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TO: DIRECTOR, AND SACS ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MOBILE,
NEW ORLEANS.

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

RE: PLOT TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING AND JACK
GREENBERG, ^{157/161-1} ATTORNEY, NAACP, ^{Mobile, Ala.} NEW YORK, MAY SEVENTEEN, 1964
MERT. RM.

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RE MIAMI TEL MAY FOUR LAST CAPTIONED QUOTE SIDNEY
C. BARNES, RM END QUOTE, AND MOBILE AIRTEL MARCH TWENTYFIVE
LAST, CAPTIONED QUOTE NOAH JEFFERSON CARMEN, RM END QUOTE.

SIDNEY C. BARNES UNEXPECTEDLY CONTACTED

INSTANT AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING:

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DEPARTED MIAMI BY POA EARLY APRIL TWENTY FOUR LAST
AND WENT TO MOBILE, ALABAMA, PASCAGOULA AND GULFPORT, MISS.,
RETURNED MIAMI MAY TWO LAST.

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WHILE IN MOBILE, ATTENDED SPEECH BY ALABAMA GOVERNOR GEORGE WALLACE, APRIL TWENTY SEVEN LAST, AND PASSED OUT ANTI JEWISH LITERATURE WITH NOAM JEFFERSON CARSEN, HOARCE GAAR, [REDACTED] AND OTHER PEOPLE FROM NSEF. DESCRIBED [REDACTED] AS A MINISTER AND HEADING UP NSEF, MOBILE. SPENT TWO NIGHTS AT HOME OF [REDACTED]

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STATED JOHN KASPER PAREN FREDERICK JOHN CASPER END PAREN, EDWARD FIELDS, J. B. STONER, AND OTHER NSEF MEMBERS WILL HOLD MEETING AND MAKE SPEECHES IN MOBILE MAY FIFTEEN NEXT.

STATED SEVERAL OCCASIONS SELECTED IN MOBILE FOR ARMED MEN TO BE STATIONED ON MAY SEVENTEEN NEXT WHERE MARTIN LUTHER KING AND JACK GREENBERG, ATTORNEY FOR NAACP, ARE SCHEDULED TO SPEAK. ARMED MEN TO USE HIGH POWERED RIFLES, CARBINES, OTHER WEAPONS AND HAVE ORDERS TO KILL KING AND GREENBERG. ARMED MEN ARE TO PROTECT AND ASSIST EACH OTHER TO ESCAPE. STATED GOVERNOR WALLACE WOULD NOT LET ANYONE QUOTE BURN END QUOTE IF CAUGHT.

STATED MAY, SIXTY FOUR, AS DATE QUOTE PATRIOTS END QUOTE,
TO MOVE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY IN A MOVE TO TAKE THE COUNTRY
BACK FROM THE QUOTE JEWS END QUOTE. STATED NEGROES ARE NO
PROBLEM AS JEWS ARE PUSHING THE NEGRO TO INTEGRATE.

STATED THEY ARE WORKING WITH WILLIAM POTTER, GALE,
AND DOCTOR WESLEY SWIFT OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

ADVISED CARDEN AND GAAR HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN
POSSESSION OF TWO CARBINES AND ONE RIFLE, ONE OF THE CARBINES
HAVING BEEN CONVERTED TO A MACHINE GUN. THEY WERE
STOPPED BY AUTHORITIES BECAUSE OF A BURNED OUT TAIL LIGHT ON
CAR. CAR WAS LOADED WITH SUGAR TO BE USED AT A STILL. STATED
THEIR ATTORNEY IS [REDACTED]
WHO HAS HIS OFFICE IN [REDACTED] STATED MEN
BACKING CARDEN AND GAAR IN OPERATION OF STILL TO PUT UP SEVEN
HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS FOR ATTORNEY FEES THIS WEEK AND SHOULD
HE FAIL TO COME UP WITH THE MONEY HE MAY BE KILLED.

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BURNES SUGGESTED NO ADDITIONAL MEETINGS, STATED THEY SHOULD NOT BE SEEN TOGETHER AND TO FORGET AND NOT REPEAT TO ANYONE THEIR CONVERSATION.

[REDACTED] NOTED BARNES ACTED SUSPICIOUS AND NERVOUS DURING CONTACT WHICH HE HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY DISPLAYED. BARNES ADVISED HE LEFT THE CARBINE OBTAINED IN MIAMI WITH CARDEN AND GAAR. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS NO FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING ANY OF THE SUBJECT MATTER AS FURNISHED TO HIM BY BARNES.

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[REDACTED] IS CHARACTERIZED AS HAVING FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST AND IN ADDITION, INFORMATION WHICH COULD NOT BE VERIFIED OR CORROBORATED. IN ORDER TO EVALUATE THE ABOVE INFORMATION, THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY CONDUCTED:

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ATLANTA DETERMINE IF MARTIN LUTHER KING AND JACK GREENBERG HAVE MEETING SCHEDULED MOBILE, MAY SEVENTEEN NEXT.

BIRMINGHAM DETERMINE IF NSEP TO HOLD MEETING MOBILE
MAY FIFTEEN NEXT, AND IF CASPER FIELDS AND STONER TO
ATTEND.

MOBILE DETERMINE IF GOVERNOR GEORGE WALLACE IN
MOBILE, APRIL TWENTYSEVEN LAST AND IF ANTI JEWISH
LITERATURE DISTRIBUTED. FURTHER IDENTIFY [REDACTED] AND IF
INFORMATION DEVELOPED, [REDACTED] RESETTING UP NSEP, MOBILE.
ADVISE IF ANY MEETINGS HELD BETWEEN CARMEN, GAAR, [REDACTED]
BARNES, AND OTHER MEMBERS, NSEP IN MOBILE DURING PAST WEEK.
CONTACT INFORMANTS AND SOURCES RE MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR
MAY FIFTEEN AND SEVENTEEN NEXT.

NEW ORLEANS DETERMINE CIRCUMSTANCES RE ARREST OF
CARMEN AND BARNES AND IF CONSISTENT AS RELATED BY BARNES.

ALL OFFICES RECEIVING AIRMAIL COPIES IMMEDIATELY
ADVISE BUREAU AND MOBILE ANY INFO RELATED TO CAPTIONED MATTER.

AFTER EVALUATION OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION, MOBILE
ADVISE RELIABLE LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

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ALL OFFICES REQUESTED TO BE MOST CIRCUMSPECT
RE THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND PROTECT MIAMI SOURCE.

LHM BEING SUBMITTED.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida
May 6, 1964

Re: PLOT TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING
AND JACK GREENBERG, ATTORNEY,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP)
MOBILE, ALABAMA, MAY 17, 1964

Reference is made to a previous communication dated April 6, 1964, at Miami, Florida, captioned " Sidney C. Barnes ".

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past and in addition has furnished information which could not be verified or corroborated, advised as follows.

On April 27, 1964, he was unable to contact Sidney C. Barnes during the weekend of April 25 - 26, 1964. The source was advised by Mrs. Barnes that she would notify the source as soon as she heard from her husband. She did not indicate where her husband had gone.

During the week of April 27, 1964, spot checks were made of Barnes' residence by agents of the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Barnes' 1955 Pontiac was not observed. His car was observed at his home on the afternoon of May 5, 1964.

On May 4, 1964, Sidney Barnes telephonically contacted the source advising that he had just returned home and would meet with the source on May 7, 1964.

On May 5, 1964, the same source advised that he was unexpectedly contacted by Sidney C. Barnes at 9:30 A. M. on May 5, 1964. At this time Barnes furnished the following information:

He stated he left Miami, Florida, in his personally owned automobile early on the morning of April 24, 1964, and visited Mobile, Alabama, Pascagoula, and Gulfport, Mississippi, and returned to Miami, Florida, on May 2, 1964.

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Re: PLOT TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING; ET AL

While in Mobile he attended a speech by Alabama Governor George Wallace on April 27, 1964, where he passed out anti-Jewish literature with Noah Jefferson Carden, Horace Gaar, [redacted] [redacted] first name believed to be [redacted] and other people from the National States Rights Party.

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A characterization of the National States Rights Party is attached hereto and sources therein have furnished reliable information in the past.

Barnes described [redacted] as a minister who is head of the National States Rights Party (NSRP), Mobile, Alabama, and that he, Barnes, spent two nights at the home of [redacted]

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Barnes advised that John Kasper, Edward Fields, J. B. Stoner and other NSRP members will hold a meeting and make speeches in Mobile, Alabama, on May 15, 1964.

The source advised that John Kasper, Jr. is a race agitator whose true name is Frederick John Kasper, Jr. Kasper was active in the White Citizens Council, Washington, D. C., and traveled extensively from 1955 through 1958. He was reportedly residing in Nashville, Tennessee, about 1958 when he was arrested on a charge of inciting a riot. The source advised that Edward Fields resides in Birmingham, Alabama, and is the information director of the NSRP. J. B. Stoner resides in Atlanta, Georgia, and is the attorney for the NSRP.

Regarding the meeting in Mobile, Barnes stated that several locations have been selected for armed men to be stationed on May 17, 1964, when Martin Luther King and Jack Greenberg, reported to be an attorney for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) from New York, are scheduled to speak. The armed men will be equipped with high-powered rifles, carbines, and other weapons and have orders to kill King and Greenberg. He advised that the armed men are to protect and assist each other to escape. He stated that Governor George Wallace would not let anyone "burn" if apprehended by authorities.

Re: PLOT TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING; ET AL

Barnes related that May, 1964, is the date "patriots" are to move throughout the country to take the country back from the "Jews". He stated that the Negroes are not a problem as the Jews are pushing the Negroes to integrate.

Barnes advised that they are working closely with William Potter Gale and Dr. Wesley Swift from the Los Angeles, California area. Gale and Swift are associated with the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire, also known as the Ku Klux Klan.

A characterization of this Ku Klux Klan is attached hereto and sources therein have furnished reliable information in the past.

Concerning Noah Carden and Horace Gaar, Barnes advised that they had been arrested in possession of two carbines and one rifle, one of the carbines having been converted to a machine gun. They were stopped by authorities because of a burned out taillight on their car. Their car was loaded with sugar to be used in a still. He reported that their attorney is [redacted]

[redacted] who has his office in [redacted] Barnes stated the man backing Carden and Gaar in the operation of the illegal still is to put up \$750.00 for attorney fees during this week and should he fail to come up with the money he may be killed.

Barnes suggested to the source that they have no additional meetings and that they should not be seen together and the source is to forget and not repeat to anyone their conversation.

The source noted that Barnes acted suspicious and nervous during this contact which he had not previously displayed. Barnes advised that the carbine rifle he obtained in Miami was left with Carden and Gaar.

The source advised that he has no further information regarding any of the subject matter as furnished by Barnes.

Re: PLOT TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING; ET AL

The following is set forth concerning a previous contact between the same source and Barnes.

On February 17, 1964, Barnes stated he had a 15 shot carbine which he had obtained through Fort Mc Clelland, Alabama, and would like to obtain another carbine for a friend in Alabama. On the same date Barnes said that after the Birmingham bombing Martin Luther King threatened to come to Mobile, Alabama, to integrate and to put on demonstrations as he did in Birmingham. Barnes stated "We were waiting on him to come and had he come to Mobile they were going to kill him even if it meant killing government officials who were protecting King".

In addition Barnes said that Dr. Wesley Swift and William Potter Gale are moving fast in California. He stated they have formed a group known as the Christian Defense League with the main purpose of raising funds for the use of "patriots". While discussing Gale and Swift, Barnes predicted there will be some killings of "big Jews" which will take place at the same time in various parts of the United States. Barnes did not elaborate on this statement.

On February 14, 1964, Barnes informed the source that he was very anti-Semitic and stated there is only one solution and that is to kill the leaders of the "big Jews' organizations".

Barnes specifically referred to the Anti-Defamation League as one of the organizations.

On May 5, 1964, [redacted] 111th INTC Group, Miami, Florida, was furnished the above information.

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The above information has also been furnished to the Miami Police Department and, through them, to the Florida State Attorney's office, Miami, Florida.

APPENDIX

NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY

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On November 26, 1957, a source advised that the United White Party (UWP) was organized at a convention held in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 10, 1957. An article in the November 26, 1957, issue of the "Greenville Piedmont," a newspaper of Greenville, South Carolina, reported that a "Ku Klux Klan spokesman of Greenville reported the recent formation of a new political party to be known as the United White Party." According to the article, the party was formed at a recently held meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, at which many Klansmen were represented. The UWP was reported as being opposed to all "race mixing organizations and individuals."

The July, 1958, issue of "The Thunderbolt," self-described as the "official Racial Nationalist Organ of the National States Rights Party" (NSRP) reported that rank and file "States Righters" had merged with the UWP under "the banner of the National States Rights Party," with national offices at Post Office Box 261, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

In November, 1958, a source advised that the NSRP is composed of past members of the Ku Klux Klan and notorious anti-Semites.

Issue No. 19, dated June, 1960, "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the headquarters of the NSRP had been changed from Jeffersonville, Indiana, to Post Office Box 783, Birmingham, Alabama.

On June 17, 1960, a source advised that EDWARD R. FIELDS, the Information Director of the NSRP, is the individual who "runs the NSRP."

"The Thunderbolt" continues to publish articles attacking Negroes and persons of the Jewish faith.

APPENDIX

CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE,
Also Known as the Ku Klux Klan

On November 4, 1964, a source advised that the organization known as the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire (CKIE) held its first meeting at Lancaster, California, on October 19, 1963. The source stated that the meeting was presided over by Wesley Albert Swift and that approximately thirty-eight members were inducted. The source stated that Swift explained to those present that the organization was actually the Ku Klux Klan, but since the Klan was regarded as illegal, they would call themselves the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire.

According to the source, Swift explained the objectives of the organization as being to preserve the Constitution of the United States and the white race and to fight communism. Members of this organization were issued cloth robes and white hoods with eye holes, the robes bearing on the breast a round blue shield and encircling a red cross. Members were urged to wear sidearms to all meetings.

The source further stated that while William Potter Gale is the California State Leader of the CKIE and Wesley Albert Swift ranks as the second functionary or Chaplain, Swift is, in effect, the real power in the CKIE.

On November 5, 1963, a second source stated that [redacted] a local leader of the CKIE in [redacted] had made plans indicating his intention to burn a television shop operated by a Negro at Quartz Hill (Lancaster), California.

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On November 19, 1963, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, Lancaster, California Substation, advised that on that date a television repair shop belonging to this Negro man was burned by the use of "Molotov" cocktails at Quartz Hill (Lancaster), California, and that their investigation reflected that the fire was most probably set by [redacted] and another close associate, [redacted]

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The first source advised on November 17, 1963, that the headquarters of the CKIE was then at Swift's home, located at 44616 North Fig Street, Lancaster, California. This source advised on January 8, 1964, however, that Gale may entirely take over the CKIE at Lancaster, California, and in this event the new headquarters would be located at Gale's home, located at 1840 West Avenue K, Lancaster, California.

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1013) (P)
SUBJECT: PLOT TO ASSASSINATE
MARTIN LUTHER KING
AND JACK GREENBERG,
ATTORNEY, NAACP,
MOBILE, ALA., 5/17/64
RM

OO: Mobile

Re Miami teletype to Bureau, 5/5/64; Mobile teletype to Bureau, 5/5/64, and summary report of SA [redacted] dated 4/6/64, at Miami, entitled "SIDNEY CROCKETTE BARNES, aka. - RM", and Mobile airtel to Bureau, 3/25/64, captioned "NOAH JEFFERSON CARDEN - RM", OO: Mobile.

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Mobile designated origin inasmuch as plot to assassinate KING and GREENBERG to take place Mobile, Ala.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated and captioned as above. Two copies each are furnished to listed offices.

Two copies of the LHM are being furnished to U. S. Secret Service, Miami, Fla.

Sources used in LHM is [redacted] who is an informant of the Miami, Fla. Police Department.

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Information set forth in LHM was furnished to Detective [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Miami, Fla. Police Department, by [redacted] on 5/5/64. On 5/5/64 Detective [redacted] advised the Miami Office that the information furnished by [redacted] was being furnished to RICHARD GERSTEIN, Florida State Attorney, who maintains close contact with the Anti-Defamation League, Miami, Fla.

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For information of offices who have not previously received information on captioned matter or have not received rerep, the following is set forth.

SIDNEY CROCKETTE BARNES, white male, born 1/2/05, Nashville, Tenn., resides with wife, PAULINE, 3025 S. W. 19th St., Miami. He has one daughter, BONNIE ANN BARNES, a senior student at Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss. BARNES employed as painter and has also worked as a salesman. Associates include [redacted] Miami; NOAH CARDEN, Mobile, Ala.; Rear Admiral JOHN G. CROMMELIN, Montgomery, Ala.; WILLIAM POTTER GALE and Dr. WESLEY SWIFT, both residents of Lancaster, Calif. BARNES operates 1955 Pontiac, 1964 Fla. License 1W33919. BARNES resided Mobile, Ala., during summer and fall of 1963. BARNES claims to have been in Birmingham, Ala., with others fall of 1963 to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING. BARNES claims he had carbine rifle while in Birmingham. Source described BARNES as very anti-Semitic and BARNES advocates killing leaders of the Anti-Defamation League. BARNES is known to have in his possession a carbine rifle with marking, "Bull's Eye, Miami, Florida, #1246".

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On 3/25/64, the Mobile Office advised that NOAH JEFFERSON CARDEN and HORACE GAAR were arrested at Movella, Miss., 3/23/64, and charged with possession and operation of a still in violation of Internal Revenue laws and also were charged with violation of the National Firearms Act. Both were released on \$5,000 bond on 3/24/64. At the time of their apprehensions the ATTU agents found considerable racial literature in the house where CARDEN and GAAR were living. Some of the literature was anti-Semitic and anti-Negro. In addition the agents found several guns, including one M-2 carbine with folding stock, fully automatic, and approximately 200 rounds of carbine ammunition, as well as other ammunition, a night stick, gas mask and assorted tools.

On 5/5/64, the Atlanta Office advised that their confidential sources have no information showing MARTIN LUTHER KING will be in Mobile on 5/17/64. Newark letter to Bureau dated 3/12/64, captioned "CP, USA, Negro Question, Communist Influence in Racial Matters - IS - C" and "MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. - SM - C" advised that KING and other officials of Southern Christian Leadership Conference will be in attendance at the American Baptist Convention, Atlantic City, N. J. The convention is from 5/17 - 24/64; however, there is no indication the exact days that KING will be there. Based on KING's past habits, it is believed he will be there no more than one or two days.

On 5/5/64, the Birmingham Office advised that they had not received any information indicating NSRP to hold meeting, Mobile, 5/15/64.

On 5/5/64, the Mobile Division advised that Alabama Governor GEORGE WALLACE spoke before approximately 7,000 people at Hartwell Field, Mobile, on the night of 4/27/64 to a public meeting of the Mobile County Citizens Council. LEONARD WILSON, Jasper, Ala., Executive Secretary, Citizens Councils of Alabama, was also speaker on the program. [redacted] Mobile Police Department, Intelligence Officer, attended the speech and advised that the only type literature distributed was political literature relating to election in Alabama held 5/5/64. He stated he did not see CARDEN although he looked for him and for persons distributing any type hate literature.

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[redacted] has advised that in recent past, literature has been distributed on street in downtown Mobile bearing label of National States Rights Party, Birmingham, and bearing label of National stamped name [redacted]. Literature is anti-Jewish. [redacted] Mobile County White Citizens Council which sponsored the WALLACE talk. [redacted] resides [redacted]

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[redacted] unknown and no NSRP reported in existence in Mobile. Information may refer to [redacted] who has distributed NSRP literature but is not known NSRP member but active in Citizens Council, as above stated.

As set out pg. 6, Mobile LHM dated 4/16/64, entitled "RACIAL SITUATION, MOBILE DIVISION", news sources reported freedom rally to be held Mobile 5/16/64 - 5/17/64 to commemorate 10th anniversary of school desegregation decision with JACK GREENBERG the main speaker. Negro leader JOHN L. LEFLORE, Citizens Committee, one of the groups sponsoring the rally, has advised GREENBERG to speak 5/17/64. He did not mention MARTIN LUTHER KING as speaker at rally and LEFLORE has stated on number of previous occasions that he does not agree with tactics of KING and would not invite KING to Mobile and he would be more harmful than helpful to Negro cause there. CARDEN and GAAR reportedly in Mobile area after release on bond and reported as working with [redacted]

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All offices should maintain close contact with informants and sources regarding the plot to assassinate KING and GREENBERG and keep the Bureau and interested offices advised.

In addition, it is noted that according to BARNES, the month of May is the date "patriots" to move throughout the country and to take the country back from the "Jews". BARNES has previously informed [redacted] that some killings of "big Jews" will take place at the same time in various parts of the country.

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TO ATLANTA BIRMINGHAM CHARLOTTE JACKSONVILLE LITTLE ROCK
MIAMI MOBILE MEMPHIS NEW ORLEANS KNOXVILLE SAVANNAH TAMPA
FROM DIRECTOR 1 P

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GREENBERG, ATTORNEY, NAACP, MOBILE, ALABAMA, FIVE SEVENTEEN,
NINETEEN, SIXTYFOUR, RACIAL MATTERS, OO MOBILE.

REFERENCE MAIAMI AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY SIX, LAST.

RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD FOLLOW THIS MATTER CLOSELY
WITH INFORMANTS AND SUTEL BUREAU BY NOON MAY FIFTEEN, NEXT
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FROM: MEMPHIS (1P) (157-393)

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ATTORNEY, NAACP, MOBILE, ALABAMA, MAY SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN
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ALL LOGICAL SOURCES OF MEMPHIS DIVISION CONTACTED AND
HAVE NO INFORMATION RE INSTANT MATTER. NO INDICATION THAT
JOHN KASPER PLANS TO BE IN MOBILE, MAY FIFTEEN, NEXT. RUC.
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TO: : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/12/64

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-529) (P)

SUBJECT: PLOT TO ASSASSINATE
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MOBILE, ALA., 5/17/64
RM
(OO: Mobile)

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Reference is made to Miami airtel to the Bureau 5/6/64 transmitting LHM. On Page 4 of referenced airtel Miami quotes from Mobile teletype 5/5/64 in saying that [redacted] the Mobile County White Citizens Council which sponsored a talk at Mobile by Alabama Governor GEORGE WALLACE.

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The Mobile teletype of 5/5/64 as sent to Bureau, Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans and Miami omitted one line from the Mobile typed copy of the teletype which read: [redacted] Mobile County White Citizens Council, which is separate organization from Mobile County Citizens Council which sponsored WALLACE talk."

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The offices receiving this communication should make the indicated additions to Page 4 of referenced Miami airtel.

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Miami, Florida
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RE: PLOT TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING
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cannot be verified or corroborated, advised on May 11, 1964,
that SIDNEY C. BARNES contacted him on the evening of May 10,
1964. BARNES advised there are no changes in the plans
regarding the forthcoming week end activities at Mobile,
Alabama. BARNES said he did not plan to visit Mobile in the
near future, however, there will be many "patriots" in Mobile
on May 15, 1964. He also indicated that the "patriots"
attending would not be limited to members of the National
States Rights Party (NSRP).

A characterization of the NSRP is attached hereto
and sources therein have furnished reliable information in
the past.

On May 11, 1964, SIDNEY C. BARNES was interviewed
at his residence in Miami, Florida, by Agents of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation. BARNES stated he resided in Mobile
during the summer and fall of 1963, returning to Miami in
October, 1963, and that he has not returned to Mobile since
that time. BARNES stated he predicted racial violence in
the south during the coming summer and possibly within the
next month. BARNES stated he based this information on
plans by the Negroes to create trouble in southern cities.

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ALABAMA, MAY 17, 1964

BARNES said that the white people should make plans to protect themselves in the event of racial violence. BARNES declined to elaborate on this information and did not indicate what cities would be involved in any racial demonstrations.

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY

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"The Thunderbolt" continues to publish articles attacking Negroes and persons of the Jewish faith.

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MOBILE, ALA., 5/17/64

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(OO: MOBILE)

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teletype to Bureau and Mobile, 5/11/64.Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of a letterhead
memorandum, for Mobile 2 copies and one copy each for listed
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Mobile, Alabama

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A source who has furnished reliable information in the past and, in addition, has furnished information which could not be verified or corroborated, advised on May 5, 1964, that on that date Sidney C. Barnes, 3025 Southwest 19th Street, Miami, Florida, furnished the following information to source:

He stated he left Miami, Florida, in his personally owned automobile early on the morning of April 24, 1964, and visited Mobile, Alabama, Pascagoula, and Gulfport, Mississippi, and returned to Miami, Florida, on May 2, 1964.

While in Mobile he attended a speech by Alabama Governor George Wallace on April 27, 1964, where he passed out anti-Jewish literature with Noah Jefferson Carden, Horace Gaar, [redacted] first name believed to be [redacted] and other people from the National States Rights Party (NSRP)

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A characterization of the National States Rights Party is attached hereto and sources therein have furnished reliable information in the past.

Barnes described [redacted] who is [redacted] and that he, Barnes, spent two nights at the home of [redacted]

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Barnes advised that John Kasper, Edward Fields, J. B. Stoner and other NSRP members will hold a meeting and make speeches in Mobile, Alabama, on May 15, 1964.

The source advised that John Kasper, Jr. is a

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race agitator whose true name is Frederick John Kasper, Jr. Kasper was active in the White Citizens Council, Washington, D. C., and traveled extensively from 1955 through 1958. He was reportedly residing in Nashville, Tennessee, about 1958 when he was arrested on a charge of inciting a riot. The source advised that Edward Fields resides in Birmingham, Alabama, and is the Information Director of the NSRP. J. B. STONER resides in Atlanta, Georgia, and is the attorney for the NSRP.

Regarding Mobile, Alabama, Barnes stated that several locations have been selected for armed men to be stationed on May 17, 1964, when Martin Luther King and Jack Greenberg, reported to be an attorney for the NAACP from New York, are scheduled to speak. The armed men will be equipped with high-powered rifles, carbines, and other weapons and have orders to kill King and Greenberg. He advised that the armed men are to protect and assist each other to escape. He stated that Governor George Wallace would not let anyone "burn" if apprehended by authorities.

Barnes related that May, 1964, is the date "patriots" are to move throughout the country to take the country back from the "Jews." He stated that the Negroes are not a problem as the Jews are pushing the Negroes to integrate.

Barnes advised that they are working closely with William Potter Gale and Dr. Wesley Swift from the Los Angeles, California, area. Gale and Swift are associated with the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire, also known as the Ku Klux Klan.(CKIE)

A characterization of this Klan is attached hereto and sources therein have furnished reliable information in the past.

Concerning Noah Carden and Horace Gaar, Barnes advised that they had been arrested in possession of two carbines and one rifle, one of the carbines having been converted to a machine gun. They were stopped by authorities because of a burned out taillight on their car. Their car was loaded with sugar to be used in a still. He reported that their attorney is [REDACTED]

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[redacted] who has his office in [redacted]
[redacted] Barnes stated the man backing Carden and Gaar in the operation of the illegal still is to put up \$750.00 for attorney fees during this week and should he fail to come up with the money he may be killed.

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Barnes suggested to the source that they have no additional meetings and that they should not be seen together and the source is to forget and not repeat to anyone their conversation.

The source noted that Barnes acted suspicious and nervous during this contact which he had not previously displayed. Barnes advised that the carbine rifle he obtained in Miami was left with Carden and Gaar.

The source advised that he has no further information regarding any of the subject matter as furnished by Barnes.

The following is set forth concerning a previous contact between the same source and Barnes.

On February 17, 1964, Barnes stated he had a 15 shot carbine which he had obtained through Fort McClelland, Alabama, and would like to obtain another carbine for a friend in Alabama. On the same date Barnes said that after the Birmingham bombing Martin Luther King threatened to come to Mobile, Alabama, to integrate and to put on demonstrations as he did in Birmingham. Barnes stated "We were waiting on him to come and had he come to Mobile they were going to kill him even if it meant killing government officials who were protecting King."

In addition Barnes said that Dr. Wesley Swift and William Potter Gale are moving fast in California. He stated they have formed a group known as the Christian Defense League with the main purpose of raising funds for the use of "patriots." While discussing Gale and Swift, Barnes predicted there will be some killings of "big Jews" which will take place at the same time in various parts of the United States. Barnes did not elaborate on this statement.

On February 14, 1964, Barnes informed the source

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that he was very anti-Semitic and stated there is only one solution and that is to kill the leaders of the "big Jews' organizations."

Barnes specifically referred to the Anti-Defamation League as one of the organizations.

The April 28, 1964, issue of the Mobile Register, a daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reported that Alabama Governor George C. Wallace had spoken the previous night at Hartwell Field in Mobile to more than 7,000 persons in urging support of the independent elector candidates supported by Wallace in the Alabama Primary scheduled for May 5, 1964. The meeting was sponsored by the Mobile County Citizens Council and the Alabama State Sovereignty Commission for the stated purpose of raising funds to support the campaign of Governor Wallace in other states and an estimated \$17,000.00 was contributed. Other speakers on the program included Probate Judge John Moore of Mobile and Leonard Wilson of Jasper, Alabama, Executive Secretary of the Citizens Councils of Alabama.

On April 28, 1964, [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Mobile, Alabama, Police Department, advised that he had attended the speech of Governor Wallace the previous night and the only type of literature observed by him to be distributed there was of a political nature. He stated that in the past anti-Jewish literature had been distributed in downtown Mobile and he had been on the alert for such type of literature to be given out by persons attending the Wallace rally. He particularly had been on the lookout for Noah Jeff Carden and [redacted] as in the past literature bearing the label of the NSRP and also bearing [redacted] stamped name had been distributed in Mobile. He is acquainted with [redacted] and Carden but did not see either of them at the Wallace speech.

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It is noted that [redacted] has previously been identified publicly as [redacted] of the Mobile County White Citizens Council [redacted] which is a separate organization from the Mobile County Citizens Council which sponsored the talk by Governor Wallace.

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The April 12, 1964, issue of the Mobile Press

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Register, Sunday newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reported that a Freedom Rally would be held in Mobile May 16 and 17, 1964, as announced by Negro leader John L. LeFlore who said that the rally was to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's school desegregation decision of May 17, 1954. The article reported that the session of Saturday, May 16, 1964, would be devoted to discussions of health, education, jobs, voter registration and civil rights techniques. On Sunday, May 17, 1964, Jack Greenberg of New York City, Director and Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, would be the main speaker.

LeFlore, who is Director of Case Work for the Citizens Committee which is one of the sponsoring organizations for the Freedom Rally, advised on May 6, 1964 that Greenberg is to speak on May 17, 1964. He said, however, that Reverend Martin Luther King is not scheduled to speak at this rally and has not been invited. LeFlore has previously advised on a number of occasions that his organization has not felt inclined to invite Reverend King to Mobile as they felt that demonstrations of the type sponsored by King were not desired. LeFlore advised that the Saturday session, May 16, 1964, of the Freedom Rally would be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a panel discussion headed by several attorneys. The Sunday session will be from 3:00 to 5:00 or 5:30 p.m. and will consist for the main part of the speech by Greenberg. He said that the National Broadcasting Company-TV of New York City will photograph most of the rally of May 17, 1964, including Greenberg's speech. LeFlore advised that both sessions of the Freedom Rally will be held at the International Longshoremen's Association Hall on Davis Avenue in Mobile.

Information furnished by the source as set forth above concerning the alleged threats to kill King and Greenberg and also the allegation of the possibility of killing the man backing Carden and Gaar was furnished on May 6, 1964, to [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Mobile Police Department. This information was also furnished on May 8, 1964, to Agent [redacted] U.S. Military Intelligence, 2301 Grant Street, Mobile, and on May 11, 1964, to Agent [redacted] U.S. Secret Service, Mobile. On May 8, 1964, [redacted] advised that he had discussed this matter in detail with Chief of

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Police [redacted] and Police Commissioner George E. McNally.

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It is noted that no unit of the NSRP has been reported in existence in Mobile area in the past. [redacted] advised on May 6, 1964, that no official group of NSRP was believed to be in existence in Mobile but that [redacted] referred to above, had been putting out in the Mobile area some anti-Jewish literature prepared by NSRP and on which literature [redacted] name was stamped. He advised that he knows of no [redacted] in Mobile and it appears that the reference by source to [redacted] [redacted] may have meant [redacted]

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On May 11, 1964, [redacted] advised that he had just learned that on Saturday, May 9, 1964, literature had been distributed in certain sections of Mobile advertising a public meeting which was to be held at the Sage Avenue Armory in Mobile on the night of Friday, May 15, 1964. The leaflets distributed reflected that this meeting was a meeting of the NSRP and that the speakers would be Frederick John Kasper and Edward Fields, national officers of the NSRP. [redacted] feels that the NSRP may picket the Negro Freedom Rally of May 16 and 17, 1964.

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On May 11, 1964, [redacted] advised that the Mobile Police Department will provide maximum security for the Freedom Rally, May 16 and 17, 1964, particularly on May 17, 1964, during the time when Greenberg is in Mobile.

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On May 12, 1964, [redacted] advised that he had talked to Noah Jeff Carden on the night of May 11, 1964. Carden told him that he and Horace Gaar had separated and he no longer knows Gaar's whereabouts, indicating that Gaar has left Mobile. Carden informed Lami that he has no plans to become involved in any way with the Negro Freedom Day Rally scheduled for Mobile and he knows of no plans of anyone to interfere with the Negro meeting in any way. He said that if any plans were made to picket the Negro meeting such planning would be directed by [redacted]

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On May 12, 1964, [REDACTED] advised that on that morning he had spoken with [REDACTED] who advised him that there would be a meeting sponsored by the NSRP at the Sage Avenue Armory on Friday night, May 15, 1964. [REDACTED] advised that there would be men in Bienville Square in downtown Mobile on Friday afternoon, May 15, 1964, passing out literature and carrying signs advertising the meeting that night. [REDACTED] also said that it was planned to have pickets at the International Longshoremen's Association Hall on Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17, 1964, during the Freedom Rally meetings. He said it was also expected that there would be pickets during this time at the Battle House Hotel in downtown Mobile which hotel in the past has rented rooms to Negroes and presumably because it can be expected that Negroes attending this Freedom Rally from out of town would be staying at the Battle House.

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[REDACTED] advised that he had this date determined that the Battle House is completely booked up for the weekend of May 16-17, 1964, and has no reservation for Negro guests and in the event any reservations were requested they would have to be refused for lack of space.

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early in 1954, according to newspaper reports, he pasted anti-Jewish stickers on store windows during Brotherhood Week."

A source advised in May 1961, that Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS participated in the disturbance at the Trailways Bus Station, Birmingham, on May 14, 1961, involving the "Freedom Riders" and, in fact, caused the fighting there.

The Ku Klux Klan has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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APPENDIXCHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE,
Also known as The Ku Klux Klan

On November 4, 1963, a source advised that the organization known as the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire (CKIE) held its first meeting at Lancaster, California, on October 19, 1963. The source stated that the meeting was presided over by Wesley Albert Swift and that approximately thirty-eight members were inducted. The source stated that Swift explained to those present that the organization was actually the Ku Klux Klan, but since the Klan was regarded as illegal, they would call themselves the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire.

According to the source, Swift explained the objectives of the organization as being to preserve the Constitution of the United States and the white race and to fight communism. Members of this organization were issued cloth robes and white hoods with eye holes, the robes bearing on the breast a round blue shield and encircling a red cross. Members were urged to wear sidearms to all meetings.

The source further stated that while William Potter Gale is the California State Leader of the CKIE and Wesley Albert Swift ranks as the second functionary or Chaplain, Swift is, in effect, the real power in the CKIE.

On November 5, 1963, a second source stated that [redacted] a local leader of the CKIE in [redacted] had made plans indicating his intention to burn a television shop operated by a Negro at Quartz Hill (Lancaster), California.

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On November 10, 1963, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, Lancaster, California Substation, advised that on that date a television repair shop belonging to this Negro man was burned by the use of "Molotov" cocktails at Quartz Hill (Lancaster), California, and that their investigation reflected that the fire was most probably set by [redacted] and another close associate, [redacted]

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The first source advised on November 17, 1963, that the headquarters of the CKIE was then at Swift's home, located at 44616 North Fig Street, Lancaster, California. This source advised on January 8, 1964, however, that Gale may entirely take over the CKIE at Lancaster, California, and in this event the new headquarters would be located at Gale's home, located at 1840 West Avenue K, Lancaster, California.

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Mobile LHM is also being disseminated to local intelligence agencies and to U.S. Secret Service at Mobile.

The source mentioned in enclosed LHM is

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Mobile Office at Mobile will maintain close liaison with Mobile Police Department and racial sources and report any further information relating to any attempt to harm GREENBERG, 5/17/64.



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COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP), MOBILE, ALABAMA,
MAY 17, 1964

In memorandum dated May 12, 1964, at Mobile, Alabama,
information was set forth concerning captioned matter.

On May 15, 1964, [redacted] Intelligence
Unit, Mobile Police Department, advised the Mobile Police Depart-
ment had made detailed security plans for May 16-17, 1964, the
dates on which the Negro freedom rally was scheduled for Mobile.
He said the ILA Hall, where the rally was to be held on these two
dates, would be blocked off and no unauthorized persons allowed in
the area. In the event National States Rights Party (NSRP) pickets
were present during the Negro meeting, several officers would be
on hand to preserve the peace.

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It is noted that Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING was not
scheduled to come to Mobile during this period. [redacted]
advised that JACK GREENBERG would be picked up at the municipal
airport in a police department vehicle and accompanied to Mobile
by a minimum of eight officers, including [redacted] The route
taken from the airport to Mobile would not be the usual route,
and a minimum of two officers would stay with GREENBERG at all
times while in Mobile. Plans were made to take GREENBERG back to
the airport after he made his speech, and he would be taken to
the airport in the same manner he would be brought to Mobile,
although a different route would be used. The routes to and from
the airport were known only to [redacted] and Chief of Police
JAMES J. ROBINSON and would be given to the police driver after
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On May 17, 1964, [redacted] advised that the NSRP had held a rally in Mobile the night of May 15, 1964, at the Sage Avenue Armory, although JOHN KASPER, who was billed as a main speaker, did not appear. There were only about 75 persons present at the meeting, and [redacted]

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[redacted] said there would be NSRP pickets at the Negro freedom rally on Sunday, May 17, 1964, but they would not picket the Negro meeting on May 16, 1964. [redacted] advised the NSRP pickets did not show up at the Negro meeting May 16, 1964.

[redacted] advised JACK GREENBERG had been notified of the threat against his life by Mobile Negro leader JOHN L. LeFLORE, and GREENBERG's schedule of arrival in Mobile had been changed, and he was to come at a slightly different time.

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On May 17, 1964, [redacted] Mobile Police Department, advised that five pickets of the NSRP had been at the Battle House Hotel in downtown Mobile for about one hour prior to 1:30 p.m. that date and at 2:30 p.m. the five moved over to the ILA Hall, where the Negro freedom rally began at 2 p.m. The five men picketed for about one hour and left the area of the ILA Hall before JACK GREENBERG arrived for his talk. The pickets were led by [redacted]

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[redacted] advised GREENBERG had arrived in Mobile at 12:17 p.m., May 17, 1964, via Eastern Airlines and had been met at the municipal airport by police officers and taken to the home of local Negro attorney VERNON CRAWFORD where he remained until time for his talk. He was taken to the ILA Hall at about 4:30 p.m. where he immediately gave his talk, and shortly before 5 p.m., he was taken from the ILA Hall by the police to the municipal airport, where he left for Atlanta, Georgia, aboard an Executive Aircraft Company chartered plane at 5:52 p.m. that date. [redacted] advised there were no incidents or trouble in connection with GREENBERG's appearance, and no attempts were made to cause harm to him.

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On May 20, 1964, Negro leader JOHN L. LeFLORE advised that the freedom day rally on March 16-17, 1964, was carried out without any difficulty or any trouble. He said that a Mr. [redacted] a security agent for GREENBERG, had been in Mobile in advance of GREENBERG's arrival in order to assist in his protection.

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NBC television cameras recorded GREENBERG's talk at the ILA hall but did not record any of the picketing activity outside.

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The Mobile LHM is being disseminated to local intelligence agencies, as well as the U. S. Secret Service at Mobile, which agency received the LHM 5/12/64.

The information in Miami teletype 5/19/64 concerning further indication that attempts would be made to kill 8 Negro leaders, including KING, JAMES FARMER, head of CORE in New York, Congressman ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, and others was furnished on 5/21/64 to [redacted] Mobile Police Department, Intelligence Unit.

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Inasmuch as the information does not indicate any attempt will be made to commit any such acts in the Mobile territory and as there is no information to indicate that any of the stated Negro leaders are coming to this territory, the Mobile file in this matter is being closed.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Miami, Florida

May 19, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RE: PLOT TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING
AND JACK GREENBERG, ATTORNEY, NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF
COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP), MOBILE, ALABAMA
MAY 17, 1964

SIDNEY CROCKETTE BARNES

Reference is made to a previous communication dated May 13, 1964, captioned "SIDNEY CROCKETTE BARNES," and communication dated May 12, 1964, at Mobile, Alabama, captioned "PLOT TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING AND JACK GREENBERG, ATTORNEY, NAACP, MOBILE, ALABAMA, MAY 17, 1964."

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past and in addition has furnished information which could not be verified or corroborated, advised as follows:

On May 12, 1964, SIDNEY C. BARNES related to the source the entire interview he had with Bureau Agents on May 12, 1964. In discussing the interview, BARNES noted the FBI is very interested in the Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham, Alabama, and they appear to be on the "right track." BARNES related he is personally not concerned as he was in Mobile when the church was bombed, and the FBI could not incriminate him. However, the questions by the Agents indicated to him the FBI knows the identities of the persons responsible. BARNES attributed this remark to questions concerning Col. WILLIAM P. GALE of Lancaster, California, and "JEFF" CARDEN of Mobile, Alabama. BARNES advised that the Agents questioned him regarding numerous individuals from various parts of the country and in answering the Agents he made it a point to tell them that the individuals known to him he had only contacted one or two times and in some cases told them he did not know the individuals.

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RE: PLOT TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING
AND JACK GREENBERG, ATTORNEY, NAACP,
MOBILE, ALABAMA, MAY 17, 1964;
SIDNEY CROCKETTE BARNES

BARNES stated that in his opinion someone in Alabama has been doing a lot of talking. BARNES advised that the carbine gun obtained by the authorities in Mississippi, when "JEFF" CARDEN and HORACE GARR were arrested, belongs to Col. WILLIAM P. GALE. BARNES did not further elaborate except to say that CARDEN was keeping the gun for GALE.

BARNES also told the source that he informed the Agents there will be racial violence in the south within the period of one month.

BARNES said that the Agents questioned him regarding any recent trips he had made and that he replied by telling the Agents he had not been out of the State of Florida since last fall, although he had made a recent trip to northern Florida, but that this trip did not include Jacksonville, Florida.

During the conversation BARNES said that if "MARTIN LUTHER KING goes to Alabama, he (KING) will not get out of the state alive."

On May 19, 1964, the same source advised that he was contacted by BARNES on May 18, 1964, at which time BARNES related as follows:

BARNES stated that he made a long distance telephone call to [redacted] at Mobile, Alabama, on the evening of May 17, 1964. He stated that "COON" did not show, but that JACK GREENBERG was there. He said that since their main target was not there, there was no point in bothering with GREENBERG.

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He further advised that JOHN CASPER, described by the source as a well known race agitator, was a "flop" and was not liked by the people in Mobile. BARNES said their "group" picketed the "Battle House" in Mobile, Alabama, on May 17, 1964. In addition, he stated that the Mobile

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MOBILE, ALABAMA, MAY 17, 1964;
SIDNEY CROCKETTE BARNES

police contacted the brother to [redacted] prior to the
week end of May 17, 1964. BARNES did not elaborate on
this remark.

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BARNES stated that MARTIN LUTHER KING has been
"shooting off his mouth and if he comes to Alabama he had
better bring the Federal troops with him." BARNES stated
about eight Negro leaders are listed to be killed,
including KING; JAMES FARMER (head of CORE, New York City);
(FNU) [redacted] not further identified; Congressman ROBERT
CLAYTON POWELL and others, who were not identified by
BARNES.

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (P)

PLOT TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING
AND JACK GREENBERG, ATTORNEY, NAACP,
MOBILE, ALABAMA, 5/17/64
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: MOBILE)
(Miami file 157-1013)

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SIDNEY CROCKETTE BARNES, aka
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: MIAMI)
(Miami file 157-918)
(Bureau file 157-1263)

Re Miami airtel and LHM, 5/6/64 and Mobile
airtel and LHM, 5/12/64, captioned "PLOT TO ASSASSINATE
MARTIN LUTHER KING AND JACK GREENBERG, ATTORNEY, NAACP,
MOBILE, ALA., 5/17/64, RM;" Miami airtel and LHM, 5/13/64,
and Miami airtel, 5/15/64, captioned "SIDNEY CROCKETTE BARNES,
aka, RM;" and Miami teletype 5/19/64, to Bureau, Atlanta,
Birmingham, New Orleans, New York and WFO, captioned as
above.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum, captioned as above. Copies are being furnished to listed Offices as indicated, based on remarks that BARNES indicated he anticipates traveling throughout the Southeast section of the U. S.

Two copies of this letterhead memorandum are being furnished locally to U. S. Secret Service and one copy is being furnished to the Field Office, 111th INTC Group, Miami, Fla., Region 7.

Source used in letterhead memorandum is

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No specific leads are being set forth, but all Offices should be alert for any information indicating a plot to assassinate Negro leaders.

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MM 157-918

On 5/19/64, BARNES could not be located at his residence to be re-interviewed.

SINCE BARNES IS KNOWN TO HAVE A CARBINE RIFLE,
HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Miami, Florida

July 2, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RE: SIDNEY CROCKETTE BARNES

MM T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past and in addition has furnished information which could not be verified or corroborated, advised as follows:

On June 29, 1964, Sidney Barnes advised MM T-1 that he planned to depart Miami, Florida, Thursday, July 2, 1964, and will reside [redacted]

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MM T-1 advised Barnes informed him that [redacted] Noah Carden, and Horace Garr are taking an active part in the National States Rights Party in the Alabama-Mississippi area.

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A characterization of the National States Rights Party is attached hereto and sources therein have furnished reliable information in the past.

On July 1, 1964, MM T-1 advised Miami Police Department that from conversation he had with Barnes MM T-1 received the impression that Barnes, [redacted] Noah Carden, and Horace Garr have access to a supply of [redacted] and explosives. MM T-1 pointed out that this was his personal impression and if these individuals have access to firearms or explosives they would be located somewhere in Alabama or Mississippi.

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MM T-2, who was in a position to observe some of the activities at the Barnes residence, advised Sidney Barnes departed the Miami area in the a.m. of July 2, 1964 in a car loaded with personal belongings.

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY

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On November 26, 1957, a source advised that the United White Party (UWP) was organized at a convention held in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 10, 1957. An article in the November 26, 1957, issue of the "Greenville Piedmont," a newspaper of Greenville, South Carolina, reported that a "Ku Klux Klan spokesman of Greenville reported the recent formation of a new political party to be known as the United White Party." According to the article, the party was formed at a recently held meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, at which many Klansmen were represented. The UWP was reported as being opposed to all "race mixing organizations and individuals."

The July, 1958, issue of "The Thunderbolt," self-described as the "official Racial Nationalist Organ of the National States Rights Party" (NSRP) reported that rank and file "States Righters" had merged with the UWP under "the banner of the National States Rights Party," with national offices at Post Office Box 261, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

In November, 1958, a source advised that the NSRP is composed of past members of the Ku Klux Klan and notorious anti-Semites.

Issue No. 19, dated June, 1960, "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the headquarters of the NSRP had been changed from Jeffersonville, Indiana, to Post Office Box 783, Birmingham, Alabama.

On June 17, 1960, a source advised that EDWARD R. FIELDS, the Information Director of the NSRP, is the individual who "runs the NSRP."

"The Thunderbolt" continues to publish articles attacking Negroes and persons of the Jewish faith.

Re: Sidney Crockette Barnes

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1263)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-918) (P)

**SUBJECT: SIDNEY CROCKETT BARNES, aka.
RACIAL MATTERS**

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OO: Miami

Re Miami teletype to Bureau, 7/2/64.

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum for the Bureau and two copies for Mobile, Memphis, Birmingham and New Orleans.

MM T-1 is [redacted]

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MM T-2 is [redacted]

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Secret Service and 111th INTC Group, Miami, will be advised of BARNES' departure for Mobile upon verification complete.

Mobile at Mobile, Ala., will follow sources re BARNES' arrival at Pritchard, Ala.

Birmingham, Memphis and New Orleans will alert sources re possibility of BARNES, [redacted] CAMDEN and CAKE storing arms and explosives somewhere in Ala. or Miss.

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Miami at Miami, Fla., will maintain contact with

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Freedom Demos Launch Drive

JACKSON, Miss.—Martin Luther King comes to this racially troubled state today to aid the newly formed Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party in its drive to unseat the all-white regular Democratic delegation to next month's national convention.

Civil rights leaders said Dr. King, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, would spend at least five days in the state, speaking at mass rallies in Jackson, Greenwood, Meridian and Vicksburg.

Another Negro leader, James Farmer, the Texas-born national director of the Congress of Racial Equality, is scheduled to arrive in Mississippi later this week to boost the Freedom Democratic Party movement.

Even before the formal announcement organizing the Freedom Democrats yesterday, the group had received assurances from regular Democratic delegations in New York, Michigan, Wisconsin, Oregon, California and Colorado of support on the floor of

the National Democratic Convention which begins Aug. 24 at Atlantic City, N. J.

Mrs. Victoria Gray, a Hattiesburg Negro housewife, said the party was formed because Mississippi Negroes haven't been able to vote in sufficient numbers to force a change in the regular Democratic party structure.

Mrs. Gray, an unsuccessful candidate against Sen. John C. Stennis, D-Miss., in the recent Democratic primary, was named as the Freedom Democrats' national committee woman.

The national committeeman is the Rev. Edwin King, a white Methodist minister who is chaplain at predominantly

Negro Tougaloo College near Jackson.

Mrs. Gray said a campaign would be launched to get 100,000 Negroes to sign a "freedom registration roll" to dramatize to the national convention the number of Negroes disfranchised in the state.

Mississippi, according to unofficial estimates has some 26,000 registered Negro voters out of 450,000 of voting age.

The regular Democrats hold their state convention here July 28 to name the national delegates and decide on a course in the presidential election.

Unpledged elector forces of former Gov. Ross Barnett are expected to hold the upper hand at the state convention. Barnett had been backing the candidacy of Alabama Gov. George Wallace, who withdrew from the presidential race Sunday.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Scimitar

Memphis, Tenn.

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NEW YORK THREE EIGHT ONE ZERO DASH S* ADVISED EVENING OF THIS DATE THE REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, STAYING AT HOLIDAY INN, MEMPHIS, TENN. WAS IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH STANLEY LEVINSON, NYC. DURING CONVERSATION KING MENTIONED THAT STOKLEY CARMICHAEL OF SNCC WILL PROBABLY "DO TIME" WITH REGARDS RECENT ATLANTA RACIAL RIOT. HE ADDED THAT IF ASKED BY REPORTERS AT PRESS CONFERENCE THIS EVENING IN MEMPHIS RE CARMICHAEL, HE WOULD ONLY ~~SA~~ STATE THAT IN LINE WITH AMERICAN TRADITION OF JURISPRUDENCE A MAN IS INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY. KING ADDED HE WOULD SAY IN EFFECT THAT THE MATTER IS PRESENTLY IN THE COURTS AND HE (KING) DOES NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT. KING FEELT HE COULD GIVE GENERAL STATEMENT RE CARMICHAEL FOR PRESENT BUT EVENTUALLY CARMICHAEL WOULD BE CALLING KING FOR SUPPORT. LEVINSON AND KING AGREED THAT IF CARMICHAEL IS CONVICTED OF ENCITMENT TO RIOT CHARGE "THEY" WILL HAVE TO BLAME THOSE FORCES WHICH COMPELLED HIM TO RIOT. SOURCE ADVISED KING AND LEVINSON

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