

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
AND  
PRIVACY ACTS**

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

**PART 10 OF 11**



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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

**PART 10 OF 11**

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

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			
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**STAT. SECT**

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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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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

Spot fisurs have been conducted at the residence  
of [redacted] however, no pertinent information has been  
developed. b2 b7c

[Large redacted block]

Investigation is continuing to locate and  
interview [redacted] b2 b7c

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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Approved: [Signature] 56 MAY 9 1969  
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

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



Re Birmingham airtel, 4/30/69.

SUMMARY

Spot fisurs have been conducted at the residence  
of \_\_\_\_\_  
however, no pertinent information has been developed.



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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]


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

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See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

*Bapbamb*

Subject JUNE MAIL

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# Memorandum

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Bishop \_\_\_\_\_
- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- Felt \_\_\_\_\_
- Gale \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO : Mr. Rosen *RA*

DATE: June 26, 1969

FROM :

[REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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

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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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*[Handwritten signature]*

ENCLOSURE

*Kept in file  
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FBI

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.

[redacted]

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: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
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

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

[REDACTED]



Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
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	_____

FBI

Date: 8/28/69

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(Type in plaintext or code)

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: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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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]

GC.D

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.

GC

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]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[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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*cc Birmingham*

[REDACTED]

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# 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.

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

[redacted]

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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

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 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.

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

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

MEMO FROM MAURICE GOLDMAN

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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12 MAR 30 1970  
CORRESPONDENCE

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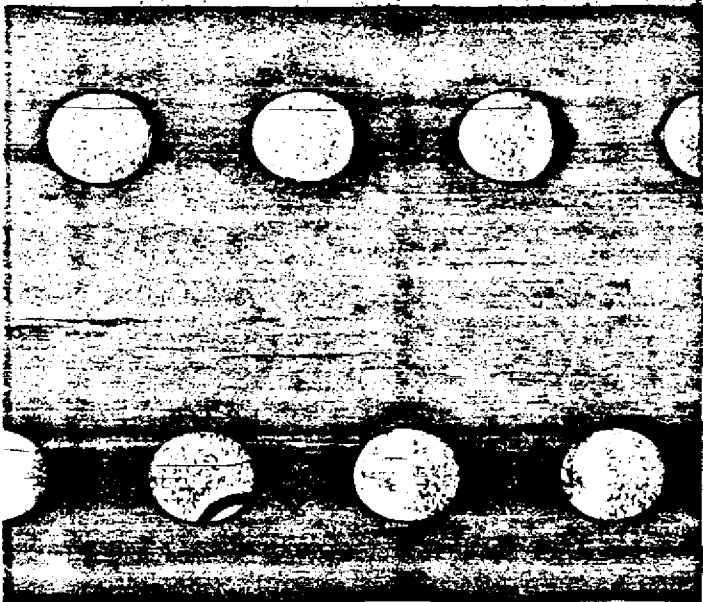
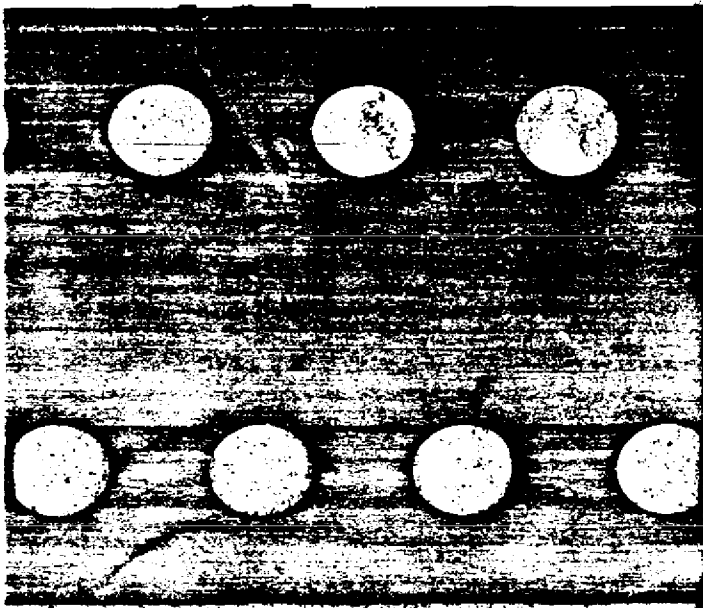
## Hoover's Aid on Bombs

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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DO-5 OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

3/17/70

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]

- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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*Tell him we offered even more.*

*H*

*ack 4-1-70*

[Redacted signature block]

*4/2/70*

*4/2/70*

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

47c

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  
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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 into Birmingham church bombings. I wish to commend you for this investigation.

But I have a question to ask. My question is was any F.B.I. 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 Women Klan member.

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I am with sincere regards,  
Yours truly,

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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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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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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# 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)

DATE: 6/29/70

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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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# Memorandum

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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:

BAPBOMB

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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

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 2/26/71

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 1/29/71.

### SUMMARY

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Investigation is still being conducted concerning [redacted] mentioned in referenced Birmingham letter to Bureau. Birmingham is also conducting investigation concerning theft of explosives and related materials.

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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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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 \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. CASPER \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. CONRAD \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. DALBEY \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. FELT \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. GALE ✓
- MR. JOSEN ✓
- MR. TAVEL \_\_\_\_\_
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- MR. SOYARS \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. JONES \_\_\_\_\_
- TELE. ROOM \_\_\_\_\_
- MISS GANDY \_\_\_\_\_

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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Date 1-8-79

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

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


**GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**

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)

Unknown Subjects

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UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM,  
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for review by Rowe Task Force  
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:

ONE OF THE GREAT AIMS DURING HIS TERM AS ALABAMA ATTORNEY GENERAL IS TO SOLVE CAPTIONED MATTER. BOARD THAT END HE HAS

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MR. SULLIVAN FOR THE DIRECTOR

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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<sup>NG</sup> 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 <sup>United States</sup> USA. <sup>ATTOR</sup>

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

CLR

CC-MR. POSEN

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

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

APR 14 1971

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Brennan	CD
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Dalbey	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Walters	_____
Mr. Soyars	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

NR 003 BH PLAIN

2:40 PM URGENT 4/14/71 JJL

TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (P)

BAP BOMB.

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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.

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

END.

EBR FBI WASH DC



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

Tolson	_____
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Bishop	_____
Brennan, C.D.	_____
Callahan	_____
Casper	_____
Conrad	_____
Dalbey	_____
Felt	_____
Gale	_____
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]

1 - Mr. [Redacted]

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1 - Mr. [Redacted]

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).

Continued Over-----

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

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6 APR 11 1971

2 Copies made by *CS*  
for review by Rowe Task Force  
Date *1-8-77*

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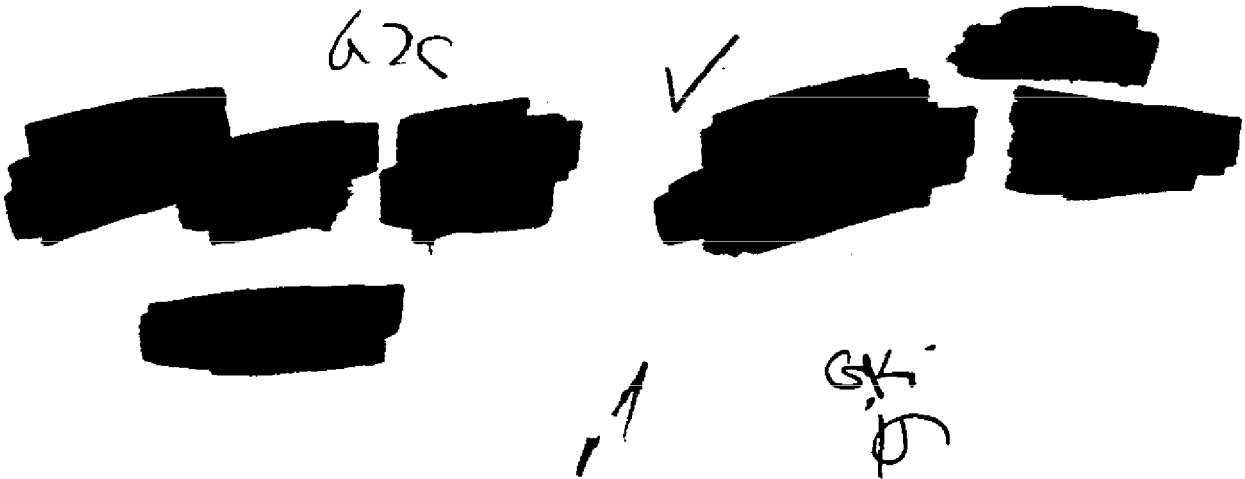
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Rosen to Sullivan Memorandum  
RE: BAPBOM

ACTION: 1) Attached for approval is a letter to the Civil Rights Division (which Division handled this case) referring Baxley's request to that Division, and pointing out we are so advising Baxley. Letter also recommends against disclosing any information since it will probably become available to Allen, who is not a duly-authorized full-time law enforcement officer and who is affiliated with a newspaper.

2) Birmingham has been instructed to contact Baxley and advise him his request has been referred to the Civil Rights Division.

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A series of redacted text blocks with handwritten annotations. The first block is annotated with '625'. The second block is annotated with a checkmark '✓'. The third block is annotated with 'GK' and a signature-like mark.

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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[REDACTED]

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

- ② - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Birmingham

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# 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

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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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- 1 - Birmingham

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (Attn: Identification  
Division, Latent Fingerprint Section)

DATE: 8/6/71

FROM : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-584) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;  
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
BIRMINGHAM, ALA.  
9/15/63  
BOMBING MATTERS  
CONSPIRACY  
OO: BH

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is one copy  
of a fingerprint card for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

LEAD:

The FBI Latent Fingerprint Section is requested  
to compare latent prints previously submitted in this case  
by the Birmingham Office with the enclosed fingerprints of  
[REDACTED]. This fingerprint card should be returned to  
the Jacksonville Office upon completion of the requested  
examination.

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- 2 - Birmingham (RM)
- 2 - Jacksonville

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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]** *67*

**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.** *67*

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  - Brennan, C.D. \_\_\_\_\_
  - Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
  - Casper \_\_\_\_\_
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  - Walters \_\_\_\_\_
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  - Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
  - Gandy \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 - Birmingham (174-6)**  
**1 - Bufile (174-35)**
- 54 AUG 31 1971**

*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

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

Received: 8-16-71

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] bx

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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1 - Birmingham

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# 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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# 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	_____
Tele. Room	_____
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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# 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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# 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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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 2/29/72

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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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# 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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# 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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# 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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# 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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# 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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# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 8/30/72

FROM : 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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# 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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② - Bureau (RM)  
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# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 11/6/72

FROM : *Rj/m/gm*  
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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*[Signature]*  
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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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1 - Birmingham

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 12/30/72

FROM : *[Handwritten Signature]*  
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.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Birmingham

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157-1025-1734

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JAN 1973

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

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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JAN 30 1973

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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.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Holt
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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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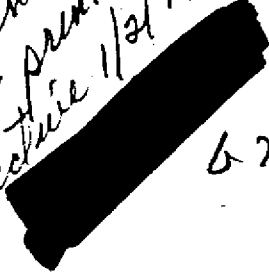
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Letter to Birmingham  
Re: BAPBOMB  
157-1025

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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- 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  
157-1025

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)

BAPBOMB

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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Memo [REDACTED] to Wanner  
4/22/75 RJB: [REDACTED] MAY 21 1975



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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.

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BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF SIGNIFICANT  
DEVELOPMENTS.

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Date: 4-29-75

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

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  
OO: BH

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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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Please forward 5/6/75  
 and memo to MAG, CRD 5/8/75

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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] (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.