

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
AND
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA SIXTEENTH
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
BOMBING/SEPTEMBER 15, 1963**

PART 10 OF 11



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REPORTING OFFICE BIRMINGHAM	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BIRMINGHAM	DATE 4/9/69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/22/66 - 3/25/69
TITLE OF CASE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY mas
		CHARACTER OF CASE 670 BOMBING MATTER	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] 4/22/66, Birmingham.

Numerous interoffice communications and weekly summary airtels, the most recent being Birmingham summary airtel dated 2/28/69.

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LEADS:

No leads are being set forth herein. Upon the development of information requiring investigation by another field office, the necessary lead is immediately set out by airtel or teletype. As of the date of this report, there is no outstanding investigation in any other field office in this matter.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						None	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			
								PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Considerable information contained in this report has been previously part of the subject matter of reports submitted under the case captioned "GREENBOMBS" (Bufile 174-35, Birmingham 174-6). Since the GREENBOMBS case occurred subsequent to this case, much of the investigation was a duplication of investigation and other activity being conducted in connection with this case. Many of the people considered suspects in this case are also considered suspects in the GREENBOMBS case, and the reverse is likewise true. Consequently, considerable overlap has taken place in the area of named suspects and also in the area of any investigation involving thefts of dynamite, bomb threats, and related incidents.

It is realized that the period of investigation reflected in this report is extensive; however, the investigation was continually maintained in a current status during this period and the dissemination of information developed was handled in an expedite fashion as were the leads.

As has been the practice previously, an extra copy of instant report is being retained at Birmingham in the event it becomes necessary to furnish a copy to the U. S. Attorney. The U. S. Attorney at Birmingham has not as yet received the results of any investigation in this case.

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INFORMANTS:

As the Bureau is aware, during the initial stages of this investigation several suspects were considered of primary interest. Consequently, efforts to produce informants centered around people who could furnish information on the activities of the suspects in this case.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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During the period of this report, informant furnished the following information on the dates indicated.

[REDACTED]

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1Date September 27, 1966

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 A search was made of the wooded area situated four-tenths of a mile off Taylor's Ferry Road, Bessemer Cut-Off, where the dynamite stolen from Harbert Construction Company was found. The site of the dynamite was indicated by Detective [REDACTED] Bessemer Division, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

The dynamite was found about eight feet from an unused one-way road covered with grass and brush, indicating it had not been traveled recently. This is a wooded area and there were no tire tracks, papers, debris, or evidence of any kind found.

On 9/15/66 at Bessemer, Alabama File # BH 174-87
62c SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] BH 174-6; BH 157-352
 by SA [REDACTED] 42 Date dictated 9/21/66

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Date: 4/30/69

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (P)
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB *b7c*

Re report of SA [redacted] dated 4/9/69,
at Birmingham.

SUMMARY

b2
Spot fisurs have been conducted at the residence
of [redacted]
however, no pertinent information has been
developed.

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[redacted]

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Investigation is continuing to locate and
interview [redacted]

Investigation has also been conducted concerning
Birmingham bombing suspects in order to verify their
current residence and employment.

During the past month, extensive investigation
was conducted on other expedite civil rights matters.

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- 1 - Birmingham

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[redacted]
Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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Date: 5/28/69

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)

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

[REDACTED]

Re Birmingham airtel, 4/30/69.

SUMMARY

Spot fisurs have been conducted at the residence
of [REDACTED]
however, no pertinent information has been developed.

[REDACTED]

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- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Birmingham

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[REDACTED]

Based on the information furnished by [REDACTED] Birmingham is in the process of conducting file reviews on the various bombing cases before consideration is given to contacting and interviewing [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for any information he may possess concerning this matter and the other bombing cases. This is being done

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in order to determine the extent of the investigation
conducted based upon previous interviews with [REDACTED]
and to avoid any duplication in investigation. Any
aspects of this investigation which have not been adequately
resolved will be handled.

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Date of Mail 6/26/69

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Date 1-8-79

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- Tele. Room _____
- Holmes _____
- Gandy _____

TO : Mr. Rosen *RA*

DATE: June 26, 1969

FROM :

[REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

JUNE

On 6/25/69, Departmental Attorney Gerald Shur, Criminal Division, returned the electronic surveillance logs and related material which had been furnished to Assistant Attorney General Vinson on 1/6/67.

Shur stated he was returning this material because it is not needed in the Department at this time and the Department does not have the proper storage facilities for it. He stated it was possible the Department might again wish to have the material at some time in the future.

ACTION:

This material should be retained as an exhibit in the confidential file room.

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ENCLOSURE

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Date: 6/27/69

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

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

Re Birmingham airtel, 5/28/69.

SUMMARY

Spot fisurs were conducted at the residence of [redacted] however, no pertinent information was developed.

Contact with sources concerning instant matter failed to develop any additional pertinent information.

Birmingham is continuing its file reviews on the various bombing cases before consideration is given to contacting and interviewing [redacted]

[redacted] mentioned in previous summaries to the Bureau. As previously mentioned, investigations are also being conducted, based on this file review, which have not been resolved in the past.

Investigation has also been conducted during the past month on other expedite matters.

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 7/31/69

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

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

Re Birmingham airtel, 6/27/69.

SUMMARY

Investigation was conducted during the past month concerning Birmingham bombing suspects in order to obtain current information as to their present residences, employments and license tags.

[REDACTED]

Birmingham is continuing its file reviews on the various bombing cases, as mentioned in previous summaries.

Investigation has been conducted also in the past month on other expedite matters.

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- 1 - Birmingham

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 8/28/69

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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

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

Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau, 7/31/69.

SUMMARY

Investigation was conducted during the past month concerning Birmingham bombing suspects in order to obtain current information as to their present residences, employments, and license tags.

Spot fisurs were conducted at [redacted] and information was obtained as to vehicles currently being used by him.

Birmingham is also continuing its file reviews on the various bombing cases as mentioned in previous summaries. Based upon these file reviews, it was determined that the information previously furnished by [redacted] was thoroughly investigated and the individual known as [redacted] was interviewed regarding this matter.

[redacted] prior to the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church on 9/15/63.

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Approved: FLS
 Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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Although this matter has been sufficiently investigated by Birmingham in the past, Birmingham will still request the Butte Division to interview [REDACTED] mentioned in previous summaries to the Bureau, who is presently residing in [REDACTED] for any information he may possess concerning this matter.

A request is being made of the Identification Division to compare fingerprints of [REDACTED] and others with the latent fingerprints previously submitted in this case.

Investigation has been conducted also in the past month in other expedite matters.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 9/29/69

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau, 8/28/69.

SUMMARY

Investigation was conducted during the past month concerning Birmingham bombing suspects in order to obtain current information as to their present residences, employments and license tags.

Spot fisurs were conducted at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and information was obtained as to vehicles currently being used by him.

Birmingham has requested the Butte Division to interview [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] mentioned in previous summaries to the Bureau, who is presently residing in [REDACTED] for any information he may possess concerning this matter. Results of this interview with [REDACTED] will be furnished to the Bureau. *90*

Information was received from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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This information was furnished to Birmingham in 1963 subsequent to the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, at which time investigation was conducted by the Detroit Office in an effort to identify [REDACTED] with unproductive results.

Birmingham has requested Detroit by separate communication to conduct logical investigation in an effort to identify [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in order that these individuals may be located and interviewed in connection with this matter.

GC.D

Birmingham is not contemplating an interview with [REDACTED]. Birmingham does not believe that an interview with [REDACTED] would be productive as it appears that he is [REDACTED] and is simply furnishing information relating to the Babomb case in an effort to collect the reward.

The Bureau will be kept advised concerning the results of investigation conducted by Detroit.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 10/31/69

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

SUBJECT: BA PBOMB

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 9/29/69.

SUMMARY

Investigation was conducted during the past month concerning Birmingham bombing suspects in order to obtain current information as to their present residences, employments, and license tags.

Spot fisurs were conducted at [redacted] with unproductive results.

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Memorandum

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DATE: November 28, 1969

TO : Director, FBI (157-1025)
FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-352) (P)
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau dated October 31, 1969.

SUMMARY

Investigation was conducted during the past month concerning Birmingham bombing suspects in order to obtain current license tags.

Spot fisurs were conducted at [REDACTED] with unproductive results.

[REDACTED]

Since [REDACTED] no further investigation is being conducted based on the information furnished by him.

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- 2 - Birmingham

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

DATE: 12/30/69

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rpt. will be sent.*

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 11/28/69.

SUMMARY

Investigation was conducted during the past month concerning Birmingham bombing suspects in an effort to obtain current license tags.

Spot fisurs were conducted at [redacted] without obtaining any additional information.

[redacted]

Investigation was conducted at Birmingham concerning an individual by the name of [redacted]

[redacted]

Investigation by the Birmingham Police Department and Birmingham determined that [redacted]

[redacted] and therefore, no interview was conducted with him. [redacted] according to a Birmingham

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- 2 - Birmingham

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Birmingham has requested Newark to obtain all background information on [redacted] including [redacted] during the pertinent period of 9/15/63 at the [redacted] and the Bureau will be advised of the results of this investigation.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 1/29/70

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

ReBHlet to Bureau, 12/30/69.

SUMMARY

Investigation is continuing concerning the Birmingham bombing suspects in an effort to obtain current license numbers and current residence and employment.

Spot fisurs have been conducted at [REDACTED] without obtaining any additional information.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Newark is continuing its investigation concerning [REDACTED] and any additional information furnished by them will be furnished to the Bureau at a later date.

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Birmingham is also verifying [redacted] in New York through
the Buffalo Office, and the Bureau will be advised of the
results of this investigation.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 2/26/70

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, dated 1/29/70.

SUMMARY

Investigation is continuing concerning the Birmingham bombing suspects in an effort to obtain current license numbers and current residence and employment.

Spot fisurs have been conducted at the residence of [REDACTED] without obtaining any additional information.

[REDACTED]

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- Mr. DeLoach _____
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- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Bishop _____
- Mr. Casper _____
- Mr. Callahan _____
- Mr. Conrad _____
- Mr. Felt _____
- Mr. Gale _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Sullivan _____
- Mr. Tavel _____
- Mr. Soyars _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Miss Holmes _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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3/17

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Did you offer the same amount of cooperation to the Birmingham Police in 1963 after 4 girls were killed in a church bombing as you are now offering to the NYC Police?

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MAR 30 1970

Hoping you can comment before I consider regarding you as a hypocrite.
Sincerely yours

MEMO FROM MAURICE GOLDMAN

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CORRESPONDENCE

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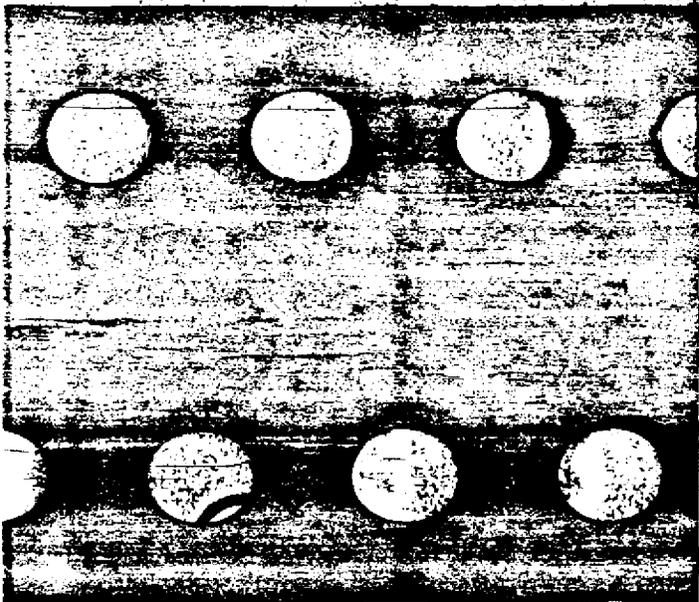
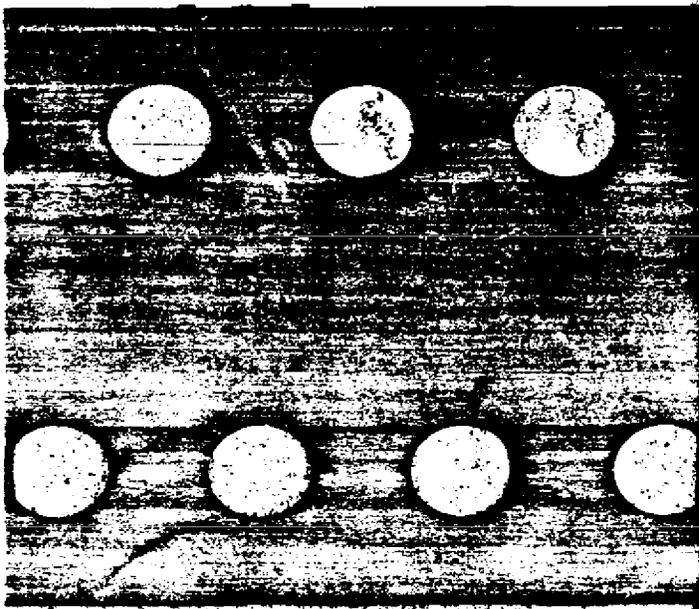
Hoover's Aid on Bombs

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has offered full cooperation to the New York City police in their investigation of recent bombings that have claimed the lives of three persons and damaged several Manhattan skyscrapers, it was learned last night.

In a letter to U.S. Attorney General Mitchell, Hoover said the bureau has offered aid in scientific examination of leads. The offer was made, Hoover said, to authorities in New York, Maryland and other areas where bombings have occurred.

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 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

3/17/70

- MR. TOLSON _____
- MR. DELOACH _____
- MR. WALTERS _____
- MR. MOHR _____
- MR. BISHOP _____
- MR. CASPER _____
- MR. CALLAHAN _____
- MR. CONRAD _____
- MR. FELT _____
- MR. GALE _____
- MR. ROSEN _____
- MR. SULLIVAN _____
- MR. TAVEL _____
- MR. SOYARS _____
- MR. JONES _____
- TELE. ROOM _____
- MISS HOLMES _____
- MRS. METCALF _____
- MISS GANDY _____

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Did you offer the same amount of cooperation to the Birmingham Police in 1963 after 4 girls were killed in a church bombing, as you are now offering to the N.Y.C. Police?

Hoping you can comment before I consider regarding you as a hypocrite, I am

Sincerely yours

[Redacted signature block]

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Tell him we offered even more.

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ack 4-1-70

[Redacted signature block]

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April 1, 1970

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

In response to the inquiries contained in your communication which I received on March 30th, primary responsibility for the investigation of bombing matters rests with state and local authorities. Active investigation is conducted by the FBI only when specifically requested to do so by the United States Department of Justice. In every bombing incident this Bureau immediately offers its cooperative services to local authorities whether or not active investigation is being instituted by us.

With respect to the Birmingham church bombing you mentioned, we not only furnished full cooperation to the Birmingham police but the most extensive type of active investigation was also conducted by Special Agents of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The above response was coordinated with the Civil Rights Section of the General Investigative Division. Nassau County telephone directory lists [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 3/31/70

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham letter to the Bureau dated February 26, 1970.

SUMMARY

Spot fisurs conducted at the residence of [REDACTED] determined that [REDACTED]

The Newark Division furnished additional background information regarding [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Birmingham has requested the Mobile Division to conduct background investigation regarding [REDACTED] in order that Birmingham might consider interviewing him concerning the Bapbomb and Greenbombs cases as well as other unsolved cases of that nature in the Birmingham Division after Birmingham has had an opportunity to review all background information developed regarding [REDACTED]

The Bureau will be kept advised of this matter.

A request is being made of the Identification Division's Latent Fingerprint Section to compare [REDACTED] fingerprints with the unidentified latents developed in this case.

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Memo From

[Redacted]

4-10-70

Dear Mr. Hoover

I wish to thank you for taking the time for personally answering my letter. It was a nice thing to do.

I was not aware of the extent of the F. B. I. investigation in the Birmingham church bombings. I wish to commend you for this investigation

But I have a question to ask My question is was any FBI report made public concerning the Birmingham church bombing?

Hoping you can tell me and also hoping that you can also comment about the 4/8/70 N. Y. Times story concerning the alleged F. B. I. role in the death in Mississippi of a woman Klan member.

I am with sincere Wishes

Yours Truly

/s/ [Redacted]

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MEMO FROM
[REDACTED]

4/10/70

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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CORRECTION

I am with sincere
Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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April 20, 1970

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the generous remarks expressed in your letter which I received on April 15th.

There was no FBI report made public concerning the Birmingham church bombings because information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice.

With regard to the article to which you referred, there is no truth to the allegations insofar as references to the FBI are concerned. This matter was handled entirely by the Meridian, Mississippi, Police Department.

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APR 20 1970
COMM-FBI

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: We have had prior correspondence with [REDACTED] our last outgoing was April 1, 1970, concerning the Birmingham church bombings. The story which he makes reference to in his incoming was based on a series of articles authored by Jack Nelson of the Los Angeles Times News Service which appeared locally in the "Washington Post." Address per last outgoing. The above response was coordinated with the Civil Rights Section of the General Investigative Division.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 4/30/70

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 3/31/70.

SUMMARY

Investigation was conducted during the past month to verify residence and employments of bombing suspects.

The Mobile Division furnished background information on [REDACTED]

The Identification Division advised that [REDACTED] fingerprints are not identical with the unidentified latents developed in connection with the Greenbombs case [REDACTED]

The Atlanta Division at Tucker, Georgia, is presently conducting additional background investigation on [REDACTED] and the Bureau will be advised of the results of this investigation.

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This incident has been reported to the Bureau in a separate communication, however, consideration will be

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given to interviewing [REDACTED] at a later date in connection with captioned matter and other Birmingham bombing matters. Efforts will be made to obtain [REDACTED] fingerprints in order that they may be checked against the unidentified latents developed in connection with the Greenbombs case.

The Bureau will be kept advised in this matter.

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Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/28/70

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Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 4/30/70.

SUMMARY

The Atlanta Division furnished additional background information on [redacted] Birmingham has requested the Mobile Division to locate and interview [redacted] concerning statements made by him relating to this matter. He will also be interviewed for any information he may possess concerning the other unsolved Birmingham bombing cases.

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Birmingham is also requesting the Identification Division to compare the fingerprints of [redacted] with the unidentified latents developed in connection with the Greenbombs case. Upon receipt of the results of this request, Birmingham will consider interviewing [redacted] in connection with captioned matter as well as other Birmingham bombing matters.

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Investigation has also been conducted during the past month in connection with developing additional background information on Birmingham bombing suspects.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

DATE: 6/29/70

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 5/28/70.

SUMMARY

The Identification Division advised that fingerprints of [REDACTED] were not identical with the unidentified latents previously developed in this case. In view of [REDACTED] age and the above elimination of his prints by the Identification Division, Birmingham is not interviewing [REDACTED] concerning the UNSUB bombing matters in the Birmingham Office.

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Birmingham is, however, submitting a request to the Identification Division to have his fingerprints checked against the unidentified latents recovered in connection with the Greenbombs investigation for elimination purposes.

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Investigation has also been conducted during the past month in connection with developing background information on Birmingham bombing suspects.

Birmingham will advise the Bureau results of Mobile's interview with [REDACTED] as soon as this is available.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

DATE: 8/29/70

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 7/30/70.

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Birmingham is also conducting investigation concerning current residences and employments of its bombing suspects.

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Memorandum

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

DATE: 9/30/70

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Re Birmingham letter to Bureau dated 8/29/70.

SUMMARY

Birmingham is conducting investigation concerning current license numbers for its bombing suspects as well as other related investigation.

During the past month, extensive investigation was conducted in connection with expedite Civil Rights and School Desegregation Matters by Birmingham.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 10/29/70

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 9/30/70.

SUMMARY

Birmingham is continuing to develop current information regarding its bombing suspects.

During the past month, extensive investigation was also conducted in connection with expedite civil rights and other bombing matters by Birmingham.

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

DATE: 11/30/70

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 10/29/70.

SUMMARY

Birmingham is continuing to develop current information regarding its bombing suspects.

Investigation is also being conducted to develop information and background on *[redacted]*

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[redacted] Investigation is being conducted by the Newark Office in this connection, and the Bureau will be advised of the results of this investigation upon its completion.

During the past month, extensive investigation was also conducted in connection with expedite civil rights matters by Birmingham.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 12/29/70

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau dated 11/30/70.

SUMMARY

Investigation is still being conducted to develop background information on [redacted] mentioned in referenced Birmingham letter to Bureau.

During the past month, investigation was conducted by Birmingham in connection with [redacted]

Since a small quantity of explosives was also found in connection with this case, Birmingham has submitted [redacted] name to the FBI Identification Division in order that his fingerprints may be compared with the unidentified latents developed in captioned case. Names of two of [redacted] close associates have also been submitted for the same reason.

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Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI.

DATE: 1/29/71

FROM :

SAC, BIRMINGHAM (174-6) (P)

SUBJECT:

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Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 12/29/70.

SUMMARY

Investigation is still being conducted regarding [redacted] mentioned in referenced Birmingham letter to Bureau. Birmingham is also conducting investigation concerning [redacted]

[redacted] fingerprints have been submitted to the Identification Division for comparison with the latents previously submitted in the Greenbombs case.

During the past month extensive investigation was also conducted in connection with expedite civil rights matters in Birmingham.

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Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 3/30/71

FROM :

SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (P)

SUBJECT:

BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 2/26/71.

SUMMARY

Birmingham is continuing to conduct investigation concerning theft of explosives and related matters as well as conduct investigation to bring up to date residences and employment, etc. of bombing suspects.

During the past month, extensive investigation was also conducted with regard to expedite civil rights matters in Birmingham.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

4:58PM April 5, 1971

Mr. ~~BILLY~~ BAXLEY, Attorney
General of the State of Alabama,
telephoned to speak to the Director.

Per the Director's instructions, he
was advised of the Director's
absence from the building. He was
offered the services of an assistant,
which he accepted, and the call was
transferred to Inspector Bland in
Mr. Bishop's office.

- MR. TOLSON ✓
- MR. SULLIVAN ✓
- MR. MOHR ✓
- MR. BISHOP ✓
- MR. BRENNAN, C.D. _____
- MR. CALLAHAN _____
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- MR. CONRAD _____
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- MR. GALE ✓
- MR. JOSEN ✓
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- MR. WALTERS _____
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Mr. Bland advised that Mr. Baxley, who was calling
from Montgomery, Alabama, called in connection with
the bombing of the Baptist Church in Birmingham in
September, 1963. He, Baxley, said that he had
recently become Attorney General of Alabama and
wanted to furnish any possible help he can give to the
FBI in efforts to solve this case and would like to talk
to someone concerning this. Mr. Baxley was advised
that SAC Miles, of the Birmingham Office would be in
touch with him and SAC Miles was instructed to get
in touch with Baxley and see what he had in mind.

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1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB

This will confirm Bureau telephone call to you on Friday, 4/9/71.

You should contact Attorney General William Joseph Baxley, and advise him that inasmuch as this case remains under active investigation, his request has been referred to the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice.

NOTE: Baxley requested information regarding results of certain aspects of FBI investigation in captioned case which involved the bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63, which resulted in the death of four Negro girls, injuries to 16 other persons, and extensive property damage. Mr. Baxley's request is being forwarded to the Civil Rights Division by letter dated 4/12/71.

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Civil Rights Division

Director, FBI

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1 - Mr. Rosen

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1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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

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for review by Rowe Task Force
Date 1-8-79

This is to advise that Mr. William Joseph Baxley, recently elected Attorney General of the State of Alabama, has contacted the FBI requesting the results of certain aspects of our investigation in captioned case.

Mr. Baxley stated he has launched an inquiry into the case, and desired assistance in that regard. Specifically, he requested the names of witnesses who can place certain suspects in Birmingham, Alabama, on the date of the bombing, any available information as to automobiles then operated by the suspects, and the nature of the explosive device or devices used in the bombing. He also desires advice as to polygraph tests given to the suspects, and wishes to interview the individuals who administered the tests.

Mr. Baxley also advised that Mr. Ben L. Allen, a former captain of the Alabama Highway Patrol now employed as a private investigator for a Montgomery, Alabama newspaper, has taken a leave of absence to work on this case as a member of Mr. Baxley's staff.

It would appear that any information furnished to Mr. Baxley would eventually come to the attention of Mr. Allen. This would appear to be highly undesirable, inasmuch as Mr. Allen is not a duly authorized full-time law enforcement officer. Also, his regular employment by a newspaper should be taken into consideration in evaluating Mr. Baxley's request.

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**Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division**

Inasmuch as this case remains under active investigation, I am advising Mr. Baxley that his request has been referred to you. No further action will be taken by this Bureau regarding that request in the absence of specific instructions from you.

NOTE: See memorandum Rosen to Sullivan dated 4/9/71 captioned, "**BAPBOM.**"

April 8, 1971

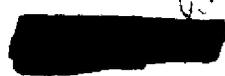
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This case involved bomb of 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63, which resulted in deaths of 4 Negro girls, injuries to 16 other persons and damage to church of approximately \$30,000.

Attached concerns request made by recently elected Alabama Attorney General William Joseph Baxley for the results of certain aspects of our investigation.

Baxley's request will be referred to the Civil Rights Division of the Department (which Division handled instant case) and SAC, Birmingham is being instructed to so advise Baxley.

Investigation identified small group of hardcore Klansmen as probable subjects but possibility of successful Federal prosecution prejudiced by premature arrests by Alabama Highway Patrol. Case remains under active investigation.

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TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

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FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (P)

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ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. BOMBING MATTERS.

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Date *11/8/79*

REFERENCE TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR. BLAND IN MR. BISHOP'S OFFICE OF APRIL FIVE, LAST, IN WHICH THAT LATE AFTERNOON, NEWLY ELECTED ALABAMA ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM JOSEPH "BILL" BAXLEY DESIRED SOME INFORMATION FROM FBI FILES REGARDING CAPTIONED MATTER.

ON APRIL SIX, LAST, I PLACED CALL TO BAXLEY WHO RETURNED CALL LATE AFTERNOON. MR. BAXLEY ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

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MR. SULLIVAN FOR THE DIRECTOR

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ASSIGNED HIS CHIEF INVESTIGATOR JACOB D. "JACK" SHOWS, AND A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR BEN L. ALLEN, TO CONDUCT A THOROUGH INQUIRY. SHOWS AND ALLEN HAVE AN INFORMER WHO BELIEVES HE MIGHT BE OF MATERIAL ASSISTANCE. SHOWS AND ALLEN HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS ON THE MATTER, AND HAVE A LIST OF APPROXIMATELY TWENTY SUSPECTS, AMONG WHICH ARE [REDACTED] *AL*

62 [REDACTED] ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS [REDACTED] *AL*

[REDACTED] ET AL, ALL OF WHOM HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED BY FBI IN THIS CASE.

BAXLEY IS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR PRECISELY WHAT INFORMATION HE WANTS FROM THE FBI. HE WANTS TO COME TO BIRMINGHAM MORNING OF APRIL FOURTEEN, NEXT, WITH SHOWS AND ALLEN AND "SIT DOWN ACROSS THE TABLE." AT SUCH A MEETING BAXLEY AND HIS AIDES WILL TELL US WHAT THEY KNOW AND SEEK CONFIRMATION FROM US WITH ADDITIONAL DATA FROM OUR RECORDS. PRESSED TO BE MORE SPECIFIC, BAXLEY SAID THAT WITH REGARD TO THE SUSPECTS, HE WANTS TO
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KNOW NAMES OF WITNESSES WHO CAN PLACE THEM IN BIRMINGHAM ON DATE OF BOMBING, ANY INFORMATION WE HAVE IN OUR FILES AS TO CARS THEN BEING OPERATED BY SUSPECTS, AND THE RESULTS OF ALL INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY FBI WITH THESE SUSPECTS. ADDITIONALLY, HE WANTS TO KNOW MAKEUP OF EXPLOSIVES USED IN BOMBINGS, AND WHETHER THE EXPLOSION WAS TRIGGERED BY A RED AND WHITE FISHING CORD AS IS ALLEGED BY HIS INFORMER. HE ALSO DESIRES TO INTERVIEW THE FBI POLYGRAPH OPERATOR WHO ADMINISTERED POLYGRAPH TESTS TO SUSPECTS, AND TO BE ADVISED OF THE RESULTS OF SUCH TESTS.

BAXLEY SAID NO AGENCY OTHER THAN HIS OFFICE AND THE FBI IS AWARE HE IS CONDUCTING^{NG} THIS INVESTIGATION AND THAT HE DID NOT WANT ANY OTHER AGENCY TO BECOME AWARE OF HIS INVESTIGATION, PARTICULARLY THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE ^{United States} USA. ^{ATTOR}

I ADVISED BAXLEY IT WOULD BE ALL RIGHT FOR HIM TO BE IN MY OFFICE NEXT WEDNESDAY AM UNLESS HE HEARD FROM ME TO THE CONTRARY, AND THAT IN MEANTIME, I WOULD NEED CLEARANCE FROM MY HEADQUARTERS.

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TODAY WHEN MOBILE SAC ADVISED ME BEN ALLEN IS STILL CONNECTED WITH MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER-JOURNAL, I CALLED MR. BAXLEY TO ASCERTAIN HIS EXACT STATUS. BAXLEY SAID ALLEN IS A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR AND IS STILL ON PAYROLL OF THE NEWSPAPER, BUT IS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO WORK FOR BAXLEY ON THIS SPECIFIC CASE DUE TO HIS EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF CASE, AND BAXLEY IS PAYING ALLEN EXPENSES ONLY. BAXLEY SAID ALLEN'S WORK ON CAPTIONED MATTER IS IN NO WAY RELATED TO HIS EMPLOYMENT BY THE NEWSPAPER.

FOREGOING PLACES ME IN DIFFICULT POSITION. IT SEEMS LOGICAL THAT WE NOT WITHHOLD PERTINENT DATA RE A MURDER CASE FROM BAXLEY. ON THE OTHER HAND, WHETHER DATA IS GIVEN TO BAXLEY ONLY, WITHOUT PRESENCE OF ALLEN, THIS DATA MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE BY BAXLEY TO

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ALLEN WHO IS NOT A DULY AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. POSSIBILITY CANNOT BE OVERLOOKED THAT ANY DATA ALLEN RECEIVES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE BY HIM TO HIS NEWSPAPER EVENTUALLY. WHILE I DO NOT DOUBT SINCERITY OF BAXLEY'S DESIRE TO SOLVE THIS CASE, IT ALSO CANNOT BE OVERLOOKED THAT POLITICS IS AN ADDITIONAL FACTOR. FURTHER, I HAVE ADVISED BAXLEY THIS CASE HAS BEEN EXHAUSTIVELY INVESTIGATED BY THE FBI AND IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THIS OFFICE. ALSO, I HAVE ADVISED HIM THAT OUR FILE IS EXTREMELY VOLUMINOUS AND WOULD REQUIRE COUNTLESS HOURS TO REVIEW TO EXTRACT DATA DESIRED BY HIM.

MY RECOMMENDATION IS THAT I ADVISE BAXLEY THAT WE WILL PROVIDE HIM AND SHOWS ONLY, OF WHAT DATA CAN BE CLEANED APART FROM A LENGTHY FILE REVIEW, AND THAT ORALLY, WITH THE STRICT UNDERSTANDING THAT ANY DATA WE FURNISH MUST NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ANY NEWSPAPER OR ANY NEWSPAPER REPRESENTATIVE SUCH AS ALLEN. IF BAXLEY WOULD NOT GIVE SUCH ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE, I RECOMMEND WE ADVISE HIM WE WILL NOT FURNISH ANY DATA.

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BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED, TO BE RECEIVED IN TIME TO
ADVISE BAXLEY PRIOR TO NEXT WEDNESDAY.

MOBILE FOR INFORMATION.

END.

DRL FBI WASH DC

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CC-MR. POSEN

xerox: Mr. Bishop; Mr. C. D. Brennan

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BAP BOMB.

REMYTEL APRIL SEVEN, SEVENTYONE, AND BUAIRTEL APRIL TWELVE, SEVENTY ONE.

ON APRIL TWELVE, SEVENTYONE, I CALLED BAXLEY'S OFFICE IN MONTGOMERY. HIS SECRETARY SAID HE WAS OUT BUT SHE WOULD HAVE HIM CALL ME. HE DID NOT CALL BACK. YESTERDAY I TRIED TO CONTACT BAXLEY UNSUCCESSFULLY. THIS MORNING BAXLEY SHOWED UP IN MY OFFICE WITH JACOB D. SHOWS AND BEN L. ALLEN. I ADVISED BAXLEY OF MY UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO CONTACT HIM, GAVE HIM THE INFORMATION IN REAIRTEL, AND ADVISED HIM THAT IN ABSENCE OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT THROUGH FBI HEADQUARTERS, I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPLY HIM DATA HE SEEKS.

BAXLEY AND AIDES LEFT. BAXLEY SAID HE WAS GOING TO CALL AAG
 END PAGE ONE

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157-1025-1701

APR 15 1971

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BH 157-352

PAGE TWO

JERRIS LEONARD, WITH WHOM HE IS PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED, THIS AFTER-
NOON TO SEEK DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR DESIRED DATA.

ABOVE FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU. AIRMAIL COPY WITH COPY OF
REAIRTEL TO MOBILE FOR INFORMATION.

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EBR FBI WASH DC

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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Bishop	_____
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Casper	_____
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Rosen	_____
Tavel	_____
Walters	_____
Soyars	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

TO : Mr. Sullivan *[Signature]*

DATE: April 9, 1971

FROM : A. Rosen *[Signature]*

1 - Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. [Redacted]

This case involves the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, on 9/15/63, resulting in the death of 4 Negro girls, injury to 16 other persons, and approximately \$30,000 damages to the church.

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[Redacted] The possibility of successful Federal prosecution was prejudiced by premature arrests of Chambliss, Cagle and Hall by the Alabama Highway Patrol (AHP). Thousands of interviews have been conducted and results of investigation, which still continues, are contained in 36 file sections.

Recently-elected Alabama Attorney General William Joseph Baxley has requested advice as to the results of certain aspects of our investigation.

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[Redacted] (157-1025-275).

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Enclosure *sent 4-12-71* EX-103

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157-1025-1702

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for review by Rowe Task Force
Date *1-8-77*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 4/29/71

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 3/30/71.

SUMMARY

Birmingham is continuing to conduct investigation concerning theft of explosives and related matters, as well as conduct investigation regarding its bombing suspects.

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No additional investigation has been conducted on the same information that he furnished in 1971.

- ② - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Birmingham

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9 MAY 5 1971

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58 MAY 6 1971

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 5/28/71

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 4/29/71.

SUMMARY

The Jacksonville Division is presently conducting investigation concerning an individual by the name of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Jacksonville is endeavoring to obtain full background data on this individual, after which time they will promptly furnish this information to Birmingham for evaluation purposes prior to contacting [REDACTED] regarding his comments.

The Bureau will be kept advised.

- ② - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Birmingham
- 1 - 157-352
- 1 - 174-28

REC 44

157-1025-1707

18 JUN 2 1971



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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 6/30/71

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 5/28/71.

SUMMARY

The Jacksonville Division advised that [redacted] They furnished background information to Birmingham concerning [redacted]

[redacted] Birmingham has requested Jacksonville to discreetly interview [redacted] regarding his comments in connection with this matter as well as the Greenbombs case.

Birmingham has requested the Identification Division to compare any fingerprints available on [redacted] with the unidentified latents previously submitted in this case. The Bureau will be advised of the results of the interview with [redacted]

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- 1 - Birmingham

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 7/30/71

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 6/30/71.

SUMMARY

The Identification Division advised that the fingerprints of [redacted] were not identical with the unidentified latent prints in the GREENBOMBS case.

The Jacksonville Division is continuing its investigation re [redacted] and the results of the interview with him by Jacksonville will be furnished to the Bureau after it is received by Birmingham.

Birmingham is presently conducting investigation re its bombing suspects to bring information relating to them up-to-date.

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- ② - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Birmingham

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. **157-584** August 17, 1971
 FBI FILE NO. **157-1025** - **1707**
 LATENT CASE NO. **45563**

EX-100

TO: **SAC, Jacksonville**

RE: **UNSUBS.;**
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
9/15/63
BOMBING MATTERS; CONSPIRACY

REFERENCE: **Letter 8/6/71**
 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: **Jacksonville**
 SPECIMENS: **Fingerprints of [REDACTED]** *bx*

No latent prints of value have been reported in captioned case.

Six latent fingerprints previously reported on bombs in Greenbombs case, Bufile #174-35, are not identical with fingerprints of [REDACTED]

Submitted fingerprints enclosed. *bx*

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 - Callahan _____
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 - Felt _____
 - Gale _____
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 - Tavel _____
 - Walters _____
 - Soyars _____
 - Tele. Room _____
 - Holmes _____
 - Gandy _____
- 2 - Birmingham (174-6)**
1 - Bufile (174-35)
- 54 AUG 31 1971**
- MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

J. Edgar Hoover
 John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 8-16-71 1:00 p.m. je
Received: 8-16-71

Reference No: 157-584
FBI File No: 157-1025 / 1727
Latent Case No: -45563

Answer to: SAC, Jacksonville

Examination requested by: Addressee

Copy to: UNSUBS;
RE: BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH
BIRMINGHAM, ALA. 9/15/63
BOMBING MATTERS
CONSPIRACY

Date of reference communication: Letter 8-6-71
Specimens: Fingerprint card submitted of Suspect:

[Redacted] b7c

Result of examination:

Examination by: [Redacted]
Evidence noted by: [Redacted]

*No latent captures & case per Bufile
6 latent prints per report of in Green bombs
174-35 mod & prints of [Redacted]
sub pts enclosed*

*1 CC Bufile 174-35
2 CC BH 174-6*

Examination completed 7 AM 8-17 Dictated 8-17
Time Date Date

*Alisa
8/17/71*

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 8/31/71

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 7/30/71.

SUMMARY

The Jacksonville Division is continuing its investigation re [redacted] and the results of an interview with him by Jacksonville will be furnished to the Bureau after it is received by Birmingham.

Birmingham is continuing to conduct investigation re its bombing suspects to bring information relating to them up-to-date.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
Ralph Jimbo/Asst.
FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (P)

DATE: 9/29/71

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 8/31/71.

SUMMARY

Birmingham is continuing its investigation re its bombing suspects.

Birmingham is also conducting investigations re new Klan members who have had contact with known Klansmen in previous years. As sufficient background data is developed on these individuals, Birmingham is requesting the Identification Division to compare their fingerprints on file with the unidentified latent prints in the Greenbombs case.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 10/29/71

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau dated
9/29/71.

SUMMARY

Birmingham is conducting investigation regard-
ing new Klan members who have had contact with known
Klansmen in previous years and whenever sufficient background
is developed in this case regarding individuals, Birmingham
is requesting the Identification Division to compare their
fingerprints on file with the unidentified latent prints
in the Greenbombs case.

Birmingham is also conducting investigation
in connection with individuals who come to the attention of
the Birmingham office who may be potential bombing suspects.

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2 - Birmingham

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 Soyars _____
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 Holmes _____
 Gandy _____

TO : Mr. Tavel

DATE: 11/4/71

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB
BOMBING MATTERS

b7c [REDACTED] 6/2/71

Bulky Exhibit File Number: 157-1025-521

We are in the process of reviewing all bulky exhibits in order that we may dispose of those which serve no further purpose. Inasmuch as many of the bulky exhibits pertain to inactive cases and are occupying badly needed space, it is requested that the appropriate substantive supervisor review the above-listed bulky exhibit and render a decision as to its retention or disposition. A notation as to the decision reached may be placed on this memorandum. The memorandum should be returned to the Filing Unit of the Records Branch, Room 1116, Identification Building, for filing in the case file.

RECOMMENDATION:

That captioned bulky exhibit be reviewed and a decision rendered as to the retention or disposition of the material.

Retain Destroy Other Disposition _____

Reason for Decision Case still under investigation

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 Signature of Reviewing Supervisor [REDACTED] 11/2/71.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 11/30/71

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau dated 10/29/71.

SUMMARY

The Jacksonville Division interviewed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Birmingham is also conducting investigation in connection with individuals who come to the attention of the Birmingham Office who may be potential bombing suspects.

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- 2 - Birmingham (157-352)



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 12/30/71

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 11/30/71.

SUMMARY

Birmingham is continuing to conduct investigation in connection with individuals who come to their attention who may be potential bombing suspects. As soon as sufficient background data is developed on these individuals, their fingerprints will be compared with the unidentified latents in the Greenbombs case.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

FROM : *[Signature]*
SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (P)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

DATE: 1/28/72

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau 12/30/71.

SUMMARY

Birmingham is presently conducting investigation to bring information relating to its bombing suspects up-to-date. Investigation is also being conducted concerning individuals who are new members of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) and as soon as sufficient background data is obtained, these individuals will be checked through the Identification Division.

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1-Birmingham (157-352)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-1025)

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

DATE: 2/29/72

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau dated 1/28/72.

SUMMARY

The Birmingham Division is continuing to conduct investigation to bring background data on its bombing suspects up to date as well as to submit names of pertinent individuals who have come to the attention of the Birmingham office during the course of its investigations to the Identification Division in order that their prints may be compared with the unidentified latents in this case.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 3/30/72

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, dated 2/29/72.

SUMMARY

Birmingham is continuing this investigation to bring its bombing suspects up to date as well as to submit names of pertinent individuals who have come to the attention of the Birmingham Office during the course of other investigations to the Identification Division in order that their prints may be compared with the unidentified latents in the Greenbombs case.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 4/28/72

FROM : SAC BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (P)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau dated 3/30/72.

SUMMARY

Birmingham is continuing to submit names of pertinent individuals who have come to its attention during the course of other investigations to the Identification Division in order that their prints may be compared with the unidentified latents in the Green-bomb case.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 5/31/72

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 4/28/72.

SUMMARY

Birmingham is continuing to submit names of pertinent individuals who have come to its attention during the course of other investigation to the Identification Division in order that their prints may be compared with the unidentified latents in the Greenbombs case.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 6/23/72

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 5/31/72.

SUMMARY

During the past month, investigation was conducted on expedite civil rights matters. Birmingham is continuing to submit names of pertinent individuals who have come to its attention during the course of other investigations to the Identification Division in order that their prints may be compared with the unidentified latents in the Greenbomb case.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 7/31/72

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 6/23/72.

SUMMARY

During the past month, investigation was conducted on expedite Civil Rights matters. Birmingham is continuing to submit names of pertinent individuals that come to its attention during the course of other investigation to the Identification Division for comparison with the unidentified latents in the Greenbombs case.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 8/30/72

FROM : *[Signature]*
SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (P)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 7/31/72.

SUMMARY

Birmingham is continuing to submit names of pertinent individuals who come to its attention during course of other investigations to Identification Division for comparison with unidentified latents in the Greenbombs case. During the past month, investigation was also conducted on expedite Civil Rights matters.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 9/29/72

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 8/30/72.

SUMMARY

As the names of pertinent individuals come to Birmingham's attention during the course of bombing investigations, these names are being submitted to the Identification Division for comparison with the unidentified latents in the Greenbombs case.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 11/6/72

FROM : *Rjms/gms*
SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (P)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 9/29/72.

SUMMARY

As the names of pertinent individuals come to Birmingham's attention during the course of bombing investigations, these names are being submitted to the Identification Division for comparison with the unidentified latents in the Greenbombs case.

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- ② - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Birmingham

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 11/28/72

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 11/6/72.

SUMMARY

As the names of pertinent individuals come to Birmingham's attention during the course of bombing investigations, these names are being submitted to the Identification Division for comparison with the unidentified latents in the Greenbombs case.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 12/30/72

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 11/28/72.

SUMMARY

As the names of pertinent individuals come to Birmingham's attention during the course of bombing investigations, these names are being submitted to the Identification Division for comparison with the unidentified latents in the GREENBOMB case.

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1 - Birmingham

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157-1025-1734



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JAN 1973

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1/16/73

SAC, Birmingham

Acting Director, FBI

BAPBOMB

BHfile: 157-352

Bufile: 157-1025

GREENBOMBS

BHfile: 174-6

Bufile: 174-35

During the recent inspection of your office, you stated that all logical leads have been covered in captioned cases and suggested the matter be taken up with the substantive desk with a view toward permitting you to close these cases.

Since all logical investigation has been completed and the statute of limitations has run in both cases, you are authorized to close these cases; however, you should continue to submit logical fingerprints, when developed, to the Identification Division to be compared with the latents in captioned cases.

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REC 27/57-1025-1725

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NOTE:

BAPBOMB is the case which involves the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, on 9/15/63, resulting in the death of four Negro girls, injury to 16 other persons, and approximately \$30,000 damages to the church. GREENBOMBS is the case which involves the explosion at the residence of T. R. Crowell, a Negro, on 4/1/65 and unexploded bombs located 3/21-22/65 and 4/1/65, all in Birmingham. Extensive investigation has been conducted in both cases and all logical leads have been run out.

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- _____ Baker
- _____ Callahan
- _____ Cleveland
- _____ Conrad
- _____ Dalbey
- _____ Gebhardt
- _____ Jenkins
- _____ Marshall
- _____ Miller, E.S.
- _____ Purvis
- _____ Soyars
- _____ Walters
- _____ Tele. Room
- _____ Mr. Kinley
- _____ Mr. Armstrong
- _____ Ms. Herwig
- _____ Ms. Neenan

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Letter to Birmingham
Re: BAPBOMB
157-1025

NOTE CONTINUED:

Birmingham has been submitting a summary letter on each case each month which is only stating that as the names of pertinent individuals come to attention during the course of bombing investigations, these names are being submitted to the Identification Division for comparison with the unidentified latent in the two cases.

*Per instructions in
serials 174-35-1521, 1522
and suspicion staff suggestion
dated 12/11/73 comparison of current
prints from Alabama with latent prints
in this case discontinued effective 1/2/74*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall

- 1 - Mr. N. P. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. J. B. Adams

DATE: 4/22/75

FROM : [REDACTED]

- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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 Dep. AD —
 Asst. Dir.:

- Admin. —
- Comp. Syst. —
- Ext. Affairs —
- Files & Com. —
- Gen. Inv. —
- Ident. —
- Inspection —
- Intell. —
- Laboratory —
- Plan. & Eval. —
- Spec. Inv. —
- Training —
- Legal Coun. —
- Telephone Rm. —
- Director Sec'y —

Instant case concerns the bombing of the 10th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/16/63, which resulted in the deaths of four Negro girls, injuries to 16 other persons and extensive property damage. Purpose of memorandum is to advise of results of initial contact of William J. Baxley, Attorney General, State of Alabama, who contacted Mr. Reed in the Director's office on 4/18/75 indicating he had additional information in this matter and desired to see the SAC, Birmingham in that regard.

Extensive investigation was conducted in this matter, under the supervision of the General Investigative Division. Bureau files indicate that investigation identified a small group of hardcore Klansmen as probably subjects. Insufficient information was developed to support prosecution. Case was closed due to completion of logical investigation and expiration of the period of the Statute of Limitations.

Baxley previously contacted FBIHQ in April, 1971 in this matter. During resulting contact by SAC, Birmingham, he indicated he had an informant believed by him to be of material assistance and he requested certain results of our prior investigation. Birmingham was instructed at that time to advise him his request had been referred to the Civil Rights Division of the Department (which Division then supervised bombing investigations). That Division was notified of Mr. Baxley's request and the nature of our response.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. R. Wannall
Re: BAPBOMB
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Upon receipt of current call by Mr. Reed, SAC, Birmingham, was instructed to contact Mr. Baxley, which he did on 4/21/75; at the same time arrangements were made for a meeting to be held on 4/25/75 at Montgomery, Alabama.

SAC, Birmingham, advised that during the initial contact on 4/21/75, Mr. Baxley indicated he wanted to restate his 1971 request for results of our investigation. He indicated he had information from an informant which warranted recontact with numerous individuals previously interviewed by us. He declined to elaborate. He indicated he wanted two things: 1. FBI Agents to jointly participate with his investigators in any additional investigation which might be conducted; and 2. that if Agents were not available, results of previous interviews of certain individuals be made available to him. SAC, Birmingham, advised him that if he had any new information to furnish, we would conduct any necessary additional investigation but that Agents could not be made available to assist him in this matter. He was also told that results of our previous investigation could not be made available to him without the permission of the Department.

ACTION:

You will be advised of the results of the 4/25/75 meeting between Mr. Baxley and SAC, Birmingham.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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TELETYPE

TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

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REBUTELCAL FROM SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]

4-18-75, IN WHICH HE ADVISED ALABAMA ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM J. "BILL" BAXLEY HAD EXPRESSED TO BUREAU OFFICIALS A DESIRE TO DISCUSS SUPPOSEDLY ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER WITH SAC, BIRMINGHAM.

MR. BAXLEY WAS CONTACTED A. M., 4-21-75, AT WHICH TIME HE ADVISED THAT HIS OFFICE HAD INFORMATION FROM AN INFORMANT WHICH HE CLAIMED WARRANTED CONTACT WITH NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN INTERVIEWED DURING FBI INVESTIGATION OF CAPTIONED MATTER. MR. BAXLEY DECLINED TO ELABORATE AS TO THE NATURE OF THIS INFORMATION BUT INDICATED IT WAS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME THAT HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE FBI IN APRIL 1971 (SEE BH TELETYPE TO BUREAU 4-7-71 CAPTIONED ABOVE). MR. BAXLEY WAS ADVISED THAT IF HE HAD INFORMATION WHICH THE FBI HAD NOT HAD PRIOR ACCESS TO

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AND WHICH WOULD SERVE AS A BASIS FOR REINSTITUTING INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER THE FBI WOULD ACCEPT SAME AND INITIATE APPROPRIATE INQUIRY.

DURING THIS CONTACT WITH MR. BAXLEY IT WAS APPARENT HE WANTED TWO THINGS FROM THE FBI; (1), HE WANTED FBI AGENTS TO JOINTLY PARTICIPATE WITH HIS INVESTIGATORS IN ANY NEW INVESTIGATION SHOULD IT BE INSTITUTED. (2) SHOULD FBI AGENT PERSONNEL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST MR. BAXLEY'S INVESTIGATORS, HE ASKED THAT COPIES OF THE RESULTS OF INTERVIEWS WITH CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS BE MADE AVAILABLE TO HIM. I INFORMED HIM THAT SPECIAL AGENT PERSONNEL WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST HIS INVESTIGATORS IN ANY INVESTIGATION OF THIS MATTER AND THAT NO INFORMATION OR RESULTS OF FBI INVESTIGATION COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO HIM WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING CLEARANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. SAC, BIRMINGHAM AGREED TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER FURTHER THROUGH AN APPOINTMENT SCHEDULED FOR TWO P. M., 4-25-75 AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. SAC, BIRMINGHAM WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] TO WHOM THIS CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED IN THE PAST. 62

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BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF SIGNIFICANT
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Date: 4-29-75

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

RE: UNSUBS;
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963.
BOMBING MATTERS
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ReBHtel dated 4-21-75.

Enclosed, herewith, are 7 copies of a letterhead memorandum for appropriate dissemination to the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, which contains the results of contact with WILLIAM J. BAXLEY, Attorney General of the State of Alabama, at Montgomery, Alabama, on 4-25-75.

In accordance with referenced teletype, the aforementioned contact was made by SAC, Birmingham and SA [redacted] at which time Mr. BAXLEY advised that investigators from his office had been in contact with an informant, who he declined to identify, and that this informant had provided information which he felt warranted additional investigation to identify individuals responsible for captioned matter. Upon questioning, Mr. BAXLEY advised that this information was not new to his office and was identical to that discussed with former SAC RALPH J. MILES in April, 1971. He indicated that his office had not had the opportunity to pursue development of this information subsequently to 1971, but felt that with the passage of time, certain individuals previously contacted may be willing to provide information beneficial to the solution of the case. He did advise, however, that some

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Special Agent in Charge

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limited telephonic inquiry had been made concerning this information and it had been determined that the physical health of the two individuals, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (both determined by F. B. I. investigation to be [REDACTED])

62c [REDACTED] and that it was Mr. BAXLEY's feeling that these individuals were suspected by him of being knowledgeable in captioned matter and may at this time be vulnerable to persistent interrogation.

Mr. BAXLEY asked that Agents of the F.B.I. participate jointly with his investigators in this "additional investigation". He was informed by the SAC, Birmingham, that this was not possible; however, if additional new information was available on which to provide the basis for further F.B.I. inquiry, such information would be received and pursued vigorously. Mr. BAXLEY preferred that investigation on information that he had be controlled from his office.

Mr. BAXLEY advised that if Agents were not available to participate jointly as indicated above, he would appreciate if results of certain investigation, particularly results of interviews with suspects, be made available to his office so that any inconsistencies between information provided to Agents to that provided to his investigators could be fully explored. It was pointed out to Mr. BAXLEY that in some instances as much as 10 years has passed since individuals were interviewed during our investigation and to call upon the recollection of these individuals for their knowledge of events occurring during the 1963 period in order to compare with the record of our interviews would be an awesome responsibility and in the SAC's, Birmingham, opinion questionable as to investigative value or credibility.

In view of Mr. BAXLEY's request that results of our investigation be made available for the use of his investigators, this request along with appropriate background information is contained in the attached letterhead memorandum for transmittal to the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice.

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RECOMMENDATION:

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SAC, Birmingham, with the assistance of SA [REDACTED] who has extensive knowledge concerning this case, has evaluated the request of Mr. BAXLEY and it is felt that, in the admitted absence of information other than what was furnished to him by an informant in 1971, compliance with his request be resisted. Mr. BAXLEY declined to elaborate on the nature of his informant's information and was generally vague in providing a basis for conducting additional investigation, other than to state that with the passage of time an atmosphere of cooperation may have developed in which certain individuals may be willing to provide information concerning this matter.

As to the individuals on whom Mr. BAXLEY requested information (see page 2 of LHM), with the exception of the unidentified Birmingham Police Lieutenant, the files of the F.B.I., Birmingham contain numerous references, inasmuch as during investigation of this case they were contacted because of their association or affiliation with individuals who, because of their background or other reason, might have knowledge concerning this matter. It should also be pointed out that considerable information developed on each of these individuals could possibly have originated from confidential sources whose position in the community and in some instances personal safety are contingent today on maintaining the confidentiality of the information furnished in this matter. For this reason, the Bureau may desire to have an official personally discuss this matter with the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, in order to insure that the Bureau's interests are fully protected.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
April 29, 1975

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

For the information of the Department of Justice, Attorney General WILLIAM J. BAXLEY, State of Alabama, Montgomery, Alabama, at his request, was contacted on April 21, 1975, by the Special Agent in Charge, F.B.I., Birmingham, Alabama, at which time Mr. BAXLEY advised that his office had information from an informant which he felt justified additional inquiry in captioned matter. Mr. BAXLEY declined to identify the informant and indicated he desired that the results of certain investigation conducted by the F.B.I. during its exhaustive investigation in this matter be made available to his investigators for use in pursuing his informant's information. He also indicated that Agents of the F.B.I. could participate in joint investigation with his investigators, but, whether or not F.B.I. Agents did participate, it was his intention that investigation would be conducted as a result of information from this informant.

It should be noted that during April, 1971, Mr. BAXLEY contacted the FBI, Birmingham, shortly after he was elected to the office of Attorney General for the State of Alabama, at which time he indicated that one of the great aims during his term as Alabama Attorney General would be to solve captioned matter. At that time he indicated that his investigators had been in contact with a source and that this source could possibly provide information concerning captioned matter. Mr. BAXLEY would not identify this source or the nature of the information that the source could possibly provide. At that time he requested the results of several interviews of individuals suspected by him of involvement in

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9-15-63.

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this case, along with results of considerable F.B.I. investigation as to the gathering of evidence, identities of individuals developed from investigation as being in the Birmingham area during the period of the bombing, and to review results of certain F.B.I. polygraph examinations conducted during investigation of this case. After making this request, Mr. BAXLEY was informed that inasmuch as this case was under active investigation at the time his request was being referred to the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice. Mr. BAXLEY did not pursue his request further at this time.

During an appointment with Mr. BAXLEY, on April 25, 1975, it was determined that he was in possession of no additional information from the informant that had not been available to him in April, 1971. It was his feeling that with the passage of time certain individuals who had been previously interviewed by the F.B.I. may be inclined to broader cooperation with law enforcement officers than they were when initially contacted.

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Mr. BAXLEY was informed that it should be borne in mind that the vast majority of the F.B.I. investigation, including interviews with many individuals, was conducted in some instances over ten years ago, and that considerable difficulty might be encountered in reconciling information provided by these individuals to the F.B.I. with their current recollection. Mr. BAXLEY seemed determined in proceeding ahead in order to fulfill his original goal of solving this case during his tenure as Alabama Attorney General. He requested that the results of interviews with the following individuals be made available at this time:

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9-15-63.

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With the exception of [REDACTED]
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contain numerous references on each of the above individuals,
inasmuch as during investigation of this case they were
contacted because of their association or affiliation with
individuals who, because of their background or other reason,
might have knowledge concerning this matter. It should also
be pointed out that considerable information developed on
each of these individuals could possibly have originated from
confidential sources whose position in the community and in
some instances personal safety are contingent today on
maintaining the confidentiality of the information furnished
in this matter.

Mr. BAXLEY claimed that any investigative reports
provided by the F.B.I. would be available only to authorized
investigators of his office. Mr. BAXLEY was advised that his
request would be referred to the Civil Rights Division,
Department of Justice for appropriate action.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall

- 1 - Mr. N. P. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. J. B. Adams

DATE: 5/6/75

FROM : [REDACTED]

- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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This is the case of the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63, which resulted in the deaths of 4 Negro girls, injuries to 16 other persons and extensive property damage.

My memorandum 4/22/75 advised you that Mr. William J. Baxley, Attorney General, State of Alabama, had contacted Mr. Reed in the Director's Office indicating he had additional information in this matter and that he desired to see SAC, Birmingham, in that regard. SAC, Birmingham, conferred with Baxley on 4/25/75 and this memorandum advises you of the results and also recommends action to be taken.

As you were previously advised, Baxley previously contacted FBIHQ in April, 1971. During resulting contact by SAC, Birmingham, he indicated he had an informant believed by him to be of material assistance and he requested certain results of our prior investigation. His request was referred to the Civil Rights Division (CRD) (instant case supervised by that Division) and he was so advised. We told CRD we were taking no further action regarding his request in the absence of specific instructions and no such instructions have been received from CRD

When recontacted in response to his current request, Baxley advised an informant, whom he declined to identify, had provided information he felt warranted additional investigation. He said it was the same information he had in 1971, that he had not had the opportunity to develop same, but felt that with the passage of time, certain individuals previously contacted may now be cooperative. He asked that FBI Agents participate jointly

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Memorandum to Mr. W. R. Wannall
Re: BAPBOMB
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with his investigators in the "additional investigation." He was told this could not be done but that if there existed additional information constituting a basis for logical investigation, upon receipt we would conduct such investigation. Baxley said he preferred that the investigation be controlled from his office.

Baxley said if Agents were not available to participate in the joint investigation, he would appreciate receiving results of certain aspects of our prior investigation to assist him. He said any reports furnished would be made available only to authorized investigators of his office.

SAC, Birmingham, recommended that the above request be resisted. He pointed out that Baxley declined to elaborate on the nature of the "new information" and was generally vague about it. The results of investigation he requested consists of interviews of individuals previously interviewed by us based on their association with other individuals who, because of their background or activities, may have had knowledge concerning the case. SAC, Birmingham, feels disclosure of the requested information could lead to a breach of confidentiality concerning persons previously interviewed and suggested the matter be discussed with the CRD to insure that our interests are fully protected.

Our responsibility appears to consist of forwarding Baxley's request to CRD for its consideration; any other action appears inappropriate at this time.

ACTION:

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Attached for approval is a letter to CRD enclosing an LHM setting out details of this matter and advising that no further action is being taken in the absence of a specific CRD request.

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- 1 - W. P. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. J. B. Adams
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

May 8, 1975

Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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

Reference is made to my memorandum dated April 12, 1971, wherein you were advised that Mr. William J. Baxley, Attorney General of the State of Alabama, had requested the results of certain aspects of investigation conducted by this Bureau in captioned case. As you were advised at that time, Mr. Baxley was told his request had been referred to your Division.

Mr. Baxley has again contacted this Bureau requesting results of certain aspects of FBI investigation in captioned case. He was again told that his request would be referred to the Civil Rights Division. Enclosed is a memorandum setting out details of that contact.

No further action will be taken by this Bureau regarding Mr. Baxley's request in the absence of specific instructions from you.

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See memorandum [REDACTED] to W. R. Wannall dated 5/6/75, captioned "BAPBOMB" and prepared by [REDACTED]

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- 1 - N. P. Callahan
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- DATE: 12/2/75
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TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall *wpw/RED*

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BAPBOM

BAPBOM is the code word for the investigation of the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/16/63 which resulted in the deaths of 4 Negro girls, injuries to 16 other persons and extensive property damage. Purpose of this memorandum is to advise of the receipt of a request on 12/1/75, via Robert Havel, Director, Office of Public Information, Department of Justice, from William J. Baxley, Attorney General, State of Alabama, for certain results of our investigation in captioned case.

On 4/5/71 Mr. Baxley, then recently elected as Alabama Attorney General, contacted FBIHQ advising he had launched an inquiry into this case and desired assistance. He said he had an informant whom he declined to identify, whom he believed to be of material assistance. He requested the names of witnesses who could place certain suspects in Birmingham on 9/16/63, any available information as to automobiles then operated by the suspects, nature of explosive device or devices used in the bombing and advice as to any polygraph tests afforded to the suspects. He also wanted to interview the polygraph operator(s) who may have administered any such examinations. His request was referred to the Civil Rights Division with the statement that the FBI was taking no further action in the absence of a specific request from the Department. Mr. Baxley was advised of the referral. No instructions were received from the Department.

Mr. Baxley again contacted FBIHQ on 4/18/75 indicating he had additional information in this matter and when contacted by SAC, Birmingham, he stated he had information from an informant whom he declined to identify which warranted contact with numerous individuals previously interviewed by the FBI. He declined to elaborate on the information but indicated it was essentially the same information he had in 1971. He requested that FBI Agents

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Memorandum to Mr. Wannall
Re: BAPBOM

jointly participate with his investigators in any additional investigation which might be conducted and that if this were not possible, that results of our prior interviews of certain named individuals be made available to him. He was advised that if he had any new information, we would conduct any necessary additional investigation but that Agents could not be made available to assist him. SAC, Birmingham, recommended that the request be resisted because Baxley declined to explain the nature of his "new information" and because disclosure of results of prior interviews might lead to breaches of confidentiality regarding persons previously interviewed. However, Mr. Baxley's request was again forwarded to the Civil Rights Division with advice that we were taking no further action in the absence of specific instructions from the Department. No such instructions were received. Departmental Attorney William Gardiner, Civil Rights Division, subsequently inquired telephonically as to the action desired by the Bureau in this matter. It was pointed out to him that Baxley declined to furnish any of his information to us, the disclosure of some of the investigations requested might result in compromising confidentialities, but that the decision regarding dissemination was that of the Department.

Mr. Havel was apprised of the above background. He requested that the Civil Rights Division be contacted and that he be advised of the results. On 12/1/75 this matter was discussed with Departmental Attorney Gardiner who stated the Department's case is closed, that it has no objection to furnishing the requested information to Baxley and that he, Gardiner, will forward a communication so stating. Mr. Havel was advised accordingly.

Our investigation in this matter was closed in 1973 except for the submission by Birmingham of logical fingerprints for comparison with latent prints recovered during the investigation.

ACTION

1. It is recommended that upon receipt of the Department's communication, SAC, Birmingham, be instructed to make available to Mr. Baxley the results of our prior interviews of persons previously named by him.

2. SAC, Birmingham is being alerted telephonically of the impending request.

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TO BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

FROM DIRECTOR (157-1025) - 1730

DECEMBER 5, 1975

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REBHAIRTEL TO DIRECTOR DATED APRIL 29, 1975, ENCLOSING LHM AND BUCAL DECEMBER 4, 1975.

ON DECEMBER 1, 1975, ALABAMA STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM BAXLEY CONTACTED DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND RESTATED HIS REQUEST PREVIOUSLY MADE TO YOU IN APRIL, 1975, FOR RESULTS OF CERTAIN ASPECTS OF FBI INVESTIGATION IN CAPTIONED MATTER.

BY LETTER DATED DECEMBER 3, 1975, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION HAS ADVISED IT INTERPOSES NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE OF ANY INFORMATION FROM BUFILES IN THIS MATTER TO MR. BAXLEY. THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD COMPLY WITH HIS REQUEST.

IF ANY INFORMATION REQUESTED WOULD TEND TO DISCLOSE SOURCES WHOSE IDENTITY CANNOT BE DISCLOSED, YOU SHOULD FURNISH PERTINENT INFORMATION ORALLY SO AS TO PROTECT SUCH SOURCES.

ADVISE MR. BAXLEY PROMPTLY OF THE RECEIPT OF DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION REQUESTED BY HIM.

UPON COMPLETION OF DISSEMINATION, ADVISE FBIHQ AND IDENTIFY INFORMATION FURNISHED TO MR. BAXLEY.

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Memorandum ██████████ to Wasmall, 12/2/75, ██████████ advised of the receipt of Baxley's request. Memorandum recommended that upon receipt of Department's authorization, SAC, Birmingham, would be instructed to make necessary dissemination to Baxley; it was also recommended that SAC, Birmingham, be alerted to impending request. Latter aspect handled by telephone call to ASAC, Birmingham, on 12/2/75.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Director

TO : Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: DEC 3 1975

FROM : J. Stanley Pottinger
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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SUBJECT: Unknown Subjects; *Lyndon*
Bombing of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church
Birmingham, Alabama, September 15, 1963;
BOMBING MATTERS

DJ 144-1-906

Reference is made to a conversation between Special Agent [redacted] of your Bureau and William L. Gardner of this Division on December 1, 1975, concerning the renewed request made by Alabama State Attorney General William Baxley for access to certain statements and memoranda of interview in your file on this matter. Reference is also made to your memorandum of May 8, 1975, concerning the request which Mr. Baxley made of the SAC in Birmingham, Alabama some time prior to May 8.

Your memorandum of May 8 was the subject of several telephone conversations between [redacted] and Mr. Gardner. Attached hereto is a Division file memorandum reflecting those conversations, which Mr. Gardner read to [redacted] on December 1 and in which [redacted] re-concurred.

This Division's position remains the same; we have no objection to release of any information from the Bureau's files to the Attorney General of Alabama. We are in no position to assess whether granting the request would jeopardize Bureau sources or whether the request is not made in good faith.

SAC, BH, advised 5⁰⁰ PM, 12/4/75 [redacted]

TEL TO SAC, BH 12/5/75 [redacted]

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We have reviewed the file and Mr. Baxley's request and have no objection to your complying with it.

Attorney General Baxley has been informed by the SAC in Birmingham that the entire file can be revealed to him if Bureau headquarters approves. Please inform the field office that you have no objection to cooperating with Mr. Baxley. Thank you for your efforts in this regard.

The File

July 23, 1975

William L. Gardner
Deputy Chief
Criminal Section

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I had several conversations with [redacted] of the Bombing Unit of the Bureau (Tel. 175-4661) concerning their memorandum of May 8, 1975. I explained to [redacted] that the request seemed somewhat unusual to us because it was not handled as a Freedom of Information Act request and that it would appear to be as much a Bureau decision as anyone else's whether to divulge the contents of the reports. I also stated that the underlying letterhead memorandum from Birmingham seemed to indicate that disclosure would jeopardize present Bureau sources, and that we were in no position to make a judgment on that question. Accordingly, I called to seek their opinion as to what decision they expected on disclosure.

[redacted] checked with the SAC in Birmingham and informed me subsequently that the SAC felt the request by State Attorney General Baxley was not made in good faith and that they were not particularly enthusiastic about furnishing the information.

We agreed that Baxley had been responded to by the SAC and told that the reports would not be forthcoming and that he should take the matter up with the Civil Rights Division. Baxley has not done so. We agreed not to send a written response but to file the request. We further agreed that if Baxley renewed his request either to us or to the Bureau we would authorize an oral briefing as to the contents of the statements, thus preserving any parts deemed to be confidential.

cc: Gardner

ENCLOSURE

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cc to BA by P/S
12/8/75

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall *WRW*

DATE: 12/22/75

FROM : [REDACTED] *62c*

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

BAPBOMB is the code word for the investigation of the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/16/63, which resulted in the deaths of four Negro girls, injuries to sixteen other persons and extensive property damage. Purpose of this memorandum is to advise of receipt of a request from the Mayor of Birmingham to review FBI files regarding above case, regarding any other race-related bombings which occurred in Birmingham during the period 1961-63 and concerning the beating of Freedom Riders at the Trailways Bus Station, Birmingham, on 5/14/61.

^B My letter dated 12/15/75, received by our Birmingham Office on 12/17/75, Birmingham Mayor David Vann requested that he be allowed to see FBI files regarding captioned case and any other "race-related bombings" in Birmingham during the period 1961-63. Birmingham teletype dated 12/17/75, advising of receipt of request, also advised efforts were being made to contact Mayor Vann for clarification of his request. A second letter dated 12/17/75, was received by Birmingham from Mayor Vann in which he requested that he also be allowed to see FBI files on the beating of the Freedom Riders on 5/14/61, at the Trailways Bus Station, Birmingham.

SAC, Birmingham contacted Mayor Vann on 12/18/75, at which time Vann advised that the appearance of Gary Thomas Rowe before a U. S. Congressional committee (apparently referring to the testimony of former FBI Klan informant Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr. before the U. S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities, on 12/2/75) caused the Freedom Riders incident to become the subject of discussion by the Birmingham City Council. As a result Vann had the Birmingham Police Department review its records concerning incidents of such nature during the early 1960's. After receiving the results of the review, he felt that examination of FBI files on the Freedom Riders case and captioned case would provide him with

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Re: BAPBOMB
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a more thorough understanding of law enforcement efforts in these matters. He said any files made available would be reviewed by two "top" Birmingham Police Officers under the direction of the Chief of Police and one of Vann's legal aides would also be present.

SAC, Birmingham advised Vann that FBI files, in their entirety, would not be made available and that information from such files could only be released with the approval of the Department of Justice. Vann was unable to elaborate further on the nature of his request by way of being more specific as to the type or nature of information he desired. He asked that the usual steps seeking approval of his request be instituted and that if possible, he be advised prior to 12/29/75 of the approval or disapproval of his request.

You will recall that we previously received a request for certain information from our files on captioned case from the Attorney General of Alabama. Following receipt of Departmental approval, dissemination of the requested information was instituted by our Birmingham Office and is continuing at the present time.

ACTION:

Attached for approval is a letter transmitting to the Civil Rights Division the request of Mayor Vann.

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Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

December 23, 1975

Director, FBI (157-1025)

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

Baptomb

Reference is made to your files 144-1-554,
144-1-906, and 144-2-310.

This is to advise that by letter dated
December 15, 1975, received by our Birmingham Office
on December 17, 1975, Mayor David Vann, Birmingham,
Alabama, requested that he be allowed to review FBI
files containing the results of investigation in
captioned case, as well as FBI files concerning any
other "race-related bombings" which occurred in
Birmingham during the period 1961-63. In a second
letter, dated December 17, 1975, he requested that he
also be allowed to review FBI files regarding the
beating of the Freedom Riders on May 14, 1961, at the
Trailways Bus Station, Birmingham.

Mayor Vann was contacted by the Special
Agent in Charge of our Birmingham Office on December 18,
1975, at which time he was advised that FBI files in
their entirety could not be made available to him and
that the authority of the Department of Justice would
be required prior to the furnishing to him of any
information from such files. When asked to be more
specific about the information he was seeking, he was
unable to elaborate. However, he requested that
necessary steps seeking approval of his request be
instituted. He stated that any files made available
would be reviewed by two officials of the Birmingham
Police Department under the direction of the Chief of
Police and that one of his legal aides would also be
present.

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Civil Rights Division

Mayor Vann requested that, if possible, he be advised prior to December 29, 1975, as to whether his request had been approved or disapproved.

Obviously, FBI files as such can not be made available to Mayor Vann in view of the fact that they may contain information which could compromise confidentialities, identify confidential sources and disclose confidential investigative techniques. As to making information from such files available to him, it would appear that the information desired will have to be specifically defined both for the purpose of your decision as to its release and for the purpose of locating such information in FBI files. As indicated above, Mayor Vann was unable to furnish specifics.

However, in view of the nature of Mayor Vann's request, this matter is being forwarded to you for your consideration. Your advice is requested.

As a related matter of interest, you will recall that a request for the results of certain information of FBI investigation in captioned case was recently received from Mr. William J. Baxley, Attorney General of the State of Alabama. Following receipt of your authorization, dissemination of that information to Mr. Baxley was instituted and is continuing.

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See Memo [redacted] to Wannall 12/19/75 captioned
"BAPBOMB, [redacted]"

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RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO BUREAU, 12/13/61
A TELETYPE DATED DECEMBER 13, 1961, FROM THE
CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, MADE ADDITIONAL REQUEST
TO THE BUREAU FOR INFORMATION RELATIVE TO
TO HIS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING RACE RELATED
BOMBINGS IN BIRMINGHAM AND ASKED IF HE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO

SEE THE FILES ON THE MURKING OF FREEDOM RIDERS WHICH OCCURRED
ON MAY 14, 1961, AT TRAILWAYS BUS STATION IN BIRMINGHAM. HE
REFERRED TO NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS INDICATING THAT INVESTIGATION
WAS CONDUCTED. MAYOR VANN REQUESTED ADVICE AS TO WHAT ACTION
TO BE TAKEN IN ORDER FOR HIM TO RECEIVE THIS INFORMATION.

MAYOR VANN WAS CONTACTED THIS DATE BY THE SAC, BIRMINGHAM,
BIRMINGHAM, CONCERNING HIS REQUEST, AT WHICH TIME HE ADVISED
THAT WHEN THE GARY THOMAS ROWE CONGRESSMAN TESTIFIES IN OFFICE
THE FREEDOM RIDERS INCIDENT TO BECOME A SUBJECT BEFORE THE

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BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL, BIRMINGHAM, ALA. IS REQUESTING TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF ITS RECORDS CONCERNING INCIDENTS OF THIS

OF THE BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ADVISED BY THE BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL THAT THE BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT SHOULD PROVIDE HIM WITH A MORE THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS IN THESE MATTERS. MAYOR VANN WAS UNABLE TO BE SPECIFIC AS TO THE TYPE OR NATURE OF INFORMATION DESIRED FROM FBI FILES. HE ADVISED THAT SHOULD FBI FILES BE MADE AVAILABLE THEY WOULD BE REVIEWED BY TWO TOP BIRMINGHAM POLICE OFFICERS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF CHIEF OF POLICE JAMES C. PARSONS AND ONE OF MAYOR VANN'S LEGAL AIDES WOULD BE PRESENT.

MAYOR VANN WAS ADVISED THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD FBI FILES BE ACCESSIBLE IN THEIR ENTIRETY TO ANY INDIVIDUAL AND ONLY UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, ONE OF WHICH WOULD BE TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WOULD INFORMATION BE MADE AVAILABLE TO DULY CONSTITUTED LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES. MAYOR VANN WAS UNABLE TO ELABORATE FURTHER ON THE NATURE OF HIS

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REQUEST, BUT ASKED THAT ALL STEPS FOR APPROVAL OF SUCH

REQUESTS BE INSTALLED

AT ALL POSSIBLE. A DELAY OF THE APPROVAL OF SUCH REQUESTS

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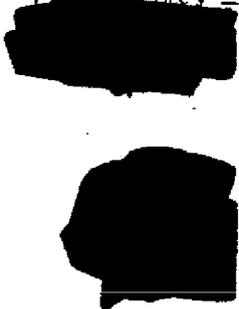
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TO: DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM: BIRMINGHAM (157-922)

0 CONFIDENT

BY LETTER DATED 12/15/75 (RECEIVED FBI, BIRMINGHAM, TEN N. W., 12/17/75), MAYOR DAVID VANN, CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, REQUESTED HE BE ALLOWED TO SEE THE FBI FILES RELATIVE TO THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE BOMBING OF THE SIXTEEN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH ON 9/15/68. HE INDICATED THIS REQUEST WAS GENERATED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BIRMINGHAM, AND IN HIS LETTER HE DECLARED THAT HE WOULD KEEP ALL INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE FBI IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE. IN ADDITION HE ASKED FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON OTHER RACE RELATED BOMBINGS WHICH OCCURRED IN BIRMINGHAM DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN 1961 AND 1968.



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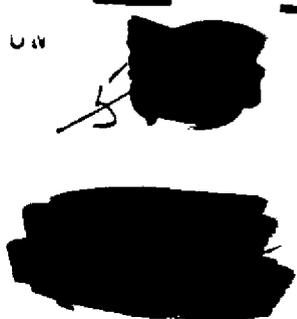
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EFFORTS TO CONTACT MAYOR VANN THIS DATE FOR CLARIFICATION AND MORE SPECIFIC DETAILS CONCERNING HIS REQUEST NEGATIVE. HOWEVER, IT IS EXPECTED CONTACT WILL BE MADE ON
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MORNING OF 12/16/75. MAYOR VANN WILL BE ASKED TO SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL HAVE ACCESS TO FBI FILES SHOULD THEY BE MADE AVAILABLE AND HE WILL ALSO BE ASKED IF THERE IS ANY SPECIFIC AREA OF INVESTIGATION IN WHICH HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED, SO THAT IF POSSIBLE SOME LIMITATION CAN BE MADE TO HIS REQUEST. AS TO THE OTHER PART OF HIS REQUEST CONCERNING INFORMATION ON ANY RACE RELATED BOMBINGS IN BIRMINGHAM BETWEEN 1961 AND 1968, MAYOR VANN WILL BE FACTUALLY INFORMED THAT BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF SPECIFICITY IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, TO HONOR HIS REQUEST.

MAYOR VANN, OF COURSE, WILL BE INFORMED THAT REQUESTS OF THIS NATURE MUST BE SENT TO FBI HEADQUARTERS AND TRANSMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR CONSIDERATION AS TO APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL. THE BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED BY TELETYPE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CONFERENCE WITH MAYOR VANN CONCERNING HIS REQUEST.

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ADDENDUM:

BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, AS A RESULT OF NATIONAL PUBLICITY GENERATED BY GARY THOMAS ROWE'S TESTIMONY BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE, A BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCILMAN ENTERED MOTION BEFORE COUNCIL TO REVIEW POLICE ACTIONS DURING KLAN ATTACK ON FREEDOM RIDERS ON 9/14/61. THE COUNCIL VOTED DOWN THIS MOTION; HOWEVER, MAYOR VANN ASSURED THE COUNCIL THAT HE WOULD REVIEW BIRMINGHAM POLICE RESPONSE TO EVENTS OCCURRING DURING THIS PERIOD. MAYOR VANN FEELS THAT REVIEW OF FBI FILES IN BARBOND CASE WOULD PROVIDE ^R INSIGHTNESS TO HIS INVESTIGATION.

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TO SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

JANUARY 22, 1976 ^{3 per k}

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

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PERSONAL ATTENTION

REBTEL DATED DECEMBER 18, 1975.

DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED IT WILL DEFER TO FBI REGARDING REQUEST OF MAYOR VANN. COPY OF DEPARTMENT'S LETTER FOLLOWING SEPARATELY.

YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT MAYOR VANN AND ADVISE HIM DEPARTMENT HAS DEFERRED TO THE FBI REGARDING HIS REQUEST. ADVISE HIM THAT INFORMATION IN CAPTIONED MATTER IS PRESENTLY BEING FURNISHED TO ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM J. BAXLEY, STATE OF ALABAMA, IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY MR. BAXLEY AND THAT FBI FEELS MAYOR VANN'S REQUEST WOULD MORE PROPERLY BE DIRECTED TO MR. BAXLEY INASMUCH AS FURNISHING OF INFORMATION BY FBI TO OTHER LOCAL AND/OR STATE OFFICIALS COULD CONCEIVABLY INTERFERE WITH MR. BAXLEY'S INVESTIGATION.

SUBMIT LHM FOLLOWING CONTACT WITH MAYOR VANN SO THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY BE APPROPRIATELY ADVISED IN THIS MATTER.

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NOTE:

See memorandum to Wannall dated 1/21/76, captioned as above.

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REURTEL DATED JANUARY 26, 1976.

THE REQUEST OF MAYOR VANN REFERRED TO IN REFERENCED TELETYPE IS BEING REFERRED TO CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT AND YOU SHOULD SO ADVISE MAYOR VANN.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, MAYOR VANN'S REQUEST IS BEING FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT ADVISING OF THE MANNER IN WHICH HIS PREVIOUS REQUEST WAS ANSWERED AND REQUESTING CONCURRENCE IN MAKING A SIMILAR RESPONSE TO HIS CURRENT REQUEST.

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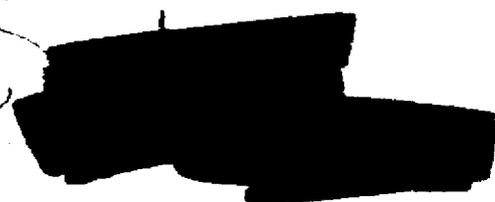
TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: JAN 12 1976

FROM : JSP
J. Stanley Pottinger
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

JSP:WLG:vap
DJ 144-1-906

SUBJECT: Unknown Subjects;
Bombing of the 16th Street
Baptist Church, Birmingham,
Alabama, September 15, 1963,
BOMBING MATTERS



Reference is made to your memorandum dated December 23, 1975.

We have reviewed your above referenced memorandum concerning the request by Mayor David Vann of Birmingham, Alabama for access to FBI files in the above captioned matters. Our view with respect to this request is similar to the one we expressed with respect to the request of Alabama Attorney General Baxley, although we note that because Mayor Vann is not a law enforcement official he has far less of a legitimate claim for access to these materials. It is our view, however, that the Bureau is in the best position to determine whether disclosure of your files would "compromise confidentialities, identify confidential sources and disclose confidential investigative techniques." Accordingly, we defer to your Bureau on this question. Let me add that it appears that the Mayor's request was made prior to your disseminating any information to Attorney General Baxley. Perhaps if you can advise the Mayor of your cooperating with Mr. Baxley, the Mayor would withdraw his request.

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1/20/76 [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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1 - J. B. Adams

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(Attn: [REDACTED])

DATE: 1/21/76

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TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall *WRW*

FROM : [REDACTED] *W*

SUBJECT: BAPBOM

BAPBOM is the code word for the case involving the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/16/63.

Purpose of this memorandum is to recommend action regarding a request from the mayor of Birmingham, David Vann, to review FBI files regarding captioned case.

By memorandum dated 12/22/75 (copy of same and its enclosure attached for ready reference) you were advised Mayor Vann, through our Birmingham Office, requested permission to conduct above-mentioned file review. He stated recent Congressional hearings raised the issue of local law enforcement efforts in Birmingham during racial incidents in early 1960s and he felt above file review might provide him with a more thorough understanding in that regard. He was told information from FBI files could only be released with approval of the Department of Justice and that his request would be forwarded to the Department.

By memorandum 1/13/76 the Civil Rights Division advised in effect that decision as to release of information would be left to the Bureau.

You will recall that at the present time our Birmingham Office is, with Departmental authorization, furnishing certain information from its files in captioned case to William J. Daxley, Attorney General, State of Alabama, in connection with investigation presently being conducted by him in captioned matter. Inasmuch as the ranking law enforcement officer of the State is presently inquiring into this case, in effect, assuming local investigative jurisdiction, it would appear improper for the FBI to furnish

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Re: BAPBOM
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information in that regard to Alabama officials of lesser rank. Doing so might subject the Bureau to criticism of taking action of a nature which might interfere with the Attorney General's investigation. The proper course of action appears to be that of advising Mayor Vann that the Bureau has been authorized by the Department to respond to his request, that the Attorney General of Alabama is conducting investigation in this matter, that information from Bureau files is being furnished to the Attorney General and that the Bureau feels the Mayor's request would be more properly made to the Attorney General so as to avoid possible interference with the Attorney General's investigation.

Coordinated with the Office of Legal Counsel.

ACTION:

Attached for approval is a teletype to SAC, Birmingham, instructing him to contact Mayor Vann and advise him in line with the above observations.

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Date: 1/21/76

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)(P)
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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Re telephone call to ASAC CARL F. FREEMAN, Birmingham,
1/16/76, from Bureau Supervisor _____ Division 5.

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Birmingham has been unable to locate any copies of the material furnished by [redacted] in its files, although it appears that this information was probably obtained from the Birmingham files and furnished to the Birmingham Police Department at an unknown time, with the exception of the information relating to a fishing bobber.

Birmingham has reviewed all FBI Laboratory Reports in the Bapbomb and related bombing cases and no mention was ever made in these reports of a fishing bobber being found at any of the crime scene searches.

The above information is being furnished to the Bureau to aid them in their search to attempt to locate copies of this material.

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Birmingham is continuing its file reviews regarding [redacted] based upon information relating to [redacted] which was also furnished to Birmingham by [redacted] on 1/19/76. Upon completion of the necessary review, Birmingham will submit by separate communication an appropriate letterhead memorandum setting forth copies of the information furnished by [redacted] as well as the results of any investigation conducted by the Birmingham Office in connection with [redacted]

**SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION,
BOMBING OF 16TH STREET BAPTIST
CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963**

I. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE AT SCENE

A complete crime scene was conducted with the aid of laboratory experts and Bureau Agents. The scene was protected by the Birmingham Police Department by roping off the area and placing armed guards.

a. An examination of the material, consisting of wood, metal, and masonry located in the vicinity of the explosion forwarded to the FBI Laboratory failed to identify the type of explosive due to a lack of residue.

b. No fragments of a mechanical timing device, fuse, or blasting caps were found. It should be noted, however, that a small red plastic and wire piece was located at the crime scene and was identified as part of a fishing bobber.

II. CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY OF PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION

A complete neighborhood embracing several blocks in each direction from the church was conducted. Interviews in this area number in the hundreds. The owners of all license numbers recorded by persons on the bomb site 9/15/63, as well as those recorded by Bureau Agents during the pertinent time the two Sundays following, as well as interview of all stores open in the vicinity at the pertinent time, was conducted. Automobile owners were identified and interviewed as to reasons why they were in the vicinity and for investigative leads.

The church has a membership roster of 400 names. Of these, about 150 were in attendance at the time of the bombing. All have been located and interviewed, but nothing pertinent developed.

The neighborhood investigation and interview of church members has resulted in the location of over a dozen individuals who were on the street adjacent to the church when the bomb actually exploded. However, none can remember seeing a person whose actions they questioned. (It is felt highly possible that some sort of a timing device, operated by chemicals or non-metal device, could have been used.)

An immediate program was initiated to account for the whereabouts of individuals known to both the Birmingham Police Department and the FBI as capable of committing bombings. Also, members of the Ku Klux Klan and other so-called hate groups in Birmingham and surrounding offices were located and interviewed as to their whereabouts during the pertinent periods.

All suspects developed by other investigative agencies were checked out. All current information furnished anonymously or through logical sources was checked immediately for authenticity and possible importance.

Numerous tips, anonymous and otherwise, conscientious citizens supplying names of suspects, members of other investigative agencies furnishing names of suspects, all have been checked out.

III. INTERVIEW OF PEOPLE IN VICINITY AT TIME OF BOMBING

[REDACTED]

ROBERT EDWARD CHAMBLISS

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ROBERT EDWARD CHAMBLISS, 2505 32nd Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama, (phone 323-5140); age 59 years; born January 14, 1904, Pratt City, Birmingham, Alabama; employed as truck driver by Rebuilt Auto Parts Company, 919 3rd Avenue, South, Birmingham, Alabama, (phone 322-3579).
[REDACTED]

CHAMBLISS is considered a logical suspect, based upon his past activities and associations; his extreme anti-integration views; his acts of physical violence against Negroes; and his free use of dynamite in terrorizing tactics, which has earned for him the nickname of "Dynamite Bob". Formerly employed by the City in the Garbage Department, CHAMBLISS was discharged because of unfavorable publicity, brought about by the brutality of his acts.

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CHAMBLISS has been active in Ku Klux Klan activities, since at least 1946, was Exalted Cyclops of the Klavern until 1951, when he abandoned open Ku Klux Klan activities because of unfavorable publicity.
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CHAMBLISS has been interviewed at length by FBI Agents on September 28, 1963, and October 11, 1963, at which time he denied participation or knowledge of the present bombings. He has been the subject of numerous surveillances during which time it was established that he has been in contact with known members of the Ku Klux Klan and with well known pro-segregationist leaders of the Birmingham area. From interview, CHAMBLISS has admitted association with these people and has identified himself as being a strong segregationist.

It has been established that CHAMBLISS was at home or in the immediate vicinity on the morning of September 15, 1963, through interview of [REDACTED]
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (P)

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO BIRMINGHAM, JAN. 23, 1976.

REVIEW OF BIRMINGHAM FILES CONDUCTED BASED ON LETTER FROM BIRMINGHAM, ALA. MAYOR DAVID MANN, JAN. 13, 1976, REQUESTING ALL BIRMINGHAM FBI FILES IN THE FOLLOWING TWELVE BOMBINGS, WHICH OCCURRED BETWEEN DEC. 26, 1966 AND APRIL 1, 1968. ACCORDING TO BIRMINGHAM FILES, NO ACTIVE INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY THE FBI IN THE FOLLOWING SEVEN BOMBINGS: (1) BOMBING OF RESIDENCE FRED L. SHUTTLESWORTH, 3191 29TH AVE. N., BIRMINGHAM, ALA., DEC. 26, 1966. (2) BOMBING OF DETWEL BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., JUNE 20, 1960. (3) BOMBING OF RESIDENCE WILLIAM WOODWELL, 1134 18TH AVE. N., BIRMINGHAM, ALA. JULY 17, 1960. (4) BOMBING OF DETWEL BAPTIST CHURCH 18TH AND STURDY ST., BIRMINGHAM, ALA., JULY 17, 1960. (5) BOMBING OF TRIUMPH, THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, TEMPLE NO. 7, BIRMINGHAM, JULY 17, 1960. (6) BOMBING OF ST. LUKE WELLS BAPTIST CHURCH, 12TH AVE. AND 2ND ST. N., BIRMINGHAM, ALA., JULY 17, 1960. (7) BOMBING OF DETWEL BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., DEC. 14, 1960.

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ACTIVE INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY THE BIRMINGHAM FBI IN THE INITIAL STAGES OF THE FOLLOWING THREE BOMBING CASES; HOWEVER, IN NOVEMBER, 1968, THESE CASES WERE INVESTIGATED JOINTLY WITH IN CONNECTION OF THE BOMBING OF THE 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH OF APRIL 19, 1968: (1) BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF ARTHUR SWORDS, 1026 6TH ST., BIRMINGHAM, ALA., APR. 27, 1968. (2) BOMBING OF HOME OF W. S. HINE, 701 12TH ST., TRULEY, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., APR. 11, 1968. (3) BOMBING OF W. S. GASTON HOTEL, 1511 5TH AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., APR. 11, 1968.

ACTIVE INVESTIGATION WAS ALSO CONDUCTED BY THE BIRMINGHAM FBI IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOMBING OF THE RESIDENCE OF W. L. GOSWELL, 1818 24TH AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM, APRIL 1, 1968.

(12) THIS CASE WAS CONDUCTED PARTIALLY IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE BOMBING OF THE BIRMINGHAM, ALA. MARCH 31 - 25, 1968.

IT IS NOTED THAT LANCE WALKER ADVISED THAT HIS SERVICES WOULD BE MORE PROPERLY DIRECTED TO ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM S. BAXLEY, THE STATE'S CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER,

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INFORMATION AS BIRMINGHAM WAS FURNISHED TAMELY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE 1000 LIND OF THE 10TH ST. BAPTIST CHURCH.

AS SET FORTH ABOVE, ALL OF THE CASES REFERRED TO BY VAIN WERE CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CASE INVOLVING THE BOMBING OF THE 10TH ST-BAPTIST CHURCH ON SEPT. 15, 1963.

SA [redacted] WILL BE MADE TO CONTACT MAYOR WALKER ON JAN. 3, 1978 AS OUTLINED ABOVE.

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1 N. P. Callahan
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 (Att: [REDACTED])

DATE: 2/5/76

TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall ^{W.R.}

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

BAPBOMB is the code word for the case involving the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, on 9/16/63.

Purpose of this memorandum is to obtain approval of attached letter to the Civil Rights Division (CRD) forwarding request of David Vann, Mayor of Birmingham, for review of FBI files regarding twelve bombing incidents which occurred in Birmingham during the period 1956-1965.

My memorandum of 1/28/76 advised of receipt of above request from Mayor Vann, which request was preceded by an earlier request. The earlier request was forwarded to the CRD of the Department and the Department subsequently deferred to the Bureau. It was recommended and approved that Mayor Vann be advised his request would be more appropriately directed to William Baxley, Attorney General of Alabama, to whom information regarding captioned matter is being furnished in connection with investigation being conducted by Mr. Baxley. By above-mentioned memorandum of 1/28/76 it was recommended and approved that Mayor Vann's current request be forwarded to the Department, advising the Department of the manner of disposition of the Mayor's prior request and requesting concurrence in responding in like manner to his current request.

Extensive file review to locate necessary information so that the Department could be appropriately referred to the incidents in question has been completed.

ACTION:

Attached for approval is a letter to the CRD forwarding Mayor Vann's request, advising CRD of the manner of disposition of Mayor Vann's prior request and requesting concurrence in similar handling of his current request.

Enclosure sent 2/9/76 [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall *Wannall* *hzc*

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

- 1 - Mr. N. P. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. J. B. Adams
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DATE: 1/28/76

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BAPBOMB is the code word for the case involving the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, on 9/16/63.

Purpose of this memorandum is to advise of receipt of another request from David Vann, Mayor of Birmingham and review of certain FBI files.

By memorandum 12/22/75 you were advised Mayor Vann had requested to review FBI files in captioned case, the beating of Freedom Riders on 5/14/61 at the Trailways Bus Station, Birmingham, and "any other race-related bombings" which occurred in Birmingham during the period 1961 to 1963. The request was forwarded to the Civil Rights Division and the Department subsequently deferred to the Bureau. It was recommended and approved that SAC, Birmingham be instructed to advise Mayor Vann that the Department had deferred to the FBI regarding the request, that information in captioned case was being furnished to William Baxley, Alabama Attorney General, in connection with investigation being conducted by Mr. Baxley, and the FBI feels that his, Vann's, request would be more properly directed to Mr. Baxley inasmuch as the furnishing of information by the FBI to other local and/or state officials could interfere with Mr. Baxley's investigation.

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Mayor Vann has now asked to review FBI files regarding 12 named bombings which occurred in Birmingham during the period 12/25/56 to 4/1/65. Birmingham has determined that no investigation was conducted regarding seven of those bombing incidents (which occurred during the period 12/25/56 to 12/14/62). Birmingham also advised investigation was conducted regarding the other five cases named by Mayor Vann but that such investigations were conducted in conjunction with captioned case.

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Memorandum to Mr. Wannall
Re: BAPBOM
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SAC, Birmingham, has recommended that Mayor Vann be advised that his current request would be more properly directed to Attorney General Baxley, as he was advised regarding his prior request. SAC, Birmingham, stated that unless advised to the contrary, he would so advise Mayor Vann on 1/30/76. On 1/29/76 Supervisor [REDACTED] Birmingham, was telephonically instructed to hold in abeyance the proposed contact with Mayor Vann pending the receipt of Bureau instructions.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That a letter be directed to the Civil Rights Division forwarding Mayor Vann's current request, advising the Department of the manner in which his previous request has been answered and requesting concurrence in response in a like manner to his current request. Appropriate file review is being conducted to locate necessary information so that the Civil Rights Division may be appropriately referred to prior information furnished to that division relating to the cases in question.

2. That attached teletype be sent to SAC, Birmingham, instructing him to advise Mayor Vann that the Mayor's current request is being referred to the Department.

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[REDACTED] TO WANNALL
2/5/76 [REDACTED]
Letter TO AAG, CD 2/9/76
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1 - N. P. Callahan

1 - J. B. Adams

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(Attn)

February 9, 1976

Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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Director, FBI

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

Reference is made to my letter dated December 23, 1975,
and your letter responding thereto dated January 13, 1976, your
file JSP:WLG:vap, DJ 144-1-906.

Referenced communications concerned a request by
Mayor David Vann of Birmingham, Alabama, for access to FBI files
relating to captioned matter. In response to a request for
advice as to the proper response to Mayor Vann's request,
referenced letter dated January 13, 1976, stated that the Civil
Rights Division (CRD) would defer to the FBI.

You are advised that Mayor Vann was told that information
regarding the captioned matter is presently being furnished to
William J. Baxley, Attorney General of the State of Alabama, in
connection with investigation being conducted by Mr. Baxley and
that the FBI feels that his, Mayor Vann's, request would be
more properly directed to Mr. Baxley inasmuch as the furnishing
of information by the FBI to other local and/or State officials
could conceivably interfere with Mr. Baxley's investigation.

A second request has been received from Mayor Vann.
He has asked to review the files of the Birmingham Office of
the FBI concerning the following bombing incidents which occurred
in Birmingham during the period from December 25, 1966, to
April 1, 1965. No investigation was conducted by the FBI regarding
the first seven incidents listed below. There is indicated, after
each of those incidents, the communication or communications by
which the facts regarding each incident were furnished to the
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Civil Rights Division

1. Bombing of residence of Fred L. Shottlesworth, 3191 29th Avenue, North, Birmingham, December 25, 1956. (Letter to the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division dated December 26, 1956, captioned "Bus Segregation in Intrastate Commerce, State of Alabama, Civil Rights." That letter confirmed information previously furnished telephonically on the same date to the Chief of the Civil Rights Section of the Criminal Division.)

2. Bombing of the Bethel Baptist Church, Birmingham, June 29, 1958. (Letter to the Attorney General dated June 30, 1958, captioned "Racial Situation, North Birmingham, Alabama.")

3. Bombing of residence of William Blackwell, 1104 12th Avenue, North, Birmingham, July 17, 1958. (Letter to the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army, dated July 18, 1958, copy to the CRD.)

4. - 5. Bombing of New Bethel Baptist Church, 13th Avenue and Sipsay, Birmingham, January 17, 1962;

Bombing of Triumph, the Church and Kingdom of God in Christ, Temple #7, Birmingham, January 17, 1962;

Bombing of St. Luke AME Zion Church, 12th Avenue and Cahaba, Birmingham, January 17, 1962. (Letter to the Attorney General dated January 17, 1962, copy to the CRD, captioned "Unknown Subjects; Bombings of New Bethel Baptist Church; St. Luke American Methodist Episcopal Zion Church; Triumph Church and Kingdom of God in Christ, Number Seven, Birmingham, Alabama, January 16, 1962; Bombing Matters." Also, memorandum dated January 17, 1962, at Birmingham, forwarded to the CRD on January 19, 1962, captioned "Bombing of New Bethel Baptist Church; St. Luke's A.M.E. Zion Church; Triumph Church and Kingdom of God in Christ, No. 7, January 16, 1962, Birmingham, Alabama.")

Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

7. Bombing of Bethel Baptist Church, Birmingham, December 14, 1962. (Letter to the Attorney General dated December 15, 1962, copy to the CRD, captioned "Unknown Subjects; Bombing Vicinity of Bethel Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, December 14, 1962; Bombing Matters." Also, memorandum dated December 15, 1962, at Birmingham, captioned "Unknown Subjects; Bombing of Bethel Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, December 14, 1962," copy forwarded to the CRD on December 17, 1962.)

8. Bombing of residence of Arthur Shores, 1026 Center Street, North, Birmingham, August 20, 1963.

9. Bombing of residence of A. D. King, 721 12th Street, Ensley, Birmingham, May 11, 1963.

10. Bombing of A. G. Gaston Hotel, 1510 5th Avenue, North, Birmingham, May 11, 1963.

11. Bombing of residence of T. L. Crowell, 1312 24th Avenue, North, Birmingham, April 1, 1965.

12. Bombing devices found in Birmingham, March 21-22, 1965, and April 1, 1965.

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Regarding incident #8, the facts were furnished to the CRD on August 30, 1963, by memorandum dated August 27, 1963, at Birmingham. No investigation was instituted. However, the residence was again bombed on September 4, 1963, and investigation was conducted at the request of the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the CRD. The report of SA [redacted] dated October 13, 1965, at Birmingham, captioned "Bombing of Residence of Arthur Shores, 1026 Center Street, North, Birmingham, Alabama, September 4, 1963, Bombing Matters," furnished to the Department on October 22, 1965, contained the final results of investigation reported under that caption.

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Regarding incident #9, investigation was conducted and the report of SA [redacted] dated July 16, 1963, at Birmingham, captioned "Unknown Subjects; Bombing of Residence of Rev. A. D. W. King, Birmingham, Alabama, May 11, 1963, Bombing Matters," furnished to the Department on July 22, 1963, contained the final results of investigation reported under that caption.

Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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With regard to incident #10, investigation was conducted and the report of SA [redacted] dated July 22, 1963, at Birmingham, captioned "Unknown Subjects; Bombing of Gaston Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama, May 11, 1963, Bombing Matters," furnished to the Department on August 2, 1963, contained the final results of investigation reported under that caption.

As to incidents #11 and #12, investigation was conducted and the report of SA [redacted] dated February 7, 1969, at Birmingham, captioned "Bombing Devices Found at Birmingham, Alabama, March 21-22, 1965, and April 1, 1965, Bombing Matters," furnished to the Department on February 12, 1969, contained the final results of investigation reported under that caption.

Investigation regarding incidents #8, #9, and #10 was consolidated into the investigation of captioned matter and results thereafter were incorporated into reports prepared in captioned case. Also investigation regarding incidents #11 and #12 was conducted in conjunction with the continuing investigation in captioned matter. Therefore, the objection made to Mayor Vann's prior request arises again regarding his current request.

It is proposed that regarding incidents #1 - #7, Mayor Vann be advised that the FBI conducted no investigation concerning those incidents, and that he be further advised as follows. The FBI conducted investigation regarding incidents #8 - #12 but in view of the fact that those investigations were conducted in varying degrees in conjunction with the investigation of captioned matter, his request would be more appropriately directed to Attorney General Baxley, in view of the fact that investigation in captioned matter is being conducted by Mr. Baxley, and information regarding captioned matter is being furnished to Mr. Baxley. Your concurrence in this proposed course of action is requested.

NOTE:

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See memorandum [redacted] to Wannall dated 2/5/76,
captioned RAPBOM [redacted]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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- 1 - Mr. J. B. Adams
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall *Wannall*

FROM : [REDACTED] *42*

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

SYNOPSIS:

Bapbomb is code word for investigation of bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/16/63. Purpose of memorandum is to advise of results of file review concerning information furnished to Bureau officials by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

RECOMMENDATION:

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While it appears that results of interviews of [REDACTED]

in 1966 were inadvertently not furnished to our Birmingham Office at that time or were purposely withheld, the ^{28 Statute} 1976 of Limitations has run on the Federal aspects of this case. Therefore no further action appears warranted in this matter [REDACTED]

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Memorandum to Mr. W. R. Wannall
Re: BAPBOMB

DETAILS:

Bapbomb is the code word for the case involving the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/16/63.

Purpose of this memorandum is to advise of the results of a file review, at FBIHQ and our Birmingham Office, based on information furnished to Mr. Callahan and Mr. Adams early in January, 1976, by [REDACTED]

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A review of the case file was initiated at FBIHQ and by our Birmingham Office. It was determined that there is no information in Bureau files regarding any fishing bobber being found at the crime scene in this case. Birmingham has advised its file review extended to Laboratory reports in related bombing cases and no mention could be found of such an article. The file review also indicated that the only reference to the name [REDACTED] concerned the interview of an individual named [REDACTED] who was a possible witness.

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[REDACTED] REGARDING EDWARDS. BUREAU
 INSTRUCTED THAT AN AGENT SHOULD CONTACT [REDACTED] TO DETER-
 MINE IF ANY CIRCUMSTANCES EXISTED WHICH WOULD BRING THE CASE
 WITHIN THE BUREAU'S INVESTIGATIVE JURISDICTION. ~~ITXXX~~ IF NOT, FULL
 NAME AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA REGARDING EDWARDS SHOULD BE OBTAINED
 AND FURNISHED BUREAU SO AN IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FILE CHECK
 COULD BE MADE ON BEHALF OF THE RELATIVES. CONTACT WITH [REDACTED]

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MOLETS APR. 8, 1957 FURNISHED INFORMATION ATTN: IDENTIFI-
 CATION DIVISION FOR MISSING PERSONS NOTICE TO BE PLACED
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 SONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH EDWARDS AND HE COULD FURNISH NO ADDI-
 TIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING EDWARDS DISAPPEARANCE IN HIS
 LETTER TO THE BUREAU MAR. 14, 1957. MOLET APR. 29, 1957, SAME
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 NOTICE THAT EDWARDS BODY HAD BEEN FOUND IN ALABAMA RIVER APR.
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TO : T. W. Leavitt *TWL/RSW*

DATE: 3/1/76

FROM : [REDACTED] *67c*

- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- (Attn: [REDACTED])
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

BAPBOMB is the code word for case involving bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63.

Purpose of memorandum is to obtain approval of attached teletype to SAC, Birmingham, furnishing instructions as to his response to request of Mayor David Vann, Birmingham, for review of certain FBI files. *A/1*

You will recall that Mayor Vann has recently requested to review files of our Birmingham Office regarding captioned case, several other named bombing incidents, and regarding the beating of Freedom Riders at the Trailways Bus Depot, Birmingham, on 5/14/61. We previously referred Vann's request to the Department and the Department deferred to us regarding response to above request.

Regarding captioned case and named bombings, it was recommended and approved that we advise Mayor Vann that no investigation was conducted regarding some of the bombings mentioned by him and that the others, which were investigated by the FBI, were so closely connected with captioned matter that it would seem his request would be more appropriately directed to William Baxley, Attorney General of Alabama, inasmuch as Baxley is currently investigating captioned matter, and information regarding captioned case is being furnished to Mr. Baxley by our Birmingham Office.

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Memorandum to Mr. T. W. Leavitt
Re: BAPBOMB
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Birmingham was requested to advise as to whether or not a separate investigation was conducted regarding the beating of the Freedom Riders. If not, Mayor Vann was to be so advised. If active investigation had been conducted, Birmingham was requested to identify case and furnish recommendations regarding furnishing any results of that investigation to Mayor Vann.

Birmingham has advised active investigation regarding the beating incident was conducted jointly with the investigation of the burning of a Greyhound bus, carrying Freedom Riders, at Anniston, Alabama, which occurred on the same date as the beating incident.

SAC, Birmingham, recommended that Mayor Vann be advised that while free access to FBI files cannot be granted, the FBI is agreeable to discuss the Trailways Bus Depot investigation in depth with knowledgeable official of the Birmingham Police Department (BPD) to assure that the BPD has all pertinent information available to the FBI regarding the incident. Intelligence Division concurs with that recommendation.

ACTION:

Attached for approval is a teletype to SAC, Birmingham, instructing him to respond to the request of Mayor Vann in the matter recommended by him.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

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RE BUTEL, FEBRUARY 23, 1976.

AS INSTRUCTED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE, A LETTER HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO MAYOR DAVID MANN, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ALONG LINES SET FORTH WITH NO ADDITIONAL MENTION OF THE INCIDENT AT THE TRAILWAYS BUS DEPOT, BIRMINGHAM, MAY 14, 1961. *REC-104 157-1025-191*

AS REQUESTED IN REFERENCED TEL, BIRMINGHAM DID CONDUCT

INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THE BEATING OF FREEDOM RIDERS AT THE TRAILWAYS BUS DEPOT IN 1961. THE INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED UNDER BH FILE 149-16, BUFILE 149-1684, UNDER DUAL CAPTION: *7 MAR 8 1976*

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BURNING OF GREYHOUND BUS AT ANNISTON, ALABAMA, MAY 14, 1961, CARRYING MEMBERS OF FREEDOM RIDE 1961, CORE:"

"UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] - VICTIMS; VIOLENCE AT TRAILWAYS BUS DEPOT,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, MAY 14, 1961."

IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE CASE, BIRMINGHAM RECOMMENDS
THAT MAYOR VANN BE ADVISED THAT WHILE FREE ACCESS TO FBI FILES
CANNOT BE GRANTED, THE FBI IS AGREEABLE TO DISCUSS THE
TRAILWAYS BUS DEPOT INVESTIGATION IN DEPTH WITH A KNOWLEDGEABLE
OFFICIAL OF THE BIRMINGHAM PD TO INSURE THAT THE BIRMINGHAM PD
HAS ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE FBI CONCERNING
THIS INCIDENT.

END.

WHAT IS YOUR NUMBER IT IS GARBLED

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TO SAC BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

MARCH 2, 1976

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

PERSONNEL ATTENTION

BAPBOMB, 157-1025-1747

REC-10 REBHTEL FEBRUARY 24, 1976.

REGARDING MAYOR VANN'S REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF FILES OF YOUR OFFICE REGARDING THE INCIDENT INVOLVING FREEDOM RIDERS AT THE TRAILWAYS BUS DEPOT, BIRMINGHAM, MAY 14, 1961, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO RESPOND TO HIS REQUEST IN THE MANNER RECOMMENDED BY YOU IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

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NOTE:

See memorandum [redacted] to Mr. T. W. Leavitt, dated 3/1/76, captioned as above, and prepared by [redacted]

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- 1 - N. P. Callahan
- 1 - J. B. Adams

TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall *Wannall*

DATE: 2/20/76 (Attn)

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

BAPBOMB is the code word for case involving the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/16/63.

Purpose of this memorandum is to obtain approval of teletype to SAC, Birmingham, furnishing instructions as to his response to request of Mayor David Vann, Birmingham, for review of FBI files.

My memorandum 2/5/76 (copy, with copy of its attachment, attached for ready reference) advised of receipt of a second request from Mayor Vann for a review of FBI files. It also refers to the receipt of, and disposition of, the earlier initial request of Mayor Vann for a review of our files.

Mayor Vann's ^{EX 116} second request was for review of files of our Birmingham Office regarding twelve named bombing incidents which occurred in Birmingham during the period 1956-1965. Above memorandum 2/5/76 attached for approval a letter to the Civil Rights Division (CRD) advising of the receipt of Mayor Vann's second request and seeking the Department's concurrence in a proposed response to Vann. That proposed response was to the effect that we had conducted no investigation regarding seven of the incidents. It also proposed that he be advised that as to the remaining five incidents, we had conducted investigations, but that those investigations were conducted in varying degrees in conjunction with investigation of captioned case, that we are presently furnishing information regarding captioned case to Alabama Attorney General (AG) Baxley in connection with investigation being conducted by him and that his, Vann's, request would be more appropriately directed to Mr. Baxley, inasmuch as furnishing of information by the FBI to other State and/or local officials could conceivably interfere with Baxley's investigation.

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Memorandum to Mr. Wannall
Re: BAPBOMB
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By memorandum 2/17/76 (copy attached for ready reference) the CRD advised it concurs in our proposed response to Mayor Vann.

Attached for approval is a teletype to SAC, Birmingham, instructing that he respond to Mayor Vann in line with the above proposal. Teletype also clarifies one aspect of prior request of Mayor Vann regarding his asking for review of results of our investigation of incident involving the beating of Freedom Riders at a bus depot in Birmingham in 1961.

RECOMMENDATION:

That attached teletype be approved.

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1 - N. P. Callahan
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TO SAC BIRMINGHAM

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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(Attn: [REDACTED])
FEBRUARY 23, 1976

PERSONAL ATTENTION

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REBTELS JANUARY 26, 1976, AND FEBRUARY 18, 1976, AND

BUTEL JANUARY 30, 1976.

REGARDING MAYOR VANK'S REQUEST TO REVIEW THE FILES OF YOUR OFFICE REGARDING TWELVE NAMED BOMBING INCIDENTS, THAT REQUEST WAS REFERRED TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION (CRD) OF THE DEPARTMENT BY BUREAU MEMORANDUM FEBRUARY 9, 1976. BY MEMORANDUM FEBRUARY 17, 1976, (COPY BEING FORWARDED SEPARATELY) CRD ADVISED IT CONCURS WITH THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO MAYOR VANK PROPOSED BY BUREAU MEMORANDUM FEBRUARY 9, 1976. MAYOR VANK IS TO BE ADVISED AS FOLLOWS: THE FBI CONDUCTED NO INVESTIGATION REGARDING INCIDENTS #1 - #7. REGARDING THE REMAINING FIVE INCIDENTS, INVESTIGATIONS WERE CONDUCTED BY THE FBI; HOWEVER, THOSE INVESTIGATIONS WERE CONDUCTED IN VARYING DEGREES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE INVESTIGATION OF CAPTIONED CASE. AS HE WAS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED IN RESPONSE TO HIS PRIOR REQUEST, HIS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THOSE INCIDENTS WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATELY DIRECTED TO ATTORNEY GENERAL BAXLEY, WHO IS

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PRESENTLY CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION IN CAPTIONED CASE AND TO WHOM THE FBI IS PRESENTLY FURNISHING INFORMATION IN THAT REGARD, SO AS TO AVOID THE POSSIBLE INTERFERENCE WITH MR. BAXLEY'S INVESTIGATION BY THE FBI'S FURNISHING OF SUCH INFORMATION TO OTHER STATE AND/OR LOCAL OFFICIALS.

YOUR TELETYPE FEBRUARY 18, 1976, STATES ON PAGE SIX THAT MAYOR VANN'S REQUEST FOR A REVIEW OF THE RESULTS OF FBI INVESTIGATION REGARDING THE INCIDENT OF THE BEATING OF FREEDOM RIDERS AT A BUS DEPOT IN BIRMINGHAM IN 1961 IS STILL PENDING WITH THE DEPARTMENT. FOR CLARIFICATION, THAT ASPECT WAS PREVIOUSLY REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED THERETO BY MEMORANDUM JANUARY 13, 1976, COPY OF WHICH WAS SENT TO YOU. IF AN INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY YOUR OFFICE CONCERNING THAT INCIDENT, IDENTIFY SAME BY CASE CAPTION AND SUBMIT ALONG WITH YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE FURNISHING OF ANY RESULTS OF THAT INVESTIGATION TO VANN SO THAT FURTHER CONSIDERATION MAY BE GIVEN TO HIS REQUEST. IF IN FACT NO SEPARATE INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED, YOU SHOULD SO ADVISE MAYOR VANN.

YOU ARE REMINDED OF INSTRUCTIONS SET OUT IN BUREAU TELETYPE JANUARY 22, 1976, THAT UPON COMPLETION OF YOUR CONTACT WITH MAYOR VANN, AN LET REGARDING SAME SHOULD BE

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SUBMITTED SO THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY BE APPROPRIATELY ADVISED. SIMILAR INSTRUCTIONS WERE FURNISHED TO YOU BY BUREAU TELETYPE DECEMBER 5, 1975, REGARDING ADVICE TO FBIHQ UPON COMPLETION OF YOUR CURRENT DISSEMINATION TO ATTORNEY GENERAL REXLEY.

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NOTE:

See memorandum  to Hannall, 2/20/76 
captioned BAPBOMB.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: FEB 17 1976

FROM : JSP J. Stanley Pottinger
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

JSP:WLG:ljr

DJ 144-1-906

SUBJECT: Unknown Subjects
Bombing of the 16th Street
Baptist Church, Birmingham,
Alabama, September 15, 1963,
BOMBING MATTERS

C Bnp Bomb

Reference is made to your memorandum in the above matter dated February 9, 1976, requesting our advice on your proposed response to Mayor Vann's request for information regarding this matter.

We concur in your proposed response; that regarding incidents #1 - #7, the Bureau conducted no investigation concerning these incidents; and that with respect to incidents #8 - #12 inquiry would be more appropriately directed to Attorney General Baxley.

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MEMO [redacted] TO WANNALL
2/20/76 [redacted]
Teletype TO SAC, BH DATED [redacted]
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

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

ATTENTION: INTD

BAPBOMB

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, FORMER BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF JAMIE MOORE IS CURRENTLY WORKING FOR ALABAMA STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. MOORE AND OTHER INVESTIGATORS ARE CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING THE 1963 BOMBING OF THE 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM.

AT APPROXIMATELY 8:00 PM, 3/22/76, MOORE'S CAR, A 1974 SEDAN, WAS FIRED UPON APPARENTLY FROM A PASSING VEHICLE WHILE HIS CAR WAS PARKED IN FRONT OF HIS RESIDENCE, 752 85TH STREET SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM. BULLETS STRUCK LEFT REAR DOOR, LEFT FRONT DOOR AND LEFT FRONT FENDER. NO INJURIES SUSTAINED AND MOORE UNAWARE THAT HIS CAR HAD BEEN HIT UNTIL 3/23/76.

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ACCORDING TO CAPT. JACK LEGRAND, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., FORMER KLAN MEMBERS ARE SUSPECTED INASMUCH AS MOORE IS INVOLVED IN INVESTIGATION OF CAPTIONED MATTER FOR STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. BIRMINGHAM CONDUCTING NO INVESTIGATION EXCEPT CONTACT

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WITH KLAN SOURCES. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. T. W. Leavitt *TWL/SSM*

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BAPBOM

1 - N. P. Callahan

1 - J. B. Adams

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this memorandum is to respond to the Director's question regarding significance of article appearing in 3/20/76 edition of New York Times. Article stated that according to Alabama State Attorney General (AG) William Baxley, FBI failed for four years to respond to Baxley's 1971 request for results of FBI investigation into captioned case, which involved the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63. *file*

SYNOPSIS: Above-mentioned article inaccurately states FBI withheld information concerning captioned case from Mr. Baxley from 1971 to 1975. Baxley's initial request, made in 1971, was referred to the Department and Baxley so advised. No reply received from the Department. Request renewed in April, 1975; again referred to the Department and Baxley so advised. Third request received from Baxley in December, 1975; referred to Department and Department authorized dissemination which began promptly thereafter and is continuing.

CURRENT BUREAU POLICY: Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Submitted for Director's information.

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Memorandum to Mr. Leavitt
Re: BAPBOM
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DETAILS: BAPBOM is the code name for our investigation of bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63.

Article captioned "~~63~~ BOMBING DATA WITHHELD BY F.B.I." appeared in 3/20/76 edition of New York Times. Article states that Alabama State AG William Baxley, in 1971, requested results of FBI investigation in captioned case but that the FBI "withheld" the requested information until December, 1975. The article stated that the information was given to Mr. Baxley "only after a newsman learned of the Bureau's refusing to cooperate with the Baxley investigation and inquired about it in Washington." The Director asked, "What about this?"

The article is inaccurate. The facts are set out below.

On 4/5/71 Baxley called FBIHQ advising he had recently become AG of Alabama, that he wanted to furnish any possible help he could to the FBI to solve captioned case and that he would like to talk to someone in that regard. When contacted by SAC, Birmingham, on 4/6/71, Baxley advised he had launched an inquiry into captioned case and desired FBI assistance. Specifically, he requested names of witnesses who could place certain suspects in Birmingham on the date of the bombing, any available information as to automobiles then operated by those suspects and the nature of the device or devices used in the bombing. He also requested the results of polygraph tests given to suspects and asked to interview the operator(s) who administered the tests. Baxley's request was referred to the Civil Rights Division (CRD) (case handled by that division). Our referral letter stated that no further action would be taken by the FBI regarding Baxley's request in the absence of specific instructions from CRD. On 4/14/71 SAC, Birmingham, advised Baxley his request had been referred to CRD. Baxley said he was going to call Jerris Leonard (then Assistant AG in charge of CRD), with whom he was personally acquainted to seek Departmental clearance for desired information. No reply to our referral letter was received from CRD.

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Memorandum to Mr. Leavitt
Re: BAPBOM
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On 4/18/75 Baxley telephonically contacted Mr. Reed in the Director's Office, stating he had additional information in this matter and desired to see SAC, Birmingham, in that regard. He was contacted by SAC, Birmingham, on 4/21/75 and an appointment was scheduled for 4/25/75. At that time Baxley advised an informant, whom he declined to identify, had provided information which he felt warranted additional investigation. He said it was the same information he had in 1971, that he had not had the opportunity to develop same but felt that with the passage of time, certain individuals previously contacted might be willing to provide information beneficial to the solving of the case. He asked that FBI Agents participate jointly with his investigators in the "additional investigation." He was told this could not be done, but that if he had any additional information constituting a basis for logical investigation, we would, upon receipt of such information, conduct any necessary additional investigation. He said he preferred that such investigation be controlled from his office. He said if Agents could not participate in a joint investigation he would appreciate receiving results of certain aspects of our investigation, particularly results of interviews of suspects. His request was referred to the CRD and he was advised of the referral. Our referral letter again stated no action was being taken by the FBI regarding Baxley's request in the absence of specific instructions from CRD.

In July, 1975, Departmental Attorney William L. Gardner, CRD, telephonically inquired of Bureau Supervisor [REDACTED] as to the action desired by the FBI regarding Baxley's request. It was pointed out to him that Baxley declined to furnish any of his information to the FBI, that disclosure of some of the results of investigation might compromise confidentiality, but that as indicated in our referral communications, we were taking no action in the absence of specific instructions from CRD.

On 12/1/75 Baxley contacted Robert Havel, Office of Public Information, Department of Justice, requesting certain results of FBI investigation in this matter. Havel was apprised of the receipt and disposition of Baxley's prior requests. Havel

Memorandum to Mr. Leavitt
Re: BAPBOM
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requested that the matter be discussed with CRD and this was done on the same date. At that time Mr. Gardner of CRD stated the Department's case was closed, that the Department had no objection to furnishing the requested information to Baxley and that CRD would forward a communication so stating. That communication, dated 12/3/75, was subsequently received and SAC, Birmingham, was immediately advised. He was instructed to comply with Baxley's request and was also instructed that if any requested information would tend to disclose sources whose identities could not be disclosed, the requested information was to be furnished orally in a manner to protect the sources. SAC, Birmingham, was also instructed that upon completion of the dissemination, FBIHQ was to be advised, identifying the information disseminated.

SAC, Birmingham, advised on 3/30/76 that Baxley's request has been received in phases, that the latest aspect of the request has been handled and Birmingham is awaiting receipt of the next phase of the request.

**63 BOMBING DATA
WITHHELD BY F.B.I.**

**Alabama Official Confirms
That Bureau Ignored His
Requests for 4 Years**

By WAYNE KING
Special to The New York Times

MONTGOMERY, Ala., March 18 — The Federal Bureau of Investigation withheld the results of its inquiry into the 1963 bombing of a Birmingham church from the Alabama Attorney General for more than four years despite repeated requests for the data.

The state's Attorney General, William Baxley, confirmed that the bureau had withheld its extensive information — which other sources said included the incriminating results of a polygraph test given to a man suspected of making the bomb — from the time of his initial request in 1971 until last December. Mr. Baxley's office has been conducting its own investigation into the bombing, which killed four black children, since he took office in 1971.

The F.B.I. information was given to Mr. Baxley only after a newsman learned of the bureau's refusal to cooperate with the Baxley investigation and inquired about it in Washington.

An F.B.I. spokesman in Washington said that when the request for the information was received in 1971, it was sent to the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department, which had control of the information, the spokesman said. Four years later, he said, the Justice Department got around to responding.

No Reason Offered

The spokesman had no explanation of why the information was held up. Local law enforcement officials, particularly in racially troubled Southern areas, often have complained of difficulty in obtaining such F.B.I. data.

A Justice Department official, said in response to the statement from the F.B.I. spokesman, that no one in the Civil Rights Division could be found who remembered the bureau passing on Mr. Baxley's request in 1971.

Mr. Baxley said that his investigation of the bombing was continuing, adding, "We're confident that we're making progress."

Although the case has never been officially closed, it was inactive, both at the state and Federal levels, when Mr. Baxley took office in 1971.

Mr. Baxley, asked about the difficulty in getting the F.B.I. information, said that he understood the bureau's reluctance to release such information during the early 1960's, when there was some fear on the part of the bureau that its information might be leaked by unsympathetic law enforcement officers in the South. But he said he considered such fears groundless today.

Investigation Hindered

The refusal of the bureau to provide the information meant that state investigators were unable to develop leads turned up by the bureau at the time, and it also entirely forestalled the questioning of certain individuals since it was felt that there should not be any contact with them until it was known what they might have told the F.B.I.

Among the withheld information, the Times has learned, was he report of lie detector test administered to a suspect believed to have made the bomb used in the explosion, and believed placed by another party, a prime target of the Baxley inquiry. The test showed that the suspect lied when he denied having made the bomb in his home workshop. Polygraph test results are not admissible in court as evidence in such cases, but they do provide important corroboration to investigators. The man is now dead.

As a result of the renewed state inquiry into the church bombing, Mr. Baxley, office has already brought unrelated murder indictments against three former Ku Klux Klansmen accused of forcing a black man to jump to his death from a bridge outside Montgomery 18 years ago.

"There were a whole series of bombings — two others in Birmingham, plus one here, previously unsolved — that we could make a case on right now," Mr. Baxley said, "but the statute [of limitations] has run out."

Mr. Baxley said those bombings were related to the church bombing in Birmingham.

"We're about a smidgen of an inch away from solving one that occurred near an occupied dwelling — and there is no limitation on that," Mr. Baxley said.

Motivated by Hatred

Asked about the relationship between the Birmingham bombings and those in Montgomery and elsewhere in the South, Mr. Baxley said, "The relationship is haphazard. Some were related, some were not."

"All were motivated by intense hatred. Another relationship is that they were all done by the scum of the earth."

Mr. Baxley said that some of the individuals implicated in the fatal Birmingham church bombing referred to themselves as "the missionaries" or "the missionary group."

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: EXTERNAL ARRAIRS DIVISION

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (80-171)

SUBJECT: RELATIONS WITH NEWS MEDIA

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Attached is a news article from Page 1 of "The Birmingham News" dated 3/14/76 written by ANDREW KILPATRICK, staff writer for the above paper.



The Bureau is requested to expeditiously furnish Birmingham any information regarding receipt of information as contained in tape obtained by Miami Police Department; if tape or information in tape furnished to Warren Commission and if not furnished, the reason why it was not furnished.

These answers will be greatly appreciated and will be made available to KILPATRICK upon receipt.

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62-109060-3477 Dallas report of SA [redacted] dated 7/6/64
 P119-126 - contains the info from source + resulting investigation. It was sent to J. Lee Rankin of Warren Comm. by letter of 8/19/64. Birmingham Prop 620
 advised by phone 4/8/76.

Approved: *[Signature]* Special Agent in Charge
 Sent *[Signature]* APR 13 1976
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Also King, Kennedy slayings

Church bombing talk recorded by police

By ANDREW KILPATRICK
News staff writer

The bombing of Birmingham's Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in 1963—as well as the possibility of killing President John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.—were discussed in a 20-minute conversation which was recorded by a room bug planted in a Miami hotel room Nov. 9, 1963, according to Miami police.

The conversation was between a police informer and a "states' rights" advocate.

The Miami police, because they did not have jurisdiction over the crimes, said they turned the information over to the FBI.

But an FBI spokesman in Washington D.C., who recently indicated the tape was not a good lead, said he could not really comment about it because Sen. Frank Church's U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee is studying the Kennedy assassination.

HE SAID information about the tape had been turned over to the Warren

Commission, which investigated Kennedy's assassination, and he said questions about the tape would have to be addressed to Warren Commission members.

But the 14-volume Warren Commission report makes no mention of the

tape. And J. Lee Rankin of New York City, general counsel for the Warren Commission, said Friday, "I don't recall such a tape," and he said information about the tape had not come to him. Others who served on the Warren Commission said they had no recollection of the tape.

In the Miami conversation, which took place 55 days after the church bombing, and 13 days before the Kennedy assassination, the states' rights advocate describes a now-dead Tennessee Ku Klux Klan official who talked about how the church was bombed



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The men talking in the hotel room discussed ways to kill Kennedy... "best way would be off a building with a high-powered rifle."

AND THAT'S how Kennedy was killed in Dallas, Tex., Nov. 22, 1963.

The Birmingham News recently interviewed now-retired Miami policeman Everett Key who planted the bug, and The News recently listened to the barely audible tape while checking a

number of leads about the church bombing.

Both men who took part in the hotel conversation are dead.

But before the states' rights advocate died, a Miami News reporter, Bill Barry, now a free lance writer, interviewed him by phone. Barry said the man at first denied knowing anything about plans to kill Kennedy, but he apparently soon realized the Barry's questions were based on the tape police had let Barry hear.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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The Birmingham News
Birmingham, Ala.

Date: 3/14/76
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Author: Andrew Kilpatrick
Editor: John W. Bloom
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BARRY SAID the man changed his story from "not knowing" to "not wanting to talk about it."

Then, the man's wife picked up the phone extension, Barry said, and told her husband the reporter was trying to pin something on him. Barry said after that, "the conversation deteriorated," and the man wouldn't talk any more about the incident.

The man, described by Barry as "a gad-about political figure in Georgia," later died from an apparent space heater accident in his home. Miami police said the informer, Willie Sommerset, died of natural causes.

In 1967, two Birmingham policemen went to Miami and listened to the conversation a week after its existence was reported. They returned and filed a one-page memo in which they concluded there was no proof the Klansman mentioned in the tape had anything to do with the church bombing. Besides, they didn't know where the man was, they reported.

BUT LAST WEEK Birmingham police asked for and received a copy of the conversation from Miami police. Capt. Jack LeGrand confirmed Birmingham police now have the tape and are studying it.

The tape was made nine days before Kennedy came to Miami Nov. 18, 1963, to give a speech at the Orange Bowl, a speech in which he promised to return the Cuban Bay of Pigs brigade flag to Cuban soil following the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion of April 1961.

After listening to the tape, Miami police insisted Kennedy take a helicopter to a spot near the Orange Bowl rather than go by motorcade as planned.

In the tape, the states' rights advocate speaks of "a young ex-Marine who really knows his business," who was "in town" and was well-known in Chattanooga, Nashville and New Orleans, and who knew the Klan.

THE MAN said the try to get Kennedy in Miami "is just a trial run," and admitted, "It'll be a hard proposition to get him."

The man also talked of how "it's in the works" to get King, calling him, "the Brown Bomber," and the men talked about where King lived in Atlanta.

Further, the man on the tape said the Klansman told him the Birmingham

Aaron Rosenfeld, a former Birmingham fire marshal who was the first investigator to reach the scene after the church was bombed Sept. 15, 1963, said the bombing was a dynamite explosion. He said he—and as far as he knows—federal officials who sifted the debris, did not come up with any bomb parts, but he said he could tell it was a dynamite explosion because of the odor.

Knowledge of the Miami tape came to light when Sommerset told Barry of its existence. He and Sommerset went over the taped conversation and Barry reported the story.

At that time the FBI had practically no comment about the tape.

The Miami tape leaves unanswered questions.

Was information about the tape really turned over to the Warren Commission as the FBI claims? What evaluation did the FBI make of the incident?

Was the incident really a case of a serious threat against the life of a president?

Was it just wild talk in the night or was there something to it?

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Date: 4/12/76

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (P)
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Bureau airtel to Birmingham, 3/2/76.

Enclosed for information of the Bureau is a copy of letter from DAVID VANN, Mayor of Birmingham, Alabama, to SAC, Birmingham, dated 3/26/76, in which Mayor VANN responds to Birmingham letters to him dated 2/25/76 and 3/5/76 relative to captioned matter.

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City of Birmingham, Alabama

DAVID VANN
MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

March 26, 1976

Mr. L. R. Kirkpatrick
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1400 - 2121 Building
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

I appreciate your two letters to me dated February 25th and March 5th, 1976, relative to the investigation of race related bombings and violence in Birmingham during the early 1960's.

As outlined in your February 25th letter, the Birmingham Police Department will work with and through the Alabama Attorney General regarding the 16th Street Church bombing. The Birmingham police officials assigned to this investigation are already working closely with representatives of Attorney General Baxley's Office, and any request for additional information will be forwarded to the FBI through the Attorney General.

Captain Jack E. LeGrand is the senior Birmingham police official directing the Trailways Bus Depot incident investigation. A copy of your March 5th letter has been forwarded to him, and I am sure he will contact you if discussions are needed as outlined in your letter.

If any changes are needed in these procedures, I will contact you. Pending that necessity, we will work within the framework you have established.

Thank you for your cooperation thus far in this matter. I do regret that there does not appear to be an effective way to make all information available to our law enforcement officials. I continue to believe that your confidential files on informants, etc. would be most helpful and that some way to achieve a higher degree of cooperation should be available.

Sincerely,

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David Vann

David Vann

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June 1, 1976

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Honorable Clarence M. Kelly
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Director Kelly:

As you may know the Attorney General of Alabama and the Police Department of the City of Birmingham, Alabama have reopened the investigation into the 1963 bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham. We have been jointly working on the investigation for approximately six months. In the course of the investigation we have received some information from the FBI Office in Birmingham--primarily 302 form reports of interviews with suspects and other Ku Klux Klan members in the Birmingham area at the time.

We are now at a point in the investigation where we would like to interview a number of the FBI agents who worked on the case in 1963 and '64 in Birmingham. I have enclosed a list of the names of these agents.

We feel that it is necessary for our investigators to talk to these agents to develop background information on the case which is not included in the reports that are contained in the case file. These agents undoubtedly spoke to a great many people and had leads of which we are unaware.

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Honorable Clarence M. Kelly
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We would greatly appreciate it, therefore, if you would authorize these agents to meet with our investigators and discuss the case. If you could provide us with a list of the current addresses of the agents we will arrange to meet them at places convenient to them.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



WILLIAM J. BAXLEY
Attorney General of Alabama
Montgomery, Alabama



DAVID VANN
Mayor, Birmingham, Alabama

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Honorable William J. Baxley
Attorney General
State of Alabama
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

This letter will acknowledge receipt of your letter, also signed by Mayor David Vann, on June 17, 1976. Please be advised that I am currently reviewing your request and will give you a response to it in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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1 - Honorable David Vann
Mayor
Birmingham, Alabama

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July 20, 1976

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Honorable William J. Baxley
Attorney General
State of Alabama
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

This letter is a further response to your letter of June 1, 1976.

In the spirit of cooperation, I will authorize the Special Agents on your list who are currently on duty in the FBI to answer your inquiries. Further, as all of the Agents are now assigned to field divisions other than Birmingham, it would be difficult for them to determine the necessary parameter of discussion to avoid affecting investigations which may be pending in our Birmingham Office. Therefore, I suggest you furnish me with written inquiries to be forwarded to the Agents for prompt reply.

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Sincerely yours,
G. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
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1 - Honorable David Vann
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Birmingham, Alabama

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Honorable William J. Baxley

NOTE:

Based on incoming letter dated June 1, 1976, and the Director's interim reply dated June 23, 1976.

This matter concerns an investigation being conducted by the Attorney General of Alabama and the Police Department of Birmingham into the 1963 bombing of a church in Birmingham. Pursuant to a prior request, the Birmingham Office has furnished copies of investigative reports.

The current request is to interview 23 Special Agents who may have personal knowledge concerning the FBI investigation of the church bombing which may assist the Attorney General in his current inquiry. Of the 23 Special Agents named in the Attorney General's list, only the following are currently on duty:



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TO: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

FROM: Director, FBI (157-1025)

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ReButels to Birmingham dated 12/5/75 and 2/23/76.

Advise status of dissemination being made to Attorney General William Baxley in captioned matter.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Copies made by C.T. for review by Rowe Task Force Date 12/11/78 Entire Serial

Re Bureau airtel to Birmingham, 7/1/76.

Birmingham has been furnishing information from its files to GEORGE W. ROYER, JR., Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, State of Alabama, WILLIAM BAXLEY, from captioned case since 12/12/75. Birmingham has not furnished any information which would tend to reveal informants or confidential sources. Based on his request for specific information, the items which have been furnished to ROYER are as follows:

On 12/12/75, copies of the following FD-302s were furnished to ROYER:

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On 12/12/75, ROYER was also furnished with available photographs of individuals named above and their vehicles as well as photographs of the crime scene in Birmingham's possession.

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The following items were furnished to ROYER
on 12/12/76: (copies of FD-302s)

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Insert reflecting summary of polygraph
interviews with several of the above-named
individuals.

Copy of FBI Laboratory Report dated 9/20/63.

On 12/19/75, ROYER was furnished with copies
of the following FD-302s:

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On 3/5/76, ROYER was furnished with copies of FBI Identification records for the following named individuals:

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Birmingham, as mentioned above, has furnished ROYER with all information requested by him with the exception of any informant or source material and since Birmingham has not received any additional requests for information from its files from ROYER or Attorney General BAXLEY's Office, since 3/5/76, Birmingham is placing this matter in a closed status at this time.

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REBUTEL AUGUST 23, 1976.

SAC, BIRMINGHAM HAS NO OBJECTION TO BUREAU PROPOSAL
FOR RESPONDING TO BAXLEY'S REQUEST TO INTERVIEW AGENTS AS
CONTAINED IN RETEL. HOWEVER, BAXLEY'S PATENTLY FALSE
STATEMENT THAT I HAVE QUOTE STOPPED RETURNING HIS
ASSISTANTS' TELEPHONE CALLS UNQUOTE SHOULD ALERT FBIHQ,
AS IT HAS THIS OFFICE, TO INSURE THAT CONDITIONS FOR DEALING
WITH BAXLEY IN ANY AREA OF HIS INVESTIGATION ARE TO BE
CLEARLY PRE-SET IN WRITING AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED
PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES AVAILABLE TO ADEQUATELY PROTECT
THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF OUR FILES WHERE APPROPRIATE. IN THIS
REGARD, THE BUREAU MAY DESIRE TO GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION
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FBIHQ PRESENT DURING PROPOSED INTERVIEWS TO PROVIDE A BROADER BASE OF EXPERIENCE IN THESE MATTERS THAN MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FROM THE BIRMINGHAM PRICIPAL LEGAL OFFICER.

IF MR. BAXLEY'S COMPLETED INVESTIGATION ULTIMATELY RESULTS IN SOMETHING LESS THAN PROSECUTION, THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT HE MAY PUBLICLY CLAIM THAT HIS EFFORTS WERE UNSUCCESSFUL BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF FBI COOPERATION.

THIS, OF COURSE, SHOULD IN NO WAY INFER THAT WE NOT COOPERATE WITH BAXLEY TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE;

HOWEVER, HIS STATEMENT THAT THIS OFFICE HAS NOT RETURNED TELEPHONE CALLS TO ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS OFFICE HAS NO BASIS IN FACT WHATSOEVER AND, AS A MATTER OF FACT, THIS OFFICE HAS ATTEMPTED TO FURNISH MR. BAXLEY ALL INFORMATION HE HAS REQUESTED WITH EXCEPTION OF INFORMATION WHICH WOULD IDENTIFY CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES.

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- 1 - Mr. R. G. Held
- 1 - Mr. J. B. Adams
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
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- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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Honorable William J. ~~X~~ Bayley
 Attorney General
 State of Alabama
 Montgomery, Alabama 36130

- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 26, 1976, advising that you consider submission of written inquiries to Special Agents of this Bureau whom you wish to interview to be unsatisfactory.

I have every desire to be as cooperative as possible in this matter, consistent with my responsibilities for maintaining the security of information in FBI files which must remain confidential. Therefore, I will authorize interviews of those Agents presently on duty with the Bureau by members of your staff, provided such interviews are conducted at Birmingham, in the presence of other FBI representatives familiar with this matter. Their presence will be necessary to insure that matters which must remain confidential are not discussed.

For your information, only 12 of the 23 Agents previously named by you are presently on duty. Also, one of the Agents you wish to interview, James Howse Rike, is deceased.

If you desire to conduct the interviews of the 12 Agents now on active duty in accordance with the above-mentioned procedure, I would ask that you contact the Special Agent in charge of our Birmingham Office to proceed with the necessary arrangements.

Your letter stated that the Agent who has been providing your staff with requested information from the files of our Birmingham Office failed to return telephone

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Honorable William J. Baxley

calls from members of your staff. For your information, I have been advised by the Special Agent in charge at Birmingham that there have been no calls from your staff which have not been responded to, and that all information which your staff has requested has been furnished except for that information which would identify confidential sources.

I feel sure that as you become aware of manpower and financial commitments involved in bringing the above-mentioned Agents to Birmingham for interviews, you will have a greater appreciation of the extent of my desire to furnish maximum possible assistance to you in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

1 - Honorable David Vann
Mayor
Birmingham, Alabama

NOTE TO SAC, BIRMINGHAM

Re Bureau teletype 8/23/76 and your teletype 8/24/76. Copy of incoming previously furnished to you. For your information, above-mentioned Agents presently on active duty are:

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Honorable William J. Baxley

NOTE TO SAC, BIRMINGHAM CONTINUED:

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If and when arrangements are made with Mr. Baxley for interviews of above Agents, advise FBIEQ so that appropriate instructions may be forwarded to those Agents.

Referenced teletype suggests representative of Legal Counsel Division be present at interviews. Such presence not considered necessary as no legal questions are involved.

Honorable William J. Baxley

NOTE:

Captioned case concerns bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63, resulting in four deaths and personal injury to 16 other persons. At his request, after appropriate contact with Civil Rights Division, we furnished certain results of our investigation to Baxley. By airtel 7/9/76, Birmingham listed numerous documents furnished to Baxley and advised that no additional information had been requested by him since 3/5/76, the date on which the last documents requested were furnished.

Apparently based on results of his review of documents previously furnished, Baxley has requested to interview 23 Special Agents who participated in above investigation in Birmingham in 1963-64. Our initial response advised we would authorize submission of written questions to the Agents as a means of cooperation but maintaining integrity of our files and pending matters within Birmingham Division. Incoming advised that approach unsatisfactory. It also alleges Bureau has not been responding satisfactorily to Baxley's past requests (for facts see memorandum 3/30/76, copy attached for ready reference) and that Birmingham has not answered telephone calls from Baxley's staff.

Aspect regarding suggestion of Birmingham for presence of Legal Counsel Division representative at interviews coordinated with that Division.

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL STATE OF ALABAMA MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA



WILLIAM J. BAXLEY
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July 26, 1976

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Honorable Clarence M. Kelley
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Director Kelley:

I have your letter of July 20, 1976. As you recall in our earlier letter to you we requested permission to interview the FBI agents who participated in the investigation of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham in 1963. In response to our request to interview these agents, you have requested us to submit written inquiries to be forwarded to these agents.

I must say that I am somewhat surprised by your response to our letter. As a veteran law enforcement officer, you must know from your own experience that the procedure you have suggested for interviewing the agents in question is wholly impractical and unworkable investigative procedure. The submission of written inquiries is no substitute whatsoever for face to face interviews.

I hope that this suggestion by your office is not simply another example of Bureau "footdragging" in this case. We have met repeated resistance from the Bureau every since we began requesting information concerning the church bombing in 1971. On a number of separate occasions I made personal requests for information from various Bureau high ranking personnel. Each time I simply received no answer or was put off. Finally, after making a trip to Washington myself, we were told that we could have access to FBI files on the case.

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However, this granting by the FBI of access to the files has been more illusory than real. My personnel who have traveled to Birmingham to obtain information from the files have been told, in effect, that only what they specifically ask for will be given to them. This, of course, presents somewhat of a problem when we have virtually no idea of what information is contained in the Bureau's files on the case in the first place. Finally, as of late, the agent in charge of providing our personnel with information from the Bureau's files in Birmingham has stopped returning my assistants' telephone calls.

I simply cannot understand the attitude of the Bureau in acting the way it has in this case. The statute of limitations has long run on any possible federal violation that could be prosecuted in the case. As a prosecutor, I would be more than willing and happy to provide any information I might have on a case on which the state statute of limitations has run if there was any hope of ever bringing a prosecution in another jurisdiction.

As I have said, I trust that your suggestion that we submit written inquiries to the agents in question is not indicative of further recalcitrance on the part of the Bureau to provide this office with information in this case. I am writing this letter in the hope that you will agree with me that this method of investigative procedure is totally impractical. I hope that you will give us permission to interview the agents who worked on the case before I am forced to pursue an alternative method of getting the information I feel we need.

We would greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you concerning our request.

Sincerely,



BILL BAXLEY
Attorney General

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Mayor, City of Birmingham

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TO BIRMINGHAM (157-352) PRIORITY 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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RENYLET TO WILLIAM BAXLEY, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF STATE OF ALABAMA DATED JUNE 23, 1976, ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF HIS LETTER DATED JUNE 1, 1976, COPIES OF BOTH OF WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED TO YOU, AND MY LETTER TO BAXLEY DATED JULY 20, 1976, COPIES ALSO FURNISHED TO YOU.

BAXLEY'S LETTER OF JUNE 1, 1976, REQUESTED AUTHORITY TO INTERVIEW 23 NAMED AGENTS WHO WORKED ON CAPTIONED CASE IN BIRMINGHAM IN 1963 and 1964. MY RESPONSE OF JULY 20, 1976, ADVISED BAXLEY I WOULD AUTHORIZE AGENTS CURRENTLY ON DUTY TO ANSWER HIS INQUIRIES BY WAY OF RESPONDING TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS, SO AS TO AVOID POSSIBLE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION AFFECTING PENDING MATTERS.

MY LETTER DATED JULY 26, 1976, COPY BEING FURNISHED TO YOU SEPARATELY, BAXLEY ADVISED THAT ABOVE PROCEDURE IS ACCEPTABLE

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AND HE AGAIN REQUESTED AUTHORITY TO INTERVIEW AGENTS. HE ALSO STATED HE HAD ONLY BEEN GIVEN INFORMATION SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED IN THE PAST AND THAT "FINALLY, AS OF LATE, THE AGENT IN CHARGE OF PROVIDING OUR PERSONNEL WITH INFORMATION FROM THE BUREAU'S FILES IN BIRMINGHAM HAS STOPPED RETURNING MY ASSISTANTS' TELEPHONE CALLS."

IN THE INTEREST OF FURNISHING MAXIMUM POSSIBLE COOPERATION TO BAXLEY, FBIHQ PROPOSES RESPONDING TO BAXLEY BY STATING INTERVIEWS OF AGENTS NOW ON DUTY WILL BE AUTHORIZED IF SAME CONDUCTED IN BIRMINGHAM IN PRESENCE OF AGENT FROM YOUR OFFICE KNOWLEDGEABLE REGARDING CAPTIONED CASE TO INSURE MATTERS WHICH MUST REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL ARE NOT DISCUSSED. IF ABOVE PROCEDURE IS AGREEABLE TO BAXLEY, HE WILL BE REQUESTED TO CONTACT YOU TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. AS ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE, INCLUDING DATES FOR SPECIFIC INTERVIEWS, AGENTS NOW ON DUTY, ALL OF WHOM ARE ASSIGNED TO OTHER DIVISIONS, WILL BE INSTRUCTED BY FBIHQ TO PROCEED TO BIRMINGHAM FOR INTERVIEW.

HE WILL ALSO BE ADVISED THAT OF THE AGENTS NAMED BY HIM, ONE IS DECEASED, AND TEN OTHERS ARE NO LONGER IN BUREAU SERVICE.

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SUTEL YOUR OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ABOVE PROCEDURE. ALSO FURNISH FACTS REGARDING BAXLEY'S STATEMENT THAT YOUR OFFICE HAS FAILED TO RETURN PHONE CALLS FROM HIS STAFF SO THAT APPROPRIATE RESPONSE MAY BE MADE TO THAT ASPECT OF HIS LETTER.

AFFORD THIS MATTER PREFERRED ATTENTION.

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Proposed approach appears to be the only available additional cooperative step which can be taken, short of subjecting Agents to interview without benefit of informed guidance as to what they can properly discuss with Baxley's staff so as to avoid possible compromise of information in Birmingham files which must remain confidential.

Incoming letter implies that failure to make Agents available as requested, may result in issuance of subpoenas by Baxley.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 9-9-76

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (C)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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ReBHTel to Director, 8/24/76.

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau is one copy of an article entitled "The Birmingham Bombers, 1963-1976" written by BILL CORNWELL, a reporter for the Birmingham Post-Herald, which appeared in the 9/4/76 edition of "The Nation".

This article was furnished to SAC, Birmingham, by Captain Jack LeGrand of the Birmingham Police Department.

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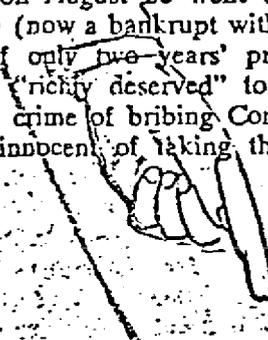
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Jacobsen's guilty plea in the Connally case which he was the key witness. This deal with the prosecutors was the basis of Connally's defense and of his acquittal last year in his trial for bribery. The jury, apparently dazzled by the parade of prominent character witnesses in Connally's behalf, and unable to take the word of Jacobsen, the beneficiary of that agreement to drop the Texas bank indictment, let Connally go free.

Now Jacobsen has been convicted of bribing John B. Connally, who was found not guilty of accepting that bribe. Laymen often have a hard time with legal logic, and this is a prime example of it. The Jacobsen-Connally case is a particularly puzzling one because the judge who sentenced Jacobsen on August 20 went out of his way to castigate Jacobsen (now a bankrupt with a sick wife—hence a sentence of only two years' probation). The judge said Jacobsen "richly deserved" to serve time in jail for the admitted crime of bribing Connally who, on the other hand, is innocent of taking that money. (It



was always hard to understand why the high-rolling Connally would have asked so much for what he must have regarded as chicken feed.)

Here ends this tale of "white-collar crime," except for a brief reflection on equality under the law. One must wonder, in view of the light sentence to Jacobsen for bribing the Secretary of the Treasury (who was not bribed), how many John Smiths and Does who are found guilty of similar crimes get the same merciful treatment from the bench. So many of the Watergate cases ended with judges handing down light sentences accompanied by pieties on how the disgrace was almost punishment enough. (Remember former Atty. Gen. Richard Kleindienst?)

The high and the mighty seem too often to be let down easily, while ordinary people take the hard falls in our courts, and that is no way to advertise that justice still has eyes that are blind to person, place, and privilege. Naturally, John B. Connally would agree with that.

The Birmingham Bombers, 1963-1976

BILL CORNWELL

Thirteen years ago next month, on September 15, 1963, an explosion triggered by fifteen sticks of dynamite ripped through the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala. The blast opened gaping holes in the brown sandstone building that had become a rallying point for blacks during the drive to desegregate the city's schools. About 200 people had crowded into the church that Sunday, and within minutes of the explosion angry, bleeding and confused blacks poured out of the sanctuary. Twenty persons were injured. In the church's basement, the bodies of four black girls (three were 14 years old and one was 11) were found buried under debris. The girls had just heard a Sunday School lesson on "The Love That Forgives" and were changing into their choir robes when the bomb went off. So ferocious was the explosion that one of the victims was decapitated. Another had an apple-size hole gouged into the back of her head. It was probably the most vicious crime of the civil rights era in the South.

And it remains unsolved.

Paradoxically, the public has been told again and again that a solution to the case is at hand. "State investigators," Gov. George Wallace boasted just two weeks after the bombing, "expect to break the Birmingham church case within the next few hours." In 1964, a high FBI official promised that "we'll solve this case if it takes ten years." Two years later, *Reader's Digest*, in an extremely flattering article on the FBI, reported: "They [FBI agents]

have put the finger on those responsible for the bombing of a Birmingham Negro church in which four small girls were killed. Director Hoover ordered them to keep building the case until it is so strong that no jury in the land could refuse to convict. So, ever since, wherever the killers have gone, agents have haunted them, watching for chances to add more evidence against them." Thus, Alabama's present Atty. Gen. Bill Baxley sounded vaguely like a broken record last February when he stated that he knows the names of the "fiends" responsible for the bombing and added, "some people in Jefferson County [in which Birmingham is located] ought to be pretty nervous right now."

But wading through the hyperbole and empty promises, one gains a very different impression. The facts are: no one has ever been arrested or tried for the bombing, not a shred of evidence has ever been presented to a grand jury about the bombing and, despite a recent flurry of publicity about a new investigation, the solution to the case is apparently no nearer today than it was thirteen years ago. Attempts to solve it have been hamstrung by incompetence, indifference and petty feuds among politicians (notably George Wallace) and law-enforcement officials. The bickering continues to this day. It is, as one police officer who has followed the case says, "a sorry damn story."

The bumbling and stumbling began almost as soon as the smoke around the church had cleared. The FBI rushed twenty-five bomb experts and agents to the scene, and a Justice Department spokesman vowed the investigation

Bill Cornwell is a reporter for the Birmingham Post-Herald.

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would be "the most intense since the hunt for John Dillinger." As the agents picked through the rubble in Birmingham, George Wallace fumed and fidgeted in Montgomery. For months, the Governor had been whipping the rednecks into a frenzy with increasingly rabid statements about school integration, and now he was reaping what he had sown. Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP, called the atrocity a "deliberate mass murder" encouraged by the Governor. "Wallace is as guilty, as if he himself planted the bomb," said John P. Roche of the Americans for Democratic Action. "The blood of four little children is on your hands," Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. bluntly informed Wallace in a telegram.

Even a dedicated rabble-rouser like Wallace was quick to realize that this sort of publicity was not likely to enhance his image as he prepared his first campaign for the Presidency. Something had to be done—and fast. If there was blood on his hands, by God, he wanted it washed off before the New Hampshire primary.

Wallace quickly decided that his state police were not to cooperate with other law-enforcement groups working on the case. He didn't want the FBI to solve it, thereby allowing J. Edgar Hoover and the Kennedys to get all the credit for cleaning up a mess in Wallace's own backyard. "The killing of those children was a horrible act that shocked the nation," recalls Burke Marshall, who at that time headed the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department. "I don't know if the Governor reacted that way; he may have looked at it as a political problem. There was absolutely no communication between Governor Wallace and the federal government."

Wallace entrusted the state's investigation to the head of the Department of Public Safety, the late Col. Albert J. Lingo, a rough-and-tumble south Alabamian who became something of a state hero a couple of years later for ordering the clubbing and tear-gassing of civil rights marchers in Selma. It mattered not to Wallace that Lingo was an outspoken supporter of the Ku Klux Klan and that the prime suspects were Klansmen. It mattered not to Wallace that Lingo, president of a door manufacturing firm before his appointment as the state's top policeman, knew next to nothing about investigative techniques or law enforcement. None of this mattered to Wallace. He just wanted something done fast.

So while the FBI was conducting a methodical, painstaking investigation, Alabama's state troopers ("They acted more like storm troopers," says Burke Marshall) were slinking around town pursuing the strangest "clues." Typical of Lingo's tactics was the photographing of virtually every white person who attended the funerals of the four murdered black girls. According to a high-ranking state official who is familiar with the case, Lingo's men spent "about 80 per cent of their time trying to prove it was blacks who bombed the church." Much to the chagrin of Wallace, nothing was found to substantiate that theory. When the troopers weren't trying to pin the rap on the blacks, they wallowed in confusion. "Nobody knew what was going on," a retired state investigator admitted recently. "All we knew was that Wallace and Lingo wanted something done, whether it was right or not."

Eventually, the state did do something, and, predictably, it was the wrong thing. Two weeks after the bombing, Lingo, having consulted Wallace, ordered the arrest of

three Ku Klux Klansmen on "open charges." Two of the men were considered prime suspects by the FBI and were under constant surveillance by agents when the state stepped in. The FBI was holding off on arrests, hoping to build a strong case against a number of Klansmen suspected of taking part in the crime.

As expected, Wallace milked the situation for all the publicity possible. He cut short a trip to Florida and dramatically returned to Montgomery in the middle of the night to announce the news and to claim the case had been solved. While Wallace hammed it up for reporters, FBI agents complained bitterly that the state had all but ruined their investigation. By arresting the suspects prematurely, Wallace and Lingo had alerted the bombers that federal investigators were closing in but still lacked enough hard evidence to make any charges stick. The arrests made it easier for the killers to cover their tracks. The whole episode was so transparently stupid that Lingo, second in command, Maj. Bill Jones, had tried to dissuade his boss from arresting the men. Jones had pleaded with the Colonel, saying the arrests could only damage the FBI's chances of solving the case. Lingo was not impressed. "I don't know who their suspects are," he said later of the FBI, "and I don't care." Wallace seemed none too disturbed either that the case might have been botched for good. His reaction was, "We certainly beat the Kennedy crowd to the punch!"

Why the state made the arrests is still a matter of conjecture, but a former FBI operative who infiltrated the Klan in Birmingham in the 1960s suggests a sinister motive. In his recently published book, *My Undercover Years With the Ku Klux Klan*, Gary Thomas Rowe Jr. says he was present when a "secret meeting" was arranged between Klan officials and Alabama state troopers. It was called, Rowe claims, because "the FBI was about to arrest three Klansmen in connection with a bombing." To prevent this embarrassment to the Klan, Rowe says, state officers "agreed to pick them up first on minor charges."

The three Klansmen were ultimately charged with possession of dynamite, which *Time* noted was "a misdemeanor about as common in Birmingham as jaywalking in many a U.S. city." The state's evidence was so flimsy even for these piddling charges that two of the cases were thrown out of court and the third ended with an acquittal in a jury trial.

For the past few years the bombing has been little more than a touchy problem for the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce. No one, it seems, has had much to say about the incident—it's bad for business. The federal statute of limitations on almost all of the crimes connected with the case has expired, leaving the only hope for arrests with the state and the Birmingham Police Department. State officials have exhibited little interest in the matter, and no one expects action from the Birmingham police, who have yet to solve even one of the city's thirty or so racially motivated bombings since World War II.

Therefore, a great many people were taken by surprise last February when it was learned that state Attorney General Baxley was conducting a new investigation. The surprise was accompanied by optimism, since Baxley is not at all the kind of Attorney General Alabamians cus-

tomarily elect. Bright, energetic, outspoken, and most of all ambitious, the 35-year-old Baxley is the state's hottest political property since George Wallace, whom he hopes to succeed as Governor in two years. Unlike Wallace, Baxley is a moderate (a liberal by Alabama standards) and sometimes refreshingly candid. Now serving his second term, Baxley seemingly can do no wrong as far as the voters are concerned. Even the Baptists appear willing to forgive the drawling, rosy-cheeked Attorney General for winning \$32,000 in a single night at the blackjack tables of Las Vegas. More important, Baxley has won a reputation as a dogged prosecutor. If anyone can crack the case, most Alabamans thought, it is Baxley.

He began looking into the bombing shortly after taking office in 1971. Routinely (and without publicity) Baxley requested information on the case from the FBI. Four years later, the FBI got around to acting on the request. It might never have come across with any information had it not been for inquiries from a reporter in Washington who had heard of the delay. When the prospect of bad publicity appeared on the horizon the bureaucratic wheels at the Justice Department and the FBI began to roll.

The four-year delay was damaging, if not fatal, to Baxley's investigation. His men were forced to postpone the questioning of key suspects until it could be determined what they had earlier told the FBI. In one particularly crippling instance, Baxley's office was denied vital information and lie detector test results on the man authorities believe made the bomb. While the FBI sat on its information, the man died.

There has been no official explanation for the bureau's peculiar behavior. Director Clarence Kelley would not allow me to interview any of his agents on the bombing. In refusing the interview request, he wrote: "I am sure you will agree that it would be improper for the FBI to take any action which might jeopardize the prosecution of any criminal offender. . . . Thus, any public disclosure which we might make could seriously jeopardize—in fact, it could prevent—the eventual achievement of justice in this case." One can only wonder how Kelley and his subordinates reconcile the withholding of evidence and other information with their desire for "the eventual achievement of justice in this case."

Baxley refuses to talk about his problems with the FBI, claiming that he doesn't want to "antagonize" anyone. But one official involved in the investigation offers this explanation of the FBI's conduct: "They still don't really trust Alabama officials. They remember all too well what happened back in 1963. For some reason, they don't seem to realize that different people are involved. Also, there is still a lot of jealousy. You know, the kind of attitude that seems to say: 'We couldn't solve it, so you can't either.' Then, I guess, there is just the nature of the bureaucracy. Sometimes even important things move slow as hell."

Although some information has been released by the bureau, problems apparently still exist. Baxley and Birmingham Mayor David Vann recently sent a joint letter to Director Kelley imploring him to order full FBI cooperation. At one point, Baxley was said to have become so

frustrated with the 1 5 foot-dragging that he considered flying to Washington with the father of one of the slain girls and laying the whole story out in a news conference. It would seem that he has now settled on a more restrained approach.

Baxley himself has not escaped controversy for the manner in which the investigation has been handled. Some critics—and these include law-enforcement officers—contend that given a choice between campaigning for governor or poring over evidence on the church bombing, Baxley will choose the former. They doubt that Baxley has the stomach for the protracted and tedious work an investigation of this sort requires. As proof, they point to the very solid reports that the investigation has ground to a halt. "Listen, I'd give up the rest of my term and my entire political future just to solve this case," Baxley retorts.

Even more unsettling, perhaps, is the Attorney General's cozy relationship with George Wallace. The crippled Governor is sending out all manner of not so subtle hints that he wouldn't mind one bit having Baxley succeed him. Ideologically, the two men are miles apart, but Baxley may be the only man with enough political momentum to barpoon Lt. Gov. Jere Beasley, a Wallace critic and gubernatorial aspirant. Wallace, of course, can open more doors for Baxley than anyone else, so no one need expect the Attorney General to explain how George screwed it all up in 1963. Instead, Baxley likes to paint the press as the villain. "If it hadn't been for all this publicity, I'd probably have solved this thing by now. Everybody knows we are coming after them now and they're ready for us." But what about Wallace? Didn't he and his buddy Al Lingo really blow the whole thing? Questions like that tend to turn Baxley's rosy checks crimson. "A goddamn article in *The Nation* isn't worth this shit." That's about as specific as he will get.

As the unsolved case drags into its fourteenth year, Baxley and others sound the same old refrains. "I'm confident we're making progress," the Attorney General told *The New York Times* in March. Mayor Vann has joined the chorus, saying he, too, "is confident" that something will come of this investigation. "This case can be solved," he says reassuringly. Perhaps it can, but after thirteen years hasn't the public the right to know why so little progress has been made? Shouldn't those who have helped to frustrate and to delay the course of justice be held accountable? Why did the state disrupt the FBI's investigation in 1963? Why has the FBI refused to cooperate in a new investigation? Whatever the outcome of the case these questions, and others, deserve to be answered.

But maybe the real question is, does anybody really care anymore? Does time erase every outrage? Martin Luther King Sr. now greets George Wallace on the floor of the Democratic National Convention and vigorously shake the hand that thirteen years earlier his son had said was dripping with blood. "He's an inspiration to us" all King bubbles for the television cameras. Wallace, playing the role of the dignified leader of the "great middle class," grins broadly and allows that he and the old King have always been good friends. Surely, any man who was friendly with Daddy King wouldn't have mess up the hunt for the killers of four small black girls. Yes, sir, old George is an inspiration to us all.

FBI

Date: 9/22/76

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

ReBHTel to Bureau, 8/23/76, and Bulet to William J. Baxley, Attorney General, State of Alabama, 8/31/76.

During telephonic conversations with representatives of the Office of Attorney General, State of Alabama, Birmingham, has been requested to obtain information concerning the current addresses of the following Agents who are no longer on active duty:

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It is recommended that FBIHQ furnish Birmingham the last known addresses of the above-listed former Agents. This information will be provided to the Office of Attorney General, State of Alabama, as an effort to cooperate in the latter's investigation of captioned matter.

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To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

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From: Director, FBI (157-1025) - 1759

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Reurairtel dated 9/22/76.

Set out below are the names of the former Special Agents listed in referenced airtel, along with their last-known addresses as reflected in Bureau files, as requested by referenced airtel.

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Airtel to SAC, BH
Re: Bapbomb
157-1025

For your information, by separate communication, those field offices covering the above locations, including your office are being furnished necessary background information in this matter and are being requested to contact the above-mentioned former SAs presently located within the respective divisions to alert them to the possibility of future contact by representatives of Attorney General Baxley's office. That communication will instruct those offices to advise the former SAs that certain results of our investigation in captioned case have been furnished to Mr. Baxley, at his request and with Departmental authority, such results having been screened to avoid disclosure of any informant information or of any information which should remain confidential. The former SAs will be advised that if the questions directed to them by members of Mr. Baxley's staff go beyond the material set out in Bureau documents previously furnished to Mr. Baxley, copies of which will undoubtedly be shown to the former SAs by Baxley's representatives so as to refresh their recollection, the Birmingham Office should be contacted telephonically by them, through your office, to determine whether the subject matter of such questions may be discussed without compromising confidential material. In the interest of facilitating Mr. Baxley's efforts, when furnishing the above addresses to him, it is suggested that you advise him of the above-proposed action.

For your information, the Privacy Act aspects of the disclosure of the above addresses to Mr. Baxley have been considered and such action does not appear to violate any provisions of existing legislation.

NOTE:

Captioned case concerns bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63, resulting in four deaths and personal injury to 16 other persons. At his request, after appropriate contact with the Civil Rights Division, we furnished certain results of our investigation to William Baxley, Attorney General of the state of Alabama.

Airtel to SAC, BH
Re: Bapbomb
157-1025

Apparently based on his review of the Bureau document previously furnished to him, Baxley requested to interview 23 SAs who participated in instant investigation in Birmingham in 1963-64. By letter, 8/31/76, Baxley was advised the Director would authorize interview of those agents (12) who are presently on active duty if interviews were conducted in Birmingham with Birmingham Office representatives familiar with the case in attendance to insure that no confidential matters were discussed. Incoming advises Baxley has now requested current addresses of those agents who are no longer on active duty (10; one is deceased).

Above-mentioned communication to interested offices, presently being prepared.

Privacy Act aspect coordinated with Privacy Act Unit FOI-Privacy Act section, Records Management Division.

APPROVED:
Asst. Dir. _____
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Asst. Dir. _____
Adm. Serv. _____

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AIRTEL

To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

10/14/76

From: Director, FBI (157-1025) - 1759

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ReBuairtel to BH dated 10/6/76.

The last known address of former Special Agent [REDACTED] inadvertently omitted from referenced Bureau airtel is [REDACTED]. That information should be furnished to Attorney General Baxley, along with the other addresses set forth in referenced Bureau airtel.

Above confirms Bureau call to Birmingham on 10/7/76.

NOTE:

Captioned case concerns bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63, resulting in four deaths and personal injury to 16 other persons. At request of William Baxley, Attorney General of Alabama, after appropriate contact with the Department, we furnished certain results of our investigation to him. Apparently based on his review of that information, Baxley requested to interview 23 Agents who participated in instant investigation in Birmingham in 1963-64. By letter 8/31/76, Baxley was advised the Director would authorize interview of those Agents (12) who are presently on active duty if interviews were conducted in Birmingham with Birmingham Office representatives familiar with the case in attendance to insure that no confidential matters were discussed. Baxley subsequently requested addresses of those Agents who are no longer on active duty. One of those Agents is deceased. By airtel 10/6/76, the last known addresses of nine of the former Agents were furnished to Birmingham for transmittal to Baxley; one address was inadvertently omitted.

Above telephone call made to Relief Supervisor [REDACTED] Birmingham, by SA [REDACTED]

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11/20/63

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Airtel

To: SAC, San Antonio

From: Director, FBI (26-321260) 157 1025-

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(SA 26-21222) LJC

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Reurairtel 11/15/63 with accompanying LHM.

The LHM submitted by your office had to be completely retyped at the Bureau due to the excessive number of inked-in corrections which appear at least once on each of the eight pages of your LHM. The memorandum was not suitable for dissemination as a product of the work of this Bureau. You should score appropriate personnel with errors for the preparation of LHM submitted by your office.

(5)
NOTE:

[REDACTED] LJC
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] information furnished by [REDACTED] is an obvious attempt to be released on the ITSMV charge which, of course, should not be done. The LHM submitted concerning the interview of [REDACTED] contains numerous corrections which were inked-in and is not suitable for dissemination in the form submitted.

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Date: 11-21-63

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, Birmingham (105-240) (RUC)

CONSTITUTION PARTY OF THE
UNITED STATES
RM
(OO: Philadelphia)

ReBuairtel to Philadelphia, 11-15-63.

In accordance with Bureau instructions as mentioned in reairtel, a check of the indices of the Birmingham FBI Office was made. As of 11-20-63, the Birmingham indices contained no derogatory information concerning any Birmingham subjects alleged to be connected with the CONSTITUTION PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES.

In view of above, this case is being considered RUC. Information copies are being sent to Indianapolis and San Antonio as they have been offices of origin concerning captioned group.

- 5 - Bureau (RM)
(3- 105-26793) (CONSTITUTION PARTY OF US)
(2- 157-1025) (BAPBOMB)
- 1 - Indianapolis (105-3292) (Info) (RM)
- 2 - Philadelphia (105-1749) (RM)
- 1 - San Antonio (100-8085) (Info) (RM)
- 2 - Birmingham
(1- 105-240)
(1- 157-352)

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Approved: [Signature] 61 DEC 3 1963
Special Agent in Charge

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- 1 - Mr. J. B. Adams
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

10/14/76

To: SACs, Atlanta
 Birmingham (157-352)
 Boston
 Jackson
 Little Rock
 New York
 Pittsburgh
 Tampa
 Washington Field

- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB
 (OO: BH)

For the information of those instant addressees not having prior information in this matter, captioned case involved the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63. The incident, which resulted in the deaths of four young Negro girls, personal injury to 16 other persons and extensive damage to the church, was the subject of an intensive investigation which continued until July, 1973. At that time the case was closed inasmuch as all logical investigation had been completed and the Statute of Limitations had run regarding Federal prosecution.

William Baxley, Attorney General of the State of Alabama, has been conducting investigation in this case and other similar incidents which occurred in the Birmingham area during the same period. At his specific request, with Departmental authorization, certain results of our investigation had been furnished to Baxley, such results having been screened to avoid disclosure of any informant information or any other information which should remain confidential.

Apparently based on his review of the FBI information furnished to him, Baxley then furnished a list of 23 Special Agents (SAs) who had worked on the case in Birmingham in 1963

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Airtel to SACs, Atlanta, et. al.
Re: Bapbomb
157-1025

and 1964. He requested authority to interview those SAs. On August 31, 1976, a letter was directed to him advising him that only 12 of the 23 SAs are presently on active duty with the Bureau. One of the named SAs is deceased. He was told that interviews of the 12 SAs currently on duty would be authorized if such interviews were conducted in Birmingham, in the presence of representatives of the Birmingham Office who are familiar with captioned case so as to insure that matters which must remain confidential are not discussed. The above action was taken in an effort to be as cooperative as possible in this matter, consistent with the Bureau's responsibilities for maintaining the security of information in FBI files which must remain confidential.

Baxley has now requested advice as to the current addresses of the 10 SAs of the above-mentioned group who are no longer on active duty. The names of those SAs and their last known addresses, which are set out below, are being furnished to Mr. Baxley.

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Asst. Dir. <i>W/ST</i>	Legal Coun. <i>W/ST</i>	Spec. Inv.....
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Airtel to SACs, Atlanta, et. al.
Re: Babomb
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[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

The above-mentioned former SAs presently residing within your respective divisions should be contacted promptly for the purpose of apprising them of the above developments and to alert them to the fact that they may be contacted by representatives of Baxley's staff. They should be advised that if the questions directed to them go beyond the material as set out in Bureau documents previously furnished to Baxley, copies of which will undoubtedly be shown to them at the time of their interviews so as to refresh their recollections, they should contact the Birmingham Office telephonically, through your office, to determine whether or not the subject matter of such additional areas of questioning may be discussed without compromising confidential material. They should also be advised that the Civil Rights Division of the Department has previously deferred to the Bureau as to what information in Bureau files in this matter may be furnished to Baxley; therefore, they are released from the restrictions placed upon them by their FBI Employment Agreements insofar as this case is concerned.

If the former SAs last known to be within your respective divisions are not presently located at the above-mentioned addresses and their current whereabouts are not readily available, the Birmingham Office should be notified promptly so that office may so advise Baxley.

FBI

Date: 10/20/76

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-149)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB
(OO: BIRMINGHAM)

Re Bureau airtel to Boston, 10/14/76.

Retired SA [redacted] is presently touring the western part of the country with his wife and his exact location is unknown. He was last known to be in the California area.

[redacted] will return to the address listed in re airtel in Concord, N.H. around 11/1/76. He will be contacted and will be advised of the contents of re airtel. He will be remaining at the listed Concord address until later in the winter of 1976-1977 when he intends to go to Florida for several months.

cc: Bombing Unit

- ② - Bureau
- 2 - Birmingham (157-352)
- 1 - Boston

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Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 10/22/76

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-1273) (RUC)
BAPBOMB
OO: BIRMINGHAM

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Re Director's airtel, dated 10/14/76.

On 10/19/76, [REDACTED] 89474, was advised of the information in referenced airtel.

[REDACTED]

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1cc: Bombing Unit

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- 1 - Bureau (157-1025)
- 2 - Birmingham (157-352)
- 1 - Jackson

157-1025-1762

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[Signature]

70 NOV 11 1976 Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

FBI

Date: 10/19/76

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(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-582) (RUC)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB
OO: BIRMINGHAM

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Re Bureau airtel to numerous offices, including Atlanta, 10/14/76.

As requested by FBIHQ in referenced airtel, Atlanta contacted the two former Special Agents listed below who reside in the Atlanta area and advised them of pertinent portions of referenced airtel; these two former Agents were:

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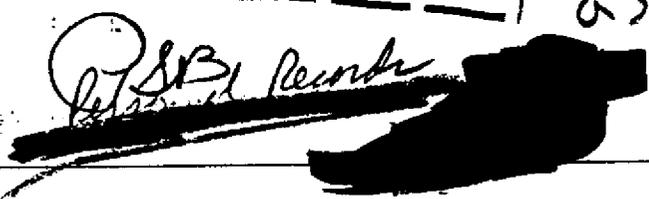

1cc: Bombing Unit

- ② - Bureau
- 2 - Birmingham (157-352)
- 1 - Atlanta

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Special Agent in Charge

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[REDACTED]

It is suggested that Birmingham furnish the above current addresses for the two former Special Agents to Mr. WILLIAM BAXLEY, Attorney General of the State of Alabama.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 10/28/76

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (157-856) (RUC)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB
(OO: BIRMINGHAM)

Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta, 10/14/76.

One copy of this letter being furnished for the information of Birmingham in view of their interest in this matter.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

On 10/22/76, an attempt was made to contact [REDACTED] Florida. This attempt was with negative results as it was determined that [REDACTED] was out of town and would not be returning to [REDACTED] until the first of the week.

On 10/26/76, contact was made with [REDACTED] Florida, address [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was furnished pertinent information as contained in referenced airtel and apprised of the fact that he may be contacted by representatives of WILLIAM BAXLEY, Attorney General of the State of Alabama's Staff. [REDACTED] further advised that if after contact by BAXLEY's staff he has any questions to contact the Cocoa Resident Agency and they in turn will contact the Birmingham Office to obtain answers to any questions [REDACTED] might have. [REDACTED] said that as of this date he had not been contacted by any representative of BAXLEY's office.

1cc: Bowling Unit

- 2-Bureau
- 1-Birmingham (157-352) (Info)
- 1-Tampa



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Date: NOV 1 1976

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (157-950) (RUC)
SUBJECT: OP BOMB
(OO:BH)

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ReBuairtel to New York, dated 10/14/76.

On 10/20/76, [redacted] former SA, [redacted] was contacted and advised of the information contained in re communication.

[redacted] stated that he would need to see the information furnished to Baxleys staff to refresh his memory. He also advised that if needed, he would telephonically contact the Birmingham Office.

[redacted] furnished the following phone numbers where he could be reached:

62 Business phone- [redacted]
Residence- [redacted]
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- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Birmingham (RM)
- 1 - New York

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Bombing
Unit

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 11/2/76

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

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, WFO (157-293)

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(OO:Birmingham)

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Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta and others dated 10/14/76.

Referenced Bureau airtel set forth information that WILLIAM BAXLEY, Attorney General of the State of Alabama, has been conducting an investigation in instant matter and that the possibility exists that BAXLEY or his staff would contact those Special Agents, both on duty and those now retired, who conducted investigation regarding RAPBOMB. The Bureau instructed that former Special Agents be advised that they may be contacted.

On 10/29/76, former Special Agent _____

_____ was contacted and advised of the nature and status of this matter per referenced airtel. _____ stated that he desired to know the nature of any interview by BAXLEY or his staff, what obligation he had to submit to such interview, and if pertinent serials regarding investigation done by him would be forwarded to him prior to any such interview. _____ stated that he desired to review

cc: Bombing Unit

2-Bureau
2-Birmingham (157-352)
1-WFO

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WFO 157-293

pertinent serials before any interview, and wanted to know if the Birmingham Office planned to make such material available in this matter. He stated that he is reluctant to consent to interview without first having reviewed results of investigation conducted by him.

WFO
Birmingham is requested to advise WFO if the procedure as set forth on page three of Bureau airtel is strictly being adhered to and whether or not similar requests have been made by other former Special Agents. Birmingham is also requested to advise WFO in detail the steps to be taken should such interview of [REDACTED] take place and the necessity for telephonic contact with the Birmingham Office arise during interview.

WFO maintaining contact with [REDACTED]

FBI

Date: 11/8/76

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

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB
OO: BH

Re WFO airtel, 11/2/76.

In response to inquiries posed by WFO, Birmingham offers the following observations:

The procedure described in Buairtel of 10/14/76 will be adhered to insofar as possible; however, it is believed that the procedure outlined was set forth to offer general guidelines to protect the various interests involved in the Bureau's cooperation with Alabama Attorney General BAXLEY with practical problems to be worked out by the former Agents and the Birmingham Office.

Whether or not former SA [redacted] consents to be interviewed by Mr. BAXLEY is a matter for [redacted] to decide; however, should he desire to review official communications prepared by him, such would be available through the Birmingham Office. There is no requirement that the former agent contact Birmingham prior to or during the interview with Mr. BAXLEY. The former agent should be aware, however, that the FBI is not divulging information to Mr. BAXLEY which would disclose the identity of any confidential informant or source. The majority of all other information concerning BAPBOMB contained in the files of the Birmingham Office has been made available to Mr. BAXLEY.

- 1 - Bureau
- 2 - WFO (157-293)
- 1 - Birmingham

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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For the consideration of WFO, it is noted that several former Agents have informally contacted Birmingham to advise that in the event they are contacted by Mr. BAXLEY, they plan to request that the interviews be conducted in Birmingham where the files and Agents familiar with the matter are readily available.

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 11/23/76

FROM : SAC, WFO (157-293) (RUC)

SUBJECT: 0
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OO: Birmingham

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Re WFO airtel dated 11/2/76 and Birmingham airtel dated 11/8/76.

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Referenced WFO airtel set forth inquiries posed by former Special Agent [redacted] when originally contacted by WFO in regard to interviews by Alabama Attorney General BAXLEY or by members of his staff.

Referenced Birmingham airtel set forth answers to same inquiries which in turn were related to [redacted] on 11/19/76. [redacted] advised that to date he has not been contacted by any members of the staff of BAXLEY and that he will notify WFO in the event he is contacted.

In view of the above, no additional investigation being conducted by WFO and this matter is considered RUC'd.

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1 cc: Bombing Unit
② Bureau
2-Birmingham (157-352)
1-WFO
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RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO BUREAU MARCH 10, 1977.

INVESTIGATOR BOB EDDY, STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND OFFICERS OF BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVISED THAT THEY HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

THEY ALSO ADVISED IT IS IMPORTANT TO THEIR INVESTIGATION TO HAVE ACCESS TO ANY TRANSCRIPTS FROM TECHNICAL INSTALLATIONS WHICH THE BUREAU HAD IN EFFECT AT THIS TIME. DE-41

IT IS NOTED THAT [REDACTED] HAS STATED THAT THE FBI UTILIZED SUCH TECHNIQUES DURING INVESTIGATION OF PAPBOM AND

WITH THIS IN MIND, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE WILL PROBABLY INSIST THAT ACCESS TO THESE TRANSCRIPTS BE GRANTED.

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BIRMINGHAM HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO MAKING THE TRANSCRIPTS AVAILABLE PROVIDED OTHER LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS DO NOT PROHIBIT SAME.

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH GUIDANCE CONCERNING WHETHER OR NOT THE TRANSCRIPTS FROM TECHNICAL INSTALLATIONS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO INVESTIGATORS MENTIONED ABOVE.

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FM BIRMINGHAM (157-353)
TO DIRECTOR (157-1025) PRIORITY

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AS THE BUREAU IS AWARE, FBI BH HAS FURNISHED A GREAT DEAL OF INFORMATION TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE OF ALABAMA, CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER FROM FILE OF THE FBI. MATERIAL FURNISHED HAS ENCOMPASSED REPORTS, LHM, LABORATORY EXAMINATION, ETC. IN ESSENCE, STATE OF ALABAMA INVESTIGATORS HAVE HAD ACCESS TO ALL INFORMATION EXCEPT THAT FURNISHED BY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS.

INVESTIGATOR BOB EDDY IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING MATERIAL FURNISHED BY FBI AS WELL AS CONDUCTING INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION.

ON MARCH 10, 1977, EDDY ADVISED THAT

IT IS ESSENTIAL TO HIS INVESTIGATION THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO REVIEW

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BIRMINGHAM BELIEVES THAT THE REQUESTED INFORMATION COULD BE FURNISHED UNDER THE ROUTINE USE PROVISIONS OF FOIPA; HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE MANY OTHER POSSIBLE LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS INVOLVED, DESIRES GUIDANCE FROM LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION AND/OR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PRIOR TO MAKING THE REQUESTED INFORMATION AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW BY THE STATE.

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TELETYPE
ROUTINE
EFTO

1 - Mr. J. B. Adams
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
(Attn: [REDACTED])

MARCH 16, 1977

FM DIRECTOR (157-1025)
TO BIRMINGHAM (157-353)
BT

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
(Attn: [REDACTED])
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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REURTELS DATED MARCH 10 AND 11, 1977.

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REGARDING INQUIRY POSED BY REFERENCED TELETYPE DATED
MARCH 10, 1977, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO ALLOW A DULY AUTHORIZED
REPRESENTATIVE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL BAXLEY TO REVIEW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] YOU SHOULD
ASCERTAIN FROM THAT REPRESENTATIVE THE BASIS FOR MR. BAXLEY'S
[REDACTED] IF HE WILL
MAKE THAT INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

WITH REGARD TO REFERENCED TELETYPE DATED MARCH 11, 1977,
YOU ARE REQUESTED TO IDENTIFY ALL TECHNICAL COVERAGE INVOLVED
IN CAPTIONED CASE BY SYMBOL NUMBER, TYPE OF COVERAGE AND PERIODS
OF COVERAGE, FOR EACH INSTALLATION. ADVISE WHETHER OR NOT YOU
HAVE ANY INFORMATION INDICATING THAT ANY OR ALL OF THE ABOVE
INSTALLATIONS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY PUBLICIZED OR RELEASED OUTSIDE

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- Dep. AD Inv. _____
- Asst. Dir.:
- Admin. _____
- Comp. Syst. _____
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- Director Sec'y _____

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WILL BE CONSIDERED AT FBIHQ AND YOU WILL BE APPROPRIATELY ADVISED.

ALSO ADVISE WHETHER OR NOT YOUR FILES CONTAIN ANY INFORMATION INDICATING [REDACTED]

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Director _____	Ext. Affairs _____	Plan. & Insp. _____
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	Ident. _____	Spec. Inv. _____
		Training _____

Captioned case concerns 9/15/63, bombing of a Birmingham, Alabama, church resulting in four deaths and personal injury to numerous other persons. Our investigation is closed; extensive investigation failed to disclose sufficient information to permit prosecutive action.

At request of William Baxley, Attorney General, Alabama, who is conducting investigation in above case, after appropriate contact with the Department, we have furnished certain results of our investigation to him (incoming dated 3/10/77, indicates he has been furnished virtually all information in our file, except that furnished by confidential informants.) Same incoming advises member of Baxley's staff [REDACTED]

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considers a review of [REDACTED] to Mr. Baxley's investigation. Incoming dated 3/11/77, advises member of Baxley's staff subsequently asked to review transcript of any technical installations involved in instant case.

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[REDACTED]

Response to incoming dated 3/10/77, coordinated with Legal Counsel and Records Management Divisions. Approved procedure constitutes a "routine use" dissemination, i.e., furnishing information to another law enforcement agency for a law enforcement purpose, which is authorized by the provisions of the Privacy Act.

Date of Mail 3/21/77

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Date 12/11/78

See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

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FM BIRMINGHAM (157-1025) (C)

TO DIRECTOR (157-1025) ROUTINE

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REBUTEL MARCH 17, 1977, AND BIRMINGHAM AIRTEL MARCH 18, 1977.

STATE REQUEST TO REVIEW [REDACTED]

BIRMINGHAM IS CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING REPORTS

[REDACTED] WITH BOB EDDY (NA),
INVESTIGATOR WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, STATE OF ALABAMA.

STATE REQUEST TO REVIEW TRANSCRIPTS OF BAPBOM RELATED

TECHNICAL INSTALLATION:

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REVIEW OF BIRMINGHAM FILES REFLECT FBI HAD FOLLOWING TECH-

NICAL INSTALLATIONS RE KLAN MATTERS:

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62 1. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TESUR INSTALLED OCTOBER 4, 1963, DIS-
CONTINUED NOVEMBER 22, 1963. MISUR INSTALLED OCTOBER 4, 1963,

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6 [REDACTED]
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DISCONTINUED NOVEMBER 22, 1963. CAT INSTALLED OCTOBER 23, 1963,
DISCONTINUED NOVEMBER 14, 1963, IN [REDACTED] 67c

2. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TESUR INSTALLED OCTOBER 22, 1963, DISCONTINUED
NOVEMBER 21, 1963.

3. [REDACTED] ROBERT EDWARD CHAMBLISS, 2505 32ND
AVE. NORTH, BIRMINGHAM. TESUR INSTALLED OCTOBER 22, 1963, DIS-
CONTINUED NOVEMBER 25, 1963.

4. [REDACTED]

TESUR INSTALLED NOVEMBER 6, 1963, DISCONTINUED NOVEMBER 21, 1963.

5. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TESUR NOVEMBER 8 TO NOVEMBER 22, 1963.

6. [REDACTED] KU KLUX CONVENTION, TUTWILER HOTEL,
BIRMINGHAM. MISUR FEBRUARY 7 TO FEBRUARY 9, 1964.

7. [REDACTED] ROBERT EDWARD CHAMBLISS, 2505 32ND AVE. NO.
BIRMINGHAM. MISUR MAY 15, TO JULY 2, 1964.

8. [REDACTED] EASTVIEW KLAVERN HALL, FIRST AVENUE AND 55TH
PLACE NORTH, BIRMINGHAM. MISUR JUNE 8, TO JUNE 25, 1964.

9. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MISUR JUNE 9 TO JULY 25, 1964.

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10. [REDACTED]

MISUR JULY 8, TO JULY 25, 1964.

11. [REDACTED]

MISUR JULY 23 TO JULY 25, 1964.

12. [REDACTED]

MISUR IN [REDACTED]

FROM FEBRUARY 3 TO FEBRUARY 4, 1965.

13. [REDACTED]

MISUR IN [REDACTED]

WHICH WAS ACTIVE AS FOLLOWS :

[REDACTED]

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67-10 14. [REDACTED] MISUR ON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OCTOBER 22, 1963, TO JANUARY 9, 1964.

BIRMINGHAM IS CURRENTLY RESEARCHING WHICH OF THE ABOVE INSTALLATIONS MAY HAVE BEEN PUBLICIZED AND FBIHQ WILL BE ADVISED.

MISCELLANEOUS :

BY REFERENCED BH AIRTEL, ENCLOSED REASONS WHY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE [REDACTED]

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WITHOUT A SERIAL BY SERIAL REVIEW OF NUMEROUS FILES RELATING TO BAPBOM, BIRMINGHAM CANNOT CATEGORICALLY STATE THAT THE FILES DO NOT CONTAIN ANY INFORMATION INDICATING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HOWEVER, AGENTS WHO HAVE REVIEWED THESE FILES EXTENSIVELY HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH INFORMATION AND ARE OF THE OPINION THAT NO SUCH INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN BIRMINGHAM FILES. ALSO, STATE INVESTIGATOR, BOB EDDY, WHO HAS REVIEWED VOLUMINOUS FBI REPORTS CONCERNING BAPBOM HAS STATED THAT HE HAS SEEN NOTHING IN FBI DOCUMENTS WHICH WOULD [REDACTED]

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See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

Subject JUNE MAIL - BAPBOM

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1 Mr. T. B. Adams
J Mr. [redacted]
Attention: [redacted]
1 - Mr. [redacted]
1 - Mr. [redacted]
1 - Mr. [redacted]
1 - Mr. [redacted]

4/4/77

To: SACs Atlanta (66-825)
Birmingham (157-352)
Indianapolis (157-93)

From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

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BAPBOM
(OO-BIRMINGHAM)

ReBHTel to the Director dated March 21, 1977 and
BUairtel dated October 14, 1976 to Atlanta, Birmingham and
others.

For information of Indianapolis, at the request of
Mr. William Baxley, Attorney General of Alabama, and after
appropriate contact with the Department, the Birmingham Di-
vision has been furnishing to Mr. Baxley certain results of
our investigation in captioned case. His representatives have
requested access to any transcripts from technical installations
which the Bureau may have had in effect in connection with
captioned case.

In response to the above request, Birmingham is hereby
instructed to advise the appropriate representatives of Mr.
Baxley's staff that the above-mentioned request has been given
careful consideration and the FBI will respond to that request
in the following manner. The sensitivity of the coverage in-
volved precludes the possibility of making available to the
staff documents regarding the coverage. However, all results of
any coverage involved will be reviewed and the staff, or a rep-
resentative thereof, will be briefed orally regarding any perti-
nent information disclosed by the coverage.

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[redacted] (13) [redacted]

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ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

6 APR 18 1977

Airtel to S.Os Atlanta, Birmingham, Indianapolis
Re: BAPBOM
157-1025

The review referred to will be handled by agents in the Birmingham Office. It will consist of a review of all tapes of coverages established in captioned case. If there are no tapes present in connection with a particular coverage, any existing transcripts and/or logs are to be reviewed.

For information of Birmingham, a review of files at FBIHQ indicates that in addition to the coverage listed in referenced Birmingham teletype, [redacted] a telephone surveillance on the residence of [redacted] as utilized from October 25 to November 15, 1963. Those tapes should also be reviewed.

Files at FBIHQ also indicate that a telephone surveillance on the office of [redacted] was in operation from October 14, 1963, to February 21, 1964. The coverage was assigned symbol numbers [redacted] and [redacted].

A further review of files at FBIHQ disclosed that a microphone surveillance, identified by symbol number [redacted] was utilized by the Indianapolis Office from October 13 to 20, 1963, to provide coverage of the National Convention of the Constitutional Party and regarding [redacted] convention delegates from Georgia. Indianapolis airtel dated 12/23/66 to the Director, copies to Atlanta, under instant caption, states that all coverage provided by the above misur was recorded on nine tapes, three of which (numbers 1, 5 and 9) were forwarded to the Atlanta Office by Indianapolis letter dated 12/13/63.

Atlanta and Indianapolis should furnish tapes regarding the above coverages presently in the custody of your respective offices to Birmingham for review in this matter. Upon completion of your review, Birmingham is to return those tapes to Atlanta and Indianapolis.

Birmingham, in briefing Mr. Bazley's staff regarding the results of the above-mentioned review, is not to disclose any details regarding the coverages involved.

Airtel to SACs Atlanta, Birmingham, Indianapolis
Re: DAPEOM
157-1025

This matter should be handled promptly to enable Birmingham to complete its review and comply with the request of Mr. Baxley's staff.

Birmingham is instructed to keep FBIHQ advised of developments in this matter. Specifically, advise whether or not your review of the tapes and/or transcripts discloses any pertinent information, and the date that any such information was furnished to Mr. Baxley's staff.

NOTE:

Instant case involves September 15, 1963 bombing of a Birmingham church resulting in four deaths and personal injury to numerous other persons. Our investigation is completed; extensive efforts failed to disclose sufficient information to sustain prosecutive action.

Coverages utilized during the investigation included telephone surveillances (all approved by the Attorney General), microphone surveillances (approved by FBIHQ, in accordance with then-existing policy), and CAT devices (concealed auto transmitters). Some of the coverages involved trespass.

This matter has been coordinated with Legal Counsel Division.

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FBI

Date: 3/18/77

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AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

(Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (C)

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Date 12/1/78
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SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

ReButel, 3/17/77.

Retel requested Birmingham to ascertain from representative of State Attorney General the basis of the belief that [REDACTED]

On 3/18/77, State Investigator BOB EDDY (NA) furnished the enclosed memorandum addressed to Attorney GEORGE BECK of Mr. BAXLEY's office which summarizes [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EDDY is aware that his memorandum contains innuendo and suspicions and actually nothing of an evidentiary nature.

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- 1 - Bureau (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Birmingham

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Date 4/12/77

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (66-825) (RUC)

BAPBOM
 OO: BIRMINGHAM

Re Bureau airtel, 4/4/77; and Indianapolis airtel to the Bureau, 4/8/77.

Under separate cover for Birmingham is one package of Xerox copies of Atlanta logs pertaining to the tesur on the office of [redacted] as set out in referenced Bureau airtel, 4/4/77. No tapes were maintained from this tesur.

Atlanta has been unable to locate the three tapes of the misur conducted by Indianapolis referred to in Bureau airtel, 4/4/77, and Indianapolis airtel, 4/8/77.

Atlanta located Indianapolis letter dated 12/13/63, entitled [redacted] NATIONAL MATTERS," setting out that tapes one, five, and six were being forwarded under separate cover, but a review of the [redacted] "BAPBOM," "THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE CONSTITUTION PARTY," "THE CONSTITUTION PARTY OF THE U.S.," and the "JUNE" files as well as other

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- ② - Bureau
- 3 - Birmingham (157-352)
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- 2 - Atlanta
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relevant files, failed to indicate disposition of the tapes or that any tapes were made therefrom.

FBI

Date: 4/12/77

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Precedence)

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

BAPBOMB

Re Bureau teletype 8/23/76, and Birmingham teletype to Director 3/21/77.

For the information of the Bureau and Philadelphia, Alabama State Investigator BOB EDDY, who is handling investigation in captioned matter for Alabama Attorney General BILL BAXLEY's Office, has advised the Birmingham Office that he desires to discuss, in Birmingham, captioned matter and [redacted] with SA [redacted] of the Philadelphia Office at [redacted] earliest convenience.

Birmingham has been in contact with SA [redacted] and the earliest date he will be available for interview with EDDY is May 3, 1977.

UACB, SA [redacted] will travel to Birmingham on 5/2/77, in order to be available for interview with EDDY in the Birmingham Office on 5/3/77.

- ② - Bureau
- 2 - Philadelphia
- 1 - Birmingham

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Special Agent in Charge
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Date: 4/8/77

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Precedence)

TO : Director, FBI (157-1025)
FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (157-93)

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OO - Birmingham

ReBuairtel, 4/4/77, and IP airtel to Bureau and AT, 12/28/66.

Enclosed for Birmingham is one copy of referenced Indianapolis airtel, which Birmingham did not receive.

Under separate cover, for Birmingham, are six tapes identified in referenced communications.

For information of Birmingham, the gist of these tapes is set forth in Indianapolis airtel to Director, 11/4/63, with enclosed LHM of the same date. Copy of both airtel and LHM were forwarded to Birmingham for the BAPBOM file.

For information of Atlanta, the three tapes which were forwarded to Atlanta were done so by Indianapolis letter to Atlanta dated 12/13/63, entitled, [REDACTED] "RACIAL MATTERS."

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- ② - Bureau
- 3 - Birmingham (157-352) (Enc. 1)
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- 2 - Atlanta (66-825)
- 2 - Indianapolis
(lcc - 105-3292)

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FBI

Date: 4/19/77

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL _____
(Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (C) *b7c* [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham teletype to Bureau, 3/21/77; Birmingham airtel to Director, 4/12/77, and telephone call from Supervisor [REDACTED] FBIHQ, to Supervisor [REDACTED] Birmingham, 4/15/77. *b7c*

For information of the Bureau, no additional technical coverages are involved in Deputy Attorney General GEORGE BECK's letter dated 4/1/77, a copy of which was furnished by Birmingham in referenced airtel of 4/12/77. All of the technical coverage that Birmingham had in this case was set forth in referenced Birmingham teletype of 3/21/77.

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1 - Bureau
1 - Birmingham
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge
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Date: 4/12/77

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (C) **BAPBOMB**

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for review by Rowe Task Force
Date 12/1/78
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Re Birmingham teletype to the Bureau 3/21/77.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of a letter dated 4/1/77, from GEORGE BECK, Deputy Attorney General, State of Alabama, requesting specific information re captioned case.

ax For the information of the Bureau, upon receipt of Mr. BECK's letter, SA [redacted] of the Birmingham Office, discussed its contents for clarification of Mr. BECK's request with Alabama State Investigator BOB EDDY, who is handling this matter for Mr. BECK.

EDDY advised that Items Number One and Five in Mr. BECK's letter will be covered by Birmingham when they furnish him with information [redacted]

Item Number 2 in Mr. BECK's letter requests specific technical coverage information for the period 1962 and 1963, in Jefferson County, State of Alabama.

- ② - Bureau (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Birmingham

ENCLOSURE

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