

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

# **VIOLA LIUZZO MURDER**

## **PART 11 OF 14**

**FILE NUMBER : 44-28601**

INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
This matter concerns retrial of  
Collie Leroy Wilkins, Jr., charged in  
State court with the murder of Mrs.  
Viola Liuzzo on the night of 3/25/65.  
Wilkins initially tried May, 1965, on  
this charge which resulted in a hung  
jury. The present trial began 10/18/65.  
This matter being closely followed &  
you will be kept advised of develop-  
ments. Attached reflects trial  
adjourned approximately 10 a.m.  
today to be continued 9 a.m., 10/20/65.  
Alabama Attorney General wants alleged  
prejudice of 11 jurors to be reviewed  
by State Supreme Court.

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11:28 AM CST URGENT 10/19/65 FBW

TO: DIRECTOR (44-28601) AND BIRMINGHAM (44-1236)

FROM: MOBILE (44-1245)

EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL; VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO; ET AL - VICTIMS.  
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS.  
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REMOTEL OCT. EIGHTEEN, LAST.

TRIAL OF KLANSMAN COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, JR. COMMENCED  
SECOND DAY AT NINE AM TODAY AT HAYNEVILLE, ALA., AND AT  
APPROXIMATELY  
APPROX. TEN AM, CASE WAS CONTINUED UNTIL NINE AM OCT. TWENTY,  
NEXT. ALABAMA ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHMOND FLOWERS PRESENTED  
MOTION TO LOWNDES COUNTY COURT THAT ELEVEN OF THE JURORS  
TESTIFIED YESTERDAY THAT THEY FELT CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS WHO  
ASSOCIATED CLOSELY WITH THE NEGROES IN LOWNDES COUNTY WERE  
INFERIOR, THEREFORE, ACCORDING TO ATTORNEY GENERAL FLOWERS,  
THESE JURORS WOULD BE PREJUDICED AND HURT THE STATE'S CASE.  
SAID THE STATE COULD PROVE MRS. VIOLA LIUZZO WAS A CIVIL  
RIGHTS WORKER. FLOWERS REQUESTED THE TWENTY-FOUR HOUR  
CONTINUANCE SO THE FACTS CONCERNING THESE ELEVEN JURORS COULD  
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BE REVIEWED BY THE ALABAMA STATE SUPREME COURT AND IT IS  
ANTICIPATED A RULING WILL BE RENDERED LATE THIS AFTERNOON.

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10/20/65  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This case concerns the retrial of Collie Leroy Wilkins, Jr., in State court charged with the murder of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo on the night of 3/25/65. Wilkins originally tried in May, 1965, on this charge which resulted in a hung jury. Present trial began 10/18/65. The "prosecution witness" mentioned herein is our informant. We previously received information he may be served with a subpoena or warrant arising from a lien against him for unpaid State sales taxes. We are closely following this matter and you will be kept advised of developments.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-28601)

FROM: MOBILE (44-1245) 2P

EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL. VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, ET AL - VICTIMS.  
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ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHMOND FLOWERS CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED HE STRONGLY FEELS A CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEM EXISTS WHICH WILL PREVENT THE STATE OF ALABAMA FROM OBTAINING A FAIR TRIAL. HE BASES THIS ARGUMENT UPON THE FACT THAT ELEVEN OF THE THIRTY VENIREMEN ANSWERED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE TO THE QUESTION OF DEFENSE COUNSEL AS TO WHETHER THEY FELT CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS WERE INFERIOR WHITES. HE POINTED OUT THAT UNDER ALABAMA LAW, ONLY THE DEFENSE AND NOT THE PROSECUTION CAN OBTAIN A CHANGE OF VENUE AND THAT A FAIR TRIAL CANNOT BE OBTAINED WITH THE PRESENT LIST OF PROSPECTIVE JURORS.

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BASED ON THIS ARGUMENT, HE REQUESTED THE ELEVEN JURORS BE STRUCK FROM THE PANEL AND WHEN THIS MOTION WAS OVERRULED BY JUDGE THAGGARD, HE OBTAINED A TWENTYFOUR HOUR RECESS TO APPEAL

MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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THIS RULING TO THE ALABAMA STATE SUPREME COURT BUT EXPECTS JUDGE THAGGARD'S RULING TO BE UPHELD, AT WHICH TIME HE WILL REQUEST REMOVAL OF MOTION TO FEDERAL COURT AS A CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEM, AND IF NECESSARY WILL APPEAL DIRECTLY FOR A RULING ON THE MOTION TO THE U. S. SUPREME COURT.

FLOWERS ADVISED HE CHECKED WITH STATE DEPT. OF REVENUE, MONTGOMERY, ALA., TODAY AND NO CIVIL ACTION INVOLVING PROSECUTION WITNESS FOR NONPAYMENT OF SALES TAXES OUTSTANDING.

[REDACTED], ADVISED THAT *bb* DURING FIRST TRIAL OF SUBJECT, CIVIL PAPER ORIGINATING IN BESSEMER, ALA., CHARGING PROSECUTION WITNESS WITH NONPAYMENT OF SALES TAXES WAS SENT TO HIS OFFICE BUT WAS NOT SERVED AND WAS RETURNED TO BESSEMER. HE STATES HIS OFFICE NOT NOW IN POSSESSION OF ANY SUCH CIVIL PAPERS.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

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CC-MR. ROSEN

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Date: 10/26/65

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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-28601)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-2236)

EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL  
VIOLA LIUZZO, aka; ET AL - VICTIMS  
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AUSA R. MACEY TAYLOR telephonically contacted ASAC on 10/25/65. At this time AUSA TAYLOR advised that the U. S. Attorney's Office in Birmingham was not at all pleased with the verdict which had been returned in this case in Lowndes County. AUSA TAYLOR stated he realized that there was still an indictment outstanding in Federal Court in this case which was scheduled for arraignment on 11/5/65 in Montgomery.

AUSA TAYLOR stated he had been in contact with a representative of the Justice Department and had presented his views regarding possible revocation of probation of COLLIE LEROY WILKINS. For the Bureau's information it should be noted that COLLIE LEROY WILKINS has been on probation since sometime in November, 1964, when he was convicted for violation of the National Firearms Act.

AUSA TAYLOR stated that in order to revoke the probation of COLLIE LEROY WILKINS a probation hearing would, by necessity, have to be held. AUSA TAYLOR pointed out that among the things that would have to be proved at this hearing would be the fact that COLLIE LEROY WILKINS did depart the State of Alabama or the areas of his supervision without permission from his Probation Officer. AUSA TAYLOR requested that any such information available in Birmingham files be furnished to the Probation Officer for assistance. The Birmingham Office can secure information as contained in various newspaper accounts which disclose that COLLIE LEROY WILKINS did appear in the various surrounding states.

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It is known that COLLIE LEROY WILKINS did not secure permission to attend all of these rallies, although permission has been granted for at least one rally out of state. In addition, the identification record of COLLIE LEROY WILKINS discloses various additional arrests since his being placed on probation. This information will be furnished by the Birmingham Office to the Probation Officer for his assistance in this matter.

AUSA TAYLOR also stated that he hoped to be able to use a transcript of the testimony of the LIUZZO case in connection with the revocation hearing for COLLIE LEROY WILKINS. AUSA TAYLOR stated the possibility existed that this transcript might not be accepted and, therefore, in order to revoke the probation of COLLIE LEROY WILKINS it might be necessary that the testimony of GARY THOMAS ROWE be offered in person at this hearing. It was pointed out to AUSA TAYLOR that unless absolutely mandatory the presence of ROWE in the city of Birmingham could create unusual security problems insofar as insuring the safety of the informant. AUSA TAYLOR stated he recognized this and preferred not having to use the informant if at all possible. He did, however, indicate he wanted to point this possibility out to the Bureau in the event the revocation hearing is scheduled in the near future.

AUSA TAYLOR stated that even though the Department might be willing to proceed on an immediate basis insofar as the probation hearing, he wished to point out the possibility that it could have some bearing on the scheduled arraignment in Montgomery. AUSA TAYLOR also stated that regardless of the Department's wishes the ultimate decision as to whether or not to proceed against COLLIE LEROY WILKINS rested with the Federal Judge. TAYLOR also stated the maximum sentence which could be hoped for was only 1 year and 1 day. He was of the opinion that it would be advantageous, if at all possible, to revoke the probation of COLLIE LEROY WILKINS and have him serve at least the 1 year and 1 day sentence. AUSA TAYLOR stated that his primary purpose in making the telephone call was to insure that the FBI knew of the plans and contemplated action that might be taken against COLLIE LEROY WILKINS.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: October 22, 1965

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Hines

SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL.  
VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA, ET AL - VICTIMS  
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

Tolson ☒  
Belmont ☒  
Mohr ☒  
DeLoach ☒  
Casper ☒  
Callahan ☒  
Conrad ☒  
Felt ☒  
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Rosen ☒  
Sullivan ☒  
Tavel ☒  
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Holmes ☒  
Gandy ☒

Inspector McGovern advised that the state and the defense have rested their cases in the trial of Collie Leroy Wilkins for the murder of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo. The closing arguments are being given to the jury and it is anticipated that the Judge will give the charge to the jury sometime today.

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## OBSERVATION

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
Re: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL.  
VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA, ET AL. - VICTIMS

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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FBI BIRMGHAM

2:47 PM CST URGENT 10-29-65 WKP

TO: DIRECTOR (44-28601)

FROM: BIRMINGHAM (44-1236) (P) 1P

EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL; VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA; ET AL - VICTIMS. OR; ET.

OO: MOBILE.

AT ONE TWENTYONE P.M., INSTANT, SA [REDACTED] RECEIVED  
TELCALL FROM MAN IDENTIFYING SELF AS [REDACTED] CANADIAN  
BROADCASTING COMPANY, TORONTO, CANADA, TELEPHONE NUMBER AREA CODE  
FOUR ONE SIX, NINE TWO FIVE - THREE THREE ONE ONE, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WHO ADVISED TV CREW HIS COMPANY WILL BE PRESENT  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, EIGHT FIFTEEN P.M., INSTANT, TO INTERVIEW  
PRINCIPALS OF LIUZZO TRIAL FOR CANADIAN TV SHOW. [REDACTED]  
SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED PRESENCE OF GARY THOMAS ROWE FOR INTERVIEW.

[REDACTED] WAS ADVISED PERSONNEL THIS OFFICE HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE  
ROWE'S CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OR AVAILABILITY FOR INTERVIEW [REDACTED]  
STATED HE MAY MAKE SIMILAR REQUEST OF FBI HEADQUARTERS OR USDOJ IN  
WASHINGTON, D.C. *bk*

DEPARTMENT OF  
JUSTICE

AIRMAIL COPIES FURNISHED MOBILE AND SAN FRANCISCO.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

10/29/65

Gary Thomas Rowe is our informant who testified in the recent trial in Hayneville, Alabama, of Collie Leroy Wilken in connection with the murder of Mrs. Liuzzo in Lowndes County, Alabama, on March 25, 1965. We will not under any circumstances make Rowe available for interview by any news media. The Department is being advised of the request made by the Canadian Broadcasting Company.

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Right.  
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4-40 PM CST URGENT 11-5-65 JEB

TO DIRECTOR (44-28601)

FROM MOBILE (44-1245) 1P

EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL. VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, AKA.; ET AL - VICTIMS.

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CONTACT WITH CLERK, CIRCUIT COURT, HAYNEVILLE, TODAY DEVELOPED THAT EVIDENCE INTRODUCED AT TRIAL OF COLLIE LEROY WILKINS IS PRESENTLY IN CUSTODY OF COURT REPORTER CHARLES HIGGINS, GREENVILLE, ALA. HIGGINS IS PRESENTLY IN STATE OF TEXAS AND NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN UNTIL NOVEMBER EIGHT, NEXT.

MOBILE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO CONTACT COURT REPORTER, OBTAIN EVIDENCE AND DELIVER SAME TO USM, MONTGOMERY, WHEN REPORTER RETURNS TO GREENVILLE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: October 20, 1965

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL;  
VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA, ET AL - VICTIMS  
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

1 - Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Callahan  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
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Inspector McGovern telephonically advised the Bureau today that the trial of Collie Leroy Wilkins for the murder of Mrs. Liuzzo had begun today in Hayneville, Alabama. Testimony is being taken from witnesses at this time.

The prosecutor for the State has requested that Marion Williams who conducted examination for the FBI Laboratory for this case and Maurice Row of the Administrative Division who can testify as to the payments made to the informant (Gary Rowe) be available at the court house at Hayneville, Alabama, the first thing in the morning, Thursday, October 21, 1965. The trial is scheduled to begin at 9 a. m. Central Standard Time and the prosecutor desires to confer with these men prior to that time.

ACTION:

The FBI Laboratory and the Administrative Division have been advised of the above information. Arrangements are being made for Messrs. Williams and Row to proceed to Hayneville, Alabama.

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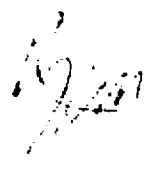
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NOVEMBER 1965  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This matter relates to the shooting of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo in Lowndes County, Alabama, on 3/25/65. One subject Collier Leroy Wilkins was tried by the State of Alabama on charges of murder the week of 10/25/65 and was acquitted. At Department's request we furnished to the state the results of our investigation and evidence obtained for their use in the Wilkins trial. The evidence will be picked up from the state as requested by Mr. Turner today. Subjects Eugene Thomas, William Orville Eaton and Wilkins are under Federal indictment charged with violation of the Civil Rights - Conspiracy Statute (T. 18, Sec. 241, USC) and were arraigned this date on the Federal indictment and as indicated in attached teletype they entered pleas of not guilty.

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TELETYPE

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1:01 PM CST URGENT

11/5/65

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-28601)

FROM: MOBILE (44-1245)

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EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL. VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO AKA; ET AL - VICTIMS.  
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS  
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ON THIS DATE DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY JAMES TURNER ADVISED ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN DOAR INSTRUCTED HIM TO REQUEST FBI TO PICK UP THAT EVIDENCE WHICH STATE OF ALABAMA OBTAINED FROM FBI AND ENTERED INTO EVIDENCE DURING TRIAL OF WILKINS IN HAYNEVILLE, ALA. ATTORNEY STATED HE HAD CONTACTED <sup>STATE</sup> JUDGE WERTH THAGGARD WHO AGREED THAT THE EVIDENCE COULD BE PICKED UP AND REQUESTED THAT ANY WRITTEN EVIDENCE BE REPRODUCED AND REPRODUCTION LEFT IN HANDS OF CLERK OF COURT IN HAYNEVILLE.

TURNER REQUESTED EVIDENCE BE PICKED UP THIS DATE.

UACB REQUEST WILL BE COMPLIED WITH.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, SUBJECTS THOMAS, EATON AND:

WILKINS ACCOMPANIED BY ATTORNEY ART HANES WERE ARRAIGNED IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT USDC, MONTGOMERY, THIS DATE AND ENTERED PLEAS OF NOT GUILTY.

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DATE OF TRIAL NOT SET, BUT BELIEVED TO BE NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO,  
NEXT. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED.

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Date: 11/10/65

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: Director, FBI (44-28601)  
FROM: SAC, Birmingham (44-1236) (P)  
SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS, <sup>NR</sup>  
ET AL; <sup>NR</sup>  
VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, aka;  
ET AL - VICTIMS  
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The Birmingham Division has not received any official information regarding the trial in Federal Court scheduled herein. Newspaper accounts disclose that trial set for term beginning November 22, 1965. It is not known in the Birmingham Division whether or not the testimony of SAs [redacted] and [redacted] will be required; however, both of these Agents were necessary and essential witnesses in the state trials held in this case. Neither has had any opportunity for pre-trial conferences in this case. b7c

At the present time, both SAs [redacted] and [redacted] are scheduled for in-service training to begin November 15, 1965, extending through November 26. In view of fact that it appears both of these Agents will be necessary witnesses and will need time for pre-trial conferences with Federal Attorneys in this matter, their attendance at in-service scheduled November 15, 1965, is being cancelled. b7c

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Special Agent in Charge

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## Memorandum

TO : Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
*[Handwritten signature]*  
FROM : John Doar  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

NOV 13 1965

DATE: -  
JD:JPT:db #144-2-470  
DJ 1-085-2

SUBJECT: Eugene Thomas; et al., Subjects;  
Viola Liuzzo, et al., Victims.  
CIVIL RIGHTS; ELECTION LAWS

The trial of Subjects Eugene Thomas, W.O. Baton and Collie Leroy Wilkins for violation of 18 U.S.C. 241 has been set for the term beginning November 22, 1965, at Montgomery, Alabama. It will probably be reached on November 29, 1965.

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- F. B. I.  
- J. Edgar Hoover  
- C. R. ...

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To: SAC, Birmingham  
From: Director, FBI (44-28601) - 551

EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL;  
VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA, ET AL - VICTIMS  
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

Enclosed herewith are two copies of a Department memorandum dated 11/13/65 requesting background information on possible defense witnesses. Also enclosed are two copies of Department memorandum dated 11/13/65 requesting investigation relating to some events not directly connected with the shooting of Mrs. Liuzzo. With regard to Department's request for background information on possible defense witnesses, you should obtain this information from a check of your files, a credit criminal check and a check with logical informants and confidential sources. Do not conduct any active investigation.

Birmingham will conduct the investigation concerning the events as set forth in Department's memorandum. Furnish necessary background information to Mobile for handling lead in Item 4 at Selma. It will not be necessary to handle the lead set forth in Item 5.

Surep setting forth the results of your investigation no later than 11/23/65. Furnish copy to Mobile for Departmental Attorney James Turner who will be in Montgomery.

Enclosures (4)

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4-48 PM CST URGENT 11-9-65 JEB

TO DIRECTOR (44-28601)

FROM MOBILE (44-1245) 1P

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*Jensen*  
*W. J. [unclear]*

EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL; VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, AKA, ET AL - VICTIMS. CR,  
EL. OO MOBILE.

REMOTEL NOV. FIVE, LAST.

THE MOBILE OFFICE HAS SECURED THE EVIDENCE THAT WAS INTRODUCED  
IN THE TRIAL OF THIS CASE AT HAYNEVILLE, ALA.

DEPT. ATTORNEY TURNER HAS INDICATED HE MIGHT POSSIBLY DESIRE  
FURTHER EXAMINATION OF PORTIONS OF THE EVIDENCE BY THE LAB.

IN VIEW OF THE NEARNESS OF THE TRIAL, IT IS RESPECTFULLY  
REQUESTED THE BUREAU CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE THE  
RETENTION OF THE EVIDENCE IN MOBILE TERRITORY AND WHETHER FURTHER  
EXAMINATION IS DESIRED.

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FBI WASH DC

*Orig - Mr. Rosen*

*Teletype*  
*11/10/65*  
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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54-48 PM CST URGENT 11-9-65 JEB

TO DIRECTOR (44-28601)

FROM MOBILE (44-1245) 1P

EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL; VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, AKA, ET AL - VICTIMS. CR,  
EL. OO MOBILE.

REMOTEL NOV. FIVE, LAST.

THE MOBILE OFFICE HAS SECURED THE EVIDENCE THAT WAS INTRODUCED  
IN THE TRIAL OF THIS CASE AT HAYNEVILLE, ALA. <sup>REC-79</sup>

DEPT. ATTORNEY TURNER HAS INDICATED <sup>EX 105</sup> HE MIGHT POSSIBLY DESIRE  
FURTHER EXAMINATION OF PORTIONS OF THE EVIDENCE BY THE LAB.

IN VIEW OF THE NEARNESS OF THE TRIAL, IT IS RESPECTFULLY  
REQUESTED THE BUREAU CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE THE  
RETENTION OF THE EVIDENCE IN MOBILE TERRITORY AND ~~WHETHER FURTHER~~  
EXAMINATION IS DESIRED.

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Harold L. Williams Nov 11/10/65

FBI

Date: 11/15/65

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AIRMAIL

Via \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-28601)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1236)  
EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL  
VIOLA LIUZZO, aka; ET AL - VICTIMS  
CR - EL

Re San Francisco telcall this date.

Telephonic inquiry of the Mobile Office discloses that no new information has been furnished from the office of the U. S. Attorney relative to the date trial in instant case will start. The Mobile Office advised that in the event any positive information-received regarding the trial date herein, it will be immediately furnished to the San Francisco Office for its information and guidance.

Concerning the inquiries made by San Francisco in its airtel dated 11/9/65, Birmingham Office feels that it is premature at this time to make any recommendations with respect to final arrangements for relocation, employment and severance.

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2 Mobile (44-1245)  
2 San Francisco (44-609)  
2 Birmingham

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad

1 - Mr. Conrad

DATE: 11/15/65

FROM : H. H. Jevons

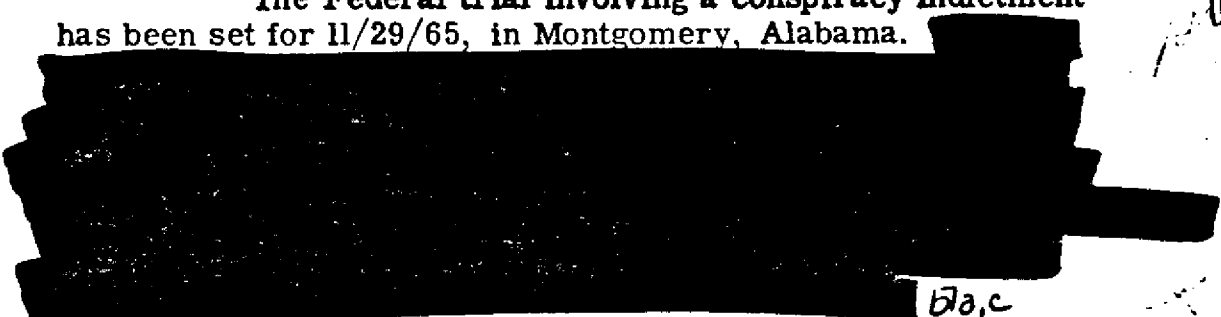
1 - Office, Room 7133

1 - Mr. Williams

SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL.; VIOLA GREGG  
LIUZZO, AKA.; LEROY JEROME MOTON,  
VICTIMS; CR - EL

This case concerns the murder of Mrs. Liuzzo, a  
civil rights worker, near Selma, Alabama, on the evening of  
3/25/65.

The Federal trial involving a conspiracy indictment  
has been set for 11/29/65, in Montgomery, Alabama.



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## ACTION:

For information.

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1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen

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Tolson ✓  
Belmont ✓  
Mohr ✓  
DeLoach ✓  
Casper ✓  
Callahan ✓  
Conrad ✓  
Felt ✓  
Gale ✓  
Rosen ✓  
Sullivan ✓  
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Date: 11/16/65

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-28601)  
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (44-1245)(P)  
RE: EUGENE THOMAS;  
ET AL;  
VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, aka;  
ET AL - VICTIMS  
CR - EL

Re San Francisco airtel, 11/12/65, no copy to the Bureau or Birmingham.

Referenced airtel requested the Mobile Office to forward to San Francisco Xerox or readable transcript of that portion of ROWE's testimony in the second WILKINS trial.

ARTHUR GAMBLE, Circuit Solicitor, advised that Departmental Attorney and State officials had made requests for transcript of the retrial of WILKINS, however, it has not as yet been completed. GAMBLE advises that PAUL HIGGINS, Court Reporter, will be in Court at Hayneville for the remainder of the week and doubts whether the transcript will be completed this week.

GAMBLE advises that Departmental Attorney has been requesting an expedite copy of ROWE's testimony only.

③ - Bureau  
2 - Birmingham (44-1236)  
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Considering economy, it is suggested that the Bureau may wish to maintain contact with Departmental Attorney TURNER to make available a copy of ROWE's testimony or the transcript of record as he receives it.

Close liaison has been maintained with U.S. Attorney BEN HARDEMAN, Montgomery, Ala. He advises that the Federal charges against the subjects will be handled by Departmental Attorneys. The next session of Court begins 11/22/65, however, he confidentially advises that according to the Department instant matter will be heard 11/29/65. He does not desire this information to be given any publication.

Mobile will keep the Bureau and interested offices advised.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>MOBILE</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MOBILE</b>	DATE <b>11/16/65</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>10/14-11/16/65</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL; VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, aka; ET AL - VICTIMS</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [REDACTED] b7c</b>	TYPED BY <b>:gre</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CR - EL</b>	

*MB* REFERENCE: Mobile report of SA [REDACTED] <sup>b7c</sup> 5/25/65.  
 Mobile teletype to Bureau, 10/14/65.  
 Mobile teletype to Bureau, 11/5/65.

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**LEADS:**

BIRMINGHAM AND SAN FRANCISCO (INFORMATION)

Information copy being sent Birmingham and San Francisco in view of their interest.

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action. AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. Will follow prosecutive

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APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE COPIES MADE: ② - Bureau (44-28601) 1 - USA, Montgomery 1 - Birmingham (44-1236)(Info) 1 - San Francisco (44-609)(Info) 3 - Mobile (44-1245)	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;"> <b>44-28601- [REDACTED]</b>  <b>NOV 19 1965</b> </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;"> <b>STAT. SECT.</b> </div>
DISSEMINATION RECORD OF ATTACHED REPORT	
AGENCY <i>[REDACTED]</i> REQUEST RECD. <i>[REDACTED]</i> DATE FWD. <i>11/22/65</i> HOW FWD. <i>2-4418</i> BY <i>[Signature]</i>	NOTATIONS

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**EX-107**

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - United States Attorney, Montgomery, Alabama

Report of: SA [REDACTED] b7c Office: MOBILE  
Date: November 16, 1965

Field Office File #: 44-1245 Bureau File #: 44-28601

Title: EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL;  
VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO; ET AL - VICTIMS

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

Synopsis:

[REDACTED]

Retrial of subject WILKINS was held at Hayneville, Ala., on 10/18-22/65, resulting in not guilty verdict on the State murder charges. All subjects arraigned in USDC, Montgomery, Ala., on Federal charge and entered pleas of not guilty. Next session of Court begins 11/22/65. b7c, b7d

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Retrial of subject COLLIE LEROY WILKINS was held at Hayneville, Alabama, October 18 to 22, 1965, the Jury returning a verdict of not guilty.

Subjects THOMAS, EATON and WILKINS, accompanied by their attorney ARTHUR HANES, were arraigned in United States District Court, Montgomery, Alabama, November 5, 1965, and entered pleas of not guilty.

Office of the Clerk of United States District Court, Montgomery, Alabama, advised there was no date of trial set but the next session of Court would begin November 22, 1965.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MOBILE /44-1245/

EUGENE THOMAS ET AL; VILA LIUZZO, ET AL-VICTIMS, CR.

AT HEARING THIS DATE IN USDC ON MOTIONS FILED EARLIER  
THIS WEEK BY ART HANES TO DISMISS THE INDICTMENT AGAINST  
SUBJECTS AND FOR A BILL OF PARTICULARS FROM GOVERNMENT.  
JUDGE FRANK M. JOHNSON JR, STRONGLY INDICATED HE WOULD  
DENY THE MOTION TO DISMISS AND HINTED WOULD DENY MOTION FOR  
BILL OF PARTICULARS ALTHOUGH STATED WOULD GIVE FORMAL  
JUDGMENT NEXT DATE.

BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED. MCT-18

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Date: 11/12/65

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-28601)  
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (44-1245)(P)  
RE: EUGENE THOMAS;  
ET AL;  
VIOLA LIUZZO, aka;  
ET AL - VICTIMS  
CR - EL  
(OO: Mobile)

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- "M. J. [unclear]"

Re Bureau teletype, 11/10/65.

Under separate cover are being personally delivered the evidence as referred to in referenced teletype. The evidence will be in possession of S [redacted] who is scheduled for In Service on 11/15/65. The package will be delivered to the Physics-Chemistry Section, FBI Laboratory, care of [redacted], Room 7133. b7c

- 3 - Bureau
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- 2 - Mobile
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Special Agent in Charge

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1 - Mr. Hines

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Mobile (44-1245) (Enc. 2)

From: Director, FBI

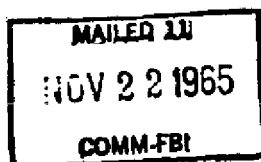
EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL;  
VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA, ET AL - VICTIMS  
CIVIL RIGHTS

ReBuairtel 11/17/65.

Enclosed herewith for Birmingham and Mobile are two copies of a self-explanatory memorandum from the Department dated 11/20/65 requesting certain additional investigation in connection with the upcoming trial in this matter.

Birmingham conduct the investigation as set forth in Items 1, 2 and 4. Mobile will handle Item 3. Sureps no later than 11/27/65. Furnish appropriate copies to Departmental Attorney James Turner who is in Montgomery preparing for the trial.

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1 - Mr. Hines

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To: SAC, Mobile (44-1245)

From: Director, FBI <sup>REC-13</sup> (44-28601) - 569

EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL;  
VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA, ET AL - VICTIMS  
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

ReBuairtel 11/22/65.

Enclosed herewith for Mobile are two copies of a memorandum from the Department dated 11/19/65 requesting that we furnish certain information concerning logical routes to Birmingham as reportedly traveled by subjects. A copy is also enclosed to Birmingham for information.

Mobile handle and surep no later than 11/27/65. Results may be included in the report of investigation forwarded to you by Bureau airtel dated 11/22/65. Furnish copy to Departmental Attorney, Montgomery, Alabama.

Enclosures (2)

1 - Birmingham (44-1236) (Enc.) (for info)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE: 11/24/65

Re:

EUGENE T. MAS; ET AL.; VIOLA  
LIUZZO, aka; ET AL. - VICTIMS  
CR - EL

TO: Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Room 301D, Federal Building  
Montgomery, Alabama

Attention: Special Agent [REDACTED]  
FBI Laboratory

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FROM: MOBILE (44-1245)

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EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL: VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, ET AL - VICTIMS  
CR - EL.

ON THIS DATE AAG JOHN DOAR, AND DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY  
JAMES TURNER ADVISED SA [REDACTED] MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, <sup>b7c</sup>  
THAT ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER TWENTYNINE, NEXT, WHEN THEY  
RECEIVE JURY LIST FOR TRIAL IN THIS MATTER, THEY WILL WANT AN  
IMMEDIATE CHECK MADE OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE JURY. DOAR INDICATED  
THAT A MERE INDICES CHECK WILL NOT SUFFICE AND SUGGESTED THAT  
AGENTS BE STANDING BY IN MONTGOMERY AND IN OTHER RESIDENT  
AGENCIES IN THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA TO DO IMMEDIATE  
BACKGROUND CHECKS ON ALL MEMBERS, STATING ONLY APPROXIMATELY  
THREE HOURS WILL BE ALLOWED FOR THIS CHECK AND REPORTING SAME.

THE ABOVE IS FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND BUREAU WILL  
BE ADVISED WHEN SUCH REQUEST IS ACTUALLY RECEIVED.

~~CORRECTION~~

~~LINE 8 WORD 7 SHOULD BE "NOT"~~

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1 - Mr. Hines

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TO SAC, MOBILE (44-1245)

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FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-28601) 573

EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL; VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA, ET AL DASH VICTIMS;  
CIVIL RIGHTS; ELECTION LAWS.

REURTEL NOVEMBER TWENTY THREE LAST. BY REFERENCED TELETYPE  
YOU ADVISED THAT AAG JOHN DOAR WILL DESIRE AN IMMEDIATE CHECK BE  
MADE OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE JURY ON THE JURY LIST FOR TRIAL IN  
THIS MATTER WHEN IT IS RECEIVED AND THAT A MERE INDICES CHECK WILL  
NOT SUFFICE. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THIS MATTER WAS TAKEN UP WITH  
MR. DOAR AT THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT NOVEMBER TWENTY FOUR INSTANT  
AND DOAR ADVISED THAT DEPARTMENT DID NOT DESIRE ANY CHECK OF THE  
JURY LIST BEYOND A CHECK OF YOUR INDICES, CREDIT AND CRIMINAL CHECK  
AND A CHECK WITH LOGICAL CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES AND INFORMANTS OF  
YOUR OFFICE. UPON RECEIPT OF DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST FOR A CHECK OF  
THE JURY LIST FROM MR. DOAR OR MR. TURNER WHO WILL BE IN  
MONTGOMERY AT THE TRIAL YOU WILL INSURE THAT NECESSARY PERSONNEL  
ARE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO CONDUCT THE CHECK AS ABOVE LIMITED.  
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TELETYPE TO SAC MOBILE  
RE: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL;

REPORT. DO NOT FURNISH ANY AGENTS' NOTES OR ROUGH DRAFT THREE  
ZERO TWO'S OR ANY OTHER WRITTEN RESULTS OF YOUR CHECKS WHICH ARE  
NOT IN TYPED AND APPROVED FINAL FORM.

NOTE:

Mobile advised that AAG Doar and Department Attorney Turner on 11/23/65 stated that on the morning of 11/29/65 when they received the jury list that they will want an immediate check made of jury members on the list. Mobile said Doar indicated a mere indices check would not suffice and that there would only be approximately 3 hour's time within which to conduct the checks before the jury will be selected for the list. This matter was discussed with Mr. Doar in Washington, D. C., on 11/24/65. Mr. Doar stated that he had not wished to indicate that he desired any actual investigation into the background of the members of the jury list and that a check of our field office indices, a credit and criminal check and a check with confidential sources and informants who could possibly be in a position to be acquainted with any jury members would be sufficient. This does not constitute a jury panel investigation and we conducted a similar check of the state jury panels in the two state trials of Collie Leroy Wilkins.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-28601)  
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (44-1245)(P)  
RE: EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL  
VIOLA LIUZZO, aka;  
ET AL - VICTIMS  
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ReBUairtel, 11/22/65, with attached Departmental request.

As indicated, the birth certificate is being forwarded directly to the Departmental Attorney at Montgomery, Ala. U.S. Attorney, Montgomery, furnished copy of letterhead memorandum.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Mobile, Alabama  
November 24, 1965

EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL  
VIOLA LIUZZO; ET AL - VICTIMS

Reference is made to Departmental request of November 20, 1965, and particularly Paragraph 3 thereof in reference to the certification of the birth of Viola Liuzzo.

Being forwarded herewith to the Departmental Attorney at Montgomery, Alabama, is the requested certification of birth.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

ENCLOSURE

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, NEW  
ORLEANS, NEW YORK, SAVANNAH, AND ST. LOUIS.  
NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

Mr. Tolson	_____
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FROM MOBILE \44-1245\ 3P

EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL \ VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, ET AL - VICTIMS.  
CR, EL.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY JAMES TURNER ADVISED THIS DATE HE  
DESIRES FOLLOWING AGENTS REPORT TO U. S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,  
MONTGOMERY, ALA., ELEVEN A.M., CST, NOVEMBER TWENTYEIGHT,  
NEXT, FOR CONFERENCES IN CONNECTION WITH TRIAL OF THIS CASE,  
WHICH STARTS IN USDC, MONTGOMERY, NOVEMBER TWENTYNINE, NEXT  
[REDACTED] ATLANTA \ [REDACTED] SAVANNAH \  
[REDACTED] NEW ORLEANS \ [REDACTED] KANSAS CITY  
AND [REDACTED] MOBILE. b7c

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TURNER STATED WILL BE IN BIRMINGHAM TEN A.M., NOVEMBER  
TWENTYFOUR, NEXT, AND DESIRES TO MEET AT BIRMINGHAM OFFICE  
WITH AS MANY OF FOLLOWING AGENTS AS ARE AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS  
INSTANT CASE, AFTER WHICH WILL SELECT THOSE AGENTS WHOM HE  
DESIRES TO REPORT TO MONTGOMERY, ELEVEN A.M., NOVEMBER

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TWENTYEIGHT, FOR ADDITIONAL CONFERENCES\

INSPECTOR MC GOVERN, SA\ [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] b7c

TURNER ADVISED DESIRES FOLLOWING PERSONS BE AVAILABLE AT  
AREAS OF ASSIGNMENT FROM NOVEMBER TWENTYNINE, NEXT, UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE FOR POSSIBLE SUBPOENAS, ALTHOUGH DOES NOT DESIRE  
THEIR PRESENCE UNLESS ADVISED\

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BOTH OF ATLANTA. b7c

TURNER DESIRES FOLLOWING AGENTS BE AVAILABLE AT THEIR  
USUAL AREAS OF ASSIGNMENT FROM NOVEMBER THIRTY, NEXT UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE SO THEY CAN BE CALLED FOR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY  
IF NEEDED\ [REDACTED] NEW YORK CITY\ [REDACTED]  
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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL; VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, ET AL - VICTIMS,  
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS.

THE FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS TRIAL IN THIS MATTER IS SCHEDULED  
TO TAKE PLACE ELEVEN TWENTY-NINE, SIXTYFIVE, IN U. S. DISTRICT  
COURT, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY JAMES  
TURNER WHO IS IN MOBILE PREPARING FOR THE TRIAL HAS REQUESTED  
THAT SA [REDACTED] NOW ASSIGNED TO YOUR OFFICE REPORT  
TO THE USA'S OFFICE AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, AT ELEVEN A.M., CST,  
ELEVEN TWENTY-EIGHT, SIXTYFIVE, FOR CONFERENCES IN CONNECTION  
WITH THE TRIAL. INSTRUCT SA [REDACTED] TO REPORT AS REQUESTED. b7c

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RE: EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL;  
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 4 copies of letterhead memorandum reflecting investigation conducted as requested by the Department Of Justice memorandum dated 11/19/65.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum are being made available to the U. S. Attorney and Departmental Attorney at Montgomery, Ala.

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Set forth below are results of investigation conducted to determine routes between Selma and Birmingham, Alabama:

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Observation of official Alabama State Highway Map reflects that the following are the routes from Selma, Alabama to Birmingham and Bessemer, Alabama:

The most direct route is United States Highway 80 from Selma, Alabama to State Highway 14, State Highway 14 to State Highway 219, State Highway 219 to State Highway 5, State Highway 5 to United States Highway 11, and United States Highway 11 to Bessemer, Alabama.

Another route is State Highway 22 from Selma to Maplesville, Alabama and State Highway 191, State Highway 191 to United States Highway 31, United States Highway 31 to Birmingham, Alabama, or to State Highway 150, which cuts off to Bessemer, south of Birmingham, Alabama.

Another route is State Highway 22 to Maplesville, Alabama and State Highway 139, State Highway 139 to State Highway 25, State Highway 25 to Montevallo, Alabama and State Highway 119, State Highway 119 to United States Highway 31, and United States Highway 31 to Birmingham, Alabama, or to State Highway 150, as stated above.

A map with a legend reflecting any road repairs, automobile accidents, landmarks, and bridges will be made available directly to the Departmental Attorney in Montgomery, Alabama.

On 11/24/65 at Selma, Alabama

File # HO 44-1245

by SA [REDACTED] b7c sjes

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[REDACTED] Bureau Of  
Construction, State Highway Department, Montgomery, Alabama,  
advised that on March 25, 1965 there was no construction  
jobs under construction from his office in the following  
counties: Dallas, Autauga, Perry, Chilton, Bibb, Shelby, and  
Jefferson. All routes from Selma to Birmingham, Alabama or  
Bessemer, Alabama would pass through these counties. b7c

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Bureau Of Engineers, State Highway Department, Montgomery, Alabama, advised that in travel from Selma to Bessemer, Alabama by United States Highway 80 to State Highway 14, State Highway 14 to State Highway 219, State Highway 219 to State Highway 25, and thence to United States Highway 11 the only bridge of major size is the bridge over the Cahaba River in Centerville, Alabama.

In travel from Selma, Alabama via State Highway 22 to Maplesville, Alabama, then State Highway 191 to United States Highway 31, and thence to Birmingham, Alabama the only major bridge would be that at the Jefferson County-Shelby County Line over the Cahaba River.

In travel from Selma, Alabama via State Highway 22, State Highway 139, State Highway 25, and State Highway 119 to United States Highway 31, and thence to Birmingham or Bessemer, Alabama the only major bridge would be that over the Cahaba River at the Jefferson County - Shelby County Line.

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Alabama Department Of Public Safety, Montgomery, Alabama, advised that a check of accident reports for March 25, 1965 reflected that between 6:20 P.M. and 10:30 P.M. there were no accidents on the following highways in the following counties:

United States Highway 80, State Highway 14, State Highway 219, State Highway 5, United States Highway 11, State Highway 22, State Highway 191, United States Highway 31, State Highway 139, State Highway 25, State Highway 119, State Highway 150, in Dallas, Autauga, Perry, Bibb, Jefferson, Chilton, and Shelby Counties, Alabama.

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Re: [REDACTED] 11/2/65, at Chicago 67  
 sent [REDACTED] as above.

Name of SA [REDACTED] inadvertently  
 omitted on [REDACTED], at [REDACTED].

Please make addition. Chicago copy being  
 corrected.

cc - SAC, [REDACTED] (100-1245)

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TITLE OF CASE <b>EUGENE THOMAS, Etal; VIOLA LIUZZO, aka Etal - VICTIMS</b>		Report made by <b>[REDACTED] b7c</b>	Typed By: <b>lmv</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS</b>	

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REFERENCES: Mobile teletype to Chicago dated 11/22/65.  
Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 11/23/65.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

As is noted in this report, individuals interviewed furnished the names

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Leads to interview above two individuals were set out in referenced Chicago teletype to Bureau, Jacksonville

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Milwaukee, and Mobile.

Additionally all interviewed noted a "ABC News car" variously described as a white Ford or Chevrolet, parked near the police car. Also several were of opinion an additional private vehicle was stopped at that location when they pulled up, and were of opinion another vehicle was stopped behind them. This information was also set out in referenced Chicago teletype for consideration of Mobile Office, as additional leads assuming the Alabama State Trooper may have also ticketed these vehicles.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONCopy to: 1 - USA JAMES TURNER  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMAReport of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: 11/24/65 b7c

Office: CHICAGO

Field Office File #: 44-773

Bureau File #: 44-28601

Title: EUGENE THOMAS,  
Etal;  
VIOLA LIUZZO - VICTIMS

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

## Synopsis:

[REDACTED] Volkswagen microbus,  
all residents of Chicago, Illinois, advised 11/23/65,  
that they recall being stopped for speeding on the  
Montgomery, Alabama to Selma, Alabama Highway while  
en route to Selma on evening of 3/25/65, by Alabama  
State Trooper [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Estimate time as between 8:30 AM - 9:30 PM. None  
noted identities or descriptions of passing vehicles going  
either direction. Noted "ABC News car" parked near police car  
as well as an additional unidentified vehicle believed stopped  
by police prior to their arrival. Several believed  
additional vehicle following theirs was stopped under  
similar circumstances. b7c

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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[REDACTED]

He is the owner of 1961 Volkswagen microbus.

[REDACTED] advised that he was in the company of a group of people from Chicago who went to Selma, Alabama, in March, 1965, to join in the Selma to Montgomery march by civil rights advocates. The group was made up primarily of students and associates who frequent the Campus Christian Association which is next to the Illinois State Teachers College. His 1961 Volkswagen was used as the transportation. b7c

[REDACTED] continued that he recalls leaving Montgomery, Alabama, on March 25, 1965, with some of the group referred to above, in his Volkswagen en route to Selma, Alabama. He recalls they drove on the main highway from Montgomery to Selma, were heading west and believed departed Montgomery at approximately 8:00 PM. b7c

The group consisted in addition to himself, of

[REDACTED] b7c

After driving approximately 25 miles, they were flagged down by an Alabama State Trooper holding a flashlight and subsequently pulled over on the gravel shoulder. Both he

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by SA [REDACTED] dmj/mav Date dictated 11/24/65  
by ANA [REDACTED] b7c

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and [REDACTED] got out of the vehicle at which time they were advised by the trooper that they had passed a radar car and were noted as speeding. [REDACTED] was given a ticket although he, [REDACTED] signed the ticket as owner of the vehicle. b7c

He would estimate the time at about 8:30 p.m., and that they were only stopped for "a few minutes". He did not notice the identities of any passing vehicles but does seem to recall there was some traffic on the road. He does recall an "ABC News car", possibly a white Chevrolet parked next to the police car but did not notice a driver. He thought there was another vehicle stopped there prior to their arrival but also the make and model are unknown. He seems to recall that another vehicle following them was stopped probably after running through the radar but also did not notice the make and model. He stated that several in the bus were of the opinion that this was a road block and did not realize it was a traffic radar set up.

[REDACTED] continued that all times referred to by him are estimated, however, he does recall leaving St. Jude's Roman Catholic Church in Montgomery about 8:00 p.m. that evening and noted from the ticket received, they were eleven miles from Selma. b7c

[REDACTED] advised he can furnish no additional information. He stated he would be willing to testify in court to this information and would furnish a signed statement at a latter date, if necessary. b7c

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[REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] advised he was in Alabama during the latter part of March, 1965, for the civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery. He went to that area from Chicago with a group of people who frequent and are associated with the Campus Christian Association at 6720 South Stewart Avenue, Chicago, which group was primarily made up of students.

He recalls that on March 25, 1965, he was in the company of [REDACTED] all of Chicago, as well as [REDACTED] in Montgomery, Alabama. The group departed Montgomery at approximately 8:00 p.m. on March 25, 1965, in [REDACTED] Volkswagen for the trip to Selma. [REDACTED] was tired and as a result he, [REDACTED] did the driving. After approximately 20 or 25 miles while heading towards Selma along Highway 80, they passed an Alabama State Patrol radar car and were subsequently flagged down by an officer with a flashlight standing near the highway. After stopping the vehicle on the shoulder, both he and [REDACTED] got out and discussed the matter with the officer. He was told he had been exceeding the speed limit by at least five miles per hour and was issued a ticket. Following this they continued their trip to Selma. [REDACTED] stated that he believes he may have been exceeding the limit about five miles per hour but certainly no more than that. b7c

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by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] sm/jau  
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b7c [REDACTED] stated that he would estimate the time they were stopped as between 8:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on March 25, 1965. He did not take any special notice of any passing vehicles and cannot identify any such vehicle by description, make, or model. He is sure that some traffic passed or at least assumes that some passed at that time as there were certainly other automobiles on the road.

He recalls a News car, believed to be from ABC News, parked near the State Trooper's car although did not notice any driver. He also observed another vehicle parked which probably was stopped for a similar violation. This vehicle, make and model unknown, left before they did. He is also of the opinion that a vehicle following theirs was subsequently stopped, also make and model not noted. In view of this, he was of the opinion at first it was a State Police road block and that they were stopping all traffic to Selma; however, when advised of the speeding charge, he realized it was a radar installation.

b7c [REDACTED] stated he has a copy of the ticket issued him which is described as follows:

[REDACTED]

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b7c [REDACTED] advised he could furnish no additional information and did not care to furnish a statement, however, would testify to the above information.

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[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] advised she had been in Alabama during MARCH of 1965 for the civil rights march from Selma, Alabama, to Montgomery, Alabama. She recalls being in Montgomery on March 25, 1965, as that is the date they departed Montgomery for Selma and subsequently began their return to Chicago. She continued she originally left Chicago with a group representing the Campus Christian Association, a student group affiliated with an Episcopal Church at 6720 South Stewart Avenue, Chicago, which is near the Illinois Teachers College. She cannot recall the entire group nor who was riding with whom on each and every occasion as automobiles were at a premium and transportation was scarce. She believes that on the trip from Montgomery to Selma she was in the company of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She is not sure of [REDACTED] that is as to whether he actually made this trip but does recall him being in the crowd from time to time. b7c

b7c [REDACTED] continued that she recalls leaving St. Jude's Roman Catholic Mission near Montgomery at about 8:00 p.m. that date. She would estimate that sometime between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. their car was stopped by an Alabama Police officer. She did not get out of the car but did look out the window and observed the driver getting a ticket. She also noticed a police car and at least one other car parked near it. She did not note the description of this other car. She believes there was traffic on the highway going the opposite direction but

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in view of the darkness, did not notice any makes or models. She had no reason to take any undue notice of any passing vehicles. .

After approximately 10 minutes they again were on their way and went to Selma. Several hours later they heard rumors that a woman had been killed somewhere on the highway. She estimates they departed Selma for Chicago at about 11:30 p.m. March 25, 1965.

b7c [REDACTED] advised she could furnish no additional information.

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[REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] advised that she was in Alabama b7c during the latter part of March, 1965, and participated in the civil rights march from Selma, Alabama, to Montgomery, Alabama. She left Chicago with a group from the Campus Christian Association (CCA), 6720 South Stewart Avenue, Chicago, primarily students, all of whom participated in the march.

On March 25, 1965, she, along with about six others of their group, departed Montgomery, Alabama, for Selma, Alabama, in a Volkswagen bus owned by [REDACTED]

Another associate, [REDACTED] was driving. They were at St. Jude's Mission near Montgomery on that evening and would estimate they departed at 8:00 p.m. for their trip to Selma. To the best of memory she believes that besides [REDACTED] and herself, the occupants of the vehicle included [REDACTED] b7c

She recalls that after approximately a half hour drive their vehicle was stopped by the Alabama Highway Patrol. The driver, [REDACTED] was subsequently ticketed for speeding. She believes only [REDACTED] and Reverend [REDACTED] got out of the car. b7c

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SAs [REDACTED] and

[REDACTED] csm/jau

by [REDACTED] b7c

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[REDACTED] stated that it was dark and that she did note some automobiles passed; however, they were only "headlights" to her. She did observe a "News car" parked near the police car and assumed the driver had been stopped by the police. She also believes another car, which had been following them, was also stopped but cannot be sure. She stated the rear of the Volkswagen bus had no seats and those in the rear, which were at least four, sat on the floor which restricted their vision. b7c

[REDACTED] advised that she could furnish no additional information on this matter. b7c



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[REDACTED] stated he was in Alabama during the latter part of March, 1965, for the civil rights march from Selma, Alabama, to Montgomery, Alabama. Although he does not belong to the Campus Christian Association located at 6720 South Stewart Avenue, Chicago, he is acquainted with members of this group as well as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He accompanied a group from this organization to Alabama and participated in the activities there with them. He recalls being in a Volkswagen owned by [REDACTED] and driven by a [REDACTED] on March 25, 1965, which was stopped by the Alabama State Patrol. He is hazy on the details and cannot place in his mind all the events as they occurred. He simply recalls that he was riding in the bus and it was stopped and a ticket given to the driver for speeding. It was just prior to their leaving Alabama and he connects it up with the date on which the woman from Detroit was killed. b7c

b7c [REDACTED] stated that insofar as the incident wherein their vehicle was stopped, he was asleep on the floor and awakened when they stopped. He did not notice too much of the activities except that there was at least one other vehicle, possibly a News automobile, parked near a police car. He did not take any special notice of the traffic and cannot identify any passing vehicles which moved in either direction.

[REDACTED] advised he could furnish no additional information on this matter. b7c

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Copy to: Departmental Attorney JAMES TURNER,  
Montgomery, Alabama

Report of: SA [REDACTED] b7c  
Date: November 24, 1965

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File #: MI 44-249

Bureau File #:

Title: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL;  
VIOLA LIUZZO,  
ET AL - VICTIMS

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

Synopsis: [REDACTED] occupant of 1961 b7c  
Volkswagen bus detained on State Highway 80, near Selma,  
Alabama on night of 3/25/65, stated he observed no passing  
vehicles on highway during the time Volkswagen was stopped  
for speeding violation.

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DETAILS: AT WAUSAU, WISCONSIN

On November 24, 1965 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that on  
the night of March 25, 1965, he was an occupant of a 1961  
Volkswagen bus, owned by one [REDACTED] which had  
been stopped for speeding by local authorities on State  
Highway 80, east of Selma, Alabama. The bus, after being  
stopped, was later released with the driver having been  
issued a warning ticket on the speeding charge. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised he saw no cars passing on the highway during  
the time the Volkswagen bus was stopped, as this vehicle,  
as well as several others, after being stopped were directed  
into a roadside parking area. The Volkswagen, in which  
[REDACTED] was a front seat occupant, was parked facing  
away from the highway at a 90 degree angle. [REDACTED]  
stated that as he had stayed in the bus the entire time it  
was detained, he was in no position to see any passing  
traffic on the highway and saw none during the entire time  
the vehicle was retained. b7c

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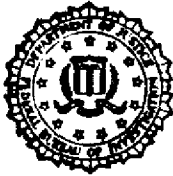
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A copy of this report is being designated for Departmental Attorney JAMES TURNER at Montgomery, Alabama, as directed in referenced Bureau airtel dated 11/16/65.

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Birmingham, Alabama  
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Title                   EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL;  
                          VIOLA LIUZZO; ET AL - VICTIMS

Character           CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

Reference           Report of SA [REDACTED]  
                          dated 11/22/65 at Birmingham,  
                          Alabama.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
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**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

Records of the bankruptcy proceedings regarding **WILLIAM O. EATON**, requested in Section 4 of Departmental Memorandum dated 11/20/65, were obtained from the Clerk's Office, U. S. District Court, Birmingham, Alabama, which office prepared one complete copy of the entire proceedings, which document was turned over to **JAMES TURNER**, Attorney, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, at Birmingham, Alabama, on 11/24/65.

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UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, reflect that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U.S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, the Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. (The organization is directed by Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South, with units in several Southern states.)

Second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Third source advised on August 4, 1965, that the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, is currently an active organization, with Klaverns in several Southern states. This source said that Robert M. Shelton is the Imperial Wizard of this organization, and was last elected to this position on September 5, 1964, at a National Klonvocation in Birmingham, Alabama. Source said that the activity of the UKA is increasing and that the national office remains in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

APPENDIX

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RE: WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON

On November 24, 1965, ANTHONY TRIOLA, Deputy Clerk, U. S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama, Birmingham, Alabama, prepared one copy of the entire file captioned "Record of Proceedings, U. S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, Southern Division; RE: WILLIAM O. EATON - Debtor in Bankruptcy", dated February 12, 1965, Case No. X-38,305. This single copy of the Record of Proceedings was personally furnished on the same date at Birmingham, Alabama, to JAMES TURNER, Attorney, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice.