

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Sixteenth Street

My purpose in writing to you, has reference to the most recent bombing in Birmingham Ala., in which 4 Negro girls were killed; as well as the wanton disregard in many instances of late, of many citizens of that State, as well as their public leaders; as it pertains to compling with federal Law and Civil Rights of the Negro population. 9-15-63

It is with sincere interest, that according to the news on the Radio this A. M; the writer has learned that men of your Agency are now investigating the most recent bombing, and I hope they are most successful in apprehending the guilty party or parties in the very near future.

Although the writer in the capacity as a reglatory official for the Michigan Department of Agriculture for many has had some experience in enforcement and investigation work, it is as a Neophyte in respect to men of your Department, that I offer the following information. As an outsider, and basing mh opinion on News and - it strikes the writer these bombings are the work of an organization or someone trained in handli of explosive. Perhaps an ex-service man trained in handling demolition char or perhaps even at present a member of the Local or State Police, and perhaps a member of the Alabama National Guard. I realize that to operate on this assumption, and check such information out - could be along an tedious 🏌 process, perhaps ending in naught. However, back in the second world war: as a member of the U.S. Airforce, I served several years at various bases in the deep South; and associated with a good many Southern soldiers, and I know of the deep hate, and disrespect, that was harbored by some of the Rebe soldiers, for the colored populations. Some could never be educated to think differently. With out a doubt, your office has given thought to this same thing - but I make mention of the same - for as an outsider considering that 8 such bombings have taken place without an apprehension - this does not appear to be the work of a crack-pot.

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Your letter of September 16, 1963, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to make your suggestion available to us is indeed appreciated.

I would like to assure you that this Bureau will continue to vigorously investigate all matters within our investigative jurisdiction.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover Director EC'D-READING ROOM
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

### Memorandum

Mr. Belmont

DATE: September 17, 1963

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FROM

SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA SEPTEMBER 15, 1963 RACIAL MATTERS

The following information is submitted concerning our efforts to identify the perpetrators of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church at Birmingham, Alabama, on 9/15/63.

A systematic crime scene search of the area outside the church and a minute search of the immediate bomb area by Bureau Agents and Laboratory representatives on 9/16/63 disclosed no physical evidence such as a safety fuse, blasting caps, wires, fragments of a timing device or other bomb accessories. The examination of the crime scene area is continuing and debris is being combed for material which was closest to the point of explosion for subsequent laboratory examination for explosive residue.

The Birmingham Office is proceeding with the thorough neighborhood investigation and thus far has interviewed 65 residents and shopkeepers in the vicinity of the church who were in the area at the time of the explosion and heard the blast. However, none of these individuals was able to furnish any information of value and stated that they did not notice anything out of the ordinary prior to or after the blast.

Owners of all of the automobiles known to have been parked in the vicinity of the church at the time of the explosion have been located and interviewed but none was able to furnish any information of possible assistance

An anonymous telephone call was received by our Birmingham Office from a woman on 9/16/63 advising that on the previous day she had observed at a gasoline station on two Negroes. the south side of Birmingham talking to a white man. She claims that she saw the white man give the Negroes money and in return receive from them a box containing seven sticks of dynamite. This information is being checked out as rapidly as possible and efforts are being made to locate for interview.

1 - Mr. Mohr

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont RE: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

Numerous other anonymous telephone calls received by the Birmingham Office and the Birmingham Police Department (PD) from individuals furnishing information as to possible suspects and possible sources of dynamite were immediately checked out with negative results.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, the Birmingham Office and eight neighboring offices are proceeding with interviews of known Klan and hate group members, particularly members of the National States Rights Party (NSRP), including the leaders of these groups. They are also interviewing and accounting for bombing suspects in their respective divisions. More than a hundred such individuals have been located and interviewed but with the exception of the accounting for the whereabouts of the bombing suspects during the pertinent period, these interviews have resulted in no information of value thus far. The Jacksonville Office advised that several Klan members, including

There are still several hundred interviews of Klan and hate group members to be conducted and the Birmingham Office and auxiliary offices will complete these interviews as rapidly as possible.

An effort was made to interview Chambliss concerning Birmingham bombings but Chambliss, an old-time Klan member, refused to talk to Agents.

Memorandum for Mr. Belmont RE: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

The Birmingham Office is continuing its surveillance in the vicinity of the bombed church to identify any suspicious persons who may appear in the area, possibly to observe destruction for which they were responsible.

In addition to the above steps being taken by Birmingham and auxiliary offices and the immediate coverage of all leads as they develop, the Birmingham Office, in furtherance of Bureau instructions, is locating and interviewing mail truck drivers, newsboys, milkmen and similar tradespeople and employees of service companies who may have been in the area at the time of the bombing for any information as to suspicious persons they may have observed. Additional members of the church congregation are being identified and interviewed and the Birmingham Office is also checking into the possibility that a stolen or rented automobile may have been used by the bombers.

All phases of this investigation are receiving preferred attention and painstaking efforts are being made to cover all investigative avenues promptly in order to identify the persons responsible for the crime as soon as possible.

### ACTION:

This matter is receiving close attention at the Seat of Government and pertinent developments will be immediately brought to your attention.

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ADDENDUM: In view of the Attorney General's call to Evans' office last night, if he calls again we recommend he be advised briefly of the extensive nature of our investigation so that he will be aware of it.

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TO SAC BIRMINGHAM (157\_352) FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025)

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DATE: 9/16/63

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**FROM** 

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church. Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63 RACIAL MATTERS; BOMBING MATTERS nic Ger W

In accordance with approval of the Director on 9/15/63, 10 agents, 5 radio cars and two stenographers were to be sent immediately to the Birmingham Office on specia assignment under the supervision of SAC Roy K. Moore of the Little Rock Office. The following is a list of offices from which the agents, automobiles and stenographers wer secured:

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explosive experts from the and Laboratory, were also dispatched to Birmingham. They, as well as SAC Roy K. Moore, Little Rock, advised they would leave immediately to arrive Birmingham 9/15,

The SACs or ASACs in Atlanta, Savannah, Jacksonville and Charlotte were instructed that the agents and stenographers should depart as soon as possible to arrive 9/15/63. They were further advised that the agents should be well experienced, not subject to any administrative action, should not be former police officers, natives of Alabama, nor related to state or police officials in Alabama. They were advised the agents should take their sidearms. Each office was requested to advise the Bureau and Birmingham by teletype as soon as the identity of the reporting agents and stenographe were known, setting out the departure and arrival times.

### RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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Mr. Mohr

DATE: September 17, 1963

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ROM: C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: BOMBING OF 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

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The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of September 17, 1963, page 1, has a story written by Staff Writer William G. Wing and captioned "City of Fear." The story is datelined at Birmingham. About three-quarters through the story, a "Federal man" is quoted as stating, "Slim chance anybody bothered to bring dynamite in from somewhere else. There's enough dynamite already in Alabama to blow Birmingham off the map."

The Director has inquired, "I hope no FBI man made any such stateme

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#### ACTION TAKEN:

We have checked with SAC Roy Moore who is in Birmingham, concerning the matter. SAC Moore has advised that he has talked with SAC Faisst and ASAC Jensen of Birmingham who inquired also of the men working the case in Birmingham and this statement was not made by any FBI Agent nor was it made by any FBI personnel at the Seat of Government here in Washington.

Mr. Moore did say that, of course, various Department people, heade by Burke Marshall, Assistant Attorney General, are on the scene and are hourly consulting with news media people and undoubtedly the statement was made by one of these men or by Jack Rosenthal of Mr. Guthman's Office here in Washington.

For information.

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### <del>S</del>ENSE OF OUTRAGE

By Andrew J. Glass

Of The Herald Tribune Staff

WASHINGTON.

President Kennedy yesterday expressed "a deep sense of outrage and grief" over the bomb-blast killing of four Negro girls in a Birmingham church Sunday.

Also, in Congress members deplored the outrage, and some called for stronger action by the government.

And at the Justice Department, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy conferred several times with his brother, the President, and with various subordinates concerned with civil rights.

Throughout Washington there was a reeining of horror over what had happened Sunday morning in Birmingham.

The President, without mentioning Alabama's segregationist Gov. George C. Wallace by name, said: "It is regrettable that public disparagement of law and order has encouraged violence which has fallen on the innocent."

The President called upon white and Negro citizens everywhere to "put passions and prejudices aside" to preserve "domestic justice and tranquility."

In the late afternoon, the White House said it had not yet received an appeal from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King jr. and other Negro leaders asking the President to order Federal troops into Birmingham to maintain racial peace.

But government sources said that no troops would be sent to the troubled city unless new large-cale violence occurred. Plans were to rely on the efforts of Burke Marshall, the Justice Department's civil rights chief, to work on the scene in his peace-making role.

"We're counting on him to keep the lid on," one official said.

It would take another Presidential proclamation to send regular troops in. There are already 300 Federalized troops, members of the Alabama National Guard, quartered at the Birmingham Armory and available on the call of the chief of police. In addition, there are 450 police officers, 150 sheriff's deputies and 300 state troopers in the city.

In the government's judgment last night, this was enough of a force unless the situation turns drastically worse.

Attorney General Kennedy canceled a speaking trip to Philadelphia to remain in the capital.

In a special noon-time statement issued through White House press secretary Pierre Salinger, President Kennedy said:

"If these cruel and tragic events can only awaken that city and state—if they can only awaken this entire nation—to a realization of the folly of racial injustice and hatred and violence, then it is not too late for all concerned to unite in steps toward peaceful progress before more lives are lost."

The President praised "the Negro leaders of Birmingham who are counseling restraint instead of violence" and noted that the "principles of peaceful snelf-control are least appealing when most needed."

The Birmingham bombing was deplored yesterday in four Senate speeches. It also brought a plea by two Republican liberals for faster Congressional action on the Civil rights bill.

Those rising to denounce the bombing were Sens. Jacob K. Javits, R., N. Y., J. William Fulbright, D., Ark., Thomas H. Kuchel, Calif., the minority whip, and Mike Mansfield, Mont., the majority leader.

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#### A FIEND AT LARGE

By William G. Wing
Of The Herald Tribune Staff
BIRMINGHAM.

Search for the fiend who bombed a church and killed four children Sunday was being pressed yesterday in a city that shows signs of genuine shock and fear. But the chances that he will be found in this dynamite-happy region are remote.

Meanwhile, yesterday, there were these other developments in Birmingham:

¶A special session of the Federal grand jury was convened to indict those persons who obstructed court orders to desegregate Birmingham's public schools.

In sharging the jury, U.S. District Judge Clarence W. Allgood said:

"In recent weeks, we have witnessed what amounts to mockery of our laws.... Sunday's bombing of a Negro church where the lives of four children were taken is a hideous example. I can think of no greater heresy or a more blackening sin against humanity.

"And I say, with the deepest sense of urgency, the courts and law enforcement agencies will not rest—nor will the good, God-fearing people of Birmingham—until take insanace murderer or murderers of those children are brought to the bar of this court is sickened by them as a court of law and ashamed as a native Alabamian."

(Although there were no incidents at Birmingham schools yesterday, even more students stayed away from the three desegregated schools—West End and Ramsay High and Graymont Elementary.

West End, with an enrollment of 1,342, had 466 students present compared to 511 Friday. Ramsay reported 776 students, 59 fewer than on Friday and 140 fewer than normal Graymont, with an enrollment of 243, had 127 students, down from 203 on Friday.

It was not known if the decline in attendance was owing to the boycott or to parents' fear fo further violence.

Elsewhere in Alabama, a boycott of Tuskegee High, where 13 Negroes enrolled under court order, remained 100 per cent effective. In Huntsville and Mobile, where schools also were desegrated, the situation was normal, with attendance up slightly Murphy High in Mobile.

Martin Luther King jr., announced they intend to appeal to the President for Federal troops to preserve order in Birmingham.

In suburban Ensley, a white man fired into a crowd of Negroes yesterday afternoon, hitting a youth in the arm, police reported. The youth was identified as Oliver-Williams, 17, by Hillman Emergency Clinic. His condition was said to be "all right."

The city appeared unusually calm yesterday. There were no incidents. A dynamite bomb was reported at a school yard but the report proved false.

The tranquility of downtown streets, streets within sight of the blasted 16th Street Baptist Church, is startling to a new arrival. There seems less electricity in the air than there was four months ago during the demonstrations then.

No paddy wagons are rolling. In the Negro section, near the bombed church, two old gentlemen stood with their arms about each other talking in affectionate accents. One man was black, the other white.

Few extra policemen are seen. Only by the dingy yellow-brick Baptist Church, where the Negro paraces formed last spring, is there a show of force.

Col. Al Lingo, State Public Safety director, stands in the street with a line of blue-helmeted state troopers. Behind them, a score of investigators paw through the rubble in the church for clue to the bomber. In front of the troopers stands a crowd of silent Negroes.

A trooper with a bull horn tells them to disperse, and the crowd turns and walks sullenly away.

A city official says the appearance of calm is entirely false. "Let's say there peace," he says. "The city ed." He continues;

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like. Let's go beat up those black so and so's right now.' They caused a lot of the demonstrations. No one would dare say anything like that now.

"And though there has been no direct communication between Dr. King and City Hall, we sincerely hope the Negro leaders understand the need to avoid any kind of a demonstration now."

One aspect of the bombing reveals its shattering effect on the delations between Negro and white.

When Albert Boutwell became Mayor last spring, his most critical duty was to clear the atmosphere and establish contact with the Negro leadership. The new Mayor and City Coucil accomplished a semingly imposible feat: formation of a public school committee that included Negroes.

But after the explosion Sunday, one of the four dead girls was Carol Robertson, 14, granddaughter of Mrs. Sally M. Anderson, president of the Negro Parent-Teachers Association and a member of the school committee. There is small hape for the committee now.

In contrast to the demands by Negro leaders for Federal troops, Mayor Boutwell certain there is ample force on hand to preserve order.

Besides the 300 state troopers sent in by Gov. Wallace at Mayor Boutwell's request, 300 Federalized National Guard troops stand ready at two armories. In addition, there are non-Federalized National Guard troops on the alert in the city.

The ranking Federal officer on hand is Burke Marshall, Assistant Attorney General, who spent the day in conference with U. S. attorneys. In addition, FBI bomb experts have been flown in to help the state, county and city investigators.

The FBI is in the case because of the 1960 statute making the interstate transport of dynamite for illegal purposes a Federal crime. But a Federal man yesterday said. "Slim chance anybody bothered to bring dynamite in from somewhere else. There's enough dynamite already in Alabama to blow Birmingham off the map."

Using dynamite may be a rare skill elsewhere. Here, it is said, everybody and his brother knows how to dynamite. Miners use it. Contractors use it to dig ditches through the underlying limestone. Farmers blow stumps with it, and farm kids learn to kill fish in the creeks with dynamite when they are about 13.

The huge producers of dynamite— Du Pont and Hercules Power—have plants within ten miles of the bombing. Coal mines keep magazines filled with dynamite, magazines that are often robbed. Anyone, in fact, can walk into a hardware store and box a stick. Although bombing an inhabited building is punishable with death here, there have been about 42 bombings since 1947—all building one or two still unsolved.

Two other Negroes were killed Sunday after the church-bombing. One, Johnnie Robinson, 16, was shot by police who said he had refused to stop throwing rocks at cars of whites. They said they fired ever his head, but one of the shots hit him.

The other was Virgil Ware, 13, who was shot by two white boys. Sheriff Melvin Bailey said yesterday his investigators had some clues and were "working as hard as humanly possible to solve this." He gave these details about the slaying:

Virgil was riding double on a bicycle with his brother James, 15, just outside the city's northwest limits at about 5 p. m. Sunday. The brothers met two white boys riding a red and white motor scooter on a narrow street. James said one of the white boys fired with a black pistol. No one said a word. Virgil was hit at point-blank range by two bullets—one struck him in the left chest, the other in the left chest.



BLAST POINT—A view yesterday through what remains of a stained glass will in the church to the rock-strewn street and the automobiles wrecked in the Sumorning explosion that killed four Negro girls in Birmingham.

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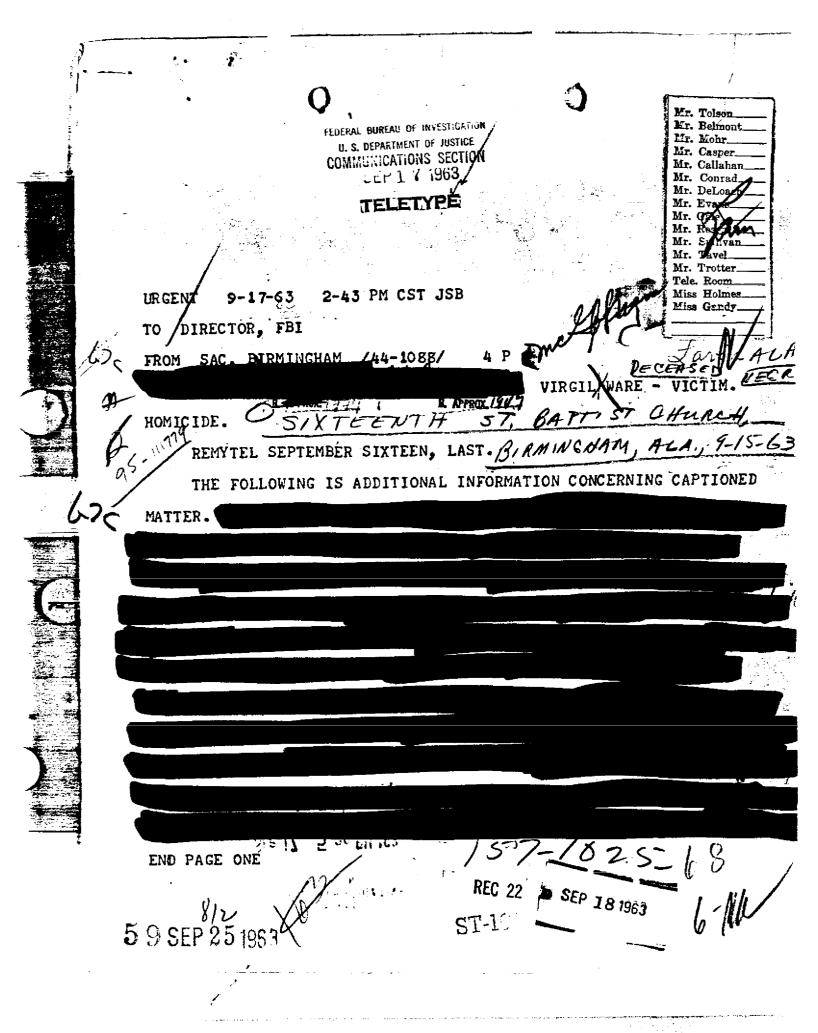
IN THE RACIAL TENSION that hangs over Birmingham, Ala., a bitter irony
—a guardsman, trained for war, grips his rifle and stands on the alert to keep
the peace. The window of the store in the white section of the city was smashed
by bricks following the bomb-death of four Negro children in Sunday school.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT *lemorandum* onrad DATE: September 16, 1963 MR. BELMONT Tavel Trotter C. A. EVANS UNKNOWN SUBJECTS SUBJECT: BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63 RACIAL MATTERS The Attorney General called my office at 5:20 p.m. today, September 16, concerning the Alabama bombing. The Attorney General asked if we could report any progress in our investigation. He was advised that we are conducting an all-out investigation with no holds barred but we had nothing to report at this time. The Attorney General asked if we had any good leads and was advised that we are running out numerous leads but that we had Inothing of a concrete nature to report at this time. 1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Mohr SEP 20 1963 34 511 823 1 - Mr. DeLoach RECORD RELMONT RECORD RELMONT 1 - Mr. Conrad 5 57 Pr :63" SEP 16 Copies made by 27

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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM

FROM SAC, SAVANNAH

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IDENTITIES OF ADDITIONAL KLANSMEN OBTAINED AND AN ESTIMATED ONE HUNDRED THIRTY KLANSMEN REMAIN TO BE INTERVIEWED

IN THE SAVANNAH DIVISION.

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UNITED STATES G Memorar. Mr. Belmont TO 9-16-63 DATE: Gale Sullivan Tavel FROM A. Rosei UNSUBS: BOMBING OF SIX STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9-15-63 RACIAL MATTERS In order to facilitate communications in this matter, the code name BAPBOMB is being assigned to this matter. Appropriate instructions are being issued to the field. The name BAPBOMB has been searched through the indices and there is no reference to such a name. **ACTION** For information. 12 SEP 18-1963 1 - Mr. Mohr .EC- 85 1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Eyans FX-103 1 - Mr. Medler RBL:cac (10) · 6 4 SEP 25 1963

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TO SACS ATLANTA BIRMINGHAM KNOXVILLE **JACKSONVILLE** TAMPA **MEMPHIS** MOBILE **NEW ORLEANS** SAVANNAH - 77 IF NEXT RADIO CONTACT MISSE SEND BY PLAIN TEXT TELETYP DEFERRED.

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025)

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Birmingham

FBI File No.

October 1, 1963 157-1025

Lab. No.

PC-77322 CF BO

Re: BAPBOMB

Specimens received

9/24/63

Q9 Envelope containing fragments removed from Zeigler's arm Q10 Pillbox containing fragments removed from Zeigler's arm

Results of examination:

No residues or foreign fragments were found in the concrete fragments constituting specimens Q9 and Q10 which were indicative of a specific type of explosive or fusing device.

The human blood adhering to the Q9 envelope and Q10 fragments is insufficient in amount for conclusive grouping tests.

Specimens Q9 and Q10 are being returned to your office under separate cover by registered mail.

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### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: BAPBOMB

File # 157.1025-72

Lab. # PC-77322 CF BO

Examination requested by:

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Examination requested:

Spectrographic - Explosives Date received:

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Result of Examination:

Chemical Analyses (bioc)

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Q9 Envelope containing fragments removed from Zeigler's arm Q10 Pillbox containing fragments removed from Zeigler's arm

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JCH 3-49 PM EST 9-18-63

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM

FROM SAC, KNOXVILLE /157-189/

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RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND BIRMINGHAM SEPT.

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KNOXVILLE THIRD BOMB SUSPECT, ACTIVITIES ON SEPT. FIFTEEN LAST HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN ESTABLISHED WAS INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AS WELL AS WITNESSES WHO SAW THIS INDIVIDUAL CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, MORNING AND EARLY AFTERNOON SEPT. FIFTEEN LAST DURING PERTINENT PERIOD OF BOMBING.

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DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/

FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE /157-584/ 1P

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RE JK TEL NINE SEVENTEEN, LAST AND BUTEL SAME DATE. JACKSONVILLE RACIAL INFORMANTS AND POTENTIAL RACIAL INFORMANTS HAVE ALL BEEN INTERVIEWED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU INTRUCTIONS.

THIRTEEN INDIVIDUALS WERE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED TODAY CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER. ALL INTERVIEWS UNPRODUCTIVE. APPROXIMATELY TEN PERSONS REMAIN TO BE INTERVIEWED.

THIS MATTER IS RECEIVING PREFERRED ATTENTION AND REMAINING INTERVIEWS WILL BE COMPLETED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. END AND ACK PLS

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Mr. Deimard Mr. Mohr.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM

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RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL THIS DATE.

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Mr. Conrad
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Evans
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
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TO

Director, FBI (157-1025) Atten: FBI Laboratory DATE: 9/17/63



SAC, Birmingham (157-352)(P)

SUBJECT:

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In connection with a search through the debris in the immediate bomb area of instant church, the following items were found, and are being personally delivered to the FBI Laboratory by SA

- Pieces of heavy gauge wire from the wire (1) screen covering over the windows in the ladies lounge.
- Pieces of window frame from windows in the (2) ladies lounge.
- Fragments of drapery material from drapes (3) covering the windows in the ladies lounge.
- (4) Fragment of metal frame from screens covering windows in ladies lounge.
- Scrapings from window sill of windows in (5) ladies lounge.
- Piece of red plastic insulated wire found (6) on floor among debris in ladies lounge.
- Piece of red plastic insulated wire taken from a bell signal system used in the church.

The Laboratory is requested to examine items one through five for possible explosive residues; and, to examine the wire, item 6, in an attempt to identify it as to type. The wire, item 7, from an installation in the church is recognized as larger than the wire in item 6.

Following the examination, the above items should be returned to this office.

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Agent in Charge

FEDERAL DUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

URGENT 9/18/63 10-38PM EST LG TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-582/ 2P

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FORTY INTERVIEWS OF HATE GROUP AND KLAN SUBJECTS CONDUCTED TO DATE LEAVING APPROXIMATELY SIXTY INTERVIEWS

TO BE CONDUCTED.

TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED TODAY TO ARRANGE INTERVIEW AND DETERMINE HIS ATTITUDE TOWARDS GOING TO BIRMINGHAM FOR MONETARY REWARD AND EXPENSES IN ORDER WAS WITH HIS TO HELP SOLVE BOMBING. HIS BROTHER WAS RELUCTANT TO MAKE DURING TELEPHONE CONTACT. APPOINTMENT, AND REQUESTED TO BE ADVISED OVER THE TELEPHONE THE REASON FOR THE INTERVIEW. HE WAS ADVISED INTERVIEW WOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED OVER THE PHONE. HE STATED THAT HE DID NOT FEEL HE WANTED TO TALK TO AGENTS. HE ADDED THAT THE FBI WAS THE GESTAPO FOR KENNEDY AND THE COMMUNIST JEWS. IF HE HAD HIS WAY. AGENTS WOULD BE TRIED FOR TREASON AND HANGED. HE STATED HE NEVER WOULD DO ANYTHING TO HELP THE FBI, AND WAS SURE THAT TO DISCUSS **25** SEP 20 1963 THE MATTER FURTHER WAS A WASTE OF TIME. IN VIEW OF THIS, NO 6 N FURTHER EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO TALK TO THE END PAGE ONE

Mr. Tolson Mr. Belmont Mr. Mohr\_ Mr. Casper. Mr. Callahan Mr. Conrad. Mr. DeLoach Mr. Evans. Mr. Gale. Mr. Rosen Mr. Sullivan Mr. Tavel. Mr. Trotter Tele Reem. Miss Helmes. Miss Gandy

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TODAY WITHOUT SUCCESS. HE WILL BE RECONTACTED SEPTEMBER NINETEEN AND EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO INDUCE HIM TO GO TO BIRMINGHAM TO OBTAIN INFORMATION FOR THE BUREAU CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

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URGENT 9/18/63 4-07 PM CEK O DIRECTOR, FBI 157-1025 FROM SAC. MEMPHIS 157-318 1P

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INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND NO

PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

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OF THE LITTLE ROCK OFFICE WHO RECENTLY MOVED TO MEMPHIS, ALSO

EFFORTS CONTINUING TO INTERVIEWED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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MEMPHIS WHOSE WHEREABOUTS

WERE ESTABLISHED FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, BUT WHO HAS BEEN AWAY FROM HIS RESIDENCE THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS.

BUREAU WAS ADVISED HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED

AT NASHVILLE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ALL OF THOSE INTERVIEWED

TO DATE INDICATE THEY NO LONGER INVOLVED

SEGREGATION ACTIVITIES, AND INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION BY THIS

OFFICE INDICATES THAT THEIR STATEMENTS ARE TRUE.

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TO

DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM

FROM SAC, PHILADELPHIA /157-858/

RACIAL DEMONSTRATION, BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST

CHURCH BIRMINGHAM, ALA., SEPT. FIFTEEN LAST, RACIAL MATTERS.

RE MY TEL SEPT. SEVENTEEN.

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CONTACT WITH INFORMANTS BEING MAINTAINED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERN lemorandum Cosper allanan ontad Mr. Belmont DATE: September 17, 1963 liyan . A. Rosen R Trotter FROM Tele, Room Hoimes . UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF SUBJECT: CSIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63 RACIAL MATTERS Roy Moore called to advise me that information has been furnished by a BIRMINGHAM, Abi At that time, a car described as a blue Chevrolet, license number beginning with 58 (the balance of the number unknown at this time), pulled up in the vicinity of the church near the area in which the major portion of the explosion took place. After the car stopped, it was noted that there were two white men in it. REG- 97 157-1025-81 1 - Mr. Mohr EX-103 TO SEP 20 1963 1 - Mr. Callahan 1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Evans ARige (10)

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

I inquired of SAC Moore whether a white Agent could go along.

He stated that he did not think so under the circumstances. He thought they would have to go along with the in his request to have the boy interviewed by a colored Agent if we were going to proceed on the information which the gave.

Check of the indices does not disclose any information concerning him in the Birmingham Office.

Moore states that the source, he feels, is the mother of the girl 76%, who was with the boy. It is Moore's feeling that the girl would be embarrassed if her name is disclosed and, under the circumstances, the mother, who incidentally is a registered nurse and is intelligent, feels that the boy may possess some information which might have a bearing in this matter.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Under the circumstances, it is recommended that we accede to the request of the find arrange to have a colored Agent talk with this individual after the Agent has been properly briefed by Moore.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNA INT lemorandum A. Rosen 🛭

DATE: September 18, 1963

Evans Sullivan

SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS: BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH. BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63 RACIAL MATTERS

In connection with the arrangements to have Special Agent proceed to Nashville for the purpose of conducting an interview William a student who allegedly was in the vicinity of the bombed church at about 12:30 a.m. to about 1:00 a.m., Sunday morning, arrangements were made to have him proceed to Nashville, where he will arrive at 10:30 a.m., Nashville time (Central Standard Time)-12:30 (Washington time).

I went over the information which we had received and briefed him in connection with the interview and his activity for about an hour. I believe that the time spent with him was desirable; first, because he is a relatively new Agent and, secondly, because of the importance of this assignment. It is noted that he, after our discussion, indicated that he was highly honored in being asked to carry out this assignment.

Arrangements were made for him to be met at the airport at Nashville by two Agents. They in turn will bring him up to date on any current developments. The Birmingham Office was instructed to have available \$200 in the event it was necessary for him to carry out any immediate assignment which would require the payment of money on the spot.

It was also pointed out to Agent that we did not know whether this lead would be productive or not, but we were treating it on the basis that The boy was in a position to furnish information and consequently should be ready to consider offering money to the student in the event such an inducement was necessary or desirable. It was pointed out to that we consider this a most important case and consequently we were in a position to offer a sizable amount of money in the event information was furnished to us which led to the solution of the case. I also stressed the fact

- Mr. Mohr

1 - Mr. Callahan

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63

that if leads could be developed as a result of any information we obtained from the interview, this, of course, would also be most desirable.

It was pointed out to him that in the event anything came up which required my consideration that he was to feel free to call me direct.

He had one problem and that was with reference to his wife, who was expecting in December. He said he wondered if she could call any number in the event an emergency arose. I dictated a note in his presence indicating that I was available in the event she desired to call me and, in my absence, there was always someone on duty in the Division. I also pointed out that the event I was not.

his immediate supervisor, would also be available in the event I was not.

#### ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

You will be advised of developments in this matter.

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p. s. department of justice communications section SEP 21,1963

URGENT 9-21-63 8-20 PM EST WRR
TO DIRECTOR FBI /157-1025/

FROM SAC TAMPA /157-856/ 1P

(CBAPBOMB)

RE TAMPA TEL SEPTEMBER TWENTY LAST.

TEN KLANSMEN AND/OR HATE GROUP MEMBERS INTERVIEWED THIS DATE, NO PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

ONE HUNDRED TEN INTERVIEWS REMAIN TO BE CONDUCTED, INCLUDING

RACIAL INFORMANTS.

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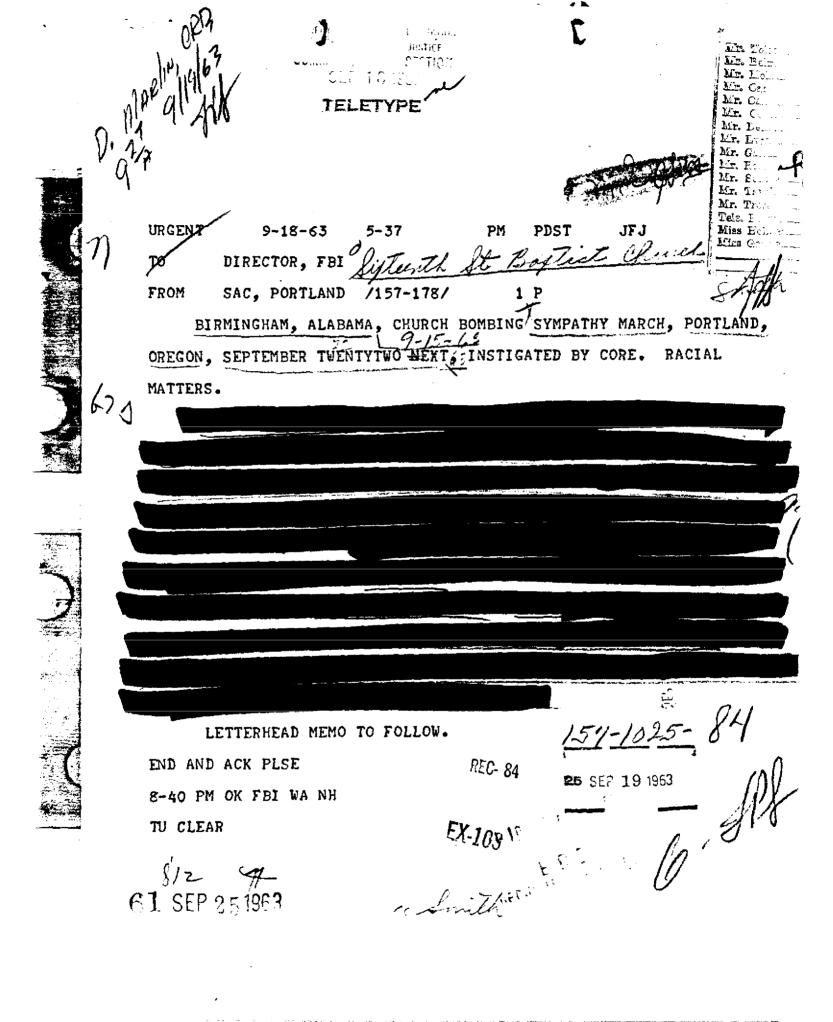
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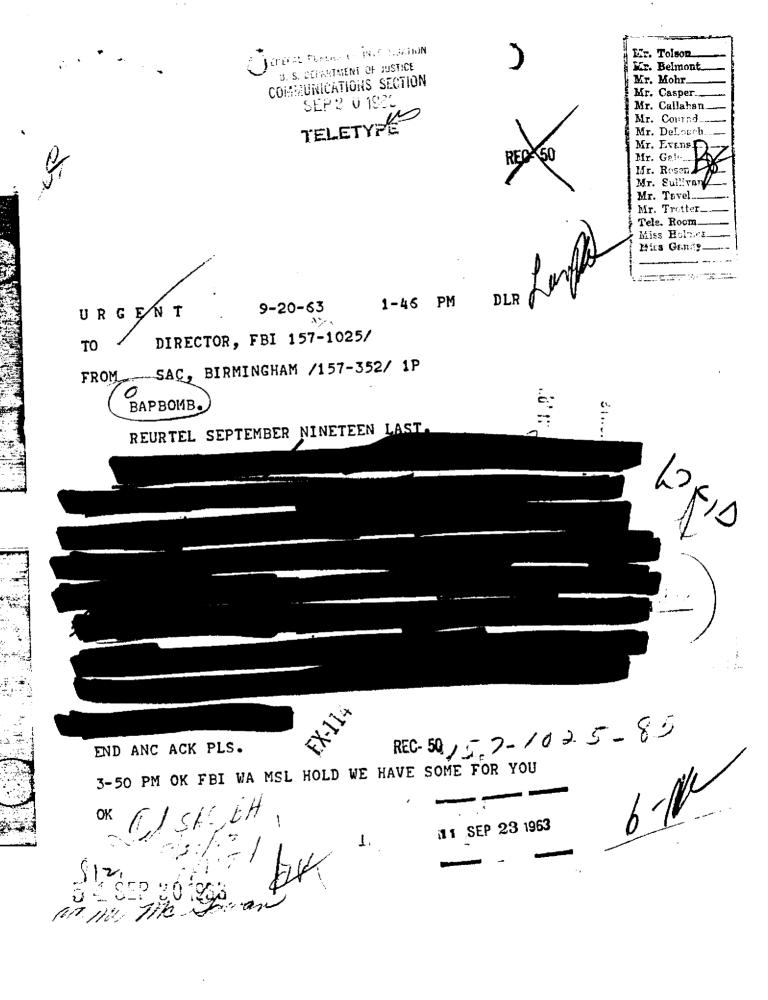
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9/19/63 If next radio contac missed, send deferred plain text teletype. TO SAC BIRMINGHAM (157\_352) FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025) BAPBOMB REURTEL SEPTEMBER SEVENTEEN, SIXTYTHREE. AND SUTEL RESULTS OF INQUIRY CONCERNING NEGRO MALES WHO SUPPOSEDLY FURNISHED A BOX CONTAINING SEVEN STICKS OF DYNAMITE TO A WHITE MAN ON SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND THOROUGHLY INTERVIEW SIXTYTHREE. MUST BE PRESSED VIGOROUSLY. An anonymous caller advised that she had observed NOTE at a service station on September 15, and talking to a white man. The white man gave them money and they gave him a shoebox containing seven sticks of dynamite. 157-1025-86 19 SEP 20 1963 FROM THE STATE OF THE PROPERTY y s currentment productice Tolson COMMUNICATION'S SECTION Belmont Mohr . SEP 19 196 Casper . Callahan Conrad . DeLoach Evans . Gale . Rosen

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9-19-63 Pet Mi. BAC BIRMINGHAM (157-352) FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025) REBUTELCALL THIS DATE CONCERNING THIS PHASE OF INVESTIGATION SUTEL NAMES OF ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS OF SHOULD BE PRESSED VIGOROUSLY. KLAVERN AND THOSE RECENTLY DISASSOCIATING THEMSELVES. PERIOD BATURDAY NIGHT AND BUNDAY MORNING SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED BY INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION AND THEREAFTER THEY SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED ALL INTERVIEWS OF MEMBERS OF WHICH YOU PLAN TO CONDUCT SHOULD BE EXPEDITED. CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO HAVING A VOICE RECORDER PLACED ON THE TELEPHONE OF S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MUNICATIONS SECTION CGaper Callahan SEP 19 1963 Conrad Delouch KEL: MAC: CAC

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RADIOGRAM TO BIRNINGHAM RE: BAPROMB

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CONSIDER CONTACTING ALL RACIAL INFORMANTS DAILY AND GIVING THEM SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENTS. THESE INFORMANTS AND PAREN RAC END PAREN SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED AS A KLANSMAN IN A TYPICAL INTERVIEW SO THEY WILL BE AREE TO DISCUSS THE INTERVIEWS WITH OTHER KLANSMEN WHICH MAY ELICIT INFORMATION.

CONSIDER MAKING REFORTS TO RECORD TELEPHONE CONVERSATION OF ALL

MAY LISTEN TO THEM AND THUS IDENTIFY THE
THIS MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH PRETEXT CALLS

THE ANONYMOUS CALLER INDICATED

CONSIDER CHECKING EMPLOYMENTS OF MEMBERS OF

IF ANY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN MISSING WORK.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF MEMBERS OF

UNQUOTE SHOULD BE OBTAINED PLUS PHOTOGRAPHS OF THEIR VEHICLES AND VEHICLES TO WHICH THEY HAVE ACCESS.

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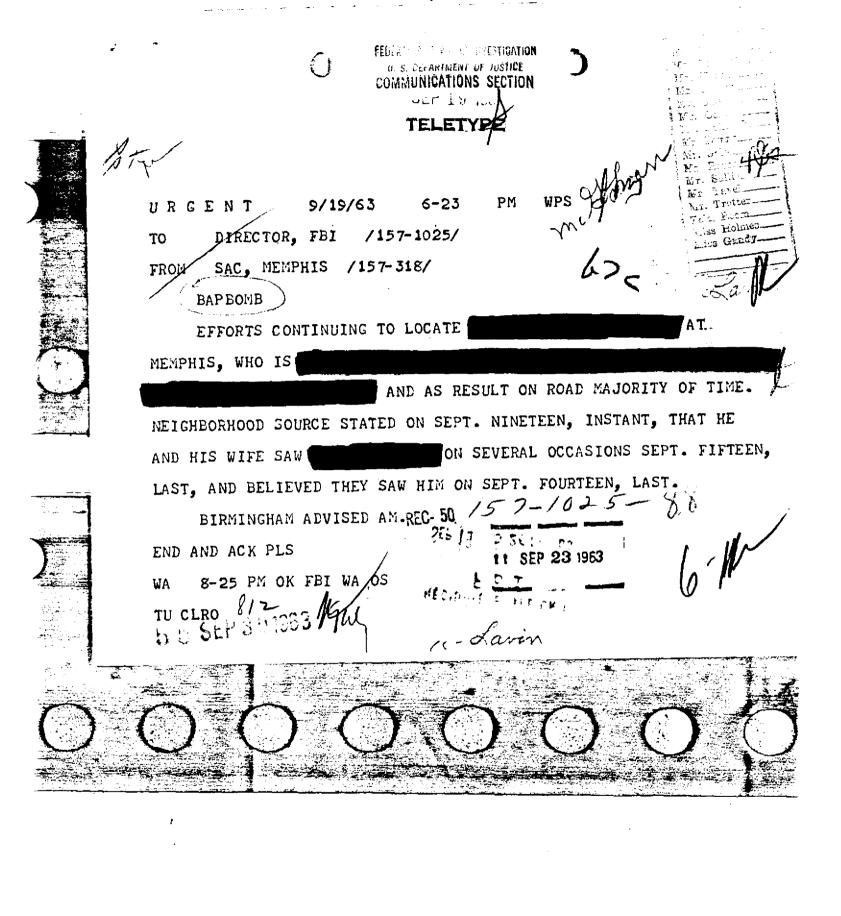
IN HIS EFFORTS TO LOCATE
MEGRO YOUTH WHO IS A POSSIBLE EYEWITHESS. CONSIDER ESCORTING
TO VARIOUS SCHOOLS IN BIRNINGHAN IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE EYEWITHESS.
INSURE THAT YOUR LIAISON WITH BIRNINGHAN POLICE DEPARTMENT IS
MAINTAINED.

YOUR PROGRESS IN THIS PHASE OF INVESTIGATION AT ANNISTON MUST BE FURNISHED IN DETAIL IN YOUR DAILY SUMMARY TELETYPE.

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FROM SAC, KNOXVILLE 157-189 1P
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RE KNOXVILLE TEL SEPT. SEVENTEEN LAST.

TWENTY TWO INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED THIS DATE INCLUDING

NO PERTINENT INFORMATION OBTAINED.

REVISED ESTIMATE OF APPROXIMATELY TWENTYFIVE INTERVIEWS REMAIN TO BE CONDUCTED. THIS REVISED ESTIMATE RESULTING FROM CURRENT INQUIRIRES REVEALING A NUMBER OF REPORTED MEMBERS OF KLAN WITHDREW FROM ORGANIZATION PRECEEDING YEAR AND ALSO AS RESULT OF DUPLICATION OF SOME NAMES OF REPORTED MEMBERS. 15.7-10.2.5-8.9

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-352/
FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-416/ 1 P

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REMOTEL SEPTEMBER EIGHTEEN, SIXTYTHREE.

TODAY MOBILE INTERVIEWED FIVE PERSONS WHO ARE EITHER
BOMBING SUSPECTS OR MEMBERS OF KLAN OR HATE GROUP. NO PERTINENT
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DIRECTOR /157-1025/

SAC. BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ PROM

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RE BU TELEPHONE CALL THIS DATE CONCERNING ARTICLE ON \_\_\_ PAGE A DASH ONE OF QUOTE WASHINGTON POST AND TIMES HERALD UNQUOTE CAPTIONED QUOTE GRIEF AND FEAR SHARED IN BIRMINGHAM THELTON HENDERSON, JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, LOCATED AT UNQUOTE. BIRMINGHAM AND ADVISED THAT ARTICLE INACCURATELY REPORTED INFO CONCERNING HIM. HE STATED APPROXIMATELY TEN TO TEN FIFTEEN P. M., SEPT. SEVENTEEN LAST HE LEFT POOLE/S FUNERAL HOME AFTER HAVING VIEWED BODY OF ONE OF GIRLS KILLED IN SUNDAY BOMBING, WAS RIDING IN CAR WITH WALLACE TERRY, REPORTER, WASHINGTON POST, LARRY STILL, REPORTER, JET MAGAZINE, CHICAGO, AND A THIRD PERSON, NAME NOT RECALLED, A FRIEND OF LARRY THEY WERE HEADED TOWARD GASTON MOTEL AND WHILE DRIVING STILL. ON EIGHTH AVE. NORTH SIGHTED SIX CARS OF ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS PARKED AROUND A VEHICLE CONTAINING FOUR NEGROES. STATES TROOPERS WERE SURROUNDING NEGROES AND HAD CARBINES AND WHAT APPEARED TO BE BURP GUNS OR SUB/MACHINE GUNS OR GUNS OF SUCH CAR IN WHICH HE WAS RIDING PPED TO SEE WHAT WAS Korer & Belevor 6 114

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HAPPENING. THEY APPROACHED STATE TROOPERS AND THE THREE PEOPLE HE WAS WITH WENT UP TO FIND OUT WHAT WAS GOING ON. AT THE SAME TIME. HENDERSON WENT UP ON THE PORCH OF A NEGRO FAMILY VIEWING THE INCIDENT FROM THEIR DOOR, TO ASK THEM WHAT HAD HAPPENED. THEY TOLD HIM THERE WAS SOME KIND OF TRAFFIC VIOLATION. HE THANKED THEM, LEFT THE PORCH, NOTED THE THREE PEOPLE WITH WHOM HE WAS RIDING WERE TALKING TO TWO STATE TROOPERS. HE APPROACHED THEM AND ONE OF THE TROOPERS ASKED HENDERSON WHO HE WAS TO WHICH HE REPLIED QUOTE I AM WITH THEM, I CAME IN THE SAME CAR WITH THEM UNQUOTE. THE SAME TROOPER DEMANDED THAT HENDERSON SHOW HIS IDENTIFICATION, WHEREUPON HENDERSON SHOWED DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CREDENTIALS AND SHOWED IT TO THE OTHER TROOPER WHO COMMENTED QUOTE I OXXX DON/T CARE WHERE YOU ARE FROM, YOU HAD BETTER IDENTIFY YOURSELF BEFORE YOU COME UPON OFFICERS MAKING ARRESTS, NOW GET OUT OF HERE, ALL OF YOU UNQUOTE. MR. HENDERSON STATED THAT THEY LEFT. HE COMMENTED THAT HE WAS MAKING NO OFFICIAL INQUIRY IN BEHALF OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, THAT HE WAS WITH THE REPORTERS, AND THAT THEY STOPPED, APPARENTLY TO TRAY TO GET A GOOD STORY, END PAGE TWO

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ABOUT WHICH THEY COULD WRITE. HE FURTHER STATED HAD HE NOT BEEN WITH THEM HE PROBABLY WOULD NOT HAVE STOPPED AT THE SCENE OF THE ARREST BEING MADE.

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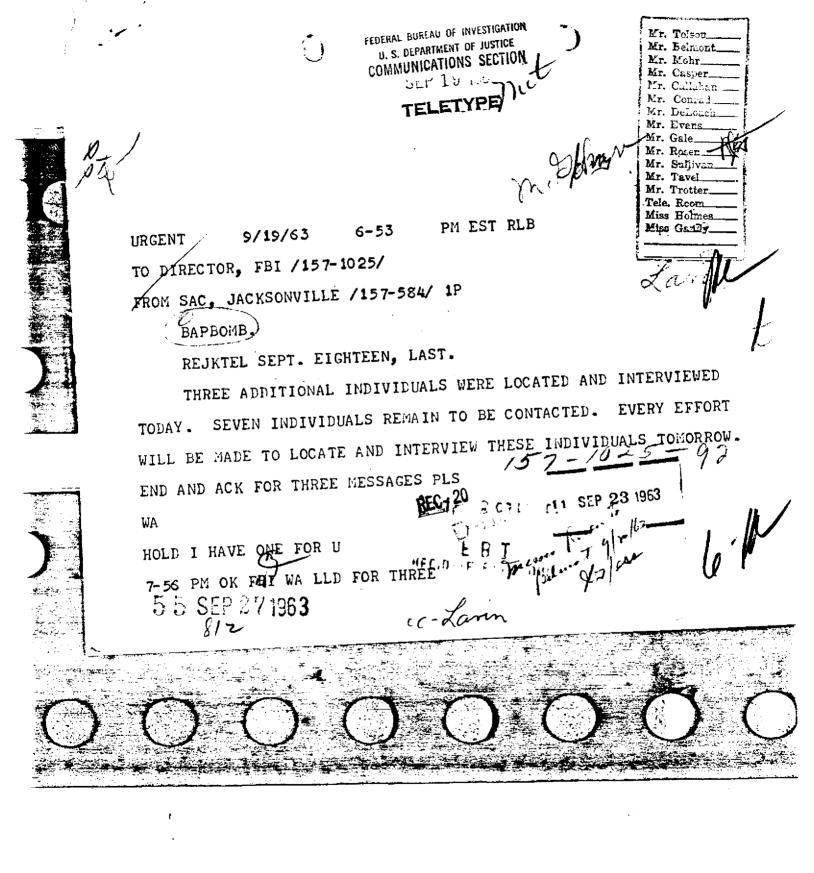
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT emorandum Casper Callahor Conrad DeLoach 🛂 Evans Mr. Belmont DATE: September 19, 1963 Gale . Rosen Sullivan Tavel ... Trotter A. Rosen 📈 FROM Holmes UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF SUBJECT: SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63 RACIAL MATTERS PAROME With further reference to my memorandum of today concerning the information from called SAC Moore at Birmingham and again stressed the need to press this phase of our investigation. It was pointed out to him that in previous conversations we had discussed the possibility of the being involved. This was considered at the very outset of this bombing in line with our instructions to the field that immediate steps be taken to ascertain the whereabouts of persons who because of their past activities could be considered possible suspects. hese individuals, therefore, do have a background of brutality. This is mentioned because it attaches significance to the information which we set forth at the outset of our inquiry wherein it was indicated that we BEC- 34 157 1625 95 AR:ige

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

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Also every effort must be made to try to identify the anonymous source.

it is possible that we might be able to identify him without disclosing our source.

We are also stressing the need to locate a 13-year-old boy who allegedly was in the area immediately after the bombing. The boy told a Civil Defense worker that he had observed two white men in the area. The boy thereafter disappeared and every effort is being made to locate him with the assistance of the Civil Defense worker.



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This matter will be pressed vigorously.



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PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN OF PERSONS ENTERING AND LEAVING NSRP HEADQUARTERS ON AUGUST THIRTY AND THIRTYONE, LAST FROM FIXED VANTAGE POINT. PHOTOGRAPHY WORK THEN HAD TO BE DIS-CONTINUED FROM THIS FIXED VANTAGE POINT FOR SECURITY REASONS, AND SINCE THEN SPOT CHECK PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCES HAVE BEEN CON-DUCTED ON NSRP HEADQUARTERS AT ONE EIGHT SIX FIVE BESSEMER ROAD, BIRMINGHAM. THESE PHOTOGRAPHS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED, AND THEY CONTAIN A PHOTOGRAPH OF ONE CAR, WHICH APPEARS TO BE A RAMBLER STATION WAGON, ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT HAVE THE TAG NUMBER.

REVIEW BEING MADE OF AUTO LICENSE RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA, FOR PURPOSE OF LOCATING REGISTRATION BEGINNING WITHONE A SEVEN OR ONE B SEVEN FOR RAMBLER STATION WAGON OR REC-12 157-1025-96 men floren g/2 /63 SEP 24 1963 SIMILAR CAR SUCH AS DODGE DART.

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DEVELOPED INDICATING OWNS RAMBLER.

CONCERNING NSRP MOTOR CAPUACADE TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, AUGUST THIRTYONE, LAST, AGENTS THIS OFFICE NOT ONLY OBTAINED NUMEROUS TAG NUMBERS, BUT ALSO MADE MOVIES OF THE MOTORCADE. TAG NUMBERS OF CARS OBSERVED AT NSRP HEADQUARTERS PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, TOGETHER WITH TAG NUMBERS OF CARS AT NSRP MOTORCADE ON AUGUST THIRTYONE ARE BEING CHECKED TO DETERMINE WHO TAGS ARE REGISTERED TO, AND THE MAKE AND MODEL OF THE CAR. IN ADDITION, EACH REGISTRANT-S NAME IS BEING SEARCHED THROUGH THE BIRMINGHAM OFFICE INDICES. IF THERE ARE ANY CARS IN THE MOVIES OF THE CALVACADE WHICH RESEMBLE A NASH RAMBLER STATION WAGON AND THE TAG NUMBER CANNOT BE READ, BUT IS IN THE PICTURE, AN EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO TAKE OUT THE PERTINENT FRAMES OF THE MOVIE SO THAT THEY MAY BE BLOWN UP, AND THE TAG NUMBER DETERMINED.

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BASED ON OVERALL OBSERVATION AND APPRAISAL OF LOCAL SITUATION. IT APPEARS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT MANY OF PEOPLE WHO WERE IN MOTORCADE. WHICH TRAVELLED TO MONTGOMERY. WERE LOCAL CITIZENS WHO FEEL STRONGLY AGAINST INTEGRATION OF SCHOOL SYSTEMS. ARE NOT NECESSARILY MEMBERS OF ANY GROUP SUCH AS KLAN OR NSRP, OR ILAR HATE GROUP, BUT WERE LOOKING AROUND FOR SOME LEADER TO PRESENT PETITIONS OR SOMETHING OF THIS NATURE TO THE GOVERNOR AND JOINED THE NSRP MOTORCADE WITHOUT FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE UNSCRUPULOUS TYPE CHARACTERS WHO WERE LEADING THE GROUP. FOR THAT REASON, INSTEAD OF CONDUCTING AN INTERVIEW OF ALL INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED WITH MOTORCADE, THIS OFFICE WILL SELECT THOSE ON WHICH WE HAVE REFERENCES IN OFFICE INDICES, OR WHO WERE DRIVING CARS SUCH AS A NASH RAMBLER STATION WAGON, or appear to be hard core members of the group because they THAVE BEEN SEEN ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS AT NSRP HEADQUARTERS, BUT WILL NOT INTERVIEW OTHERS WHO MIGHT FALL INTO CATEGORY OF PARENTS OF CHILDREN SOLELY INTERESTED IN SCHOOL SYSTEM UACB. END AND ACK PLS.

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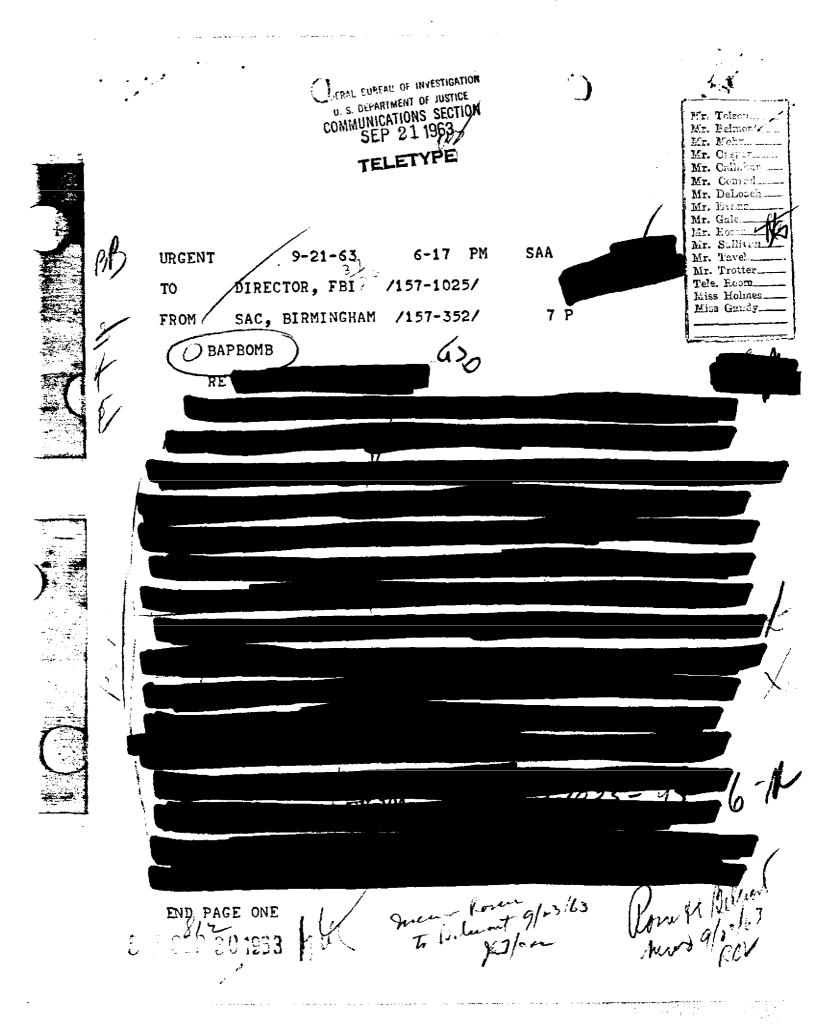
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PER BUREAU PERMISSION INFORMANT BEING PAID THREE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS PER TELEPHONIC AUTHORIZATION FOR FOREGOING INFO.

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ARRESTED

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AS IDENTICAL WITH THAT WILLIS VINSON WHO IS AN ASSOCIATE OF
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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025)

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NO FOREIGN RESIDUES OR FRAGMENTS FOUND ON WIRES FROM WINDOWS, WOOD FROM WINDOW FRAME, DRAPERY FRAGMENTS, METAL FRAME FROM WINDOW, SCRAPINGS FROM WINDOW SILL OR ON PIECES OF CONCRETE FROM AN OLDSMOBILE AND CHEVROLET WHICH WERE INDICATIVE OF A SPECIFIC EXPLOSIVE AND/OR FUSING DEVICE.

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SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

September 20, 1963

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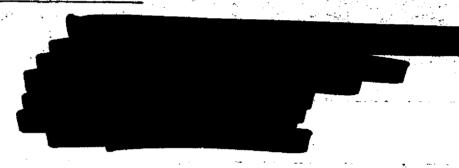
On 9/17/63 a check of the Eastern Airlines at Montgomery reflects that EAL is the only airline from Montgomery with flights to Birmingham.

There are set forth below the names of the 35 persons from Montgomery and eight persons from Mobile as referred to above. The Atlanta Office should contact the Eastern Airlines office in Atlanta and check the records of flights from Mobile and Montgomery during the pertinent period and determine if any of these persons are listed on flights to Birmingham. Montgomery, Alabama:





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Alabama, (Negro), taking the lives of four children, who were among approximately 100-125 people in attendance at Sunday School. Twenty or more persons were injured. The church is located at the corner of 6th Avenue and 16th Street North, near the downtown section of the city. The point of impact was outside the church, a brick building, on the 16th Street side under some concrete steps and against the wall. Damage to the church building was estimated to be \$30-\$40,000 and undetermined amount of damage to surrounding buildings.

This church had been a meeting place in the past for racial demonstrators. This bombing, one of a series in the recent past in Birmingham, is possibly attributable to racial extremists.

The crime scene search has failed to develop evidence indicating that the explosion was detonated by any specific type of detonator. It is unknown at this point whether a fuse or a timing mechanism was used.

Birmingham newspapers on 9/18/63 state that a fund for rewards in this case has reached \$76.000.

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9/19/63

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BOMBING OF 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

9/15/63

BOMBING MATTERS

This is the case in which four young Negro girls were killed in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, on 9/15/63.

At the request of SAC Roy Moore, SA who was in the Birmingham area on a testimony commitment, delivered to the Laboratory on the evening of 9/18/63, various items of evidence collected during the crime scene search of the instant bombing. The items of evidence consist of (1) pieces of heavy gauge wire from the wire screen covering over the windows in the ladies lounge (2) pieces of window frame from windows in the ladies lounge (3) fragments of drapery material from drapes covering the windows in the ladies lounge (4) fragment of metal frame from screens covering windows in ladies lounge (5) scrapings from window sill of windows in ladies lounge (6) piece of red plastic insulated wire found on floor among debris ||in ladies lounge (7) piece of red plastic insulated wire taken from a bell signal system used in the church.

The Laboratory was requested to examine items one through five for possible explosive residues and to examine the wire in item six to identify its type and compare it with the known piece of wire used in the church, item seven.

The Laboratory initiated examination procedures immediately upon receipt of the evidence. These examinations are being expeditiously handled and you will be advised of the results immediate upon completion of the examinations.

ACTION:

For information.

1 - Mr. Belmont

1 - Mr. Mohr

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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TO DIRECTOR /157-1025/

FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 2P.

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DAILY SUMMARY

ANNISTON GROUP.

TWELVE INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY. APPROXIMATELY SIXTY MORE PENDING. NOTHING OF SUBSTANCE DEVELOPED DURING TODAY/S INTERVIEW/S. INTERSIVE INVESTIGATION UNDER WAY AT FORT MC CLELLAN, ALABAMA, TO IDENTIFY BILL LNU, STAFF SERGEANT, ALLEGED SUPPLIER OF MILITARY EXPLOSIVES TO THIS GROUP. IF HE IS IDENTIFIED CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO OPENING APPROPRIATE THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY CASE PROVIDED IT WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH CAPTIONED CASE, IN WHICH EVENT IT WILL BE DEFERRED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS IT CAN BE USED IN THIS MATTER OR SUBJECTS CAN BE PROSECUTED.

CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD.

EIGHT SURVEILLANCE TEAMS COVERED CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD BETWEEN NINE FIFTEEN AND ELEVEN FIFTEEN A.M. THIS DATE AND APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY LICENSE NUMBERS RECORDED OF CARS

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PASSING THROUGH THE AREA. THOSE DETERMINED WORTHY OF INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION NOTED. ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL NOW UNDER WAY TO SHOW VOLUME OF TRAFFIC BY QUARTER HOUR DURING ENTIRE PERIOD AND ANY REPETITIOUS MATERIAL ELIMINATED. LOGICAL LEADS WILL BE VIGOROUSLY PURSUED. THOSE BUSINESSES IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA OPEN DURING THAT INTERVAL NOTED AND EMPLOYEES WILL BE INTERVIEWED. CORR.

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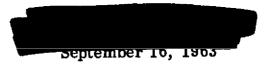
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director The Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Aam writing in reference to the recent ghastly bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, in Birmingham, Alabama. I am appalled and horrified at the number of unsolved bombings that have occurred in Birmingham. How is it possible to have not a single one of these bombings solved? I cannot understand that.

I trust the F.B.I. will solve this crime and apprehend the criminals in avery short amount of time, before the same thing occurs again.

Sincerely,

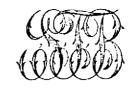
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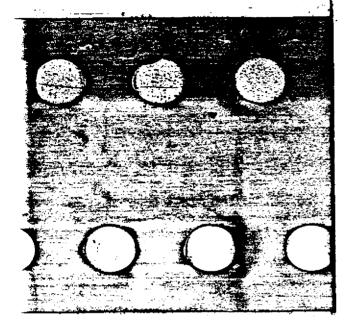
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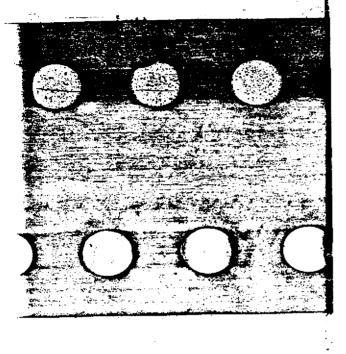
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have received your letter dated September 16th and want to thank you for your interest in writing.

In connection with your inquiry concerning the recent bombing in Birmingham, Alabama, the full facilities of the FBI are being utilized to resolve this matter. I want to assure you that the FBI handles its responsibilities in civil rights matters promptly, thoroughly and impartially.

Enclosed is an article I hope will be of interest

to you.

Dear

Sincerely yours,

**6.** Edgar Hoover

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John Edgar Hoover Director

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WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

September 23, 1963

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF BAPTIST CHURCH, 16TH STREET, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963 BOMBING MATTERS

Inspector John L. Sullivan, Special Investigations Squad, Metropolitan Police Department, advised September 22, 1963, approximately 10,000 people participated in a demonstration held in Lafayette Park across from the White House on September 22, 1963, which was held for the purpose of mourning the deaths of four Negro girls killed in the bombing of the Baptist church in Birmingham, Alabama, on September 15, 1963.

Approximately 3,000 people assembled at the All Souls' Unitarian Church, 16th and Harvard Streets, N. W., at about 1:30 P.M., and walked on both sides of 16th Street to Lafayette Park. Two placards were carried at the head of the marchers which depicted a scene of the bombed Birmingham Baptist church and which were captioned "No More Birminghams."

Additional people joined the group and at the time the ceremony at Lafayette Park began at about 3:20 P.M., Inspector Sullivan estimated the crowd to be 10,000 people.

Inspector Sullivan stated many of the marchers wore black arm bands and the first person to address the group in Lafayette Park was Dick Gregory, well known television star. Julius W. Hobson, President, Washington Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) was the next speaker. Inspector Sullivan stated Mr. Hobson commented that the demonstration was being held to protest the events in Birmingham, Alabama, where mob rule and murder have replaced justice and law. Mr. Hobson commented that there have been numerous bombings in Birmingham, Alabama, which have gone unsolved. He stated politicians from all

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF BAPTIST CHURCH, 16TH STREET, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963

sections of the country were responsible for the bombing who talked about civil rights and do not act.

Reverend Walter E. Fauntroy, Washington, D. C., representative of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), conducted a brief prayer for the victims of the Birmingham, Alabama, bombing.

Inspector Sullivan stated the other individuals who participated in the ceremony were Rabbi Eugene J.
Lipman of Washington, D. C., Reverend Dr. Evans E. Crawford, Dean of Howard University, Reverend David G. Coldwell, President, Council of Churches of Greater Washington, and Reverend Duncan Howlett, Pastor of All Souls' Unitarian Church. Inspector Sullivan stated the ceremony ended at about 4:05 P.M., and the marchers began to sing "We Shall Overcome." Inspector Sullivan stated many of the marchers departed the area but 200 or 300 watched 12 members of the American Nazi Party who were counterpicketing in front of the White House in khaki uniforms and carrying banners.

Inspector Sullivan stated the following members of the American Nazi Party were present during this demonstration:

George Lincoln Rockwell
Matt Koehl
Schuyler Ferris
John Patler
Eric Carlson
Alexander De Fields
Allan Meyers
Jack Joiner
Jerry Cochrane
David Ford
Lynn Giesey
Nike Pullis

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Inspector Sullivan stated the following placards and banners were carried by the American Nazi Party members:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF BAPTIST CHURCH, 16TH STREET, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963

- 1. "Who Knows Bomber Wasn't Black or Red"
- 2. "Negroes Murdered Whites"
- 3. "Race Mixing is Jew Led"
- 4. "Last Year 15,476 Whites Raped and Killed by Negroes"
- 5. "We Mourn Whites Shot in Cambridge, Md."
- 6. "Race Mixing is Jew Communism in Action"
- 7. "We Mourn White Victims of Negro Crimes"

Inspector Sullivan stated

was arrested for spitting on the sidewalk near the Rockwell group and was taken to Precinct Number 3 where he forfeited a \$5 collateral. Inspector Sullivan stated was born July 16, 1905, in Vermont.

Inspector Sullivan stated that as Rockwell and members of his party were leaving the demonstration area the counter demonstrators had increased to about 300 and shouted and clapped their hands and booed Rockwell and his group as they were leaving the area in Rockwell's Cadillac.

Inspector Sullivan stated that at about 4:40 P.M., September 22, 1963, he considered the area all secure and no other incidents took place.

AMERICAN NAZI PARTY
Also Known As World Union of Free
Enterprise National Socialists,
George Lincoln Rockwell Party

A source advised on February 27, 1959, that GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL of Arlington, Virginia, had held an organizational meeting of the World Union of Free Enterprise (WUFFENS) at his residence on February 26, 1959.

Six persons were present and they, according to the source, comprised the beginning of an officer corps of the organization. ROCKWELL told those present that the WUFFENS would be an international movement but that the section of the organization in the United States would be known as the American Party of the WUFFENS.

ROCKWELL, on March 26, 1959, furnished to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a copy of the program of the WUFFENS, stating that he expects to become the President of the United States through the organization's platform. The main tenets of the WUFFENS, as reflected in the program, call for the migration of Negroes to Africa and the trial and execution of all Jews guilty of Communist and Zionist treason.

A second source advised on August 15, 1962, that the main activity of the organization in furtherance of these objectives, has consisted of picketings with anti-Jewish and anti-Negro placards; talks by ROCKWELL attacking Jews as traitors to the United States; attempts by ROCKWELL to form Nazi groups in various cities in the United States; and attempts to form a group of international sympathizers. ROCKWELL prints large amounts of Nazi literature at American Nazi Party Headquarters, 928 North Randolph Street, Arlington, Virginia.

On June 29, 1962, the State of Virginia revoked the charter of the American Nazi Party.

On September 20, 1962, the State Corporation Commission of Virginia issued a charter for a "George Lincoln Rockwell Party". The second source mentioned above advised on September 24, 1962, that ROCKWELL will continue to carry on his activities, using the name American Nazi Party merely to be able to do business as a corporation.

# AMERICAN NAZI PARTY, Also Known As World Union of Free Enterprise National Socialists (Washington, D.C.)

A source advised on August 15, 1962, that the American Nazi Party (ANP), whose leader is GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, maintains its headquarters at 928 North Randolph Street, Arlington, Virginia.

The main activity of the ANP in Washington, D.C., consists of picketing with placards which contain anti-Jewish and anti-Negro remarks. During some of the demonstrations, ANP literature is passed out.

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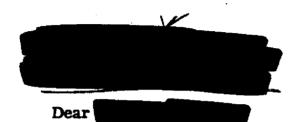
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Your telegram of September 18th has been received, and I appreciate your interest in furnishing your observations. I can assure you that the FBI's investigation will endeavor to develop factual information, and our work is not being conducted with any preconceived conclusions.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover Director

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URGENT CST TJB 9-21-63 5-39 PM TO DIRECTOR FBI/157-1025/ AND BIRMINGHAM /157-1294/ 1-PAGE FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS

BAPBOMB. BOMING MATTERS.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, INSTRUCTING OFF-ICES TO INTERVIEW ALL KNOWN KLANSMEN AND HATE DASH GROUP MEMBERS.

ON THIS DATE CHARLES THOMAS CHRISTMAS, DESCIBED BY SOURCES OF THIS OFFICE AS KLANSMAN, WAS INTERVIEWED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE INTERVIEW PRESS INQUIRES WERE RECEIVED AT THE SHREVEPORT RA AND THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE REGARDING AGENT-S INTERVIEW OF CHRISTMAS IN REGARD TO THE BOMBING IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA ON SEPTEMBER FITEEN, SIXTYTHREE. NEW ORLEANS ANSWERING PRESS INQURIES WITH NO COMMENT.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, TAMPA

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RE TAMPA TEL SEPT. ONE SEVEN LAST.

TWENTY-THREE KLANSMEN AND/OR HATE GROUP MEMBERS INTERVIEWED THIS DATE, NO PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

ALSO INTERVIEWED.

APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE INTERVIEWS REMAIN TO BE CONDUCTED INCLUDING RACIAL INFORMANTS.

AT LEAST TWO KLANSMEN IN TAMPA AREA ARE LAW

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RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE SEPTEMBER NINETEEN LAST.

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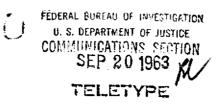
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM

FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE /157-584/

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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM

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REMYTEL SEPT. NINETEEN LAST.

SIXTEEN KLANSMEN INTERVIEWED THIS DATE DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR CAPTIONED BOMBING OR ANYONE FROM THIS AREA TRAVELING TO BIRMINGHAM DURING THE PERTINENT PERIOD, OR ANY LOCAL KLANSMEN HAVING POTENTIAL FOR BOMBING.

AN ESTIMATED ONE HUNDRED KLANSMEN REMAIN TO BE INTERVIEWED IN THE SAVANNAH DIVISION.

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DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/

SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/

FROM

SAC, MOBILE /157-416/

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REMOTEL SEPT. NINETEEN, SIXTYTHREE.

CONCERNING INTERVIEWS WITH BOMBING SUSPECTS, MEMBERS OF KLAN OR HATE GROUPS, ONE INTERVIEW CONDUCTED TODAY AND NO PERTINENT INFO DEVELOPED. ONE INTERVIEW REMAINS WITH INDIVIDUAL WHOSE OFFICE REPORTED HIM OUT OF TOWN ON BUSINESS UNTIL MONDAY NEXT.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC BIRMINGHAM

FROM SAC KNOXVILLE 157-189 F

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RE BUTELS SEPT. FIFTEEN AND SEVENTEEN LAST.

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INTERVIEWS COMPLETED WITH ALL RACIAL INFORMANTS AND POTENTIAL RACIAL INFORMANTS KNOXVILLE DIVISION AND NO PERTINENT INFORMATION OBTAINED.

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RADIOGRAM Der Mr. Kelly

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TO SACS ATLANTA BIRMINGHAM

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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RE ATLANTA TEL SEPTEMBER TWELVE, LAST, CAPTIONED

BY INFORMANT. BIRMINGHAM ADVISE IDENTITY OF AND
DETERMINE BACKGROUND INCLUDING ANY EXPERIENCE OR
TRAINING IN DEMOLITION OR EXPLOSIVES. BIRMINGHAM CONDUCT
APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY ASSOCIATES
AND DETERMINE AND THEIR WHEREABOUTS DURING
PERTINENT PERIOD. BIRMINGHAM ALSO DETERMINE MAKE AND MODEL
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SUSPECTS DEVELOPED AS WELL AS AUTOMOBILES TO WHICH THEY HAVE
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Birmingham presently conducting intensive investigation concerning possible involvement of Klan members in bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, on 9/15/63.

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