

Plaintiff further prays that this Court grant such additional relief as justice may require, retain jurisdiction of this cause, and grant costs and disbursements of this action.

LOUIS C. LA COUR  
United States Attorney

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NICHOLAS deB. KATZENBACH  
Attorney General

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Assistant Attorney General

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D. ROBERT OWEN  
Attorney  
Department of Justice

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA  
NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff,

v.

ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, et al.,  
Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATE AND REQUEST FOR THREE-JUDGE COURT

Nicholas deB. Katzenbach, Attorney General of the United States, requests, pursuant to Sections 206(b) and 707(b) of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that a court of three judges be convened to hear and determine the above-captioned case.

The Attorney General certifies that in his opinion the above-captioned case is one of general public importance.

NICHOLAS deB. KATZENBACH  
Attorney General of the  
United States

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NATIONAL STATE RIGHTS PARTY  
(LOUISIANA - MISSISSIPPI)  
(NSRP)

The July, 1962 issue of "The Thunderbolt", self-described as the official white racial organ of the National States Rights Party, contained an article on Page 7 which stated in part as follows:

"NSRP Members actively campaigned against the race mixers in recent elections and by alerting the people, the people helped put good white men in public office. .... It is the job of the NSRP in New Orleans to check records of each candidate then alert the people of who to vote for, and Information Director of New Orleans Mr. Randall Trudeau has been doing a good job of alerting the people."



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		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)</b>	

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 4/6/65 at New Orleans and report of SA [REDACTED] dated 7/16/65 at New Orleans.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

There is not being set out in this report results of investigation concerning the OKKKK in the Bogalusa and Washington Parish area of Louisiana, inasmuch as a separate report concerning these areas was furnished on 7/14/65.

Copies of this report are being furnished to the indicated offices for informational purposes, inasmuch as there has been Klan activity in those regions covered by these offices. Copies are being furnished to ONI, OSI, ICG, Secret Service and ATTU in view of their interests in Klan activity.

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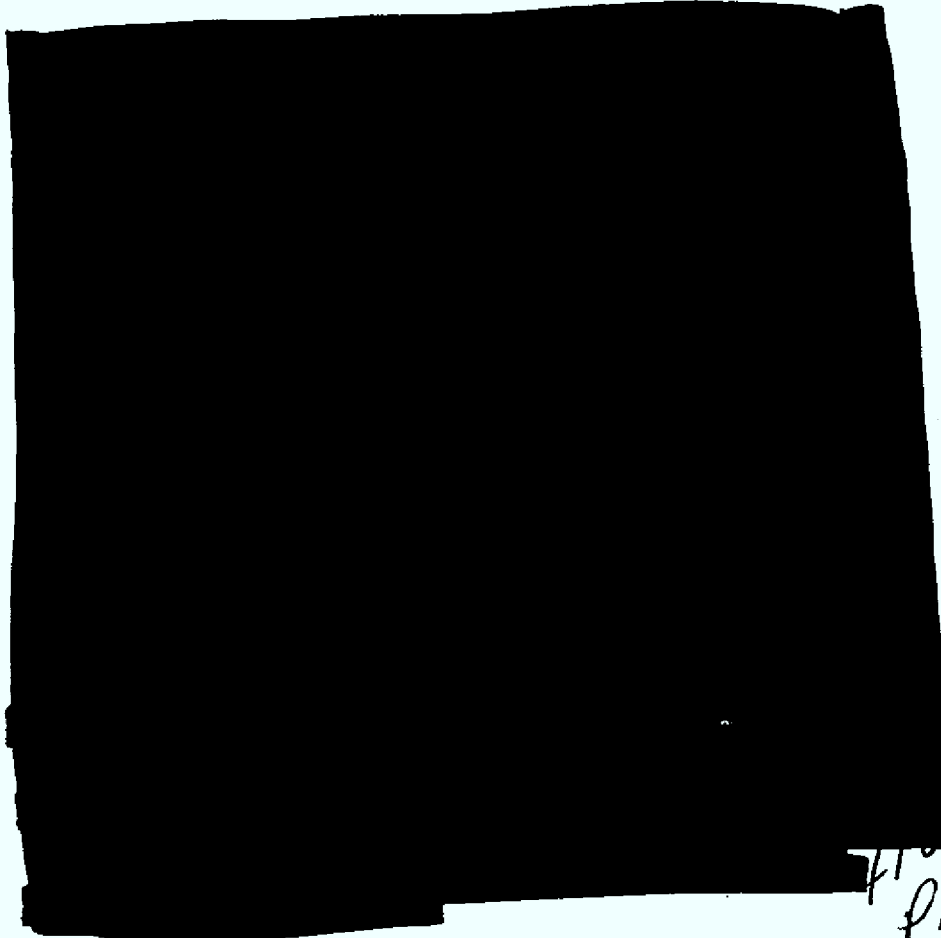
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**DETAILS:**

Characterizations of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, hereinafter referred to as the OKKKK; the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, hereinafter referred to as the UKA; and the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, hereinafter referred to as the WKKKK, mentioned in the details of this report are set forth in the appendix section of this report.

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Caddo Parish

On March 28, 1965, the Shreveport Times, Shreveport, Louisiana, stated that on the night of March 27, 1965, two crosses were burned in Caddo Parish, one on U.S. Highway 171 and Bairds Road and the other on Louisiana Highway 1 and 70th Street.





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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: CRIME RECORDS

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (105-1057)

SUBJECT: ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of Report No. 7 dated July 26, 1965, of the Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities, State of Louisiana, on Activities of the "Ku Klux Klan" and Certain Other Organizations in Louisiana.

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REPORT No. 7

The  
Joint Legislative Committee on  
Un-American Activities

STATE OF LOUISIANA



Hon. John J. McKeithen  
Governor

ACTIVITIES OF THE "KU KLUX KLAN" AND CERTAIN  
OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN LOUISIANA

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON  
UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 12

REGULAR SESSION, 1964

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Senator Jesse M. Knowles, Chairman  
Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis  
Representative Ford E. Stinson, Vice Chairman  
Bossier  
Senator Fieldon H. Mitchell  
Livingston, St. Helena, Tangipahoa  
Senator Harold Montgomery  
Bossier, Webster  
Senator Danny R. Moore  
Bienville, Claiborne  
Senator W. Spencer Myrick  
Morehouse, West Carroll  
Representative Bert A. Adams  
Vernon  
Representative S. S. DeWitt  
Tensas  
Representative Herman B. Schoenberger  
Plaquemines  
Representative W. J. Richardson  
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Jack N. Rogers, *Committee Counsel*  
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By: Messrs. Knowles, Tessier, Davis, Poston, Broussard, Montgomery, and Reps. Hogan, Cooper and McMillian

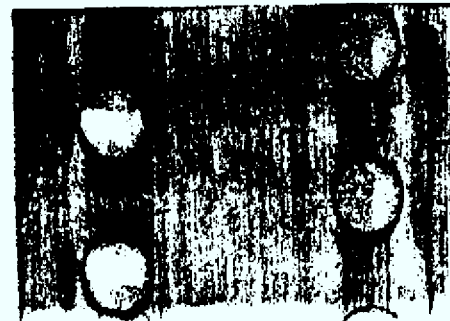
WHEREAS, this state and this country face grave public danger from enemies both within and without our boundaries, and

WHEREAS, these subversive groups and persons under the color of protection afforded by the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution seek to destroy us and the ideals which we fought to preserve and subject us to the domination of foreign powers and ideologies, and

WHEREAS, Louisiana, as one of the laboratories of this great country, may study profitably this problem within its boundaries and enact remedial legislation if facts therefor are made available, and

WHEREAS, necessary and desirable legislation to meet this grave problem and to assist local enforcement officers to be effective must be based on a thorough and impartial investigation by a competent and active legislative committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that there is hereby created the Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities, which Committee shall consist of ten members, five to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from the membership of the House and five to be appointed by the President of the Senate from the membership of the Senate, which committee shall study, investigate and analyze all facts relating directly or indirectly to the subject expressed in the recitals of this resolution; to the activities of groups and organizations which have as their objectives, or as part of their objectives, the overthrow or destruction of the State of Louisiana by force, violence or other unlawful means; to all organizations known to be or suspected of being dominated or controlled by a power seeking to impose a foreign political theory upon the government and people of the State of Louisiana, and all organizations



seeking by force, violence or other illegal means to deprive any citizens of the State of Louisiana or the State of Louisiana itself from the rights guaranteed to the citizens and the States by the Constitution of the United States; to all persons who belong to or are affiliated with such groups or organizations; to the manner and extent in which such activities affect the safety, welfare and security of this state and the citizens of this state in National Defense, the functioning of any state agency, unemployment relief and other forms of public assistance, educational institutions in this state, including but not limited to the operation, effect, administration, enforcement and needed revision of any and all laws in any way bearing upon or relating to the subject of this resolution.

Be It Further Resolved that the Committee shall have the authority to:

(a) Select a chairman and a vice chairman from its membership; and to employ and fix the compensation of a secretary and such legal, clerical, investigative, expert and technical assistants as it may deem necessary.

(b) Contract and deal with such other agencies, public or private, as it may deem necessary for the rendition and affording of such services, facilities, studies and reports as will best enable the committee to carry out the purposes for which it is created.

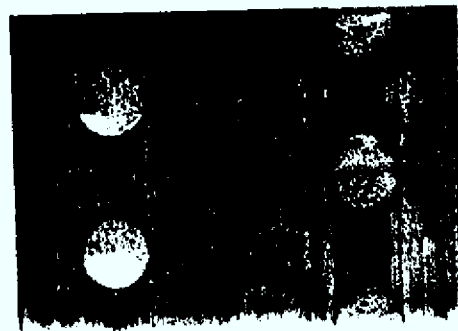
(c) Cooperate with and secure the cooperation of parish, city, and other law enforcement agencies in investigating any matter within the scope of this resolution.

(d) Cooperate with and meet with similar committees of other states and of the Federal Government, or representatives thereof, outside of this state, and expenses necessarily incurred in connection therewith by any of the members or staff of the committee, thereunto duly authorized by the chairman, shall constitute a proper charge against the sums allocated to the committee.

(e) Do any and all other things necessary or convenient to enable it fully and adequately to exercise its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objects and purposes of this resolution, and

(f) Adopt and from time to time amend such rules governing its procedure as may appear appropriate.

Be It Further Resolved that every department, commission, board, agency, officer and employee of the State Government of Lou-



isiana and of any political subdivision, parish, city or public district of or in this state, shall furnish the committee and any subcommittee, upon request, any such information, records and documents as the Committee or subcommittee deems proper for the accomplishment of the purposes for which the committee is created; provided, however, that this provision shall not extend to, nor shall it be construed to make available to the committee or any subcommittee thereof, any record or other document which under the law is made a confidential record.

Be It Further Resolved that the committee shall have the power and authority to hold hearings at any place in Louisiana, which meetings may be public or private, to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, require the production of books and records pertinent to any inquiry before the Committee and to do all other things necessary to accomplish the purposes of this resolution.

Be It Further Resolved that the Committee shall have authority to apply to any court of competent jurisdiction for enforcement of any order issued by it for the production of books, records or other documents or to compel the attendance of any witnesses subpoenaed to appear before it and, upon request of the committee, the Attorney General shall prosecute any witness who is guilty of refusal to testify or who gives false testimony, and persons guilty of false swearing or of giving false testimony shall be punished in accordance with the criminal laws of this state relating to false swearing or perjury, as the case may be, and

Be It Further Resolved that the committee shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Legislature at each of its regular sessions and at such other times as the committee may deem necessary and desirable.

Be It Further Resolved that the members of the committee created herein shall serve without compensation but shall receive the same per diem and travel allowance in the performance of their duties as is provided for members of the Legislature.

Be It Further Resolved that the per diem and travel allowance herein authorized and all other expenses incurred by the committee shall be paid out of funds appropriated or otherwise dedicated for the use of the committee; provided, however, that the disbursements for all expenses incurred by the committee, including the payment of per diem and travel allowances for



members as herein authorized shall be approved by the chairman of the committee.

s/ C. C. Aycock

*Lieutenant Governor and President of The Senate*

s/ Vail M. Delony

*Speaker of The House of Representatives*

**Joint Legislative Committee  
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**Hearings held**

**June 16, 1965**

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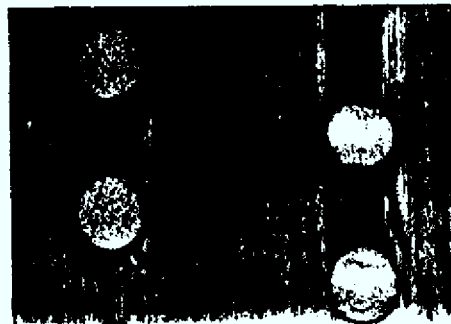
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**Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

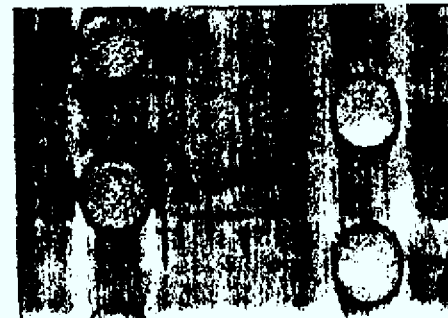


**Hon. Jesse M. Knowles, Chairman  
Jack N. Rogers, Committee Counsel**

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THE RECORD OF THE HEARING OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, STATE OF LOUISIANA, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE'S OFFICE, OLD STATE CAPITOL BUILDING, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 1965, COMMENCING AT 10:30 A.M. Chairman, Hon. J. M. Knowles, Presiding.

PRESENT:

- Sen. Jesse M. Knowles, Chairman
- Sen. Harold Montgomery
- Sen. Fieldon H. Mitchell
- Sen. Danny Roy Moore
- Rep. S. S. DeWitt
- Rep. W. J. Richardson
- Jack N. Rogers, Esq., Committee Counsel
- Col. Frederick B. Alexander, Staff Director

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BY SEN. KNOWLES:

Gentlemen, the Committee will now come to order. We will open this Committee Hearing with a prayer from Sen. Moore.

BY SEN. MOORE:

Our Holy Father, we thank Thee for the blessings Thou hast given to us; we thank Thee for the privilege and opportunity of assembling this Committee to do work which we feel will be beneficial and pleasing in Thy sight; and we ask Thee to bless each member of this Committee and bless each action that we take here today, that all of these things might work together for the glorification of Thee and Thy kingdom here on earth. We ask these things in Jesus' name, and for his sake, Amen.

BY SEN. KNOWLES:

Col. Alexander, will you call the roll, please?

BY COL. ALEXANDER:

Sen. Knowles, here; Sen. Montgomery, here; Sen. Myrick, absent; Sen. Mitchell, absent; Sen. Moore, here; Rep. Stinson, absent; Rep.



Schoenberger, absent; Rep. DeWitt, here; Rep. Adams, absent; Rep. Richardson, here. Five members present and we have a quorum.

BY SEN. KNOWLES:

Gentlemen, this meeting is called particularly for a hearing on the "Ku Klux Klan." Will you proceed, Mr. Rogers?

BY MR. ROGERS:

Let the record show that Sen. Mitchell entered the hearing room at this point.

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THE WITNESS, JACK N. ROGERS, ESQ., AFTER FIRST HAVING BEEN DULY SWORN TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP HIM GOD, TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

BY MR. ROGERS:

Mr. Chairman, and gentlemen of the Committee, this investigation at the request of the Committee has been made into the current operations of the so-called "Ku Klux Klan" in Louisiana. I want to make the point clearly for the Committee, that we have strictly limited this investigation solely to those Klan groups active in Louisiana at this time. We have made no effort to go into the good or bad reports concerning the two previous manifestations of the Ku Klux Klan, or into the present Klans of any other State. There are significant reasons for this. First, the two earlier Klans which existed in the United States and in the State of Louisiana have been long since totally and completely disbanded, and are not in any way alive today, other than through the ritual connected with the great bulk of the Klan operations in the State of Louisiana. I will discuss this point later in the Hearing with further information.

Just purely for background information, as you gentlemen undoubtedly know, the Ku Klux Klan was originally organized in 1866, and was officially disbanded in 1869, although the reconstruction period and scattered Klan activities did continue in some areas of the South for an additional five or six years after that.

After the original Klan was disbanded there were no further large scale open manifestations of the Ku Klux Klan in the South until about 1915. During that year a Rev. William J. Simmons

of Georgia set up an organization called "The Ku Klux Klan, Inc.," which was chartered by the State of Georgia as a fraternal and philanthropic organization. It employed the general regalia of robe and peaked hood of the original Ku Klux Klan, and some of the officer-titles and portions of the ritual of the old Klan, as was preserved at that time in memory of some of the older men who had been in the first Klan.

The 1915 Klan probably hit its high point of public acceptance in the year, 1925. During that year about 25,000 robed and hooded Klansmen paraded on foot and in cars in Washington, D. C. The Klan at that time was broadly spread across the United States, and was not limited to the South at all. The largest single delegations, for instance, in the Washington parade that year, were from New Jersey, Indiana, Ohio, and the Virginias. The Klan had become, during those years, a very substantial political force and power in this country, and remained so until about 1928 when its power began to wane, and eventually it died out prior to World War II.

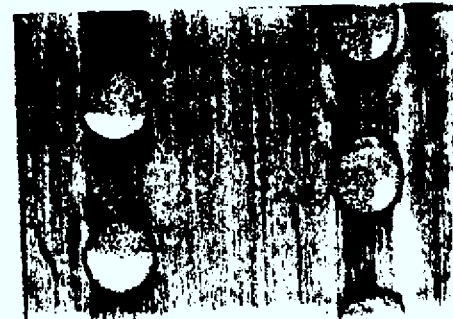
In the early part of World War II, to some minor degree, the Klan came back through some isolated organizations, primarily in the State of New Jersey, where certain meetings were held jointly by the Klan and the "German-American Bund."

I have here a picture in a book entitled, "Undercover," by John Roy Carlson, showing a photograph taken on August 18, 1940 at a camp of the German-American Bund, depicting a joint meeting between the Ku Klux Klan of that day, and the Bund. This is the only picture which I have been able to locate of the actual meeting itself. I offer it for the Committee's examination.

This particular Klan Organization, which was in operation in New Jersey at that time, was not in any way connected with any of the Klan Organizations which are operating in Louisiana today. However, that particular incident in 1940, and some others of the same period, were the original reasons for the Ku Klux Klan being placed upon the "subversive list" of the Attorney General of the United States, as a subversive organization.

I have here a copy of that list and there are four organizations with Klan names, or Klan backgrounds, on the list. They are: "Ku Klux Klan;" "Associated Klans of America;" "Association of Georgia Klans;" and "Knights of the White Camelia."

The Attorney General of the United States has determined, and officially held as an administrative determination, that these organi-



zations are such as would deny to citizens of the United States their rights under the Constitution. The actual wording of the Attorney General's determination was, in characterizing these groups, that they were: "Organizations which have adopted a policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force or violence to deny others their rights under the Constitution of the United States." You will note that these designations were made in the years of 1947, 1948, 1949, and 1950, and are not recent. The Klan organizations operating in Louisiana today were not in existence at that time; they are different and separate groups. Of the four such groups which operate in this State at this time, three of them are totally autonomous in the State of Louisiana, having no ties of any kind outside of the State. The fourth group does have connections outside the State, and I will go into this in detail later.

There is no such thing, gentlemen, as "The Klan." There are about 14 different groups who use the name "Klan," operating across the Southern United States, and up into the Central United States at this time. Four such groups operate in Louisiana.

According to our estimate there are some 18,000 to 19,000 members of all of the Klans in the State of Louisiana at this time. Our estimate of the total strength of Klan members in Louisiana, must of necessity be an estimate, because the Klan leaders with whom we have talked refused to disclose the numbers of their members in any of the different groups. We have made our estimate on the basis of discussions with informants who are actively participating in Klan activities, and to a very great extent from police estimates from many different police sources throughout the State of Louisiana. The Klan started in Louisiana in its most recent form around the year 1959. Immediately prior to this there was no open Klan activity in the State at all. At a later point in the Hearing, I will discuss this with the Committee, and show the Committee why this was.

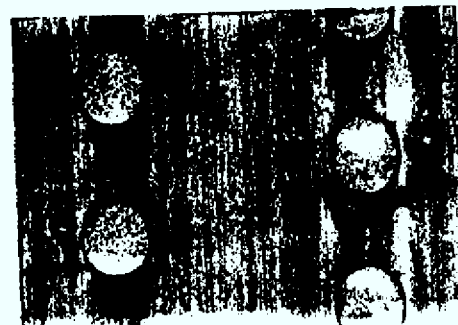
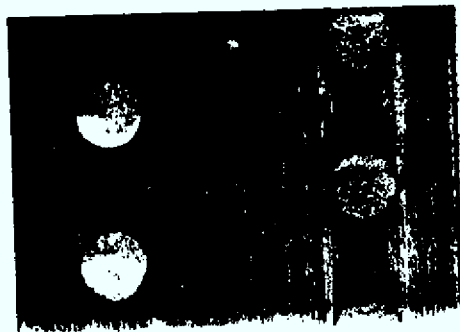
The four groups in Louisiana may be described as follows: The largest and most substantial is known as, "The Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan." This group is led by Murray Martin, of Winnaboro, Louisiana, and probably has in the neighborhood of 14,000 or more members in the State. This comprises the great bulk of the Klan members within the jurisdiction of this Committee. The Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is descended from an organization which was known as, "The Old Original K K K," which first chartered a group in Louisiana in 1959 in the Monroe area. The Imperial Wizard of the group at that time was a man named Davis from Dallas,

Texas; and the Grand Dragon in Louisiana was a man named Young from Shreveport. There have been certain modifications of the name and form of the organization since, until it now appears in the current configuration which I have described to you.

The second largest Klan Organization in the State of Louisiana at this time is called, "The United Klans of America." The Imperial Wizard of this group is Robert Shelton, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama; and the Grand Dragon in Louisiana is a Mr. J. M. Edwards, of Jonesboro, Louisiana. This Klan group is the only one that has any definite ties, organizationally, with any other organization outside the State of Louisiana.

The third largest Klan group in Louisiana is an organization called, "The Louisiana Ku Klux Klan." We have, in our Staff studies sometimes called this group the "Feliciana Group," or the "Five Parish Group," because it operates mainly in five Parishes, all bordering on the Mississippi line to the north and east of Baton Rouge, namely: East and West Feliciana Parishes, St. Helena Parish, St. Tammany Parish, and Washington Parish. It has occasional Klaverns in two or three other Parishes, but it does not operate to any significant degree other than in the five which I have mentioned to you. The leader of this group is, to the best of our information, Charles Christmas of Amite, Louisiana. An interview was scheduled with Mr. Christmas, but he cancelled it and refused to consult with us. He did state that his answers to our questions would be substantially the same as those given by Mr. Murray Martin. The Louisiana Ku Klux Klan is actually an off-shoot of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. We don't know exactly why they left the leadership of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, but they have done so, and they are now operating a separate function entirely.

The fourth largest Klan Organization is known as "The Original Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc." The Imperial Wizard, or national head of this group is Houston P. Morris, of Monroe, Louisiana. Mr. Morris was formerly a Klan organizer from Zachary, Louisiana, in one of the other organizations, and he left the other group to form his own Klan. He became Imperial Wizard, from which office he has continued to direct his organization. His group is small, with a small bank-account of less than three figures at the time we made a check on it. His membership is confined, as far as we have been able to ascertain, generally to the Ouachita Parish-Monroe, Louisiana, area. He has extended his operations to some degree into Arkansas, but we are informed that this has not been particularly successful. We talked privately to Mr. Morris but did not formally interview him because





his group is small, and he was not agreeable to a formal interview.

We have been able to interview the two major Klan leaders in Louisiana, the first and most important of which is Mr. Murray Martin, Grand Dragon of the Original Knights Of The Ku Klux Klan. I have already reduced his staff consultation which was taken under oath on April 17 of this year, to writing, and I would like to offer it to the Committee at this time. The Committee has already heard the tape-recording of this Staff Consultation, and we would like to offer into the record the written transcript of the consultation itself.

BY SEN. KNOWLES:

Let it be accepted.

TRANSCRIPT OF STAFF CONSULTATION HELD ON APRIL 17, 1965, AT 7:22 P. M., at COLUMBIA, LOUISIANA. JACK N. ROGERS, ESQ., COMMITTEE COUNSEL FOR THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES, PRESIDING.

BY MR. ROGERS:

Under the power vested in me by Senate Resolution #12, Regular Session, 1964, and the Rules of the Committee, I now swear the first witness in this Staff Consultation.

THE WITNESS, MR. MURRAY MARTIN, AFTER FIRST HAVING BEEN DULY SWORN TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP HIM GOD, TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. ROGERS:

Q—Please give me your name, sir?

A—Murray Martin.

Q—Where do you live, Mr. Martin?

A—In Winnsboro, Louisiana.

Q—Where and when were you born?

A—At Tioga, Louisiana, 1924, June 1.

Q—What do you do for a living?

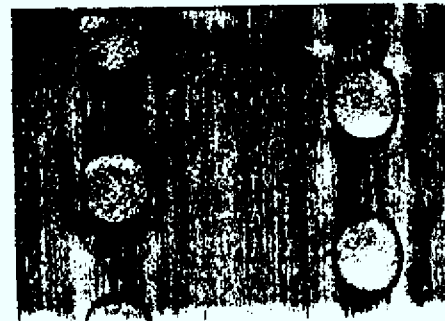
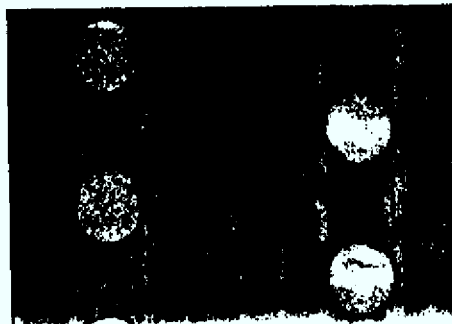
A—I am a building contractor.

Q—What is the correct name of the Klan Organization you represent?

A—The Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Q—What is the title of your Klan office, and what level of leadership does that title mean?

A—I am Grand Dragon, and the level of leadership would be



the same as the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Q—What geographical area does that cover?

A—The State of Louisiana.

Q—Is your Klan Organization connected with any other Klan Organization?

A—We are loosely connected with another Klan Organization, yes, sir.

Q—If so, which one is that?

A—We are connected with the National Association of Klans known as the Associated Klans of America.

Q—Mr. Martin, who is the national head of your Klan Organization?

A—We have no national head.

Q—As I understand your testimony, you are the head in the State of Louisiana, is that correct?

A—That's true.

Q—How and by whom are the objectives of your organization determined?

A—They are determined by a Board of Officers.

Q—Is it a large Board?

A—Relatively small.

Q—Are the people who determine your policy on this Board all citizens of the State of Louisiana?

A—That is right, that is true.

Q—Is your organization connected in any way with the Communist Party?

A—Definitely not.

Q—How about any other foreign party, or agency, or government?

A—No, sir.

Q—Would you care to elaborate on that, sir?

A—One of our questions asked of all candidates is this: "Do you esteem the United States of America and its institutions above any government, civil, political, or ecclesiastical in the whole world?" And another one is: "Are you absolutely opposed to and free of any allegiance of any nature to any cause, government, people, sect, or ruler that is foreign to the United States of America?" Both of these questions must be answered "yes" before the candidate can proceed.

Q—Are these questions asked your prospective members under oath?

A—They are.

Q—Is any Pledge or Oath of Allegiance required of all of your members?

A—Yes.

Q—Does this in any way infringe upon, or negate, complete loyalty to the Constitution of the United States?

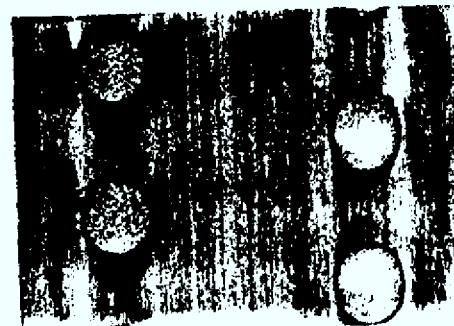
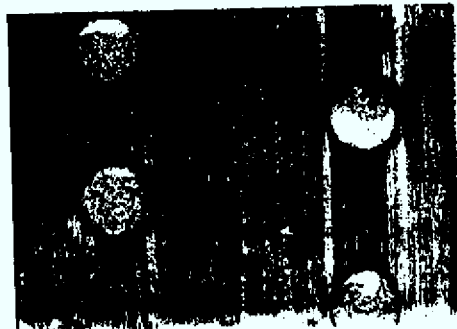
A—No, sir, in fact they must swear allegiance to the United States to become a member.

Q—Would you mind telling us what words are required to do this? Can you do this?

A—I can and I will. This is part of the Oath: "I most solemnly assert and affirm, that to the Government of the United States of America, and any State thereof of which I may become a member, I sacredly vow unqualified allegiance above any other, and every kind of government in the whole world. I here and now pledge my life, my property, my vote, and my sacred honor to uphold its flag, its Constitution, and Constitutional Laws and will protect, defend, and enforce same unto death."

Q—Mr. Martin, what is the policy of your Organization as to law violations?

A—I will again quote from our Oath: "I swear that I will always, and at any and all times, and in all places, help, aid, and assist the duly constituted officers of the Law in the proper perform-



ance of their legal duties."

Q—Would you explain what policy your Organization has toward a member who might be involved in a crime, caught, and convicted?

A—If and when he is convicted, then he is either expelled or banished from the Organization. Does that explain it pretty well?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—What are the qualifications for membership in your Organization?

A—Of course, a man must be of good character, first.

Q—How do you determine that, Mr. Martin?

A—We have a system of elections whereby a man may enter into our Organization, and he is first invited to join after having been cleared by all of the members, and his name is published in two regular meetings, and any one man in the Organization can, if he so desires, stop the admittance of any man.

Q—By "Organization" you mean on the local level?

A—On the local level.

Q—Do you have any special name for the local level group?

A—Klavern. This also is in our Oath and I would like to give that to you.

Q—Would you, please?

A—The candidate or the man being initiated has to swear that: "I will never recommend any person for membership in this Order whose mind is unsound, or whose reputation I know to be bad, or whose character is doubtful, or whose loyalty to our Country is in any way questionable."

Q—What other qualifications do you have for membership, Mr. Martin?

A—A man must first believe in the tenets of the Christian Religion. Would you like for me to give you all of the qualifying questions?

Q—Would you, please?

A—All of these questions must be answered "yes" by any person seeking admittance into our Organization: First, "Is the motive prompting your ambition to be a Klansman serious and unselfish?" Second, "Are you a native-born white gentile American citizen?" Third, "Are you absolutely opposed to, and free of any allegiance of any nature to any cause, government, people, sect, or ruler that is foreign to the United States of America?" Fourth, "Do you believe in the tenets of the Christian Religion?" Fifth, "do you esteem the United States of America and its institutions above any other Government, Civil, Political, or Ecclesiastical in the whole world?" Sixth, "Will you, without mental reservation, take a solemn oath to defend, preserve, and enforce same?" Seventh, "Do you believe in Klanism and will you practice same towards Klansmen?" Eighth, "Do you believe in, and will you faithfully strive for the eternal maintenance of white supremacy?" Ninth, "Will you faithfully obey our Constitution and Laws and conform with them to all of our usages, requirements, and regulations?" Tenth, "Can you always be depended upon?"

Q—Mr. Martin, are there any other qualifications for membership other than the ones you have read to me?

A—I believe not. I would like to say that we are trying our best to eliminate any undesirables from our Organization. I would also like to state that we have no sex-perverts, or homosexuals, or beatniks in our Organization, and I defy anyone to find them.

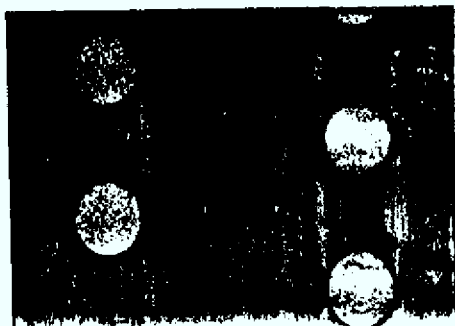
Q—Approximately how many members do you have in the State of Louisiana?

A—This, I must respectfully decline to answer, since to answer it would put me in violation of the Oath that I have taken to the Klan.

Q—What are the objectives of your Organization?

A—Our objectives are to return our Government to the Constitution. We believe in constitutional government. We have a set of goals, a written one that I would be glad to send you. I am sorry I do not have one with me. It lists our goals and our hopes for the future. Of course, our prime purpose is the preservation of individual and national liberty.

Q—Do you ascribe, as an organization, to this written state-



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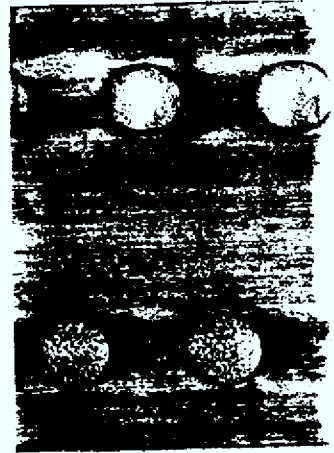
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Exhibit 2. Cover of "Kloran" used by the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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Form 5-115



APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP  
 IN THE  
 INVISIBLE EMPIRE



Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

I, the undersigned, a native born, true and loyal citizen of the United States of America, have a white male Gentle person of temperate habits, sound in mind and a believer in the tenets of the Christian religion; the maintenance of White Supremacy and the principles of a "pure Americanism," do most respectfully apply for membership in the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan through Klan No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Realm of \_\_\_\_\_.

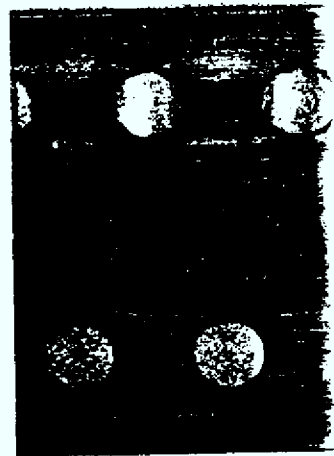
I guarantee on my honor to conform strictly to all rules and requirements regulating my "naturalization" and the continuance of my membership, and at all times a strict and loyal obedience to your constitutional authority and the constitution and laws of the Fraternity, not in conflict with the constitution and constitutional laws of the United States of America and the states thereof. If I prove untrue as a Klansman I will willingly accept as my portion whatever penalty your authority may impose. The required "Victrolan" accompanies this application.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant  
 Residence Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kl \_\_\_\_\_ Business Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kl \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_

The person securing this application must sign on top line above. NOTICE—Check the address to which mail may be sent.

Exhibit 1. Application for membership in the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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ment of principles that you are going to send me—this written statement of objectives?

A—Yes, I do.

Q—By what means does your Organization propose to realize these objectives?

A—Through governmental affairs, the education of ourselves and the general public as to the trend of Government towards the left and continuing headlong flight towards Communism.

Q—I understand from this that you mean primarily by education, is this correct?

A—Well, no, of course, after you educate yourself, then we will vote at the polls to remove such scalawags that propose and keep proposing legislation to sell us to the "one world government."

Q—Does your Organization in any way propose to achieve its goals by violence, or any means other than the political action that you are describing?

A—No, sir, we do not advocate violence.

Q—Mr. Martin, what protection have you got built into your organizational structure or procedures to protect your Organization from people who would use the cover of the existence of the Klan to commit crime?

A—Our Organization actually is based upon, and its primary function is by, Committees; such Committees as an Investigating Committee, and should this violence, or lawbreaking, or crime come to our attention, of course, this Committee would investigate, and should we be successful, we would turn the person over to the Law, or at least tell the Law who he was so that we wouldn't get the blame for it. We have gotten the blame for a lot of it in the past and we hope we can help to stop it. Our prime purpose, of course, is not to avoid the blame, but to assist the law enforcement officers in their duties. As I have already stated, that's in our Oath that we should do so, and we do.

Q—Will you furnish our Committee with samples of the literature and printed materials used by your Organization? You understand, we don't expect you to give us something that you have sworn to keep secret, but we would like samples to the limit of what you

as to make the Klavern almost dark. All must remain as still and as quiet as possible; there must be no moving, talking or noise only as the ceremony requires. Striking matches and smoking during the ceremony is absolutely prohibited. If an officer has to read he must use an electric flashlight, and throw the light only on the page he is reading. When all are ready the Klavergo will answer the signal of the Kladd with Allee and begin to Ode.

Kladd: (On Stage the Kladd will say to his party): "Sirs: The portal of the Irvybble Klavergo is being opened for you. Your right hand prayer is being answered and you have found favor in the sight of the Exalted Cyclops and his Klavergo assembled. Follow me and be present."

As the Kladd approaches with his party the threshold of the inner door, the Klavergo will stop them by facing them with "Todee-Ida" will then remove "Todee" face inward and stand erect and steady. (The Kladd or person selected just previous to this has stationed himself near the door where he can be heard by the candidates but not seen by them.)

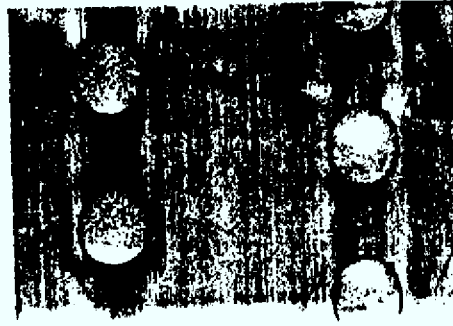
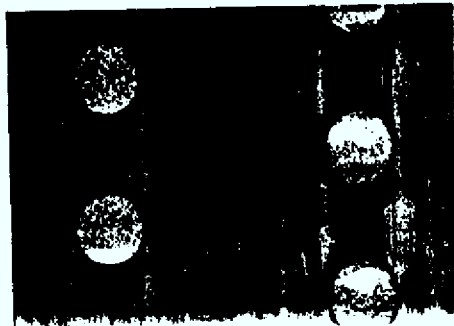
Kladd:—  
"God give us men! The Irvybble Empire demands strong

Munda, great hearts, true faith and ready hands.

Men whom the host of offices cannot sell;  
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;  
Men who possess opinions and a will,  
Men who have HONOR; men who will NOT

LEE:  
Men who can stand before a demagogue  
And damn his trim brown flatterer without  
winking!  
That man, un-numbered, who live above the fog  
In public duty and in private thinking;  
For while the rabble, with their dumb-worm  
creeds,  
Their LARGE professions and their LITTLE  
deeds,  
March in selfish strife, Lo! freedom weeps,  
Men who serve not for selfish booty,  
But real men, courageous, who flinch not at  
duty;  
Men of dependable character; men of sterling  
words;  
Then wrongs will be redressed, and right will  
make the earth;  
God give us men!"  
After a pause, the Klavergo faces the candidates and says:  
Klavergo: "Sirs: Will you (or each of you) by your daily life as Klavergo earnestly endeavor to be an answer to this prayer:  
He then faces the E. C. and says:  
Klavergo: Young Excellency and fellow Klavergo: JUST SUCH MEN are (or just such a man is) standing without the portal of the Irvybble Empire, desiring the lofty honor of citizenship therein, and ready and willing to unflinchingly face every duty on him (or

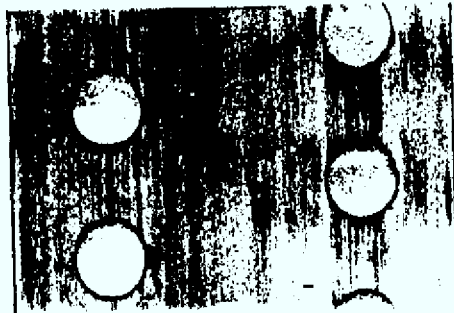
Exhibit 3. Pages from "Kloran" used by Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.



**FIFTY REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD BE A MEMBER OF THE ORIGINAL KU KLUX KLAN**

- 1-Because the Klan is a great, legal American institution of America
- 2-Because it is the only organization on earth where only native-born, White, Gentile American citizens make up its membership
- 3-Because it is a militant Christian organization, opposed to all forms of Atheism
- 4-Because it throws its strong arm of protection around your family in your absence
- 5-Because it believes in and fights for White Supremacy
- 6-Because it saved the South twice, and will save it again and again
- 7-Because it is composed of 18,000 men and not silly silly humans
- 8-Because it is founded deep in the tenets of the Christian religion
- 9-Because it is an open supporter of the Constitution
- 10-Because it is the ONE organization fighting for repeal of the Segregation ruling by the Supreme Court of the United States
- 11-Because it believes in and fights for state sovereignty
- 12-Because it is neither Democratic or Republican, politically, but ALWAYS AMERICAN
- 13-Because it fights for the glory of the flag and for the rights of free men
- 14-Because it believes in law and order and good government.
- 15-Because it exalts principle above man
- 16-Because it stands for segregated schools, NOW and ALWAYS!
- 17-Because it is opposed to intermarriage between Niggers and White people. Several states have already legislated such marriages, and more are to follow
- 18-Because it believes that the White race is God's race through which He wants to maintain a just civilization
- 19-Because it believes the Blair doctrine of the separation of the races
- 20-Because it believes that Judaism is not the religion of the Bible, but that it is a set of practices for the purpose of elevating the Christian Jew beyond the White race.
- 21-Because it has no effective program against Socialism, Communism, and ultra left wing liberalism
- 22-Because it believes the highest type of citizenship is Christian citizenship
- 23-Because it believes all Constitutional changes can be made by Congress, and vetoed by the State Legislatures
- 24-Because it believes in getting the Unholy States out of the United Nations Organization
- 25-Because it believes that every preacher holding a congregation but who teaches un-Christianity should retire from his pulpit, either willingly or be forced out
- 26-Because it is opposed to having defenseless children to have illegal playmates
- 27-Because it believes in free speech and free press, as opposed further to a public state
- 28-Because we believe it to be the most effective way to fight all forms of subversion
- 29-Because we oppose Niggers teaching White children in public schools, which they will do in all integrated schools before long.
- 30-Because it is the most effective way to fight un-Christianity in a community
- 31-Because it is for men that stand for their own word and for other common sense
- 32-Because it is opposed to labor strikes changing an unlawful man of interest to the poor people
- 33-Because it believes in unity by any
- 34-Because it does not endorse either the Republican or Democratic parties politically as such, but does support candidates in both parties who hold standards high for a 100% Americanism
- 35-Because it is opposed to discrimination in any form and unilaterally in favor of the right of citizens to be or not
- 36-Because it believes that every school teacher in our public schools should be retired who believes in and teaches integration of the black and White races
- 37-Because it stands for the disenfranchisement of all foreigners who have not been in America for the same length of time required our own boys and girls to reach legal voting age
- 38-Because it stands for segregation on interstate and coastal highways, especially the jetties
- 39-Because it opposes any Communist infiltration being sent through the United States mail to Americans
- 40-Because it is unilaterally opposed to the Democrat New program
- 41-Because it is opposed to the Anti-Defamation League in all respects
- 42-Because it knows the United Nations Charter has usurped the Constitution of these United States, and we are trying to get the United States out of the UN
- 43-Because it was born YESTERDAY, and it born TODAY, and will be born FOREVER.
- 44-Because it stands against UNESCO in its attempt to rewrite our American history
- 45-Because it is opposed to a police state which strips the individual of his rights
- 46-Because it does not believe that education is THE remedy for our political ills
- 47-Because it is opposed to any government pretending to be friendly to America, while at the same time dealing with any communist-dominated country
- 48-Because it is opposed to foreign puppet representatives
- 49-Because it is opposed to the income tax law as presently existing
- 50-Because it is opposed to the World Health Organization and the National Mental Health Act and all forms of psychiatric education of our children and citizens

Exhibit 4. Policy statement furnished by Mr. Murray Martin.



**THE MEANING OF AMERICANISM**

Americanism is a living, dynamic force governing the lives of our people; who are peculiarly blessed with the opportunity, of living under a representative form of government, created by the most amazing instrument of human conduct ever devised by man, the CONSTITUTION of the UNITED STATES.

Americanism is a form of controlled liberty in which the rights of the small and the large are protected. For the greater good of all, the practical governing principles are clearly manifested in the DECLARATION of INDEPENDENCE and in the PREAMBLE to our CONSTITUTION. Its completion is the infinite dignity and worth of the individual.

The essence of Americanism is spiritual. It holds that there is a moral God in the universe, and that by virtue of this fact, there is a moral purpose in the affairs of mankind. Our moral actions are governed by the tenets of the TEN COMMANDMENTS and the TEN PRINCIPLES of AMERICANISM. The very essence of Americanism is the protection of personal liberty and property from the encroachment of others and the CONSCIENCE itself. It recognizes as its enemy, both the will of the tyrant and the whims of the masses.

Americanism holds that every person has an inherent right to think, to act, to express opinions, to seek redress against wrongs, and to argue his personality without fear. It gives each American, whether rich or poor, white or black, Jew or Gentile, the right to challenge wrong and oppression wherever it occurs or threatens. It means that every American has the right to invest in the soil of his country, and to enjoy the benefits from his labor and his talents. An American believes that the rights he holds for all, are equally for the privileged.

Our nation's, our churches, our civil organizations and our magnificent philanthropies, - all bespeak a sense of moral obligation to others, and a spirit of brotherhood transcending that of other people in the entire world.

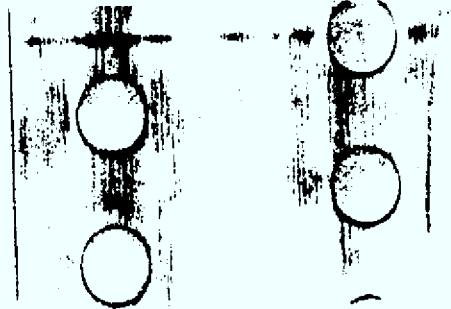
Americanism, however, is not a one way street. It imposes moral obligations upon individuals and groups to play the game of living with a concern for the welfare of the community, state, and nation.

Americanism is humanity's most glorious experiment in the affairs of living. If this experiment should fail, civilization itself might be doomed. The sacred guarantee for continued existence is a personal attachment, dedicated to the ideals and purposes of this great REPUBLIC. Americanism is mankind's remaining hope for a better and just world.

And in this hour of critical crisis, when the life heritage of Americanism is imperiled by a ruthless, godless Communist conspiracy as well as by an unprincipled, selfish State, which could destroy the liberties of our citizens to live and produce as well as demand that they defend our heritage, let every loyal American have confidence in his conscience, the immortal pledge of the brave men who first gave articulation to the tenets of Americanism in the DECLARATION of INDEPENDENCE.

AND FOR THE SUPPORT OF THIS DECLARATION, WITH A FIRM BELIEF IN THE PROTECTION OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE, AS USUALLY PLEASED TO EACH OTHER OUR LIVES, OUR FORTUNES, AND OUR SACRED HONOR

Exhibit 5. Policy statement furnished by Mr. Murray Martin.



can furnish us, to see what type of thing you are using in your training, and in your educational program?

A—I will be glad to furnish you with samples, a lot of which is not our own. We use other Organizations' literature, and we learn by it; but of course, we have literature of our own, and I can and will send you some of this.

Q—Mr. Martin, do you have anything you want to add to your testimony?

A—Nothing that I can think of.

Q—I would like to thank you for our Committee. This is the end of the Staff Consultation. The time is 7:48 P. M.

#### DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

##### POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

- (a) The duty of the political action committee is to study all political activities in the jurisdiction of the Klavern.
- (b) Keep the E. C. and the members of the Klavern informed on all matters of political interest. This includes State, National and International.
- (c) Be well enough informed to recommend what political candidates or issues to support or oppose and give recommendations to Klavern on such.
- (d) Keep a record of all political activities within the jurisdiction of the Klavern, and be prepared to present it or any part of it to the Klavern upon request of E. C.
- (e) Stay out of other Klavern Klanton unless otherwise agreed by same.
- (f) From time to time the members of this committee will be requested to effectively contact their State Representatives and State Senator, as well as their Democratic State Central Committeemen for one or more of the following purposes:
  - (1) To determine their position on a specific matter then before them.
  - (2) To obtain their support and cooperation in either passing, amending or deferring that measure, or
  - (3) To learn and report the person or persons most able to influence them on such matters.

THE MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE WILL BE CONTACTED, FREQUENTLY ON VERY SHORT NOTICE, FROM TIME TO TIME, TO ASSIST IN LINING UP THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, SENATORS AND COMMITTEEMEN IN SUPPORT OF OUR POSITION.

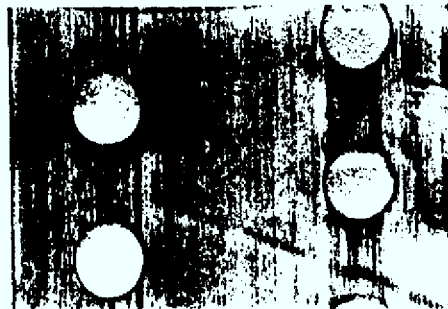
##### EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- (a) The Education Committee is responsible for the educating of the public in all matters of interest within the jurisdiction of the Klavern.
- (b) Collect and distribute any literature that they can obtain that will further the cause of our organization.
- (c) Write letters to the public on political or other issues of interest within the jurisdiction of the Klavern.
- (d) Check books in the libraries of Schools, Churches, etc., and check any books or literature that is exposed to the public to assure that it does not contain communist influence material, (or integration material).
- (e) Write letters of protest to individuals or organizations that publicly advocate integration, or Communism.
- (f) Write letters of appreciation to those who are working to further Americanism, Segregation, and etc.

##### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

- (a) The membership committee keeps all records of the members. (Not excluding the sect.) prospective members, and rejected and/or suspended members.
- (b) See that all material and literature in the possession of an expelled or suspended member is returned to the unit.

Exhibit 6. Statement of functions of committees in Klan organizational structure, furnished by Mr. Murray Martin.



- (c) Encourage regular attendance of members.
- (d) Report on all members unable to attend regularly.
- (e) Attempt to notify all members of special events, called meetings, summons, etc.

**BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE:**

- (a) The Benevolence Committee is in charge of all charity activity within the unit.
- (b) Reports on all sick members, send flowers or cards to them and asks for any assistance that the unit might provide for same.
- (c) Reports on and asks for assistance for persons other than members where the unit can be of assistance.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE:**

- (a) The building committee is in charge of the construction and maintenance of the Klavern.
- (b) Asks for or appoints members to work on the building or the grounds of same.
- (c) Sees that the building is kept clean, the grass is cut, all necessary repairs are made, and recommends changes or additions to the building.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE:**

- (a) The Public Relations Committee is responsible for the relations between the organization and the non-member public.
- (b) Their duties are advisory only.
- (c) Inspect all out going literature and determine if it will create a good image.
- (d) Advise on all activities of the unit that concern the public to assure prestige and a good public image for the organization.

**KLOKAN COMMITTEE:**

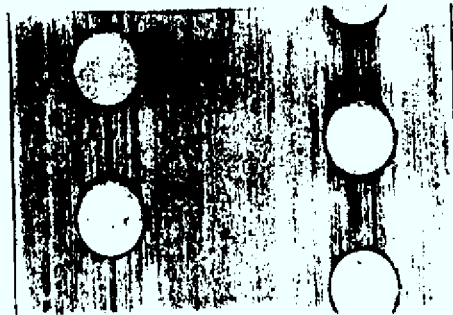
- (a) This committee is appointed by the Klaskan of the Klavern and is under the direct supervision of the Klaskan.
- (b) Takes no action other than that specifically ordered by the Klaskan.

**THE WAY OF THE KLAVERN**

The following should be given to each new member immediately after the naturalization ceremony.

The newly made member be conducted to the Klaskard's station by the Kladd. The Klaskard will then instruct the new members as follows:

1. Destroy application
2. Instruct the member in the use of the gavel.



I swear that I will never recommend---any person for membership---in this Order---whose mind is unsound---or whose reputation I know to be bad---or whose character is doubtful---or whose loyalty to our country---is in any way questionable.

I most solemnly assert and affirm---that to the government of the United States of America---and any state thereof---of which I may become a member---I sacredly vow an unqualified allegiance---above any other---and every kind of government---in the whole world. I here and now---pledge my life---my property---my vote---and my sacred honor---to uphold its flag---its constitution---and constitutional laws---and will protect---defend---and enforce same unto death.

I will always, at any and all times---and in all places---help, aid and assist the duly constituted officers of the law---in the proper performance of their legal duties.

I swear that I will most zealously---shield and preserve---by any and all---justifiable means and methods---the sacred constitutional rights---and privileges of free speech---free press---separation of church and state---free segregated public schools---by white SUPREMACY---just laws---against any encroachment---of any nature---by any person or persons---political party or parties---religious sect or people---native---naturalized or foreign---of any race---color, creed---lineage or tongue what-soever.

All to which I have sworn by THIS OATH---I will seal with my blood---be thou my witness Almighty God.

A M E N'



TESTIMONY OF JACK N. ROGERS, JUNE 16, 1965, (CONTINUING):

BY MR. ROGERS:

The leadership of this particular Organization, The Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, as well as that of the various other Klan groups in Louisiana, appears to be composed of persons of some stature, and ability. In many of the smaller communities a significant number of community leaders are members of these organizations, and take part in their operations.

I would like to next offer the transcript of a Staff Consultation held on April 23, with Mr. J. M. Edwards, the Grand Dragon of The United Klans of America, Inc. The tape-recording of this has already been played, Mr. Chairman, for some of the members of this Committee, and we offer the transcript into the record at this point.

BY SEN. KNOWLES:

Let it be received into the record.

TRANSCRIPT OF A STAFF CONSULTATION HELD ON APRIL 23, 1965, AT 11:42 P.M., AT BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA. JACK N. ROGERS, ESQ., COMMITTEE COUNSEL FOR THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, STATE OF LOUISIANA, PRESIDING.

BY MR. ROGERS:

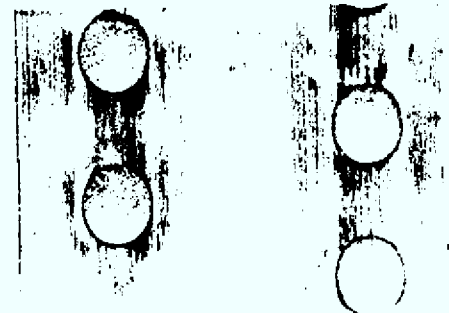
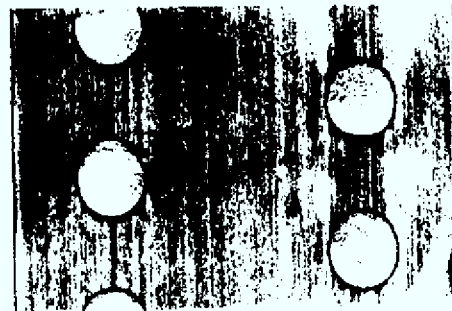
Pursuant to the power granted me under Senate Concurrent Resolution #12, Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature of 1964, and the rules of this Committee under the Law, I now swear the first witness.

THE WITNESS, MR. J. M. EDWARDS, AFTER FIRST HAVING BEEN DULY SWORN TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP HIM GOD, TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. ROGERS:

Q—What is your name, sir?



A—J. M. Edwards.

Q—Where do you live, Mr. Edwards?

A—Jonesboro, Louisiana.

Q—When and where were you born?

A—July 20, 1918, in Union Parish, Louisiana.

Q—What do you do for a living?

A—I practice Chiropractic.

Q—Mr. Edwards, what is the name of the Klan Organization you represent?

A—It's the United Klans of America, Inc.

Q—What is the title of your Klan office, and what level of leadership does that title mean?

A—The office that I have in the United Klans is that of Grand Dragon of the realm of Louisiana, and it designates the highest office in the State in which that Klan operates.

Q—Is your Klan Organization connected with any other Klan Organizations, and if so, which one and how is it connected?

A—It is not connected with any other Klan Organization.

Q—Who is the national head of your Klan Organization?

A—Robert M. Shelton, Jr.

Q—Where does he live?

A—Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Q—As I understand your testimony, you are the head of the organization in the State of Louisiana?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—How and by whom are the objectives of your organization determined?

A—By the membership itself.

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406 Sixth Street  
Jonesboro, Louisiana  
February 19, 1965

Hon. Jesse Knowles  
Senator  
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Since reading an article in the Saratoga Times last Saturday, February 13, under caption "Washington and AP, I have been somewhat perplexed. It concerned an investigation of the Ku Klux Klan, a general term, along with three other organizations.

Now, Mr. Knowles, I have invited Mr. Edwin A. Willis, whom I understand you know, and have welcomed an investigation of United Klans of America, Inc. and have requested that the findings of HUAC be published.

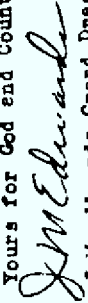
By virtue of your relationship with the Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities, I also invite your committee to investigate our organization also and make public your findings.

If you would be so kind as to encourage Mr. Willis to investigate us and publish his findings, I would appreciate it very much.

Any questions you may have concerning United Klans of America, Inc. I would be very pleased to try to answer.

I shall anticipate hearing from you soon. Meanwhile I remain sincerely,

Yours for God and Country,



J.M. Edwards-Grand Dragon  
United Klans of America, Inc.

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Exhibit B. Letter from Mr. J. M. Edwards, Grand Dragon, United Klans of America, Inc. in Louisiana.

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"God give us men! The Invisible Empire demands strong  
 Men, good men, true men and ready hands,  
 Men whom the law of office does not kill,  
 Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;  
 Men who possess opinions and a will;  
 Men who have NO JOB, men who will NOT Lie;  
 Men who can stand before a demagogue  
 And claim his treacherous flattery without  
 blinking!  
 Tall men, well-tanned, who live above the fog  
 In public duty and in private thinking;  
 For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn  
 gloves,  
 Their LARGE professions and their LITTLE  
 deeds,  
 Single up selfish ends, let freedom ring  
 Wrong rules the land, and wronging justice sleeps,  
 God give us men!  
 Men who care not for selfish ends,  
 But feel with compassion, who think not of  
 duty,  
 Men of openhearted character; men of sterling  
 worth;  
 These women will be recruited, and right will  
 rule the earth.  
 God give us men!"

Exhibit 10. Policy statement furnished by Mr. J. M. Edwards.



AN INTRODUCTION TO THE

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AN INTRODUCTION TO THE KNIGHTS  
 OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

After the cannon fell silent and peace descended upon the battlefields of the great Civil War, there came a dark and ominous chapter of American history called, "The Reconstruction." From this era, this abyss of utter human misery and despair, there arose like the morning sun the KU KLUX KLAN. This Order provided for the people of the South the leadership and rallying point to begin their long and arduous struggle to regain their lost dignity. The noble and glorious ride of the Ku Klux Klan of the Reconstruction era is immortalized by its achievements. No errors of omission or commission by prejudiced historians can dim the lustre of its deeds, or rob it of its rightful place in history as the saviour of the South, and, thereby, the saviour of the nation; for had there been no ride of the Ku Klux Klan there would not today be fifty stars in the flag that graces the dome of our Nations Capitol.

To keep alive the memory of the original Klan and the principles, traditions and institutions which they risked their lives to preserve for themselves and for posterity, the men of today, who appreciate their patriotic and chivalric work, have established a living, lasting memorial to them by the organization of the United Klans of America. Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The United Klans of America, KKKK, is a national fraternal order composed of real American manhood of the nation who uncompromisingly believe in perpetual preservation of the fundamental principles, ideals and institutions of the pure Anglo-Saxon civilization and all the fruits thereof.

WHAT THE KLAN STANDS FOR

A. AMERICA FIRST: First in thought, first in affections, and first in the galaxy of Nations.

B. BENEVOLENCE: In thought, word and deed based upon Justice and practically applied to all. To fight the wrong, to succor the weak and unfortunate, to help the worth, and to relieve the distressed.

C. KLANISHNESS: Real fraternity practically applied—Standing by and sticking to each other in all things honorable, encouraging, protecting, cultivating, and exemplifying the real "fraternal human relationship," to shield and enhance each others happiness and welfare. A devoted unflinching loyalty to the principles, mission and purposes of the Order in promoting the highest and best interest of the community, state and nation.

WHAT THE KLAN IS

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is a fraternal order promulgating fraternal conduct, and not merely a "social association." It is a duly incorporated, legally recognized institution, honest in purpose, noble in sentiment, and practical in results that should command the hearty respect of all real Americans throughout the nation. It is an association of Real Men who believe in being something, in doing something worthwhile, and who are in all things 100% pure American. Yet, it is vastly more than merely a social fraternal order.

PREREQUISITES TO CITIZENSHIP IN THE  
 INVISIBLE EMPIRE

This order is founded upon dependable character. It is not an ultra exclusive institution, but its membership is composed of "picked" men.

No man is allowed in this Order who hasn't manhood enough to assume a real Oath with serious purpose to keep the same inviolate.

No man is allowed in the Order who will not or cannot swear an unqualified allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, its flag and its Constitution.

No man is allowed in this Order who does not esteem the Government of the United States of America above any other government, civil, political or ecclesiastical in the whole world.

No man is allowed in this Order who cannot practice real fraternity towards each and every one of his oath-bound brothers.

Only native-born, white, gentle, protestant, American citizens of at least eighteen years of age, who believe in the tenets of the Christian religion, and owe no allegiance of any degree or nature to any foreign government, nation, political institution, sect, people or person, are eligible.

Because certain individuals at various times have committed acts of violence under cover of darkness and shielded by masks and robes somewhat resembling the official regalia of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, they have been classed as members of this organization. The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is a strictly law-abiding organization and every member is sworn to uphold the law at all times and to assist officers of the law in preserving peace and order whenever the occasion may arise, and any member violating this oath would be banished forever from the organization.

Exhibit 11. Page 2 of Exhibit No. 10.



If there be any white American citizen who owes allegiance to another flag save our American Flag, who cannot subscribe to and support those principles, let him forever hold his peace; for he is basely unworthy of the great flag and its government that guarantees to him life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. A person who actively opposes these great principles is a dangerous ingredient in the body politic of our country and an enemy to the weal of our national commonwealth.

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of today rides on, not upon the backs of the faithful steeds of yesteryear, but in the mind, heart and soul of every true American citizen who loves our great country and who glories in the name America, and who is honest enough as a grateful son to perpetually memorialize the heroism of our fathers and transmit the boon of our priceless heritage unadorned, uncorrupted and unaltered to the generations who follow us that the lustre of our age may increase in splendor.

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, regardless of statements made to the contrary, either through ignorance or with deliberate intent to misrepresent it, has not made, is not now making and does not intend to make any fight on the Roman Catholic Church as a religious institution, but it will unflinchingly and unequivocally oppose any move of the Catholic Church or of any other church, individual or organization, which attempts to bring about a combination of church and state in these United States.

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan concedes to every man the right to worship God as he sees fit and in his own way, or to worship Him not at all, and while it adheres strictly to the tenets of the Christian religion, it seeks no quarrel with any individual or organization because of religious differences.

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is not the enemy of the negro. It opposes and will continue to oppose, the efforts of certain negro organizations and periodicals which are sowing the seeds of discontent and racial hatred among the negroes of this country by preaching and teaching social equality and mongrelization of the races. We believe, it is possible for the races to live together in peace and unity only upon condition that each race recognize the rights and privileges of the other. Yet, we hold it is obligatory upon the negro race, and upon all other colored races in America to recognize that they are living in the land of the white race by courtesy of the white race; and the white race cannot be expected to surrender to any other race, either in whole or in part, the control of its vital and fundamental governmental affairs.

There are rights which the negro race and all other colored races have as citizens of this country which the white race—the ruling race

—is bound to respect, but they must not, individually or collectively lose sight of the fact that the white race is the ruling race by right of inheritance; and that it does not intend to surrender this right or to compromise it with any other race—black, yellow or brown.

Let the negro race and all other races living within our borders advance and develop and prosper all that they may, but let it be done through their own institutions and within their own race without encroachment upon the rights of other races. Let them understand that in the long run the white man always has proved himself the truest friend and the safe counselor of all other races in whatever land or time the races have come in contact, and let them not be misled by false prophets who in personal gain appeal to their passions and prejudices by wild promises that they know can never be fulfilled.

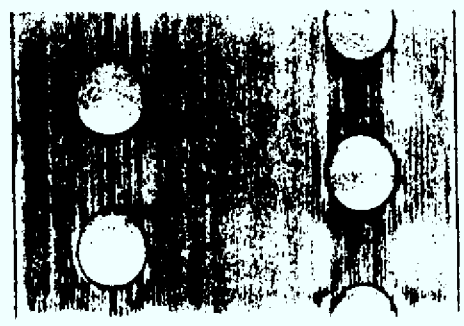
No Jew can obtain citizenship in the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. At every Klavern meeting Jesus Christ is lauded and his teachings expounded. The constitution and regulations of the Order set forth that the living Christ is the Klansman's criterion of character. Therefore, it would be unjust to allow the Jew to enter into the fellowship with the Klavern by appealing to his patriotism, and then have him cease to attend because every meeting would be out of harmony with his religious convictions.

#### THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN AND COMMUNISM

Be it known, that the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was YESTERDAY, is TODAY and will FOREVER be opposed to Communism in any form and to its fellow-traveler organizations. The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan will fight to our last breath, using every means at our disposal to rid our country of this insidious plague of mankind.

For further information write:

United Klans of America, Inc.  
Suite 401, Alston Building  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama



Q—What process is used to determine policy or objectives?

A—A democratic assembly, Mr. Rogers.

Q—Is your organization connected in any way with the Communist Party, or any other foreign party, agency or government?

A—No, sir, it is not.

Q—Is any pledge or oath of allegiance required of all of your members?

A—Yes, indeed.

Q—Does this oath in any way infringe upon, or negate, complete loyalty to the Constitution of the United States?

A—No, Mr. Rogers, did you say "infringe or negate?"

Q—Does the oath which your members take infringe upon their loyalty to the United States, or negate in any way their loyalty to the United States?

A—No, sir, that oath does not.

Q—Would you explain that, please?

A—(No answer.)

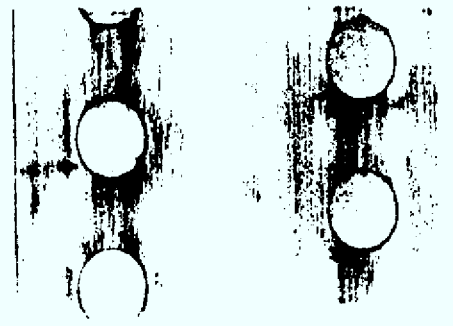
Q—Can you give me the oath?

A—I will explain that, Mr. Rogers. The oath swears unqualified allegiance to the government of the United States of America, its Constitution and laws. May I just quote the section which has to do with allegiance?

Q—Go right ahead.

A—"I most solemnly assert and affirm that to the government of the United States of America, and any State thereof of which I may become a resident, I sacredly swear an unqualified allegiance above any and every kind of government in the whole world. I here and now pledge life, property, vote and sacred honor to uphold its flag, its Constitution, and Constitutional Laws, and will protect, defend and enforce same unto death."

Q—Mr. Edwards, what is the policy of your organization as to law violations? Is there anything in your oath concerning this?



A—The attitude of the Order concerning law violations is the same as it would be on the part of any good American citizen. I repeat that for you: "I most solemnly promise and swear that I will always, at all times, and in all places, help, aid, and assist the duly constituted officers of the law, in the proper performance of their legal duties."

Q—What are the qualifications for membership in your organization?

A—He must be a white man, a Protestant person who believes in the tenets of the Christian Religion, and of sane mind, of course.

Q—Do you do any screening of people to keep out undesirable elements or people who might have criminal records, or anything like that?

A—The very best that it is possible to do.

Q—What do you do after you have gotten members in if you find out that they are involved in violations of law?

A—(No answer.)

Q—How do you take care of that, how do you handle that within your organization?

A—Any member or any person, for that matter, whose unlawful acts come to the attention of our people are reported to the proper authorities. Our organization does not harbor those who commit unlawful acts.

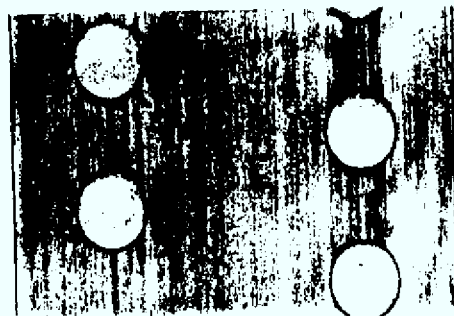
Q—Are they allowed to remain in the organization?

A—No, sir, this Order does not provide for a person who conducts himself contrary to the tenets of the law he has sworn to uphold, rather than to violate. As soon as any act of unlawfulness is discovered on the part of a member of this Order, he is immediately expelled.

Q—Approximately how many members do you have in the State of Louisiana, Mr. Edwards?

A—I am not at liberty to answer that question, Mr. Rogers.

Q—Can you tell us how many local Klaverns you have in Louisiana?



A—No, sir, I am not at liberty to reveal that.

Q—Why is that, are you sworn under some oath not to reveal that?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—What are the objectives of your organization?

A—The objectives of this Order shall be to unite all white male persons, native-born gentiles of the United States who owe no allegiance of any nature to any other government, nation, institution, ruler, sect or people; to unite people whose morals are good, whose reputations and vocations are respectable, whose habits are exemplary, who are of sound mind, and 21 years of age or more, to a common oath of brotherhood of strict regulations, and also to cultivate and promote patriotism toward our civil government.

Q—After you unite them, is the function of the organization directed solely at improving yourselves, the members, or do you have some outward manifestation of your objectives?

A—Certainly it has as its objective to improve the individual, and I think this is best done by virtue of the fact that we hold Christ himself as our criterion of character, and never in a Klavern meeting will a person stay without hearing the name of Christ proclaimed, and His principles sounded. Then in the community, I think that you will find it hard to determine any difference in the works of the people in this Order and in any other civic service, or social organization, because I think the efforts overlap in every one of these areas.

Q—Do your members aim, and are the objectives of your organization in any way directed, toward political action?

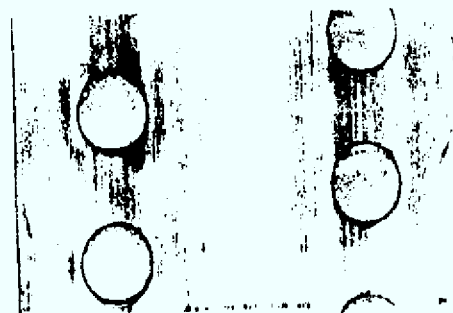
A—No, sir, I couldn't say that they are directed toward political action, but certainly men with these objectives would participate in governmental affairs; that's a responsibility of any citizen.

Q—How do you propose to realize the objectives that you have set forth here, by any means other than education?

A—What other means are there?

Q—What is the attitude of your organization toward violence?

A—A member of this Order is not going to engage in violence.



violators to the local police authorities in any area? Do you know of any specific incident where this has been done?

A—I cannot speak for any area outside of Louisiana, but I am very happy to report that it has not come to my attention.

Q—Mr. Edwards, how are your officers of the Klan elected at the different levels?

A—Through a democratic process, by the membership.

Q—How do you get elected to the office which you hold?

A—By the same process, it is not a dictatorial organization, Mr. Rogers.

Q—Are you elected by popular vote of all the members in the State, or are you elected by a Board which is elected by the members throughout the State?

A—No, sir, perhaps like people are elected on the national level, by delegates representing a certain number of people.

Q—Have you any control as Grand Dragon of the State of Louisiana over the local Klaverns?

A—Only through the people who are elected to maintain the order in those Klaverns.

Q—Do you have any veto power over the chosen officers of the local Klavern?

A—In case their conduct is contrary to the oath and the Constitution.

Q—You do?

A—Yes, sir, in that case.

Q—Have you any disciplinary powers available to you over the members in the local Klavern, if you had learned that something had gone on which was contrary to your basic rules? Could you do anything about it if the local Klavern officers did not?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—Do you actively maintain responsibility over the local Klaverns to the best of your ability?

## THE KLAN'S ANSWER TO LYNDON JOHNSON

On Friday, March 26, 1960, Lyndon Johnson, President of the United States, attacked one of the most patriotic organizations in this great land. He warned every Klansman to get out of the Ku Klux Klan and to join a "neutral" society for the Klan was going to be investigated and destroyed.

Lyndon Johnson, we know that we are not a perfect organization. We have a few mistakes just as surely as there has been a moral reawakening throughout the United States. We do not approve murder in any form for any cause, yet you condemn an entire organization for the actions of a few and they have yet to be proven guilty. We do not commit ourselves to the Democratic Party for your actions, Lyndon Johnson.

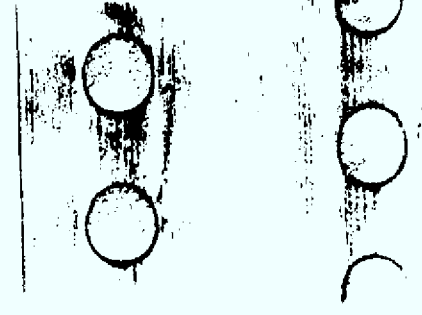
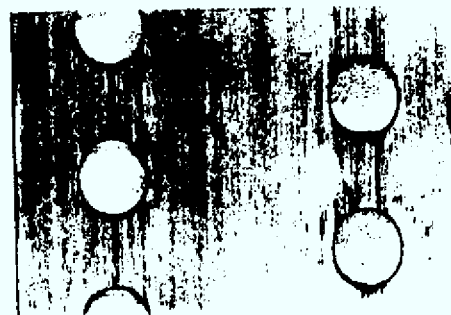
No, Lyndon, you are wrong about the Ku Klux Klan. You can no more destroy us than you can destroy the heavens or the oceans. Even with all your ill-gotten and ill-used power, the Left Wing News Media, the N. A. A. P., C. I. O., E. and all of the other Communistic and Socialist, outside forces, we will survive. For while there is a God of life in one true Klansman, the Klan will never die.

It is you, Lyndon Johnson, that has turned his back on the white people of this country, not the Ku Klux Klan. It is you, Lyndon Johnson, who should join a "neutral" society. It was you, Lyndon Johnson, that expressed shock and anger when an agitator was killed in Alabama. You even telegraphed your sympathy to her family. Yet when a White Law Officer is murdered by Negroes in Mississippi you did not see fit to maintain it or telephone her widow. Were you not shocked and angered by this, Lyndon? Where is your sense of "neutrality"?

In bring on your investigations, Lyndon. We have nothing to fear, for we know that there is a just cause. Our fight is for Moral Integrity and Constitutional Government. Are we fighting for too much, Lyndon? The Klan will disintegrate every Communist and integrationist to drive them from our shores. We will fight with every weapon at our disposal, at the Ballot Box, in the Streets, or in the Hills, if necessary, for we shall never surrender. TAKE TO OUR ARMS!

KU KLUX KLAN

Exhibit 14. United Klans of America literature furnished by Mr. J. M. Edwards.



to carry out private crimes. There have been several reported instances of this in the State. Any individual with a grudge and a bed-sheet can commit crime in Louisiana, or elsewhere throughout the South, and get the blame placed on the Ku Klux Klan.

The second weakness of the Klan seems to be the ease with which they have been infiltrated by the police.

The third weakness of the Klan is the fact that they have no centralized leadership, or coordination. They have several strengths which have aided them materially in recruiting and maintaining their organizational structure. First is the unfortunate fact of Communist infiltration into the various social and political movements which are active in the Southern United States at this time, and the fear of the average citizen over being unable to do much as an individual to combat this infiltration.

Another strength is the frustration of many of the citizens of the State with the Supreme Court's strange and sometimes inexplicable decisions which they believe do violence to well-established principles of constitutional law, and help the Communist Conspiracy.

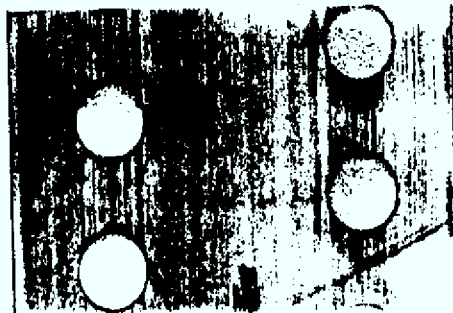
Another reason for the strength of the Klan is the frustration of many citizens with the forced racial-mixing policies of the Federal Government at this time.

A further strength is the fact that the Klan in Louisiana at this moment is basically a "grass-roots movement," rather than a philosophy imported from abroad. It is spontaneous and based upon statements of policy which embody many of the fundamental basic political concepts of American freedom.

A further strength of the Klan in Louisiana is the fact of the historical tradition of America for the people to protect themselves when they feel they are not being properly protected by their government.

One final strength of the Klan is the innate affinity of many people for secret organizations, complicated rituals, and quasi-conspiratorial activities.

We have obtained from police sources, and from certain leaders of the Klan who supplied them to us at the time of their staff consultation, some exhibits which I think will be of interest to the Committee, and I would like to offer some of them at this time. First I would like to offer from our own research, a clipping from "The Worker," the official publication of the Communist Party, U. S. A. This is an editorial entitled, "An Evil Institution," which discusses the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and its forth-



coming investigation of the Ku Klux Klan. The Worker alleges generally that the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and the Ku Klux Klan throughout the United States, are closely in league, and that the House Committee has aligned itself with "Racists" and "Ultra-Rightists" who are blood brothers to the Klansman, and that these people dominate the House Committee on Un-American Activities. We offer this into the record, Mr. Chairman.

BY SEN. KNOWLES:

Let it be accepted.

BY MR. ROGERS:

Now, from Mr. Murray Martin, the Grand Dragon of the original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, we obtained some excerpts from policy statements contained in the secret Klan book, or manual, which is used in Klan rituals. This Book is called the "Kloran." Mr. Martin furnished us with some excerpts from it in the form of a statement of policy on one page which we offer into the record, and some excerpts from the Oath which is used by this particular Klan group which we also offer into the record, Mr. Chairman.

BY SEN. KNOWLES:

Let it be accepted.

BY MR. ROGERS:

Mr. Martin further provided us with a list of 50 reasons offered by his organization as to why a person should be a member of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, which we offer into the record.

BY SEN. KNOWLES:

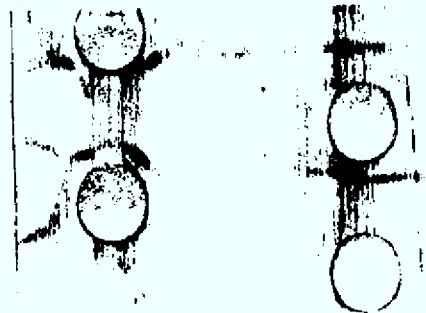
Let it be accepted.

BY MR. ROGERS:

We have also obtained from Mr. Martin a copy of an application for membership in the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, which we offer into the record.

BY SEN. KNOWLES:

Let it be accepted.



## An Evil Institution

The conviction in Washington last week of Mrs. Dagmar Wilson, Mrs. Donna Allen and Russ Nixon for "contempt" of Congress shows once more the great power for evil of the House Un-American Committee.

What was the "contempt" for which they were convicted? They had refused to testify in secret session for the House Un-Americans. What was it that the House Un-Americans wanted to do? To distort an action by these peace seeking people in seeking State Department approval for a visa for a Tokyo professor to come to this country to speak at a peace meeting.

The aim of the Un-Americans undoubtedly was to re-establish the atmosphere of fear that enveloped the nation when the Un-American and the McCarthyites had paralyzed the nation in the late 1940's and early 1950's.

Then the promotion of the cold war was the aim; today the aim is the escalation of the dirty war in Vietnam.

But Mrs. Wilson, of the Women Strike for Peace, Mrs. Allen, of the Women's International League for Peace, and Nixon, general manager of the National Guardian, courageously defied the House Un-Americans. It is for this that they have been convicted.

The House Un-Americans, the most flagrant subverters of the U.S. constitution in the nation's history, want to make it a crime for citizens to contact government agencies, and for a newspaper to provide information for its readers.

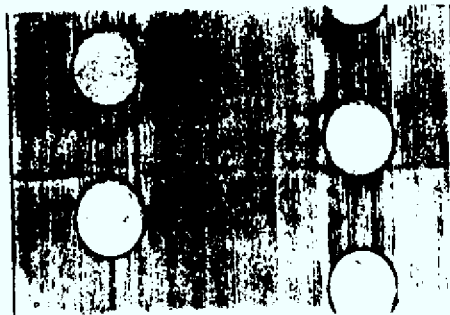
In truth, this is the latest move in the House Un-Americans' continuous war against the Bill of Rights, in this case, the rights of the people to petition their government and of freedom of the press.

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AND THIS is the committee that has grabbed for itself the job of "investigating" the Ku Klux Klan. With racists and ultra-rightists — blood brothers to the Klansmen — dominating the House Un-Americans, the nation can expect to see the KKK sheets, which are stained with the blood of its Negro and white victims, come out clean white.

The House Un-Americans are the enemies of all that every decent American wants — peace, equality for all people, economic security. Most of the nation holds the Un-Americans in contempt. They maintain their uneasy existence by intimidation and threat.

Exhibit 15. Clipping from the Communist newspaper, "The Worker", concerning the Klan.

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BY MR. ROGERS:

Also, a Klan statement on "The Meaning of Americanism," which we offer into the record.

BY SEN. KNOWLES:

Let it be accepted.

BY MR. ROGERS:

Further, an excerpt from the Kloran in use by that group, showing the function of various committees in the committee-system of government used in the Klan Organizations, which we will offer into the record.

BY SEN. KNOWLES:

Let it be accepted.

BY MR. ROGERS:

And finally the complete text of a Klan booklet called, "The Seven Symbols of the Klan," on five photographed pages which we will offer into the record. This is interesting in that it discusses the basic creed of the Klan, and the significance which the seven symbols used by the Klan have in Klan activities. This information was obtained, as I said, from Mr. Murray Martin.

BY SEN. KNOWLES:

Let it be accepted.

BY MR. ROGERS:

We also obtained from Mr. J. M. Edwards of the United Klans of America, three leaflets which we have reproduced, pictures of which I offer into the record at this time. Among others which he gave us, these are samples of the literature which is used by his particular Klan Organization. We offer them into the record.

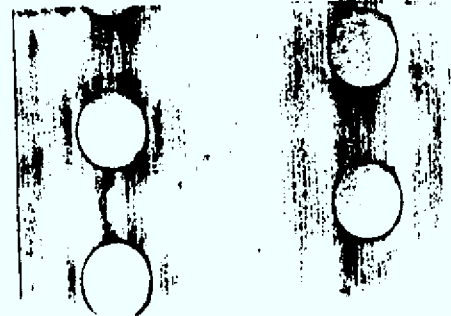
BY SEN. KNOWLES:

Let them be accepted.

BY MR. ROGERS:

We also offer into the record a copy of a letter from the said

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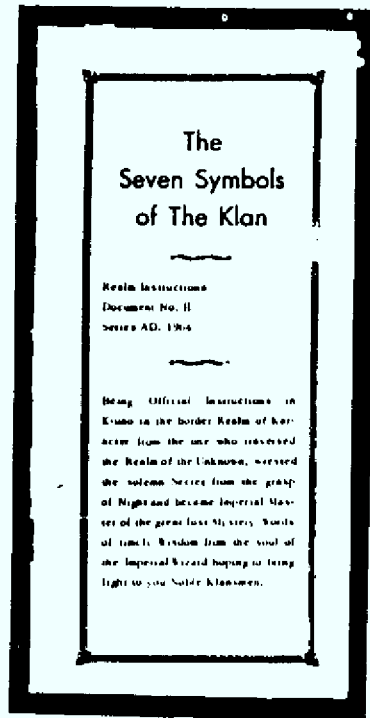
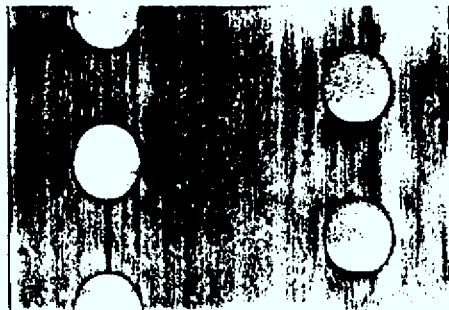


Exhibit 16. Statement of doctrine used in the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, furnished by Mr. Murray Martin.

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**A KLANSMAN'S CREED**

I BELIEVE IN GOD and in the tenets of the Christian religion and that a Christian nation can not long prosper.

I BELIEVE THAT A CHURCH that is not founded on the principles of morality and justice is a mockery to God and man.

I BELIEVE THAT A CHURCH that does not have the welfare of the common people at heart is unworthy.

I BELIEVE IN THE ETHERAL SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE.

I HOLD NO ALLEGIANCE TO ANY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, emperor, King, Pope, or any foreign political or religious power.

I HOLD MY ALLEGIANCE TO THE STATE AND STRIVE to be its defender to God alone.

I BELIEVE IN JUST LAWS AND LIBERTY.

I BELIEVE IN THE UPHOLDING OF THE CONSTITUTION of these United States.

I BELIEVE THAT OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS in the entire scope of good government and that those who are seeking to destroy them are enemies of our REPUBLIC and are unworthy of citizenship.

I BELIEVE IN FREEDOM OF SPEECH.

I BELIEVE IN FREE PRESS uncontrolled by political parties or by religious sects.

I BELIEVE IN LAW AND ORDER.

I BELIEVE IN THE PROTECTION OF OUR PURE WOMANHOOD.

I DO NOT BELIEVE IN MOB VIOLENCE but I do believe that laws should be enacted to prevent the occurrence of mob violence.

I BELIEVE IN A CLOSER relationship of capital and labor.

I BELIEVE IN THE PREVENTION OF UNWANTED IMMIGRATION by foreign labor agitators.

I BELIEVE IN THE LIMITATION OF FOREIGN IMMIGRATION.

I AM A NATIVE-BORN AMERICAN CITIZEN AND I BELIEVE MY RIGHTS IN THIS COUNTRY ARE SUPERIOR TO THOSE OF FOREIGNERS.

**The Symbols  
of  
The Klan**

REALY INSTRUCTIONS  
SERIES AD, 1964

To each and every Chapter of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, by Imperial Wizard.

To You I speak, Oh, Noble Klansman!

The language of symbolism is the most beautiful, the most expressive and the most appropriate of any language known to mankind. The realization of this fact is the key to the understanding of the symbols of the Klan. The symbols of the Klan are the symbols of the Invisible Empire without which the Klan would be a mere organization and devoid of its true meaning.

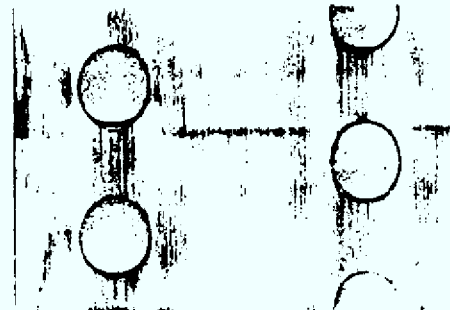
In the early days of the Klan, I say it that we had no symbols. We had a great idea, and we had a great Klan purpose, but we had no symbols to properly understand the meaning of these symbols. The Klan, the Gown, the Hood, the Rope, the Kilt and the Belt.

Not every Klansman had ever thought of these symbols as having any special significance, but as being merely practical necessities of the Klan. The idea of the Klan was to be a great idea, but we do know that the symbols of the Klan are the symbols of the Invisible Empire, and they are the symbols of the Invisible Empire, and they are the symbols of the Invisible Empire, and they are the symbols of the Invisible Empire.

Therefore we have learned that the great symbols, and replaced the meaning of these symbols, but we have learned that the symbols of the Klan are the symbols of the Invisible Empire, and they are the symbols of the Invisible Empire, and they are the symbols of the Invisible Empire.

Exhibit 17. Pages 2 and 3 of Exhibit No. 16.

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J. M. Edwards, addressed to yourself, Mr. Chairman, dated February 19, 1965, requesting that there be some inquiry made into the function of his organization.

BY SEN. KNOWLES:

Let it be accepted.

BY MR. ROGERS:

We have obtained from police sources a copy of the secret "Kloran" used by the United Klans of America, Inc., which we offer into the record also. We have not photographed any particular pages of this because the significance of it is covered in later material, Mr. Chairman. We offer it into the record in its original form.

BY SEN. KNOWLES:

Let it be accepted.

BY MR. ROGERS:

We would like to further offer into the record at this time, three pages of photographs showing the front and back of a leaflet handed out by the Original Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., entitled, "An Introduction Into the Original Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.," stating their policy and their membership requirements. We offer these three pages into the record, Mr. Chairman.

BY SEN. KNOWLES:

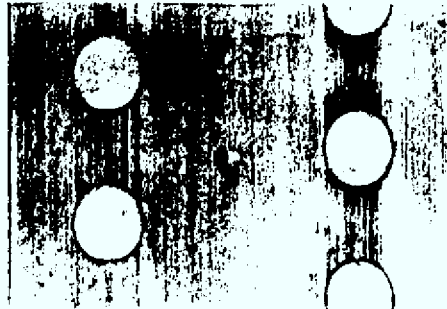
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BY MR. ROGERS:

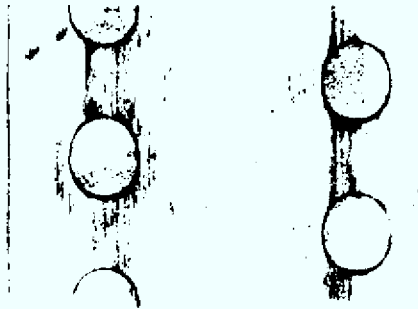
Further from police sources, Mr. Chairman, we have obtained a copy of "The Secret Kloran of the Original Ku Klux Klan," which sets forth the Klan Creed, the Order of Business in the Klavern, the definitions of the names given to the various Klan Officers, and the full text of the Secret Oath taken by Klan members. This Kloran is the one used by the Ouachita Parish Group, which is named "The Original Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.," and we are led to believe that the Oath which is set forth in this particular Kloran is practically the same as the Oath used by other Klan Organizations. We have been unable to obtain a full text of the Oath actually used by the other Klan groups; however, this one that we have obtained, is evidently the same or practically the same as the Oath used by

Exhibit 20. Pages 8 and 9 of Exhibit No. 16.

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The Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc. is a white supremacist organization and has been and always shall be opposed to the interests of the Negro race. The Original Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc. was organized in 1915 at Stone Mountain, Georgia, and has since that time continued to operate in the spirit of the kind manner as they find it with the overtones are at our disposal.

No Zionist Jew may ever obtain membership in the Original Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc. nor shall any Jew be permitted to operate in any capacity whatsoever in the Klan. This is the intention of the Klan and the Klan will never be merged with the Zionist Jews and their organization.

AN  
Introduction  
to  
The  
Original  
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of  
America  
Inc.

The Ku Klux Klan should not be regarded as a race against the Negro race. It is a race against the Jew. It is a race against the Jew who has been and always shall be opposed to the interests of the white race. It is a race against the Jew who has been and always shall be opposed to the interests of the white race. It is a race against the Jew who has been and always shall be opposed to the interests of the white race.

Address: P. O. Box 1000  
The Original Ku Klux Klan  
P. O. Box 1000  
Montgomery, Alabama

Exhibit 21. Policy statement of the Original Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

**INTRODUCTION**

After silence had fallen over the bloody battlefields of the great Civil War, came an era in American history so black with human misery and despair that even the passing of a century has been unable to erase this turning back the clock of human progress a thousand years or more. From this era rose the Order of the Ku Klux Klan to provide the leadership of the Southern people and enable them to regain their rightful places in life.

The Ku Klux Klan was founded in December, 1865, at Pulaski, Tennessee by a group of Southerners, including the Civil War hero, Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest. Gen. Forrest was elected Grand Wizard and as every honest historian knows, the Ku Klux Klan spread through out the South and returned order and rightful government to their States. After eleven years the Ku Klux Klan had accomplished its task and in 1877 the Inevitable Empire was dissolved by proclamation, but with the condition that if ever needed, this Great and Noble Order could be brought to life once again to engage any and all enemies of the South or this Great Nation.

In 1915, the Original Ku Klux Klan was reconstituted in Stone Mountain when Colonel William J. Simmons was presented with the secrets of the 1865 Klan. The Order grew to a membership of over 5 Million and it grew to be a powerful political force in many States. Later the Order was disbanded by proclamation and the Klan secrets given to Rev. R. E. Davis.

Rev. Davis later reactivated the Order and was elected Imperial Wizard in Montgomery, Alabama. Through Rev. Davis no longer presides over the Original Ku Klux Klan, this Order has the leadership to again grow to the honor of our nation. The Spirit of the Klan still lives and should be a precious heritage to be sorely treasured by those who love their country, regardless of section, and are proud of its sacred traditions.

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORIGINAL KU KLUX KLAN**

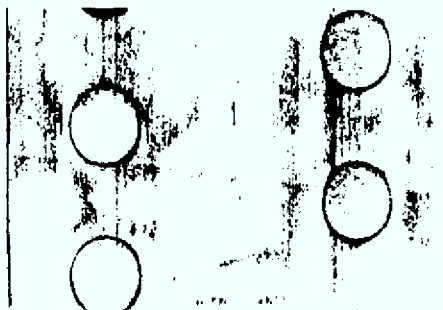
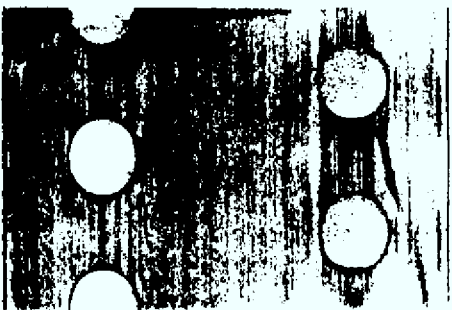
This Order is composed of chosen men and is founded upon dependable character. NO MAN is accepted for membership in this Order who:

- HASN'T enough courage and manhood to assume an Oath with a serious purpose and the ability and character to keep the same inviolate.
- ← DOES NOT esteem the Government of these United States of America above any other government, civil, political or ecclesiastical in the whole world.
- ← WILL NOT swear an unqualified allegiance to the Government of the United States, its Flag and its Constitution.

IS NOT a native born, white Christian American citizen of eighteen years and upwards. OWNS ANY allegiance of any degree or nature to any foreign government, nation, political institution, sect, or people.

At various times in the past, individuals have committed acts of violence wearing mask and robes resembling the official regalia of the Original Ku Klux Klan and have been classified as Klansmen of this Order. Do not be misled. The Original Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc. is strictly a law abiding organization with each and every member sworn to uphold the law at all times, and to assist, when necessary, the law enforcement officer in performing their legally constituted duties. ANY member violating this oath will be banished from the Order.

Exhibit 22. Pages 2 of Exhibit No. 21.



NATIONAL OFFICE P. O. Box 316  
Monroe, Louisiana

To - The Original Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

Inasmuch as The Original Ku Klux Klan, Inc. operates entirely from dues of its members and contributions of individuals who are concerned for the future of our great nation and receive none of the innumerable grants from the liberal foundations as does the NAACP, CORE, COFO, and others, I wish to do my part toward this great work and hereby contribute \$

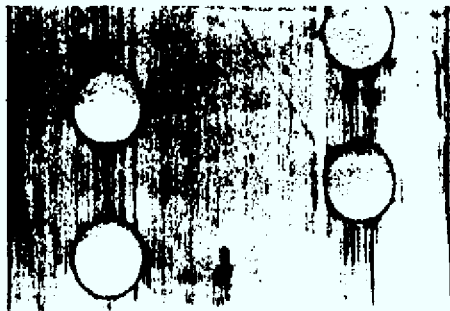
I also wish to be considered for membership in THE ORIGINAL KU KLUX KLAN OF AMERICA, INC. Yes  No

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit 23. Membership application attached to Exhibit No. 21.

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all of the groups. As I stated to the Committee previously, this particular group from which this came is the smallest Klan Organization in the State, and it is possible that their security measures are less efficient than those of the other groups. This may be why we are able to obtain through police sources, the full text of this Oath. Mr. Chairman, we offer into the record the material which I have just discussed with the Committee.

BY SEN. KNOWLES:

Let it be accepted.

BY MR. ROGERS:

A prime purpose for offering this Oath is, that within the mandate of this Committee from the Legislature, the question of loyalty of citizens to the State of Louisiana, and to the United States of America, inevitably becomes a part of our investigation. The Oath of Allegiance which is shown in this particular secret book, makes quite a point of having the person who takes the Oath swear allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and I will quote from page 62 here: "I most solemnly assert and affirm that to the Government of the United States of America, and any State thereof of which I may become a member, I sacredly vow an unqualified allegiance above any other and every kind of Government in the whole world. I here now pledge my life, my property, my vote, and my sacred honor to uphold its flag, its Constitution, and constitutional laws; and will protect, defend and enforce same unto death." It's interesting to note that in the excerpts in the Oath used by the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, given to us by Murray Martin, and also in those excerpts given us by Mr. J. M. Edwards, they both quote this particular section of the Oath from their organizations.

Now, in the course of our investigation of the Klan, Mr. Chairman, we came across several interesting facts concerning two other organizations which are not connected with the Klan, but which are carrying on certain clandestine and secretive operations in the State of Louisiana at this time. The first and most important of these organizations is one called "The Robert E. Lee Patriots." This organization is centered in New Orleans and is headed by Alvin Cobb. I have been able to interview Mr. Cobb and take from him a sworn Staff Consultation, which I have on tape here and will be glad to play for the Committee at the conclusion of my testimony. I offer into the record at this time a written transcript of this sworn Staff Consultation which was taken on the 9th of May of this year.

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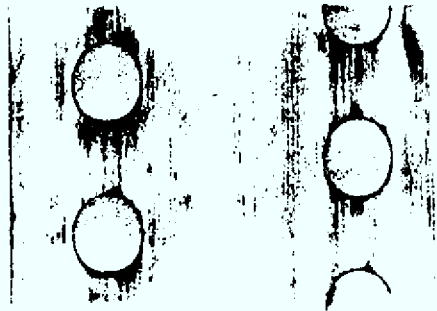
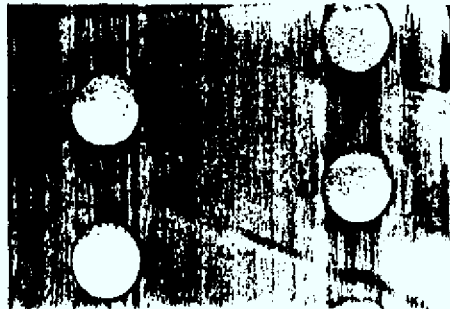




Exhibit 24. Cover of the secret "Kloran" used by the Original Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc. Very similar to "Klorans" used by all Klan organizations.



## THE ORIGINAL KU KLUX KLAN

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Opening Ceremony.
2. Reading of approved minutes or amendments.
3. Reading of unapproved minutes or amendments.
4. Applications for citizenship.
5. Recommendations for citizenship.
6. Ceremony of Naturalization.
7. Does any Klansman know of a Klansman or Klansman's family who is in need of financial or fraternal assistance?
8. Report of standing or special committees.
9. Bills and communications.
10. Unfinished business.
11. General business.
12. Announcements.
13. Election and installation of Officers.
14. For the encouragement and edification of the Klan.
15. Payment of Klan dues or other indebtedness to the Klan.
16. Klansman's statement of receipts and disbursements and their balances.
17. Reading and approving of minutes.
18. Closing ceremony.

### The Ku Klux Creed

WE, the Order of the Original Ku Klux Klan, reverently acknowledge the sovereignty and supremacy of the Divine Being, and recognize the goodness and prevalence of His name.

WE recognize our relation to the government of the United States of America, the supremacy of its Constitution, the Union of States thereunder, and the Constitutional Laws thereof, and we shall be ever devoted to the sublime principles of a pure Americanism and valiant in the defense of its ideals and institutions.

WE know the distinction between the rocks of mankind, as some has been decreed by the Creator, and we shall never be true in the faithful maintenance of White Supremacy and will strenuously oppose any compromise thereof in any and all things.

WE appreciate the intrinsic value of a real practical fraternal relationship among men of kindred thought, purpose and ideals and the infinite benefits obtainable therefrom, and we shall faithfully devote ourselves to the practice of an honorable Clamishness that the life and living of each may be a constant blessing to others.

"NON SILBA SED ANTHAR"  
--Original Creed Revised.

Exhibit 25. Statement of policy and order-of-business contained in Exhibit No. 24.





KLEAGLE--Title of an organizer for the Order.

GIANT--A title from the original Ku Klux Klan. A Klan Giant is a Post Exalted Cyclops; A Great Giant is a Post Great Titan; A Grand Giant is a Post Grand Dragon; an Imperial Giant is a Post Imperial Wizard.

NIGHT-HAWK--A title from the original Ku Klux Klan. He is the custodian of the Fiery Cross, which he carries in all ceremonies and klavalkades. He entertains waiting aliens just prior to their naturalization.

**OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

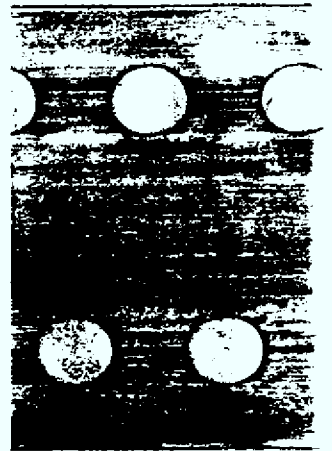
**SECTION I - OBEDIENCE**

(You will say I, pronounce your full name, and repeat after me.)  
In the presence of God and man--most solemnly pledge, promise and swear--unconditionally--that I will faithfully obey--the Konstitution and Laws and willingly conform to--all regulations--which do now exist--or which may be hereafter enacted--and will render at all times--loyal respect and steadfast support--to the Authority of same, and will heartily heed--all official mandates--decrees--edicts--rulings and instructions--of the Grand Dragon thereof. I will yield prompt response--to all summonses--I having knowledge of same--  
**PROVIDENCE ALONE PREVENTING**--I swear that I will--cast my vote--in any election--in accordance--with the "Klan rules and regulations.

**SECTION II - SECRECY**

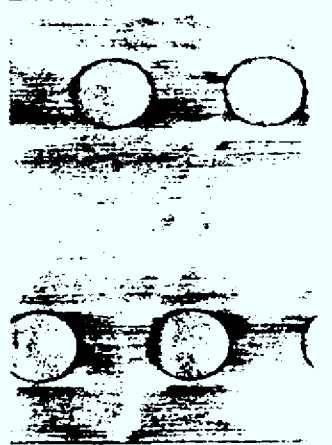
I most solemnly swear--that I will forever--keep sacredly secret--the signs, words, and grip--and any and all other--matters and knowledge--of the \*\*\*\*, regarding which--a most rigid secrecy--must be maintained--which may at any time--be communicated to me--and will never divulge same--nor even cause the same to be divulged--to any person in the whole world--unless I know positively that such person--is a member of this Order

Exhibit 28. Pages from Exhibit No. 24 containing explanations and start of Oath of Allegiance, partially identical with Oath used by all Klan organizations.



--and not even then--unless it be for the best interest--of this Order.  
I most solemnly vow--and most positively swear--that I will never yield to bribe--flattery--threats--passion--punishment--persecution--persuasion--nor any enticements--whatever--coming from or offered by--any person or persons--male or female--for the purpose of--obtaining from me--a secret or secret information--of the \*\*\*\*. I will die rather than divulge same--so help me God  
**AMEN!**  
**OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**  
**SECTION III - FIDELITY**  
(You will say I, pronounce your name in full, and repeat after me.)  
Before God--and in the presence of--these my serious "men"--on my sacred honor--do most solemnly pledge--promise and swear--that I will diligently guard--and faithfully foster--every interest of the \*\*\*\*, and will maintain it's social cast--and dignity.  
I swear that I will never recommend--any person for membership--in this Order--whose mind is unsound--or whose reputation I know to be bad--or whose character is doubtful--or whose loyalty to our country--is in any way questionable. I swear that I will pay promptly--all just and legal demands--made upon me--to defray the expenses--of my " " and this Order--when same are due or called for. I swear that I will protect the property--of the \*\*\*\*--and if any should be entrusted to my keeping--I will properly keep--or rightly use same--and will freely and promptly surrender same--on official demand--or if ever I am " "ish-ed from--or voluntarily discontinue--my membership in this Order.  
I swear that I will determine--to maintain peace and harmony--in all the deliberations--of the gatherings or assemblies--of the E. I. " " and of any subordinate jurisdiction--thereof.  
I swear that I will most strenuously--discourage selfishness--and political ambition on the part of myself--or any "man. I swear that I will never allow--any personal friendship--blood or family relationship--nor personal--political--or professional prejudice--malice or ill will--to influence me--in casting my vote--for the election or reelection--of any applicant--for membership in this Order. God being my helper.  
**AMEN!**  
**SECTION IV - - - ISHNESS**  
(You will say I, pronounce your full name, and repeat after me.)  
Most solemnly pledge, promise and swear--that I will never stand--defraud--deceive--or in any

Exhibit 29. Pages from Exhibit No. 24 showing further terms of the Oath.





BY SEN. KNOWLES:

Let it be accepted into the record.

BY MR. ROGERS:

The transcript to which I have referred will be inserted in the record at this point.

manner wrong--the \*\*\*\*--a \*man--nor a \*man's family--nor will I suffer the same to be done--if I can prevent it. I swear that I will be faithful in defending and protecting--the home--reputation--and physical and business--of a \*man--and that of a \*man's family. I swear that I will--at any time--without hesitating--go to the assistance of a \*man--a \*man's family--in any way--at his call I will answer--I will be truly \*ish toward a \*man in all things honorable.

I swear that I will never allow--any animosity--friction nor ill will--to arise and remain--between myself--and a \*man--but will be constant--in my efforts--to promote real \*ishness among the members--of this Order. I swear that I will keep secure to myself--a secret of a \*man--when same has been committed to me--in the sacred bond of \*manship. The crime of violating this solemn oath--treason against the United States of America--rape--and malicious murder--alone excepted.

I most solemnly assert and affirm--that to the government of the United States of America--and any state thereof--of which I may become a member--I sacredly vow an unqualified allegiance--above any other--and every kind of government--in the whole world. I here and now--pledge my

life--my property--my vote--and my sacred honor--to uphold it's flag--it's constitution--and constitutional laws--and will protect--defend--and enforce same unto death.

I will always, at any and all times--and in all places--help, aid and assist the duly constituted officers of the law--in the proper performance of their legal duties.

I swear that I will most zealously--shield and preserve--by any and all--justifiable means and methods--the sacred constitutional rights--and privileges of free speech--free press--separation of church and state--free segregated public schools--white SUPREMACY--just laws--against any encroachment--of any nature--by any person or persons--political party or parties--religious sect or people--native--naturalized or foreign--of any race--color, creed--lineage or tongue whatsoever.

All to which I have sworn by THIS OATH--I will seal with my blood--be thou my witness Almighty God.

AMEN!

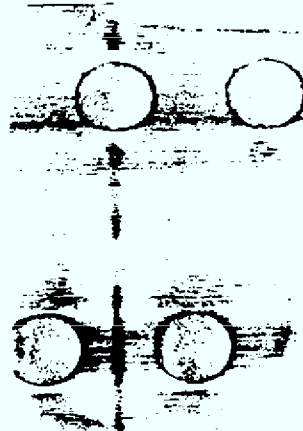
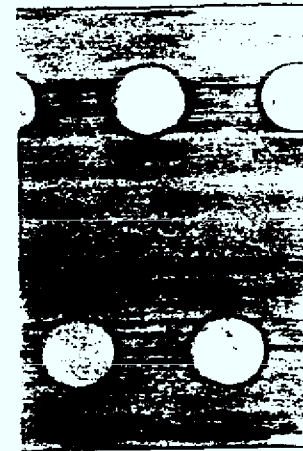


Exhibit 30. Pages from Exhibit No. 24 showing balance and end of the Oath.



TRANSCRIPT OF THE STAFF CONSULTATION HELD ON  
THE 9TH DAY OF MAY, 1965, AT BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.  
JACK N. ROGERS, ESQ., PRESIDING.

THE WITNESS, MR. ALVIN COBB, AFTER FIRST HAVING  
BEEN DULY SWORN TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE  
TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP HIM GOD,  
TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

BY MR. COBB: (READING THE QUESTIONS TO HIMSELF.)

Q—The No. 1 question is name, where do you live, where and  
when were you born, what do you do for a living?

A—My name is Alvin A. Cobb, I live at 4115 Carondelet Street,  
New Orleans, Louisiana. I was born and reared at New Orleans  
where my parents are living. I handle researches, abstracts, and land  
recovery. I am also president of the Southern Land Recovery Corpora-  
tion.

Q—Number 2 question: What is the correct name of the Klan  
organization you represent?

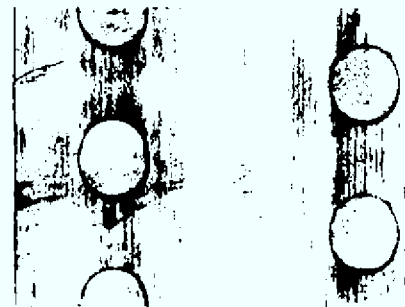
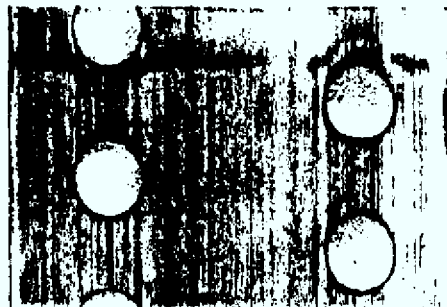
A—I never did say that I represented any Klan organization, so  
therefore I am not subject to give any name to something that I pos-  
sibly have no connection with.

Q—Question No. 3: What is the title of your Klan office, and  
what leadership does that title mean?

A—It doesn't mean anything to me, whatsoever.

Q—Question No. 4: Is your Klan organization connected with  
any other organization?

A—I am at the head of an organization, I don't claim it to be  
a Klan organization, or any other organization—not that I would  
be ashamed of it. The reason of the fact that the Federal Government  
is promoting the Communist Martin Luther King, who is proceeding  
with his "black anarchy," which is destroying the country, and which  
in reality constitutes beyond a reasonable doubt the "divide and  
conquer plan." As Mr. Khrushchev said, he would be able to take the  
country without firing a shot. A part of that question is: If so, which  
one and how is it connected? Well, I claim no connection.



Q—Question No. 5: Who is the national head of your Klan organization?

A—When I belong to an organization, whatever it might be, or whatever its motive of organization, or whatever its objectives are, I don't necessarily look to a national leader, I am more or less anti-Communist, which seems to be in these days and times, considered subversive by the Federal Government which promotes Communist organizations.

Q—Question No. 6: Who is the head of your organization in Louisiana?

A—The head of my organization which has no connection, whatsoever, with any other organization is the "Robert E. Lee Patriots," that is my organization in Louisiana, and I am the head of it.

BY MR. ROGERS:

Q—That is the name of the group, the Robert E. Lee Patriots?

A—Yes, sir.

BY MR. COBB:

Q—Question No. 7: How and by whom are the objectives of your organization determined?

A—The objectives of my organization are determined by all Christian citizens who are determined to be extreme and so-called extremists in their desire to stop this country from being completely taken over by the Communists, and are willing to die for what we believe in. We are strictly opposed to Communists, including the Americans For Democratic Action to which the Vice-President of the United States has been affiliated, Martin Luther King, who is now the President of the United States assisted by Lyndon Johnson, and who has the power and authority to call out the Army whenever he sees fit, and to do whatever he thinks proper in order to make the black savage race the supreme race of America, and destroy the white race.

Q—Question No. 8: Is your organization in any way connected with the Communist Party, any other foreign party, agency or government?

A—I would like to ask that question of the President of the United States, the Vice-President of the United States, the members

of the United States Supreme Court, and a whole lot of other people including southern scalawags, and Judas goats who are selling the country out to the Communists. This country is guilty of treason, the rulers, the tyrants who run the country are guilty of treason, because treason is defined in Webster's Dictionary as, "aiding, abetting, and giving comfort to the enemy." The President of the United States allows the shipment of wheat during times when the Communist party was ready to disintegrate, that is the foreign Communist Party, because their social-system was breaking down, want of food, that they sold the food to them. This country is furnishing materials of war, which according to Webster's Dictionary is treason beyond a reasonable doubt; and I personally believe that I were in a position to take the President of the United States and the Vice-President of the United States, and their constituent the Negro Communist, Martin Luther King, and the members of the United States Supreme Court and put them on the stand, beyond reasonable doubt I could prove that they are guilty of treason; and they are guilty of aiding, abetting, giving comfort to the enemy which is Communism, and in reality, if they are not members of the Communist party, they are Communist helpers, and they are not fit to be Americans.

Q—Question No. 9: Is any pledge of allegiance required of the members of your organization, and if so, does it in any way infringe upon or negate complete loyalty to the Constitution of the United States?

A—The members of my organization are sworn to uphold the Constitution of the United States as it was originally written, to do all they can within their power to return the government to the people and not further the interest of the politician because the people are the ones who form the government, and the Government of the United States did not create the people. They are pledged to do all they can to re-establish and to give re-birth to this Nation so it can once again be a government of, for, and by the people.

Q—Question No. 10: What is the policy of your organization as to law violations?

A—We believe in upholding the laws of the land, the law as it concerns the Bill of Rights, and the rights of every American citizen to vote, the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We will never believe in the destruction of the Constitution especially as it concerns the "Black Friday" which was brought about by the United States Supreme Court where the Constitution was practically

destroyed and our school system, for one thing, was turned over to the Federal Government, when according to the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and every law the land, the Federal Government has no right or authority to operate the school systems of the United States. Insofar as that is concerned, they have no right or authority to take over free enterprise and destroy States Rights. Now, we are not violent, yet we resent the violence of the "black anarchy"; we do not anticipate doing any sneaky business, or anything for which any other organization might be accused. The fact that certain men who resisted certain organizations which were going to destroy, and had continued to destroy the South during the carpetbagger days, because some men resorted to violence doesn't make us any more guilty today than the Roman Catholic should be held guilty as regards the Spanish Inquisition, or the Martin Luther Reformation Period, or that Mr. Lyndon Johnson should be held guilty because of the actions of Mr. Jenkins, and some of his constituents. Surely I would not give you the President of the United States as being a homosexual, despite the fact that he was so closely associated with a man who had in his hand the most secret, and the most precious secrets of the United States of America, who turned out to be a homosexual, and who was a very close friend of the President of the United States. I would not accuse the President of the United States as being a homosexual, so therefore there is no reason for all of these false accusations about violence. And another thing, if in the event the Federal Bureau of Investigation would be properly used to investigate the Communists who are taking over this country, and they have done a good job so far; if they were used to fight the Communists instead of rendering service to the Communist Negro organizer, Martin Luther King, and if the President of the United States would come out and make speeches against Communism instead of lending support, and giving the full support of our Armed Forces for immoral walks, and trips, and sit-ins, and sit-downs; if the President of the United States would break up all of this Communist operation of Mr. Martin Luther King instead of worrying about anti-Communist organizations, he might be contributing something to good Americanism. It is a crime and a shame that the Federal Government has become servants to the "black anarchy" that now rules the land, and which is also backed up by the Zionist Jews, both national and international, headed by such people as Dombrowski, or whatever his name might be, and Javits, and the defamed defamation society that is out to destroy the purity of the white race, and to create the same as the United Nations intends to do, a one-world government, with a one-world Armed Forces, a one-world religion, and a one-world race of mongrels. We don't intend to take it! Now, this asks

Q—Question #11: What are the qualifications for members in your organization?

A—The qualifications for membership in my organization are

about "law violations." Violations or no violations, when they arrive to defend ourselves against this Communist invasion, they will then be that we will not accept any law to accept Communism because we would rather be "dead" than "red," and at that time we are ready to do what has to be done, the same as George Washington did when the white Christians walked barefooted to oppose the British and were successful in the birth of this country. The same as we did on Lake Erie, and MacArthur did at Pearl Harbor. We are going to have the purity of the white race destroyed, we are going to be forced by force to become a mongrel race, and we are going to accept the doctrine of Communism which began with President Roosevelt and his Communist operations including the Yalta deal, when he put the Communists in business. President Roosevelt called it "The New Deal." Then along came another disciple, followed him, the President of the United States, John F. Kennedy who called it "The New Frontier." Mr. Kennedy was a Fabian Socialist, and the lines of demarcation between Socialism and Communism are so insignificant that it is pitiful. There is no difference in my book, both of them are un-Americanism, both are destructive and both constitute the cancer that is eating away this Nation now, all of which is led by the black hordes of anarchy. We don't intend to be forced to be mongrels or Communists, that's my answer to that question, and we don't intend to be subservient to the United Nations, we believe the American flag should once again fly in dignity and respect to the whole world and not be low-rated such it is throughout the world, where every country we have beaten hates us, where our embassies are being bombed, and where all over the world they are saying, "Go home Yank, go home." The Federal Government should first clean house. Charity begins at home, and we should fight Communism abroad, while the Federal Government itself is contributing to Communism right here in the United States. If it were in my power to have the money to put Mr. Lyndon Johnson and Horatio Humphrey and some of the others who claim to be good Americans, but who in reality are actually practicing the adoption of Communism, to put them on the witness stand. We don't intend to be forced into this issue, and as far as law violations are concerned, Almighty God made us free men, the white people who built this country, those that suffered, persevered, and gave their blood to build this country, and some of those white people were ancestors of mine.

(1) that the applicant must be a white Christian. (2) He must be a good American, a patriot to America, and a loyal Southerner. We are loyal to the South because it is our native land, and if we were not loyal to our native land, surely we could not be loyal to our country in which our native land is only a part; and its not a question of whether we believe more in the South than the Country, but the fact remains that its not because we love our Country less, but because we love the white Christian race in the South more. Other than that a man must have a good reputation, he must be responsible, and he must be worthy of carrying out his pledge insofar as resisting Communism which includes to the greater part the Communism which exists in this country.

BY MR. ROGERS:

Q—Are there any other qualifications, other than the ones you mentioned? How about Religion, does that play any part in qualifications?

BY MR. COBB:

A—A man, to belong to my organization, cannot serve God and Mammon. The only reason why he cannot be a Roman Catholic is the fact that the Roman Catholic Church made a deal of peaceful co-existence, the same as the Federal Government, with the Communist Party. We don't deal with Communists. He cannot be a Roman Catholic for the reason that the Roman Catholics are promoting inter-marriage between whites and Negroes. We believe in the purity of the white race.

Q—Question #12: Approximately how many members do you have in the State of Louisiana?

A—How many members we have in the State of Louisiana can thus be answered: We don't give out that information to begin with, but we have enough members of the State of Louisiana to save the State of Louisiana from Communism, because we have branches of the Robert E. Lee Patriots, and we are willing and ready to defend the State of Louisiana, and might have even enough membership to help defend some other States where the people have been living in apathy like the cancer of Communism has taken over. I fear greatly the possibility in the near future of a complete take-over by the Communist Party if, and when, the Federal Government takes over the Medicare and the Federal Government takes over our voting system, and the Federal Government has taken over our schools

already, and everything else. When they take over our spirit we don't want to be in a position of being forced to write letters to Washington, to the people there. Instead of putting Washington, D. C., we will have to put Washington, District of Communism, or District of the Congo, and we are not going to take it and we will give our blood to stop it, and we have got enough men to do it, and we are willing and ready. We are not taking any more of this monkey business about Martin Luther King. He might rule the Federal Government, but we are the Government of the United States, we the people, and we are not going to tolerate any more of this business. And we are sick of the rising crime-rate like the City of New Orleans, 42% raise in crime-rate in one year, and 99% of the crime—I have the records to prove it—are committed by Negroes, armed robbery, murder, rape, dope, and everything else; we are not going to accept it. And, that means this whole business from Washington clean on down. Now, they have infiltrated the colleges, etc., where the fertilizer for this Communism is being used, and the fertilizer is homosexuality. Homosexuality breeds race-mixing, and when they get so low as to do things like that, they become automatically members to the Communist Party, because if they are not loyal to their pride, their respect, and their honor, and they don't have any; when they don't believe in those things, surely they don't believe in anything when they are under the influence of dope or in a homosexual passion where they are ready to sell their country out like Mr. Johnson's friend, Mr. Jenkins. That's my answer to that.

Q—Question #13: What are the objectives of your organization?

A—The objectives of my organization are to do those things which will once again bring back America the way America was. You know this "New Deal" business by Franklin Roosevelt who started it, and then Kennedy with the "New Frontier," and now the President of the United States with "The Great Society." What great society? It appears to be a society of homosexuals, racketeers, socialists, and Communists. We don't want any great society, we are damn well satisfied with the "old time Americanism," that's the only society you want. Insofar as what we stand for, we stand for the preservation of the white Christian race, the purity of the white race, American freedom, civil-rights for white people, not Communists. I repeat, civil-rights for white people and the preservation and the purity of the white race, and freedom for the white Christian people of America. Unlike the Federal Government, we do not believe in helping the Communist Party, we believe in the destruction of Communism. Unlike the Federal Government, we think that our

armies should be used to preserve the Monroe Doctrine, to stop this fortress of the Soviet Union known as Cuba, as we should have stopped it. Unlike the Federal Government, we don't believe in fighting our own people.

Q—Question #14 is: By what means do you propose to realize these objectives?

A—It is my opinion that the greatest power on earth is the will of the people, and from time immemorial the white race has been supreme, so therefore the supremacy of the white race, and the mentality of it cannot be contested, and the will of the people of the white race is to dispense with Communism by doing such things as voting, to dispense with Communism by complaining to these Judas goats who have been elected and sent to Washington who have forgotten that they have ever been elected by the people of Louisiana, by resisting the Communist elements led by Martin Luther King, by giving our demonstrations, by giving our meetings, by doing such things as to stop being pushed around by Communists and black Negro hordes, and to do whatever else might be necessary to defend our lives and our property from those who seek to inject us with that Godless spirit of Communism. We are going to do our best to take care of our country. It is my opinion that it is only a question of time when certain elements running the Federal Government will do as they did before and invade us, as they invaded a little school in Arkansas; and as they invaded a whole Mississippi University; where they used the United States Army. It cost millions and millions of dollars for an immorality parade of Communists and anti-Americans at Selma, Alabama; and we are going to do everything we can do to resist that kind of thing. The white people should parade to show that we are getting dammed tired of having Communism injected into us, and having our children in schools and in colleges indoctrinated and regimented, both in the public schools, the parochial schools, and in the colleges. We are sick of it, and we are going to give our own demonstrations, and we are going to declare ourselves free men, and we do not fear anything. As a matter of fact, personally, I don't fear God, I love God, I respect Him, I worship God, but I have no fear of Him, and I have no fear of the Federal Bureau of Investigation which has done such acts as might cause their name to be changed to "Federal Bureau of Integration," rendering service to Martin Luther King when it should be fighting Communism. Now, further than that I will tell you this, we are going to continue on, we don't intend to be interfered with, and this is all a smoke-screen to try to destroy the Birch society, The Minute Men,

the Paul Revere Club, the Klan, the Robert E. Lee Patriots, and every organization that is fighting Communism which is now called subversive. Well, if they are subversive, then by the same means they are supporting a Communist, Martin Luther King, for the purpose of the "divide and conquer" plan so that Mr. Khrushchev can take over without firing a shot. It is ridiculous to assume that people fighting Communism and willing to die fighting Communism could be subversive; whereas, the heads of the Federal Government are only giving lip-service against Communism. They are feeding them, supporting them, sending them our tax-money, food and everything else. What I would like to know is, what side is the Federal Government on? Our objectives are all American, real Americans, we don't want any half-business. These moderates and left-wingers—that stuff to me should all be in jail because they are not real Americans. If it wasn't for the Government, the churches, and these Communistic labor-leaders promoting all of this Communism in this country, we wouldn't have any trouble, and I am more afraid of the Communism here in America than I am of them over in Russia. We can whip Russia, but we can't whip the people who are selling us out to the Soviet Union, that's my answer to that.

Q—Question #15: Will you furnish the committee with samples of the literature, printed materials used by your organization?

A—I will be very proud, and I will tell you that on most of our literature is these words: "My country tis of thee, once in lands of Liberty, but thee we fight, once again may our land be bright with freedom's holy light, protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King." Now, in conclusion I want to say this: This country is run by the "Establishment," the invisible government. Mr. Rockefeller proves that when he supports certain Democrats, and certain Democrats prove it when they support certain Republicans. There is an element in both of these crime-ridden parties, the Democrats and the Republicans that control the Party with their money, with their power, with Federal intimidation, persecution, etc., that is whipping America into line. They are owning and controlling the country. This country in my opinion is something like three hundred and forty billion dollars in debt. We are the only country in the world where the people, the citizens, cannot own gold coins, the only country in the world that had paper that was once good for gold, then it was good for silver, then it is not good for a damn thing, its only good to pay debts. I don't have a bank-account, but its just as good as me issuing a check without a bank-account, there isn't

a damn thing to back it up but a debt of three hundred and fifty billion dollars. I believe that any man who should give a check without having a bank-account would be no more guilty than the Federal Government dishing out a lot of paper that is not backed up by anything but the gold that is in other countries. This country has been shipping all of the paper over to these other countries, and these other countries have been taking all of our gold. I doubt very seriously whether there is any gold left in this country; there is supposed to be billions but I would have to see it to believe it.

BY MR. ROGERS:

Q—Mr. Cobb, there are one or two other things I want to ask you before we close. What is your title in the Robert E. Lee Patriots?

A—I am the head of the Robert E. Lee Patriots.

Q—Are you the President?

A—I am the President of the Robert E. Lee Patriots.

Q—Is that organization incorporated, or is it an unincorporated association?

A—Well, it was not incorporated, but it's in the process now with Mr. Wade Martin (Secretary of State) in Baton Rouge. I was President of the "Dixiecrats Democratic Association of Louisiana," so we changed it to the Robert E. Lee Patriots because we are ashamed to be Democrats when you have got such Democrats as Johnson, Humphrey, and the other scavengers running this country.

Q—How is your board of officers that decide your policy chosen? Are they elected from the membership, or how are they picked?

A—They are accepted by the people, if anybody doesn't like them they get up and say it. We have little elections, but we don't have any trouble. We are looking for leadership to lead us out of the valley of death which is the valley of Communism that we are in.

Q—Are they appointed by the leaders of the chapters?

A—No, sir, they are accepted by the group, and if anybody wants to oppose them, they do, but they are all good conscientious men who submit to leadership when in certain cases some people don't have the qualifications of bringing things about. One of our motives is to instruct the people of this city, this state, and country,

wherever we can, as to the fact that they are dying with a They have a "don't give a damn attitude." The government is to throw fear into the hearts of the people that if you fight N Luther King, or the Communists, or if you fight back at the Ne then the Federal Government is going to eat you alive, that yo going to be destroyed, persecuted, and everything else. Well, pe ally, they can do what the hell they want with me, and they drink my blood, but the people that belong to my outfit are myself, and don't give a continental damn. We stand for a prid and we will die for it.

WITNESS EXCUSED.

TESTIMONY OF JACK N. ROGERS, JUNE 16, 1965, (CONTINUED):

BY MR. ROGERS:

Mr. Chairman, the next group with which we have come in contact in our investigation is an organization known as "The Knights of the White Camelia." This group is specifically named on the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations. It is apparently dormant in Louisiana at this time. The Robert E. Lee Patriots are not connected with the Ku Klux Klan, they are not a part of it, whatsoever. They simply came to our attention on the basis of The Knights of the White Camelia. We have been informed by police sources that Alvin Cobb is the head, or leader, of The Knights of the White Camelia. As I have already testified, he is also the head of the Robert E. Lee Patriots, Inc. The Knights of the White Camelia are not holding meetings at this time, so far as we have been able to ascertain, and evidently all of their members have gone completely underground, and have at least temporarily disbanded the organization. We are told that these men intend to remain underground until some future situation should become so serious as to require their re-organizing and bringing their organization back to the surface again in an active form. Apparently it is completely dormant at this time. Now, originally, back in Reconstruction Days after the Civil War, The Knights of the White Camelia definitely were a part of the Ku Klux Klan.

The Knights of the White Camelia were originally organized in St. Mary Parish after the Civil War. They were limited in membership at that time to men who had been officers in the Confederate Army. The Organization was primarily political in function, but there were some instances of vigilante action directed against various white carpet-baggers and scalawags throughout this part of the State. In 1868 the membership requirements of The Knights of the White Camelia were revised to include any ex-regular Confederate soldiers. The old Klan was disbanded in 1869 by Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest, but The Knights of the White Camelia continued in existence to about 1872. The Knights of the White Camelia was well infiltrated through these years by the United States military authorities during the Military Occupation of Louisiana. Certain "Klansmen" were taken into The Knights of the White Camelia after the Klan was disbanded in 1869. At "The Battle of Canal Street" in New Orleans about 1872, there was an organization which took part called "The White Camelia Company." As you will remember this "Battle of Canal



Street" marked the end of carpetbagger rule, and the worst of the Reconstruction Period, in Louisiana. There was a large number of people killed in New Orleans at that time, it was an open-street battle with firearms, and very serious.

The Knights of the White Camelia originally died with the end of the Reconstruction Period. It did continue as a sentimental gesture handed down from father to son. The sons of the old Knights of the White Camelia members were invested with the secrets of The Knights of the White Camelia on their 21st birthday. During the reconstruction of the Klan in the 1915 era, about 1921, The Knights of the White Camelia was reconstituted, and when the second Klan died, The Knights of the White Camelia died with it. At this time The Knights of the White Camelia, so far as we are able to ascertain, is not connected at all with the third Klan, or the Klan which exists now. There is no national or even regional Klan now, of course, only the concept is national. The Knights of the White Camelia at this time, so far as we have been able to ascertain, is simply inoperative, and inactive.

Another thing that came to our attention, Mr. Chairman, during the course of this inquiry was, that there was no Klan activity at all, so far as we have been able to learn, in the Caddo Parish area of this State, this is in the Shreveport area west of Red River. The reason for this, according to the authorities in that area, and according to some Klan sources, too, is the fact that there have been some extremely strong public statements made by the law-enforcement officials of that Parish directing that the Klan stay out of the area and not carry on operations there. The Klan leaders state that they have confidence that they "are not needed" in the Caddo Parish area because of the extreme efficiency of the duly constituted police authorities in carrying out their proper function of law enforcement there.

I think that the transcripts of testimony of the Staff Consultations with the Klan leaders and the leader of the Robert E. Lee Patriots will set forth a rather significant difference of approach toward the problems of the United States, and we leave this to the readers of this report to ascertain.

As to the question of laws dealing with the Ku Klux Klan in Louisiana, there are two very significant legal points which must be considered when analyzing the regulation of the Klan, or the question of whether it should be regulated in Louisiana. The first one is that the Klan in Louisiana does not wear masks; they do in

other States, but not in Louisiana. The reason for this is the Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 14, Section 313, which is of No. 3 of 1924, prohibits the wearing of masks or hoods in places. I would like to quote from a significant part of the Statute, Mr. Chairman.

"No person shall use or wear in any public place of any character whatsoever, or in any open place in view thereof a hood or mask, or anything in the nature of either, or any facial disguise of any kind or description, calculated to conceal or hide the identity of the person, or to prevent him being readily recognized."

By further terms of the Statute this does not apply to Halloween masks, or to Mardi Gras maskers, these are specifically exempt. There is a further exemption for educational and religious activities. The penalty for violation of this Statute is not less than six months nor more than three years in jail, which makes it a rather serious crime.

The second legal point which must be considered in regard to the Ku Klux Klan in Louisiana is that in 1924, by Act No. 2 the Legislature passed a Statute, later embodied into our Louisiana Revised Statutes as Title 12, Section 401, which sought to regulate the Ku Klux Klan in Louisiana by requiring that all secret organizations in Louisiana submit to the Secretary of State annually a membership list, stating the names and addresses of all of the members. This particular statute most effectively repressed the Ku Klux Klan in Louisiana for some 37 years. In 1957 or 1958, the State of Louisiana applied this Statute to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Statute was challenged in the Federal Courts at that time. In the case of "State ex rel Gremlington v. NAACP," (reported at 65 Supreme Court Reporter 1373,) the United States Supreme Court on May 26, 1961, overthrew the Louisiana Statute, and declared that it was an unconstitutional violation of civil rights. This particular decision has made possible the resurgence of the Klan in the State of Louisiana. Not until this decision became effective, was the Klan able to reorganize and gain stature, position and strength within this State. It is ironic that the NAACP was the instrument by which the Ku Klux Klan in Louisiana was given green light to reorganize and come back to some substantial strength.

Without this particular Statute, at this time in Louisiana there appears to be no effective way to regulate or control the Ku Klux Klan or similar activities.

survey of the District Attorneys of the State has produced a completely negative report on the question of criminal acts being performed, instigated, aided, abetted, counseled or procured by any Klan organization in the last five years. There is evidence of a strong effort by practically all Klan leaders in Louisiana to negate violence and to promote political action as the basic policy of their organizations.

The Klan groups operating in Louisiana at this time have all developed since the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of "State ex rel Gremillion vs. NAACP" in 1961. The first modern Klan group chartered in Louisiana in 1959 did not prosper to any significant degree until after the 1961 decision. The legislation voided by that decision had successfully repressed the Klan for thirty-seven years in Louisiana. It appears to the Committee that since the 1961 decision, it has been, and is now, practically impossible to regulate the Klan in Louisiana by a constitutional statute. None of the Klan groups active in Louisiana today is the same as any of the four Klan groups placed on the Subversive List of the Attorney General of the United States in 1950, nor were any of these four Louisiana groups in existence at that time.

One week before this report was sent to the press, a large-circulation national magazine commented on the "secrecy" in "The Klan" on "even the smallest details about organization or recruiting." The Committee has found the Klan to be substantially less secret than many other organizations such as the Knights of Columbus or the Masonic Orders. The evidence obtained by our staff and reproduced in this report clearly shows the lack of secrecy and security in the Klan organizations.

Anti-Catholicism is evidently no longer a significant factor in the policies of the Louisiana Klan organizations. One of the four Louisiana Groups, the Old Original Ku Klux Klan, now accepts Catholics in its membership.

Why do Louisiana citizens join the Klan? What need in their lives does it fill? The answers to these questions are varied and numerous, but the basic answer is that modern society and government have not provided these citizens with adequate means of expressing their frustrations. The Klan does this to some degree. The prime factor in this problem appears to be frustration with the current national administration. Every speech by a national political figure demanding more federal control over the lives of the people, advocating appeasement of the Communists, urging some greater measure of

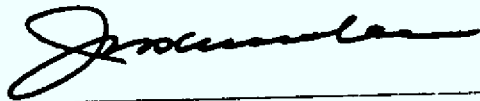
surrender of our national sovereignty, attacking the constitutional system of federalism or "States Rights", or denying the existence of Communist infiltration which is actually a matter of incontrovertible fact, is a recruiting speech for the Klan. The Courts of our nation help Klan recruiting significantly with each decision that through devious and sometimes ridiculous interpretation of the Constitution weakens or destroys the basic constitutional rights of the States supports the Communist Conspiracy against the legitimate interest of free society, frees obviously guilty or even self-confessed criminals on the vaguest of technicalities or even usurps openly the law-making function of the people constitutionally carried on through the Congress and the Legislatures. Each manifestation of forced race-mixing, through executive order, Court judgment or the bald-faced dictat of some Federal agency, is a help to the Klan recruiting program. The frustration of citizens concerning these things, and the growing fear that the basis for such things is pure political expediency rather than a sincere interest in the welfare of the nation under the Constitution, is the reason that many Louisiana citizens have joined the Klan. They are unable to individually do anything about such problems, and the Klan apparently offers a means of collective action.

The Klan ritual, secrecy, and stated policy, offers some measure of collective security to people who see the whole political, economic and social structure of this State under concerted and vigorous attack. Up to this time, the Klan in Louisiana has not been the vehicle for violence that it has been in various other States. The orientation of the Klan is currently shifting even further toward a political-action group in Louisiana and will probably continue to follow this trend. Much Klan activity seems to be based upon the member's liking for secrecy and intrigue along with a certain Halloween spirit that is common to most Americans.

The Committee does not seek to either justify or condemn the policy statements under which the Klan organizations purport to operate in Louisiana. They are contained in detail in this report and the reader may agree or disagree with them as he chooses. The Committee does take particular note of the existence of the non-Klan organizations mentioned in this report, particularly as to the different and much more militant policies of these groups. It is not the function of the Committee to criticize or praise the philosophy or orientation of any group or individual in regard to race relations, or any other subject outside the mandate of the Committee which deals with subversive activities. The Committee does state again, as in all its pa

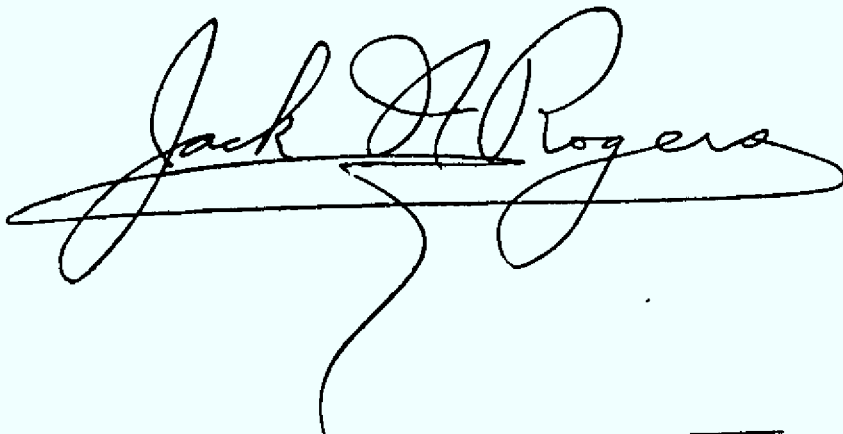
reports, that "rights" for individuals, or organizations, do not exist without equal "responsibilities." The mere hiding behind a facade of high-sounding principles does not relieve any individual or organization of his or its legal and moral responsibilities as a citizen of this State and Nation. This applies to all citizens and all organizations, whatever be their name or the color of their members.

Respectfully submitted,



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, New Orleans

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  - 90-day progress letter
  - Inquiry letterhead memo
  - 90-day progress letter
- 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically when report will be submitted
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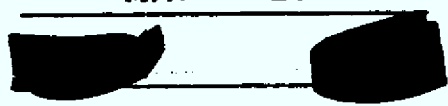
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FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (105-1057)

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Re New Orleans airtel to Bureau dated 7/26/65 and  
Bureau O-1 to New Orleans dated 11/5/65.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (157-

DATE: 12/1/65

FROM:

SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-4784) -C-

SUBJECT:

RM (KLAN)

OO: NO

Investigation of captioned individual, reportedly a member of State Line Unit of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK), was instituted in connection with case captioned

VICTIMS, CR, " NO 44-2594, Bufile 44-29287.

In view of the fact that there is no indication that is presently active in the Klan, engaged in any violent activities, or a leader of the Klan, this case is being closed.

The New Orleans Office will re-open this case if information is developed that falls within the criteria set forth in the Manual of Instructions for active investigation.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, (LOUISIANA), aka ORIGINAL KU KLUX KLAN, REALM OF LOUISIANA, CHRISTIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CRUSADERS ORIGINAL KU KLUX KLAN OF AMERICA, INC., ANTI-COMMUNIST CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION</b>		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ALL b7C</b> <b>RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)</b>	

NOTES:

REFERENCES:

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 8/7/65 at New Orleans. <sup>DEL 410</sup>

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/8/65, at New Orleans, captioned Anti-Communist Christian Association, aka Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. <sup>157-4517-1</sup>

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AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Will continue to follow and report the activities of the OKKKK here in the New Orleans Division.

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Each SEA will make this report available to agents assigned to individual Klaverns of the OKKK, and be responsible for causing those agents to furnish inserts on each Klavern for inclusion in next report on the OKKK to be submitted to New Orleans by January 18, 1968.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

This report does not contain investigative results concerning the OKKKK in Bogalusa and the Washington Parish area of Louisiana, inasmuch as referenced report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/8/65, furnishes information concerning those areas. Copies of this report are being furnished to the indicated offices for information purposes inasmuch as there is Klan activity in regions covered by those offices. Copies are being furnished to ONI, OSI, ICG, ATTU, and Secret Service in view of their interest in Klan activity.

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It is noted the investigative period of this report predates that of last referenced report inasmuch as information contained herein which was obtained prior to 7/20/65 was not presented in sufficient time to incorporate in referenced report.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED] b7c  
Date: 11/30/65

Office: NEW ORLEANS

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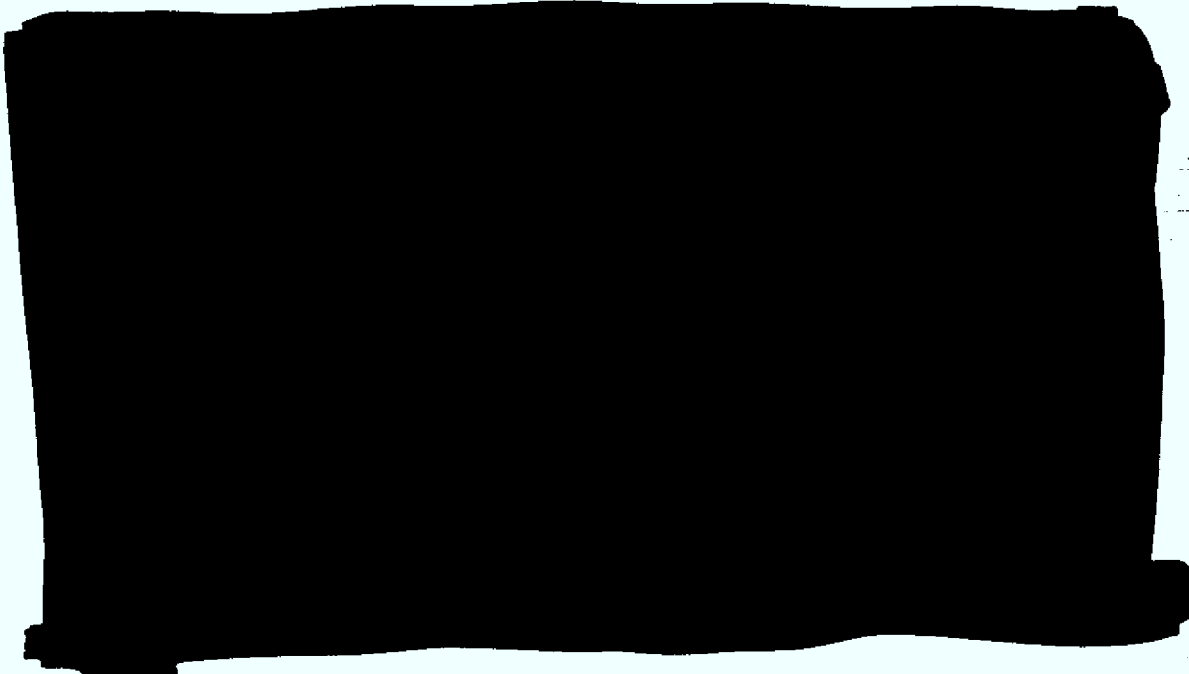
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DETAILS:

Characterizations of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, hereinafter referred to as the OKKKK; The United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, hereinafter referred to as the UKA; and the Original Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the OKA, mentioned in the details of this report, are set forth in the appendix section of this report.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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RM (KLAN)

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Investigation of captioned individual, reportedly a member of Pine Unit of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK), was instituted and investigated in connection with case captioned

[REDACTED] - VICTIMS, CR, " NO 44-2594, Bufile 44-29287.

In view of the fact that there is no indication that [REDACTED] is presently active in the Klan, engaged in any violent activities, or a leader of the Klan, this case is being closed.

The New Orleans Office will re-open this case if information is developed that [REDACTED] falls within the criteria set forth in the Manual of Instructions for active investigation.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/4/65

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-5030) -C-

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

RM (KLAN)

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Investigation of captioned individual, reportedly a member of the Varnado Unit of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK), was instituted and investigated in connection with case captioned

[REDACTED] VICTIMS, CR," NO 44-2594, Bufile 44-29287.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/3/65

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-4905) -C-

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
RM (KLAN)

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Investigation of captioned individual, reportedly a member of the Pine Unit of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK), was instituted and investigated in connection with case captioned

[REDACTED] VICTIMS, CR," NO 44-2594, Bufile 44-29287.

In view of the fact that there is no indication that [REDACTED] is presently active in the Klan, engaged in any violent activities, or a leader of the Klan, this case is being closed.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/3/65

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-4846) -C-

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] RM (KLAN)

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Investigation of captioned individual, reportedly a member of Pine Unit of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK), was instituted and investigated in connection with case captioned

[REDACTED] VICTIMS, CR," NO 44-2594, Bufile 44-29287.

In view of the fact that there is no indication that [REDACTED] is presently active in the Klan, engaged in any violent activities, or a leader of the Klan, this case is being closed.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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In view of the fact that there is no indication that [REDACTED] is presently active in the Klan, engaged in any violence or a leader of the Klan, this case is being closed.

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FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (105-1057) (P)  
SUBJECT: ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
REALM OF LOUISIANA  
RM (KLAN)  
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Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum regarding above captioned matter.

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AND HATE-TYPE ORGANIZATIONS  
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Re Bureau letter 11/4/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau for approval is original  
and one copy of a revised characterization captioned "ORIGINAL  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (LOUISIANA) (OKKKK)".

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