

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 15, 1970

[redacted] Kent State University Police Department, who resides at [redacted] Ravenna, Ohio, advised that on May 2, 1970, during the early hours of nightfall he joined a group of Kent State University policemen lead by [redacted] who were confronting a large group of students in the Commons area of Kent State University campus. The Kent State University police department was endeavor to separate the students from the East Hall, an ROTC building which was slowly burning.

Immediately, [redacted] and the rest of the men were hit by a barrage of rocks thrown from the area of the Commons. The barrage consisted of rocks, half bricks, and one projectile was one-third of a concrete block. Also thrown were railroad spikes.

Canisters of tear gas were thrown into the crowd of students and they retreated for a while. The students then moved forward up Terrace Drive and threw another barrage of rocks. Again they were hit with tear gas by the Kent State University Police Department.

The building gradually was almost totally consumed by flames and the students gradually dispersed, but threw sporadic rocks at the Kent State University policemen. Later the Ohio National Guardsmen and Ohio State Patrolmen arrived and brought the situation under complete control.

[redacted] advised that during the rock throwing barrages he was hit three times, twice in his right leg and one time in his groin. He advised that when he was hit in the groin, he was knocked to the ground and that the blow caused one of his testicles to swell considerably. [redacted] advised he refused to undergo treatment that night because he felt he was needed to control the rioting students. Two days later he received treatment at the University Medical Center by [redacted] (phonetic) for swelling and contusion of his groin.

[redacted] advised that he was unable to make any identification of students involved in the burning of the ROTC building due to the darkness of the night.

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by SA [redacted] 481
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[REDACTED] advised he was not present at the location of the East Hall when it was set aflame because at that time he was on duty behind Prentice Hall.

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On May 9, 1970, BILL HUNTER, Photographer, "Akron Beacon Journal," Akron, Ohio, made available 1/2 photographs taken by photographers of the "Akron Beacon Journal" during the disturbances at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, on May 2 and May 4, 1970.

On 5/9/70 at Akron, Ohio File # Cleveland 93-2140

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/9/70

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II. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

F. INTERVIEWS WITH OTHERS

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Date May 12, 1970

[redacted] Ohio State Arson Bureau, was interviewed at Kent State University (KSU) where his department is conducting an investigation concerning fires at that campus from May 2-5, 1970.

[redacted] explained that his department is investigating this matter as the arson is a violation of Section 2907.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. Anyone convicted of violation of this statute is subject to imprisonment from 1 to 10 years.

[redacted] explained that on May 2, 1970, the ROTC Administration Building at KSU was set on fire and was totally destroyed by that fire. The fire is classified as an incendiary one or one which was intentionally set as opposed to an accidental type fire.

No investigation was conducted to specifically determine the cause of the fire as numerous interviews with witnesses and observers reveal that the fire was intentionally set by persons on campus. Several witnesses have described seeing persons throw railroad fuses or flares into the broken windows of the above-mentioned ROTC building and other persons were seen throwing lighted objects through the windows. He explained that some unknown individuals were seen taking rags dipped in gasoline tanks on parked motorcycles and these rags were lit and used to start the fire in the building.

The fire was started in the east corner of the building and spread to all parts of the building which [redacted] considered completely destroyed.

An examination of the rubbish from the fire failed to disclose any remnants of the railroad fuses or rags which were used in starting the fire.

[redacted] advised that there was another fire that same evening, May 2, 1970, in a storage bin by Bowman Hall and this bin contained grounds equipment.

On 5/18/70, Kent, Ohio

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by SA [redacted]

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Again, this fire was incendiary and examination of the ruins disclosed no evidence of flares or objects which were used to start the fire.

On May 4, 1970, at approximately 3:30 p.m., three maintenance men inside the maintenance storage bin on Portage Drive when a firebomb similar to a molotov cocktail was thrown into the building. The maintenance men were successful in putting out the fire with no loss or damage as a result.

[REDACTED] had developed no witnesses or suspects in that matter.

Another fire was set on KSU campus on May 5, 1970, and this fire was in a frame barn located on Allerton Road and Summit Road on campus and was set at approximately 4:00 a.m. At this time, Guardsmen were on campus and one Guard saw an individual exiting from the barn and this individual ran in a southwest direction on foot. The Guardsman chased him, ordered him to stop, and then fired after the individual kept running.

The Guardsman noted the fire was burning in the center of the floor when he ran by and the barn was thereafter completely destroyed by the fire. Inside the barn were two tractors and miscellaneous equipment, the tractors being valued at approximately \$12,000 and the equipment at \$16,000. No suspects have been developed in that matter.

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[REDACTED]
Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the fact that the Agents were attempting to locate [REDACTED] [REDACTED] furnished the following voluntary information:

[REDACTED] advised he is acquainted with [REDACTED], but could not provide his current whereabouts. [REDACTED] last saw [REDACTED] on Wednesday, May 6, 1970. [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] Kent, Ohio. [REDACTED] lives with [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] last saw [REDACTED] when [REDACTED] gave [REDACTED] a ride to a trailer park in Ravenna, Ohio, on Wednesday, May 6, 1970. On Monday night, May 4, 1970, [REDACTED] was arrested on curfew violation; however, the charges were dropped on May 5, 1970.

[REDACTED] was not present on the Kent State University (KSU) campus at the time the ROTC building was burned and also [REDACTED] did not witness the shooting incident on May 4, 1970, on the KSU campus.

On 5/8/70 at Kent, Ohio

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by SAs [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identities of interviewing agents and also the fact that the agents wished to interview her in connection with her arrest in Kent, Ohio on May 4, 1970 by the Ohio State Police.

[REDACTED] advised she did not wish to make a statement until first contacting her attorney [REDACTED] American Civil Liberties Union attorney, Akron, Ohio.

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ALAN MICHAEL CANFORA, 308 Newell Street, Barberton, Ohio, advised that at the time fire was allegedly set at the Reserve Officers Training Corps Building, of the Kent State University campus, Kent, Ohio, he was with his girl friend, whom he would not identify, in her room at Tri-Towers Dormitory, Kent State University campus. He stated he saw flames from that fire but had no further information concerning it.

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On May 8, 1970 SA [redacted] made efforts to locate and interview a [redacted] in the city of [redacted] Ohio with negative results. Efforts to locate her mother through [redacted], were negative. Credit and arrest records checked and contact with logical officials in the city of Ashtabula, has not located any of the above individuals.

On 5/8/70 at Ashtabula, Ohio

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by SA [redacted]

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██████████ advised that this property was owned by ██████████ but he is acting as landlord and in three years will purchase the property. He described ██████████ as very aged and he was handling the property for her.

██████████ advised that seven persons currently live in this home and he gave their names as follows:

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by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/11/70

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[redacted] advised that the above individuals moved into the home within about a week and one-half of each other in approximately February, 1970. This would have been the start of the Spring Quarter. He does not believe that all seven knew each other but he got the impression that [redacted] were acquainted. All paid for their rent in advance through the Spring Quarter with the exception of [redacted] was to make periodic payments.

[redacted] advised he knew very little about any of these individuals and he could furnish no information regarding their activities. [redacted] was furnished a copy of the Search Warrant and was given a receipt for the items removed from the house.

Date May 10, 1970

[REDACTED]
Massachusetts, advised as follows:

She is a Psychology Senior at Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, and on May 2, 1970 was visiting a friend of her [REDACTED] at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio.

At about 8:10 PM, on May 2, 1970, she was with [REDACTED] at the Student Activities Center, when she observed a crowd of several hundred people marching past the Student Activity Center toward the "Commons" and onto the ROTC Building. The crowd was carrying signs, but she does not believe she observed any torches at this time. When the crowd arrived at the ROTC Building, it appeared that some of the persons in front of the crowd lit some torches, and she observed that one or two of the torches were placed against the ROTC Building. However, the building did not catch on fire from these torches as best she could see.

While making this observation she was outside the Student Activity Center and about 1 1/2 blocks from the ROTC Building and the crowd. It was dusk and she could not make out any particular individual who may have placed the torches against the building.

When the torches were placed against the building, it appeared that some of the crowd was throwing rocks or some objects at the building, and she heard glass breaking. At this, it appeared that most of the crowd dispersed.

Approximately an hour and a half later, she heard that the ROTC Building was on fire and she went outside and observed this to be the situation.

She did not know any of the people in the crowd and could not identify any of them. She knows only about three persons at KSU.

On 5-10-70 at [REDACTED] Massachusetts, File # Cleveland 98-2140

SA [REDACTED]

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[redacted] Ohio, advised that he arrived along with his wife, [redacted] at the Kent State University (KSU) campus at about 8:00 PM on the evening of May 2, 1970. They went immediately to the Commons to see what was happening and observed an individual unknown to him ringing the Liberty Bell. He then observed another unknown individual get up on top of the bell and yell, "We need more people, let's go to Tri-Tower." He estimated that there were about 500 individuals in the group at that time. He and his wife moved with the group to Tri-Tower and he heard the group chanting anti-war slogans. He could not remember the slogans at this time.

At Tri-Tower, he met [redacted] who advised him to get rid of his camera and tape recorder as the students were going to break anything of that type that they noticed individuals in the crowd had in their possession. The group seemed to grow considerably after leaving Tri-Tower, and they proceeded back to the Commons and continued to walk around the area. [redacted] advised that he saw the following people on the Commons at that time:

Ohio
[redacted]

The students continued to mill about the area and about 9:00 PM, they proceeded to throw rocks at the ROTC building. The [redacted] observed railroad flares being thrown at the building and in the building but due to their distance from the group, they could not identify any individuals who participated. [redacted] advised that some of the participants had walkie-talkies and he overheard one say that "the Communication Center was [redacted] at Johnson Hall." [redacted] has in his possession a tape which

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at [redacted] Ohio

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SA [redacted]

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made at the Commons and ROTC area on the evening of May 2, 1970 in which some broadcasting over the walkie-talkies of some of the students can be heard.

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[redacted] advised that the ROTC building did not seem to go up too easily and that one individual went to a window in the front of the building and with a piece of newspaper, lit a set of the curtains which went up rapidly. [redacted] estimates that there were about 1000 students present at this time. He advised that the firemen arrived on the scene and that someone yelled "Get the hose," at which time the hose was pulled away from the ROTC building and then the students found that they could not disconnect it, so they proceeded to cut it but the [redacted] could not determine what exactly was used to cut it due to the distance. At this time, the police utilized tear gas to disperse the crowd and the [redacted] went to Van Duse Hall and out to the steps on the power plant adjacent to the ROTC building in order to observe. [redacted] advised that both the Portage County Sheriff Deputies and College Police Department were present at this time.

The [redacted] then proceeded to the roof of the power plant at which time they observed several fires on the hill by Taylor Hall. They also observed a fire which had been lit at the archery shack located by the tennis courts. [redacted] then advised that the fire truck drove away and that there was heavy thick black smoke pouring out of the vents of the ROTC building. He advised that students from Prentice Hall had formed a line and were using a bucket brigade to put the fire out at the archery shack.

The [redacted] then proceeded to Merrill Hall and watched the fire and then observed two fire trucks arrive at the ROTC building. [redacted] advised that [redacted] took some pictures during the fire at the ROTC building and that an individual, [redacted] had contacted [redacted] advising him that he had 16 mm film of the incident at the ROTC building and wanted [redacted] to join him in getting a sound movie utilizing [redacted] tape of the burning of the ROTC building.

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[redacted] Norfolk,
Virginia, advised that he is a
associated with the firm of [redacted]
[redacted] Virginia.

According to [redacted] he and his wife visited their daughter [redacted] at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, on Saturday, May 2, 1970. [redacted] indicated that the purpose of the visit was to carry his daughter some summer clothing and pick up her winter things. He recalled that about 8:30 or 9:00 PM, May 2, 1970, he was in one of the dormitories where his daughter lived and some of the students announced there was going to be a rally. [redacted] said that his wife suggested that they remain at the campus to see just what was going on. He recalled that he, his wife, and [redacted] in company with some other students left the dormitory. He thought there were several hundred students in the group. He indicated that he and [redacted] were among the first in the group; however, after a short period, the students moving more rapidly soon passed them and they were at the rear of the crowd. He remembered that the police, possibly the Campus Police, were on hand and that the students were taunting them with obscenities and other comments; however, there was no confrontation that he could see.

He recalled that he and his wife stopped at the top of the hill and did not follow the group as they continued toward where the ROTC Building was located. He remembered that it was dusk and approaching night when he observed several individuals with lighted railroad flares set fire to the ROTC Building. He indicated that due to the fact he was some 500 yards away, he could not distinguish who they were; however, by their movements and the manner in which they conducted themselves, he believes they were all males. He said he saw them break the windows in the ROTC Building and throw the flares inside. This continued for several minutes and it all occurred in the immediate vicinity where some policemen were standing. Mr. [redacted] was of the opinion that the policemen saw the individuals break the windows and throw the flares inside the building.

On 5/11/70 at Norfolk, Virginia File # Norfolk 98-430

SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]

by

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[REDACTED] indicated that apparently the fire did not take very rapidly because some of those involved broke out more windows apparently so the air could get inside the building to fan the flame. He said after the fire began, the building was consumed immediately.

[REDACTED] said he could not identify any of those involved in the burning of the building because it was too dark for him to see and also the fact he was too far away to actually see who was involved in setting fire to the building. He recalled that the people involved were more or less silhouettes.

[REDACTED] said he left the campus about 11:00 PM and that after the burning of the building, the National Guard came on the campus. He remembered that the National Guard had been in the Town of Kent but had not been on the campus prior to the burning of the ROTC Building.

[REDACTED] said he and his wife returned to Norfolk Virginia, on Sunday, May 3, 1970, and at the time the National Guard was on and off the campus at Kent State University when they left Kent, Ohio.

[REDACTED] said his daughter, [REDACTED], a freshman student, had gone back to Cleveland on Saturday, May 9, 1970, where she was staying with friends in the home of [REDACTED] (phonetic), an attorney in Cleveland, Ohio. [REDACTED] said he did not know the exact address of [REDACTED]; however, it was located in the Beechwood Section near Shaker Heights in Cleveland. [REDACTED] said that his daughter reportedly was present on Monday, May 4, 1970, during the time that students were shot on the Kent State University campus. He indicated he did not know how much she knew concerning the incident.

[REDACTED] indicated that he did not know the identity of the individuals responsible for the burning of the ROTC Building on the Kent State University campus. He also said he had not heard anyone state who was responsible for burning the building.

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[REDACTED] indicated that he and his wife plan a trip to Europe in the near future; however, he did not furnish the details of this trip or the length of time he would be out of the United States.

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[redacted] Norfolk, Virginia, advised that she and her husband, [redacted] went to visit their daughter at Kent State University on the weekend of May 2 - 3, 1970, and that they stayed in a motel in the Town of Kent, Ohio. She said that she remembered that the motel was directly across or in the immediate vicinity of the Kent State University campus. She said she recalled they went over to the dormitory where her daughter was living and the students became excited because they were planning a rally on the campus at the time Mr. and [redacted] were in the dormitory. She recalled that her husband suggested they leave and go to their motel, and she suggested that they remain at the campus because she was curious to know what happened, and what the "kids" had to say. She remembered that some of her daughter's friends (students at the University), her daughter, her husband and she left the dormitory and started toward the area where the rally was to take place. She said that they were at the front of the group, but soon the students passed them and her daughter commented she was going on down and would see them back at the dormitory after the rally.

[redacted] remembered that the group was singing and shouting and taunting the police. She also recalled that when they got to the crest of the hill overlooking the area where the main body of students was holding the rally, she and her husband decided to stop. She recalled that it was some distance, but she had no idea as to how far they were from the ROTC Building which was burned at the time they were on the top of the hill looking down on the group. She said she could not see well enough to identify any of the students who set fire to the ROTC Building. She said she was too far away and it was too dark to see actually who was responsible for setting fire to the building. She remembered the National Guard troops had been in the Town of Kent but had not been on the campus until after the ROTC Building burned. She said she had not seen any confrontations by students and police or students and National Guard during Saturday night, May 2, 1970. She recalled they left the campus at about 11:00 PM and returned to Norfolk, Virginia, Sunday, May 3, 1970. She said that National Guardsmen were observed on Sunday when they left Kent, Ohio.

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by SA [redacted]
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[redacted] recalled that her daughter had commented that the National Guard on Monday, May 4, 1970, had rifles and that they had knelt and pointed the rifles directly at the students during the campus demonstration. [redacted] said she did not know the extent of what her daughter [redacted] had seen at Kent State University.

[redacted] further advised that her daughter had been in Norfolk after the May 4, 1970, incidents on Kent State University campus and that she was most upset over the incidents; however, she returned to Cleveland, Ohio, where she is staying with a friend in the home of [redacted] (phonetic), an attorney in Cleveland. [redacted] said she did not know the exact address of [redacted] however, she understood it was in the Beachwood Section near Shaker Heights, Cleveland. She said her daughter was waiting in the area of Kent State University so that when they allowed the students to return to the campus, she could obtain her personal belongings and bring them back home to Norfolk, Virginia.

[redacted] said she did not know and had not heard from anyone who was responsible for the burning of the ROTC Building or any specific information concerning the shooting which occurred after she and [redacted] had left the campus at Kent State University.

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[REDACTED]

Ravenna, Ohio, was contacted and exhibited approximately 200 photographs which had been taken on May 3, 1970, and May 4, 1970, in the vicinity of the campus of Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio. After viewing these photographs, he identified the following listed persons which appeared on the indicated photographs:

PHOTOGRAPH
IDENTIFYING
NUMBER

NAMES

REMARKS

A-1-3

[REDACTED]

KSU News Service

A-2-1

TERRY NORMAN

KSU student (photog)

A-4-1

[REDACTED]

KSU student

A-8-1

TERRY NORMAN

KSU student (photog)

A-33-1

[REDACTED]

KSU Graduate Student

A-34-4

[REDACTED]

KSU student (Journalism Department)

A-40-3

[REDACTED]

KSU student (Journalism Department)

A-40-4

[REDACTED]

KSU student (Leader Black United Student)

A-64-1

[REDACTED]

KSU student (Member Black United Student)

A-48-2

[REDACTED]

KSU student

A-53-1

[REDACTED]

Girlfriend of JEFF TUCKER works WENT O

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[REDACTED]

KSU professor - Journalism Department

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by S [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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JOHN PILO 6/10

KSU student (Senior)
Journalism (photography)

A-66-1

[REDACTED]

KSU student (Vietnam
veteran) Journalism
Department

A-81-1

[REDACTED]

B-1-1

[REDACTED]

KSU student, Art major

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and 13

TERRY NORMAN

KSU student, Police
Science major

C-2-1

[REDACTED]

KSU student, Journalism
Department

C-16-14

[REDACTED]

KSU News Service

C-16-15

Blind Student

Resides KSU, Stephen
Hall

C-17-3

[REDACTED]

(as above)

C-17-4

Blind Student

(as above)

C-23-1

Blind Student

(as above)

C-28-3

TERRY NORMAN

(as above)

C-29-1

TERRY NORMAN

(as above)

C-93-1

TERRY NORMAN

(as above)

C-116-1

TERRY NORMAN

(as above)

C-117-1

TERRY NORMAN

(as above)

F-4-1

[REDACTED]

KSU student (Senior)
Journalism Department

F-5-1

[REDACTED]

(as above)

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Possibly living
Manchester Hall, on
KSU campus

In charge of leading
Food First Campaign
recently at KSU.

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[redacted] advised his son, [redacted] left Kent State University (KSU) at the end of the last semester and obtained employment at [redacted], Ohio, and has taken up residence with the [redacted] family, [redacted] Ohio.

He advised that he had a disagreement with his son because his son had let his hair grow long and joined the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and, therefore, sees very little of him. He advised he would not know whether his son had been near the campus during the disturbances there on May 2-4, 1970.

On 5/11/70 at Macedonia, Ohio

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by SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]

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[redacted], a first year law student at the Akron University, was interviewed at [redacted] Akron, Ohio. He furnished his telephone number as [redacted] and he identified his parents as Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, telephone number [redacted].

[redacted] advised he went to the Kent State University (KSU) campus on Saturday night, May 2, 1970, with his girl friend, [redacted] and with friends, [redacted] and [redacted]. He claims that they heard that there was going to be a rally on the Commons and they were interested in what was going on. He is a summer student of KSU and his girl friend currently is a student.

[redacted] advised when they arrived at the Commons, they went directly to Johnson Hall because [redacted] is a monitor there. While in Johnson Hall, they observed a crowd forming on the Commons near the ROTC Building. From his vantage point, he observed students running up to the ROTC Building and he observed them throwing objects at the building. He claims he saw a fire start and he watched as the fire engine pulled up. He observed the kids taking the hose away from the firemen and he assumes that the hoses were either broken or cut as the water was going in all directions.

[redacted] claims he cannot identify any of the individuals involved in the burning of the ROTC Building. He claims as a former student, he knows a large number of KSU students, however, he saw no one in the group that he knew.

[redacted] advised he intends to continue his education at the Akron University and his parents will always know his whereabouts. He advised he will be available if called upon at any future date to testify.

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The Office of Dr. ROBERT I. WHITE, President of Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, made available the following letter which had been received at the Office of the President on May 12, 1970 at 8:36 AM and which was postmarked Alliance, Ohio. There was no return address and the letter was unsigned.

"Dear Sir

"What do you know about the committee of 30? Rumor has it that they are the ones who set the ROTC building on fire and then left the campus immediately. Who is Debbie Brown?"

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The following investigation was conducted at Seneca Falls, New York by SA [REDACTED] on May 12, 1970:

[REDACTED], New York, advised his wife, [REDACTED], owns a 1966 green TRA 4A, bearing New York State registration [REDACTED]. Their son, [REDACTED], is a Senior at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, and he arrived home in [REDACTED] on May 1, 1970 and remained there until late on May 3, 1970 when he drove the described vehicle back to Kent. He called home on May 5, 1970 and said he was going to visit some school friends in Michigan, not further described. He will, undoubtedly, return to Kent before coming home to [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] lives off campus at [REDACTED], Kent and can be located for an interview through this address.

[REDACTED] asserted that his son was at home from May 1 to May 3, 1970 and could not have possibly been involved in any firebombing occurring on May 2, 1970.

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REPORT OF SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] DATED MAY 21, 1970, AT
CLEVELAND, OHIO, CAPTIONED "UNSUBS;
FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING,
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU),
KENT, OHIO, MAY 2, 1970."

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**IV. INQUIRIES TO DETERMINE IDENTITY
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**A. INVESTIGATION CONCERNING
OCCUPANTS OF 230 EAST MAIN
STREET, KENT, OHIO**

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[redacted] advised that she was a sophomore at Kent State University (KSU), and was majoring in sociology and political science. She stated that she resided in the girls dormitory at Verder Hall, and on the night the ROTC building was burned she was baby-sitting with [redacted] from Akron, Ohio, in the dormitory. She indicated she had heard from some of the students that there was going to be trouble in the ROTC building, but she did not wish to name the individuals who had given her this information.

Based upon this information, she said she had taken [redacted] from her dormitory to the residence of her boy friend, [redacted] who resided at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio. She said that she stayed with [redacted] at [redacted] room from approximately 9:30 PM until the following day and did not have any knowledge about the individuals who were involved in burning the ROTC building. She stated that no one had returned to [redacted] address and discussed the matter, and consequently, she could not name anyone who participated in this action.

[redacted] was exhibited three photos of various individuals, and she indicated that the man standing in the police officer in one of the photos was [redacted] (phonetic), who resides at 230 East Main Street, Kent.

In regard to the other photo, she indicated that the individual carrying a banner or flag with a cigarette in his mouth looked a great deal like [redacted].

[redacted] She said she had not seen any of these individuals on the Kent State campus during the recent trouble.

She advised that she considers herself a liberal and that the individuals who participated in the burning down of the ROTC building are activists who would participate in any type of protest.

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in any militant action. In this regard, she estimated that there were approximately 100 such individuals on the KSU campus during the recent trouble; however, she did not care to name any names or identify these individuals. She said that most were misguided, frustrated people and at least 50 per cent of the individuals on campus would be from the University itself, with the additional people coming from outside the University community.

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Ohio, was contacted at [redacted] Street, where she is employed as a [redacted]. [redacted] advised [redacted] and [redacted] were Special Agents of the FBI and also was advised of the nature and purpose of this interview.

[redacted] advised she is personally acquainted with one [redacted], an undergraduate student at Kent State University (KSU); she recently met him as a classmate in a law enforcement class, which meets each Thursday night and [redacted] then related the following information:

[redacted] and [redacted] have had casual conversations from time to time over cokes and coffee after their Thursday evening classes. On April 30, 1970, [redacted] made a specific date with her for Saturday night, May 2, 1970, to go to a carnival in Stow and then to a show in Kent. [redacted] did pick her up at her residence in his 1966 black Ford Thunderbird with New Jersey license at about 8:00 p.m. on May 2, 1970 and drove then directly to the carnival located in the parking lot of the Click Discount Store, Fish Creek and Route 59 in Stow. They spent less than an hour there [redacted] then drove her to Kent for the purpose of attending the show. However, they were detoured on the way into Kent and were told by police officers a curfew had been imposed as a result of demonstrations and disturbances in Kent and on KSU campus. [redacted] did manage to drive as far as the Firestone Store located near his residence, 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, and they walked to this residence, leaving the Thunderbird parked in the Firestone Store area. [redacted] arrived at 230 East Main Street, a two story grey building about 9:00 p.m. As they walked up the steps into the front door there were three men in that immediate area outside the house. Two men were sitting on the ledge of a wall along the right side of this walkway - one was a tall young white man who Miss [redacted] identified by photographs as [redacted] the other was a young white man holding a handkerchief over

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nose and mouth, later introduced to her as [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), a man who allegedly had a prison record. Also a young KSU student named [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) who is [redacted] best friend, was nearby in the front yard. [redacted] went into the house with [redacted] and [redacted] and three of them went upstairs into the bedroom of [redacted] which is located on the side facing East Main Street. There was considerable discussion among them about disturbances on the KSU campus and the presence of the Ohio National Guard there to maintain order. A young couple, later introduced to [redacted] as [redacted] and [redacted] were on the roof just outside the window, watching activities on the campus and they helped this couple as they climbed back through the window into the house. [redacted] commented about the National Guard's presence there and said a cousin of her's was a member of the Guard unit then on campus; she had seen him that day, but had not allowed him to see her because she did not want him to know she was in the vicinity of, or participating in, the disturbance.

[redacted] recalled that, as she and [redacted] went up the front steps into the house, someone asked [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) why he held the handkerchief over his face and he replied, "tear gas." Also someone mentioned the ROTC Building on the KSU campus had just been burned, but she did not know for sure who said this and she did not recall if any person indicated he had been involved.

[redacted] and [redacted] then went downstairs and roasted hot dogs and marshmallows in the living room fireplace. Other persons participating in this activity were [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), a KSU freshman student who did not seem to be there with any particular boy friend and [redacted] said she resides in Verder Hall dormitory, and a 12 year old Negro girl named [redacted] (phonetic) who was visiting.

About the time they finished roasting marshmallows at the 11:00 p.m. news appeared on television and others came to the living room from outside the building to watch the news, including [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), [redacted] (Last Name Unknown). They all watched the news program on television. [redacted] believes [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), and [redacted] (Last Name Unknown).

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man named [redacted] (who was not present on the evening of May 2, 1970), all reside at 230 East Main Street, which was in a general state of disarray and badly in need of house cleaning.

After the news program ended [redacted] and [redacted] went to the upstairs kitchen, where he prepared and served hot chocolate, after which she asked him to take her home. They walked to the Firestone Store and were stopped by two police officers wearing white helmets. These officers told them the curfew forbade their presence on the street, but they explained [redacted] had to take her home to Stow, Ohio. They were told they could proceed but [redacted] should drive her directly home, which he did arriving there about 1:30 a.m.

[redacted] said she has no personal knowledge of [redacted] who burned the ROTC Building on the KSU campus and she did not personally observe any of the rallies, demonstrations, or acts of violence there at any time. She said she has seen [redacted] twice since May 2, 1970 - briefly on Tuesday, May 5, 1970, and for a chicken dinner with him at 230 East Main Street on the evening of Thursday, May 7, 1970; this dinner was attended by [redacted] and [redacted] (Last Name Unknown). [redacted] left for Cincinnati, Ohio, after dinner. [redacted] said the conversations had not indicated who had burned the ROTC Building but [redacted] did tell her one of the students killed by National Guard gunfire Monday, May 4, 1970, was a friend of his named JEFF MILLER. [redacted] had been a member of their law enforcement class on Thursday evenings. She said she does not remember MILLER, however.

[redacted] furnished the following descriptions of the individuals that she met at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, on the night of May 2, 1970:

Name	[redacted]
Sex	[redacted]
Race	[redacted]
Age	[redacted]
Height	[redacted]
Weight	[redacted]
Complexion	[redacted]
Hair	[redacted]

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Date May 16, 1970

On May 10, 1970, the following facts of an affidavit for the search of 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, were furnished to Assistant Attorney General J. WALTER YEAGLEY, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., who authorized obtaining of a search warrant to search the above residence.

U. S. Army Reserve Officers Training Corps Building #45, East Hall on the campus of Kent State University was burned to the ground during a riotous demonstration by demonstrators at Kent State University on May 2, 1970.

[redacted] a student at Kent State University was present at the demonstration as a non-participant and observed a tall, white male, light gasoline soaked rags and drop them into a broken window of Building #45.

[redacted] identified a photograph of a tall white male demonstrator in a group photograph taken at the Kent State University demonstration as the photograph of the tall, white male he observed lighting a gasoline soaked rag and putting it in a broken window of the burned ROTC building #45.

[redacted] identified the photo of the tall white male in the group photo mentioned above as the photograph of [redacted], Ohio.

[redacted] advised [redacted] had him he was present at the burning of the ROTC building #45 at Kent State University. He advised that [redacted] resided at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, and has attended numerous

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campus demonstrations in Cleveland, Washington, D. C. and Kent, Ohio.

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[redacted] a Kent State University student advised that [redacted] a Kent University Student, was present at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, when certain male individuals entered the building at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio immediately after the fire was set in the ROTC Building #45, and they stated that they had just fired the ROTC Building on the Kent State University Campus.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] a student at Kent State University

Assistant Attorney General J. WALTER YEAGLEY advised that United States Attorney ROBERT B. KRUPANSKY be contacted and that the matter of the obtaining a search warrant be coordinated with Mr. KRUPANSKY.

Mr. KRUPANSKY was contacted by SA [redacted] and the above facts were furnished to him. He stated that he concurred with the opinion of Mr. YEAGLEY and directed that an affidavit for a search warrant be filed before United States Commissioner CLIFFORD E. BRUCE, Cleveland, Ohio.

On May 10, 1970, SA [redacted] filed an affidavit for a search of 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, before Mr. BRUCE utilizing the above facts in the affidavit.

On May 10, 1970, Mr. BRUCE issued a search warrant for the building at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, as well as the garage and all outbuildings located on this property.

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In connection with the execution of a Federal search warrant on May 10, 1970, at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, the following automobiles and license plate numbers were observed in the parking area of the 230 East Main Street address:

<u>Automobile</u>	<u>License Number</u>
Black Chevrolet Monte Carlo	Ohio license F 6972 K
White Barracuda	Ohio license EC 2933
White Ford	Ohio license F 3802 J
Black Ford Thunderbird	New Jersey MEF 996

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During a surveillance on May 10, 1970, of the house located at 230 E. Main Street, one [redacted] Kent, Ohio, furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that he had just finished speaking to a blond-haired individual who emerged from the house at 230 E. Main Street. This blond-haired individual said that he had just gotten out of the Navy within the past week. He stated he was working to establish residency in Ohio so he could go to college. He and a brown-haired individual who also came from the house at 230 E. Main Street, had their boat stored on the parking lot of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity house.

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Operating under the strength of a Search Warra the premises known as 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, searched and the following items were obtained during the course of this search:

1. 3/4 length gray winter jacket with fur lined hood found in first floor bedroom closet
2. Packet of rally posters for JERRY RUBIN Ra April 11, 1970, found in first floor bedroom closet shelf
3. Newspaper photograph of ANDY NOVICH found top of dresser in downstairs bedroom
4. One short sleeve blue dress shirt with Sea label found on floor of closet in first floor bedroom
5. One pair of brown gloves, sheep skin lined found first floor bedroom closet
6. SDS literature list and poster found in plastic suitcase in the pantry
7. A headband found in the trash can of the downstairs bathroom
8. A booklet "Who Rules Kent" by Kent SDS found a carton in the dining room
9. Letter from [redacted] April 14, 1970 to [redacted] found in bottom dresser drawer first floor bedroom.
10. Six balloons, one Dupont Duco Cement tube, one Elmer's Contact Cement and a cardboard tube, partially covered by aluminum with a hole at one end, found on bottom shelf of night stand in first floor bedroom.

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11. One pair of Levis trousers with mimeographed sheet in the pocket announcing "Bury the Constitution of the United States" found in closet first floor bedroom
12. (a) Book "Che Guevara Guerrilla Warfare"
(b) "Ann Arbor Argus", February 24, 1970 to March 10, 1970
(c) A paper "Venceremos Brigade 1970"
(d) SDS paper "Fire Next Time", VINI
(e) The paper "Free Cleveland After Dark", April 15-22, 1970

All found on book stand in dining room

13. One corduroy jacket with belt found in closet in upstairs hall
14. Two makeshift peace armbands found in dresser drawer in [REDACTED] bedroom upstairs.
15. Pair of purple Levis with stains on trouser leg found in upstairs rear bedroom in the bedroom on the right side of the room when the room is entered.

No one was home when this search was commenced but during the course of the search [REDACTED] who is in the process of buying the property and who now handles the property, entered the home. [REDACTED] was served with a copy of the Search Warrant and was also given a receipt for the above items.

The garage at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, was also searched and nothing was found therein.

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On May 11, 1970, the following items of evidence seized in the search of 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, which were seized under the authority of a search warrant were submitted to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate examination:

- 1) One 3/4 length gray winter jacket (parka) with fur-lined hood and orange lining.
- 2) One pair of blue denim jeans.
- 3) One pair of tan suede gloves.
- 4) One blue man's shirt (cotton).
- 5) One hippie-type headband.
- 6) One pair blue purple levis.
- 7) One tan corduroy coat in plastic dry cleaner's bag.
- 8) Two makeshift peace arm bands made from dungarees.
- 9) Six rubber balloons, one tube Dupont Duco cement, one tube Elmer's contact cement, and one cardboard tube partially covered with aluminum foil with burn hole on one end.

During the search, an envelope containing a letter addressed to [redacted] 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, from [redacted] Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts, was observed.

During the search the the following record of long distance calls made from 673-5425 at 230 East Main Street, Kent Ohio was observed with the callers initials next to each call:

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The initials on the record of long distance calls are the initials of the occupants of 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, and they stand for the following individuals:

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Unknown

REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Cleveland

Date: 5/14/70

Re: UNSUBS; Firebombing of Army
ROTC Building, Kent State
University (KSU), Kent, Ohio
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Specimens received

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Q1 Gray jacket (Item #1)
Q2 Denim trousers (Item #2)
Q3 Pair of gloves (Item #3)
Q4 Shirt (Item #4)
Q5 Headband (Item #5)
Q6 Purple trousers (Item #6)
Q7 Tan coat (Item #7)
Q8 Two make-shift peace armbands (Item #8)
Q9 Six balloons (Item #9)
Q10 Elmers contact cement (Item #9)
Q11 Duct cement (Item #9)
Q12 Improvised cardboard pipe (Item #9)

Results of examination:

No traces of smoke particles, flammable liquids or other oxidizing chemicals were found on specimens Q1 through Q8.

No hairs or other evidence was found on specimen Q9, Q10 or Q11 to indicate they had been used for sniffing purposes.

Although chemical tests suggested that marijuana had been smoked in the Q12 pipe, it was not possible to identify marijuana specifically in the absence of any material having other characteristics of that plant.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Kent, Ohio, Ohio, is his girl friend and that he was previously contacted by an FBI Agent at Kent, Ohio, this morning.

Three photographs of unidentified individuals were displayed to [REDACTED] and he indicated that the only individual he could identify was the man who was standing with the police officer in one of the photos. This man was [REDACTED] (phonetic), who resides at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio. In addition to [REDACTED] residing at this address, he indicated that [REDACTED] owns the property at 230 East Main Street, and the following individuals were also residents

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], who is also known

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B. INTERVIEWS REGARDING

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Ohio, at this time furnished one photograph of [redacted] taken in July, 1968. This photograph depicts [redacted] in a United States Air Force uniform and [redacted] stated that he has no photograph of [redacted] with his beard and long hair.

[redacted] indicated that to the best of his knowledge, [redacted] left the area May 11, 1970. [redacted] left alone as [redacted] knows [redacted] was a female friend by the name of [redacted] whom he described as six feet tall, slender and "stacked". She supposedly left the area May 11, 1970, to go to her home in New York. She went to Washington, D.C. with [redacted] over the weekend prior to the interview.

[redacted] indicated that [redacted] is very close friends with one [redacted] and would probably keep in touch with her. [redacted] said when he left that he was going to California. However, he had only \$150.00 with him. [redacted] had gone to California approximately one year ago and at that time had \$900.00, which lasted him only six weeks before he had to come home again. When [redacted] went last time, he stayed with [redacted] student at UCLA, Santa Barbara, California. He lived in Golita, California.

[redacted] described [redacted] as being [redacted] [redacted] had an uncle, [redacted] who runs [redacted] Pasadena, California. It is possible that [redacted] could contact him if he went to California. He stated that [redacted] has been locked up, having been arrested in Boston, Massachusetts, for drunk and hates it. OHIO DC

[redacted] has definite suicidal tendencies. [redacted] had a roommate where he lived in Kent by the name of [redacted] phone number [redacted] had spoken to [redacted] subse- quently to the time that [redacted] supposedly left for California. [redacted] indicated surprise at this and stated that [redacted] had stayed with one [redacted] over the weekend

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of May 1 - 3, 1970. [redacted] also had [redacted] at his house from May 4, 1970, to the end of that week.

[redacted] later telephonically contacted the interview agents. He advised that [redacted] had been in town, staying with [redacted] in Lauree Falls, Ohio. In addition, [redacted] had been with them. The three of them left May 14, 1970, to go to New York. He indicated that [redacted] is 100 per cent disability from the service, and is a psychiatric case. He stated that [redacted] is on medication and when he takes this medication, he seems quite normal. However, when he does not take it, "watch out".

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[redacted] ent, Ohio, advised that she has known [redacted] since high school. She stated that she does not know his whereabouts.

She advised that on the evening of May 2, 1970, she was not with, nor did she see [redacted] at any time. She stated that she herself had spent the whole evening in Tri-Towers dormitory. [redacted] was not there at any time. She stated she heard later on that evening that the ROTC building had burned and went by herself to see this. By the time she got there, the building was almost burned and there were no other students in the area. She has no idea if [redacted] had been at the burning or knew anything about it.

She stated that the last time she saw [redacted] was when she and [redacted] met in Washington, D.C. on May 9, 1970. They traveled back to Kent, Ohio, together that night. She has not seen him since. She has not got the least idea where he has gone and in fact, did not know that he had left the area.

She could furnish no other information of value.

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Date May 19, 1970

[redacted]
Kent, Ohio, Apartment 6, furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised he has resided at the above address since January 20, 1970, and when he moved there [redacted] was living there. [redacted] had met [redacted] in the past because both of them worked at a [redacted] Akron, Ohio. [redacted] moved to this address shortly after obtaining employment at [redacted] Ohio.

[redacted] advised that approximately two weeks before the students were shot at Kent State University (KSU), [redacted] stopped staying regularly at the North Water Street address and was gone quite a bit. Most of the time, he stayed with one [redacted] who lives at North Berlin Avenue in a rented house. To the best of [redacted] knowledge, that is where [redacted] has most recently been residing.

On Saturday evening, May 2, 1970, [redacted] not see [redacted] as [redacted] was out all night. [redacted] came to [redacted] Sunday morning at approximately 6:00 a.m. shortly before [redacted] left that residence and [redacted] indicated to him that he had been up all night and had watched the sun come up.

[redacted] briefly talked to [redacted] who indicated to [redacted] that he should come to the Commons on the KSU campus on Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m. for a rally. [redacted] mentioned nothing further regarding any incidents at KSU campus prior to Sunday morning.

According to [redacted] is a sophomore at KSU majoring in Education.

On May 3, 1970, [redacted] picked his girlfriend up and they drove around that day, returning to

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North Water Street at approximately 8:00 p.m. At this time, [redacted] was just leaving the apartment going to the Commons and shortly after he left, [redacted] and his girlfriend left to go to the campus.

At the campus, a crowd was forming around the Student Union and this crowd then moved to the Commons where several individuals made miscellaneous speeches actually saying nothing of significance. These persons spoke only against the war in Vietnam, troops in Cambodia, and National Guardsmen being on campus. One speaker, a white male with long hair and a beard, made some comment to the effect "Do you want to get the National Guard off campus?" The crowd cheered loudly in the affirmative.

A black student made some short speech and after several other speeches, all of which [redacted] felt were stupid, the crowd marched up the hills toward Prentice Hall and Verder Hall. The crowd at this time was approximately 2,000 strong and [redacted] and [redacted] were in the group. [redacted] and his girlfriend at this point left the campus.

Sunday evening, [redacted] returned home and [redacted] did not stay there that night.

The next time [redacted] was on approximately May 6 or May 8, 1970, when [redacted] was preparing to go to Washington, D.C., for a massive student demonstration. [redacted] came to [redacted] at work and borrowed \$20.

That evening, [redacted] returned home and [redacted] had already left.

[redacted] has not seen [redacted] since that occasion but according to [redacted] parents, [redacted] and [redacted] drove to Washington, D.C. in [redacted] 1965 Cadillac four door, green in color. Apparently, another friend of [redacted] and [redacted] one [redacted] or [redacted] went to Washington, D.C. also in her car which is a light colored Ford Torino or Fairlane.

According to [redacted] parents, on the way back to Kent, Ohio, the weekend following the Washington

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demonstration, [redacted] car was spurting oil and the engine blew up, and since [redacted] had been following [redacted] on the way back, he and [redacted] returned to Kent with [redacted], leaving [redacted] car abandoned in Pennsylvania possibly on the Turnpike.

[redacted] and [redacted] returned to [redacted] parents' house and that weekend, [redacted] took [redacted] to the airport in order that she could return to her home in New York, and [redacted] then left for California hitchhiking.

Again, according to [redacted] parents, [redacted] went to see a [redacted] or [redacted] who is a student at Santa Barbara College in Goleta or Golita, California.

[redacted] understood that [redacted] was supposed to contact his parents to let them know where to send his books to him in California.

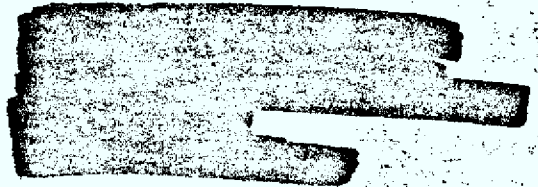
[redacted] had no information as to whether or not [redacted] was involved in the burning of the ROTC building, but he feels that [redacted] was not involved.

He explained that [redacted] is interested in teaching children and forming in their minds, at an early stage in life, the rejection of things that are bad. [redacted] feels that the best teaching can be done with young children whose minds are very formable.

[redacted] is not a violent person and [redacted] has never known him to be physical in his actions although he is radical in his views and, not being satisfied with some of the wrongs of today, wants changes to be made.

The following is a description obtained through observation and interview with [redacted]

Name:
Date of Birth:
Place of Birth:
Height:
Weight:



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Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]
Social Security
Number: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] recalls that since the incidents at KSU, he has talked to [REDACTED] and she told him if he was questioned by any authorities, he did not have to say anything and that he should refuse to talk. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had nothing to do with the burning of the ROTC building and that he did not even throw stones at the building. [REDACTED] feels that from her conversation, she was with [REDACTED] at the ROTC burning.

[REDACTED] does not feel [REDACTED] could cooperate if interviewed by any authorities.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was contacted at the Robinson Memorial Hospital, where he is a full-time employee of the Hospital Security Staff. He was shown photographs of the following individuals:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

He stated that he could not identify any of these people as the blond individual dressed in a stripe shirt who threw a flare in the ROTC Building at the KSU campus, Kent, Ohio.

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IV. INQUIRIES TO DETERMINE IDENTITY
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BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA's [redacted] and [redacted], May 11,
1970, at Twinsburg, Ohio.

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] Ohio, telephone number [redacted] advised that he was con-
ducting investigation into the burning of the ROTC build-
ing on the Kent State University campus on May 2, 1970,
and had talked to the following witnesses who had observed
certain unknown individuals attack and burn the ROTC building.

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] stated that all of the above individuals
with the exception of [redacted] and [redacted]
observed individuals throwing fuses into the ROTC building.
He stated that some of these witnesses have identified photos
of unsubs as photos of persons they observed throwing fuses
into the building, however, he added no identifications have
been made connecting them with known persons to date. He
added that the photos of the unsubs have been made available
to the FBI Agents investigating the Kent disturbances.

[redacted] said that [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] are friends of [redacted] who told both girls
the four men who burned down the ROTC building came into
the house at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, and told her

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they had burned the building down. [REDACTED] also advised
[REDACTED] claimed the four men were roommates [REDACTED]

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[redacted] Shaker Heights, Ohio, telephone [redacted] as made aware of the official identities of SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] and of the nature of the inquiry. SA [redacted] advised [redacted] of his rights, and furnished him with a form entitled "Interrogation; Advice of Rights". [redacted] read the form and stated that he understood his rights as stated on the form. Then he signed the form. [redacted] advised that he did not want to discuss anything that happened on the Kent State University campus on Saturday, May 2, 1970, without a lawyer being present.

The interview was immediately terminated.

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by SA [redacted] WJ:jk Date dictated 5/15/70

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[redacted] presently residing at the residence of [redacted] Kent, Ohio, telephone number [redacted] was interviewed concerning the destruction of the ROTC East Hall on Saturday evening, May 2, 1970. She advised she was not present when the building was burned and could furnish no information concerning the persons responsible for the fire; however, her boyfriend, [redacted], possibly took photographs of the fire.

She advised that one of her associates, [redacted] a Sophomore at Kent State University, may have possibly been present when the building was burned.

On 5/6/70 at Kent, OhioFile # Cleveland 98-2140by SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]Date dictated 5/7/70

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[redacted] was contacted at the home of his parents [redacted] Ohio, and he advised that he presently lives at [redacted] Ohio. He advised that on Saturday morning, May 2, 1970, he received a call from a friend by the name of [redacted] in reference to taking a vacation in Florida. He stated that his friend [redacted] frequents J.B.'s (a bar room) in Kent, Ohio. [redacted] told him that on Friday night, May 1, 1970, he had gone to J.B.'s and it looked to him like there was going to be trouble in the city, and he left the area. He stated he then visited a friend at a local service station and returned to his residence sometime in the afternoon. He stated that to the best of his recollection he went to a drive-in movie on Saturday evening with his girl friend, [redacted] who lives with her parents at [redacted] Ohio. He stated that his girl friend works at the Hilton Inn on Route 8, Boston Heights, Ohio. He stated that he cannot be absolutely sure of his activities on the evening of May 2, 1970, but is definitely certain that he was not on the Kent State campus. He advised that on Sunday, May 3, 1970, he went for a ride with his girl friend to visit friends and went to Kent, Ohio, and was on the campus of the University there for a few minutes while he contacted a friend and then drove around the city but did not spend any additional time on the campus. He stated that Monday, May 4, 1970, he worked the afternoon shift and had gone to Kent and had no information as to what happened on that day. He advised he had not received any information from any friends or acquaintances which would indicate who may have burned the ROTC Building on the Kent State University (KSU).

He stated that he did become involved with the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) while he was attending Kent during the fall quarter and was casually acquainted with [redacted] who he believes [redacted]

He stated he went to Chicago to attend the demonstration with [redacted]

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[REDACTED], and another student. He stated that when he noted the violence taking place in Chicago, he returned to his room and did not further participate in the Chicago demonstrations. He stated that he has had no contact with anyone of the above individuals since the fall semester and that he left the Kent campus and obtained permanent employment at the end of the last semester and therefore has had very little contact with the activities at Kent. He stated that he had lost interest in the SDS and was no longer affiliated with any of its members.

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