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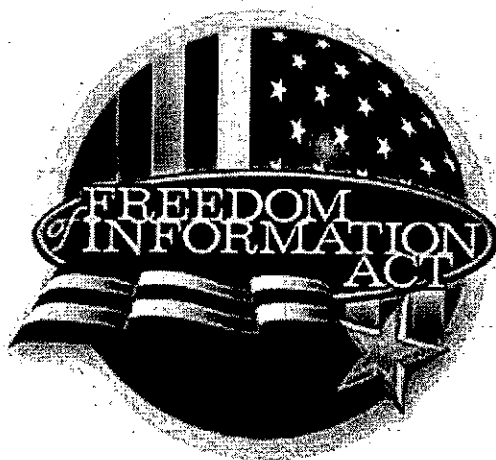
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**WHITE HATE GROUPS**

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

FROM : *Ryan/ae*  
SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY  
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

DATE: 2/12/70

The Bureau is requested to consider securing copies of income tax returns for the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan; ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, #18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Ala., and the Alabama Rescue Service, a name by which the UKA is sometimes known.

An examination of pertinent income tax returns might furnish information concerning the financial standing of the UKA and ROBERT SHELTON which could be used in this program.

As the Bureau is well aware, Birmingham is continuing to investigate and develop information concerning the alleged source of some income or resources received by the National Office of the UKA. This case is carried as

*[REDACTED]* It is entirely possible that the above-mentioned tax returns might bear some light on this last mentioned matter.

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1 - Mr. E. E. Helgeson

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DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS  
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No action is being taken at this time on your request to obtain income tax returns for the United Klans of America, Inc., Robert Shelton and the Alabama Rescue Service. It would appear desirable to postpone such action until after the 4/15/70 deadline for filing tax returns. Resubmit your request at a later date. You should also advise at that time if tax returns for other than the year 1969 are desired.

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**NOTE:**

Birmingham requested Bureau to consider securing copies of income tax returns mentioned above for examination which might furnish information which could be used in the Counterintelligence Program. Since these returns may not yet be filed, action should be held in abeyance.

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Date: 2/13/70

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

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INTERNAL SECURITY  
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

ReMairtel to Bureau captioned "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, KLAN AND WHITE HATE GROUPS, RACIAL INTELLIGENCE (IMPERIAL WIZARD ROBERT M. SHELTON)," MM file 157-1114; Bufile 157-9-29, dated 2/6/70.

As requested in reMairtel, Birmingham suggests the following questions or topics for submission to \_\_\_\_\_ to be asked Imperial Wizard ROBERT M. SHELTON, UKA, on his possible forthcoming visit to Florida and appearance on the TV show:

1. Progress being made by the UKA in terms of membership, based on 1960, 1965 and 1970 figures.
2. Success of the Youth Corps program of the UKA initiated back in the late 1960's? Total membership? In which states?
3. Develop information as to location of UKA National Office; whether he is a full-time paid employee of the UKA; how many other UKA paid employees at the National Office;

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how many families on the UKA National Office payroll; description of car he drives and whether he, the UKA or someone else owns it.

4. Get SHELTON to discuss and elaborate on UKA accomplishments since he has been its Imperial Wizard; how long he had held this position and his plans for the future.
5. Determine SHELTON's and the UKA's official stand in regard to violence by UKA members; what steps would be taken against UKA members found guilty of participating in violent acts or of committing a felony.
6. Determine the UKA's and SHELTON's feelings concerning Black Nationalists, such as the Black Panther Party, Communists, Negroes and Jewish people.
7. Question SHELTON as to his and the UKA's feelings toward and cooperation with such "white hate groups" as the National States Rights Party, the American Nazi Party, the Minutemen, the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, etc.
8. While SHELTON was in prison in 1969, did conflicts develop between Imperial Officers of the UKA in an effort by some to take over command of the UKA which necessitated demoting or getting rid of some UKA leaders? Were some UKA State and/or National Officers banished in 1969 with SHELTON's approval?
9. Reportedly the UKA has a small number of members in Alabama. Determine how SHELTON is able to maintain control of the UKA and keep the National Office in Alabama under such conditions.

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The Bureau is requested to authorize Miami to submit above questions or situations to ██████████ to be used in his interview of Imperial Wizard SHELTON as above mentioned.

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- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. T. H. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore

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Director, FBI (157-9-4)

1 - Mr. H. E. Helgeson

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
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RACIAL MATTERS

ReMiami 2-6-70 and BHairtel 2-13-70.

You are authorized to submit to [redacted] all questions and all topics mentioned in reairtels except the following: Miami question #4--delete portion dealing with who could be contacted if a listener wanted to join the Klan. There appears to be no point in providing Shelton with free TV time to assist in recruiting new members. As an alternative it is suggested Shelton be asked if there is an active Klan in the Miami area and, if so, who are the officers.

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In addition, the Bureau notes that at a public banquet held in Shelton's honor at Tusculoosa, Alabama, on 11-28-69, Shelton stated that the Klan is going to get "rough and tough" and some heads might get cracked. Shelton should be asked whom he had reference to when he made this comment and why he thought it would be necessary to crack some heads.

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In furnishing these questions and topics to [redacted] you should caution him that under no circumstances should he divulge to [redacted] Shelton that any of these items have been suggested by the FBI.

[redacted] you should arrange to obtain an audio tape of it and furnish to Bureau together with an LHM suitable for dissemination summarizing pertinent portions.

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Letter to SAC, Miami  
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
KLAN AND WHITE HATE GROUPS

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The Miami Office has advised that [redacted] has been contacted by a Klan member to determine if the station would consider having Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard, the United Klans of America, Inc., [redacted]

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[redacted] would like to have Shelton appear and if Bureau would like to suggest topics or questions to be considered, it would be appreciated. [redacted] is a long and trusted friend of the Bureau and several successful counterintelligence programs have been handled through him in recent years. Miami Office has assured this can be handled without embarrassment to the Bureau. Questions have been submitted by both Miami and Birmingham Office (office of origin) dealing with Klan's finances, secretiveness, activities in Alabama concerning land purchased by Nation of Islam (black militant group), membership, Youth Corps Program, national offices, Klan accomplishments, stand on violence, feelings concerning Black Nationalists and cooperation with other white hate groups.

Miami's proposal provides a timely counterintelligence measure which could provide a means of gaining additional information concerning the Klan as well as putting Shelton in an embarrassing spot in replying to some of the questions posed.

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Date: 3/10/70

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Via AIRTEL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-370)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-514) (P)

UKA, INC. *Counterintelligence Program - Disruption of Hate Groups*  
 KKKK (APPEARANCE OF  
 ROBERT M. SHELTON  
 IMPERIAL WIZARD, ON TV  
 CHANNEL 7, MIAMI, FLA.  
 "FLORIDA FORUM", AIRED  
 SUNDAY, 3/8/70)  
 RM - KLAN  
 (OO: BIRMINGHAM)

Re Miami airtel to Bureau, 3/3/70, captioned, "UKA, INC. KKKK (BANQUET FOR ROBERT M. SHELTON, UKA, IMPERIAL WIZARD, SPONSORED BY KLAVERN 6, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 2/28/70; UKA STATE MEETING AT KLAVERN 6, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 3/1/70) RM - KLAN (OO: BIRMINGHAM)" and Bureau letter to Miami, 2/24/70, captioned, "COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, KLAN AND WHITE HATE GROUPS, RACIAL MATTERS."

Enclosed for the Bureau, file 157-370, are eight copies of an LHM concerning SHELTON's appearance on TV Channel 7, Miami, Fla., "Florida Forum", and for Bureau file 157-9-4, one copy of this LHM, one audiotape of the program which was aired 3/8/70, and one copy of a column written by JACK ROBERTS, one of the panelists of the program, which appeared in the "Miami News" 3/6/70, concerning SHELTON and his appearance on "Florida Forum".

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Enclosed for Birmingham are two copies of this LHM and for Tampa and Jacksonville, one copy each of the LHM for information.

Copies of this LHM are being disseminated to the U. S. Secret Service, USA, and 11th M.I. Group, all Miami, Fla., and to 11th M.I. Group, Orlando, Fla., and NISO, Charleston, S.C.

Per Bureau authority in re letter, 2/24/70.

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[REDACTED] was cautioned that under no circumstances should he divulge to [REDACTED] SHELTON that any of these items have been suggested by the FBI.

The newspaper item enclosed for the Bureau, written by JACK ROBERTS, is demonstrative of the favorable publicity that was hopefully anticipated as a result of this television program. This article is quite derogatory toward the Klan and toward SHELTON.

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The enclosed audiotape was taped directly from the television set when the "Florida Forum" was aired on 3/8/70, from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m., and not when it was taped at Channel 7 on Friday, 2/27/70. This audiotape was taped by Special Agents [REDACTED] within the Miami Office on 3/8/70.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Miami, Florida  
March 10, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-514

RE: UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
(APPEARANCE OF ROBERT M. SHELTON,  
IMPERIAL WIZARD, ON TV CHANNEL 7,  
MIAMI, FLORIDA, "FLORIDA FORUM",  
AIRED SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 1970)  
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

Reference is made to memorandum from the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), dated March 3, 1970, captioned, "UKA, INC. KKKK (BANQUET FOR ROBERT M. SHELTON, UKA, IMPERIAL WIZARD, SPONSORED BY KLAVERN 6, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, FEBRUARY 28, 1970; UKA STATE MEETING AT KLAVERN 6, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA MARCH 1, 1970) RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN".

Characterizations for the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA) on a national and state level are contained in the Appendix section of this memorandum.

As previously furnished in referenced communication, ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, appeared at TV Station WCKT, Channel 7, Miami, Florida, on Friday, February 27, 1970, at which time he was interviewed for the "Florida Forum", a local news information panel half-hour show consisting of four panel members and SHELTON. This program was videotaped, to be aired by Channel 7 on Sunday, March 8, 1970.

On Sunday, March 8, 1970, from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., this videotape was aired by Channel 7. The four panel members were as follows:

GEORGE CROLIUS, WCKT TV News Reporter

TOM MILLER, of WCKT TV Station, Moderator

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RE: UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.

DR. TOM WOOD, Professor, In Charge of  
Government, University of Miami

JACK ROBERTS, Columnist for the "Miami News"

During this half-hour presentation SHELTON covered the following items in response to questions put to him by the panel:

He attempted to point out that the term Ku Klux Klan was a term belonging to the public and that he was the Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, which has only been in existence since 1961. He admitted that he was a full-time employee of the UKA but would not specifically state his salary other than he was sure that it was less than the salary of many of the Federal snoops. He stated that he holds his position of Imperial Wizard for a period of three years which is an elected position. He pointed out that his Klan was against violence of any type and that should any member of the Klan fail to abide by its constitution, these individuals would be dealt with severely and upon further elaboration SHELTON stated that this meant they would be expelled from the organization.

SHELTON did not elaborate upon whether or not while he was in prison in 1969 internal conflicts developed between Imperial officers within his organization. He pointed out that he had just served time in prison for refusing to name or identify Klan membership or the handling of the money that the Klan obtains from its members. When asked if the number of members in the State of Florida is about 200 according to Grand Dragon of the State of Florida, JOHN PAUL ROGERS, SHELTON refused to make any comment on this number other than he was sure it was much more than 200.

He stated that he felt the integration of the schools was destroying the public school system and mentioned that the Washington officials who are pushing this integration send their own children to all white

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public or all white private schools in McLean, Virginia. It was his opinion that the law enforcement agencies are being shackled and handcuffed today in fulfilling their legal duties.

He mentioned an article that appeared in a Los Angeles newspaper where the FBI had conspired with a Jewish organization and between the two paid \$76,000 to individuals who would set up a bombing incident in Meridian, Mississippi which end result would be the arrest or killing of the individuals responsible for the bombings in Meridian, Mississippi. As a result of this it was his feeling that the Justice Department should conduct an investigation into the conspiracy and entrapment perpetrated by the FBI and this Jewish organization.

SHELTON was questioned about the Klan's activities in Alabama concerning the leasing and purchasing of land surrounding land that has been purchased or leased by the members of the Nation of Islam. SHELTON was asked whether or not the Klan's action in Alabama is an effort to confront the Nation of Islam and perhaps to push the Muslims out of Alabama. SHELTON replied that maybe it was the "niggers" who came to Alabama and obtained this land who were actually forcing the confrontation.

A characterization of the Nation of Islam appears in the Appendix section of this memorandum.

He also stated that if the Klan was able to get enough land that perhaps it could be placed in a Federal Land Bank and could be subsidized by money from the Federal Government such as other organizations have done and are doing.

One copy of this memorandum is being furnished to the U. S. Secret Service, U. S. Attorney, and 111th M.I. Group, all Miami, Florida, and to 111th M.I. Group, Orlando, Florida, and NISO, Charleston, South Carolina.

RE: UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.

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.

APPENDIX

1.

NATION OF ISLAM

A source advised on January 12, 1970, the Nation of Islam (NOI), an organization for members of the black race only, had its origin in Detroit, Michigan, in the early 1930's. Headquarters is Muhammad's Temple Number 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, which affords direction to numerous affiliate branches, commonly referred to as Muhammad's Temples or Mosques, located throughout the United States. The leader is Elijah Muhammad, self-styled "Messenger of Allah" and the only divinely appointed leader of the black race in the United States, who controls all policies and programs.

Muhammad's teachings stress Allah (God) selected him to lead the so-called Negro out of slavery in North America through establishment of an independent black nation in the United States; the white man is the "devil" and open enemy of the black man; black and white races must be separated; the white man, his Government and religion will be destroyed by Allah through the forces of nature in the "War of Armageddon," a war between Allah and the "devil." Muhammad's teachings are spread through weekly radio broadcasts throughout the United States and through "Muhammad Speaks," the official NOI organ which is published weekly in Chicago and distributed to affiliate Mosques for use in weekly sermons and for distribution to the public.

Muhammad and other NOI members have refused to comply with Selective Service Laws stating that they respect laws of the United States provided they do not conflict with NOI laws. They do not believe the Government should force them to participate in wars when they have nothing to gain.



APPENDIX

1.

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, show 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, Incorporated.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in United States Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute, and the 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, Incorporated, merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. (The organization is directed by Robert M. 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 in Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, the United States Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Incorporated, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Third source advised on May 7, 1969, that the UKA is currently an active organization with Klaverns in several states. This source said that Robert M. Shelton is the Imperial Wizard of this organization and was elected to this position on September 3, 1967, at a "National Klonvocation" in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Source stated that during April, 1966, the National Office was moved from Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to the carport of Shelton's residence, #18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama, which space he had converted into a room.

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

On January 29, 1966, a source advised that the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Realm of Florida, has its headquarters at P. O. Box 1764, Titusville, Florida. This unit is affiliated with the national organization of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and has the same aims and objectives as the parent group; that is, to advocate segregation of the races and white supremacy.

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# Robert Shelton from a past era

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Nevertheless, it irritated me to see the Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America saying so confidently. "I've been in 15 states in 15 days and I was well received wherever I went," said Shelton. "People now understand what we've been talking about for years. People are sick of black violence."

We were standing outside Channel 7's studios after taping a show which was shown on Florida Forum this Sunday and Shelton was anxious to get back on the road. He said he didn't have nothing to do with violence.

I said that I remember colored cross burnings in Atlanta as a boy and I knew the symbols of hate were intended to frighten Negroes, Catholics and Jews.

## He refuses and violence

"You're talking about another period," said Shelton. "I go back to 1921. The United Klans of America don't believe in violence. We work within the framework of the law. I make speeches daily and I've been sued for libel. Do you understand what I'm saying?"

I understood. It was the same old baloney. Shelton had just admitted on the show that the U.K.A. was behind an effort to acquire the Klan Museum which had purchased in rural Alabama. It clearly indicated to me the Klan intended to push the Muslims. They were looking for trouble. The same old busy boys I watched on an Atlanta street corner with my dad taking the only coward's but behind robes and masks.

Shelton served nine months of a one year sentence for contempt of Congress last year and he now assumes the mantle of a hero. He refused to answer questions about Klan membership or the handling of all the money the Klan rakes in from its members. That's how he finally got in trouble.

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The MIAMI NEWS

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Shelton said he would answer a series of questions  
which he said that his new "newspaper" would  
for 1967. Young says that he said the Klan  
has about 200 members in the state and he said that  
he had heard the statement.

He said his expenses for travel of his staff were de-  
frayed by Klan dues, but he wouldn't comment on how  
much the Klan pulls in for its dues each year.

### **Klan looking for members**

It is very obvious the Klan is looking for members  
and Shelton puts on a smooth front when makes it ap-  
pear he can be called on to be one of America's  
God's anointed. He says he is a member of the Black  
Panthers, the Church of God and the New Year All in the  
same breath. He makes a lot of money in the pro-  
tective of the Klan and the Klan.

It is all very silly. The Klan was discredited and  
stripped of its city and influence many, many years ago.  
It will never rise again. A few extremists will  
luster around Shelton, but the Klan will remain abhor-  
rent to most Americans.

I think Shelton is entirely correct in his assessment  
of the American situation. Our country is full of people  
are full of senseless destruction by our extremists  
and racial hatred, but it doesn't need any more to figure  
that out. The Klan is not as good as the number of  
friends who are. I don't agree entirely with Spuro  
Agnes, but...

I think, and fervently hope, that most Americans  
can still keep cool. I see no difference between Black  
Panthers and Ku Klux Klan men. Both would try to bul-  
ly me. Both would try scare tactics.

The disaster would come when a majority of Ameri-  
cans just looking for a little peace and quiet would  
swing for some smooth talking fellow who would sell  
them on the idea that a dictatorship, a kindly one,  
would give us all a little rest.

When we go for that, forget freedom.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY  
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

DATE: 3/26/70

ReBHlet to Bureau dated 12/24/69.

(1) Potential Counterintelligence Action

Birmingham continues to feel that the mailing of cartoons, anonymous untraceable cards, leaflets and similar type literature to known Klansmen can serve as a very important disruptive action in the Counterintelligence Program. The Birmingham Office is also definitely of the opinion that the proper use of anonymous telephone calls on a selective basis to certain UKA leaders and for active members can be, and in the past has been, used successfully by the Birmingham Office. At the appropriate time or times in the future, Birmingham plans further use of such calls in appropriate situations with Bureau approval and the Bureau will be contacted concerning same in all such cases.

(2) Pending Counterintelligence Action

During the current reporting period, Birmingham requested the Bureau to consider securing copies of income tax returns for the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan; ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, #18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Ala., and the Alabama Rescue Service, a name by which the UKA is sometimes known.

By letter dated 3/3/70, the Bureau instructed Birmingham to resubmit its request for such returns after the 4/15/70 deadline, if such action is desired. The Bureau stated no action was then being taken to obtain the requested returns as a time after 4/15/70 appeared more desirable.

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In February, 1970, Birmingham submitted a three-page airtel in which Bureau authority was requested for the Miami Office to furnish numerous questions or topics for submission to [redacted] is the [redacted] and Birmingham, in this airtel, submitted a list of nine (9) questions, etc., to be asked Imperial Wizard ROBERT M. SHELTON, UKA, on a visit to Florida and appearance on a TV show.

By Bureau letter of 2/24/70, Miami was authorized to take the action requested by Birmingham as mentioned in the preceding paragraph, if the proper occasion should arise.

(3) Tangible Results

As Birmingham has previously expressed, it is felt that great significance should be attributed to instant program concerning the fact that there has been almost no trouble, violence or disturbance on the part of the UKA or any other hate group in the Birmingham Division for many months. As Birmingham also has previously expressed, Birmingham continues to feel that such lack of activity on the part of the UKA and the other hate groups quite logically and easily can be attributed or considered to be tangible results of the counterintelligence activity of the Bureau and various FBI offices participating in captioned matter.

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It is also quite apparent, in the opinion of Birmingham, that ROBERT SHELTON, [redacted] and other high-ranking officials of the UKA are greatly concerned in regard to the activity of the FBI, the probability that the FBI has highly placed informants in the UKA, and the fact that the FBI is probably in a position to have immediate and/or advance notice of any plans of any nature on the part of the UKA.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

**TO :** Director, FBI (157-9-4) (RM)

**FROM :** SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

**SUBJECT:** COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY  
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

**DATE:** 5/25/70

ReBHlet, 2/12/70, and Bulet, 3/3/70.

Referenced Birmingham letter requested the Bureau to consider securing copies of income tax returns for the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan; ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, #18 Lake Sherwood Star Route, Northport, Alabama, and the Alabama Rescue Service, a name by which the UKA is sometimes known.

ReBulet advised that no action was then being taken on the above mentioned. It was stated that Birmingham should resubmit its request after the 4/15/70 deadline for filing tax returns.

Birmingham herewith requests the Bureau to consider attempting to obtain the 1969 income tax returns for the UKA, aka the Alabama Rescue Service, and ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON.

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1 - Birmingham  
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*Helge*  
RACIAL INT. SEC.

*Blind memo. of 7/2/70 to W.C. Sullivan (inc) 6/12/70 HCN: cas Blind memo attached*

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# NOTE IN ENVELOPE

1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh  
1 - Mr. H. E. Helgeson

SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

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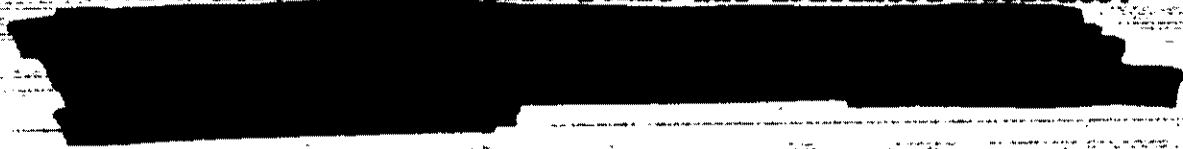
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**COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS  
RACIAL MATTERS**

Enclosed for your information are two copies Baltimore LHM dated 5/25/70 captioned "United Klans of America Rally, Rising Sun, Maryland, 5/16/70."

*PS*

You will note that two sources reporting on Robert Walton's speech at this rally commented that he took a more anticommunist stand and denounced violence.



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Instruct informant to continue along these lines as it appears positive results are being achieved.

Enclosures (2)

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**NOTE:**

See memorandum G. C. Moore to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 5/28/70 captioned as above prepared by HEH:kks.

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# ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

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GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 5/28/70

FROM : Mr. G. C. Moore

- 1 - Mr. D. Ryan
- 1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan
- 1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh
- 1 - Mr. H. E. Helgeson

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS  
RACIAL MATTERS

To advise of positive results achieved from counter-intelligence measures and effective utilization of racial informant.

1970

Following the release from prison of Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA)

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In order to capitalize on this unique opportunity,

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It is interesting to note that Shelton was main speaker at a UKA Rally in Maryland on 5/16/70. Two informants who attended this rally reported that Shelton's speech was less racist and more anticommunist than usual. He also denounced violence saying that the answer to country's problems was not guns, bombings, riots or destruction of property. He urged legal means to effect change, urging audience to write lawmakers concerning those things that they disliked.

**ACTION:**

For information.

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Date: 6/12/70

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY  
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

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Re Bureau airtel to Birmingham and Charlotte,  
6/10/70:

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Referenced airtel requested Charlotte and Birmingham to submit ideas for appropriate counter-intelligence measures to be utilized during the National Klavokation to be held at Catawba College, Salisbury, N. C., 6/27-28/70. In compliance with referenced Bureau airtel, Birmingham submits the following ideas for Bureau consideration and approval:

PUBLICATION

1. Bureau authorize the Charlotte Office to furnish a copy of the June, 1970 issue of "The Literary Cross" to appropriate friendly news sources in Salisbury and/or other North Carolina cities. Such reliable sources should be requested to not divulge the Bureau's interest in the matter but to suggest and/or urge these news sources to arrange coverage of "open meetings"

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  - 2 - Birmingham
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**ENCLOSURE**

REC'D DIV. DIRECT DIA

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Approved: Ralph Miles  
Special Agent in Charge

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Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

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of the UKA on 6/27/ and 6/28/70. It is to be noted that UKA literature has pointed out that the public will be welcomed to certain meetings and other activities of this National Klonvokation other than closed UKA meetings. Probably these news sources can furnish the Bureau with photographs of persons attending these meetings.

2. Bureau is requested to consider furnishing information concerning the above-mentioned Klonvokation to selected, reliable syndicated news sources of the Bureau for such unfavorable publicity as such sources may be able to give certain UKA officials and the UKA organization in connection with this forthcoming national meeting.

3. Will authorize the Charlotte Office to furnish selected information and other details concerning the forthcoming National Klonvokation to appropriate friendly and reliable state and local law enforcement officers in Salisbury and/or other North Carolina cities with a request that these agencies arrange for proper law enforcement coverage of the entire Catawba College area during the entire period while this Klonvokation is being held in Salisbury. If possible, these law enforcement officers and agencies should be requested to arrange for the obtaining of licenses and other data concerning the persons attending this National Klonvokation. It is considered possible that with certain of these law enforcement agencies and/or individuals, they may in their own manner participate in counterintelligence activities or disturbing procedures in connection with this matter.

4. Birmingham is herewith enclosing two letters bearing the UKA realm of North Carolina letterhead and the signatures of J. ROBERT JONES, Grand Dragon of North Carolina, for the UKA. These letters state that Klansmen receiving these letters should feel free to contact him (JONES), at any time, day or night, and set up an appointment.

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Both letters show the phone to be used could be reached through Area Code 704-279-9470. Birmingham suggests that the Bureau may give the Charlotte Office specific authorization to arrange for anonymous calls to be placed to this phone to cause confusion and/or disruptive action by the sending of incorrect information, then request that some of the Klansmen known to be attending the Klonvokation from other cities to call their home or their individual state offices or to use the telephone situation for other disruptive activities.

5. Birmingham suggests that the Bureau, if time permits, fix short letters of cancelation on letterheads of either the UKA realm of North Carolina or the letterheads of the Imperial Office of the UKA. Such letters should be as brief as possible and only show that the National Klonvokation which was to have been held as above mentioned has been canceled without any additional explanation. Such a letter if on the Imperial Office stationary should be furnished the Birmingham Office to be sent to the various state offices of the UKA and will be mailed by Birmingham from Tuscaloosa, Ala., as authorized by the Bureau. If the UKA realm of North Carolina stationary is used, the Bureau should furnish same to the Charlotte Office to be sent by the Charlotte Office. It is to be noted that Birmingham is herewith enclosing an envelope and a letterhead of the Imperial Office of the UKA to be used by the Bureau in preparing such a letter. Should this procedure be authorized, the various UKA state headquarters and state UKA officials may be obtained from the last nonprosecutive summary report submitted by the Birmingham Office in February, 1970.

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P. O. Box 2368  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama  
35401

Robert M. Shelton  
*Imperial Wizard*

W. Melvin Sexton  
*Imperial Kligrapp*

James H. Spears  
*Imperial Kludd*

# UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.



IMPERIAL OFFICE



P. O. Box 2369

Tuscaloosa, Alabama

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# UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.

P. O. BOX 221 - GRANITE QUARRY, - NORTH CAROLINA 28977

## REALM OF NORTH CAROLINA



Esteemed Klansmen & Klansladies,

After talking this week with the Lady in charge of reservations she tells me they are being taken care of as fast as possible, but in order to get confirmation on them she has requested that your reservations be in no later than June 15th.

Request for Banquet tickets should be in this office by June 15th, so we will know how many to prepare for. We will have some tickets at the door but it will be impossible for us to prepare for an extra 500 at the last minute. We are doing our best to make your stay in North Carolina a pleasant one and ask your cooperation in getting your reservations and request for Banquet tickets in as soon as possible.

As this is the first National Klonvocation to be held on a College campus we need to make every effort to see that this is a complete success and it will take everyone from every State to do this. Every Unit in every State should have representatives at this meeting. If everyone cannot come, money should be pooled so that your Unit will be represented at this important meeting. So everyone make an effort to show the people in the United States that the United Klans of America, Inc. is the biggest and best Klandestine organization in the world.

For you Klanspeople who can come to our State early, rallies will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 19th, 20th and 21st. During the week preceding the National Klonvocation a T.V. program series will be taped that we hope to cover the United States with. Any that can come, will be more than welcome.

When you get to Salisbury call our office and we will do everything we can to make your stay in our State a pleasant one. The office number is: 704-279-9470.

Looking forward to seeing you in Klansville the month of June, I remain,

JRJ:bs

Yours for God and Country,

*J. Robert Jones*  
J. Robert Jones





# UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.

P. O. BOX 221 - GRANITE QUARRY, - NORTH CAROLINA 28772

## REALM OF NORTH CAROLINA



Esteemed Klansmen,

I am writing this letter and addressing you as Klansmen because although you may have joined the league of drop-outs, you are nevertheless Klansmen and shall always be deemed so.

First and foremost I want to make a plea right at the outset of this letter so you know exactly why I'm writing before you waste your time reading any further. I am interested in only one thing—I want you back actively in the United Klans of America, Inc. and I want you back NOW, and letting humility prevail, I need your support, North Carolina needs your support, and this entire country needs your support, as does the white Christian race.

I don't have all the facts on why you decided to "drop-out" of the United Klans of America, but I do know that whatever "thing" may have made you decide to quit—let's bring it out in the open and talk. I want you to know that as your Grand Dragon I intend to keep hounding you until you at least agree to inform me of the reason you are no longer in there fighting for your race and your country.

After spending over nine months in Federal Prison for holding out for you I think that is the least amount of consideration you owe me. I'm not asking for any special consideration, even though I feel I deserve it, all I'm asking is that you give me a chance to work out whatever problem or question concerning the United Klans of America, Inc. you may have on your mind.

There isn't anything so terribly important that can't be taken care of in one way or the other, and you can bet your life that I'll do everything in my power to get to the bottom of the matter.

I'm well aware of the destruction that took place in North Carolina the minute I was gone, and I am happy to tell you that most of that mess has been cleaned up and out! If there are further bad apples, they will also be taken care of.

There are many men out there just waiting to join United Klans of America, but before I even attempt to enlist the aid of new members I want our old members back doing the work that only you are capable of doing.

Please reconsider the reasons, whatever they may be that made you leave the company of good men with a good cause and let's get together at your earliest convenience and discuss the matter in detail.

Feel free to contact me at any time day or night and set up an appointment. Phone Area Code 704-279-9470.

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Yours for God and Country,

J. Robert Jones,  
Grand Dragon of North Carolina





UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 6/15/70

FROM : G. C. Moore *GC*

- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach *S/S*
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan *S/S*
- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
- 1 - Liaison Section
- 1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh
- 1 - Mr. H. E. Helgeson

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS  
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*PS* The Birmingham Office has requested Bureau to secure copies of 1969 Income Tax Return for United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA), the Alabama Rescue Service, a name by which the UKA is sometimes known, and Robert Marvin Shelton, Imperial Wizard of UKA. Birmingham desires to review these returns for information concerning financial standing of UKA and Shelton and any information which might be of assistance in instituting counterintelligence measures.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Liaison Section obtain from Internal Revenue Service two ~~certified~~ copies each of 1969 Income Tax Return filed by Shelton, the UKA and/or Alabama Rescue Service. Attached is a memorandum for use of Liaison Section.

Enclosure

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY  
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

DATE: 6/29/70

ReBHlet to Bureau dated 3/26/70.

(1) Potential Counterintelligence Action

Birmingham continues to feel that the mailing of cartoons, anonymous untraceable cards, leaflets and similar type literature to known Klansmen can serve as a very important disruptive action in the Counterintelligence Program. The Birmingham Office is also definitely of the opinion that the proper use of anonymous telephone calls on a selective basis to certain UKA leaders and for active members can be, and in the past has been, used successfully by the Birmingham Office. At the appropriate time or times in the future, Birmingham plans further use of such calls in appropriate situations with Bureau approval and the Bureau will be contacted concerning same in all such cases.

(2) Pending Counterintelligence Action

*RE 810 908*

[REDACTED]

*USA*

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As instructed by the Bureau in its airtel dated 6/10/70, Birmingham submitted an airtel under date of 6/12/70 in which several ideas were set forth for the Bureau's consideration and approval in regard to captioned

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- 2 - Birmingham

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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program. These suggestions dealt with counterintelligence measures to be utilized during the National Klonvocation to be held at Catawba College, Salisbury, North Carolina, June 27 and 28, 1970. By airtel dated 6/23/70, the Bureau notified Birmingham and Charlotte of the approval of suggestions made by Charlotte and Birmingham concerning this forthcoming National Klonvocation. These counterintelligence measures are pending at the present time.

(3) Tangible Results

As Birmingham has previously expressed, it is felt that great significance should be attributed to instant program concerning the fact that there has been almost no trouble, violence or disturbance on the part of the UKA or any other hate group in the Birmingham Division for many months. As Birmingham also has previously expressed, Birmingham continues to feel that such lack of activity on the part of the UKA and the other hate groups quite logically and easily can be attributed or considered to be tangible results of the counterintelligence activity of the Bureau and various FBI offices participating in captioned matter.

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It is also quite apparent, in the opinion of Birmingham, that ROBERT SHELTON, [REDACTED] and other high-ranking officials of the UKA are greatly concerned in regard to the activity of the FBI, the probability that the FBI has highly placed informants in the UKA, and the fact that the FBI is probably in a position to have immediate and/or advance notice of any plans of any nature on the part of the UKA.

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# ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

8/7/70

**Airtel**

1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan  
1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh

To: SAC, Birmingham

From: Director, FBI

**COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS  
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., (UKA)  
NATIONAL KLONVOKATION, NOVEMBER 26-29, 1970,  
TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA)  
RM - KLAN**

Ps.

Reurairtel and LHM 7/22/70 captioned "United Klans of America Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), RM-Klan."

Reairtel and LHM advised that the UKA was to hold a 1970 National Klonvokation at the Ramada Inn at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, from November 26-29, 1970.

Your office is instructed to consider the possibility of utilizing counterintelligence techniques for the purpose of neutralizing and disrupting the 1970 National Klonvokation of the UKA. You should request counterintelligence suggestions from field offices who will have informants attending this Klonvokation but in doing so insure that all offices clearly understand that counterintelligence suggestions must be approved by the Bureau prior to their being utilized.

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**NOTE:**

This instructs Birmingham (office of origin) for the investigation of the UKA to begin planning for counterintelligence techniques to be utilized against the Klan at the National Klonvokation to be held at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on November 26-29, 1970.

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Date: 8/13/70

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS  
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., (UKA)  
NATIONAL KLONVOKATION, NOVEMBER 26-29, 1970,  
TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA)  
RM - KLAN

Re Birmingham airtel and letterhead memorandum,  
dated 7/22/70, captioned "United Klans of America, Inc.,  
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), RM - Klan;" and Bureau  
airtel to Birmingham, dated 8/7/70, captioned as instant  
communication.

Reairtel and LHM advised that the UKA was to hold  
a 1970 National Klonvokation at the Ramada Inn at Tuscaloosa,  
Alabama, from November 26-29, 1970.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (RM)
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- 2 - Norfolk (RM)
- 2 - Philadelphia (RM)
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- 2 - Tampa (RM)
- 2 - Birmingham

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RACIAL INTELLIGENCE

Approved: Ralph Miles / mb Sent 8 10 10  
Special Agent in Charge

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In accordance with Bureau instructions set forth in referenced Bureau airtel, Birmingham herewith requests counterintelligence suggestions from recipient offices who may have informants attending this Klönvokation. It is possible that by utilizing counterintelligence techniques, the 1970 National Klönvokation of the UKA may be neutralized and disrupted.

Any office having a counterintelligence suggestion should submit same to the Bureau for approval as soon as possible. Details of the suggestion should be clearly spelled out and Birmingham requests an information copy.

FBI

Date: 8/19/70

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835)(P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE  
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS  
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., (UKA),  
NATIONAL KLONVOKATION, NOVEMBER 26-29, 1970,  
TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA)  
RM - KLAN

ReBuairtel to Birmingham dated 8/7/70, and  
BHairtel to Bureau dated 8/13/70.

Referenced airtels are concerned with planning  
for appropriate counterintelligence measures to be utilized  
in connection with the National Klonvokation to be held at  
the Ramada Inn, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 11/26-29/70. Birming-  
ham submits the following ideas for Bureau consideration  
and approval:

1. Bureau authorize Birmingham Office, at  
Tuscaloosa, Ala., to make anonymous calls to cancel  
previously made motel reservations of Klansmen known to  
have been made in connection with the above-mentioned  
national meeting.

2. Birmingham be authorized to furnish reliable  
news sources of the Birmingham Office, at Birmingham and/or  
Tuscaloosa, with information regarding the forthcoming  
National Klonvokation so articles publicizing same will  
appear in the Birmingham and/or Tuscaloosa areas a few  
days before the meeting begins.

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1 - Birmingham  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature:* Ralph J. [unclear] / [unclear]  
Special Agent in Charge

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3. Birmingham be authorized to anonymously mail copies of official UKA leaflets, announcements, or other news items, if and when obtained, concerning the meeting to newspapers, radio stations, television stations, motels and city officials at Birmingham and/or Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Should any or all of the above counterintelligence measures be authorized by the Bureau, Birmingham will insure that the measures cannot be traced to the Bureau and will advise the Bureau of any positive results achieved.



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EX 106

SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

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Director, FBI (157-9-4) - 162

- 1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh
- 1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
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UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., (UKA)  
NATIONAL KLOVOKATION, NOVEMBER 26-29, 1970,  
TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA)  
 RM - KLAN

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PS

Reurairtel 8/19/70.

Authority is granted for you to implement the counterintelligence proposal set forth in reairtel.

Insure this matter is handled in such a manner that the Bureau will not be identified with the action taken. Promptly advise of positive results achieved.

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NOTE:

In connection with the forthcoming National Klovokation (convention) 11/26-29/70 Birmingham requested the following: (1) Bureau give authorization to Birmingham to make anonymous calls to cancel previously made motel reservations of klansmen known to have been made in connection with the above-mentioned national meeting. (2) Birmingham be authorized to furnish reliable news sources of the Birmingham Office information regarding the forthcoming National Klovokation so articles publicizing same will appear in the Birmingham and/or Tuscaloosa areas a few days before the meeting. (3) Birmingham be authorized to anonymously mail copies of the official UKA leaflets and announcements if and as determined concerning the meeting to newspapers and other media. Birmingham advised that if approved Bureau could not be identified with above measures.

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FBI

Date: 8/26/70

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE  
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS  
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)

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Re Indianapolis letter to Bureau dated 8/18/70,  
captioned "UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED; RM - KLAN."

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Relet reflects the Bureau was furnished an LHM  
concerning a State Election within the UKA, INC., REALM OF  
INDIANA. Relet also set out a lead for the Birmingham Office  
at Birmingham, Ala., to assure that information concerning  
the intentions of the UKA, INC., REALM OF INDIANA, to cease  
contributing to the National Defense Fund, be made known to  
appropriate persons within the UKA at Tuscaloosa, Ala., to  
cause whatever action taken concerning this act to be done  
at earliest date.

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In view of above, Bureau authority is requested  
for the Indianapolis Office to send an anonymous letter to  
Imperial Wizard ROBERT M. SHELTON, #18 Lake Sherwood, Star  
Route, Northport, Ala., 35476. This letter should be sent  
on commercial stationery, typed with a manual typewriter  
and sent so the Bureau's involvement will in no way be re-  
vealed. The letter should indicate its author is a Klansman  
who does not agree with the action taken. It should contain  
enough data from the LHM, mentioned above, to get the message  
across to SHELTON. Birmingham will advise of any results  
noted concerning instant matter.

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1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh  
1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan

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To: SACs, Birmingham (157-835)  
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From: Director, FBI (157-9-4) - 163

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DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

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

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ReBIAirtel dated 8/26/70.

Recommendation in reairtel has merit; however, prior to making a decision as to whether or not to approve the letter it will be necessary for the Indianapolis Division to submit contents of letter to Bureau.

Indianapolis should promptly submit contents of proposed letter to Bureau and Birmingham. Upon receipt of the above Indianapolis and Birmingham will be advised concerning the sending of the proposed letter.

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NOTE: Indianapolis letter dated 8/18/70 furnished information that the UKA in Indianapolis will cease contributing to the National Klan Defense Fund. Indianapolis recommended that Birmingham assure that the information concerning this be made known to appropriate persons within the Klan in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Birmingham airtel of 8/26/70 recommended that Bureau authorize it be granted for Indianapolis to send anonymous letter to [redacted] at his address in Alabama. This letter would indicate its author is a klanman who does not agree with the action being taken to cease furnishing money to the National Klan Defense Fund.

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# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 9/2/70

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FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS  
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Re Bureau letter to Birmingham dated 6/1/70.

On 7/24/70 [redacted] was contacted and given the instructions contained in referenced letter.

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-4)

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (157-761) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
 RACIAL INTELLIGENCE  
 DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS  
 UKA, INC.,  
 KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA)

DATE: 9/14/70

Re Indianapolis let to Bureau 8/18/70 captioned "UKA, RM-Klan;" Birmingham airtel to Bureau 8/26/70; Bureau airtel to Birmingham and Indianapolis 9/1/70.

Referenced Birmingham airtel requested Bureau authority for Indianapolis to direct an anonymous letter to Imperial Wizard ROBERT M. SHELTON, Northport, Alabama, concerning a resolution made by [redacted] Indiana, to effect no funds would be sent national office for defense purposes.

Buairtel dated 9/1/70 instructed Indianapolis promptly submit contents of proposed letter to the Bureau and Birmingham for determination concerning value of contents.

Subsequent to submission by Indianapolis of letter to Bureau 8/18/70, information has been obtained that immediately following the resolution made at the State meeting being adopted, [redacted] supra, forwarded by registered letter the decision voted on and unanimously agreed, regarding the cessation of Indiana Klan's furnishing additional monies to national headquarters for defense fund. This letter was addressed personally to ROBERT M. SHELTON.

- ②-Bureau (RM)
  - 1-Birmingham (157-835) (RM)
  - 1-Cincinnati (RM)
  - 2-Indianapolis  
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Information was also received that at the time of the State meeting, a Klansman from the State of Ohio, one [REDACTED] left the meeting at the time the resolution was adopted and telephonically relayed this to the Grand Dragon of UKA, State of Ohio, who later furnished this information telephonically to [REDACTED] at Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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In view of the fact that this information is undoubtedly well known to national headquarters of UKA, Inc., and in view of the fact that subsequent to Indianapolis' request for Birmingham to disseminate this information, information has been obtained which would indicate a desirability for UKA, Inc., - Realm of Indiana, to maintain association with the national offices of UKA, it is suggested that no further action be taken concerning the resolution made by [REDACTED] with a view in mind of effecting a split between the UKA - Realm of Indiana and the national organization.

UACB, Indianapolis will continue investigation as in past without effort to increase the chasm between the State of Indiana, and the mother organization.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 9/29/70

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE  
INTERNAL SECURITY  
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

ReBHlet to Bureau dated 6/29/70.

(1) Potential Counterintelligence Action

Birmingham continues to feel that the mailing of cartoons, anonymous untraceable cards, leaflets and similar type literature to known Klansmen can serve as a very important disruptive action in the Counterintelligence Program. The Birmingham Office is also definitely of the opinion that the proper use of anonymous telephone calls on a selective basis, to certain IKA leaders and for active members can be, and in the past has been, used successfully by the Birmingham Office. At the appropriate time or times in the future, Birmingham plans further use of such calls in appropriate situations with Bureau approval and the Bureau will be contacted concerning same in all such cases.

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(2) Pending Counterintelligence Action

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By airtel dated 8/19/70, Birmingham made several recommendations to the Bureau in connection with counterintelligence measures to be used concerning the National Klavokation of the United Klans of America, Inc., (UKA) to be held at the Ramada Inn, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 11/26-29/70.

By letter dated 8/26/70, the Bureau granted Birmingham authority to implement the counterintelligence proposals set out in the Birmingham airtel mentioned above.

(3) Tangible Results

As Birmingham has previously expressed, it is felt that great significance should be attributed to instant program concerning the fact that there has been almost no trouble, violence or disturbance on the part of the UKA or any other hate group in the Birmingham Division for many months. As Birmingham also has previously expressed, Birmingham continues to feel that such lack of activity on the part of the UKA and the other hate groups quite logically and easily can be attributed or considered to be tangible results of the counterintelligence activity of the Bureau and various FBI Offices participating in captioned matter.

b7c It is also quite apparent, in the opinion of Birmingham, that ROBERT SHELTON, [REDACTED] and other high-ranking officials of the UKA are greatly concerned in regard to the activity of the FBI, the probability that the FBI has highly placed informants in the UKA, and the fact that the FBI is probably in a position to have immediate and/or advance notice of any plans of any nature on the part of the UKA.



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The Bureau by letter dated 6/1/70, commented upon the efforts and activity of the above-mentioned highly placed Birmingham informant in regard to the preparation of Imperial Wizard SHELTON's speeches as authorized by the Bureau and stated that "it appears positive results are being achieved" in regard to this situation.

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Date: 10/23/70

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

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RACIAL INTELLIGENCE

DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

~~UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. (UKA)~~

NATIONAL KLONVOKATION, NOVEMBER 26-29, 1970,

TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA

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ReBuairtel to Birmingham dated 8/7/70; Bulet to Birmingham, 8/26/70, and BHairtels, 8/13/70 and 8/19/70.

Referenced airtels are concerned with planning for appropriate counterintelligence measures to be utilized in connection with the National Klonvokation to be held at the Ramada Inn, Tuscaloosa, Ala., 11/26-29/70.

ReBHairtel of 8/19/70 in paragraph numbered "2" requested that Birmingham be authorized to furnish reliable news sources of the Birmingham Office, at Birmingham and/or Tuscaloosa, with information regarding the forthcoming National Klonvokation so articles publicizing same would appear in the Birmingham and/or Tuscaloosa areas a few days before the meeting begins.

ReBulet of 8/26/70, granted Birmingham authority to implement the counterintelligence proposal set forth in reBHairtel of 8/19/70.

Birmingham has just received information from a very highly-placed Birmingham racial informant that Alabama

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Governor-Elect GEORGE C. WALLACE may be a speaker at a banquet held during the National Klonvokation in November, 1970, at Tuscaloosa, Ala., at the Ramada Inn. The banquet is to be closed except to UKA Klansmen and their immediate families. There is also some indication that WALTER FLOWERS, Alabama Representative to U. S. Congress, and JIM ALLEN, U. S. Senator from Alabama, both helped politically by the UKA, may be invited to attend the UKA banquet.

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Birmingham herewith requests Bureau authority to "leak" or furnish such information so articles publicizing same will appear in the Birmingham and/or Tuscaloosa areas a few days before the meeting begins so that adequate news coverage of actual attendance by WALLACE, FLOWERS or ALLEN can be on hand.

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1-Mr. J. E. Deegan  
1-Mr. H. E. Halgeson

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DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS  
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,  
NATIONAL KLOVOKATION, 11/26-29/70,  
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Reurairtel 10-23-70.

Authority denied to undertake counterintelligence measure set forth in referenced airtel.

Due to the fact that elected public officials are involved, the risk of possible embarrassment to the Bureau outweighs any advantages to be gained.

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NOTE:

Birmingham has advised that Alabama Governor-Elect George C. Wallace may be a speaker at a banquet to be held during National Klovokation of United Klans of America, Inc., and there is some indication that Alabama Congressman Walter Flowers and United States Senator Jim Allen from Alabama, may be invited to attend. Birmingham requests authority to "leak" such information so that articles publicizing same will appear in the press before the meeting begins.

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Date: 11/4/70

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-<sup>4</sup>8)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)  
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM -  
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS  
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)  
NATIONAL KLONVOKATION  
11/26-29/70  
TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA  
RM - KLAN

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Re CE airtel to Bureau, 10/27/70.

Referenced airtel set forth five (5) well-thought-out counterintelligence suggestions for possible use during the forthcoming National Klonvokation at Tuscaloosa.

As to the above-mentioned suggestions, Birmingham makes the following recommendations:

1. As to CE's suggestion (1), which deals with the failure of the National Office of the UKA to give a detailed accounting of expenditures amounting to over \$100,000.00 for fiscal 1968-1969, Birmingham requests authority to have informants attending the forthcoming meeting apprized of this dissatisfaction and instructed to demand more detailed accounting of large expenditures for fiscal 1969-1970. It is to be

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- 1 - Birmingham (157-835)

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noted that for several years, Imperial Wizard SHELTON and [redacted] and their wives have lived in lovely homes, driven late model autos and controlled the receipts and accounting for UKA Imperial Office funds as they so desired.

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2. As to CE's suggestion (2), which deals with the reported dictatorial policy of North Carolina [redacted] relating to how he "handpicked" a candidate for the position of Imperial Night Hawk and "flew into a rage" when another nomination was made, Birmingham requests authority to alert informants as to what took place at the North Carolina Klonvokation and to object if a similar situation arises at Tuscaloosa.

3. As to CE's suggestion (3), which accuses [redacted] of collecting \$5.00 for the dinner at the North Carolina Klonvokation and making a \$2.00 profit per plate, Birmingham recommends informants attending the forthcoming klonvokation be apprized of what went on and have them discuss it with other delegates or complain if it occurs at Tuscaloosa. (3)

As to CE's suggestion (4), which deals with the UKA's possible liability to a klansman's family in cases where the klansman has been injured or killed while taking part in a klan "protection-type" racket, Birmingham recommends that the possible serious liabilities of the various UKA officials and the organization be raised to prevent such a racket from succeeding in any locality.

As to CE's suggestion (5), which deals with the money making scheme of the Imperial Office of the UKA re \$25.00 fee for the "Second Degree of Klancraft", Birmingham recommends that informants attending the forthcoming National Klonvokation be instructed to attempt to spread the thought that the "National Office" is only interested in money-making schemes otherwise there would be no cause for charges for such a deserved recognition.

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Birmingham will await Bureau authority before taking any further action concerning the above. The Bureau is also requested to advise whether it would be more expeditious for the Bureau to advise interested offices having informants to be notified of authorized action or whether Birmingham should do so.

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**Airtel**

1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh  
1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan

To: SACs, Birmingham (157-835)  
Charlotte (157-281)

From: Director, FBI (157-9-8) *157-9-4-168*

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ReBHairtel dated 11/4/70 captioned "Counterintelligence Program, Disruption of Hate Groups (United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan) National Klavokation 11/26-29/70, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, MI-Klan."

It is to be noted subject has been changed to conform with new instructions concerning utilization of code word, Cointelpro.

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Consideration has been given to the suggestions made by the Charlotte Division and the comments concerning the suggestions made by the Birmingham Division. While these suggestions have merit, it is noted that each suggestion involves the use of racial informants; therefore, authority is not being granted to implement these suggestions. The reason authority is not being granted is that our informants may possibly be identified as informants if they were utilized on a large scale in connection with the suggestions made.

The Birmingham and Charlotte Divisions should submit suggestions to bring out the same ideas as suggested in reairtel; however, this should be brought about without the use of racial informants.

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Airtel to SAC, Birmingham  
RE: COINTELPRO - KLAN

NOTE:

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA INC

The Charlotte Division recommended and the Birmingham Division agreed that informants should be used to: (1) to get more detailed accounting of large expenditures of UKA for the fiscal year 1969-70. The national office of the Klan reported a total income of over \$100,000 but there was no detailed explanation of the expenditures covering this \$100,000. (2) It was reported that [redacted] of the North Carolina Realm nominated a "hand picked" candidate for an imperial office and when another nomination was made from the floor [redacted] became irate. It was recommended that informants be given instructions to be alert for this type of situation and to bring up the fact that candidates for the imperial board were "hand picked" and, therefore, should be removed from office and a new election held. (3) It was reported that [redacted] at the Klonvokation held in North Carolina last year had a catered dinner and charged each person in attendance \$5; however, information was received that the caterer only charged [redacted] \$2.50 for each person. Again it was recommended that informants bring this matter to the attention of the national board. (4) It was again recommended that informants bring up pertinent questions concerning the Klan's liability in connection with the "500 Club". This club is basically a protection-type racket in which the Klan attempts to secure from individual merchants a commitment to pay from \$100 to \$500 per year as protection for their businesses during times of riots and racial strife. (5) The imperial office of the UKA has a scheme for making money wherein it charges a \$25 fee for the "Second Degree of Klancraft." It was recommended that informants attending the National Klonvokation be instructed to attempt to spread the idea that the national office is only interested in money making schemes. While the above have merit, it is believed it would be dangerous to have informants identified with all the above.

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*7/1/71*  
TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 1/5/71

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COINTELPRO - KLAN  
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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

ReBHlet to Bureau, 9/29/70.

(1) Potential Counterintelligence Action

Birmingham continues to feel that the mailing of cartoons, anonymous untraceable cards, leaflets and similar type literature to known Klansmen can serve as a very important disruptive action in the Counterintelligence Program. The Birmingham Office is also definitely of the opinion that the proper use of anonymous telephone calls on a selective basis, to certain UKA leaders and for active members can be, and in the past has been, used successfully by the Birmingham Office. At the appropriate time or times in the future, Birmingham plans further use of such calls in appropriate situations with Bureau approval and the Bureau will be contacted concerning same in all such cases.

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(2) Pending Counterintelligence Action

During the current reporting period, as instructed by the Bureau, Birmingham

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As the Bureau is aware, Birmingham submitted several recommendations to the Bureau in connection with counterintelligence measures to be used concerning the National Klonvokation of the UKA which was held in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, during the latter part of November, 1970. Several of these recommendations made by the Birmingham Office were approved by the Bureau. One of these recommendations dealt with the making available of information concerning the National Klonvokation to various newspapers, radio stations and other communication media in the Birmingham territory.

The Bureau has been apprised of the fact that considerable newspaper publicity of an exceedingly critical nature appeared in various newspapers and newspaper articles in regard to the National Klonvokation of the UKA, and some of the political figures who either attended the Klonvokation by invitation or reportedly declined to attend for various reasons. These newspaper articles specifically named several of the various political figures involved and in the main were highly critical of the UKA, the UKA's activities, and the fact that the political individuals attending the National Klonvokation of the UKA or reportedly giving reasons why they could not attend, and are believed to have resulted in very damaging effects upon the UKA and all persons involved.

It is further to be noted that the Birmingham Office, shortly prior to the holding of the National Klonvokation of the UKA, received information that Imperial Wizard SHELTON was making efforts to employ a polygraph operator to give numerous polygraph tests to quite a number of UKA officials and/or Klansmen attending this

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national meeting November, 1970. Birmingham was able to control this situation in such a manner that Imperial Wizard SHELTON did not learn that the polygraph operator, whom he had engaged to give the tests, would not be available until such time that it was impossible for SHELTON to replace this polygraph operator and arrange for any such test to be given to any Klansmen on this occasion.

(3) Tangible Results

As Birmingham has previously expressed, it is felt that great significance should be attributed to instant program concerning the fact that there has been ~~almost no~~ LIMITED trouble, violence or disturbance on the part of the UKA or any other white hate group in the Birmingham Division for many months. As Birmingham also has previously expressed, Birmingham continues to feel that such lack of activity on the part of the UKA and the other hate groups quite logically and easily can be attributed or considered to be tangible results of the counterintelligence activity of the Bureau and various FBI Offices participating in captioned matter.

Birmingham is of the opinion that it is quite apparent that Imperial Wizard SHELTON and other high-ranking officials of the UKA continue to be exceedingly concerned in regard to the activity of the FBI, the probability that the FBI has highly placed informants in the UKA, and the fact that the FBI is probably in a position to have not only immediate but also advance notice of many of the plans of the Imperial Office and other branches of the UKA. To Birmingham, this is clearly shown by the many statements made by Imperial Wizard SHELTON prior to, at the time of, and subsequent to the National Klionvokation of the UKA held in Tuscaloosa, Ala., in November, 1970, concerning the loyalty of even the Imperial Officers of the UKA, and the various state officials of the UKA, and rank and file members of the UKA. As mentioned above, SHELTON's

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efforts to employ a polygraph operator to give tests to an exceedingly large number of UKA officials and members show such concern. It is felt further that the counterintelligence efforts of Birmingham and other auxiliary offices of the FBI taking part in captioned program have been highly successful, and one tangible result is believed by Birmingham to be the action taken by former [REDACTED]

b7c [REDACTED] wherein they left the Imperial Office of the UKA shortly after the National Klönvokation in November, 1970, and severed their connections with the Imperial Office of the UKA.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)  
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FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COINTELPRO - KLAN  
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DATE: 4/1/71

ReBHlet to Bureau, 1/5/71.

(1) Potential Counterintelligence Action

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Birmingham continues to feel that the mailing of cartoons, anonymous untraceable cards, leaflets and similar type literature to known Klansmen can serve as a very important disruptive action in the Counterintelligence Program. The Birmingham Office is also definitely of the opinion that the proper use of anonymous telephone calls on a selective basis, to certain ~~UKA~~ <sup>UKA</sup> leaders and for active members can be, and in the past has been, used successfully by the Birmingham Office. At the appropriate time or times in the future, Birmingham plans further use of such calls in appropriate situations with Bureau approval and the Bureau will be contacted concerning same in all such cases.

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(2) Pending Counterintelligence Action

Birmingham has continued during the past three months to

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As the Bureau is aware, during the current reporting period, Birmingham has submitted several items and/or questions which might be used in the Counter Intelligence Program by the Miami Office on an occasion when Imperial Wizard ROBERT M. SHELTON reportedly had been scheduled to participate in a question and answer television program within the Miami Division.

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(3) Tangible Results

As Birmingham has previously expressed, it is felt that great significance should be attributed to instant program concerning the fact that there has been limited trouble, violence or disturbance on the part of the UKA or any other white hate group in the Birmingham Division for many months. As Birmingham also has previously expressed, Birmingham continues to feel that such lack of activity on the part of the UKA and the other hate groups quite logically and easily can be attributed or considered to be tangible results of the counterintelligence activity of the Bureau and various FBI Offices participating in captioned matter.

Birmingham is of the opinion that it is quite apparent that Imperial Wizard SHELTON and other high-ranking officials of the UKA continue to be exceedingly concerned in regard to the activity of the FBI, the probability that the FBI has highly placed informants in the UKA, and the fact that the FBI is probably in a position to have not only immediate but also advance notice of many of the plans of the Imperial Office and other branches of the UKA.

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To Birmingham, this is clearly shown by the many statements made by Imperial Wizard SHELTON prior to, at the time of, and subsequent to the National Kloukation of the UKA held in Tuscaloosa, Ala., in November, 1970, concerning the loyalty of even the Imperial Officers of the UKA, and the various state officials of the UKA, and rank and file members of the UKA. As mentioned above, SHELTON's efforts to employ a polygraph operator to give tests to an exceedingly large number of UKA officials and members show such concern. It is felt further that the counterintelligence efforts of Birmingham and other auxiliary offices of the FBI taking part in captioned program have been highly successful, and one tangible result is believed by Birmingham to be the action taken by former [REDACTED]

b7c [REDACTED] wherein they left the Imperial Office of the UKA shortly after the National Kloukation in November, 1970, and severed their connections with the Imperial Office of the UKA.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 4/27/71

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COINTELPRO - KLAN  
RM

*Counterintelligence Program  
Disruption of Hate Group*

As the Bureau is aware, ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, (UKA), resides at #18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama.

By letter dated 4/9/71, captioned "THE SOUTHERNERS," BH file 157-4597, Birmingham advised the Bureau that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Reportedly, ROBERT SHELTON and [REDACTED] are well acquainted with each other and have known each other for years.

Recently, a UKA informant has made known that Imperial Wizard SHELTON was the principal speaker at a UKA meeting in Alabama and at this meeting it was mentioned that [REDACTED] was forming the new group. It was also stated that the new group being formed by [REDACTED] was "going around saying that the Klan is dead."

Bureau authority is requested for Birmingham to prepare an anonymous letter to exploit this situation. If such is authorized, Birmingham will prepare the letter on unmarked stationery and with the use of a manual typewriter so that the Bureau's connection with this letter cannot be determined.

This suggested letter is as follows:

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*RACIAL INT. SECT.*

"Bessemer, Alabama

"Dear Mr. Shelton,

Many times considerable harm is done to someone or something before it is realized by the person or thing hurt. I want you to know what one schemer is trying to do to you and your organization.

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You know [redacted] who lives over close to [redacted] Ala. I know [redacted] has political ambitions and he is now forming an organization called "The Southerners." He is trying to organize units all over Alabama. [redacted] and his men are telling everyone that the klan is dead and that you and the klan are not doing anything but live off of the klan and its members. He is trying to get present and past klansmen to join his outfit.

I remember how you went to prison for your outfit and I feel you ought to know some of your men may be joining and supporting [redacted] group.

[redacted] is an opportunist and he is trying to get him a goldmine operating. He charges membership dues, sells some articles and plans to have membership stores, gas service stations, etc.

I hope you can control your men and fine organization and keep them from being sucked in to [redacted] money making scheme.

A Friend & Admirer."

If authorized by the Bureau, the above described letter will be mailed to SHELTON at P. O. Box 2369, Tuscaloosa, Ala., 35401, which is the official mailing address of the UKA.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 5/3/71

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COINTELPRO - KLAN  
RM

*Countertop - Hige - Program - Disruption - HATE GROUPS*

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As the Bureau is aware, ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, (UKA) resides at #18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Ala.

Recently, a UKA informant has made known that in late March of 1971, one of the highest UKA officials in Alabama strongly criticized [redacted] at a UKA meeting.

Bureau authority is requested for Birmingham to prepare an anonymous letter to exploit this situation. If such is authorized, Birmingham will prepare the letter on unmarked stationery and with the use of a manual typewriter so that the Bureau's connection with this letter cannot be determined.

This suggested letter is as follows:

"Fultondale, Alabama

"Dear [redacted]

"Something is being done behind your back that I think you ought to know. I am a klansman and believe in what we are doing. I also have

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heard about "The Southerners" and have read some about what it stands for. Our children and our schools mean the world to us and that's why I'm writing to let you know what is going on.

"Recently I learned that Mr. Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans, and some other of our top United Klan leaders in Alabama have been spreading a rumor about you. They say you don't want any secretary or treasurer for your organization so that all the money will come to you. They also say you are crooked and "can't keep your hands out of the till." They are also saying that your members would leave you as soon as they learned of your crooked background and that you never complete anything you start.

"Your friend."

If authorized by the Bureau, the above described letter will be mailed to [REDACTED] is his current home address.

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