dropped. [redacted] understanding is that [redacted] was arrested for the curfew violation one hour prior to curfew time and that is why the charges were dropped.

[redacted] is also acquainted with [redacted] who was also arrested for the curfew violation and charges against him were dropped. [redacted] is not aware of the whereabouts of [redacted] She believes [redacted] may have returned to his home in New Jersey.

[redacted] is a student at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. [redacted] was interviewed in an effort to locate [redacted] who was arrested for curfew violation on May 4, 1970.

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

He recalled that around 9:00 PM on Saturday, May 2, 1970, he had been in the company of two other KSU students, [redacted] and [redacted] in the vicinity of Engleman Hall, KSU, as part of a crowd of people who were watching the burning of East Hall, which housed the ROTC on the KSU campus, and which is located about 150 yards from where they were observing the fire.

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

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

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(1) Date 5/11/70

Ohio

[redacted] age 18, first year student, Kent State University [redacted] Dowell Hall, telephone [redacted] permanent residence [redacted] Pittsburgh, Pa., 15205, telephone [redacted] advised as follows:

On Saturday, May 2, 1970, about 500 students gathered on the Kent State University campus, Kent, Ohio, to take part in an assembly. A notice of the assembly had been passed by word of mouth.

Students, including [redacted] and his [redacted] age 22, also a student, gathered in front of the ROTC headquarters, a frame building on the campus.

Approximately 8 to 10 boys and girls, possible students, threw rocks and canisters at the building.

A small fire broke out and was put out by firemen.

About 7:30 PM, the mass of people followed the leaders to the business section of Kent.

The crowd was noisy, and from where [redacted] was standing it was difficult to see or hear what was going on in front.

[redacted] later heard that the ROTC Building was burning. [redacted] did not see it set on fire and has no additional knowledge as to the identity of individuals concerned.

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[redacted] age 22, Senior, Kent State University, [redacted] Kent, Ohio, telephone [redacted], permanent residence [redacted] Pittsburgh, Pa., 15205, telephone [redacted] advised as follows:

On Saturday, May 2, 1970, between 7:30 PM, and 7:00 PM, the ringing of the Commons bell announced an assembly which had been previously talked about by students

About 500 people, mostly curious students, assemb in front of the ROTC Building on the campus. [redacted] was accompanied by [redacted] a Kent State student.

Eight to ten boys and girls were leaders. The leaders and possibly a few other students threw rocks and canisters through windows of the ROTC Headquarters, an old frame building located on the campus.

Firemen and police were called and a small fire was put out.

The firemen turned their hoses on the students an the hoses were cut by students.

The leaders of the assembly then led the students into the business section of town. The purpose was to seek out the President of Kent State University, however, he was never located.

[redacted] did not return to the vicinity of the ROTC [redacted] and has no additional knowledge of how the building was destroyed.

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Date 5/16/70

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

[redacted] advised he is a sophomore at Kent State University (KSU) and on May 2, 1970, he observed the burning of the ROTC building at KSU, Kent, Ohio.

On Saturday, May 2, 1970, [redacted] talked with some people walking along the street near the KSU campus and was advised by them there was a planned rally for the evening of May 2, 1970, beginning at approximately 7:00 or 8:00 PM. [redacted] was not aware of the identity of the people who told him this.

[redacted] accompanied by his girlfriend, [redacted] Ohio, went to the KSU campus to attend the rally. [redacted] and [redacted] arrived at the KSU campus at approximately 7:45 PM and there were about 300 to 400 people standing in scattered groups on the area of the campus known as the Commons.

Approximately 15 to 30 minutes after [redacted] and his girlfriend arrived at the KSU campus, four or five young men told the crowd to move over near the east side of the Commons near the bell located on the Commons in front of Taylor Hall. The bell is encased in a brick frame and about four or five young men sat on top of the bell and said that they wanted the crowd to move over to the Tri-Towers Dormitory area in an effort to have more people join the group. At this time, there had gathered approximately 800 people and of these 800 people, about four fifths of them left the Commons and proceeded to the Tri-Towers Dormitory area. [redacted] and his girlfriend accompanied this crowd.

Because of the curfew that the city of Kent, Ohio, was under on May 2, 1970, many of the dorms had prepared free sandwiches to help keep the students on the curfew. [redacted] and [redacted] arrived at the Tri-Towers area with

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the crowd of demonstrators and free sandwiches. The crowd then moved to the Eastway complex of dorms. [redacted] and [redacted] followed the crowd to the Eastway area and as the crowd moved it was chanting slogans such as "Out of Vietnam

The movement of the crowd continued from the East complex back to the Commons area. Once again, the crowd had increased; however, [redacted] could give no estimate of the num of people now making up the crowd. As the moving crowd of people arrived at the Commons, 300 to 400 people ran down the east hill of the Commons across the Commons to the ROTC building and some of them began throwing rocks. [redacted] observed the throwing of the rocks from the top of the hill near Taylor Hall. [redacted] and [redacted] moved from this position to the tennis courts located on the north side of the Commo When [redacted] observed people throwing rocks, he was approxima 200 yards away and could not identify any of the people who caused destruction to the ROTC building. From his location near the tennis courts, [redacted] observed the crowd around the ROTC building move up to the building and then back away from it a few times. [redacted] saw flares being thrown at the building. Some people began running back toward the area of tennis courts saying that "it is going to go this time." After this statement, by some of the crowd members, [redacted] saw a flash of flames that looked like something had exploded just prior to this flash, [redacted] saw something thrown throug one of the windows. Once the ROTC building began to burn, most of the crowd gathered in that area moved back to the East side of the Commons and watched the building burn. [redacted] cannot identify any of the individuals who started the fire because he was not close to the actual burning.

After the fire had started, policemen from the KS campus arrived and started to disperse the crowd. A tear gas canister fired by the policemen landed near [redacted] and [redacted] This canister did not seem to function properly and the gas did not seem to be effective. [redacted] went over to the canister and picked it up to see what was wrong. He held it up to look and at this point some particles from th canister fell in his eyes. [redacted] came to [redacted] assistance and took the canister; however, some of the particles from the canister got on to her face. [redacted] and [redacted] were treated for burns around their faces at the KSU health center on May 2, 1970.

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advised that he was in the senior class at Kent State University (KSU) majoring in Marketing. In addition, he was an ROTC Cadet and although he was present on the campu during the period of time when the ROTC Building was burne he had no direct knowledge regarding anyone who had set fi to the building. However, on the following day he was in dormitory at Dunbar Hall and a fellow student by the name [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) indicated that he was aware and the identities of the individuals who had set fire to the Building. [redacted] related that these individuals resided in Tri-Towers, however, he was acquainted with them and did n wish to disclose their identities.

Present at this conversation was [redacted], Ohio, [redacted] (Last Name Unknow who is a [redacted] of Dunbar Hall, and [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) who resides in Room [redacted] Dunbar Hall. He in that [redacted] is sometimes called [redacted] and that [redacted] is a f of [redacted] and also may be uncooperative with authorities.

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

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

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[redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, a student at Kent State University, with residence at the Clenmorris Student Apartments, Apartment [redacted] Kent, Ohio, advised that he is a junior in the college of education. He advised that he was on the Kent State University campus on Friday May 1, 1970 and on Friday night he was in downtown Kent. He observed many people in the street dancing and yelling He said one person in particular attracted his attention and this man was a member of the motorcycle group called "Chosen Few". He wore a jacket with this name and [redacted] assumed he was from Youngstown, Ohio, which is the home o group. He described this man as white, 25 years of age, 120 pounds, slender build, having a long beard. He advis this individual was irresponsible in his actions, but he could not attribute any damage to any of the store buildi to this individual.

[redacted] advised that on Saturday, May 2, 1970, he was on the campus and in his apartment practically all day. He observed the ROTC Building burning. He observed this burning from his apartment window. He advised that he had no information as to the identity of the person or persons responsible for this fire.

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SAs [redacted]

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Date May 12, 1970

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[redacted] Kent, Ohio, with home residence at [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, upon viewing photographs taken during the disturbances on the Kent State University campus, Kent, Ohio, May 2-4, 1970, identified photographs of an unknown individual whom he saw dipping rags in a gasoline tank on a motorcycle. He lit the rags and tossed them into the ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) building which set the curtains on fire. This individual was particularly noted in Photograph C-17 as Individual No. 7, and C-24 as Individual No. 1, and in several other photographs.

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SA [redacted]

by SA [redacted] FHM/es Date dictated 5/12/70

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Date May 16, 1970

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[redacted] residence [redacted] Canton, Ohio, Kent State University (KSU) junior, campus residence [redacted] Kent Ohio, was located for interview at the [redacted] Ohio.

[redacted] advised on May 2, 1970, at approximately 8:00 PM he went to the area of the Commons on the Kent State University campus where a rally was to be held and he was to work through the student government in the Student Activities Center. At approximately 8:30 PM, about 500 individuals had gathered in the Commons and he observed rocks thrown through the end of the ROTC building by unknown individuals, followed by fusee flares, three in number, thrown into or on the building by unknown individuals. One flare was thrown on the roof, one dropped through the front door and one dropped through the window in the Sergeant-Major's office.

He advised he went to the Student Activities Center, telephonically notified the Fire Department and Police Department and shortly thereafter the Fire Department arrived on the scene, rolled out their hoses and while attempting to put out the fire, same were slashed. He stated by 9:30 PM the building was completely engulfed in flames and the firemen would not have been able to put same out. He advised he could not specifically identify any of the individuals, however, recalls the one individual who dropped a flare through the main entrance of the ROTC building to have been a white male with long bushy hair.

[redacted] advised the only other information pertaining to the incidents on the Kent State campus pertain to a general rumor with regard to an all out effort to close all Ohio colleges over the weekend of May 2-4, 1970, with no details known. He advised he was on the Kent State campus on May 4, 1970, however, in class from 11:00 AM to 12:05 PM and he heard shots at approximately 12:25 PM, which were in a volley, however, he did not observe the

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actual confrontation between the Ohio National Guard and the students of Kent State University.

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Date May 12, 1970

[redacted]t, Toledo, Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent. He stated he is 18 years of age and a student in his first year at Kent State University (KSU), where he was a resident of Manchester Hall.

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On Friday, May 1, 1970, he was on campus and heard there was some abnormal activity by students both in downtown Kent and on campus as a protest of the U. S. action in Cambodia but he witnessed none of the activity.

On Saturday, May 2, 1970, he heard there would be a march at 7:30 PM in protest of the Cambodian situation and went out on campus about 7:30 PM with a few other residents of Manchester Hall to see what was occurring and to possibly participate in the march. There were several other students gathered on the hill and he joined this group and marched around several buildings for 10 or 15 minutes. He was near the rear of the group, and as they passed near Taylor Hall, a large number of those in front broke away and ran towards the ROTC Building. [redacted] stated he stopped about 200 yards away from the ROTC Building and observed the activities. About 200 students surrou the building and about 50 to 60 of these began throwing rocks at the windows and others were breaking windows with sticks. He sa two flares lit which appeared to be railroad signal flares and one of these was thrown on the roof and the other through a brok window. Another student lit a torch or something that flared u and this was also thrown through a window. At about the time police arrived another studet ran to the rear of the building, reached through a broken window, and set the curtains on fire wi either a match or a torch of some kind. This blaze appeared to be the main one which caused the building to burn. [redacted] stated he was too far away and his view was blocked by other stud surrounding so that he could not identify any of the persons thr the rocks, breaking the windows, or those throwing the flares or torches, or the one setting the curtains on fire. He also stated that he did not know the names of those who appeared to be leadi the march but he could possibly identify some of them from photo-graphs or if he saw them in person.

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[redacted] also advised that he saw other members of he group set the athletic shed on fire and tear down a fence by he Commons. He observed others attempting to turn over a truk n Terrace Drive near the home of President WHITE but they were topped by other students. Other activities he observed were the earing down of a large sign and placing it in the street, breaking of indows in a telephone booth, and the starting of a bonfire in the treet nearing Hilltop Drive and Main Street. He stated he could dentify none of the individuals who committed these activities. [redacted] advised that he heard no one give orders to charge the OTC Building. About the only comments he recalled hearing from he group was someone giving instructions to pick up rocks as hey were marching and someone else stating that this is a capitalist institution and should be destroyed. He could not identify the ersons from whom these remarks came. [redacted] stated that he had oined the march because he thought it was to be peaceful and he did ot participate in any of the acts of violence which he observed. e stated that he cut his hand while climbing over the fence near the ractice football field when he was going to join the group and at bout 10:30 PM went to the Health Center to have his hand treated. fter this, he had returned to his dormatory room, and he has no ersonal knowledge of any subsequent events of the evening.

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Date 5/16/70

[redacted] furnished the following voluntary signed statement:

"Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
May 14, 1970

"I, [redacted], do voluntarily furnish the following signed statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I realize this statement may be used in a court of law.

"I was born on January 1, 1951, in Akron, Ohio, and reside with my mother, [redacted] Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. I am a freshman student at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, and reside on campus at Hyde Apple Hall.

"On May 2, 1970, I was at dinner on the campus at Kent State University when I heard various students mention that a rally was to be held at 7:00 PM on this date on the Commons. I did not hear the purpose of the rally, and no mention was made of the sponsors of the rally. I did hear that the rally was being held as a general protest against the war in Cambodia.

"I did not plan to attend the rally but had planned to attend a party being held at my dormitory on the campus that evening at approximately 9:00 PM.

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"After driving around Kent after dinner with two of my friends, we returned to the campus at approximately 7:15 PM, arriving at the Commons about 7:30 PM. We noticed at this time a large group of students milling about on the Commons, and some of these students were standing in the center of the Commons chanting, 'One, Two, Three, Four; we don't want your fucking war.' Shortly after 7:30 PM, they walked toward the ROTC building on the campus and began throwing rocks. I also noticed that a couple of flares had been thrown at the building. Sometime during this action a fire began, apparently in some window curtains in the ROTC building.

"At approximately 7:45 PM, someone threw an object which I could not identify in one of the windows of the ROTC building, and the fire began to burn more intensely. At approximately 8:00 PM, fire trucks arrived on the scene. At this time, the group was still chanting; and after the firemen had rolled out the firehoses, several members of the group cut holes in the hoses, causing water to pour out in all directions so that no water could reach the fire. There appeared to be about ten to fifteen individuals engaged in slashing the hoses. I also noticed a couple of students turning firehoses toward one of the firemen. It was impossible for the firemen to do anything about putting out the fire at this point.

"After this, the students strolled around watching the fire until about 8:20 PM, when police arrived on the scene and dispersed the students by firing tear gas. I observed the group of students then leave the ROTC building

"and move to a shed across the Commons and burn it down. This shed is located on the southeast corner of the tennis court.

"The students continued to mill about the campus, throwing rocks and then walking down Main Street toward the town, still remaining in the campus area. Shortly afterwards, a group of National Guardsmen drove by the campus on Route 5. At this time, I left the area and walked by the ROTC building. As I passed by the ROTC building I noticed that the building was burning so intensely that I did not believe it could ever be put out. Firemen were attempting to put out the fire, and police were in the area. At this time, I left the area and did not return.

"I am unable to identify any of the individuals whom I observed during this entire incident.

"I have read the above statement which consists of this and two other pages. It is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have initialed at the bottom of each of the other pages as well as the correction on this page.

/s/ [redacted]
May 14, 1970.

"Witnessed by:

/s/ [redacted] Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
May 14, 1970

/s/ [redacted] Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
May 14, 1970"

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[redacted], adv
that he was a senior at Kent State University (KSU), tak
pre-law. He said at Kent he resides at [redacted] whi
the location of his fraternity house.

He advised that he was not on the campus [illegible]
burning of the ROTC building, however, [redacted]
[redacted]-Ohio, had related to him t
observed an individual set fire to the ROTC building. [redacted]
related that the individual who had set fire to the ROTC
was DAVE ADAMS, however, [redacted] indicated that he had no d
concerning this. He suggested that [redacted] contac
his home in [redacted] Ohio.

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II. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

C. INTERVIEWS WITH FACULTY

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Date May 15, 19

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[redacted] advised that he is employed by Kent State University (KSU) as an Assistant Profess in the Biology and Sciences Department.

On the evening of May 2, 1970, [redacted] was on Campus acting in the capacity of a Campus Deputy. During the evening of May 2, 1970, [redacted] saw the ROTC Building smoldering. [redacted] pointed out that many stud were throwing rocks at the policemen and he noticed several students go across the street and destroy a telephone booth with ax handles and other destructive tools.

[redacted] stated that he could not identify any of the persons he saw throwing rocks or destroying the telephone booth.

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Date 5/12/70

Was 7- Dr. G. DENNIS COOKE, 539 Rollin Drive, Kent, O
was interviewed at Kent State University (KSU), Room 29,
Cunningham Hall. He furnished the following information:

Dr. COOKE advised that he and his wife had issu
a radio announcement on May 4, 1970, that any KSU student
that were without a place to live could come stay with th
for a short time. Nobody came to their house on May 4 o
1970. On May 6, 1970, a Negro male by the name of ALLEN
came to his house and asked to stay for the night. TATE
stayed the night of May 6, 1970, and left May 7, 1970.
left a few items at their house until May 10, 1970, at wh
time he picked these items up. They have no idea where
went and have not seen him since May 10,1970.

Dr. COOKE advised that he had acted as a facult
marshal on the evening of May 2, 1970, at which time the
ROTC Building on the KSU campus was burned. [redacted]
[redacted] was another marshal as was [redacted] The
faculty marshals met at Lowry Hall at 7:00 p.m., May 2,
They then went to the student activities center at Johns
Hall where they met a few student marshals. The faculty
marshals identified themselves by using blue armbands an
the student marshals identified themselves by using whit
armbands. Approximately 8:30 p.m., Dr. COOKE went to th
ROTC Building. He could see a crowd of students, whose
number he guessed to be approximately 800, moving down
the Commons toward the ROTC Building. By the time he
reached the ROTC Building, he saw a flame in the back
of the building. He went to the building and looked in
the window. There was a small fire burning in the build
at that time. He saw no flare. As he was looking in th
building, the fire department arrived. They were unable
get the fire out for a while. He saw firemen trying to
the fire out by going in front of the building, but they
were unable to get through the building to the back wher
the fire was. By this time the fire department and he w
being stoned badly so he decided to retreat. He went to
nearby building where he saw [redacted]

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and [redacted]. He stood with them for a short time and watched the mob of students. He saw student after student run out of the crowd and throw things in the building. These things appeared to be rags and when they were thrown in the building, they would flame up. He recognized none of these people and stated that because of the darkness and the general atmosphere, he would not be able to recognize them again. By this time the activity seemed to be carried out by non-bearded students, however.

COOKE stated that there did appear to definitely be leaders of the group, but he did not know who they were. He had seen none of them before, but might be able to recognize them should he see them again. He saw no one cutting or taking fire hose. COOKE advised that there were a number of policemen on the scene at the time also and that he felt that the ROTC Building would not have burned if these policemen would have afforded the firemen any protection. He stated that there were many employees of the student union observing the activities in addition to those whom he named above. He did not see any students whose names he knew, although he recognized several people whom he had had in class. He guessed that of the people in the crowd, possibly 200 took an active part in the activities and 500-600 were watchers only.

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Date May 11, 1970

"I, [redacted] furnish the following voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am currently assistant Professor of Chemistry at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. This is my fourth year at Kent State University (KSU).

"My residence is [redacted] Kent, Ohio, telephone [redacted], Washington, D.C. I plan to remain at KSU during the next year.

"I was not on KSU Campus Friday, May 1, 1970 nor was I on campus during the day of May 2, 1970.

"I arrived on campus about 7:00 PM May 2, 1970, Saturday, responding to a call for faculty marshals trying to prevent injuries, to prevent violence, to prevent confrontations and to keep everyone cool.

"About 15 - 18 marshals received assignments and were given blue arm bands distributed by Professor Glen Frank. I teamed up with [redacted] We were assigned to patrol the science complex area of KSU campus. We obtained a large number of leaflets describing student activities. On KSU campus that evening. This leaflet was signed by Dean Matson.

"We went west to the science complex handing out leaflets as we walked along. We went into the "small group housing" area where we left leaflets in the lobby. We then started off in the direction of the science complex and saw about 250 students gathering by Manchester Hall. The students loosely organized a march and marched past Taylor Hall on to the Commons. My team of faculty marshals stayed with the group advising them of our identity.

"This same crowd marched across the Commons area

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to the east side of the ROTC building (which was later bur

"A small group of the crowd, possibly 20 people, picked up rocks and began throwing them at the ROTC buildi Some of the rocks broke out windows in the building. At t time someone in the crowd threw a red flare on the roof of the ROTC building, but the roof was metal and the flare ro off without doing any damage.

"It was getting dark and I was on the north edge the crowd with 4 or 5 other faculty marshals, [redacted] and Glen Frank.

"At this time the rock throwing ceased and 4 or young people came out of the crowd, unidentifiable to me, took handkerchiefs from their pocket, dipped them into the gasoline tank of a motorcycle (parked on the edge of the parking lot) ran to the ROTC building, ignited the handkerkerchiefs and dropped them through the broken window of the building. Approximately 3 or 4 handkerchiefs were dropped into the building all through the same window located on the southeast side of the building.

"At this point the crowd seemed to move back and waited for the building to catch on fire. In about 5 to 7 minutes a single fire truck appeared coming down Portage Drive, parking in the lot to the north of the ill-fated RO building. At this time a small flicker of flame could be seen through the window.

"A single fireman came off of the truck with a hose and when the water pressure was turned on, four young people came out of the crowd and wrestled him to the groun I could not identify these people, but I did not see any weapons in their hands. I was about 40 feet from the incident. The fireman then retreated to the fire truck. At that time 2 or 3 young people slashed the fire hose - apparently with knives, which I could not see.

"A second fire truck arrived with a group of approximately 20 armed men in blue uniforms, apparently police officers. The uniformed men formed in front of the ROTC building and fired tear gas into the crowd.

"The crowd then pulled back to the northeast, to the edge of the tennis courts. And the firemen attempt to put the fire out. Then a group of students set fire to

storage shed. On the edge of the tennis courts. I was so far away from that fire that I couldn't see how the fi was started.

"From there the groups began to split up. I followed a group of students down past Terrace Hall onto East Main Street. Several waves of students went west on East Main Street causing miscellaneous damage and vandali as they went, tearing up traffic signs, destroying a phon booth at Terrace Drive and attempting to set a bon fire i the street across from Moulton Hall. I was standing on a balcony on Moulton Hall. Some students feared for my saf and smuggled me up on the balcony. A second wave of stud put the barn-fire out and cleared the street.

"At that time the national Guard came west on E Main Street. After they passed, I stood in the street an directed traffic off of East Main Street. I then became separated from the crowd for about ten minutes and walked west on East Main Street and entered Rockwell Library and visited the rest room and called my wife.

"After about ten minutes in the library I left the east entrance and looked over Merrill Hall and saw fl lighting up the sky. I then walked to Merrill Hall, pass Wills Gym up to the hill next to Van Deusen Hall. I arri at the top of a hill and found two young people, a male a female, the male hlding a rock. As I came on the scene t female shouted, "Hey don't throw that, you might hurt som The male answered, "that's allright, they all have helmut and threw the rock down towards the ROTC building and pol and ran in the opposite (south) direction.

"When the rock hit the pavement, a policeman tu and took my photograph standing alone on the hill.

"From that point, I remained in the area for approximately 30 minutes watching the building burn to th ground. I then returned to the Chemistry Building, where met [redacted] and I called my wife. My wife informed me of a rumor that students were running through dorms with knives shouting slogans and saying, "come foll me". [redacted] and I went through Manchester Hal Fletcher Hall, Alryn Hall and Clark Hall and found no evi of violence. I then returned home about 1:00 AM, Sunday morning, May 3, 1970.

"The faculty marshals present at the ROTC build when the young people wrestled the fireman to ground, did

interfere because the fireman did not appear to be in any danger of physical harm and apparently all the students wanted was fire hose, which they got, in short order. Also, we were told to avoid physical confrontation with students and we were not equipped for such a confrontation.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and eleven other handwritten pages. I have initialed the beginning, and the end of each page and all corrections on each page. This statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted]

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"Witnesses:
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI - Cincinnati, O., 5/11
/s [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, 5/11/70, Cincinnati, Ohio

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TITLE OF CASE

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

REPORT MADE BY

SA [redacted]

CHARACTER OF CASE

SABOTAGE; SEDITION;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY
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Will continue intensive investigation to identify persons responsible for the burning of the Army ROTC Building at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

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Whenever possible, signed statements are being obtained from appropriate witnesses.

REPORT OF SPECIAL AGENT [redacted]
[redacted] DATED MAY 21, 1970, AT
CLEVELAND, OHIO, CAPTIONED "UNSUBS;
FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING,
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU),
KENT, OHIO, MAY 2, 1970."

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Section 3

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/13/70

Dr. GLENN FRANK, 7446 Westlake Boulevard, advised that he was present on the campus of Kent State University (
on the evening of May 2, 1970 in the capacity of a faculty
marshal. FRANK advised that he was called on the morning of
May 2, 1970, by ROBERT MATSON, who requested that FRANK atte
to get several faculty members together to serve as faculty
and to work along with several of the students on campus who
would be designated as student marshals in order to maintain
on KSU campus. FRANK, along with the other faculty and stud
marshals, met at Lowery Hall about 7:00 PM on May 2, 1970, a
which time blue armbands were handed out to the faculty and
white armbands were designated for student use. Administrat
procedures such as reading the existing injunction against t
campus and instructions not to get directly involved in stop
the violence on campus were given at that time. The marshals
told to observe and attempt to maintain order if possible.

FRANK was designated as one individual to give out
armbands and after giving one to an individual, [redacted]
he was confronted by one of the other professors and asked i
he knew who he had just given an armband to. His response a
this time was negative. FRANK was then informed that [redacted]
[redacted] had been present at the Friday night disturbance in
Kent and had also previously been involved in some of the si
type activities involving Kent students. FRANK confronted
[redacted] concerning his beliefs and [redacted] advised that he h
been downtown on Friday evening but since had talked to Dr.
[redacted] and Vice President HARRIS concerning his Friday night
activities at which time he advised that he was only present
to observe and try to maintain order. FRANK then stated tha
the marshals went towards the Student Union building but tha
they stopped on the Commons as there were students collectin
there at that time. He advised that this took place at
approximately 7:45 PM.

FRANK recognized one of the individuals as [redacted]
[redacted] Kent, Ohio. FRANK confron
[redacted] and attempted to discuss the problems on the campus at
which time [redacted] retorted by saying he did not care about FRA
philosophy and then turned away. FRANK then observed [redacted]

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by SA [redacted]
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who was talking to some students on the Commons. [redacted] then observed FRANK approach him and stated that he did not recognize many of the faces of the students then present on the Commons. He also advised that he was talking to the students trying to calm things down but did not think he coul in any way control them.

FRANK then noticed FRANK FRISINA, student body President, who was standing outside of the Student Activities building and mingling with the students who were observing fr that position. He did not feel that FRISINA was involved with the demonstrating students.

He also observed RUTH GIBSON [redacted] FRANK then advised the group of demonstrating students moved from the Commons area t Tri-Tower passing by Taylor Hall. FRANK did not follow the students but stood at the south end of the ROTC building, therefore, he does not know what took place at Tri-Tower.

At about 8:30 PM, a large group of students appear on the hill between Taylor and Johnson Halls and headed down hill towards the Commons. He estimated the shouting and scre crowd to be approximately six to eight hundred students. He could not remember exactly what the crowd was shouting but it was something to the effect "Burn the ROTC building." He observed students throwing rocks at the ROTC building and whi leaning against the south end of the building, he was hit by several of the rocks on the leg. He then could hear windows breaking and while moving from the ROTC building, he noticed rocks were being passed from people in back of the group to people in front of the group, who would then throw them at th building. He estimated that there were only about 50 people who actually threw rocks.

FRANK then moved toward the Student Union building which is located at the north end of the ROTC building. He t observed a group of campus policemen located directly across him, none of which tried to stop the students from smashing t windows in the ROTC building. From his position, FRANK notic an individual run up to the southeast windows and break them and then took what looked to him as a flare, and threw it at the windows. FRANK also advised at this time that no attempt

made by the campus Police Department to stop the student throwing the flare through the window.

FRANK also advised that two individuals attempted throw a 50 gallon drum through the window but that the drum bounced back and hit one of the individuals in the jaw, knoc him to the ground.

FRANK then observed a fire inside the building and asked someone close to him to please call the Fire Departmen He advised that one truck arrived and pulled up on the west side of the ROTC building, dropped the hose, which the stude proceeded to pick up and carry into the Commons with them. FRANK observed one individual striking on the hose with some that appeared to be an ice pick and other individuals seemed have knives; he advised that he was approximately 100 yards from the individuals and could not identify them. He then observed firemen proceeding around the northeast end of the building pulling hoses, at which time the Portage County She Office vehicle pulled up to the firemen's location. He also observed at this time two firemen who were located approxima half way down the side of the building, who were knocked to ground by two individuals. He again advised he could not ide these individuals.

The two students that knocked the firemen to the ground quickly ran back into the crowd; the firemen got up from the ground and proceeded to shoot water into the crowd. He then observed an individual who approached the crowd and who was waving his fists in the air and yelling "You have no right to do this;" [redacted] and [redacted], a stu grabbed this individual and escorted him away from the crowd

At this time, the single fire truck on the side pu out of the area and FRANK noticed that there was not much of fire left in the building. FRANK then noticed three student ran up to the window by the front door (north end), knock ou the windows and set the curtains on fire. He then advised h could not identify these individuals as it was too dark. He advised that that incident started the building to burn agai FRANK then noticed [redacted] and s to talk to him. They both noticed smoke coming out of the north end of the building. [redacted] then departed but did not FRANK how long he had been in the vicinity and what he had s

About 7:30 - 7:45 PM, FRANK had noticed a student taking pictures with a Brownie Instamatic camera, when he was rushed by a group of demonstrating students and knocked to the ground. Some of the students yelled and demanded his death and others said no. FRANK then observed RUTH GIBSON demand that he not be hurt and that the crowd just get the film and destroy the pictures. FRANK advised that the individ who got up from the ground was immediately recognized by some of the demonstrating students and was warmly greeted by them and asked him why he had been taking the pictures. FRANK believes [redacted] a writer for the "Black Perspective," the school newspaper, might know the name of the individual who took the pictures. The individual was described by FRANK as being well built like a football player, 6'2", and 250 lbs FRANK advised the building was really burning at this time an that the group started moving across the Commons to the tenni courts.

At this time FRANK was still near the ROTC building but heard someone yell that the dormitory was on fire. He immediately attempted to determine if the dormitory had been set on fire but found that it was not a dormitory but the athletic utility shed located at the end of the tennis courts As FRANK walked toward the burning athletic utility shed, he heard an individual yell that they were going to head towards the President's house; at this time FRANK was afraid the studen were going to burn President WHITE's home. FRANK immediately told one of the campus policemen and the policeman advised hi the President's house was already being protected. FRANK the proceeded to walk toward the President's house as the student headed down Main Street toward the City of Kent. As he proce toward the President's home, he observed two signs and a billboard in the middle of the street, at which time he atte to pull the signs and billboard out of the street and was approached by two students who asked if they could help. FRAN observed the students at Hill Top Drive and Lincoln Street attempting to get a fire going by using several wooden barric which were present at that location. FRANK then observed [redacted] and an unknown individual who had long hair, in back of the group. FRANK asked [redacted] to stop the activitie as they had gone too far and [redacted] replied by saying he co not. FRANK then told him he had to try, at which time [redacted] and his friend got out in front of the group and told th they had gone far enough and had to stop. The group continued to along, not paying any attention to [redacted] or his associate. [redacted] then sat down and stated "This has gone further than I ever expected." FRANK responded "Why didn't you think abo

this several weeks ago." FRANK advised that he could not see where he could do anything to stop the crowd's actions and retu to the Administration Building.

[redacted] provided the following names of individuals who were marshals on the evening of May 2, 1970:

Student Marshals

[redacted]

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Date May 12, 1970

[redacted] History Department, Kent State University (KSU), was interviewed at his residence, at [redacted]

[redacted] advised that during the night of May 2, 1970, he observed the burning of the ROTC Building on the KSU Campus, and he related the following information concerning that incident:

At approximately 7:10 PM on May 2, 1970, [redacted] attended a briefing at Kent State which was held by GLEN FRANK of the Faculty Senate. The meeting was called to brief several faculty members concerning three separate rallies which were to occur on the KSU Campus that night. These faculty members had been selected for the purpose of attempting to ease any student tension which might arise from the forth coming rallies and to attempt to persuade the students not to break curfew, which had been instituted in the City of Kent, Ohio.

The rallies scheduled were a Black Unit student rally at 7:00 PM, which to [redacted] knowledge did not occur, and an anti-war rally at 8:00 PM, and a third general student rally at 9:00 PM.

At about 8:00 PM, [redacted] had a vantage point near Johnson and Stopher Halls, and he observed approximately 300 students gathering near the vicinity of the victory bell on the Commons. The group appeared to be displeased with the number of students present, and they proceeded to the Tri-Towers in an effort to seek more help.

[redacted] proceeded to high ground near Taylor Hall, and at about 8:30 PM, he observed approximately 500 students moving from the Tri-Towers toward the Commons. As the group moved onto the Commons, he heard someone say "you know what the objective is. Go!"

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Date May 13, 1970

[redacted] Professor of the Chemistry Department, Kent State University, home address [redacted] telephone [redacted] was contacted at [redacted] Kent State University, at which time he furnished the following information.

He stated that as a result of student disturbances on the night of May 1, 1970, he and several other professors had been requested to stay on campus on the night of May 2, in order to secure Williams Hall against possible student destruction. He stated he was in Williams Hall on Saturday night, May 2, until approximately 8:00 p.m. when he and two other professors [redacted] and [redacted] both Chemistry Professors, decided to leave Williams Hall and observe the campus to see if all was quiet.

He stated they started toward the Commons area and as they neared Manchester Hall they observed approximately 400 to 500 students headed towards the Commons area. This group of students appeared to be led by [redacted], who is allegedly a graduate student in English. At the rear of this group was the [redacted]. [redacted] stated that the crowd was extremely quiet and did not show any angry mood at this time, but there was an air of expectation among the crowd and it appeared that the crowd was up to something but did not know what.

He stated he and the other professors decided to foll the crowd. The crowd went to the Commons area and on over to the ROTC building and as they neared the building became loud. He stated at this point he did not see [redacted] among the crowd after they entered the Commons area. [redacted] was approximately 20 yards from the ROTC building when stones began to hit the building and windows were broken. At this point one student produced an American flag and lighted it a another student pushed a long stick into the flag and raised it high in the air. At this point another student with a ca photographed this action, at which time the crowd rushed him knocked him to the ground and was successful in obtaining the film from the camera. The photographer did not appear to be injured.

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Shortly after this, two students obtained a barrel and using it as a battering ram, broke one of the ROTC windows. Shortly after this he saw a flare which he described as a regular highway type flare, being thrown through the broken window. He was approximately 20 feet from the window at this time but did not see the student who threw the flare. After the flare was thrown inside, he saw the light from flames inside but did not actually see the flames.

Shortly after this, a fire truck arrived and firemen begin to attempt to put out what fire was inside the building, but students harassed them and cut their water hoses. The water was then turned off and the firemen just stood around and did not attempt to extinguish the flames. He stated the flames apparently went out by themselves and at this time one student became highly incensed at the crowd and attempted to get other students to fight back against the rioters. He stated that in order to bring some sort of peace to the situation he took this student, name unknown, to the Student Union Building where they sat and talked and had a cold drink. He stated that while he was trying to calm this student, one of his graduate students, [redacted] came into the Union and [redacted] asked [redacted] what he was doing in the area. [redacted] stated that he was there only to observe the situation.

[redacted] was in the Student Union Building for approximately 30 minutes and decided that he had better le to go back and check on Williams Hall and asked [redacted] to go with him and [redacted] declined. [redacted] stated that [redacted] apparently wondered back to the crowd but that he had previously not seen [redacted] in the crowd during the time the students were attempting to set fire to the building.

[redacted] went back to Williams Hall and approximately one hour later started back to the Commons area at which time he saw a glow in the sky and knew that the students had been successful in setting the ROTC building on fire.

[redacted] stated that he did not know any of the students actually participating in the riot or attempting to set the building on fire and did not know which students were actually successful in setting the building on fire. He stated that while he was there he believed there was no more than five students doing the "dirty worl and there was probably only four or five students that were actually throwing the rocks at the building and he d not believe he could identify these individuals should he see them again.

It is possible that Professor GLENN W. FRANK, who was also present at the time might possibly know some of the students who were attempting to burn the building. [redacted] stated that other than himself he knew of the following additional individuals who were present at the ROTC building during this time:

[redacted]
Professor of Chemistry

[redacted]
Professor of Chemistry

[redacted]

[redacted]

Professor [redacted] accompanied Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] to FBI Headquarters, Kent State University, where he observed numerous photographs taken the day of the shooting incident, May 4, 1970. [redacted] was unable to identify any of the individuals in the photographs as being present on the night of May 2, 1970, at the ROTC building.

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Date 5/9/70

[redacted]
Kent, Ohio was interviewed at his place of employment, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, [redacted] advised that he is the [redacted] for the University. This involves being a mediator between the faculty, students and the administration.

[redacted] called [redacted] at Kent State University on May 2, 1970 He had indications that the situation with the students at the University was getting serious. [redacted] called a meeting at 1:00 P.M. on May 2, 1970. Present were himself Professor GLENN FRANK, Professor [redacted] of the Sociol Department. [redacted] one on the staff of the University and [redacted] They were briefed by [redacted] about his concern about the planned rally that evening. [redacted] received assurance tha security precautions would not be over done as they had been, he thought during the last incident at Kent State University. [redacted] made the suggestion that faculty and student leaders circulate among the individuals at the rally and try to keep things cool.

GLENN FRANK contacted individuals concerning thi matter and would be able to furnish detailed information a to the individuals involved. [redacted] told him the students had attempted to determine their attitude. He determined tension was very high as was emotional feeling. His feeli had reportedly spread to all factions on campus. The ROTC Building is, and has been for some time, an open target.

AT Approximately 8:00 P.M. roughly 40 faculty membe and three or four graduate teaching fellows met in front o the Student Activity Building, and decided that to identify the selves they would wear blue armbands. They each had forme into teams consisting of one faculty member and one studen The students were student leaders on campus, including stu Senators, etc. Each team was given specific assignment.

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[redacted] assignment was to circulate freely. He was not assigned to any particular location. They were instructe to get away if the things seemed to be getting out of han When they heard the rally forming on the Kent State University Commons, they went to talk to the students. H talked to numerous students in the group that was attendi the rally. He knew many of the students, however, he refused to identify any of them and he stated that his position with the University prevented him from identifyi any of the students that he saw during the whole evening although he knew many of them. He stated that he would furnish this information, however, if he were compelled t do so in court.

After milling around the Commons for a short ti the crowd gravitated towards the bell located at one end of the Commons. [redacted] noted a number of very young kids possibly high school age in the crowd. He then saw a completely unfamiliar individual get up on the bell and urge the students to go towards Tri Towers, a dormitory to get more support. At that time there were roughly 500 studen there.

The mob then headed towards Tri Towers. [redacted] did not follow. They returned shortly thereafter, having gained a few more members of the mob. [redacted] then asked some students among the white armed band or responsible student leader group to cut out of the crowd anyone they could. He refused to identify these individuals also. These individuals did separate several people from the mo The mob then moved quickly ~~from~~ to the ROTC Building. This w approximately 8:30 P.M. There was no security whatever f the building. When the mob arrived at the building, a ha core group of 20 to 25 persons moved in and threw rocks at the ROTC Building. Then they moved back quickly appar waiting for a response from the police. There was none, so they moved forward again and resumed rocking the build From this group of hard-core individuals none of whom [redacted] knew at all, one individual who he could not recog and would not be able to recognize again moved out, ran t the ROTC Building and threw an incendiary device of some into the east side of the building. He did not think th were any faculty members near where these hard core indi were located.

This group of hard-core people seemed to be, for the most part, dressed in the usual "activist" garb, headbands, fatigue jackets, etc. He later saw two of them close up but neither of these were familiar to him and he could not identify them again. Another incendiary device was then put into the building and the fire department arrived shortly thereafter. After a period of non-action, the crowd moved in towards the building again, a third incendiary device was thrown into the building. The group of students then grabbed the firemen's hoses and cut them and took them away. ~~They~~ He did not see students throwing rocks at the firemen, however. The fire truck took off then as apparently the harassment was too intense. Then the Kent City Police came and the National Guard moved on the campus, the demonstrators sca and there was very little activity at all. As the demons moved away, they set a secondary fire in a shack by the tennis courts. Some trees also were put on fire and numc students were involved in attempting to extinguish the fi in the trees. At that time, [redacted] saw an individual identifying himself as a Plain Dealer reporter who had a camera with him. He did not know if this individual was taking pictures of the ROTC Building.

[redacted] advised that it was his impression that the leaders of the mob were unidentified. He feels that the leaders were extremely sophisticated and able to turn the mob on and get out of the way. He saw no one photographing the incident, but did see numerous persons in tl crowd with walkie-talkies. None of the persons with wall talkies appeared to be students. He stated there seemed be a plan to burn the building from the way that the mob moved in an out seemingly waiting for reaction on the part of the Security Police, and from the fact that incer diary devices were readily available.

[redacted] advised that the individuals who got up on the bell before the crowd moved to Tri Towers to gather more support was unknown to him, nor could he identify this individual again if he were to see him. Ho ever, he thought he recognized this person again carryin the "Black flag of anarchy" in the fatal incident on May 4 1970. This individual was definitely of college age. [redacted] was unable to advise any further information regardin matter.

Twenty-five to fifty students, apparently leaders, went ahead of the crowd to the ROTC Building, and at close range, they threw rocks at the building.

This group then went back to the general mass, which was in the middle of the Commons.

In minutes, a mass of students descended on the ROTC Building and formed a L shape force on the south and east sides of this building.

From a position on the Commons, approximately 75 yards to the south of the ROTC Building, he observed rocks being thrown at the building and then, about five safety flares were thrown into and on top of the building.

At this point, the crowd paused seemingly because no apparent action was taken by college authorities.

Then [redacted] observed students reaching through the broken windows of the ROTC Building to set the curtains on fire. The curtains burned but appeared to do little damage. Finally he noticed the shadow of an individual inside of the ROTC Building, and he seemed to be setting firesinside of the building, possibly in trash cans.

The Campus Police arrived at the scene, and after they used tear gas, the crowd started to disperse across the Commons.

An archery shed was set on fire as the students moved from the area, [redacted] followed the crowd toward the City of Kent, where he saw several students break a telephone booth.

When the crowd returned to the Campus, approximat six or seven students attempt to set fire to an information booth in a parking lot near the KSU Library. [redacted] was successful in chasing these students from the area and he followed the crowd back to the Commons.

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Arriving at the Commons, he was very surprised to see that the ROTC Building fire had become quite intense. It was approximately 10:30 PM when the students returned to the Commons, and at this time the National Guard appeared. They used tear gas to disperse the students and marched in line across the Commons. [redacted] went into a dormitory beyond Taylor Hall as the Guard cleared the area, and students were leaving the area surrounding the Commons.

[redacted] was unable to recall the names of any specific students whom he saw in the crowd during the night of May 2, 1970.

[redacted] permanent residence [redacted] telephone area code [redacted] campus residence [redacted] ecbrick Hall, telephone [redacted] parents [redacted] same address in [redacted] advised that he is currently a graudate stude and teaching fellow in the Psychology Department at Kent State University (KSU).

He said that he heard that there was to be a rally on the Commons of KSU at about 8:00 PM, Saturday, May 2, 1970. He said that he did not know the exact purpose for the rally but indicated that being a graduate student in Psychology he has been very interested in observing mob action first hand. He commented that he had been in Berkley, California when the students demonstrated because the university was going to use a student park to build additional structures.

He advised that he arrived on the Commons at about 7:45 PM and had gone there with a [redacted] a senior in Psychology and [redacted] a senior in Psychology. He said the crowd had gathered by that time and several people were acting as leaders. He said that the leaders were disappointed with the turnout of students and decided that they should go through the dormitories and get more. He said they went through the Tri-Towers, East Way Complex, Beo Hall and McDowell Hall.

At this time he said that he had anticipated something eventful might occur and he wanted to observe mob action more closely from within the group so he went home an changed into older clothing.

He then returned to the Commons where the group was returning and for about 15 minutes the group chanted anti-war slogans. He stated that at this point a group of about 5 persons from the crowd, whom he could not identify, burned an American flag in the vicinity of the Student Union. He said a few people started throwing rocks at the ROTC Building and he heard glass break as the rocks were hitting the building.

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He said he moved away from the group up on the hill toward Taylor Hall and from that point saw several young people try to start the ROTC Building on fire and he was unable to identify these individuals.

At this point he said he saw an unknown male individual leave an incendiary device on the porch of the ROTC Building. He said the wood started burning but gradual went out by itself. He said then another person unknown to him threw some type of incendiary device through the window of the ROTC Building and very slowly the building began to burn.

He said that about this time he observed the prese of what he had thought were campus police in the vicinity of the KSU Power Plant. He said shortly afterwards a fire truck appeared on the scene with a car following it. A fireman took out the hose in an attempt to put out the fire. [redacted] said that he thought someone was getting sprayed by the hose as he could see water spraying around the area by the fireman at the crowd but he was not close enough to actually see what was happening. He said shortly after that he could see students running around with the hose with cuts in it and water squirting out everywhere. He said then more police arrived possibly wearing helmets and possibly being campus policemen. He said he thought there were 5-10 of these individuals. He said they appeared to only have ni sticks and they backed the crowd onto the Commons.

He said the fire in the ROTC Building appeared to be dying so the leaders of the crowd left the area and worked their way toward Prentice Hall. He said that in that same vicinity primarily the same 5-10 young people from the crowd began a fire in the storage shed near the tennis courts. He said that he had heard that this fire was start because the shed supposedly housed ROTC equipment. He said that the same people who were starting the fires began taki items from the shed and breaking them. He stated that the same group of 5-10 individuals went down around the tennis courts toward Terrace Drive. He said that at this point some of the students were afraid that the trees in the vicinity of the shed might catch on fire and they formed a bucket line and put out the fire in the shed. He stated this took about 30 minutes.

He said he then walked toward Terrace Drive and someone announced that the ROTC Building was burning. He said that a large group of students sat in the gove of trees by Prentice Hall and watched the ROTC Building burn. At this point some of the young people told the crowd, "Don't go away. You haven't seen anything yet." He said another individual yelled "Viva la revolution."

He said rumors began passing among the crowd that the National Guard was on its way. He said he was very interested in observing what would happen next and to see how far the crowd would go. He said in his opinion the crowd did not appear to be hostile with the exception of the 5-10 who were doing most of the damage. He said he saw movement by the National Guard troops on East Main Street and returned home so that he would not become involved.

He said it was his opinion that the majority of the students that evening bordered on being spectators and being apathetic about what was going on.

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[redacted] Kent State University, who resides at [redacted] Kent, Ohio, advised that on May 2, 1970, he arrived in the a of the heating plant shortly before dusk, at which time there a crowd of students out in the Commons facing the East Hall Building). He estimated their number between 200 and 300.

After seeing the crowd, he went back to the Kent St University Police Department and talked to [redacted] Over the radio he heard that the crowd had left the Commons a had proceeded to the vicinity of Taylor Hall but later heard they came back again.

When it became dark, he again went to the area of t heating plant and noticed that the crowd in the vicinity of t East Hall had increased to between 400 to 600. The crowd mov close to the north side of the ROTC building and began throwi objects which broke windows and could be heard to clatter ins the building. At this time, [redacted] saw objects, which late found out to be flares, being thrown at the East Hall. He sa one of them hit the roof and then roll off. He did not see a of these flares ignite the building.

The minute these fire objects were being thrown, [redacted] ctivated the riot control squad. [redacted] t left the scene and reported back to [redacted]

After the riot control squad had been stationed at t Hall, [redacted] again returned to the ROTC building and stood heating plant. At this time, a photographer who was tall, w built, and sporting a beard, advised [redacted] that the stude out in the Commons had threatened him concerning taking pict of them. At this time, the East Hall was on fire and the Ke Fire Department was called.

[redacted] again went back to the Kent State Univers Police Department and was informed there that the Ohio Natio Guard was on the move. He then went back to the East Hall a observed a fire truck and there was an econoline van with on County Sheriff's and some men.

He then reported back to [redacted] and

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meet the Ohio National Guard at Lincoln and Main Streets, where h conferred with [redacted] He then reported back to the East Hall and saw firemen fighting the blaze and heard ammunition igniting inside the East Hall. At this time, the Ravenna Fire Department arrived on the scene to protect other buildings from the fire.

At this time, [redacted] left the scene to assume administrative duties and coordinating the Ohio National Guard a other law enforcement agencies that had arrived on campus.

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[redacted], Ohio, advised that he is a Ph.D. graduate student in theater at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio. He resides at Moulton Hall [redacted] He furnished the following resume of his activities between May 1 and May 4, 1970.

On May 1, 1970, he was in Cleveland, Ohio, and he returned to KSU at about 2:00 AM, May 2, 1970. When he arrived on Main Street just off campus he observed many lights out and people milling about. It was wet outside and his first impression was that a storm had hit and the people were cleaning up. Then he saw tear gas and knew that there was trouble on the campus. [redacted] saw numerous police around the campus but did not observe any policemen actually on campus except for one officer who threw a tear gas canister in the direction of Franklin Hall. He could observe people looking out the windows in Franklin Hall and other students were to the East of Franklin Hall between the hall and Rockwell Library. These students were hollering "fight, fight, fight."

[redacted] turned around and went to Moulton Hall where he parked his car and went into the hall. Everyone was excited but [redacted] still did not know what the trouble was. The first person he spoke to was [redacted] whom he described as a fine person. [redacted] told him he had been drinking with a group of fellows at a downtown bar and was not a part of the disturbance, however, [redacted] had just been tear gased and was extremely upset and angry. He noticed [redacted] in the area at this time but did not know for certain what he had been doing. The action at this point was somewhat removed from Moulton Hall and because things seemed quiet [redacted] went to bed.

On Saturday, May 2, 1970, he had lunch in the cafeteria where he ran into [redacted] He described [redacted] as a person who had something of a reputation and a status of sorts in the dormitory but he did not believe he was a radical. However, standing in line at the cafeteria, [redacted] said to [redacted] "now it's time to get guns." [redacted] was agast and made no reply. The group that [redacted] ate lunch with began to hit tables with knives, spoons, etc. and some others in the cafeteria

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took up the noise making. The same type of noise making occurred that evening at dinner.

[redacted] decided to turn in the names of certain individuals he thought were hard-core trouble makers, in addition to some he felt were merely on the fringe. He turned these names in to [redacted]

The names he furnished are as follows:

[redacted]

[redacted] described him definitely capable of taking part in violent activity)

[redacted] described him as a "confused hater" and was capable of violence)

[redacted]

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[redacted]

It was his recollection that these were the six hard-core trouble makers. He could only recall two of the fringe variety trouble makers that he reported and they are as follows

[redacted]

[redacted] described [redacted] as being a little strange, but he felt that when the chips were down [redacted] would probabl help [redacted]. When [redacted] told [redacted] he had turned the names in. [redacted] asked him if he had turned in the name of [redacted] said he had not and [redacted] shook his head saying, "he's the biggest trouble maker of all." Upon thought [redacted] agreed with [redacted]

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On Saturday night, May 2, 1970, [redacted] was in Moulton Hall when the ROTC Building burned down. He saw the glow in the sky but was not actually present. He said they had heard numerous comments regarding the possible burning of the ROTC Building on Saturday night and is inclined to think it might have been common knowledge arou the campus that the ROTC was to be burned that night and t an attempt also might be made to burn the Liquid Crystals Institute. [redacted] said he arrived at this conclusion from speaking with numerous individuals, teachers and acquaintan He recalled that on Saturday morning he had discussed these possibilities at a meeting with his superior and on the afternoon of May 2, 1970, he actually reported his conclusi to someone on the Residence Halls Office staff. He could recall who he reported this to but is certain that word of his conclusion that the ROTC Building was to be burned rea [redacted]

[redacted] recalled his talking to [redacted] the [redacted] at Terrace Hall where the cafeteria is located. She told him that she saw [redacted] coming toward Terrace Hall at or around the time of the ROTC fire and sh called to him but he turned his head and ran away.

[redacted] said that a crowd of people came around Moulton Hall after the ROTC fire and he was afraid they might enter Moulton Hall because there are administrative offices located in Moulton Hall. The crowd did not attemp to enter, however, they started a fire in the street near the hall and put up a big barricade in the street. There was another passive crowd following the activists and when crowd that started the fire moved out of the area the succ crowd put out the fire and took down the barricade. [redacted] could not identify anyone who he thought might be connecte with the burning of the ROTC Building.

On Sunday, May 3, 1970, the campus was very quie [redacted] said he was extremely pleased with the conduct of t

National Guard through the weekend and even though there was a order out to break up all gatherings the Guard took no action because everyone was behaving themselves. The only incident on Sunday that [redacted] observed was a group of about 12 individuals, including [redacted] which was chanting an obscene song about the war.

On Monday, May 4, 1970, [redacted] skipped his 11:00 AM class and was in Moulton Hall at approximately noon. He was standing on the fire escape at Moulton Hall and could observe a portion of the Commons and could see part of a crowd but he could not observe the National Guard. He heard what sounded like gun shots but thought they were firecrackers and commente to the effect that it was silly for someone to set off fire-crackers because it might provoke somebody into shooting real bullets. He could observe the tear gas from his vantage point but he could not see any actual shooting nor did he see anyone shot.

He recalled that [redacted] came back to Moulton Hall and told him he was standing close to one of the girls who was shot. [redacted] was also in the crowd somewhere in the Commons. [redacted] also heard that [redacted] was walking around waving a handkerchief red with the blood of one of the students who was shot, but [redacted] did not see this. In addition, [redacted] added that [redacted] was standing next to one of the girls who was shot. [redacted] and resides in Mc Dowell Hall.

Some time on Monday afternoon, May 4, 1970, [redacted] in [redacted] office and [redacted] tossed him a cartridge a said "you were in the military. Tell me what this is." [redacted] said the cartridge was rather thick, approximately 1½" in length and on the end of the cartridge were the letters WCC and underneath that he believes were the numerals 6-9. He felt certain it was a pistol cartridge, but he knew nothing more about it and did not know what happened to the cartridge.

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Date May 11, 1970

[redacted], Portage County, Ravenna, Ohio, advised that on May 3, 1970, [redacted] whom, [redacted] advised was the [redacted] Sheriff's Department, [redacted] turned over to him [redacted] a machette-style knife approximately 24 inches in length, black steel, imprinted with "made in Japan" on the handle bottom. The grip portion of this weapon is wrapped with black friction-type tape. The edge of the handle protrudes slightly at that part where the small finger would touch when the knife was grasped.

[redacted] further advised that [redacted] related that the knife had been recovered by [redacted] adjacent to the gutter of the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Building at Kent State University (KSU) on May 2, 1970. [redacted] further advised that this machette was initialed by him and maintained in his office. [redacted] further related that when he was not on duty, his office is locked.

This item was furnished for possible evidentiary value and a receipt was issued for same. Subsequent to its acceptance, this machette was immediately initialed and dated on the side of the handle, below the black friction tape toward the blade.

On 5/11/70 at Ravenna, Ohio File # CV 98-2140

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

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Date May 13, 1970

1 [redacted] Kent State Univers[redacted], who resides at [redacted], Ohio, advised that at approximately 7:50 p.m. on May 2, 1970, he re[redacted] for duty at Kent State University, heard that a crowd had gathered on the Commons and immediately went to the vicinity heating plant where he stationed himself on top of the heati[redacted] plant building. He had been previously assigned this positio[redacted] by [redacted], head of Security Team.

At the time he stationed himself on the top of the heating plant, northeast corner, he noticed that a crowd had already gathered.

They were shouting slogans such as "pigs off campus "GI's die, somebody gets rich". They were throwing fire crac[redacted] and rocks from the Commons area at the East Hall (ROTC buildi[redacted]

He could hear rocks being thrown and windows of the East Hall break. He noticed that a torch was lit, but then s[redacted] got the crowd interested in Engleman Hall in the vicinity of Lilac Lane, and the crowd proceeded to that vicinity after extinguishing the torch. [redacted] heard [redacted] co[redacted] that the torch had been extinguished over his portable radio. the crowd had departed toward Engleman Hall, [redacted] noticed a w[redacted] male dressed in a military fatigue jacket throwing rocks and breaking windows of the East Hall. [redacted] was unable to identi[redacted] this person.

The crowd that had departed to Engleman Hall came b[redacted] again in the vicinity of the East Hall. Although he lost tra[redacted] of the time, [redacted] estimated that it was around 8:30 p.m. when crowd returned.

[redacted] leaned over the heating plant and asked a whit[redacted] male, who looked like a professor, if the East Hall was on fi[redacted] This person said that it was not but then he looked again and said "There it goes" [redacted] looked out at the East Hall, saw building was on fire, and reported that the East Hall was on over his portable radio, at the same time requesting assistan[redacted] from the Kent State University Police Department.

[redacted] noticed flame coming out of the front window [redacted]

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northeast end of the East Hall. Rocks were still being thrown at the East Hall, although the crowd had moved back on the Commons to watch the fire. [redacted] advised that he could not tell how the fire was started, because anyone who got close enough to the East Hall to ignite the building would have been out of his line of vision, since his position on the top of the heating plant denied him full visual access to the east side of the building.

Later, the Kent City Fire Department arrived, consisting of one pumper truck. They had their hoses out, and [redacted] saw persons with cutting instruments hacking away at the hoses. It is [redacted] understanding that his partner, [redacted] who was stationed on the ground level, had a brief fight with one of the persons trying to cut the hoses. The persons succeeded in cutting the hoses since [redacted] noticed the spurting of water at several locations along the hoses. [redacted] advised the hoses were running no and south on the east end of East Hall. As these hoses were cut, firemen were endeavoring to pull the hoses back to the pumper. Afte the hoses were cut, firemen either gave up or thought the fire was under control, because they climbed in their pumper truck and left the scene.

At this time, [redacted] and approximately 20 to 25 riot equipped Kent State University policemen arrived, at which time [redacted] left his position and joined them. As the policem positioned themselves between East Hall and the students out in th Commons, the firemen returned to fight the blaze and the policemen were pelted with rocks from the crowd in the Commons. At this time, smoke was bellowing from East Hall although flames were not evident. All at once, flames broke out all over the building and firemen were unable to control them. The fire spread rapidly and students were moving away from it further into the Commons. The fi consumed most of the East Hall and after it died, men from the Ohio National Guard, the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and the Portag County Sheriff's Office arrived there endeavoring to control the crowd in the Commons. Fire crackers were still heard exploding.

At this time, [redacted] and [redacted] were sent to the Student Union building to clear out anyone inside. They did as they had been requested and as they came out of the front door they were confronted with 250 to 300 students and were pelted with rocks. [redacted] was hit on his ankle and back. He was not hurt seriously an he and [redacted] removed themselves from the scene. [redacted] then reported back to the Kent State University policemen who had form lines in the vicinity of the heating plant.

At this point, the situation was well under control and nothing of consequence took place the rest of the night.

[redacted] advised he was unable to make any identifications of anyone who had taken part in the destruction of the East Hall

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Date May 15, 1970

[redacted] Kent State University Police Department, who resides at [redacted] Ravenna, Ohio, advised that on May 2, 1970, during the early hours of nightfall he joined a group of Kent State University policemen lead by [redacted] who were confronting a large group of students in the Commons area of Kent State University campus. The Kent State University police department was endeavor to separate the students from the Eat Hall, an ROTC building which was slowly burning.

Immediately, [redacted] and the rest of the men were hit by a barrage of rocks thrown from the area of the Commons. The barrage consisted of rocks, half bricks, and one projectile was one-third of a concrete block. Also thrown were railroad spikes.

Canisters of tear gas were thrown into the crowd of students and they retreated for a while. The students then moved forward up Terrace Drive and threw another barrage of rocks. Again they were hit with tear gas by the Kent State University Police Department.

The building gradually was almost totally consumed by flames and the students gradually dispersed, but threw sporadic rocks at the Kent State University policemen. Later the Ohio National Guardsmen and Ohio State Patrolmen arrived and brought t situation under complete control.

[redacted] advised that during the rock throwing barrages he was hit three times, twice in his right leg and one time in his groin. He advised that when he was hit in the groin, he was knocked to the ground and that the blow caused one of his testicles to swell considerably. [redacted] advised he refused to undergo treatment that night because he felt he was needed to control the rioting students. Two days later he received treatme at the University Medical Center by [redacted] (phonetic) for swelling and contusion of his groin.

[redacted] advised that he was unable to make any identific tion of students involved in the burning of the ROTC building due to the darkness of the night.

On 5/13/70 at Kent, Ohio File # Cleveland 98-2

SA [redacted]
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[redacted] advised he was not present at the location of the East Hall when it was set aflame because at that time he was on duty behind Prentice Hall.

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II. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

E. INTERVIEWS WITH NEWS MEDIA

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/9/70

On May 9, 1970, BILL HUNTER, Photographer, "Akron Beacon Journal," Akron, Ohio, made available 1/2 photographs taken by photographers of the "Akron Beacon Journal" during the disturbances at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, on May 2 and May 4, 1970.

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II. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

F. INTERVIEWS WITH OTHERS

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 19, 1970

[redacted] Ohio State Arson Bureau, was interviewed at Kent State University (KSU) where his department is conducting an investigation concerning fires at that campus from May 2-5, 1970.

[redacted] explained that his department is investigating this matter as the arson is a violation of Section 2907.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. Anyone convicted of violation of this statute is subject to imprisonment from 1 to 10 years.

[redacted] explained that on May 2, 1970, the ROTC Administration Building at KSU was set on fire and was totally destroyed by that fire. The fire is classified as an incendiary one or one which was intentionally set as opposed to an accidental type fire.

No investigation was conducted to specifically determine the cause of the fire as numerous interviews with witnesses and observers reveal that the fire was intentionally set by persons on campus. Several witnesses have described seeing persons throw railroad fuses or flares into the broken windows of the above-mentioned ROTC building and other persons were seen throwing lighted objects through the windows. He explained that some unknown individuals were seen taking rags dipped in gasoline tanks on parked motorcycles and these rags were lit and used to start the fire in the building.

The fire was started in the east corner of the building and spread to all parts of the building which [redacted] considered completely destroyed.

An examination of the rubbish from the fire failed to disclose any remnants of the railroad fuses or rags which were used in starting the fire.

[redacted] advised that there was another fire that same evening, May 2, 1970, in a storage bin by Bowman Hall and this bin contained grounds equipment.

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Again, this fire was incendiary and examination of the ruins disclosed no evidence of flares or objects which were used to start the fire.

On May 4, 1970, at approximately 3:30 p.m., three maintenance men inside the maintenance storage bin on Portage Drive when a firebomb similar to a molotov cocktail was thrown into the building. The maintenance men were successful in putting out the fire with no loss or damage as a result.

[redacted] had developed no witnesses or suspects in that matter.

Another fire was set on KSU campus on May 5, 1970, and this fire was in a frame barn located on Allerton Road and Summit Road on campus and was set at approximately 4:00 a.m. At this time, Guardsmen were on campus and one Guard saw an individual exiting from the barn and this individual ran in a southwest direction on foot. The Guardsman chased him, ordered him to stop, and then fired after the individual kept running.

The Guardsman noted the fire was burning in the center of the floor when he ran by and the barn was thereafter completely destroyed by the fire. Inside the barn were two tractors and miscellaneous equipment, the tractors being valued at approximately $12,000 and the equipment at $16,000. No suspects have been developed in that matter.

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[redacted], Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the fact that the Agents were attempting to locate [redacted] furnished the following voluntary information:

[redacted] advised he is acquainted with [redacted], but could not provide his current whereabouts. [redacted] last saw [redacted] on Wednesday, May 6, 1970. [redacted] resides at [redacted], Kent, Ohio. [redacted] lives with [redacted] at [redacted]. [redacted] last saw [redacted] when [redacted] gave [redacted] a ride to a trailer park in Ravenna, Ohio, on Wednesday, May 6, 1970. On Monday night, May 4, 1970, [redacted] was arrested on curfew violation; however, the charges were dropped on May 5, 1970.

[redacted] was not present on the Kent State University (KSU) campus at the time the ROTC building was burned and also [redacted] did not witness the shooting incident on May 4, 1970, on the KSU campus.

On 5/8/70 at Kent, Ohio File # Cleveland 98-2140

SAs [redacted]

by [redacted] Date dictated 5/10/70

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[redacted], Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identities of interviewing agents and also the fact that the agents wished to interview her in connection with her arrest in Kent, Ohio on May 4, 1970 by the Ohio State Police.

[redacted] advised she did not wish to make a statement until first contacting her attorney [redacted] American Civil Liberties Union attorney, Akron, Ohio.

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SA [redacted] RJM/jei 5/9/70

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ALAN MICHAEL CANFORA, 308 Newell Street, Barberton, Ohio, advised that at the time fire was allegedly set at the Reserve Officers Training Corps Building, of the Kent State University campus, Kent, Ohio, he was with his girl friend, whom he would not identify, in her room at Tri-Towers Dormitory, Kent State University campus. He stated he saw flames from that fire but had no further information concerning it.

On 5/8/70 at Barberton, Ohio File # CY 98-2160

SAs [redacted]

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Date May 9, 1970

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Ohio

On May 8, 1970 SA [redacted] made efforts to locate and interview a [redacted] in the city of [redacted] Ohio with negative results. Efforts to locate her mother through [redacted], were negative. Credit and arrest records checked and contact with logical officials in the city of Ashtabula, has not located any of the above individuals.

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[redacted] Kent, Ohio, telephone [redacted], entered the premises at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, at 5:00 PM during the course of a search of these premises.

[redacted] advised that this property was owned by [redacted] but he is acting as landlord and in three years will purchase the property. He described [redacted] as very aged and he was handling the property for her.

[redacted] advised that seven persons currently live in this home and he gave their names as follows:

[redacted]

[redacted] Ohio

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]e

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[redacted] advised that the above individuals moved into the home within about a week and one-half of each other in approximately February, 1970. This would have been the start of the Spring Quarter. He does not believe that all seven knew each other but he got the impression that [redacted] were acquainted. All paid for their rent in advance through the Spring Quarter with the exception of [redacted] was to make periodic payments.

[redacted] advised he knew very little about any of these individuals and he could furnish no information regarding their activities. [redacted] was furnished a copy of the Search Warrant and was given a receipt for the items removed from the house.

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Date May 10, 1970

[redacted]

Massachusetts, advised as follows:

She is a Psychology Senior at Smith College, Northa Massachusetts, and on May 2, 1970 was visiting a friend of he [redacted] at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio.

At about 8:10 PM, on May 2, 1970, she was with [redacted] at the Student Activities Center, when she observed a crowd of several hundred people marching past the Student Activity Center toward the "Commons" and onto the ROTC Building. The crowd was carrying signs, but she does not believe she observ any torches at this time. When the crowd arrived at the ROTC Building, it appeared that some of the persons in front of the crowd lit some torches, and she observed that one or two of the torches were placed against the ROTC Building. However the building did not catch on fire from these torches as best she could see.

While making this observation she was outside the Student Activity Center and about 1 1/2 blocks from the ROTC Building and the crowd. It was dusk and she could not make o any particular individual who may have placed the torches aga the building.

When the torches were placed against the building, it appeared that some of the crowd was throwing rocks or some objects at the building, and she heard glass breaking. At this, it appeared that most of the crowd dispersed.

Approximately an hour and a half later, she heard that the ROTC Building was on fire and she went outside and observed this to be the situation.

She did not know any of the people in the crowd and could not identify any of them. She knows only about three persons at KSU.

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[redacted] Ohio, advised that he arrived along with his wife, [redacted] at the Kent State Universi (KSU) campus at about 8:00 PM on the evening of May 2, 1970. They went immediately to the Commons to see what was happenin and observed an individual unknown to him ringing the Liberty Bell. He then observed another unknown individual get up on top of the bell and yell "We need more people, let's go to Tri-Tower." He estimated that there were about 500 individua in the group at that time. He and his wife moved with the group to Tri-Tower and he heard the group chanting anti-war slogans. He could not remember the slogans at this time.

At Tri-Tower, he met [redacted] who advised him to get rid of his camera and tape recorder as the student were going to break anything of that type that they noticed individuals in the crowd had in their possession. The group seemed to grow considerably after leaving Tri-Tower, and they proceeded back to the Commons and continued to walk around th area. [redacted] advised that he saw the following people on the Commons at that time:

[redacted]

The students continued to mill about the area and about 9:00 PM, they proceeded to throw rocks at the ROTC buil The [redacted] observed railroad flares being thrown at the building and in the building but due to their distance from t group, they could not identify any individuals who participat [redacted] advised that some of the participants had walkie-talki and he overheard one say that "the Communication Center was l at Johnson Hall." [redacted] has in his possession a tape which

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made at the Commons and ROTC area on the evening of May 2, 1970 in which some broadcasting over the walkie-talkies of some of the students can be heard.

[redacted] advised that the ROTC building did not seem to go up too easily and that one individual went to a window in the front of the building and with a piece of newspaper, lit a set of the curtains which went up rapidly. [redacted] estimates that there were about 1000 students present at this time. He advised that the firemen arrived on the scene and that someone yelled "Get the hose," at which time the hose was pulled away from the ROTC building and then the students found that they could not disconnect it, so they proceeded to cut it but the [redacted] could not determine what exactly was used to cut it due to the distance. At this time, the police utilized tear gas to disperse the crowd and the [redacted] went to Van Duser Hall and out to the steps on the power plant adjacent to the ROTC building in order to observe. [redacted] advised that both the Portage County Sheriff Deputies and College Police Department were present at this time.

The [redacted] then proceeded to the roof of the power plant at which time they observed several fires on the hill by Taylor Hall. They also observed a fire which had been lit at the archery shack located by the tennis courts. [redacted] then advised that the fire truck drove away and that there was heavy thick black smoke pouring out of the vents of the ROTC building. He advised that students from Prentice Hall had formed a line and were using a bucket brigade to put the fire out at the archery shack.

The [redacted] then proceeded to Merrill Hall and watched the fire and then observed two fire trucks arrive at the ROTC building. [redacted] advised that [redacted] took some pictures during the fire at the ROTC building and that an individual, [redacted] had contacted [redacted] advising him that he had 16 mm. color film of the incident at the ROTC building and wanted [redacted] to join him in getting a sound movie utilizing [redacted] tape of the burning of the ROTC building.

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[redacted] Norfolk, Virginia, advised that he is a [redacted] associated with the firm of [redacted] Virginia.

According to [redacted] he and his wife visited their daughter [redacted] at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, on Saturday, May 2, 1970. [redacted] indicated that the purpose of the visit was to carry his daughter some summer clothing and pick up her winter things. He recalled that about 8:30 or 9:00 PM, May 2, 1970, he was in one of the dormitories where his daughter lived and some of the students announced there was going to be a rally [redacted] said that his wife suggested that they remain at the campus to see just what was going on. He recalled that he, his wife, and [redacted] in company with some other students left the dormitory. He thought there were several hundred students in the group. He indicated that he and [redacted] were among the first in the group; however, after a short period, the students moving more rapidly soon passed them and they were at the rear of the crowd. He remembered that the police, possibly the Campu Police, were on hand and that the students were taunting them with obscenities and other comments; however, there was no confrontation that he could see.

He recalled that he and his wife stopped at the top of the hill and did not folbw the group as they continued toward where the ROTC Building was located. He remembered that it was dusk and approaching night when he observed several individuals with lighted railroad flares set fire to the ROTC Building. He indicated that due to the fact he was some 500 yards away, he could not distinguish who they were; however, by their movements and the manner in which they conducted themselves, he believes they were all males. He said he saw them break the windows in the ROTC Building and throw the flares inside. This continued for several minutes and it all occurred in the immediate vicinity where some policemen were standing. Mr. [redacted] was of the opinion that the policemen saw the individuals break the windows and throw the flares inside the building.

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[redacted] indicated that apparently the fire did not take very rapidly because some of those involved broke out more windows apparently so the air could get inside the building to fan the flame. He said after the fire began, the building was consumed immediately.

[redacted] said he could not identify any of those involved in the burning of the building because it was too dark for him to see and also the fact he was too far away to actually see who was involved in setting fire to the building. He recalled that the people involved were more or less silhouettes.

[redacted] said he left the campus about 11:00 PM and that after the burning of the building, the National Guard came on the campus. He remembered that the National Guard had been in the Town of Kent but had not been on the campus prior to the burning of the ROTC Building.

[redacted] said he and his wife returned to Norfolk, Virginia, on Sunday, May 3, 1970, and at the time the National Guard was on and off the campus at Kent State University when they left Kent, Ohio.

[redacted] said his daughter, [redacted], a freshman student, had gone back to Cleveland on Saturday, May 9, 1970, where she was staying with friends in the home of [redacted] (phonetic), an attorney in Cleveland, Ohio. [redacted] said he did not know the exact address of [redacted]; however, it was located in the Beechwood Section near Shaker Heights in Cleveland. [redacted] said that his daughter reportedly was present on Monday, May 4, 1970, during the time that students were shot on the Kent State University campus. He indicated he did not know how much she knew concerning the incident.

[redacted] indicated that he did not know the identity of the individuals responsible for the burning of the ROTC Building on the Kent State University campus. He also said he had not heard anyone state who was responsible for burning the building.

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[redacted] indicated that he and his wife plan a trip to Europe in the near future; however, he did not furnish the details of this trip or the length of time he would be out of the United States.

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[redacted] Norfolk, Virginia, advised that she and her husband, [redacted] went to visit their daughter at Kent State University on the weekend of May 2 - 3, 1970, and that they stayed in a motel in the Town of Kent, Ohio. She said that she remembered that the motel was directly across or in the immediate vicinity of the Kent State University campus. She said she recalled they went over to the dormitory where her daughter was living and the students became excited because they were planning a rally on the campus at the time Mr. and [redacted] were in the dormitory. She recalled that her husband suggested they leave and go to their motel, and she suggested that they remain at the campus because she was curious to know what happened, and what the "kids" had to say. She remembered that some of her daughter's friends (students at the University), her daughter her husband and she left the dormitory and started toward the area where the rally was to take place. She said that they were at the front of the group, but soon the students passed them and her daughter commented she was going on down and would see them back at the dormitory after the rally.

[redacted] remembered that the group was singing and shouting and taunting the police. She also recalled that when they got to the crest of the hill overlooking the area where the main body of students was holding the rally, she and her husband decided to stop. She recalled that it was some distance, but she had no idea as to how far they were from the ROTC Building which was burned at the time they were on the top of the hill looking down on the group. She said she could not see well enough to identify any of the students who set fire to the ROTC Building. She said she was too far away and it was too dark to see actually who was responsible for setting fire to the building. She remembered the National Guard troops had been in the Town of Kent but had not been on the campus until after the ROTC Building burned. She said she had not seen any confrontations by students and police or students and National Guard during Saturday night, May 2, 1970. She recalled they left the campus at about 11:00 PM and returned to Norfolk, Virginia, Sunday, May 3, 1970. She said that National Guardsmen were observed on Sunday when they left Kent, Ohio.

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[redacted] recalled that her daughter had commented that the National Guard on Monday, May 4, 1970, had rifles and they had kneeled and pointed the rifles directly at the students during the campus demonstration. [redacted] said she did not know the extent of what her daughter [redacted] had seen at Kent State University.

[redacted] further advised that her daughter had been in Norfolk after the May 4, 1970, incidents on Kent State University campus and that she was most upset over the incidents; however, she returned to Cleveland, Ohio, where she is staying with a friend in the home of [redacted] (phonetic), an attorney in Cleveland. [redacted] said she did not know the exact address of [redacted] however, she understood it was in the Beachwood Section near Shaker Heights, Cleveland. She said her daughter was waiting in the area of Kent State University so that when they allowed the students to return to the campus, she could obtain her personal belongings and bring them back home to Norfolk, Virginia.

[redacted] said she did not know and had not heard from anyone who was responsible for the burning of the ROTC Building or any specific information concerning the shooting which occurred after she and [redacted] had left the campus at Kent State University.

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[redacted]

Ravenna, Ohio, was contacted and exhibited approximately 200 photographs which had been taken on May 3, 1970, and May 4, 1970, in the vicinity of the campus of Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio. After viewing these photographs, he identified the following listed persons which appeared on the indicated photographs

PHOTOGRAPH IDENTIFYING NUMBER	NAME	REMARKS
A-1-3	[redacted]	KSU News Service
A-2-1	TERRY NORMAN	KSU student (photog
A-4-1	[redacted]	KSU student
A-8-1	TERRY NORMAN	KSU student (photog
A-33-1	[redacted]	KSU Graduate Studen
A-34-4	[redacted]	KSU student (Journa Department)
A-40-3	[redacted]	KSU student (Journa Department)
A-40-4	[redacted]	KSU student (Leader Black United Studen
A-44-1	[redacted]	KSU student (Member Black United Studen
A-48-2	[redacted]	KSU student
A-53-1	[redacted]	Girlfriend of JEFF TUCKER works WHIT o
A-60-1	[redacted]	KSU professor - Journalism Departme

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A-62-1	[redacted]	(as above)
A-62-2	JOHN PILO	KSU student (Senior) Journalism (photogra
A-66-1	[redacted]	KSU student (Vietnam veteran) Journalism Department
A-81-1	[redacted]	
B-1-1	[redacted]	KSU student, Art maj
C-page 3, 12 and 13	TERRY NORMAN	KSU student, Police Science major
C-2-1	[redacted]	KSU student, Journal Department
C-16-14	[redacted]	KSU News Service
C-16-15	Blind Student	Resides KSU, Stephen Hall
C-17-3	[redacted]	(as above)
C-17-4	Blind Student	(as above)
C-23-1	Blind Student	(as above)
C-28-3	TERRY NORMAN	(as above)
C-29-1	TERRY NORMAN	(as above)
C-93-1	TERRY NORMAN	(as above)
C-116-1	TERRY NORMAN	(as above)
C-117-1	TERRY NORMAN	(as above)
F-4-1	[redacted]	KSU student (Senior Journalism Departme
F-5-1	[redacted]	(as above)

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F-8-1 [redacted]

Possibly living Manchester Hall on KSU campus

F-20-4 [redacted]

In charge of leading Food First Campaign recently at KSU.

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[redacted] advised his son, [redacted] left Kent State University (KSU) at the end of the last semester and obtained employment at [redacted], [redacted] Ohio, and has taken up residence with the [redacted] family, [redacted] Ohio.

He advised that he had a disagreement with his son be[illegible] his son had let his hair grow long and joined the Students for [illegible] Democratic Society (SDS) and, therefore, sees very little of hi[illegible] He advised he would not know whether his son had been near the [illegible] campus during the disturbances there on May 2-4, 1970.

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[redacted], a first year law student at the Akron University, was interviewed at [redacted] Akron, Ohio. He furnished his telephone number as [redacted] and he identified his parents as Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, telephone number [redacted]

[redacted] advised he went to the Kent State University (KSU) campus on Saturday night, May 2, 1970, with his girl friend, [redacted] and with friends, [redacted] and [redacted]. He claims that they heard that there was going to be a rally on the Commons and they were interested in what was going on. He is a summer student of KSU and his girl friend currently is a student.

[redacted] advised when they arrived at the Commons, they went directly to Johnson Hall because [redacted] is a monitor there. While in Johnson Hall, they observed a crowd forming on the Commons near the ROTC Building. From his vantage point, he observed students running up to the ROTC Building and he observed them throwing objects at the building. He claims he saw a fire start and he watched as the fire engine pulled up. He observed the kids taking the hose away from the firemen and he assumes that the hoses were either broken or cut as the water was going in all directions.

[redacted] claims he cannot identify any of the individuals involved in the burning of the ROTC Building. He claims as a former student, he knows a large number of KSU students, however, he saw no one in the group that he knew.

[redacted] advised he intends to continue his education at the Akron University and his parents will always know his whereabouts. He advised he will be available if called upon at any future date to testify.

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The Office of Dr. ROBERT I. WHITE, President of Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, made available the following letter which had been received at the Office of the President on May 12, 1970 at 8:36 AM and which was postmarked Alliance, Ohio. There was no return address and the letter was unsigned.

"Dear Sir

"What do you know about the committee of 30? Rumor has it that they are the ones who set the ROTC building on fire and then left the campus immediately. Who is Debbie Brown?"

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The following investigation was conducted at Seneca Falls, New York by SA [redacted] on May 12, 1970:

[redacted], New York, advised his wife, [redacted] owns a 1966 green TRA 4A, bearing New York State registration [redacted] Their son, [redacted] is a Senior at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, and he arrived home in [redacted] on May 1, 1970 and remained there until late on May 3, 1970 when he drove the described vehicle back to Kent. He called home on May 5, 1970 and said he was going to visit some school friends in Michigan, not further described. He will, undoubtedly, return to Kent before coming home to [redacted]

[redacted] lives off campus at [redacted], Kent and can be located for an interview through this address.

[redacted] asserted that his son was at home from May 1 to May 3, 1970 and could not have possibly been involved in any firebombing occurring on May 2, 1970.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	[illegible]
C[illegible]	CLEVELAND	[illegible]/21/70	5/2 - 19/70

TITLE OF CASE

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

REPORT MADE BY

SA[redacted]

CHARACTER OF CASE

SABOTAGE; SEDITION;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROP[illegible]
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 -
INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY
PROTECTED FACILITY

REFERENCE

Report of SA[redacted]-14-70, at Cleveland.

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AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

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

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☐ NONE						ACQUITTALS	CASE HAS BEEN
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APPROVED [signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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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.

REPORT OF SPECIAL AGENT [redacted]
[redacted] DATED MAY 21, 1970, AT
CLEVELAND, OHIO, CAPTIONED "UNSUBS;
FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING,
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU),
KENT, OHIO, MAY 2, 1970."

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IV. INQUIRIES TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

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IV. INQUIRIES TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

A. INVESTIGATION CONCERNING OCCUPANTS OF 230 EAST MAIN STREET, KENT, OHIO

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Date May 10, 1970

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[redacted] advised that she was a sophomore at Kent State Universit (KSU), and was majoring in sociology and political scior She stated that she resided in the girls dormitory at Verder Hall, and on the night the ROTC building was burn she was baby-sitting with [redacted] from Akr Ohio, in the dormitory. She indicated she had heard from some of the students that there was going to be tro in the ROTC building, but she did not wish to name the individuals who had given her this information.

Based upon this information, she said she had taken [redacted] from her dormitory to the residence of her boy friend, [redacted] who resided at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio. She said that she stayed with [redacted] at [redacted] room from approximately 9:30 PM until the following day and did not have any knowledge about the individuals who were involved in burning the ROTC build She stated that no one had returned to [redacted] address an discussed the matter, and consequently, she could not n anyone who participated in this action.

[redacted] was exhibited three photos of vari individuals, and she indicated that the man standing i the police officer in one of the photos was [redacted] (phonetic), who resides at 230 East Main Street, Kent.

In regard to the other photo, she indicated t the individual carrying a banner or flag with a cigaret in his mouth looked a great deal like [redacted] She said she had not seen any of these individuals on the K campus during the recent trouble.

She advised that she considers herself a libe and that the individuals who participated in the burnin down of the ROTC building are activists who would parti

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in any militant action. In this regard, she estimated that there were approximately 100 such individuals on the KSU campus during the recent trouble; however, she did not care to name any names or identify these individuals. She said that most were misguided, frustrated people and at least 50 per cent of the individuals on campus would be from the University itself, with the additional people coming from outside the University community.

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[redacted]
Ohio, was contacted at [redacted]
Street, where she is employed as a [redacted]. S
advised [redacted] and [redacted] were Special
Agents of the FBI and also was advised of the nature and
purpose of this interview.

[redacted] advised she is personally acquainted
one [redacted], an undergraduate student at Kent State
University (KSU); she recently met him as a classmate in h
law enforcement class, which meets each Thursday night und
[redacted] then related the following
information:

[redacted] and [redacted] have had casual so
conversations from time to time over cokes and coffee afte
their Thursday evening classes. On April 30, 1970, [redacted]
made a specific date with her for Saturday night, May 2, 1
to go to a carnival in Stow and then to a show in Kent. H
did pick her up at her residence in his 1956 black Ford
Thunderbird with New Jersey license at about 8:00 p.m. on
May 2, 1970 and drove then directly to the carnival locate
in the parking lot of the Click Discount Store, Fish Creek
and Route 59 in Stow. They spent less than an hour there
[redacted] then drove her to Kent for the purpose of attendin
the show. However, they were detoured on the way into Ken
and were told by police officers a curfew had been imposed
a result of demonstrations and disturbances in Kent and on
KSU campus. [redacted] did manage to drive as far as the Fir
Store located near his residence, 230 East Main Street, Ke
Ohio, and they walked to this residence, leaving the Thund
parked in the Firestone Store area. [redacted]
arrived at 230 East Main Street, a two story grey building
about 9:00 p.m. As they walked up the steps into the fron
door there were three men in that immediate area outside t
house. Two man were sitting on the ledge of a wall along
right side of this walkway - one was a tall young white ma
who Miss [redacted] identified by photographs as [redacted]
the other was a young white man holding a handkerchief ove

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nose and mouth, later introduced to her as [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), a man who allegedly had a prison record. Also a young KSU student named [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) who is [redacted] best friend, was nearby in the front yard [redacted] went into the house with [redacted] an[redacted] and three of them went upstairs into the bedroom of [redacted] which is located on the side facing East Main Street. The was considerable discussion among them about disturbances the KSU campus and the presence of the Ohio National Guard there to maintain order. A young couple, later introduced to [redacted] as [redacted] nd [redacted] were on the roof just out [redacted] window, watching activities on the campus and th helped this couple as they climbed back through the window the house. [redacted] commented about the National Guard's pr there and said a cousin of her's was a member of the Guard unit then on campus; she had seen him that day, but had no allowed him to see her because she did not want him to kno she was in the vicinity of, or participating in, the distu

[redacted] recalled that, as she and [redacted] wal up the front steps into the house, someone asked [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) why he held the handkerchief over his face a he replied, "tear gas." Also someone mentioned the ROTC Building on the KSU campus had just been burned, but she d not know for sure who said this and she did not recall if person indicated he had been involved.

[redacted] and [redacted] then downstairs and roasted hot dogs and marshmallows in the li room fireplace. Other persons participating in this activ were [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), a KSU freshman student wh did not seem to be there with any particular boy friend and said she resides in Verder Hall dormitory, and a 12 year o Negro girl named [redacted] (phonetic) who was visiting.

About the time they finished roasting marshmallo the 11:00 p.m. news appeared on television and others cam to the living room from outside the building to watch the including [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), [redacted] Name Unknown). They all watche the news program on television. [redacted] believes [redacted] Last Name Unknown), [redacted] (Last Name Unknow [redacted] Last Name Unknown), [redacted] an

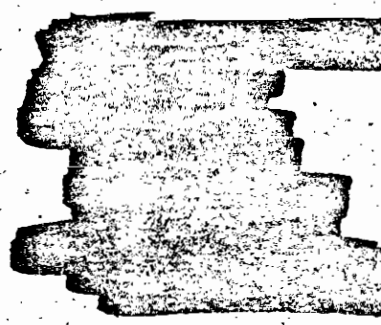
man named [redacted] (who was not present on the evening of May 2, 1970), all reside at 230 East Main Street, which w in a general state of disarray and badly in need of house cleaning.

After the news program ended [redacted] and [redacted] went to the upstairs kitchen, where he prepared and serve hot chocolate, after which she asked him to take her home They walked to the Firestone Store and were stopped by tw police officers wearing white helmets. These officers to them the curfew forbade their presence on the street, but they explained [redacted] had to take her home to Stow, Ohio were told they could proceed but [redacted] should drive her directly home, which he did arriving there about 1:30 a.m

[redacted] said she has no personal knowledge a who burned the ROTC Building on the KSU campus and she di personally observe any of the rallies, demonstrations, or of violence there at any time. She said she has seen [redacted] twice since May 2, 1970 - briefly on Tuesday, May 1970, and for a chicken dinner with him at 230 East Main on the evening of Thursday, May 7, 1970; this dinner was attended by [redacted] Las Name Unknown. [redacted] left for Tallmadge, Ohio, aft dinner. [redacted] said the conversations had not indica who had burned the ROTC Building but [redacted] did t her one of the students killed by National Guard gunfire Monday, May 4, 1970, was a friend of his named JEFF MILLE had been a member of their law enforcement class on Thurs evenings. She said she does not remember MILLER, howeve

[redacted] furnished the following descriptions the individuals that she met at 230 East Main Street, Ke Ohio, on the night of May 2, 1970:

Name
Sex
Race
Age
Height
Weight
Complexion
Hair



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Name
Race
Sex
Height
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Age
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On May 10, 1970, the following facts of an af
for the search of 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, wer
to Assistant Attorney General J. WALTER YEAGLEY, United
Department of Justice, Washington. D. C., who authorize
obtaining of a search warrant to search the above reside

U. S. Army Reserve Officers Training Corps
Building #45, East Hall on the campus of Kent
State University was burned to the ground
during a riotous demonstration by demonstrato
at Kent State University on May 2, 1970.

[redacted], a student at Kent State Universi
[redacted] was present at the
demonstration as a non-participator and obser
a tall, white male, light gasoline soaked rag
and drop them into a broken window of Buildin
#45.

[redacted] identified a photograph of a tall
white male demonstrator in a group photograph
taken at the Kent State University demonstrat
as the photograph of the tall, white male he
observed lighting a gasoline soaked rag and
putting it in a broken window of the burned
ROTC building #45.

[redacted] identified the photo of the tall,
white male in the group photo mentioned above
as the photograph of [redacted]
[redacted], Ohio.

[redacted]
advised [redacted] had
him he was present at the burning of the ROTC
building #45 at Kent State University. He a
advised that [redacted] resided at 230 East Mai
Street, Kent, Ohio, and has attended numerou

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campus demonstrations in Cleveland, Washington, D. C. and Kent, Ohio.

[redacted] a Kent State University studen advised that [redacted] a Kent University Student, was present at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, when certain male individuals enter the building at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohi immediately after the fire was set in the ROTC Building #45, and they stated that they had jus fired the ROTC Building on the Kent State University Campus.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] s a student at Kent State Universit

Assistant Attorney General J. WALTER YEAGLEY di that United States Attorney ROBERT B. KRUPANSKY be contac furnished the same facts and that the matter of the obtai a search warrant be coordinated with Mr. KRUPANSKY.

Mr. KRUPANSKY was contacted by SA [redacted] and the above facts were furnished to him. He stated the concurred with the opinion of Mr. YEAGLEY and directed th affidavit for a search warrant be filed before United Sta Commissioner CLIFFORD F. BRUCE, Cleveland, Ohio.

On May 10, 1970, SA [redacted] filed an affidavit search of 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, before Mr. BR utilizing the above facts in the affidavit.

On May 10, 1970, Mr. BRUCE issued a search warr the building at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, as wel garage and all outbuildings located on this property.

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In connection with the execution of a Federal search warrant on May 10, 1970, at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, the following automobiles and license plate numbers were obser in the parking area of the 230 East Main Street address:

Automobile	License Number
Black Chevrolet Monte Carlo	Ohio license F 6972 K
White Barracuda	Ohio license BC 2933
White Ford	Ohio license F 3802 J
Black Ford Thunderbird	New Jersey MEF 996

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During a surveillance on May 10, 1970, of the house located at 230 E. Main Street, one [redacted] Kent, Ohio, furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that he had just finished speaking to a blond-haired individual who emerged from the house at 230 E. Main Street. This blond-haired individual said that he had just gotten out of the Navy within the past week. He stated he was working to establish residency in Ohio so he could go to college. He and a brown-haired individual who also came from the house at 230 E. Main Street, had their boat stored on the parking lot of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity house.

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Operating under the strength of a Search Warra
the premises known as 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio,
searched and the following items were obtained during th
course of this search:

1. 3/4 length gray winter jacket with fur lin
hood found in first floor bedroom closet

2. Packet of rally posters for JERRY RUBIN Ra
April 11, 1970, found in first floor bedro
closet shelf

3. Newspaper photograph of ANDY NOVICH found
top of dresser in downstairs bedroom

4. One short sleeve blue dress shirt with Sea
label found on floor of closet in first fl
bedroom

5. One pair of brown gloves, sheep skin line
found first floor bedroom closet

6. SDS literature list and poster found in pl
suitcase in the pantry

7. A headband found in the trash can of the
downstairs bathroom

8. A booklet "Who Rules Kent" by Kent SDS fou
a carton in the dining room

9. Letter from [redacted] April 14, 1970 to
[redacted] found in bottom dresser dr
first floor bedroom.

10. Six balloons, one Dupont Duco Cement tube,
one Elmer's Contact Cement and a cardboard
tube, partially covered by aluminum with b
hole at one end, found on bottom shelf of
night stand in first floor bedroom.

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11. One pair of Levis trousers with mimeographed sheet in the pocket announcing "Bury the Constitution of the United States" found in closet first floor bedroom

12. (a) Book "Che Guevara Guerrilla Warfare"

(b) "Ann Arbor Argus", February 24, 1970 to March 10, 1970

(c) A paper "Venceremos Brigade 1970"

(d) SDS paper "Fire Next Time", V1N1

(e) The paper "Free Cleveland After Dark", April 15-22, 1970

All found on book stand in dining room

13. One corduroy jacket with belt found in closet in upstairs hall

14. Two makeshift peace armbands found in dresser drawer in [redacted] bedroom upstairs.

15. Pair of purple Levis with stains on trouser leg found in upstairs rear bedroom in the bedroom o the right side of the room when the room is entered.

No one was home when this search was commenced but during the course of the search [redacted] who is in the process of buying the property and who now handles the property, entered the home. [redacted] was served with a copy of the Search Warrant and was also given a receipt for the above items.

The garage at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, was also searched and nothing was found therein.

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Date May 16, 1970

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On May 11, 1970, the following items of evidence se in the search of 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, which were seized under the authority of a search warrant were submitted the FBI Laboratory for appropriate examination:

1) One 3/4 length gray winter jacket (parka) with fur-lined hood and orange lining.

2) One pair of blue denim jeans.

3) One pair of tan suede gloves.

4) One blue man's shirt (cotton).

5) One hippie-type headband.

6) One pair blue purple levis.

7) One tan corduroy coat in plastic dry cleaner's bag.

8) Two makeshift peace arm bands made from dungarees.

9) Six rubber balloons, one tube Dupont Duco cement, one tube Elmer's contact cement, and one cardboard tube partially covered with aluminum foil with burn hole on one end.

During the search, an envelope containing a letter [redacted] 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, fr [redacted] Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts was observed.

During the search the the following record of long distance calls made from 673-5425 at 230 East Main Street, Ken Ohio was observed with the callers initials next to each call

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Initials	Date	Time of day	City Called	Number Called
	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]		[illegible]	429-[illegible]
	[illegible]		[illegible]	429-[illegible]
	[illegible]		[illegible]	
				66[illegible]
	4-8-70		Huntington	429-[illegible]
	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]-39[illegible]
	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
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			MONTROS	666-[illegible]
	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
				[illegible]
	[illegible]		Clove	745-[illegible]
	[illegible]		Ashland	925-[illegible]
	[illegible]		Clove	521-0440
	4-17		Clove	[illegible]
	4-17		Cave	[illegible]
	4-17		Cave	[illegible]
	4-20		Clove	[illegible]
	4-20		Clove	571-[illegible]
	4-20		Clove	[illegible]
		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	4-27		Ashland	[illegible]
			N J	839-0420
	5-2		[illegible]	[illegible]
	5-4		[illegible]	[illegible]
	5-3		Philadelphia	[illegible]
	5-4		Big Flats [illegible]	562-8[illegible]4
	[illegible]		[illegible]	577-7428
	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]

[illegible]

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Long Distance Calls

Room No. _____ Tel. No. _____

Initials	Date	Time of day	City Called	Number Called
[redacted]	5-6		CANTON	[illegible]
	5-9		CANTON	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
	5-10		SAN PAUL	[illegible]
	5-11		CANTON	[illegible]

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The initials on the record of long distance calls ar
the initials of the occupants of 230 East Main Street, Kent, O
and they stand for the following individuals:

[redacted]

[redacted] Unknown

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REPORT
of the

LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Cleveland

Date: 5/14/70

FBI File No.

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

Lab. No. PC-C6429 HM

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 liquids 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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Date May 10, 1970

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[redacted]

[redacted] Kent, Ohio, advised that [redacted] Ohio, is his girl friend and that he was previously contacted by an FBI Agent at Kent, Ohio, this morning.

Three photographs of unidentified individuals were displayed to [redacted] and he indicated that the only individual he could identify was the man who was standing with the police officer in one of the photos. This man was [redacted] (phonetic), who resides at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio. In addition to [redacted] residing at this address, he indicated that [redacted] owns the property at 230 East Main Street, and the following individuals were also residents

[redacted], who is also known

Canton, Ohio

On 5/10/70 at

File # Cleveland 98-2140

SAs [redacted]

by

Date dictated 5/10/70

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IV. INQUIRIES TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

B. INTERVIEWS REGARDING [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date May 17, 1970

[redacted] Ohio, at this time furnished one photograph of [redacted] taken in July, 1968. This photograph depicts [redacted] in a United States Air Force uniform and [redacted] stated that he has no photograph of [redacted] with his beard and long hair.

[redacted] indicated that to the best of his knowledge, [redacted] left the area May 11, 1970. [redacted] left alone as [redacted] knows [redacted] has a female friend by the name of [redacted] whom he described as six feet tall, slender and "stacked". She supposedly left the area May 11, 1970, to go to her home in New York. She went to Washington, D.C. with [redacted] over the weekend prior to the interview. DC

[redacted] indicated that [redacted] is very close friends with one [redacted] and would probably keep in touch with her. [redacted] said when he left that he was going to California. However, he had only $150.00 with him. [redacted] had gone to California approximately one year ago and at that time had $900.00, which lasted him only six weeks before he had to come home again. When [redacted] went last time, he stayed with [redacted] student at UCLA, Santa Barbara, California. He lived in Golita, California.

[redacted] described [redacted] as being [redacted] has an uncle, [redacted] who runs [redacted] Pasadena, California. It is possible that [redacted] would contact him if he went to California. He stated that [redacted] has been locked up, having been arrested in Boston, Massachusetts, for drunk and hates it. ohio DC

[redacted] has definite suicidal tendencies. [redacted] had a roommate where he lived in Kent by the name of [redacted] phone number [redacted] had spoken to [redacted] subsequently to the time that [redacted] supposedly left for California. [redacted] indicated surprise at this and stated that [redacted] had stayed with one [redacted] over the weekend

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On 5/15/70 at [redacted] Ohio File # CV 98-2140

SA [redacted]

by [redacted] Date dictated 5/17/70

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of May 1 - 3, 1970. [redacted] also had [redacted] at his house from May 4, 1970, to the end of that week.

[redacted] later telephonically contacted the interviewi agents. He advised that [redacted] had been in town, stayi with [redacted] Munroe Falls, Ohio. In addition, [redacted] had been with them. The three of them left May 1[illegible], 1970, to go to New York. He indicated that [redacted] is 100 per cent disability from the service, and is a psychiatric case. He stated that [redacted] is on medication and when he takes this medication, he seems quite normal. However, when he does not take it, "watch out".

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May 18, 1970
Date

[redacted] ent, Ohio, advised that she has known [redacted] since high school. She stated that she does not know his whereabouts.

She advised that on the evening of May 2, 1970, she was not with, nor did she see [redacted] at any time. She stated that she herself had spent the whole evening in Tri-Towers dormitory. [redacted] was not there at any time. She stated she heard later on that evening that the ROTC building had burned and went by herself to see this. By the time she got there, the building was almost burned and there were no other students in the area. She has no idea if [redacted] had been at the burning or knew anything about it.

She stated that the last time she saw [redacted] was when she and [redacted] met in Washington, D.C. on May 9, 1970. They traveled back to Kent, Ohio, together that night. She has not seen him since. She has not got the least idea where he has gone and in fact, did not know that he had left the area.

She could furnish no other information of value.

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Date May 19, 197

[redacted]
Kent, Ohio, Apartment 6, furnished the following information: [redacted]

[redacted] advised he has resided at the above address since January 20, 1970, and when he moved there, [redacted] was living there. [redacted] had met [redacted] in the past because both of them lived at a [redacted] Akron, Ohio. [redacted] moved to this address shortly after obtaining employment at [redacted] Ohio.

[redacted] advised that approximately two weeks before the students were shot at Kent State University (KSU), [redacted] stopped staying regularly at the North Water Street address and was gone quite a bit. Most of the time, he stayed with one [redacted] who lives at North Merlin Avenue in a rented house. To the best of [redacted] knowledge, that is where [redacted] has most recently been residing.

On Saturday evening, May 2, 1970, [redacted] not see [redacted] as [redacted] was out all night. [redacted] came to [redacted] Sunday morning at approximately 6:00 a.m. shortly before [redacted] left that residence and [redacted] indicated to him that he had been up all night and had watched the sun come up.

[redacted] briefly talked to [redacted] who indicated to [redacted] that he should come to the Commons on the KSU campus on Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m. for a rally. [redacted] mentioned nothing further regarding any incidents at KSU campus prior to Sunday morning.

According to [redacted] is a sophomore at KSU majoring in Education.

On May 3, 1970, [redacted] picked his girlfriend up and they drove around that day, returning to

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On 5/18/70 at Kent, Ohio File # Cleveland 98-2

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 5/19/70

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North Water Street at approximately 8:00 p.m. At this time, [redacted] was just leaving the apartment going to the Commons and shortly after he left, [redacted] and his girlfriend left to go to the campus.

At the campus, a crowd was forming around the Student Union and this crowd then moved to the Commons where several individuals made miscellaneous speeches actually saying nothing of significance. These persons spoke only against the war in Vietnam, troops in Cambodia, and National Guardsmen being on campus. One speaker, a white male with long hair and a beard, made some comment to the effect "Do you want to get the National Guard off campus?" The crowd cheered loudly in the affirmative.

A black student made some short speech and after several other speeches, all of which [redacted] felt were stupid, the crowd marched up the hills toward Prentice Hall and Verder Hall. The crowd at this time was approximately 2,000 strong and [redacted] and [redacted] were in the group. [redacted] and his girlfriend at this point left the campus.

Sunday evening, [redacted] returned home and [redacted] did not stay there that night.

The next time [redacted] was on approximately May 6 or May 8, 1970, when [redacted] was preparing to go to Washington, D.C., for a massive student demonstration. [redacted] came to [redacted] at work and borrowed $20.

That evening, [redacted] returned home and [redacted] had already left.

[redacted] has not seen [redacted] since that occasion but according to [redacted] parents, [redacted] and [redacted] drove to Washington, D.C. in [redacted] 1955 Cadillac four door, green in color. Apparently another friend of [redacted] and [redacted] one [redacted] or [redacted] went to Washington, D.C. also in her car which is a light colored Ford Torino or Fairlane.

According to [redacted] parents, on the way back to Kent, Ohio, the weekend following the Washington

demonstration, [redacted] car was spurting oil and the engine blew up, and since [redacted] had been following [redacted] on the way back, he and [redacted] returned to Kent with [redacted], leaving [redacted]s car abandoned in Pennsylvania possibly on the Turnpike.

[redacted] and [redacted] returned to [redacted] parents' house and that weekend, [redacted] took [redacted] to the airport in order that she could return to her home in New York, and [redacted] then left for California hitchhiking.

Again, according to [redacted] parents, [redacted] went to see a [redacted] or [redacted] who is a student at Santa Barbara College in Goleta or Golita, California.

[redacted] understood that [redacted] was supposed to contact his parents to let them know where to send his books to him in California.

[redacted] had no information as to whether or not [redacted]s involved in the burning of the ROTC building, but he feels that [redacted] was not involved.

He explained that [redacted] is interested in teaching children and forming in their minds, at an early stage in life, the rejection of things that are bad. [redacted] feels that the best teaching can be done with young children whose minds are very formable.

[redacted] is not a violent person and [redacted] has never known him to be physical in his actions although he is radical in his views and, not being satisfied with some of the wrongs of today, wants changes to be made.

The following is a description obtained through observation and interview with [redacted]

Name:
Date of Birth:
Place of Birth:
Height:
Weight:

[redacted]

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Address: [redacted]

Telephone:
Social Security
Number: [redacted]

[redacted] recalls that since the incidents at KSU, he has talked to [redacted] and she told him if he was questioned by any authorities, he did not have to say anything and that he should refuse to talk. [redacted] told [redacted] that [redacted] had nothing to do with the burning of the ROTC building and that he did not even throw stones at the building. [redacted] feels that from her conversation, she was with [redacted] at the ROTC burning.

[redacted] does not feel [redacted] would cooperate if interviewed by any authorities.

[redacted]

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Date 5-13-70

[redacted] was contacted at the Robinson Memorial Hospital, where he is a full-time employee of the Hospital Security Staff. He was shown photographs of the following individuals:

[redacted]

He stated that he could not identify any of these people as the blond individual dressed in a stripe shirt who threw a flare in the ROTC Building at the KSU campus, Kent, Ohio.

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C. MISCELLANEOUS

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The following investigation was conducted by SA's [redacted] and [redacted], May 11, 1970, at Twinsburg, Ohio.

[redacted] Ohio, telephone number [redacted] advised that he was conducting investigation into the burning of the ROTC building on the Kent State University campus on May 2, 1970, and had talked to the following witnesses who had observed certain unknown individuals attack and burn the ROTC buildi

[redacted]

[redacted] stated that all of the above individua with the exception of [redacted] and [redacted] observed individuals throwing fuses into the ROTC building. He stated that some of these witnesses have identified phot of unsubs as photos of persons they observed throwing fuses into the building, however, he added no identifications hav been made connecting them with known persons to date. He added that the photos of the unsubs have been made availabl to the FBI Agents investigating the Kent disturbances.

[redacted] said that [redacted] and [redacted] are friends of [redacted] who told both girls the four men who burned down the ROTC building came into the house at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, and told her

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they had burned the building down. [redacted] also advised [redacted] claimed the four men were roommates [redacted]

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[redacted] Shaker Heights, Ohio, telephone [redacted] was made aware of the official identities of SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] and of the nature of the inquiry. SA [redacted] advised [redacted] of his rights, and furnished him with a form entitled "Interrogation; Advice of Rights". [redacted] read the form and stated that he understood his rights as stated on the form. Then he signed the form. [redacted] advised that he did not want to discuss anything that happened on the Kent State University campus on Saturday, May 2, 1970, without a lawyer being present.

The interview was immediately terminated.

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SA [redacted] JJ:jk

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

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

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[redacted] was contacted at the home of his parents [redacted] Ohio, and he advised that he presently lives at [redacted] Ohio. He advised that on Saturday morning, May 2, 1970, he received a call from a friend by the name of [redacted] in reference to taking a vacation in Florida. He stated that h friend [redacted] frequents J.B.'s (a bar room) in Kent, Ohio. [redacted] told him that on Friday night, May 1, 1970, he had gone to J.B.'s and it looked to him like there was going to be troub in the city, and he left the area. He stated he then visite a friend at a local service station and returned to his resi sometime in the afternoon. He stated that to the best of hi recollection he went to a drive-in movie on Saturday evening with his girl friend, [redacted] who lives with her parent at [redacted] Ohio. He stated that h girl friend works at the Hilton Inn on Route 8, Boston Heigh Ohio. He stated that he cannot be absolutely sure of his activities on the evening of May 2, 1970, but is definitely certain that he was not on the Kent State campus. He advise that on Sunday, May 3, 1970, he went for a ride with his girl friend to visit friends and went to Kent, Ohio, and was on the campus of the University there for a few minutes whil he contacted a friend and then drove around the city but did not spend any additional time on the campus. He stated that Monday, May 4, 1970, he worked the afternoon shift and had n gone to Kent and had no information as to what happened on t day. He advised he had not received any information from an friends or acquaintances which would indicate who may have burned the ROTC Building on the Kent State University (KSU)

He stated that he did become involved with the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) while he was attendi Kent during the fall quarter and was casually acquainted wit [redacted] who he believes [redacted] He stated he went to Chicago to attend the demonstrat with [redacted]

On 5-12-70 at Macedonia, Ohio File # Cleveland 98-21

SAs [redacted]

by [redacted] Date dictated 5-13-70

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[redacted], and another student. He stated that when he noted the violence taking place in Chicago, he returned to his room and did not further participate in the Chicago demonstrations. He stated that he has had no contact with anyone of the above individuals since the fall semester and that he left the Kent campus and obtained permanent employment at the end of the last semester and therefore has had very litt contact with the activities at Kent. He stated that he had lost interest in the SDS and was no longer affiliated with any of its members.

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