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EDDY advised that he also desires that SA participate with him in all interviews conducted with present and former FBI personnel and that SA be available for consultation and assistance on all phases or his investigation in this matter.

UACB, Birmingham will comply with all of Mr. BECK's requests but will limit the furnishing of any pertinent information contained in its files re technical converage to the specific period mentioned by Mr. BECK in his letter which will include the period 1962 and 1963.



WILLIAM J. BAXLEY ATTORNEY GENERAL

April 1, 1977

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SAC L.R. Kirkpatrick Federal Bureau of Investigation 1400 - 2121 Building Birmingham, Alabama 35203

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Re:

and related matters

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

As you know our office has been investigating a series of bombings that occurred in the Birmingham, Alabama area during the early 1960's. We appreciate the cooperation you and your office have given us over the last several weeks. However, there is additional information which we need to assist us in that investigation.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the following information be made available to Special Investigator Bob Eddy or other authorized representative of this office:

pertaining to any bombing, arson, killing or other related matter.

2. Any technical surveillance, including but not limited to wiretaps, electronic surveillance equipment, transmitters, etc., that the FBI may have had pertaining to any bombing, arson, or killing during 1962 and 1963 in Jefferson County, State of Alabama.

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5. Any and all other information that the FBI might have pertaining to not covered by the above requests.

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This office would also like to request the assistance of Special Agent for interviews that will be made in the near future pertaining to information received from FBI files. This interview will be necessary in order to assist our investigator in relating to interviews done by agents years ago.

Again, I thank you for the assistance given this office, and I look forward to your continued assistance in this matter.

Yours very truly,

George Beck

Deputy Attorney General

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Airtel 1 - Mr. Adams - Mr 2 Copies made by LC - Mr for review by Rowe Task Force - Mr Date 12/14/78 Mr To SAC, Birmingham (157-352) 1 - Mr. 1 - Mr. Director, FBI (157-1025) From: (Attn: BAPBOMÉ 00: Birmingham ReBHairtel to the Director dated 4/12/77, Butel to Birmingham dated 3/16/77, Buairtel to Atlanta, Birmingham and Indianapolis dated 4/4/77, and Butelcal to Supervisor on 4/15/77. By reButel you were authorized to allow a representative of Attorney General Baxley's staff to review In response to the request of Mr. Baxley's Office as set out in the letter dated 4/1/77, from Deputy Attorney General George Beck, a copy of which was APR 25 enclosed with referenced Birmingham airtel dated 4/12/77, you are authorized to allow a representative of Mr. Baxley's staff to review the With regard to item number two in Mr. Beck's letter, i.e., information regarding *any technical surveillance, including but not limited to wiretaps, electronic surveillance equipment, transmitters, etc., that the FBI may have had pertaining to any bombing, arson, or killing during 1962 and 1963 in Jefferson County, State of Alabama, "it was determined during referenced telephone call that all such coverage was listed in referenced Birmingham teletype dated 3/21/77, and Bureau airtel dated 4/4/77. That Bureau airtel authorized year to review the results of all such coverage and thereafter orally brief a representative of Mr. Baxley staff, regarding any information disclosed by the coverage Dep. AD Adm. ___ Dep. AD Inv. Asst. Dir.: Adm. Serv. Ext. Affairs. Fin. & Pers. NOTE PAGE Inspection . Intell 8806 J.EU Laboratory Legal Coun. Plan & Eval. Rec. Mgnt. _ Spec. Inv._ Training . TELETYPE UNIT (A) Airtel to SAC, Birmingham RE: BAPBOMB

pertinent to captioned matter. FBIHQ interposes no objection to your responding to the request as set out in Mr. Beck's letter, which is in effect a narrower request than the prior oral request received by you inasmuch as some of the coverage involved in captioned matter was in effect in 1964 and 1965. However, while further information, i.e., that regarding coverage during 1964-1965 need not be volunteered, Mr. Baxley's staff should not be misled into believing that the 1962-1963 coverage constituted all coverage involved.

With regard to the last request posed by Mr. Beck's letter. i.e., the assistance of SA is authorized to be present at the previously authorized interviews of those Agents presently on active duty (note that Bureau teletype dated 8/22/76 instructed that such interviews were to be conducted in the presence of an Agent from your office knowledgeable regarding captioned case to insure that matters which must remain confidential are not compromised). Also, SA is authorized to be present at the interviews of former SAs whom Mr. Baxley intends to interview if those former Agents so request. is also authorized to furnish assistance to Mr. Baxley's staff by way of consultation, in clarifying information previously furnished to the staff. However, SA _____is not to engage in any other active investigation with members of the staff.

As you were previously instructed, FBIHQ is to be kept advised of developments in this matter.

Airtel to SAC, Birmingham RE: BAPBOMB

NOTE: Instant case involves 9/15/63 bombing of a Birmingham church which resulted in four deaths and numerous personal injuries. Our extensive investigation, now completed, failed to disclose sufficient information to support prosecutive action. At request of William Baxley, Alabama Attorney General, after clearing with the Department, Birmingham has been furnishing pertinent results of our investigation to Mr. Baxley.

Baxley recently made an oral request, through his staff, for review of any technical coverage utilized in our investigation and for

As indicated above, authority for disclosure of that information was previously authorized. The current written request confirms the prior oral request and expands same in some respects and narrows it in another respect.

Baxley previously requested authority to interview a number of Agents who participated in our investigation, some of whom are presently on active duty and others who have left Bureau service. He was furnished the addresses of the former Agents and was advised that interviews of current Agents was being authorized on the condition that such interviews be conducted in Birmingham in the presence of a Birmingham Agent knowledgeable regarding captioned case.

Above response coordinated with Legal Counsel Division and FOIPA Branch of Records Management Division.

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Re Birmingham teletype to Bureau 3/21/77.

Alabama State Investigator BOB EDDY, who is conducting, investigation for Alabama Attorney General BILL BAXLEY's Office in captioned matter and who has authority to request information from the Birmingham FBI Office, furnished the enclosed article, apparently written by Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS of the National States Rights Party. This article, which contained a reprint of a letter to Dr. FIELDS dated 2/20/76, from Attorney General BILL BAXLEY, was addressed to GEORGE BECK, Deputy Attorney General, Montgomery, Alabama, postmarked 5/1/76, at Carlsbad, New Mexico. The article was received on 5/4/76, by Attorney General BAXLEY's Office, Montgomery, Alabama, and has been in file in his office since it was received.

EDDY advised that to his knowledge, the only persons that have physically handled the article and envelope are Attorney General BAXLEY, Deputy Attorney General BECK, and probably a secretary in his office.

EDDY has requested the Birmingham Office to have the article and the envelope examined by the Identification Division for latent fingerprints. Since Birmingham is cooperating fully with Attorney General BAXLEY's Office,

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Birmingham should be advised as to the results of these examinations.



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One printed article

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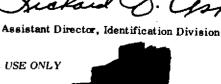
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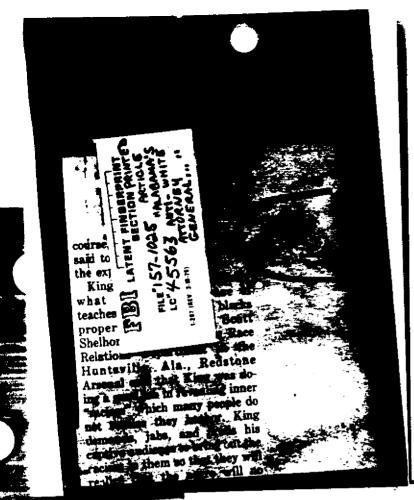
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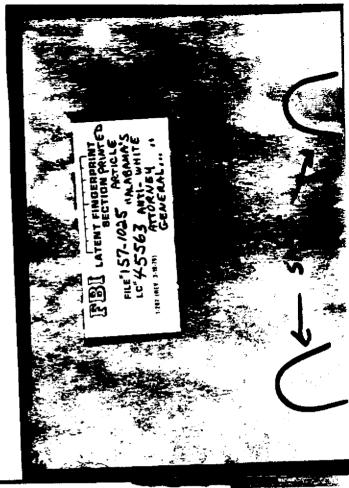
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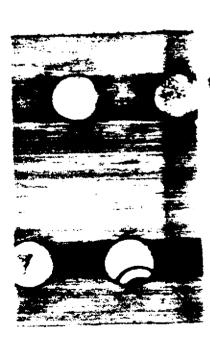
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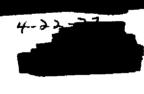






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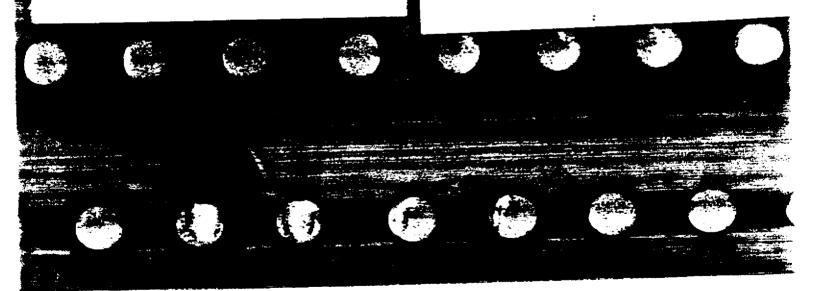
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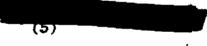
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In accordance with your request, there are enclosed 13 folders containing single copies of the enclosures furnished to FBIHQ by your airtel dated 12/28/66.

Enclosure (1 package)



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Material involved cannot be located in Birmingham Office, and is needed by Birmingham in connection with the handling of previously authorized dissemination to the Attorney General of Alabama of certain results of our investigation in captioned matter.

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Birmingham is continuing to review pertinent files in this matter and is furnishing all pertinent information regarding all related bombing cases to Mr. EDDY.

A review to date by Birmingham of the available technical coverage material has failed to develop any pertinent information. Therefore, no technical coverage material has been furnished to Mr. EDDY as of this date.

The Birmingham Office will keep the Bureau advised regarding the results of the Grand Jury.

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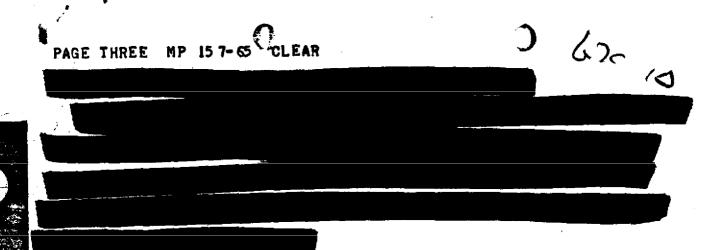
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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 JULY 1973 EDITION OGA REMR (4P CFR) 101-11.6 Memorandum to Mr. D. W. Moore, Jr. Re: BAPBOMB

DETAILS:

The Birmingham Division has advised that on 9/26/77, a Jefferson County, Alabama, grand jury indicted Robert E. Chambliss, charging him with four murders in connection with captioned matter. BAPBOMB is the code word for investigation regarding the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, on 9/15/63, resulting in four deaths, personal injury to 16 others and property damage of approximately \$30.000. Birmingham Division also advised that

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were active Klansmen during the period of the above incidents. Chambliss is presently confined in the Jefferson County jail, Birmingham, without bond

No FBI investigation was conducted regarding the church bombing on 6/29/58; however, extensive investigation was conducted by the FBI regarding captioned case. The file indicates that a small group of Klansman, one of whom was Robert Chambliss, was identified as prime suspects. The final results of investigation were insufficient to sustain prosecutive action and investigation was closed in January, 1973.

At the request of the Attorney General of the State of Alabama, and after appropriate clearance with the Department, we began furnishing information regarding the results of our investigation to the Attorney General in December, 1975. At the time of his request for information, the Attorney General advised his staff had a list of about 20 suspects, two of whom were Chambliss and The Birmingham Office advised at that time that both suspects had been thoroughly investigated in instant matter.

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Memorandum to Mr. D. W. Moore, Jr. Re: BAPBOMB

DETAILS CONTINUED:

Whether or not any information provided by the FBI to the Attorney General constituted the basis for either indictment is unknown. The Birmingham Office has advised it is anticipated that the Attorney General will present additional evidence to the local grand jury in October, 1977, but whether or not further indictments will be forthcoming is unknown at this time.

The Birmingham Office will advise of any further pertinent developments.

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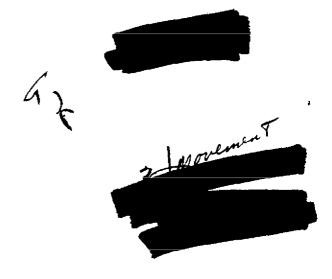
FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES,
BOB EDDY, STATE INVESTIGATOR FOR ALABAMA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S
OFFICE, ADVISED THAT ROBERT EDWARD CHAMBLISS' TRIAL FOR MURDER
IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NOVEMBER 14, 1977, IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

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CIRCUIT COURT, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. CHAMBLISS WAS INDICTED ON SEPTEMBER 26, 1977, ON FOUR COUNTS OF MURDER BY THE JEFFERSON COUNTY GRAND JURY IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOMBING OF THE SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1963.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL GEORGE BECK, WHO IS HANDLING
THE PROSECUTION OF CHAMBLISS, STATES THAT THE FOLLOWING
FBI SPECIAL AGENTS' TESTIMONIES, WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE
INVESTIGATION OF THE BAPBOMB CASE, WOULD BE NECESSARY TO
CORROBORATE OR REFUTE A WITNESS' TESTIMONY:

THESE TWO AGENTS ARE TO BE IN BIRMINGHAM BY 4:00 P.M. ON NOVEMBER 14, 1977, IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY REVIEW INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY THEM WITH, STATE INVESTIGATOR EDDY.

EDDY PLANS TO PERSONALLY CONTACT THE FOLLOWING FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS WHO ARE NOW RETIRED AND REQUEST THEM TO ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO TESTIFY AS REBUTTAL WITNESSES, IF NECESSARY, IN THE CHAMBLISS CASE (IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY FOR RECEIVING OFFICES TO NOTIFY THE FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS, AS THEY WILL BE CONTACTED BY EDDY):

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RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO BUREAU, NOVEMBER 8, 1977.

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RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE DATED NOVEMBER 8, 1977, AND BIRMINGHAM TEL CALLS TO CHARLOTTE NOVEMBERS 10, 1977.

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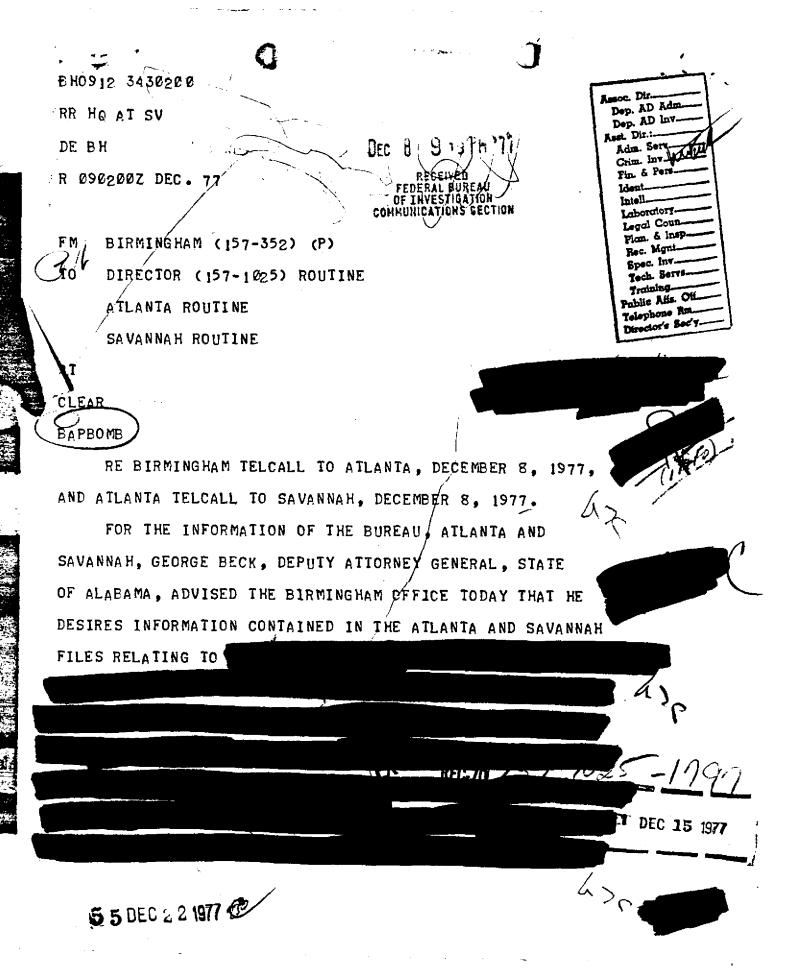
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ATLANTA AND SAVANNAH SHOULD REVIEW APPROPRIATE FILES REGARDING

ATLANTA AND SAVANNAH SHOULD FURNISH COPIES OF ANY AND ALL PERTINENT SERIALS TO BIRMINGHAM BY DECEMBER 14, 1977, IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY BE REVIEWED AND ANY INFORMATION DEEMED PERTINENT BE FURNISHED TO ATTORNEY GENERAL BECK

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PRIOR TO HIS APPEARANCE AT

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Birmingham requested Atlanta to review appropriate files regarding

and copies of any and all pertinent serials to Birmingham by 12/14/77 as there is to be a hearing regarding

Atlanta, in reviewing pertinent files on noted that during the period 1/1/58 to 7/31/58,

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as a result, the Deputy Attorney General requested that any memos, reports, or other documents which describe

It was the Deputy Attorney General's understanding that these surveillances were done by FBI Agents and that reports were given to the FBI by other law enforcement personnel.

In referenced Atlanta telephone call to Birmingham, 12/8/77, it was learned that the Birmingham Office has authorization to furnish pertinent information to the Alabama Attorney General's Office regarding

SAVANNAH DIVISION

AT SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Will review all pertinent Savannah files regarding

be sent to the Birmingham Office, attention SA and it is requested that this be done as expeditiously as possible.

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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA



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Post Office Box 1683 Atlanta, Georgia 30301

December 8, 1977

Mr. George Beck Deputy Attorney General State of Alabama Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Dear Mr. Beck:

I have received your letter dated December 1, 1977, and the request contained therein is being handled separately and you will be advised at an early date.

For your information, your previous letters dated August 30, 1977, and October 21, 1977, were received in this office. At the time these letters were received, I communicated with our Birmingham Office and I was advised that they had discussed your previous requests either with you or with one of your representatives, and that the matters mentioned in your two previous letters had been handled and there was no need for a reply from this office. I mention this since the tenor of your letter dated December 1, 1977, would indicate that we had not answered your previous correspondence. My purpose in calling this to your attention is to insure that the proper facts in this matter are available to you.

Sincerely,

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JAMES J. DUNN, JR. Special Agent in Charge

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SUBJECT: BAPBOM

TO: DIRECTOR. FBI

On 11/28/77, an individual who identified himself as with the Atlanta, Ga. Bureau of the Los Angeles Times, telephonically contacted SA He stated that subsequent to the trial of ROBERT CHAMBLISS in Birmingham, Ala., an individual whose name he could not recall, had made a public appearance on television and stated that two FBI Agents, had contacted him in 1963 in Birmingha and offered him \$160,000 to finger CHAMBLISS and his group as the bombers of instant church. He sought to obtain a statement from concerning this allegation. SA that he had not previously heard of this allegation and would have no statement to make.

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Savannah letter to Jacksonville, dated 5/28/58.

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Savannah teletype to Bureau and Knoxville dated 5/24/58.

It is to be noted that Birmingham is already in possession of most of these serials, especially those pertaining to the CHRISTIAN ANTI-JEWISH PARTY file.

It is to be pointed out that a former source of the Savannah Office

The Savannah file in this matter was forwarded to the Columbia Office when this office was established in 1965. It is not known by the Savannah Division whether

It is also pointed out that the Jacksonville Office could possibly have information of pertinence regarding

Birmingham should also note that during the pertinent period 1/1 - 7/31/58; the Savannah Office did not initiate investigation regarding

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Numerous files were reviewed in the Savannah
Division regarding the NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY
and other organizational files, however, the majority of
these files were not opened in the Savannah Division until
the 1960's. This is true of the main individual
file was well as the NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY file.

Birmingham should insure that proper caution be used in dissemination of information contained in enclosures and that all appropriate sources are protected under the provisions of the FOI/PA.



DAVID VANN MAYOR

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley, Director Federal Bureau of Investigation

Constitution Avenue & 10th Street, N.W

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Department of Justice

November 30, 1977

LOCAL & STATE

Washington, D.C. Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Birmingham, Alabama on November 72, 1977 relating to the first degree murder conviction of Robert Chambliss. in the 1963 bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

On behalf of the Council and myself, I would like to express our appreciation for your assistance in working out a way to make the F.B.I. investigation files available to the State and the Birmingham Police Department. Because of this help, justice has finally been at least partially achieved in a matter that had remained open and unsolved for far too long. Without your assistance, this could not have come about.

Sincerely,

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Office of the Mayor Room 307, City Hall 710 No. 19th Street Birmingham, Alabama 35203

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing was the most heinous, unsolved crime in the history of the City of Birmingham; and,

WHEREAS, the first degree murder conviction on November 18, 1977 in the case of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing is an historic event which, for many, confirms our belief in the righteousness and humanity of our American system of justice; and,

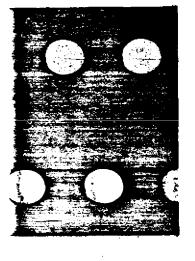
WHEREAS, the investigation of the case proceeded in the face of staggering obstacles, which resulted from the passage of many years since the occurrence of the crime and the wide dispersion of evidence among the several law enforcement agencies involved in the original investigation; and.

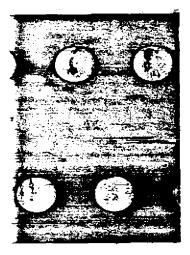
WHEREAS, the successful prosecution of this case was finally made possible when United States Attorney General Griffin B. Bell and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Director Clarence M. Kelley made available the files and evidence in the possession of the U.S. Justice Department, which in combination with evidence held by the State of Alabama and the Birmingham Police Department, provided the necessary comprehensive body of evidence to achieve a conviction.

WHEREAS, this conviction is the culmination of a vast amount of work on the part of Attorney General William J. Baxley and his staff, with the cooperation and assistance of the Birmingham Police Department and its Chief, James C. Parsons, and particularly the diligent, patient and painstaking work of Captain Jack E. LeGrand and Sergeant Ernest H. Cantrell, who have engaged in this investigation since 1975.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Birmingham that we do hereby officially commend and congratulate Attorney General William J. Baxley for his leadership in the prosecution of this investigation and trial; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we do hereby officially commend and congratulate the Birmingham Police Department and its Chief, James C. Parsons, and in particular, Captain Jack E. LeGrand and Sergeant Ernest H. Cantrell for their diligence and special professional competence in the conduct of the day-to-day detail of this long-term investigation.





PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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FBI/DOJ

LOCAL & STATE Honorable David/Wann Mayor Room 307, City Hall 710 North 19th Street 35203 Birmingham, Alabama Dear Mayor Vann: Thank you for furnishing me the Resolution adopted by you and the City Council relative to the conviction of Robert Chambliss. The kind comments in your letter and the Resolution are a source of encouragement to my associates and me and we are grateful for your recognition of our endeavors. We were pleased that we were able to help bring this matter to a close. Please express our sentiments to the members of the Council. REC.21 ST-101 Sincerely yours, MAJLED 7 157-1025 C M Kelley DEC 1 3 1977 Clarence M. Kelley Director FBI E4 DEC Birmingham - Enclosures (2) Assoc Dir. Dep. AD Adm. _ Dep. AD Inv. ... Asst. Dir.: Legal Coun. Adm. Serv. Crim, Inv. _ Flan. & Insp. Fin. & Pers. Crim. lav. ldent. Fin. & Pers. Rec. Menta Intell. _ Spec. Inv. Assoc. Dir. Laboratory Te:3. Scrvs Dep. AD Admil Legal Coun. Treining Deputo Tay. Laboratory. Pion. & Inso. _ Pablis Affa. Off. Rec Mgnt. Spec. Inv. . Training. Public Affs. Off...

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RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM SUPERVISOR

FB IHQ,

FEBRUARY 13, 1978.

GEORGE BECK, DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE OF ALABAMA MONTGOMERY, ALA., ADVISED TODAY THAT HE PREFERS THAT THE FBI REPORTS IN CAPTIONED CASE NOT BE RELEASED, AT THIS TIME BY TO ABC NEWS, AS DISSEMINATION OF THESE REPORTS ELSE AT THIS TIME WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE STATE OF ONGOING INVESTIGATION. HE SAID PEOPLE ARE NOW TALKING MAR 8 1978 TO HIS INVESTIGATORS, AND HE FEELS ANY FURTHER DISSEMINATION OF FBI REPORTS IN THIS MATTER WOULD DEFINITELY HAMPER HIS HE ALSO ANTICIPATES PRESENTING TESTIMONY INVESTIGATION. TO FUTURE LOCAL GRAND JURIES AT BIRMINGHAM. ALA., IN THIS U.S. GEPT OF HISTICE Ю MATTER.

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TO

: Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE:

Drew S. Days, III

Subject:

16th Street Baptist Church Bombing
Montgomery, Alabama - September 15, 1963

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DJ 144-1-906

Copies made by C.T.
for review by Rowe Task Force
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We have been requested by ABC News to permit that agency to review departmental files regarding the subject bombing. Our files contain lengthy investigative reports originated by your agency and dated as follows:

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After reviewing the subject files we can find no actual harm likely to be done by releasing these files, and propose to permit ABC News access to them. Since most of our files consist of the reports generated by your agency we solicit your views on our proposal to release them.

Assistant Attorney General Civil Rights Division

February 21, 1978

Acting Director, PBI FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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16th Street Baptist Church Bombing -Montgomery, Alabama - September 15, 1963

Baptenb This will reply to your undated communication captioned as above which was received by the Criminal Investigative Division on February 10, 1978.

In order to properly respond to your inquiry, our Birmingham Office contacted the Office of the Attorney General, State of Alabama, which is conducting an ongoing investigation in this matter. On February 13, 1978, George Beck, Deputy Attorney General, State of Alabama, requested that FBI reports not be released to ABC News as their dissemination could hamper the State of Alabama's investigation.

We have reviewed a number of the reports listed on the communication on a random basis, believe Mr. Beck's request is reasonable, and that the material is suitable for withholding under the Freedom of Information Act. Consequently, we request that you assert the (b) (7) (A) exemption for the reports listed in your communication.

REC-36 WOTE: We have received a Freedom of Information referral from the Civil Rights Division concerning the release of certain FBI reports to ABC. It is on the 16th Street Baptist Church Bombing. The Alabama Deputy Attorney General has requested the files not be released and we are asking the <u>Civil</u> Rights Division to assert the (b)(7)(A) exemption.

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Director

: Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Drew 6. Days, III

Action Attorney General
Civil Alghts Division

DSD:JFC:bbg
DJ 144-1-906

SUBJECT:

Unknown Subjects; Bombing of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, September 15, 1963

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In order for this office to insure the Departmental files on the subject matter are complete please provide an index of the reports transmitted to the Department on the subject bombing by date, field office and name of special agent as appropriate.

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Mr. Drew S. Days, III Assistant Attorney General Civil Rights Division

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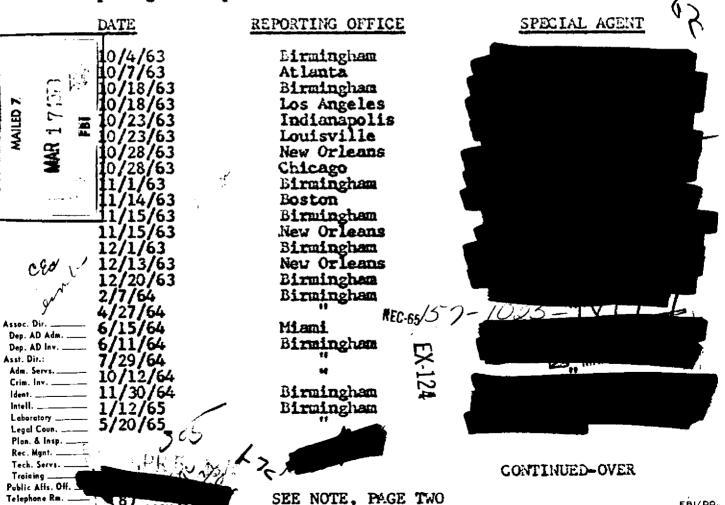
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS: BOMBING OF 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT for review by Rowe Task Force

Date 12/1/78 Pap 143

In response to your request of March 9, 1978, the following is a list of reports provided to the Department of Justice in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, September 15, 1963. The following list is set forth by date of report, reporting office and the name of the Special Agent preparing the report.



Mr. Drew S. Days, III Assistant Attorney General Civil Rights Division

| DATE | REPORTING OFFICE | SPECIAL AGENT |
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NOTE:

The above is in response to a 3/9/78, memorandum from Mr. Drew S. Days, III, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, requesting a complete list of all FBI reports furnished to the Department in captioned matter.

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RE BH TEL TO DIRECTOR, FEBRUARY 15, 1978.

AS THE BUREAU IS AWARE, ROBERT CHAMBLISS WAS CONVICTED BY THE STATE OF ALABAMA IN NOVEMBER, 1977, FOR FIRST DEGREE MURDER IN CONNECTION WITH THE 1963 BOMBING OF THE 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALA. CHAMBLISS IS CURRENTLY IN KILBY PRISON, MT. MEIGS, ALABAMA.

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ON MAY 1, 1978, ATTORNEY ARTHUR HANES, SR., WHO REPRESENTED

CHAMBLISS DURING HIS STATE TRIAL, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT

CHAMBLISS WIFE HAD RELAYED A MESSAGE TO HIM (MANES) TO GIVE TO THE

FBI. THIS MESSAGE WAS A REQUEST FROM CHAMBLISS THAT HE WANTED TO

BE CONTACTED BY THE FBI.

UACB, BIRMINGHAM CONTEMPLATES THE FOLLOWING ACTION:

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(1) ATTORNEY GEORGE BECK, ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, STATE OF ALABAMA, WILL BE ADVISED OF THE REQUEST AS A MATTER OF COURTESY INASMUCH AS THE STATE INVESTIGATION IS STILL PENDING.

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION, WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH WARDEN DALE HOWARD, KILBY PRISON, MT. MEIGS, TO INTERVIEW CHAMBLISS IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS REQUEST.

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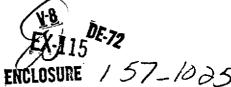
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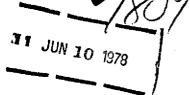
Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of an LHM setting forth results of contact with ROBERT CHAMBLISS on 5/9/78 at Kilby Prison, Mt. Meigs, Montgomery, Alabama.



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In Reply, Please Refer to File No. 157-352

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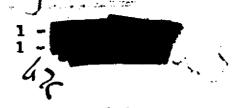
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS BOMBING OF THE 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA SEPTEMBER 15, 1963 **BOMBING MATTERS**

On May 1, 1978, Attorney Arthur Hanes, Sr., who represented Robert Chambliss during his state trial, telephonically advised the Birmingham FBI Office that Chambliss' wife had relayed a message to him (Hanes) to give to the FBI. This message was a request from Chambliss that he wanted to be contacted by the FBI.

Robert Chambliss was contacted on May 9, 1978 by Special Agents and at Kilby Prison, Mt. Meigs, Montgomery, Alabama as per his request. Chambliss mentioned his poor health and his need to get out of prison before his health deteriorates any more. He said he was innocent of the 16th Street Church bombing in September, 1963; however, he was unable to furnish any pertinent information as to the identity of the perpetrators of the church bombing or any new information which might be of value in identifying the individuals responsible for the church bombing in September of 1963.

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SAC, Birmingham To:

From: Director, FBI

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In order to update and complete the Bureau file and to keep the Department of Justice (DOJ) appraised of developments in this matter on a timely basis, Birmingham is requested to submit a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination which reflects the following information:

> Results of interview with Robert Chambiiss. 1.

Results of contact with Attorney General's Office, State of Alabama, concerning their continuing effort

3. The current status or your case and authori-statement whether or not further requests from Alabama authori-IUN 121978 ties for additional information from our files is anticipated. FBI

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Re Birmingham teletype to Director, 11-5-79.

In response to the request of the Assistant Attorney General, State of Alabama, for information regarding which may be of assistance in the prosecution of captioned matter, Birmingham is authorized to provide the requested information.

The requested material may be released on the authority of the Department of Justice under procedures set forth in Manual of Investigative Operations and Guidelines (MIOG), Part II, Section 6-1.3. By letter dated 12-3-75, J. Stanley Pottinger, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, advised that the material may be released provided that the information did not jeopardize FBI sources. On 11-28-79, Departmental Attorney Daniel Rinzel, Civil Rights Division, advised that the above authorization remains in effect, and that the requested information may be released.

Regarding the information requested in item 3 which has additional Privacy Act considerations, Birmingham is authorized to release that information pursuant to Privacy Act exceptions, specifically Title 5, USC, Section 552a(b)3 wand 552a(b)7. A copy of the requested information is being compiled and will be forwarded to Birmingham under separate cover.

The current available information requested in item 4 can be provided, once the names of the agents are determined by Birmingham.

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For the completeness of the FBIHQ file, Birmingham is requested to provide a copy of the Attorney General's letter dated 11-1-79, requesting additional information. It is noted in that regard that the current request is essentially identical to a request received from that office on 12-8-77, which was responded to by Birmingham with the assistance of Atlanta and Savannah.

NOTE:

By referenced teletype the Birmingham Office advised that a request from the Attorney General's Office, State of Alabama, for information regarding in connection with captioned matter. A review of the file indicated that the request is merely a renewal of a request made by that office in December, 1977, and responded to by Birmingham Since December 1975, Departmental authorization has been in effect allowing the release of information in FBI files to the Alabama Attorney General's Office to assist in the state prosecution of captioned matter. Contact with SA Legal Counsel Division, revealed that the requested information is releasable with DOJ approval. Departmental Attorney Daniel Rinzel advised that previous Departmental approval is still applicable in this matter. The release, which was requested by Birmingham, is releaseable under exceptions 552a(b)3 and 7 of the Privacy Act. The release is being separately forwarded to Birmingham.

SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

Director, FBI **BAPBOMB**

Re Birmingham teletype to Director, 11-5 FBIHO airtel to Birmingham, 11-27-79.

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FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, "THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS" AND "BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD", DAILY NEWSPAPERS, CARRIED ARTICLES ON JANUARY 20, 1980, CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER. ARTICLES INDICATED THAT THE BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT AND JEFFERSON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, HAD REOPENED THEIR INVESTIGATION OF THE 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH BOMBING. THE ARTICLES INDICATED THAT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, EARL MORGAN WAS REQUESTING FROM DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE A COPY OF THE DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS MAR 7 1980 DISCUSSED RECENTLY IN A "NEW YORK TIMES" ARTICLE.

NO DIRECT REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE AS OF THIS TIME FOR

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ANY INFORMATION FROM BIRMINGHAM FBI BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OR DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

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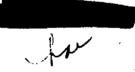
Enclosed for Birmingham are two copies each of the following:

- Letter to Director Webster from John A. Yung IV, Assistant Attorney General, Alabama, dated 2-11-80.
- Letter to Director Webster from John A. Yung IV, Assistant Attorney General, Alabama, dated 2-28-80.

FBIHQ is currently reviewing Headquarter's files in an effort to locate the requested information.

Birmingham review enclosures for any assistance that can be given toward locating the requested information.

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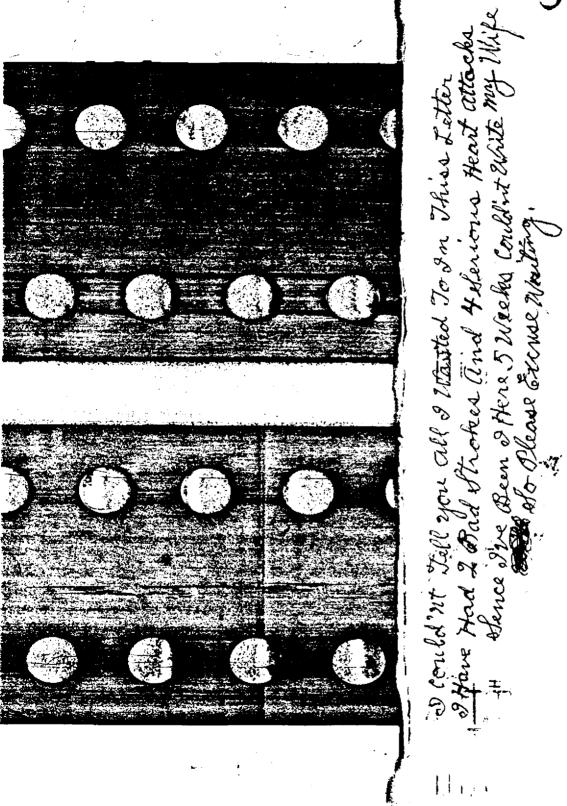
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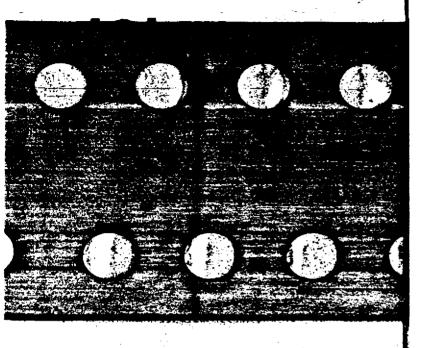
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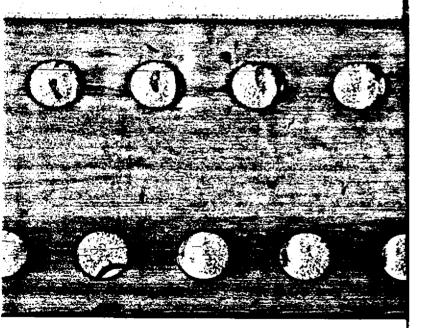
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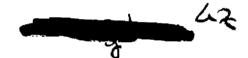
Reference FBIHQ airtel to Birmingham dated March 10, 1980.

Enclosed for Birmingham are two copies of Knoxville communication to Director, FBI, dated September 16, 1952, captioned "Christian Anti-Jewish Party, Internal Security - X."

Birmingham review and furnish to after making appropriate deletions in accordance with existing instructions contained in Bureau airtel to Birmingham dated December 27, 1979, captioned as above.

A review of existing files at FBIHQ have failed to locate any of the other matters requested in the letters furnished to Birmingham in referenced airtel.

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NOTE: This matter was coordinated with Birmingham Division in connection with FBIHQ assistance being furnished to the State of Alabama.

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Birmingham review for any investigative action deemed necessary in connection with captioned or related matters.

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