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Field Division

BIRMINGHAM

Title and Character of Case

BAPBOMB

Date Property Acquired

9/16/63

Source From Which Property Acquired

Vicinity of 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, A

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

Bulky Exhibit Cabinet

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

Comparison, examination and evidence

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

One carton containing:

Pieces of heavy gauge wire from the wire screen covering the windows of the ladies lounge

Pieces of window frame from windows in the ladies lounge

Fragments of drapery material from drapes covering the windows in the ladies lounge

Fragment of metal frame from screens covering windows in ladies lounge

Scrapings from windowsill of windows in ladies lounge

Piece of red plastic-insulated wire found on floor among debris in ladies lounge

Pieces of concrete from an Oldsmobile and Chevrolet outside of church

Piece of red plastic-insulated wire taken from a bell signal system used in the church.

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AUG 6 1964

SUBMITTED BY SA [REDACTED]

Field File # 157-352-1B7

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: August 2, 1964

FROM :

1 - Administrative
Division

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

1 - Mr. Rosen

At 12:50 p.m., 8/2/64, SAC Ingram, Birmingham Office, called to request authorization for the use of two of the eight Agents assigned to the Bapbomb squad of his office, on other assignments.

He said that he wished to use one of the men, who is the only police instructor available, as a participant in law enforcement conferences to be held on the subject of civil rights, which are being held during the week of 8/2/64. He anticipated that this Agent would be utilized for four days.

He wished to utilize the additional Agent in connection with investigation at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, with regard to suits filed against approximately twenty business establishments in that city by the Department of Justice under the new Civil Rights Law. He estimated that this Agent would be needed in Tuscaloosa for two or three days.

SAC Ingram stated that the use of these men was absolutely necessary in that no other qualified personnel were available for these assignments, in view of the number of men committed to other priority assignments and the three men recently assigned to Mississippi.

SAC Ingram was given tentative approval to utilize these two men and was told that if pertinent Bureau officials felt that utilization of these men was inadvisable, he would be so advised.

The above was discussed with Assistant Director Rosen on 8/2/64 and he stated that utilization of the two Agents appeared to be warranted under the circumstances.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 7/29/64

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-352)(P)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Rerep of SA [redacted] Birmingham, dated 7/29/64.

Inquiries at Birmingham have developed the fact that a private investigator was hired by Negroes who were affected by the early bombings in Birmingham when these Negroes were gradually moving into previously all white neighborhoods. These bombings occurred principally in the Center Street, North, section. The bombings began in or around 1947 and have continued. However, there was a skip between the years 1950 and 1956. Beginning in 1956, the bombings appeared to be related to the integration problem resulting from the Supreme Court Decision of 1954.

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- 2 - Birmingham

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let Herbert J. Hiller, Aug 1 03 1964
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Inasmuch as Alabama statutes provide the death penalty for the bombing of an occupied dwelling, the Statute of Limitations on most of these bombings has not run. Any information that could be developed concerning the identity of the bombers even at that time would be of definite interest to this investigation.

It is desired that the Bureau request the Department to attempt to locate the aforementioned report and provide the Birmingham Office with a copy of same if located.

Referenced report contains a listing of those bombings which appear to have been covered in the investigation referred to, beginning on Cover Page C through Cover Page E.

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Mr. Burke Marshall
Assistant Attorney General

August 6, 1964

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Director, FBI

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EX 110

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

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Information has been received by our Birmingham Office that a group of Negroes who were moving into previously all-white neighborhoods a number of years ago in Birmingham, Alabama, and who were concerned with bombings which had occurred in Birmingham between 1947 and 1950 had hired a private investigator to look into the bombings.

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You are requested to advise whether the Department has a record of such a report being received. If the report can be located, it is requested that a copy be furnished to this Bureau for any possible assistance in connection with our current investigation of captioned matter.

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

NOTE:

Our Birmingham Office in connection with the investigation of this matter developed the fact that a private investigator wrote a report concerning the bombings in the Birmingham area and that this report was turned over to the Department of Justice. It is believed important to obtain a copy of this report since information developed by the private investigator may be of assistance to Agents in the investigation of the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church and other bombings in the Birmingham area.

FBI

Date: 8/6/64

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

To: Director, FBI (157-1025)

Att.: Civil Rights Section
General Investigative Division

From: SAC, Birmingham (157-352) (P)

Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD
Date Forw. AUG 7 1964

Subject: BAPBOMB

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By C. R. [unclear]

RE; [redacted] - SUSPECT

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BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS RACIAL MATTERS

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Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum, reflecting information concerning preparation and distribution of handbills by [redacted]

It is noted that referenced airtel indicated LHM should be prepared under appropriate Klan caption. Inasmuch as [redacted] is no longer associated with the Klan and Klan members approached by him refused to support this committee, it was believed that Klan caption would not be proper.

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge
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RE: COMMITTEE TO STOP FEDERAL HARASSMENT

Inquiry disclosed that P.O. Box 3674 was rented
by THOMAS E. BLANTON, SR., 1440 Princeton Avenue, S.W.,
Birmingham, Alabama.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Birmingham, Alabama
August 6, 1964

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

Title	COMMITTEE TO STOP FEDERAL HARASSMENT
Character	RACIAL MATTERS
Reference	Memorandum dated 8/6/64 at Birmingham, Alabama

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office BIRMINGHAM	Office of Origin BIRMINGHAM	Date 7/29/64	Investigative Period 5/5/64 - 7/25/64
TITLE OF CASE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963.		Report made by SA [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE BOMBING MATTERS	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] Birmingham, dated 6/11/64.

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LEADS:

Will continue to handle leads in an expeditious manner, setting out those leads for other offices by the indicated communication and handling leads in the Birmingham Office as they are developed.

MOBILE (INFORMATION)

An information copy is designated for the Mobile Office due to the reciprocal interest in racial and Klan matters with the Birmingham Division.

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for review at FBIHQ by
HSCA re 1/9/78 request.
(See Profile #82-117290).

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below		
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cc - Criminal Division
cc - Org. Unit
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ADMINISTRATIVE

Close liaison has been maintained with Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Birmingham Police Department, both of which are cooperative and vitally interested in the solution of this case.

Frequent contacts have been maintained with informants in this case and the information furnished by them which is considered pertinent is being set forth on the administrative pages of this report.

Several spot surveillances have been conducted on the suspects in this case. No pertinent information has been developed during these surveillances.

Investigation conducted relative to any of the bombings which have occurred in Birmingham is being reported in this case.

Considerable Agent time has been spent during reporting period conducting neighborhood surveys relative to each of the suspects. These surveys have been extensive and thorough, looking toward the identification of potential informants who can furnish information relative to the activities of these individuals as well as information that will be useful in surveillances of these persons.

Extended investigative period was necessitated by method of reporting inasmuch as some of the interviews were conducted primarily with regard to other matters. This report also contains investigation conducted by other offices not received in time for inclusion in referenced report.

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In connection with this investigation, the following list of bombings occurring in the Birmingham area dating from 1947 to the present was compiled. This list was acquired from reviewing Birmingham indices and files and newspaper accounts from the "Birmingham Post-Herald" and "The Birmingham News" morgues. This list was compiled in chronological order, listing as much factual data concerning each bombing that is available to include the names of victims, addresses, and the names of local police authorities assigned to investigate each case:

AUGUST 18, 1947:

An article in "The Birmingham News" dated 12/8/57, relating the facts of a bombing which occurred on the previous day, went into detail concerning what they termed bombing activities in Birmingham in the postwar era. The first bombing mentioned in this article occurred on 8/18/47 at the home of SAM MATTHEWS, Negro, who lived at 120 - 11th Court, North. A review of the newspaper morgues for further information concerning this bombing was nonproductive. No record or factual data concerning this bombing is present in the Birmingham files.

MARCH 25, 1949:

"The Birmingham News" of Friday, 3/25/49, contained a feature article relating the facts of a blast which occurred the previous midnight and totally destroyed three houses. These three blasts occurred about one minute apart in three separate dwelling houses, none of which were occupied at the time. These houses were located at First Street and 11th Avenue West. They were all being repaired in anticipation of future occupancy by Negroes. Two of these houses had been purchased by Bishop S. L. GREEN, Negro male, associated with Daniel Payne College. The other home had been purchased by JOHN MADISON, Negro, Apt. 10, 1412 - 5th Avenue North. Detective Captain DAN PIERCE of the Birmingham Police Department assigned three detectives to investigate this bombing. They were Detectives PAUL McMAHAN, R. R. RICHMON and J. W. HENSON.

This article also stated that on the previous Tuesday, 3/22/49, the Graymont-College Hills Civic Association had met with the City Commission to protest the selling of property to Negroes in an area that was zoned A-1 White Residential. Mr. CLARENCE E. HENDERSON, 107 - 10th Court West (since deceased),

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was the spokesman for this group before the City Commission. Mr. SAM L. CHESNUT, 124 - 10th Avenue West, also spoke before the City Commission on this date, stating that if the sale to Negroes in this area was not prevented, somebody was going to get hurt. (It is noted that SAM L. CHESNUT was a neighbor of TRENTON S. LECROY, currently involved in investigation concerning bombing activities at that time.) Mr. WALTER O. MONTEITH, 1062 Center Street, North, was interviewed and was quoted by the newspaper as saying he was feeding his baby at the time of the explosion and did not see or hear anything prior to the explosion.

August 12, 1949:

On this date, two blasts occurred on Center Street, North, damaging the homes of B. W. HENDERSON and E. B. DeYAMPERT. This information was acquired from the article in "The Birmingham News" dated 12/8/57 and also from an article in "The Birmingham News" dated 4/23/50, which relates to a bombing on that date damaging a house belonging to B. W. HENDERSON, which will be listed later in this listing. No factual newspaper account of this bombing was located, but several references are made to it in other articles.

April 13, 1950:

On Friday, 4/14/50, "The Birmingham News" carried a front page article relating the facts surrounding a series of violent blasts occurring on the previous evening at 9:00 P.M., which completely destroyed the interior and exterior of a home at 524 - 12th Terrace, North. This was a home which was under construction and nearly completed at the time of the blast. This home was being built by Negro dentist, DR. J. A. BOYKIN. Detectives assigned to investigate this case were J. W. HENSON, J. R. DAVIS, W. E. COLEMAN and CARL NEILL. Dr. J. A. BOYKIN has recently been interviewed concerning this bombing and was unable to furnish any suspects; however, Dr. BOYKIN was unable to say that he had purchased this property from the City of Birmingham and engaged in a legal battle with the Zoning Commission of Birmingham who had originally denied him a building permit. After several appearances were made before the Zoning Commission and positive proof provided to the Zoning Commission indicating that his property was situated in a Negro

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zone area, Dr. BOYKIN was granted a building permit and began construction of his home. BOYKIN could only state that the white people in that neighborhood who seemed to be the most infuriated over his building a home there were CLARENCE HENDERSON and CHARLES PIERSON, a grocer, both of whom have since died.

April 22, 1950:

On April 23, 1950, the Sunday Edition of "The Birmingham News" contained a front-page article relating facts of a dynamite explosion which had occurred on the previous evening at 1100 Center Street and extensively damaged a home belonging to B. W. HENDERSON. This article stated that this had been the second time in six months this house had been bombed. It referred to an instance occurring on October 13, 1949, in which HENDERSON had had a dynamite charge exploded in his front yard and a similar charge exploded in the front yard of the house next door. This article also stated that several months prior to the 10/13/49 dynamiting, he had discovered several sticks of dynamite in his yard with the fuses burned out, which dynamite was at that time surrendered to the Birmingham Police Department for examination. This house was occupied at the time of the bombing by a Negro woman and her five-year-old daughter who lived in a room upstairs at the rear and a Negro man named ROY TERRY, who lived downstairs at the rear. No one was injured by this explosion. This article also related that the Rev. MILTON CURRY, who had previously rented living quarters from HENDERSON in this house, had been personally requested by EUGENE "BULL" CONNOR and J. W. MORGAN (City Commissioners at that time) to move out of the house, but he declined on the grounds that he had paid his rent in good faith.

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December 21, 1950:

There have been several references made in newspaper accounts of other bombings to a bombing allegedly occurring on this date at the home of a man named MONK at 950 Center Street, North. These articles relate that Mr. and Mrs. MONK had previously filed a zoning suit against the City of Birmingham. It should be noted that no individual account of this bombing was found in either the Birmingham Office files or the morgues of the Birmingham newspapers.

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December 25, 1956:

On December 26, 1956, the front page of "The Birmingham News" carried a feature article relating the facts of a bombing which shattered the home of the Rev. FRED SHUTTLESWORTH, 3191 - 29th Avenue, North, on the previous evening. This bombing occurred at approximately 10:00 P.M. and there was estimated to be at least six sticks of dynamite placed alongside the house. Rev. SHUTTLESWORTH and another man were present in the home at the time of the bombing and, as was stated in the newspaper, miraculously escaped injury. There was an attempt on the part of a crowd of Negroes to prevent police officers W. E. HOWSE and C. L. CRUTCHFIELD from entering the house immediately after the bombing; however, Rev. SHUTTLESWORTH shortly thereafter crawled from the wreckage and announced that he was not hurt and the police were permitted to conduct their investigation. This case was assigned to Detective C. B. GOLDEN of the Birmingham Police Department. Neighbors interviewed at the scene identified a black sedan and a red pickup truck as being two vehicles in the neighborhood prior to the bombing, which appeared suspicious. It should be noted that the newspaper on this date and on the date immediately preceding this bombing contained articles concerning the efforts of Rev. SHUTTLESWORTH and other Negroes to ride the city buses while ignoring the existing segregation laws on public transportation.

December 31, 1956:

Newspaper articles written concerning other bombings have made reference to a bombing occurring this date at the home of OTIS FLOWERS, 5713 - 3rd Avenue, North. No individual newspaper accounts or references concerning this bombing were found.

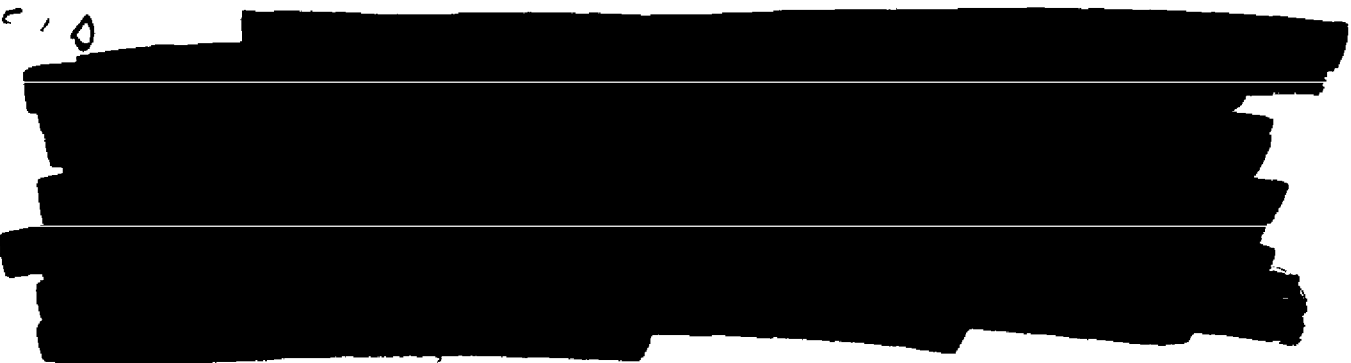
April 10, 1957:

Newspaper articles concerning other bombings have made reference to bomb explosions on this date which damaged Negro houses at 1135 and 1143 - 12th Place, North. No individual accounts of these bombings were found in the Birmingham files or the morgues of the Birmingham newspapers.

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April 28, 1957:

"The Birmingham News" of April 29, 1957, carried a front-page feature article relating to two bombings which occurred the previous Sunday night in Bessemer, Alabama. The first blast occurred at the Allen Temple AME Church at 9th Avenue and 22nd Street in Bessemer at approximately 7:53 P.M. At the time of this bombing, a meeting of the Alabama Association For Advancement of Human Rights was being conducted inside the church. The second bombing occurred at the home of ASBURY HOWARD, 1930 Exeter Avenue, Bessemer, Alabama. HOWARD was the Vice President of United Mine Workers and Smelters Union and President of the Negro Bessemer Voters League. This case was assigned to Detectives LAWTON GRIMES and ANDY EUBANKS. The only clue available to the police after the bombing was two sticks of dynamite found by C. E. PAYNE, 3522 Jefferson Avenue, S.W., and W. D. WATSON, 5104 - 17th Avenue North, at the Powderly City dump on the previous afternoon. Police authorities were quoted by the newspaper as stating they believed the bombs were made there.

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July 26, 1957:

"The Birmingham News" of July 26, 1957, carried a feature article which related the facts of a fire bombing at the home of a Negro, GEORGE JOHNSON, 1411 - 8th Avenue South, which occurred on the previous evening. Witnesses at the scene of this bombing stated they saw three or four white males in a gray 1950 Pontiac pull up in front of the house and throw what appeared to be two one-quart bottles of liquid with burning fuses stuffed in the neck of the bottles onto the

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porch of the house. The driver of this vehicle was described by witnesses as a white male, approximate age 23, 5'10" tall, weighing 170 lbs., wearing a light-colored sport shirt. The investigation of this case was assigned to Lt. A. H. GILCHRIST and Sgt. M. E. GILES. Police investigation, according to the newspaper article, revealed that two bottles of gasoline were thrown, one of which went off when it struck the porch and set the porch on fire. The occupants of the house and neighbors were able to contain the fire before it damaged anything except the front porch.

October 19, 1957:

"The Birmingham News" on October 21, 1957, carried a feature article on the front page relating the facts of a blast which badly damaged a house at 1149 - 12th Place North. This house was damaged by several sticks of dynamite which were tossed into the basement on the previous Saturday night. Detective E. L. PARKER while investigating this dynamiting found a full stick of dynamite unexploded in the basement. This house was unoccupied but had been recently purchased by Mrs. CLEO PRINCE, Negro female, who had planned to move in the following Thursday. Mrs. PRINCE was interviewed by the newspaper and stated that during the previous week while she was cleaning the front yard, an unknown white male stopped by and told her they did not want any undesirable people living in the neighborhood. Mrs. PRINCE stated that other than this incident she could furnish no suspects for the bombing.

November 1, 1957:

"The Birmingham Post-Herald" on Saturday, November 2, 1957, contained a feature article relating the facts concerning a bombing which occurred the previous evening at the home of DAVID H. HOOD, JR., Bessemer, Alabama. HOOD, an attorney, was sleeping in his livingroom at 1:30 P.M. when a bomb exploded on the terrace next to his house. HOOD stated he had a rifle in his hand while he slept, as was his custom. It should be noted that Attorney HOOD is a Negro lawyer who had previously represented a group of Negroes attempting to set aside segregation laws in Bessemer, Alabama, and had been arrested by the Bessemer Police Department during the previous month of October, 1957, and charged with carrying a concealed weapon. HOOD was quoted

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as stating he had a permit to carry a gun for seven years but had recently been refused a permit. He was fined \$50.00 and costs and sentenced to ninety days in jail. The article also noted that HOOD had previously defended a Negro named CALIPH WASHINGTON, who was found guilty of murdering JAMES CLARK, a Lipscomb, Alabama, police officer. [REDACTED] k2.

Another article appearing in the same newspaper related the story of a house at 1149 - 12th Place, North, which had caught fire and burned the night before. Fire Marshal A. ROSENFELD was quoted as saying it was definitely an act of arson.

December 7, 1957:

"The Birmingham Post-Herald" on December 7, 1956, carried a feature article which related the facts concerning a bombing of a Fountain Heights home at 1216 - 13th Street, North, which occurred shortly after midnight on this date. This house was vacant at the time. One explosion occurred in the front and one in the rear. This house, which was originally owned by whites, had been sold to the Tucker Real Estate Company, which in turn had recently sold it to a Negro, ROBERT GREER, who had been denied in his attempt to move in on the previous Thursday by the Building Inspector.

May 12, 1958:

"The Birmingham News" on this date relates the facts of a dynamite blast which shattered the windows in the home of DORA MAULDIN, 2420 Clarendon Avenue, Bessemer, Alabama. MAULDIN and her seven children were sleeping in the house at the time but were uninjured.

July 18, 1958:

"The Birmingham Post-Herald" on this date carried an article relating the facts of a bombing which occurred at the home of Mr. WILLIAM BLACKWELL, 1104 - 12th Avenue North. It should be noted that this is the bombing for which convictions were obtained against HERBERT EUGENE WILCUTT. Investigation concerning this bombing has previously been conducted by the Birmingham Office.

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INFORMANTS

In addition to facts relating directly to BAPBOMB, considerable information furnished by informants deals with the suspects in this case in their Klan activities and their association with each other. Inasmuch as the inner workings of the Klan and the personal lives and characteristics of the suspects are significant to this investigation, the inclusion of some of this information on a selected basis is deemed advisable.

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On May 25, 1964, the morgue of "The Birmingham News" was checked and a copy of the newspaper for April 23, 1950, was noted to carry an article on the front page relating the facts of a bombing which had occurred the previous evening. These facts were that a private dwelling located at 1100 Center Street, Birmingham, was partially destroyed by what was believed to be a dynamite blast on the previous evening. The house was owned by a Negro contractor named B. W. HENDERSON and occupied by ROY TERRY, a thirty-two year old Negro who lived downstairs, and DOROTHY KINDRED, a Negro female who occupied the upstairs with her two year old child. The newspaper account stated this bombing apparently resulted from a zoning dispute being carried on in that area for a number of months and was the latest of a series of bombings which had occurred in that neighborhood.

The following investigation has been conducted to identify and obtain background information on the following possible suspects in this bombing prior to conducting actual interviews:

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352(P))
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB
RE: ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS - SUSPECT

[REDACTED]

Investigation has been completed relative to the back-ground of the individuals involved, after having established their identities. It is believed logical that interviews of these individuals should be conducted as nearly simultaneously as possible; however, it is believed that discreet interview of [REDACTED] at Mobile, Alabama, is indicated at this time in order to get verification of [REDACTED] story. It is

- 3 - Bureau (AM)
- 2 - Mobile (157-416)(AM)
- 2 - Birmingham

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[REDACTED]

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Inasmuch as there are numerous ramifications involved in the investigation to date concerning this phase of the investigation, it is believed logical that an agent familiar with the facts should conduct the interview with

[REDACTED]

Inasmuch as SA [REDACTED] has conducted this investigation, it is requested that he be allowed to proceed to Mobile and, with a Mobile Agent, interview [REDACTED] as indicated above.

UACB by 8/14/64, a date and place of interview will be decided upon by the Birmingham and Mobile Offices.

In anticipation of this interview, the Mobile Office is requested to discreetly determine if [REDACTED] will be on duty and available for interview during the week of 8/16-22/64. Suairtel.

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Subject JUNE MAIL *Bap bomb*

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TO SAC BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025) - 1084

BAPBOMB. JUNE

REURTEL AUGUST ELEVEN LAST AND BuAIRTEL AUGUST
TWELVE INSTANT.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BIRMINGHAM SHOULD BE

EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS IN REACTIVATING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BIRMINGHAM MAKE

CERTAIN THAT MAXIMUM SECURITY CAN BE MAINTAINED WITH

RESPECT TO REACTIVATING THE ABOVE MISURS.

VIA TELETYPE

AUG 12 1964

7:30 P.M. LLD

ENCIPHERED

NOTE: Monitoring of microphones installations at the residences of
[REDACTED] two prime suspects in
this case.

[REDACTED] Referenced Buairtel
authorized Birmingham to reactivate the two installations which had been
removed provided maximum security could be maintained.

- Tolson _____
- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- Casper _____
- Callahan _____
- Conrad _____
- DeLoach _____
- Evans _____
- Gale _____
- Rosen _____
- Sullivan _____
- Tavel _____
- Trotter _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Holmes _____
- Gandy _____

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Subject JUNE MAIL Baybombi

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1 - [REDACTED]

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JUNE

TO: SAC BIRMINGHAM (157-352)
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025)

RAPROB.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL EIGHT TWELVE SIXTYFOUR.

BUREAU AUTHORITY IS WITHDRAWN TO REACTIVATE [REDACTED]

ASTERISK IN VIEW OF THE APPARENT LACK OF SECURITY

CAP:fas
(3)

NOTE:

Microphone installation at the residence of [REDACTED]

monitoring of those misurs were discontinued temporarily.
By airtel 8-12-64 Birmingham was authorized to reactivate the
misurs at the residences of [REDACTED]

it is believed advisable not to reactivate
the installation at the residence of [REDACTED]

- Tolson _____
- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- Casper _____
- Callahan _____
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- Evans _____
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TO SAC BIRMINGHAM (157-352)
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB.

SUTEL BASIS FOR [REDACTED] EXPRESSION OF CONCERN OVER
POSSIBLE DANGER TO HIMSELF AND FAMILY.

INFORMATION INDICATING THAT ANY INDIVIDUALS HAVE THREATENED
OR CONTEMPLETE HARM TO [REDACTED] OR HIS FAMILY SHOULD BE FURNISHED
TO APPROPRIATE LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

NOTE:

[REDACTED]

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

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- Tolson _____
- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- Casper _____
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Subject JUNE MAIL Nap bomb

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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Belmont	_____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mohr	_____
Casper	_____
Callahan	_____
Conrad	_____
DeLoach	_____
Evans	_____
Gale	_____
Rosen	_____
Sullivan	_____
Tavel	_____
Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: August 14, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

JUNE

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM,
ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963
BOMBING MATTERS

At 2:25 a.m., 8-14-64, ASAC Jensen, Birmingham, called to advise that

[REDACTED]

An FBI microphone installation at the residence of [REDACTED] a suspect in this case, was discovered by a telephone repairman on 7-25-64. Because of the discovery of the installation at the residence of [REDACTED] jumpers were removed from FBI microphone installations at the residences of [REDACTED] both of whom are prime suspects in this case. The jumpers were removed and monitoring was temporarily discontinued on 7-25-64 for security reasons because of the discovery of the installation at the residence of [REDACTED]

It was planned to reactivate monitoring the microphone installations at the residences of [REDACTED] in the near future provided security could be maintained. Therefore, no effort was made to remove the actual installations.

[REDACTED]

ASAC Jensen stated indications are that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Jensen advised as far as he knows there is no way the device can be traced.

[REDACTED]

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10 AUG 24 1964

6th AUG 28 1964

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A. Rosen to Belmont Memorandum
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM,
ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963

ACTION:

Birmingham being instructed not to reactivate
monitoring the microphone installation at the residence of
[REDACTED] at the present time because of the
apparent lack of security.

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[REDACTED]

ALA
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen

8-12-64

Airtel

JUNE

To: SAC, Birmingham (157-382-87-2)

From: Director, FBI (157-1025) 1094

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Reurairtel 8-7-64.

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Provided maximum security can be maintained, Birmingham is authorized to reactivate [redacted] and [redacted] immediately.

[redacted]

NOTE:

See memorandum A. Rosen to Mr. Belmont captioned, "Unknown Subject; Bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, September 15, 1963, Bombing Matters," dated 8-11-64, prepared by CAP:fas.

62c [redacted]

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COMM-FBI

[redacted]

- Tolson _____
- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- Casper _____
- Callahan _____
- Conrad _____
- DeLoach _____
- Evans _____
- Gale _____
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Subject JUNE MAIL Bap Bomb

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352-SF-2) (P)
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

"JUNE"

Re Birmingham airtels to Bureau dated 7/28/64, 7/30/64, 7/31/64, and Bureau telephone calls July 25, 27, 29 and 30, 1964.

Birmingham airtel dated 7/28/64 advised that in addition to removing [redacted] on [redacted] it was deemed advisable in the interest of security to remove the [redacted] and discontinue monitoring [redacted] and [redacted] as of 7/25/64.

[Large redacted block]

It is now deemed logical to again reconnect the [redacted] and UACB by 8/14/64, [redacted] and [redacted] will be reactivated on 8/17/64. If for any reason it is deemed advisable not to reactivate these misurs prior to reactivation date, as above, the Bureau will be immediately advised.

3 - Bureau (AM - RM)
2 - Birmingham

[Redacted]

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Subject JUNE MAIL Bap bomb

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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Belmont	_____
Mohr	_____
Casper	_____
Callahan	_____
Conrad	_____
DeLoach	_____
Evans	_____
Gale	_____
Rosen	_____
Sullivan	_____
Tavel	_____
Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

TO : Mr. Belmont *Wob*

DATE: August 12, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

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

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen

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BAPTIST

[REDACTED]

AS a result, two other microphone installations on suspects in this case were discontinued for security reasons. Birmingham now believes it will be logical and secure to reactivate the two installations which were previously discontinued for security reasons.

[REDACTED]

two other microphone installations in use in this case which were being monitored through the same plant were discontinued for security reasons. These installations were in the residences of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both of whom are prime suspects in this case.

ALA

By airtel dated 8-7-64 received in the Civil Rights Section 8-10-64, Birmingham advised that they deem it logical to reactivate the microphone installations at the residences of [REDACTED]. Birmingham indicated that unless advised to the contrary by 8-14-64, those installations would be reactivated on 8-17-64.

Enclosure

[REDACTED]
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10 AUG 24 1964
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6 AUG 27 1964

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[REDACTED]
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A. Rosen to Belmont Memorandum
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF 16TH STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963

ACTION:

In view of the importance of this matter and since Birmingham believes it is logical to reactivate the installations, it is recommended that they be permitted to do so. Attached for approval is an airtel to Birmingham authorizing them to reactivate the installations immediately.

[REDACTED] 47c [REDACTED]
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Memorandum

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TO : Mr. McGowan *[Signature]*

DATE: August 24, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen *[Signature]*

1 - Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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[Redacted]

ASAC Jensen, Birmingham, advised that through our source they have learned that

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[Redacted]

Jensen wanted to consider the use of a tesur and, under the circumstances, it was agreed that we ought not to risk this in view of the difficulty which we have had in the recent past on such matters in Alabama. They are giving this matter as close coverage as they can under the circumstances.

This is for your information and if anything develops we should watch it most closely.

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8-25-64

1- Mr. [REDACTED]

Airtel

To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB

ReBhtel 8-24-64.

[REDACTED]

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NOTE: Birmingham in the daily teletype summary 8-24-64, indicated information furnished by informant shows suspect Chambliss Birmingham has established physical surveillance on Chambliss with a view to identifying this individual as a possible means of obtaining additional information leading to involving Chambliss in the Birmingham bombings. it appears the same investigative technique may be indicated in case.

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- Tolson _____
- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
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BASED ON ABOVE INFORMATION, FISURS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED ON
CHAMBLISS AFTER WORK HOURS UNTIL HE RETIRES FOR THE NIGHT AND WILL
BE CONTINUED AS LONG AS DEEMED ADVISABLE.

END NHH

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Date: 8/14/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352-SF-2)(P)
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

"JUNE"

Re Birmingham airtel dated 8/7/64 and Bureau airtel dated 8/12/64.

In view of recent evidence reported to the Bureau in telephone calls of 8/14/64 involving [redacted] it is not deemed advisable to reactivate [redacted] at this time and UACB, the matter will be deferred until a later date.

When it is believed that maximum security can be maintained relative to [redacted] the Bureau will be advised and a request made to reactivate that informant.

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③ - Bureau (AM - RM)
2 - Birmingham

B. D. WICK

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Subject JUNE MAIL Baybambi

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Date: 7-30-64

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352-SF2)
 RE: BAPBOMB JUNE

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 Birmingham, Ala

Re Birmingham telephone calls to Bureau 7-25, 27, 29 and 30, 1964, regarding captioned informant.

In Birmingham telephone call 7-30-64  was advised of an editorial which appeared in the "Montgomery Advertiser" of 7-30-64 containing information pertinent to this matter.

Enclosed are three copies of this editorial for the Bureau's information.

3 - Bureau (enc) - AM RM
 2 - Birmingham

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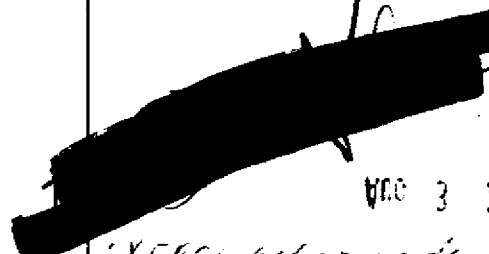
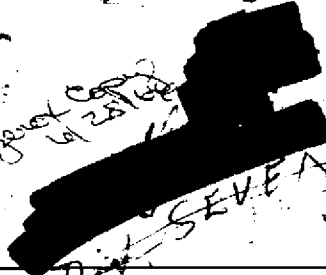

Memo to W.C. Conrad 7/30/64

E. D. WICKY

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...chanced this week to learn of two telephone bugs. The accompanying photo is a transistor-type bug wired on the phone of a Birmingham citizen. Apparently one of the relays failed and the citizen could hear other voices feeding into his phone.

Telephone company experts found that someone had entered the basement of the home with a key, concealed the bug behind a rafter and clamped it onto the telephone wire.

The article is one of the capabilities of the bug. Apparently it is capable of relaying conversations to be picked up on a receiver in a nearby automobile or room.

No manufacturer's name appears on the bugs and they are often tailor-made. The device cost perhaps \$150 to \$200. It is not known who was wiring this man.

Somewhat more jarring was the information from an official source that the tap similar to the one in the photo was discovered inside the office phone of the civil rights leader of the Alabama Public Service Commission.

...was smaller and probably more sensitive than the one in the photo and was discovered... about... months ago after... complained to the phone company that the dial tone continued after the dialing... presumably... tapping

...means that a short time ago when... was a... undertaking beyond the capabilities of ordinary agencies. But that time... past and begins to widely spread throughout the country.

...investigation by Time magazine

...the estimate that the federal government alone buys \$20,000,000 worth of bugs a year. Private detectives conduct the recordings of husbands or girlfriends as they listen.

The manufacturing centers for these instruments are California and Miami. Some bugs don't even have to be attached to the phone wire and can be as small as a sugar lump. The only limitation on their size is enough battery power and it is speculated that nuclear energy sources will provide more miniaturization.

...Espionage" was reported... so commonplace in all chemical and electronic companies that many California... begin to regard a visitor as... such as... Michigan... Miami... all... usual... usual

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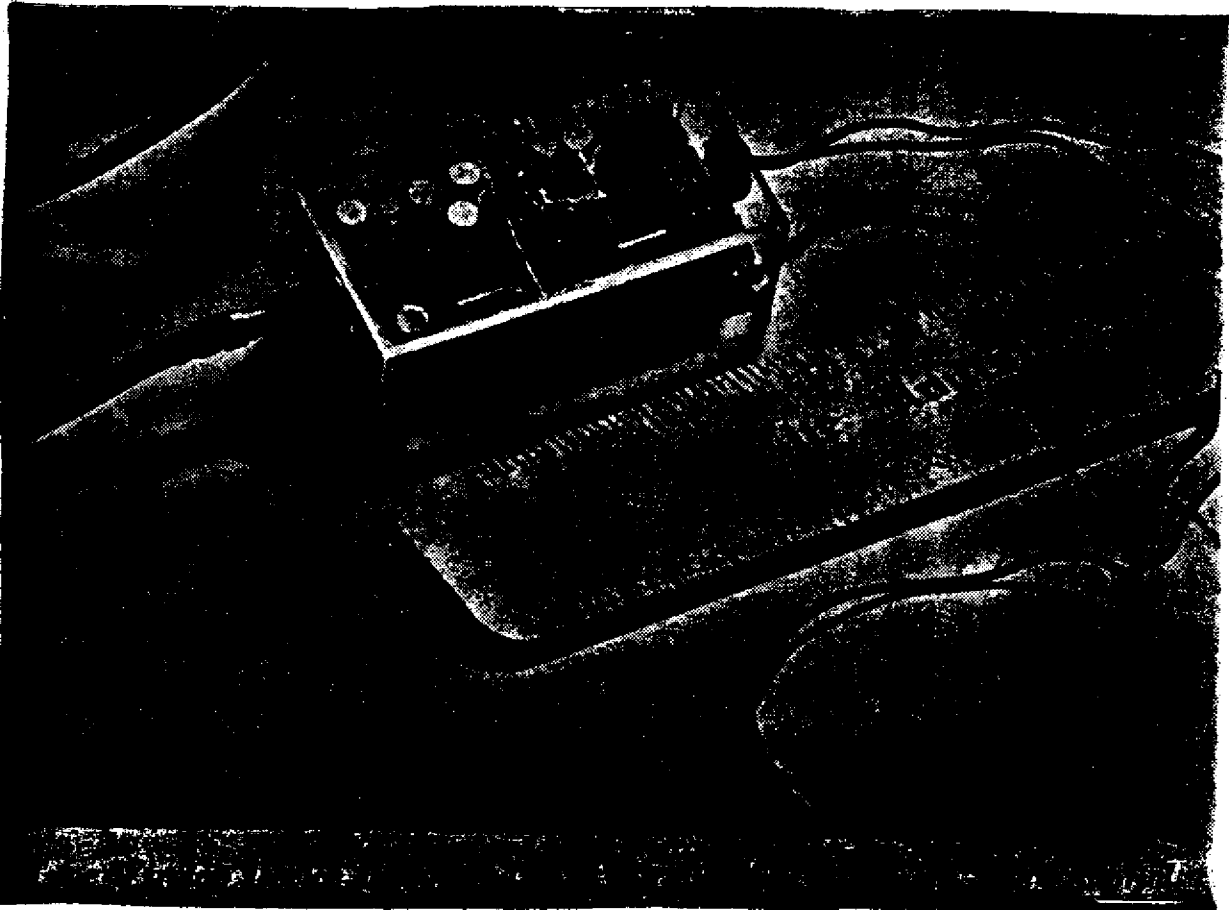
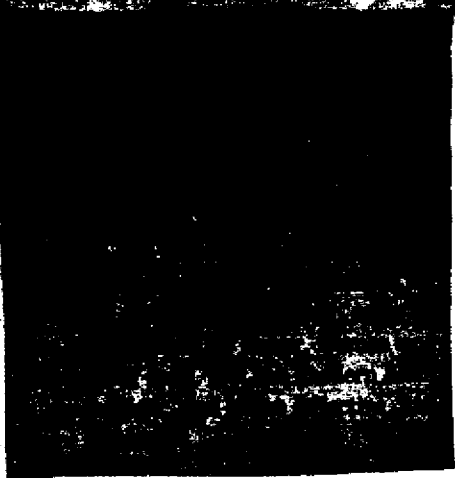
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Subject JUNE MAIL *Bap bomb*

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352-SF2)
RE: BAPBOMB

JUNE

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[Redacted]
Birmingham, Ala

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Re telephone conversation with Bureau Supervisor [Redacted] Electronics Section, 7/25/64, re captioned matter.

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In view of the aforementioned events relating to [Redacted] it was deemed advisable, in the interest of security, to remove the [Redacted] and discontinue monitoring of [Redacted] and [Redacted] as of 6:00 P.M., 7/25/64.

After a few days cooling off period, a re-evaluation will be made as to whether to reactivate the [Redacted] and [Redacted] with appropriate security.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352-SF-2) (P)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

"JUNE"

b7c [redacted] - SUSPECT

Re Telephone Conversation between Section Chief [redacted] Civil Rights Division, and ASAC ROBERT G. JENSEN, Birmingham, on 7/1/64.

b2 Misur installation effected 7/23/64 at 6:00 P.M. and assigned Symbol [redacted]

Trespass was involved inasmuch as it was necessary to physically enter residence of [redacted] in order to effect the misur coverage.

b7c Birmingham [redacted]

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1 - [REDACTED]
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To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352-67-2)

From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

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JUNE

RAPBOMB

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Reurairtel 7/24/64 advising of misur installation of [REDACTED]

For record purposes, furnish location of the plant. In addition, advise new plant locations for misurs on [REDACTED] and Eastview Klavern Hall.

[REDACTED] (b) 67c

- Tolson _____
- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- Casper _____
- Callahan _____
- Conrad _____
- DeLoach _____
- Evans _____
- Gale _____
- Rosen _____
- Sullivan _____
- Tavel _____
- Winter _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352-SF-2) (P) "JUNE"
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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RE: ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, SUSPECT

As the Bureau is aware, the monitoring plant at



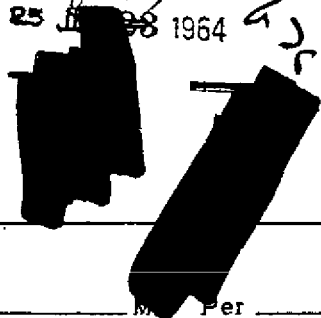
It is my considered opinion that further use of this particular site to monitor this misur is not advisable and UACB by 7/30/64, rental agent will be given thirty days notice as of 8/1/64. Frequent checks are being made in the neighborhood to locate another monitoring site which will offer more security, and should such be located the Bureau will be immediately advised and request made that monitoring of this misur be reinstated. In the meantime, spot checks with mobile monitoring equipment will be made on a periodic basis to determine whether or not the installation is still operable.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352-SF-2) JUNE
RE: BAPBOMB

ReBuairtel, 7/28/64.

The following information is furnished in response to the Bureau's request:

The location of the _____ plant is _____

The plant location on the _____

The Eastview Klavern #13 installation is monitored from 5528 1/2 1st Avenue, North, a two-story office building.

For the further information of the Bureau, the monitoring site on the _____ installation is at _____

The monitoring location for the ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS installation, which has been discontinued and 30-day notice has been given that we intend to give up this location, is at _____ The property at this place will be removed before 8/30/64.

We are also giving notice on the _____ plant site, to be vacated by 8/30/64.

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Subject JUNE MAIL Bap bomb

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352-SF-2)(P)
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB "JUNE"

As the Bureau is aware, this office is operating misur installations, installed in the residences of [redacted] ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, [redacted] and expect to have in operation within the next few days a similar installation in the residence of [redacted] all suspects in BAPBOMB. Each of these individuals works a regular shift and experience shows there is activity that warrants coverage only when the suspect is at home during the waking hours, generally from about 5:00 P.M. until he retires. Inasmuch as this varies to some degree, it has been concluded that an eight hour shift from 4:00 P.M. to 12:00 Midnight each day covers the suspect on the work week day. On weekends, two 8-hour shifts are utilized, from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M to 12:00 midnight.

The Bureau is further aware of the inability to secure a centralized plant either in the office or some selected location by use of telephone company lines due to the number of persons sympathetic to the "hate" groups employed at the Telephone Company, reducing the possibility of their having security in an operation of this type. It was, therefore, necessary to establish individual monitoring points for each misur. It is noted these monitoring points, of necessity, are in close proximity to the misur itself due to the equipment used, i.e., radio transmitters and the BAT.

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In order to conserve manpower, the monitoring points have not been operated on a 24-hour day; therefore, it is necessary to either remove all technical equipment after each shift or secure the equipment within the monitoring location. Inasmuch as the monitoring points are in residential areas, any unusual activity that varies from the normal behavior of the residents of the area creates suspicion among the residents. It is believed that the moving in and out of the amount of equipment necessary to properly monitor the installations definitely will arouse suspicion and create a security problem. Furthermore, the constant handling of this equipment is detrimental to its effective operation. The alternative, then, is to leave the equipment within the monitoring site. In order to make this equipment secure, the following has been done in each instance where the installation is in operation:

- (1) All locks on outside doors have been changed.
- (2) All windows have been properly secured and locked.
- (3) A lock has been placed on the door leading into the room wherein the equipment is located.
- (4) A steel cabinet, 18" deep, 36" wide and 42" high, having adjustable shelves with a lock in the handle, was purchased for the storage of this equipment. This cabinet has either been bolted to the wall or to the floor so as to prevent it from being moved from the premises. A hasp and good grade lock has been utilized on the doors of the cabinet in addition to the lock in the handle to afford additional security. It would, therefore, be necessary to have a combination of four keys in order to get to the equipment.
- (5) Particular precaution is being taken to be assured that none of the equipment or any written material would identify the monitoring installation with the FBI.

(6) After each tour of duty, all equipment is turned off through one centralized switch and the power cord furnishing power to the equipment is removed from the wall and placed inside the locked cabinet, thereby preventing any possibility of associating the cabinet with electrical equipment, or the possibility of creating trouble on the telephone line or associated equipment.

(7) The furnishings in the installations have been selected to blend in with the cover story of the Agents monitoring and with the neighborhood, with the cover stories suited to the schedules of the Agents.

(8) Venetian blinds and/or shades have been placed on all windows to afford security of movement and to prevent anyone from looking in from the outside and viewing the equipment or occupants.

where?
The neighborhoods in which these installations are located vary from metropolitan areas in that the people residing there are generally long-time residents and many of them are well acquainted, which heightens the security problem. Generally, these people are friendly and curious and want to know their neighbors. For this reason, it is believed mandatory that every precaution be made to maintain the security of the installation, and it is believed that the leaving of the Bureau equipment under the above conditions is essential for that purpose. This practice will be continued, UACB, in these and other installations anticipated.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352-SF-2) (P) "JUNE"
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

RE: [REDACTED] SUSPECT

As the Bureau is aware, a misur is in operation at the home of [REDACTED]. A review of the logs reflecting the activities in the [REDACTED] residence indicates that numerous telephone calls are made and received at that residence by [REDACTED].

In view of this, it is believed that a tesur would prove productive on [REDACTED]. It is noted that the installation of the misur, a Bat unit, utilizes the telephone line of [REDACTED] and the installation of this tesur would not entail reentry into the [REDACTED] residence. There is a monitoring plant already established that could be utilized in covering the tesur, as well as the misur, without requiring any additional personnel.

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It is, therefore, requested that permission be granted [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] It is noted this will in no way affect the security of the installation.

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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (P)
RE: BAPBOMB



RE: WIRETAPPING

Re my telephone call, Bureau telephone call, and Birmingham teletype to Bureau, all of 8/16/64.

Enclosed herewith are two copies each of four separate clippings which appeared in Birmingham newspapers from 8/15-16/64 captioned as follows: "Home Here Wiretapped," "Lingo Sees Arrest Soon in Wiretaps," "Wiretappers Busy, Wallace Tells Center Point Audience," and "Tiny, Sensitive 'Bugs' Make Treasured Privacy Extinct."

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Lingo Reveals Probe Under Way

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Wiretappers busy, Wallace tells Center Point audience

BY JOE CAMPBELL
News staff writer

Gov. George C. Wallace told a crowd estimated at 7,000 in Center Point Saturday night that "there's no telling how many telephones have been tapped in Jefferson County and elsewhere in Alabama."

He said State Public Safety Director Al Lingo informed him just before his speech that four telephones had been found tapped thus far in Jefferson County.

Without indicating who the wiretappers might be, Wallace said "We know the Justice Department spends \$20 million a year on wire-tapping equipment."

WALLACE, WHO said the state is not tapping telephones, declared, "We believe people ought to have the right of privacy protected."

Wallace's speech climaxed the three-day "Center Point Days" trade promotion sponsored by Center Point Chamber of Commerce.

He crowned the winner of the "Miss Center Point" title, Pam Torck, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Torck. Winner of second place in the contest was Pat Hubbard. Geneva Linger placed third.

Wallace told the enthusiastic gathering, "There will be a junior college in your area by September of next year."

He said he will attempt to get the special session of the Legislature to appropriate more funds for the junior college so as to build a school twice the size as originally planned.

Wallace said the larger school

would be needed because a large enrollment is anticipated.

Touching on his presidential primary campaigns in Wisconsin, Indiana and Maryland, Wallace said people throughout the nation are beginning to awaken to the trends which are taking away individual rights.

"In your lifetime," he said,

"there has never been a national convention, by either party, which has been concerned about the South."

BUT, HE SAID, "they know now that the way the people of the South vote in this election will determine who the President will be."

Attacking the Civil Rights Act, Wallace said the measure

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has taken over every city, state and county government in the nation, labor unions and businesses.

Wallace said his reply to liberals who say "If you are

not going to conform you will not get industry" is that last year Alabama gained \$344 million in new and expanded industry and is still gaining it this year.

The governor said he had talked with 100 top industrial leaders throughout the nation. "Not one of them said he was in favor of the civil rights bill," he declared.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Tiny, sensitive 'bugs' make treasured privacy extinct

BY BUD GORDON
News staff writer

Privacy — like the whooping crane — is fast becoming extinct in the U.S.

Even in Alabama, the long treasured freedom of secret speech and action is vanishing, exposed by electronic "eavesdropping" devices and super cameras which can take pictures in the dark.

Three miniature electronic devices for monitoring telephone conversations have been found in Alabama during the past month, according to Public Safety Director Al Lingo.

One such device was found last Thursday, attached to the telephone wire in a Birmingham home. Another was located in a Birmingham home about three weeks ago. Still another was located on the telephone of Miss Sybil Poole, member of the Alabama Public Service Commission.

In all three cases, the devices were tiny, self powered short wave radios, capable of broadcasting phone conversations several blocks away to a receiver.

All three devices were ingeniously constructed at a cost from \$150 to \$250. They were cleverly concealed.

ALTHOUGH THE state has "a good suspect," persons who installed these electronic bugs are not known. Tracing the instruments, according to Lingo, is almost impossible.

Manufactured in Miami and San Francisco, the bugs bear no manufacturer's label. A few, Lingo said, are being made right here in Alabama by skilled electronic technicians.

A few years ago, tapping a phone wire was a major project beyond the capabilities of ordinary agencies — private or public. But recent strides in minia-

turized electronic devices using tiny transistors instead of tubes has brought the wiretapper's art within the reach of the ordinary investigator or espionage agent.

Time Magazine recently revealed the federal government buys some \$20 million of telephone bugging devices a year. Many of these bugs are used by federal officials on their own phones to record conversations in secrecy.

Most expensive among the bugs is the tiny transmitter. Some of these are no larger than a lump of sugar and many are smaller than a pack of cigarettes.

Most popular is the simple induction coil, which picks up both ends of a phone conversation.

A FEW ULTRA-sophisticated bugs can perform their spychores without being connected to a phone. The only limit to the size of the instrument is battery power. Experts predict nuclear power will further reduce their size.

Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy put a bill before Congress in 1962, which would permit federal authorities, under orders of the Attorney General, to wiretap, with a court order.

In certain situations — such as espionage, subversion, murder, kidnapping, interstate racketeering and narcotics — wiretapping would be legal, and would yield legal court evidence.

In espionage, the Attorney General could sidestep the court, if he thought asking for a court order would endanger the national interest.

Under the bill, all other forms of wiretapping would be prohibited and punishable by a \$10,000 fine or two years in federal prison.

But, the bill has met opposi-

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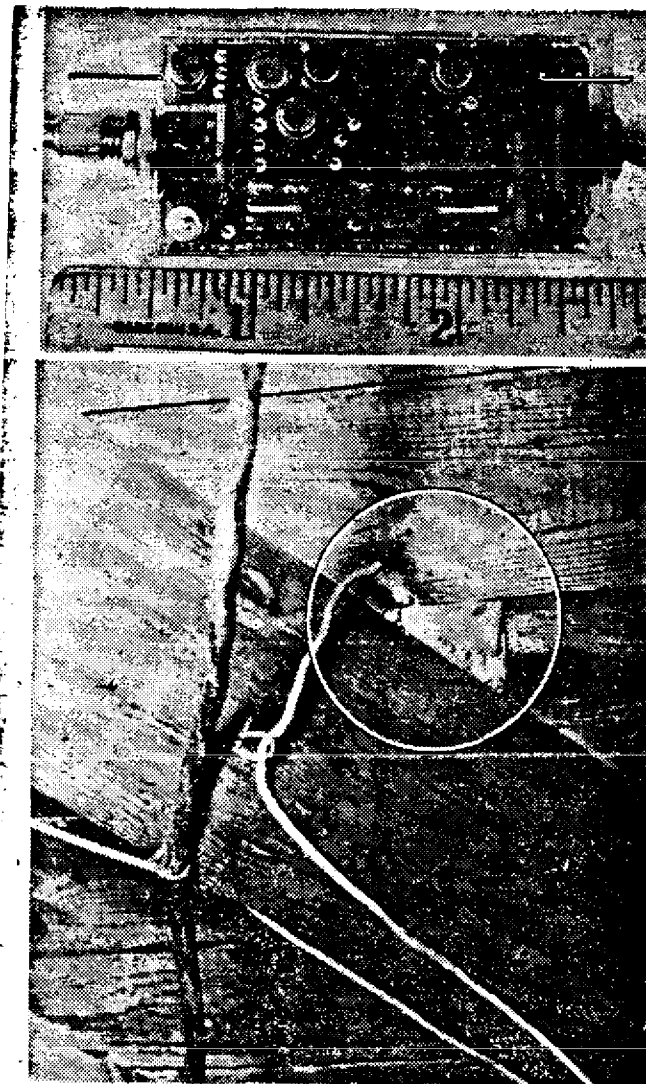
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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Tiny, sensitive 'bugs' make treasured privacy extinct

BY BUD GORDON
News staff writer

Privacy — like the whooping crane — is fast becoming extinct in the U.S.

Even in Alabama, the long treasured freedom of secret speech and action is vanishing, exposed by electronic "eavesdropping" devices and super cameras which can take pictures in the dark.

Three miniature electronic devices for monitoring telephone conversations have been found in Alabama during the past month, according to Public Safety Director Al Lingo.

One such device was found last Thursday, attached to the telephone wire in a Birmingham home. Another was located in a Birmingham home about three weeks ago. Still another was located on the telephone of Miss Sybil Poole, member of the Alabama Public Service Commission.

In all three cases, the devices were tiny, self powered short wave radios, capable of broadcasting phone conversations several blocks away to a receiver.

All three devices were ingeniously constructed at a cost from \$150 to \$250. They were cleverly concealed.

ALTHOUGH THE state has "a good suspect," persons who installed these electronic bugs are not known. Tracing the instruments, according to Lingo, is almost impossible.

Manufactured in Miami and San Francisco, the bugs bear no manufacturer's label. A few, Lingo said, are being made right here in Alabama by skilled electronic technicians.

A few years ago, tapping a phone wire was a major project beyond the capabilities of ordinary agencies — private or public. But recent strides in minia-

turized electronic devices using tiny transistors instead of tubes has brought the wiretapper's art within the reach of the ordinary investigator or espionage agent.

Time Magazine recently revealed the federal government buys some \$20 million of telephone bugging devices a year. Many of these bugs are used by federal officials on their own phones to record conversations in secrecy.

Most expensive among the bugs is the tiny transmitter. Some of these are no larger than a lump of sugar and many are smaller than a pack of cigarettes.

Most popular is the simple induction coil, which picks up both ends of a phone conversation.

A FEW ULTRA-sophisticated bugs can perform their spychores without being connected to a phone. The only limit to the size of the instrument is battery power. Experts predict nuclear power will further reduce their size.

Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy put a bill before Congress in 1962, which would permit federal authorities, under orders of the Attorney General, to wiretap, with a court order.

In certain situations — such as espionage, subversion, murder, kidnapping, interstate racketeering and narcotics — wiretapping would be legal, and would yield legal court evidence.

In espionage, the Attorney General could sidestep the court, if he thought asking for a court order would endanger the national interest.

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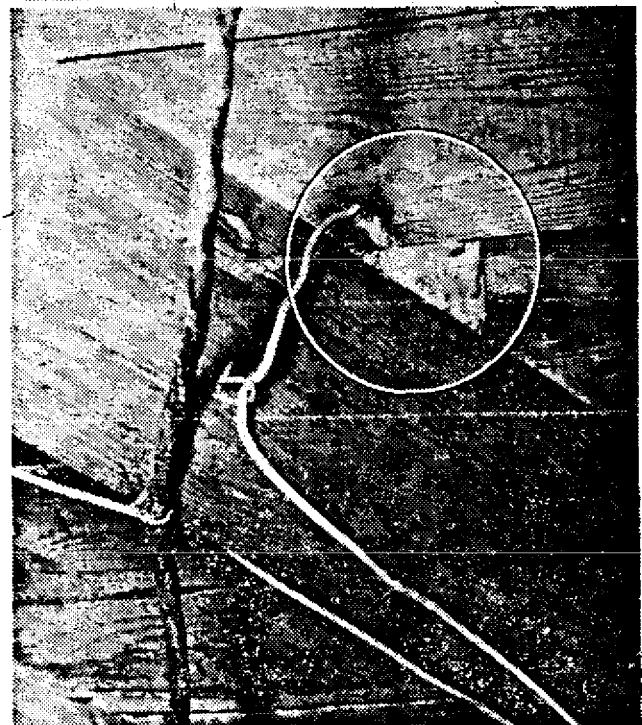
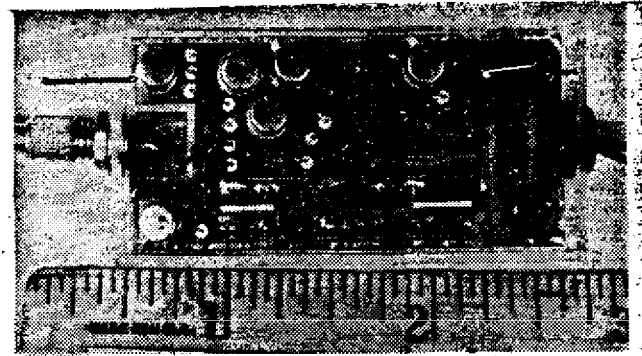
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TO SAC BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025)

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To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

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BAPBOMB is the code name for the case captioned "Unknown Subjects; Bombing of 16th St. Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., September 15, 1963." On July 25, 1964, an FBI microphone installation was discovered in the residence of [REDACTED]. On August 13, 1964, an FBI microphone installation was discovered in the residence of [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] are prime suspects in this case. Monitoring of microphone installations at the residence of two other suspects in this case was discontinued for security reasons. There are no FBI microphone installations operational in the Birmingham area at the present time. The reason for the discovery of the microphone by [REDACTED] was probably the discovery of a similar device by [REDACTED].

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TO DIRECTOR (157-1025) (ATTENTION CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION AND CRIME RECORDS DIVISION)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 2P

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REMY TELEPHONE CALL AND BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL AUGUST SIXTEEN,

SIXTYFOUR.

FOUR ARTICLES SUMMARIZED BELOW APPEARED IN BIRMINGHAM NEWSPAPERS FROM AUG. FIFTEEN - SIXTEEN, SIXTYFOUR ON SUBJECT WIRE TAPPING.

ON AUG. FIFTEEN, LAST ARTICLE CAPTIONED "HOME HERE WIRE TAPPED" APPEARED IN BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD REFLECTING STATE TROOPERS UNDER AUTHORITY OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR, STATE OF ALABAMA, ALBERT J. LINGO HAD FOUND WIRE TAPPING DEVICE ATTACHED TO TELEPHONE LINES HOME OF BIRMINGHAM CITIZEN, SUPPOSEDLY THIRD SUCH DEVICE UNCOVERED IN ALABAMA DURING TWO MONTH PERIOD. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE LINGO SAID STATE TROOPERS ARE NEAR SEIZING A SUSPECT.

ON AUGUST SIXTEEN, INSTANT ARTICLE CAPTIONED "WIRE TAPPERS BUSY, WALLACE TELLS CENTER POINT AUDIENCE" APPEARED IN THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS REFLECTING GOVERNOR GEORGE C. WALLACE ON AUG. FIFTEEN, LAST INFORMED A BIRMINGHAM AUDIENCE "THERE'S NO TELLING HOW MANY TELEPHONES HAVE BEEN TAPPED IN JEFFERSON COUNTY AND ELSEWHERE IN ALABAMA". ACCORDING TO ARTICLE WALLACE SAID THE STATE WAS NOT TAPPING TELEPHONES

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BUT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPENDS TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR ON WIRE TAPPING EQUIPMENT.

ON AUGUST SIXTEEN, INSTANT ARTICLE CAPTIONED "LINGO SEES ARREST SOON IN WIRE TAP" APPEARED IN THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS REFLECTING LINGO EXPECTED TO MAKE AN EARLY ARREST IN WIRE TAPPING INVESTIGATION ALTHOUGH HE DECLINED TO ELABORATE SAYING THEY "HAVE A PRIME SUSPECT AND ALMOST ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO MAKE AN ARREST".

ON AUGUST SIXTEEN, INSTANT AN ARTICLE CAPTIONED ~~QUOTE~~ "TINY SENSITIVE 'BUGS' MAKE TREASURED PRIVACY EXTINGUISHED" ~~UNQUOTE~~ APPEARED IN THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS REFLECTING THREE ELECTRONIC DEVICES FOR MONITORING TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS HAD BEEN FOUND IN ALABAMA DURING PAST MONTH. ACCORDING TO LINGO DEVICE WAS LOCATED IN BIRMINGHAM RESIDENCE ON AUGUST THIRTEEN, LAST, ANOTHER THREE WEEKS EARLIER HAD BEEN LOCATED IN A BIRMINGHAM RESIDENCE AND STILL ANOTHER HAD BEEN LOCATED ATTACHED TO TELEPHONE OF MISS SYBIL POOLE, MEMBER OF ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. LINGO STATED TRACING DEVICES LOCATED WAS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE AS THE EQUIPMENT BORE NO MANUFACTURERS LABEL AND A FEW SUCH DEVICES WERE MANUFACTURED IN ALABAMA BY SKILLED ELECTRONICS TECHNICIANS.

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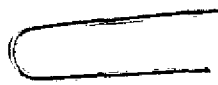
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FROM: *[Signature]* SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352-SF-2) (P)
BAPBOMB "JUNE"

Re Bureau telephone call 8/27/64.

Concerning your inquiry relative to the actual institution of a suit brought against Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company by either Mr. or Mrs. WILLIAM A. HOLT, JR., or ROBERT S. THOMAS claiming damage due to telephone company negligence in allowing their respective telephones to be tapped, there is no information available to date to indicate that such has been done.

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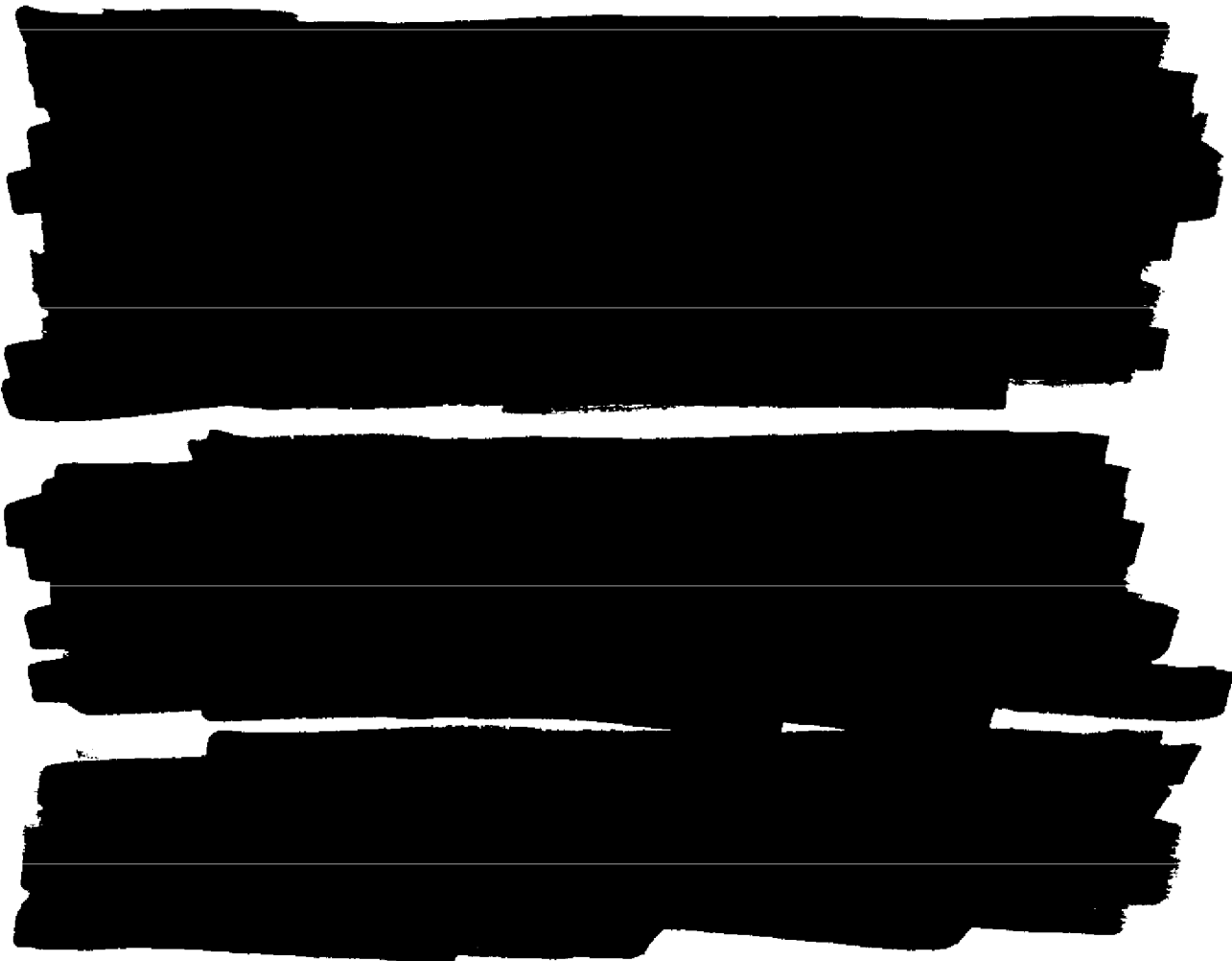
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