

**II. PRE-INCIDENT ACTIVITIES**

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[redacted] Residence address [redacted] Street, Apartment [redacted] Ohio; address at Kent, Ohio, [redacted] was interviewed relative to any information she might be able to furnish concerning her knowledge of any destruction of Government property on the Kent State University campus; namely, the ROTC Building on May 2, 1970.

[redacted] advised that at approximately 2:00 AM, on May 2, 1970, she was walking from the Bathskeller to the University Terrace Apartments with her date, [redacted]

For a reason she does not know, [redacted] took her pocket book and smashed a window of the ROTC Building.

[redacted] reiterated she did not know the reason why [redacted] broke the window.

On 5/9/70 at [redacted] Ohio File # 67-95-2149  
by [redacted] Date dictated 5/10/70

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[redacted] was interviewed by [redacted] and [redacted] who identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI subsequent to his being appropriately advised of his constitutional rights as is set out on an unexecuted warning and waiver form.

[redacted] refused to sign the above-mentioned form but stated that he understood the above-mentioned rights and would speak to the interviewing Agents.

[redacted] was interviewed relative to any knowledge he had concerning any destruction of Government property; namely, the ROTC Building on the Kent State campus, Kent, Ohio, which occurred on May 2, 1970.

[redacted] stated that at approximately 2:00 AM, on May 2, 1970, he along with his date, [redacted] were returning to his apartment complex at the University Terrace Apartments after spending an evening at the Bathhouse.

[redacted] stated that as he passed the ROTC Building he took [redacted] pocketbook and smashed a window in the ROTC Building. [redacted] was asked as to his reason for breaking these windows to which he answered he was "pissed".

When questioned what he meant by the above statement he stated he was angered that NIXON had entered Cambodia and as such took his anxieties out on the ROTC Building.

It is to be noted that during the interview and advice of rights, [redacted] parents, Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] were present and, in fact, witnessed the rights and waiver form.

It is further noted that [redacted] father, [redacted] was extremely belligerent towards the interviewing Agents.

The following was obtained through observation and interview:

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SAS [redacted]

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Name: [REDACTED]  
Born: June 14, 1950  
at Wooster, Ohio  
Social Security: Number [REDACTED]  
Height: 5'7"  
Weight: 150 pounds  
Hair: Brown  
Eyes: Blue  
Residence address: [REDACTED], Ohio  
School address: Kent State University  
University Terrace Apartments  
Apartment [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Ohio

[REDACTED] stated that he was at his residence address in [REDACTED] from May 3, 1970 and, therefore, not present on campus during the riots on May 4, 1970.

[REDACTED] also stated that he is not knowledgeable of any persons involved in the burning of the ROTC Building on the Kent State University campus on May 2, 1970 inasmuch as he was not there on campus.

III. PHYSICAL SCENE

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ROTC BUILDING BEFORE  
THE BURNING





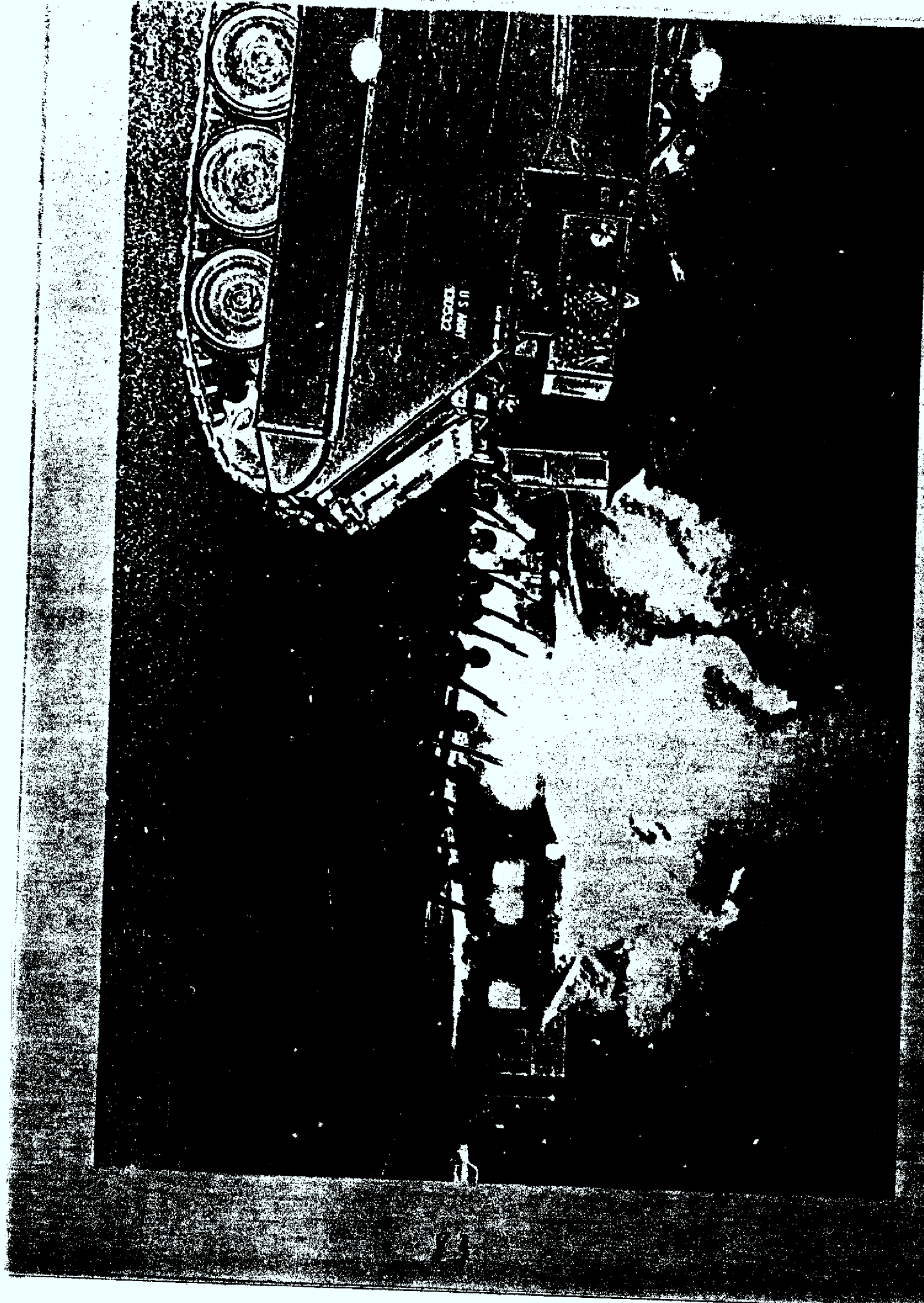
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KENT STATE UNIVERSITY  
POLICE OFFICERS SURROUND  
BURNING ROTC BUILDING



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OHIO NATIONAL GUARD AT SCENE  
OF BURNING ROTC BUILDING,  
MAY 2, 1970



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REMAINS OF ROTC BUILDING  
WHICH BURNED ON MAY 2, 1970



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DIAGRAM OF AREA AND LOCATION OF KENT  
STATE UNIVERSITY ROTC BUILDING



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On May 12, 1970, Kent, Ohio, [redacted]

[redacted], Kent, Ohio, described what they observed and where they were located during the burning of the ROTC Building, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, to FBI Visual Information Specialist [redacted] and Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted]. Descriptions and information furnished by [redacted] was obtained at the site of the ROTC burned building.

[redacted] prepared a chart of the area of the burned ROTC Building.

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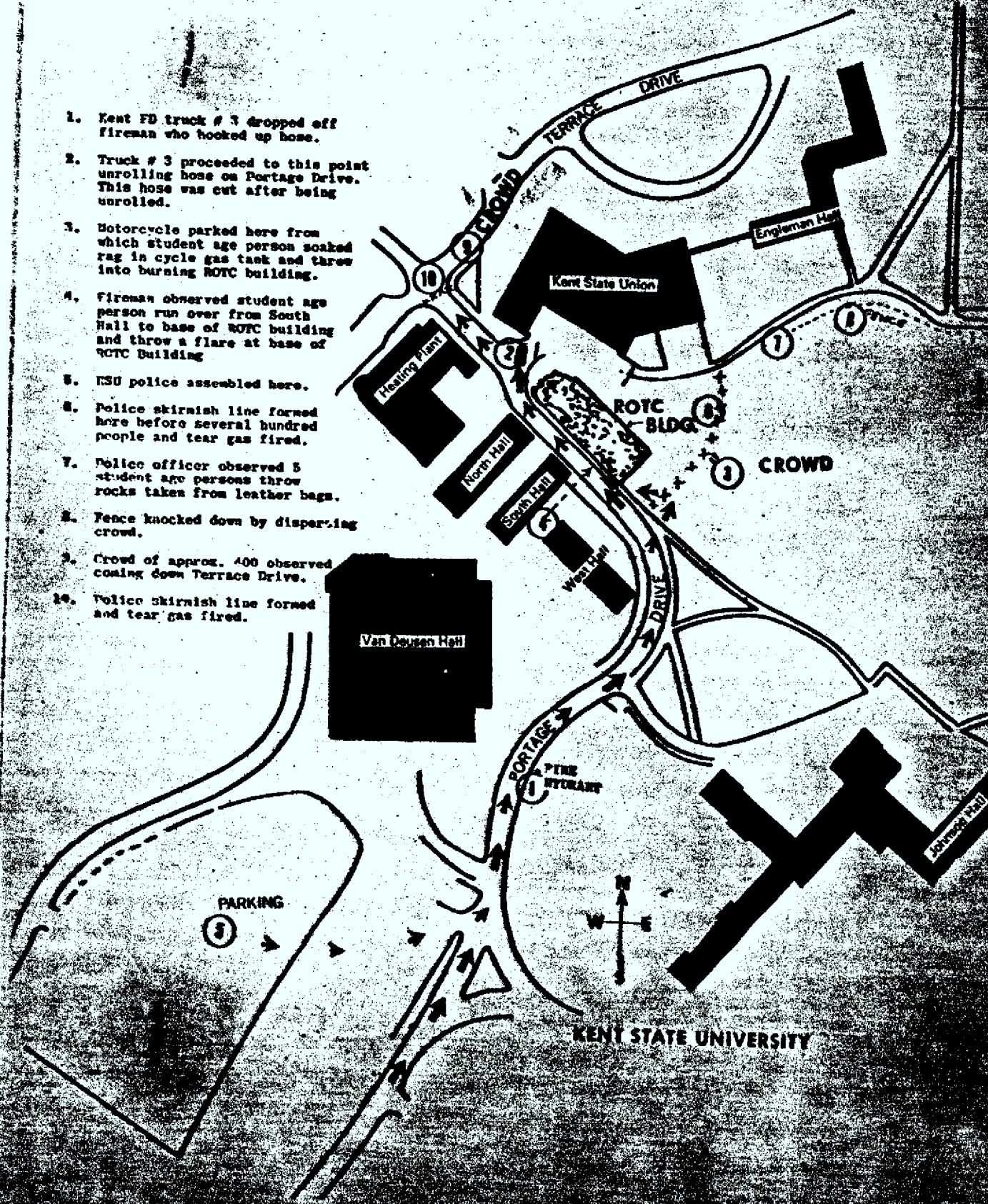
Kent, Ohio

no. Cleveland 98-2140

SA [redacted] /slk

Date dictated 5/13/70

1. Kent FD truck # 3 dropped off fireman who hooked up hose.
2. Truck # 3 proceeded to this point unrolling hose on Portage Drive. This hose was cut after being unrolled.
3. Motorcycle parked here from which student age person soaked rag in cycle gas tank and threw into burning ROTC building.
4. Fireman observed student age person run over from South Hall to base of ROTC building and throw a flare at base of ROTC Building
5. KSU police assembled here.
6. Police skirmish line formed here before several hundred people and tear gas fired.
7. Police officer observed 5 student age persons throw rocks taken from leather bags.
8. Fence knocked down by dispersing crowd.
9. Crowd of approx. 400 observed coming down Terrace Drive.
10. Police skirmish line formed and tear gas fired.



IV. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

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A. INTERVIEWS WITH ROTC OFFICIALS