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FILE: 100-HQ-487200
The following information regarding the group known as The Covenant, The Sword, The Arm of the Lord (CSA), has been developed through information obtained from numerous newspaper articles in community and law enforcement sources:

The CSA is a group of approximately 90 to 120 men, women, and children, with the majority being of teen to mid-20s in age. The CSA was founded in 1970 and settled on a farm in Elijah, Missouri. In 1976, the founder, Jim Ellison, a 41 year old, stocky, 5'10", white male, bought a secluded 220 acre farm from the Campus Crusade For Christ. The farm is now the group's settlement known as Zarephath-Horeb, and is located on the Arkansas-Missouri border approximately seven miles southwest of Pontiac, Missouri, bordered by Bull Shoals Lake and private property owners in Missouri.

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ENCLOSURE
THE COVENANT,
THE SWORD,
THE ARM OF THE LORD (CSA)

Members of the CSA are tied by a non-traditional religion which includes faith healing, speaking in tongues, and a prophecy which says that society will soon collapse in turmoil, and that the United States will suffer a collapse of economy or nuclear war. As a result, there will be chaos, and the panicked masses will rove the country looting for food and protection. Those who are not prepared will be a threat to those who have been preparing. The CSA will share what they have to the best of their ability. But, if people come to loot, the CSA will kill them. In preparation for this, the group stockpiles food and weapons and trains themselves in military and survival procedures. In addition to training themselves, the group offers survival training to the public, either on the settlement or at various locations throughout the United States. The training includes instruction on organization, survival techniques, and para-military topics. Also taught are firearms and marksmanship, repelling, foraging for food, erection of such obstacles as punji sticks and barbed wire to detour looters, urban warfare, military field craft, national forest survival, home defense, Christian martial arts, Christian military truths, nuclear survival and tax protesting.

CSA members acknowledged loose ties to the Illinois based Christian Patriots Defense League (CPDL).

CSA members include communists, Jews, blacks, halfbreed Mongoloid sinners, oriental, non-white, IRS, the Federal Reserve System, and the Trilateral Commission as their adversaries.
Members of the surrounding community have mixed feelings toward the CSA, but there does appear to be a common concern regarding the groups' pre-occupation with guns. The following is a list of known members of the CSA:

Jim Ellison, Founder and Elder of the group, 41 years old, stocky, 5'10", white male; white female, age 30; Elder; Elder, white male, age 29;

57C white male, age 30; age 26.
Memorandum

To: DIRECTOR, FBI

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Date: 8/24/83

Subject: COVENANT, SWORD, AND ARM
OF THE LORD (CSA)
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Re Kansas City teletype to Bureau, 6/10/83;
Kansas City teletype to Bureau, 7/22/83; Little Rock
airtel to Kansas City, 8/1/83.

On 6/15/83, a conference was convened between
USA W. Asa Hutchinson, WDA, Ft. Smith, Arkansas, and USA,
WDM, Kansas City, Missouri, as well as representatives of
the FBI and ATF, such meeting transpiring at the USA's
Office, Springfield, Missouri.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the
feasibility of conducting a search of property in Marion
County, Arkansas, and Stone County, Arkansas, such
property occupied by CSA.

At this meeting the USA, WDM, proposed military support in conducting such a
search with estimated casualties of the search property at
30% with estimated duration to conduct search being 72 hours.

The Little Rock Division opposed such search, question-
ing the credibility however, the
Little Rock Division did agree to assist in developing evi-
dence of violation of federal statutes, i.e., drug traffick-
ing, stolen automobiles, etc., within the investigative
jurisdiction of the FBI.

The meeting at Springfield terminated with the
understanding that: (1) USAs, WDM and WDA, would confer

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further prior to authorizing the search of CSA compound; (2) U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., would be briefed and counsel solicited prior to making application for a federal search warrant; (3) 

Subsequent to the foregoing meeting, AUSA Jones, WDM, assigned at Springfield, Missouri, and an ATF representative from Missouri and Arkansas requested a meeting with USA Hutchinson at Ft. Smith. USA Hutchinson requested an FBI representation at this meeting.

This was pointed out during the meeting at Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

It was reported to USA Hutchinson and others at the meeting in Ft. Smith that attempts to verify had met with negative results.
USA Hutchinson advised that in view of the fact a major portion of the CSA camp was physically located within the Western District of Arkansas, he desired substantiation of the allegations prior to the time he would authorize the application for a federal search warrant.

Subsequently, inquiries were received by the USA's Office, Ft. Smith, concerning a proposed search by federal authorities of CSA properties. The news inquiries indicated that the basis for such inquiry originated upon information issued by CSA personnel that a search was going to be conducted of CSA property by federal officials; that affidavits for search warrants had been prepared and were ready to be reviewed by Justice Department officials at Washington, D.C., prior to formal application for search warrants.

The inquiries by the press appeared to be occasioned by divulging their activities, either to the press or to CSA leaders.

On 7/22/83, [redacted] telephonically contacted SA [redacted] of the Fayetteville, Arkansas, RA, making inquiry if, in fact, a search was planned of the CSA compound. [redacted] was advised that the FBI had no knowledge of a planned federal search of CSA property.
The Covenant, the Sword, the Arm of the Lord (CSA);

In June of 1982, the CSA Group was composed of between ninety to one hundred twenty men, women and children. As of April, 1984, the group had been reduced to less than seventy. Local citizens, Pontiac, Missouri, and law enforcement officers, Ozark County, Missouri, contacted in July, 1984, stated the group is now composed of approximately sixty members.

On June 30, 1984, RICHARD WAYNE SNELL, reportedly a CSA member, shot and killed LOUIS PERRY BRYANT, a black Arkansas State Police Officer.

On July 16, 1984, contact with local citizens of Pontiac, Missouri, and law enforcement officials in Ozark County, Missouri, resulted in their advising that the CSA has diminished in both size and impact. Law enforcement officials advised that...

ye seldom encounter or even observe CSA members and it appears that the CSA members shop and travel in the State of Arkansas.
Kansas City, Missouri 64106
August 20, 1984

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

COVENANT; SWORD AND THE ARM OF THE LORD; DOMESTIC SECURITY;

On August 13, 1984, [redacted] Citizen of Pontiac, Missouri, and former [redacted] for Ozark County, Missouri, advised that group continues to diminish in size and they have held press conferences in recent past, indicating they may be, in fact, departing their present location for another location perhaps in Southeast Oklahoma.
THE COVENANT, THE SWORD, THE ARM OF THE LORD (CSA);
DOMESTIC SECURITY

The CSA is a paramilitary, survivalist, religious organization headquartered on approximately 200 acres of rugged, mountainous land in Marion County, Arkansas, and subscribes to the "Identity" religion which professes belief that the white race is God's chosen people and that Jews, blacks and orientals are inferior. Its leader is JAMES W. ELLISON, who refers to himself and is referred to by his followers as "The King of the Ozarks." ELLISON claims this title was bestowed upon him during a prophetic revelation. ELLISON's mailing addresses are Route 1, Box 128, Pontiac, Missouri, and Route 1, Box 15, Oakland, Arkansas. The CSA is known to stockpile large quantities of weapons, explosives, incendiary devices, and ammunition. CSA members have been involved in violent confrontations with law enforcement authorities. The most widely publicized incident occurred on June 30, 1984, when CSA member RICHARD WAYNE SNELL allegedly shot and killed black Arkansas State Police Trooper LOUIS BRYANT near DeQueen, Arkansas.

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DOMESTIC SECURITY/ TERRORISM

THE COVENANT, THE SWORD, THE ARM OF THE LORD (CSA) is a paramilitary, survivalist group which professes a belief in the Christian IDENTITY MOVEMENT, a fundamentalist doctrine which believes that the Aryans, and not the Jews, are the chosen people of God. They also believe in the inferiority of racial and ethnic minorities. The CSA is headquartered on a 224-acre compound in Marion County, Arkansas, near Mountain Home, Arkansas. The CSA is led by one JAMES ELLISON, a self-styled minister.

On April 16, 1985, a search warrant for the CSA compound was obtained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Fort Smith, Arkansas. The search warrant was to be executed in conjunction with the arrest of ELLISON.

On April 20, 1985, the FBI and ATF, assisted by the Missouri and Arkansas State Police, surrounded the compound, and began negotiations with ELLISON and

On April 22, 1985, ELLISON, along with one and [redacted] surrendered without incident. and are known members of the ORDER, a secret terrorist organization that has close ties to both the CSA and the ARYAN NATIONS in Hayden Lake, Idaho. [redacted] and were indicted on racketeering charges in Seattle, Washington, on April 12, 1985.

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Also surrendering on April 22, 1985, were other ORDER members who were arrested on firearms violations.

The following items were recovered during the subsequent search of the CSA compound:

Two stolen trucks and the seizure of three vehicles and a Land Cruiser jeep utilized by the ORDER;

One 1957 Chevrolet driven by a CSA member and prime suspect in the murder of one SANDRA JEAN CARRIGAN (CARRIGAN'S two children were at the compound at the time of the search);

One hundred and fifty-five Krugerrands, $800 in United States currency, and numerous gold and silver coins;

One live, light, antitank, weapon (LAW) rocket;

Two personal computers, numerous citizen band radios, and several other communication devices;

Numerous records connecting the CSA to the ARYAN NATIONS and other similar organizations;

Numerous knives with blades of nine inches or longer (a similar weapon was used in the homicide of CARRIGAN);

Financial records;

Ninety-four long guns, 30 handguns, approximately 35 machine guns and sawed-off shotguns, and one heavy machine gun; and,

Two improvised land mines, approximately 25 destructive devices (one booby trap), approximately 40 improvised hand grenades, approximately 320 blasting caps, approximately 4,000 feet of detonating cord, approximately 50 sticks of dynamite, approximately 38 kinetic explosives, three and one-half blocks of C-4 explosive, safety fuse, military trip flares, smoke grenades, black powder, smokeless powder, and several hundred thousand rounds of ammunition.

All arrests in this matter were made without incident, and no injuries were incurred by law enforcement, the defendants, or civilians at the compound site.
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To: FBI Laboratory Division
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From: [Redacted]

Date: 5/1/85

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From: Legal Attache, Ottawa (100A-2170) (P)

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To: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (66-5939 SUB ZZ)  Date 5/8/85

From: ASAC DANNY O. COULSON

Subject: COVENANT, SWORD AND THE ARM OF THE LORD (CSA); DOMESTIC TERRORISM (00:LR)

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a summary of the Hostage Rescue Team's (HRT's) activities with regard to a search and arrest warrants of the CSA compound in Mountain Home, Arkansas.

On 3/28/85, I was telephonically contacted by Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) DANIEL E. KELLY, of the Little Rock Office. He advised me that the Little Rock Office, working with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), was planning to execute a search warrant for the CSA compound in Mountain Home, Arkansas. He further advised that an arrest warrant would be issued for JAMES ELLISON, based upon violation of the Federal Firearms Act/Conspiracy. ASAC KELLY indicated that the CSA compound was a heavily fortified position, consisting of approximately 20 buildings in a remote area of Arkansas. This compound was occupied by as many as 100 individuals who were extremely well armed with automatic weapons and in possession of rockets, land mines and other explosive devices.

I contacted Assistant Director (AD) OLIVER B. REVELL and requested permission to dispatch an advance team to Little Rock, Arkansas, to provide analysis of the situation.

On 4/1/85, Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) and Special Agents (SA's) of the HRT, travelled to the Little Rock Division to confer with Special Agent in Charge (SAC) JAMES T. BLASINGAME and his staff concerning this operation. HRT training at the FBI Academy began to focus on rural operations, with emphasis on the covert establishment of perimeters and night patrols.
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By 4:45 a.m., the entire perimeter had been established around the three compounds, and no compromises had been effected on any of the elements. At approximately 5:15 a.m., a two-person armed patrol was observed to come out of the main compound and approach a sniper position located to the northeast. This sniper position was advised to hold its position, maintain its cover, identify themselves as FBI and to instruct the two patrolling individuals to go back into the compound. When these individuals approached within approximately 10 meters of the sniper position, an individual identified himself as FBI and instructed these two individuals to go back into the compound. Shortly thereafter, at 5:35 a.m., an individual identified as indicated by shouting out to the perimeter that he wanted to negotiate. Then was instructed to come out of the compound and walk east on the road up to the position of the HRT command vehicle. was detained on the main road by HRT personnel. indicated that JAMES ELLISON desired to negotiate and talk over the situation. He further advised that the plateau and valley compounds were, to his knowledge, unoccupied. He further advised that all individuals residing at those compounds had been pulled into the main compound for their safety, inasmuch as they expected the FBI to come and execute a search warrant. At that time, I instructed that the valley and plateau compounds be cleared and secured by FBI SWAT personnel. This was accomplished without incident in very short order.
It became necessary to establish hardline communication between the main compound and the forward command vehicle, which was then located at the valley compound main road. It was impossible to use the FBI hostage negotiation phone due to its limited range; therefore, HRT personnel provided a field telephone that he could carry back into the compound for negotiation purposes.

It should be noted that [Redacted] was advised early on that the FBI had a warrant to search the CSA compound, the valley compound and the plateau compound and an arrest warrant for JAMES ELLISON. Furthermore, any other individuals for whom warrants were outstanding would be arrested. Those individuals not arrested would be transported, at Government expense, to a hotel or other facility during the search of the compound and would be allowed to return thereafter. It was also pointed out to [Redacted] that the armed CSA patrol that approached the FBI position was instructed to return to the compound, and that was an indicator that the FBI did not come there to harm anyone. [Redacted] requested that JAMES ELLISON be allowed to come out and speak face to face with ASAC COULSON concerning this matter. Telephonic contact was established between ASAC COULSON and ELLISON. During the course of the first day of negotiation, two women and six children came out of the compound and were turned over to Little Rock agents for interview.

On 4/21/85, acting under the authority of SAC, Little Rock, who had conferred with SAC's Oklahoma City and Omaha, ASAC COULSON and [Redacted] at 9:11 a.m., met in a secure position on the road in front of the CSA compound with JAMES ELLISON. Discussions were conducted regarding the nature of the search and who would be charged as a result of the search. ELLISON requested that he be allowed to talk with one [Redacted] pastor of the Elohim City, Oklahoma, compound. It became apparent during the negotiation process that no progress could be made for the safe release of individuals within the compound unless JAMES ELLISON had an opportunity to meet and confer with [Redacted]. ELLISON had indicated throughout the negotiations that there were those present within the compound that were not his followers and would not submit to arrest. These
individuals were later determined to be members of the Aryan Nation Order. Also present was

A face-to-face meeting was held between ASAC COULSON, U.S. Attorney (USA) HUTCHINSON and SSA

where it was determined that was genuinely interested in the peaceful surrender of those in the CSA compound. He expressed his very strong desire and willingness to assist the FBI in this matter. He was thereafter allowed to meet with ELLISON in the presence of ASAC COULSON and SA. He was brought back out to the FBI Command Post area, where he was again debriefed and expressed his willingness to go into the compound to offer his influence and support of JAMES ELLISON in bringing out the remainder of the individuals inside the compound. A decision was reached to allow him, in fact, to go with ELLISON into the compound to provide him with support and counsel. He was instructed to telephonically contact ASAC COULSON every 30 minutes, which he in fact did. He was further instructed that he should come out of the compound at 3:30 p.m. He requested telephonically an additional half hour, inasmuch as things were going well, and he believed the situation could be peacefully resolved. It came out at approximately 4:00 p.m. At 7:10 p.m., ASAC COULSON and SA again met on the road outside the CSA compound with JAMES ELLISON, who indicated that he, in fact, was ready to bring out his followers, but that there was difficulty with and. This matter was discussed until approximately 7:30 p.m., at which time negotiations were terminated.

On 4/22/85, at approximately 10:05 a.m., COULSON and again met with ELLISON and to discuss the terms of surrender and evacuation of the village. was allowed to return into the compound to assist in bringing out . At 10:30 a.m., JAMES ELLISON and all of the males who had been present in the CSA compound, including walked out of the CSA compound down the road toward the FBI forward command post, where they surrendered themselves to FBI authorities. Mr. ELLISON was immediately taken into custody by ATF agents.

The evacuation of the compound and the removal of the women and children took a considerable amount of
time, inasmuch as they had to be transported with their belongings while appropriate searches were also made. At 1:30 p.m. on that date, the HRT instituted a clear and search for persons and booby traps of the CSA compound. At 3:24 p.m., this clear was completed, and an interior perimeter was established by HRT personnel. This perimeter was maintained until 8:30 p.m., when it was turned over to FBI SWAT elements. This perimeter was in support of combined FBI and ATF search teams, who instituted on the afternoon of 4/22/85 a detailed search of the entire CSA compound.

At 8:00 a.m. on 4/23/85, the HRT took over the perimeter duties at the CSA compound, again in support of FBI and ATF search teams. At 3:00 p.m. on that date, HRT personnel were relieved by Arkansas State Police officers. Based upon the concurrence of SAC BLASINGAME and FBI Headquarters, the HRT was instructed to return to the Washington, D.C. (WDC) area. One element of HRT operators returned by U.S. Air Force (USAF) transportation on 4/24/85, with the remaining elements returning on 4/25/85.
Memorandum

To: Director, FBI

From: Legal Attaché, OTTAWA (100A-2170) (P)

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TO: Mr. Geer
RE: THE COVENANT, THE SWORD, AND THE ARM OF THE LORD (CSA); DOMESTIC SECURITY-TERRORISM;
CC: LITTLE ROCK

The CSA has been the subject of continuing investigation by the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) due to their propensity for violence, and their alleged manufacture and possession of illegal firearms and explosives. Further, FBI investigation has revealed probable ties with other white supremacy groups, such as The Aryan Nations.

Information provided by Little Rock Division to Special Agents and Criminal Investigative Division regarding the CSA resulted in a request for Laboratory assistance in the search of a heavily fortified compound occupied by this group in North-Central Arkansas. This operation was scheduled to begin on 4/17/85. SA advised that jurisdictional problems were anticipated since the operation was to be a joint FBI-ATF effort, and as of 4/16/85 a decision had not been made regarding which agency would take custody of evidence seized in the search.

On 4/16/85, SA and Firearms-Toolmarks Unit and SAs and Explosives Unit, traveled to Branson, Missouri, the staging area for the CSA operation. A planning conference held on 4/17/85 revealed that the operation would involve the arrest of James Ellison, leader of the CSA, and the execution of a search warrant on the property occupied by the group. This property actually consists of three separate locations which were identified as the Valley Compound, the Plateau Compound and the Main Compound. It was anticipated that large quantities of firearms and explosives would be found at these locations.

Due to the possibility of a violent confrontation, the FBI Hostage Rescue Team (HRT) and SWAT teams from various FBI Field Offices and the Arkansas State Police were to be deployed around the three compounds, while the arrest warrant

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Note to Mr. Geer
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was served on Ellison, and other CSA members were removed from the area. At this point, search teams were to enter the three compounds and conduct appropriate searches. Approximately eight search teams had been organized with seven or eight members each, comprised of equal numbers of ATF and FBI agents. The ATF case agent was to act as search team coordinator.

In subsequent discussions with ATF personnel, it was learned that they had been directed to take custody of all automatic weapons, silencers and commercial explosives, while the remainder of the evidence was to be left for the FBI.

However, ATF personnel were determined to take custody of at least part of the evidence. It was also learned that no provision had been made to process the crime scene for latent fingerprint evidence, although the FBI Latent Fingerprint Section had previously been notified that ATF would handle that aspect. Thereupon, the Identification Division to request that four Latent Fingerprint Examiners be sent to the scene.

By 4/18/85, the CSA property had been effectively sealed off and FBI hostage negotiators and HRT personnel were attempting to talk James Ellison into surrendering and leaving the Main Compound area. During this time, SWAT teams secured the Valley and Plateau Compounds, discovering that they had been abandoned.

On 4/20/85, teams began a search of the Valley Compound.
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Re: The Covenant, The Sword, And The Arm Of The Lord (CSA); Domestic Security-Terrorism; 00: Little Rock

On 4/21/85, it appeared likely that Ellison and the other occupants of the Main Compound would surrender, therefore, FBI Laboratory personnel remained at that location in preparation for a subsequent search. Meanwhile, teams were deployed to the Plateau Compound to conduct a search of that location.

Although negotiations did not go as planned on 4/21/85, Ellison did in fact surrender on 4/22/85 and preparations were made for a search of the Main Compound.

Upon contacting FBIHQ it was decided to return to Washington, D. C. Latent Fingerprint Examiners remained at the scene to conduct appropriate processing.

In summary, it is SA opinion that, in this matter, although a large volume of weapons and explosives was seized during this operation, it is felt that a more careful processing of the crime scene would have produced a great deal more information regarding the CSA and their affiliates. The discovery of two FBI fugitives, associated with the Aryan Nations group, inside the CSA compound serves to prove the association of many white hate groups in the U.S. and indicates the necessity for an intensive, long range investigative effort. ATF efforts seem to be more limited in scope.

J. W. Hicks
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DOMESTIC SECURITY - TERRORISM

An investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as to the activities of the CSA was instituted on January 29, 1985.

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EXHIBIT #1

To: SAC (100A-4858) (P)

From: SUPERVISOR

Date: 3/29/85

Subject: THE COVENANT, THE SWORD, AND THE ARM OF THE LORD (CSA);

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On 3/27/85, SSA Little Rock Division; Supervisor RA Springfield, Missouri, Kansas City Division; SA SAIC BATF, New Orleans; and RAIC BATF, attended a conference with U. S. Attorney W. ASA HUTCHINSON, WDA, Fort Smith, Arkansas. Purpose of conference was to designate specific federal violations with which to charge JIM ELLISON, Leader of CSA, Et Al, in Arkansas in a 4/23/85 RICO indictment. Other subjects will be charged with single federal violations ranging from TGP, Arson, Mail Fraud, Bombings, etc.

In view of the described violent nature of CSA members, especially ELLISON, it was agreed that ELLISON would be arrested before the 4/23/85 FGJ meets.

ELLISON periodically leaves the CSA camp and will be arrested while away from the CSA camp. Shortly thereafter, Little Rock plans to execute a search warrant on the CSA property seeking evidence of stolen government property.
Contact will be made with the EOD Unit in Pine Bluff and their assistance will be requested in disposing of any explosives found during aforementioned searches. These searches will be identified, photographed, and documented prior to destruction.

The CSA is a paramilitary, survivalist group consisting of 14 to 60 men, women, and children located on more than 240 acres of rugged, mountainous land on the Missouri-Arkansas border in Marion County, Arkansas.

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**Remarks:**

On 7/11/85 was served subpoena at Groveland, CA

**FBI/DOJ**
THE COVENANT, THE SWORD AND THE ARM OF THE LORD (CSA);

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ATTACHMENT

Trial subpoena served on [redacted] Bloomington, Indiana, on 7/8/85.

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The following vehicles were recovered during search of CSA compound on 4/22/85:

1. 1977 Ford Bronco, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) U15GL069623, ($4,000.00);
2. 1979 Chevrolet Scottsdale, VIN CKL249Z199652, ($2,500.00);
3. 1977 Dodge Van, VIN B25BF7X167947, ($3,100.00);

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4. 1980 Toyota Landcruiser, VIN FJ40316765, ($6,200.00);
5. 1975 Chevrolet Impala station wagon, VIN 1L45U5J106935, ($2,100.00);
6. 1972 GMC one-half (½) ton truck, VIN CE203Z61187, with camper, ($3,700.00);
7. 1978 Chevrolet Custom Deluxe 4X4, VIN CKL148J155815
On July 15, 1985, trial commenced in U.S. District Court, Western District of Arkansas, at Fort Smith, Arkansas, before U.S. District Judge OREN HARRIS for JAMES D. ELLISON.

On July 17, 1985, a guilty verdict was returned against ELLISON.

On September 4, 1985, Judge HARRIS pronounced the following sentences:

1. JAMES DENNIS ELLISON, date of birth [redacted], white male, place of birth [redacted], Social Security Number [redacted], sentenced by U.S. District Judge OREN HARRIS at Hot Springs, Arkansas, to 20 years in custody of the U.S. Attorney General for violation of Title 18, Section 1962(c), U.S.C, and fine of $50.00.

2. [redacted], date of birth [redacted], white male, place of birth [redacted], Social Security Number [redacted], sentenced by Judge HARRIS at Hot Springs, Arkansas, to five years custody of U.S. Attorney General, four years, six months suspended, four years, six months probation, for violation of Title 18, Section 371, U.S. Code, based on guilty plea.

3. [redacted], date of birth [redacted], white male, sentenced by Judge HARRIS at Hot Springs, Arkansas, to two years probation for violation of Title 18, Section 371, U.S. Code, and fine of $50.00, based on guilty plea.

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4. White male, date of birth ____, Social Security Number ____, sentenced by Judge HARRIS at Hot Springs, Arkansas, to five years custody of U.S. Attorney General for violation of Title 18, Section 371, U.S. Code, and fine of $50.00, based on guilty plea.

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8. White male, date of birth ____, sentenced by Judge HARRIS at Hot Springs, Arkansas, to four years custody of U.S. Attorney General for violation of Title 18, Section 371, U.S. Code, based on guilty plea.

On October 4, 1985, U.S. District Judge H. FRANKLIN WATERS, Western District of Arkansas, pronounced the following sentences:

1. [Redacted] white male, date of birth [Redacted], Social Security Number [Redacted] sentenced by Judge WATERS at Fayetteville, Arkansas, to 30 days in custody of the U.S. Attorney General, and 17 months probation for violation of Title 18, Section 371, U.S. Code, and fine of $3,000.00, based on guilty plea.

2. [Redacted] white male, date of birth [Redacted], Social Security Number [Redacted] sentenced by Judge WATERS at Fayetteville, Arkansas, to one year custody of U.S. Attorney General, for violation of Title 18, Section 371, U.S. Code, and Title 18, Section 2315, U.S. Code, and fine of $50.00, based on guilty verdict.

On August 15, 1985, RICHARD WAYNE SNELL was convicted of Capital Felony Murder in Circuit Court, Miller County, Arkansas, and sentenced to death by lethal injection.

On August 27, 1985, [Redacted] white male, date of birth [Redacted], Social Security Number [Redacted] was found not guilty of violation Title 18, Section 2315, U.S. Code, in a jury trial.

On September 30, 1985, [Redacted] white male, date of birth [Redacted], Social Security Number [Redacted] was sentenced by Judge WATERS at Fort Smith, Arkansas, to two years custody of the U.S. Attorney General for violation of Title 26, Section 5861, U.S. Code, and fine of $50.00, based on guilty verdict.

On September 30, 1985, [Redacted] white male, date of birth [Redacted], Social Security Number [Redacted] was sentenced by Judge WATERS at Fort Smith, Arkansas, to four years custody of U.S. Attorney General for violation of Title 18, Section 2312, U.S. Code, and fine of $50.00, based on guilty plea.
RE: THE COVENANT, THE SWORD, AND
THE ARM OF THE LORD

who was arrested on April 22, 1985, and subsequently released on bond, failed to appear as summoned and is currently in a fugitive status with his whereabouts unknown.

is currently awaiting trial in Miller County, Arkansas, where he is charged with Capital Felony Murder.
On April 11, 1986, a check of the Kansas City Division general indices revealed a reference to name encountered during course of the investigation of a group known as "THE COVENANT, THE SWORD, AND THE ARM OF THE LORD (CSA)." A summary is provided hereafter concerning this reference.

On March 19, 1985, the body of a white female murder victim, later identified as SANDRA JEAN CARRIGAN, was found adjacent the Turner Turnpike, approximately 12.5 miles east of the Oklahoma City gate, Oklahoma area.

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No further investigation was conducted regarding...
Memorandum

To: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-487200)  
Date: 7/8/86

From: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (100A-14617) (RUC)

DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM  
OO: Little Rock

Re Little Rock teletype to Bureau, 6/12/86,  
Springfield teletype to Bureau, 6/16/86,  
Oklahoma City teletype to Little Rock, 6/17/86,  
Little Rock airtel to Bureau, 6/12/86.

Review of this matter determined no further investigation remains in the Springfield Division and, therefore, it is RUCd.

ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THIS INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED EXTREMELY DANGEROUS, WITH UNLIMITED AMMUNITION AND WEAPONS, AND APPROPRIATE CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED DURING ANY PHASE OF INVESTIGATION. ADDITIONALLY BE ADVISED OF POSSIBLE THREATS BY ARYAN NATIONS MEMBERS TOWARD FBI PERSONNEL.

2-Bureau (100-487200)  
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Memorandum

To: SAC, Kansas City (100A-16708)
   Attention: SA

From: Director, FBI (100-487200)

Subject: NAME CHECK REQUEST
   BÜDED: APRIL 25, 1986

Date: March 26, 1986

This Bureau is in receipt of a name check request from the DEFENSE INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE concerning the captioned individual, copy of which is attached.

Kansas City is directed to its case 100A-16708 captioned "Aryan Nations; Elohim City; DS-T; The Covenant, The Sword, APD The Arm of The Lord (CSA); DS-T" where [redacted] appears to have some involvement.

We are authorized to conduct name checks for Federal Executive Branch Agencies under MAOP, Part 2, Section 9-2.4. As this investigation is pending, please contact the U. S. Attorney for dissemination guidance from a prosecutive standpoint on the subject.

Kansas City is requested to check their indices and submit the results by airtel and LHM suitable for dissemination, setting forth the facts of the case that can be disseminated and the USA's opinion to the attention of the Executive Agencies Unit, Room 5224, FBIHQ.

Enclosure

Note: This matter was coordinated with SA Criminal Investigative Division, Room 4259 and SA Kansas City Field Office.
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For every subject reported in Sections A, B, C, D, and E, provide name, DOE, race, sex, and POB and SSN information.

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**FT-515 (Rev. 6-85)**

**ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT**

**Effective 10-15-85**

Submit within 30 days from date of accomplishment

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: FBI Little Rock (P) 100A-4858

**SUBJECT:** THE GOVERNMENT, THE SWORD, AND THE ARM OF THE LORD (CSA); DOMESTIC SECURITY TERRORISM

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RICHARD WAYNE SNELL, an associate of the CSA, was convicted of Capital Felony Murder in Circuit Court, Miller County, Arkansas, and sentenced to death by lethal injection.

SNELL's conviction based in large part on information developed from witnesses by FBI in preparation for CSA trial.
**ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT**

**TO:** DIRECTOR, FBI

**FROM:** LITTLE ROCK (P) 100A-4858

**SUBJECT:** THE COVENANT, THE SWORD, AND THE ARM OF THE LORD (CSA); DOMESTIC SECURITY TERRORISM

**00: LITTLE ROCK**

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**Remarks:**

2. Social Security Number: , DOB: white male, POB: sentenced by Judge Harris at Hot Springs.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: [Redacted]

SUBJECT: LITTLE ROCK TERRORISM

LOCATION: AR

DATE: 10/23/85

Investigative Assistance or Technique Used

1. Acting Tech Assistance
2. Aircraft Assistance
3. Computer Assistance
4. Consentual Monitoring
5. ELSUR - FISC
6. ELSUR - Title III
7. Eng Sect - Field Support
8. FBI Arreets
9. Hypnosis Assistance
10. Intent Div Assistance
11. Informant Information
12. Lab Div Exams
13. Lab Div Field Support
14. Pen Registers
15. Photographic Coverage
16. Polygraph Assistance
17. Search Warr Executed
18. SWAT Team Action
19. Surveillance (SOG) Aset
20. Visual Invest Analysis (VIA)
21. Tech. Aqt. or Tech Equip

Required for more than four subjects, and submit a final disposition for each subject.

1. Preliminary Judicial Process
2. Final Judicial Process

Attach additional forms if reporting the final judicial process for more than four subjects, and submit a final disposition for each subject.

Remarks

For every subject reported in Sections A. B, or C above, provide name, DOB, race, sex, and SSN if available.

1. Date of birth
2. Race
3. Gender
4. Social Security Account Number

H. FRANKLIN WATERS, sentenced September 30, 1985, by U.S. District Judge

(Original)
**ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT**

**Effective 10/6/85**

**Submit within 30 days from date of accomplishment**

**TO:** DIRECTOR, FBI

**FROM:** ABC, Little Rock (P) 100A-4858

**SUBJECT:** THE COVENANT, THE SWORD, AND THE ARM OF THE LORD (CSA); DOMESTIC SECURITY TERRORISM

**00: LITTLE ROCK**

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Subpoenas served on the following individuals in connection with captioned matter:

- ASP (1);
- ASP (2);
- Lieutenant (1);
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Date of birth: 4/22/85.

Individuals named were arrested in connection with search of CSA.
**ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT**  
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DIRECTOR, FBI

**FROM:** SAC. Little Rock (P)  
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**LOCATION:** LITTLE ROCK

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**Investigative Assistance or Technique Used**

Were any of the investigative assistance or techniques listed below used in connection with accomplishment being claimed?  
- [ ] No  
- [ ] Yes - if yes, rate each used as follows:  
  1. Used, but did not help  
  2. Helped, but not substantially  
  3. Helped, substantially  
  4. Absolutely essential

1. Acct/Tag Assistance  
2. Aircraft Assistance  
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1) JAMES DENNIS ELLISON, date of birth, place of birth, white male, Social Security Account Number 42-21-85, arrested 4/21/85, during search of CSA Compound for violation of Title 18, Section 371, United States Code.

2) [Redacted], date of birth, place of birth, white male, Social Security Account Number [Redacted], arrested 5/31/85, based upon bench warrant issued in the Western District of Arkansas for violation of Title 18, Section 371, United States Code.
**ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT**

**(Effective 10/1/85)**

**Submit within 30 days from date of accomplishment**

**TO:** DIRECTOR, FBI

**FROM:** 1, Little Rock (P) 100A-4858

**SUBJECT:** THE COVENANT, THE SWORD, AND THE ARM OF THE LORD (CSA); DOMESTIC SECURITY TERRORISM

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**D. Final Judicial Process**

**Judicial District**

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**Remarks**

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**1.** Social Security Number found not guilty by jury in trial for violation of Title 2315, USC, on 8/27/85.

**2.** Social Security Number sentenced by U.S. District Judge H. FRANKLIN WATERS at Fort Smith, Arkansas.
**ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT**

**Effective Date:** 10/19/85

**Submit within 30 days from date of accomplishment.**

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**SUBJECT:** THE VENGEANCE, THE SWORD, AND THE ARM OF THE LORD (CSA); DOMESTIC SECURITY TERRORISM

**00: LITTLE ROCK**

**Date:** 10/23/85

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**Remarks:**


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**Attachment:**

(Note: Additional information may be provided concerning final judicial process and other matters.)
Memorandum

To: Director, FBI (100-487200)

From: Legal Attache, OTTAWA (100A-2179)(P)

Subject: WATPAC
DS - TERRORISM
OO: Little Rock

Reference: Telcon between SSA Domestic Terrorism Unit, FBIHQ, and Legat, Ottawa, 4/30/87; Little Rock teletypes 5/1/87 and 5/4/87; Telcon between SSA and ALAT, Ottawa, 5/4/87.

Perspective information from referenced communications.

Name and Location of Agency

Date Furnished
4/30/87; 5/4/87; 5/14/87

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Memorandum

Date 7-27-87

From 67C

Subject: THE COVENANT THE SWORD THE ARM OF THE LORD

Purpose: To have attached enclosure placed on record, filed.

Recommendation: To have attached enclosure placed on record, filed.

Details: Characterization of a domestic terrorism group written by a research analyst in the terrorism unit.

enclosure 1

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The Covenant, the Sword, the Arm of the Lord (CSA) is a paramilitary, survivalist group which possesses a belief in the Christian Identity Movement, a fundamentalist doctrine which believes that the Aryans, not the Jews, are the chosen people of God. They also believe in the inferiority of racial and ethnic minorities. The CSA is headquartered on a 224-acre compound in Marion County, Arkansas, near Mountain Home. The CSA is led by one James Ellison, a self-styled minister. Ellison was arrested during a search of the CSA compound on April 22, 1985, and on July 17, 1985, he was found guilty of racketeering and mail fraud. He was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

During the search of the CSA compound, numerous weapons and explosives, as well as computers and communications equipment, were recovered. As a result of the search and the cooperation of certain defendants, a total of 14 individuals have been arrested. Additionally, four individuals who were former CSA members, were indicted in Seattle, Washington, during April, 1985, along with members of the Order.

The CSA has been implicated in such crimes as the firebombing of a church which caters to homosexuals, the arson of a residence for profit, the bombing of a Jewish community center and a gas pipeline, the robbery of a pawnshop and murder of its owner, theft of vehicles, and numerous weapons violations.

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One subpoena for appearance in Federal Grand Jury (FGJ) Ft. Smith, AR. on 2/20/87, 9:00 A.M.