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TITLE OR CASE

IDENTITY, aka
Posse Comitatus

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EM - WHITE HATE

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ENCLOSURES

TO THE BUREAU

One pamphlet entitled, "Sheriff's Posse Comitatus," printed by the Citizens Law Enforcement and Research Committee, 2136 N. Killingsworth Street, Portland;

One letter to prospective members, entitled "Citizens Law Enforcement and Research Committee," written by HENRY LAMONT (MIKE) BEACH.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☐ NONE

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ADMINISTRATIVE

One copy of this report is being provided U.S. Secret Service, Portland, Oregon.

The following Posse Comitatus members are subjects of Portland files:

LAWRENCE HENDERSON LONDON
PDfile 157-1200

SYLVESTER PAUL EHR
PDfile 157-276

This report is being classified ~~confidential~~ to protect PD T-1.

Intelligence Officer [redacted] Portland Police Department, and [redacted] Internal Revenue Service, Portland, and [redacted] Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Portland, have been advised of the existence, status and goals of the Posse Comitatus. In addition, Officer [redacted] was provided information on the nature of the organization and character of members sufficient to satisfy the information request of FORD SMITH, Sheriff of Madison County, Idaho. b6 b7C

It is noted the Portland Posse Comitatus members range in age generally from 50 - 75 years, have associated themselves with right wing groups for many years and have never presented a threat in this community. The group has made no efforts to affiliate itself with other white hate groups, such as the Klu Klux Klan or the American Natzi Party.

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LEADS

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AT PORTLAND, OREGON. Will maintain contact with source and local law enforcement agencies for information on any further activities of this group.

AT EUGENE, OREGON. Will contact Lane County Sheriff DAVID BURKE and, if possible, his source in this matter, for information on any expansion of the Posse Comitatus in Oregon.

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Copy to: 1 - Secret Service, Portland, Oregon (Registered Mail)

Report of: [redacted] Office: Portland, Oregon b6 b7C
Date: April 26, 1973

Field Office File #: 157-1286 Bureau File #:

Title: IDENTITY,
Also Known As
Posse Comitatus
[redacted]
DECLASSIFIED BY SP8 [redacted]
ON 4/24/82
1/20/86 SP6 [redacted]

Character: EXTREMIST MATTER - WHITE HATE

Synopsis: Investigation instituted at Portland, Oregon, 8/31/72, identified an organization calling itself Identity, or alternatively Portland Posse Comitatus. Meeting place and 7 regular members of group identified. National Headquarters located Glendale, California. Known objectives and activities set forth. Portland group characterized as association of long-time Right Wing extremists who hold critical views of certain minority groups such as Negroes and Jews. Group also holds unusual views concerning constitutionality of law enforcement agencies and the IRS. Group members not considered threat to community.

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DETAILS

The following investigation is predicated on information received that a group of individuals calling themselves the Portland Posse Comitatus (PPC) was preaching a program of hate against the Negroes and the Jews, and calling for the repudiation and overthrow of the existing

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law enforcement and judicial systems of this nation.

## I. IDENTITY OF ORGANIZATION

### A. Name

Identity, also known as Portland Posse Comitatus, Multnomah County Portland Posse Comitatus and Citizens Law Enforcement and Research Committee (CLERC).

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### B. Address

The PPC is located at "the Constitution Room," 1021 N.E. Union Avenue, Portland, Oregon. The CLERC, which is limited to the production and distribution of pamphlets in support of the PPC is located at 2136 N. Killingsworth Street, Portland. This is the location of the McClure Distributing Company, a lubricating oil manufacturer, and place of employment of PPC member H.L. (MIKE) BEACH.

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### C. Telephone Numbers

Telephone numbers for the CLERC are 285-8840 and 281-2043. There is no telephone service at the "Constitution Room", but a call placed to the West Coast Sign Company, 1023 N.E. Union Avenue, telephone 232-9040, will reach SYLVESTER EHR, owner of the "Constitution Room" and PPC member.

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### D. National Organization

Contact with the national organization can be made through Identity, P.O. Box 423, Glendale, California 91209. National leader WILLIAM GALE is believed to reside in Saugus, California.

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E. Subsidiary Organizations

The Portland unit represents Multnomah County, Oregon, and has no control over other Posse groups.

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II. CHARTER OR INCORPORATION INFORMATION

To obtain recognition from the National Headquarters, it is necessary to have seven white male Christians organize a group and petition for a charter. The exact provisions of the charter are unknown. The fee for recognition of a Possee is currently $21.

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III. IDENTITY AND POSITION OF POSSE OFFICERS

The Structure of the National organization calls for a seven member committee to control the activities of each Posse. Committee members in Portland are as follows:

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ALBERT J. FULLMER
11408 S.W. 49th
Portland, Oregon
date of birth
April 29, 1907

HENRY KRUEGER
6015 N. Yale
Portland, Oregon
date of birth May 4, 1896

LAWRENCE H. LONDON
18607 S.E. Yamhill Street, PORTLAND, ORE.
b: 7-12-16 LAWRENCE HENDERSON LONDON

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Portland, Oregon
date of birth July 12, 1916

EDWARD G. GORHAM
6710 S.W. Pine Street
Portland, Oregon
date of birth March 8, 1898

SYLVESTER PAUL EHR
1023 N.E. Union Avenue
Portland, Oregon
date of birth May 12, 1903

HENRY LAMONT (MIKE) BEACH
2136 N. Killingsworth
Portland, Oregon
date of birth June 17, 1903

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## IV. MEMBERSHIP

Although approximately ten other individuals have been identified as attending one or more meetings of the PPC, only the above-listed attend on any regular basis. Of the seven members of the committee, only BEACH and EHR are totally committed to Right Wing causes.

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## V. OBJECTIVES

In a letter sent out by MIKE BEACH to possible recruits, he states "The purpose of the Posse Comitatus movement is to place pertinent information regarding existing laws into the hands of concerned patriots and to point out there is a method for combatting subverters. It is imperative that we combat those who, under the guise of public servants, are more interested in the destruction of our Republic, rather than representing the people." In actual operation, the PPC's total activity has been limited to once-weekly meetings, during which various minority

groups and governmental units came under verbal abuse. The local group has not tried to actually implement their views.

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## VI. ACTIVITIES

The PPC has not engaged in any acts of violence, terrorism, intimidation or other illegal activities. No public meetings or rallies or training sessions have been been held.

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The PPC has not been gathering explosive or other destructive devices, but most of the committee members are known to possess numerous firearms.

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The PPC held regular Sunday afternoon meetings until January 28, 1973, when the group broke up as a result of a dispute over finances. The group is believed to have originated in the summer of 1972. Recruiting activities have been limited, consisting in the main of individual contacts by committee members and communication with other long-time Right Wing extremists.

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## VII. FINANCES

The PPC has had a very limited financial basis. The treasury was at its high point of $600 just prior to the final meeting of January 28, 1973. Funding was obtained from contributions of individual members and sale of the PPC pamphlet. Member contributions have been deposited at the Lloyd Center Branch of the U.S. National Bank, Portland, Oregon. The handling of finances was the final blow to the organization. EHR and BEACH had purchased tape recorders having the capability of answering telephone calls with pre-recorded messages for contacting other members. When it was

learned how BEACH and EHR had spent the funds of the organization, the participants at the January 28, 1973, meeting spent four hours yelling at one another, and no further meetings have been held.

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## VIII. PUBLICATIONS

The only known publication of the PPC is entitled, "The Posse Comitatus," which is published by the Citizens Law Enforcement and Research Committee, 2136 N. Killingsworth Street, Portland. This booklet 14 pages long, copies a major share of the statements found in "Identity," a publication of the national organization and adds what are apparently BEACH's views on the Judiciary, graduated income tax, education, the Federal Reserve System and the need to charge numerous Government officials with "seditious conspiracy."

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## IX. MISCELLANEOUS

National leader WILLIAM GALE, who lives in Saugus, California, prepares one hour tapes which are shipped to all Posses. This tape is usually a Bible quoting attack on Jews, Negroes, the Internal Revenue Service and Communists. These groups are often considered to be one in the same. LARRY LONDON is known to be personally acquainted with GALE and has reported to the PPC that GALE is very sensitive about police surveillance and always carries a weapon. LONDON has claimed the national leadership has purchased land for a new headquarters in the mountains north of Fresno, California, near Yosemite National Park.

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The national organization is very concerned about the graduated income tax and instructs its members to claim numerous withholding deductions and then refuse to pay their

taxes. PPC members claim they and other Posses have, in the past, arranged confrontations with Internal Revenue Service officers and agents. These have not been physical confrontations but consist of numerous Posse members being present when the Internal Revenue Service officer attempts to inspect business records and filming of the meetings.

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Numerous claims of Posses starting all over the country are made during the meetings and by GALE during the playing of the tapes. GALE has claimed groups exist in California, Oregon, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.

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MIKE BEACH is apparently in contact with a number of Posse groups. He has claimed groups exist at Yakima, Washington, Caldwell, Idaho, and Great Falls, Montana.

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In addition, BEACH is apparently the source of the hate literature showing up in Rexburg , Idaho. An associate press wire service story appeared April 8, 1973, in the "Oregonian," a Portland, Oregon, daily newspaper, captioned "Idaho Residents Form Posse Against Wishes of Sheriff," stated "A band of Madison County, Idaho, men have formed a citizens posse to back the local sheriff and insure that constitutional law is preserved."

On April 9, 1973, Sheriff FORD SMITH, Madison County, Idaho, advised BARDELL J. PURCELL, Sheriff of Multnomah County, Oregon, that Posse Comitatus had been set up in his county and was distributing literature printed in Portland.

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Intelligence Officer
Multnomah County Sheriff's
Office, Portland, 4/9/73

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In addition, a copy of a letter, sent to prospective members, under MIKE BEACH's signature and headed "Dear Patriot," was provided to the FBI.

Sheriff DAVID BURKE
Lane County, Oregon
3/22/73

The local group has been especially concerned with a [redacted] who is believed to be under indictment in that State as a result of a series of school bus bombings. Contributions were to be sent to [redacted]

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Portland, Oregon

April 26, 1973

Title IDENTITY, Also Known As Posse Comitatus

Character EXTREMIST MATTER - WHITE HATE

Reference Portland report of SA [redacted] b6 b7C dated and captioned as above.

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ENCLOSED IS ONE PAMPHLET ENTITLED, "SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS AND ONE LETTER TO PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS, ENTITLED, "CITIZENS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE"

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# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (~~157-28777~~) DATE: 7/27/73 9-18-73

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (157-1286)(C)

SUBJECT: IDENTITY, aka
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Re Portland report of SA 4/26/73.

Furnished as enclosures for the Bureau are six copies of an LHM setting forth further information on the Portland version of the Posse Comitatus. Information copies are being furnished to Los Angeles and Sacramento in view of their concern with activities of the national organization.

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Bulet to Albany, 7/9/73, captioned "IDENTITY GROUP, aka Ministry of Christ Church; EM - WHITE HATE," BuFile 157-28219, refers to the national organization with which the Portland group was formerly affiliated. One copy of the enclosed LHM is being designated for this Bureau file.

Sources utilized in the LHM are as follows:

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SYLVESTER P. EHR and [redacted] mentioned in the enclosed LHM are subjects of PDfile 157-276 and [redacted] respectively.

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IDENTITY,
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Posse Comitatus

This investigation is based on information which indicates that the Identity Group, also known as Ministry of Christ Church, is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1114 (Assaulting or Killing a Federal Officer), Section 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection), Section 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), or Section 2385 (Advocating Overthrow of the Government).

William Potter Gale, Glendale, California, is the leader of Identity Group which is also known as the Ministry of Christ Church, which has been described as a cover for an "underground army." He is the self-proclaimed minister of the church. Identity Group claims to have representatives in 40 states. It advocates violence against Federal officers, blacks, and Jewish elements. The Group advocates tax rebellion and has urged the killing of Federal judges as well as FBI Agents and Internal Revenue Service Agents. It advocates formation of a "Posse Comitatus," a voluntary group of citizens who would act in the name of local sheriffs to "enforce" the law.

Member of Subject Organization

## CURRENT STATUS

No meetings of the Portland version of the Posse Comitatus have been held since January 28, 1973. The organization never got to the point of being well enough organized to offer its services to the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Portland, Oregon. It was never financially secure and was able to send only a small sum of money to the national organization. The Portland group broke up as a result of a few members mixing Posse funds with other assets to print a small newspaper and obtain a telephone recording machine.

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The local organization considered itself responsive to the views of the national organization headquartered in California but felt no obligation to follow any recommendations of which it did not approve. Members of the Portland Posse Comitatus, although generally agreeing with the views of the national organization, and national leader William Gale, refused to accept any views or positions which called for any violent activity. Local members did not view the national organization or the leader, William Gale, as standing for violence. They had noted **Identity** had called for "hanging the sheriff" when the local sheriff did not adequately meet his responsibilities, but felt this statement did not accurately reflect Gale's true beliefs.

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The Portland chapter of the Posse Comitatus never gave any support to any other organization, and the only individual known to have been involved in other political causes who showed interest in the organization was one [redacted], a former **National States Rights Party member.** [redacted] **attended three or four of the Posse meetings, but his** interest declined when he learned of the religious overtones of the organization.

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of the Oregon chapter of the National States Rights Party.

The National States Rights Party is an anti-Negro, anti-Semitic white racist political party composed of past members of klan-type organizations and other right-wing groups.

Despite the breakup of the Portland Chapter of the Posse Comitatus, Henry L. (Mike) ~~Beach~~ Beach continues

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to send out literature of Identity under his own name without crediting the national leadership or organization. The actions of Beach were reported back to William Gale, who, after contacting Lavrence London, a local Posse member, terminated any further connection with the national organization of the Portland branch. No further bulletins or tapes are being sent to Portland from the national organization.

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The only members of the group believed still taking any actions to express their views are Sylvester Ehr and Mike Beach. Through an automatic telephone answering system, callers to Portland telephone 234-8443 are informed of the latest developments felt to be of interest to the American citizen. For example, the tape played during the week of July 2 - 6, 1973, concerned the release of Robert DePugh, former Minuteman leader, from federal prison. These tapes have not, however, made any further references to the Identity Group, or have constituted any incitement to violence.

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> The Minutemen is a paramilitant group organized in June, 1960, by Robert B. DePugh in Norborne, Missouri, as a resistance to the spread of communism in the United States by use of guerrilla tactics. DePugh has just recently been released from federal prison for violation of the Federal Firearms Act.

California members of the Identity organization are reported to have purchased land surrounding the location of future National Headquarters north of Fresno, near Yosemite National Park. Assessments on the land have recently been

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significantly increased, and William Gale and his supporters are incensed. It is believed that any action contemplated by the national organization would be directed against the County Assessor.

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Portland, Oregon

July 27, 1973

Title IDENTITY, Also Known As Posse Comitatus

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Reference Portland memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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# *Memorandum*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/31/73

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (157-1200) (C)

SUBJECT: LAWRENCE HENDERSON LONDON
EM - WHITE HATE

1/28/86 SP [redacted]

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Re Portland report of SA [redacted] captioned "IDENTITY, aka Posse Comitatus, EM - WHITE HATE," dated 4/26/73.

Furnished as enclosures are five (5) copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) setting forth subject's known connections with extremist causes.

Subject is not being recommended for the ADEX in that he does not pose a direct, current, or realistic threat to the security of the U.S.

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July 31, 1973

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LAWRENCE HENDERSON LONDON

This investigation is based on information which indicates that Lawrence Henderson London is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1114 (Assaulting or Killing a Federal Officer), Section 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection) Section 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), or Section 2385 (Advocating Overthrow of the Government).

London was reported by first source on September 1, 1972, to be a known member of the Identity group, also known as Ministry of Christ Church in Portland.

William Potter Gale, Glendale, California, is the leader of Identity Group which is also known as the Ministry of Christ Church, which has been described as a cover for an underground army." He is the self-proclaimed minister of the church. Identity Group claims to have representatives in 40 states. It advocates violence against Federal officers, blacks, and Jewish elements. The group advocates tax rebellion and has urged the killing of Federal judges as well as FBI Agents and Internal Revenue Service Agents. It advocates formation of a "Posse Comitatus," a voluntary group of citizens who would act in the name of local sheriffs to "enforce" the law.

I. Background

A. Residence and Employment Lawrence H London

A source advised on September 1, 1972, that Larry London resides at 18607 S.E. Yamhill Street, Portland, Oregon, and is employed at the Bingham-Willamette Company, a manufacturing concern located at 2800 N.W. Front Avenue, Portland.

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II. Activity

The source further advised on January 30, 1973, that during the period from the fall of 1972 through January 28, 1973, London was one of seven charter members of the Portland Posse Comitatus. He regularly attended the weekly meetings held on Sundays at the Constitution Room, 1023 N.E. Union Avenue, Portland. These meetings typically ran around four

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...ers, consisting of inspirational tapes sent by national ...der William Gale, and political discussions by attendees ... the meetings. The tapes, and to a lesser extent the ...cussions, were anti-Semitic, anti-black, and anti-government ... character.

Source stated that London was the only member of ... local group personally acquainted with William Gale, ... is in complete sympathy with the philosophical viewpoints ... Gale. Source does not, however, consider London to favor ...lence, and advised London expressly cautioned against ...owing the grap to be tied to Nazi Party affiliations.

The National Socialist White People's Party, also known as The American Nazi Party, American Nazis, and The George Lincoln Rockwell Party, was organized on February 26, 1956, at Arlington, Virginia, based upon the concept of an international "National Socialist" movement as espoused by the German Nazi Party headed by Adolf Hitler. The organization supports and follows the line of hatred against Negroes, Jews, and communists through various propaganda media seeking a legitimate dominant political party in the United States and foreign countries.

A second source advised on August 3, 1970, that ...don had been on the board of directors of the Oregon ...erty News, published from 1023 N.E. Union Avenue, ...land. This newspaper was dedicated to the view the ...try was in danger of collapse from the combined ...its of world government, the Jew, and federal law ...rcement authorities. This paper published on a very ...equent basis due to lack of financial support.

The first source advised on May 22, 1973, that an ...ept by some members of the Posse to re-establish the ...on Liberty News led to London complaining bitterly ...erning such a use of group funds. London argued that ... funds should be used to support the Identity. When his ...ion was not accepted, London resigned on January 28, ..., and the Portland Posse Comitatus collapsed.

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[redacted] contacted at his place of residence, advised of the identity of SA [redacted] and that the inquiry would concern the activities and beliefs of an organization known as Posse Comitatus, and his connection with the local and national Posse Comitatus groups. He then voluntarily provided the following information:

The Posse Comitatus was formed in Portland in fall 1972 as another response to the arbitrary actions of government, in particular federal law enforcement officers. The illegal and mistaken entries into the homes of private citizens by hippie narcotic agents, and the murder of a supposed deserter by FBI Agents, again a mistaken identity, is proof of the callous disregard of citizens rights often taken by federal authorities. In addition, this country has been subverted for a long time by Jews, who do not believe in the basic foundations or this country.

Rev. GALE, a former military officer and highly trained theologian, has expressed in both word and print the truth about the Jews, and the federal government. GALE is a very sincere man, who should be respected.

The local organization never became strong enough to even offer its assistance to the local sheriff. Although the charter pamphlet of the organization, "The Posse Comitatus," speaks of "hanging the sheriff" if he does not meet his responsibilities, none of the local members accepted this, nor believed Rev. GALE was serious. The organization is not of a violent nature, and even if it was, never had, at least on the local level, the strength to even consider such an outrageous action.

One must understand that the Posse is essentially a religious organization, whose members are acutely aware of the dictates of the Bible. Rev. GALE's assertions are based solely on the teachings of the Bible. Since the group is religious oriented, it would never allow itself to become tied to such right wing extremist groups as the Minutemen or the Klan Party. An individual known to have tendencies in that

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SA [redacted] Date dictated 7/31/73

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area, [redacted] attended three or four meetings, but lost interest because he could not understand the Christian teachings. b6 b7C

There are no other Posses in Oregon, although there are numerous Posses throughout the country, their exact location is unknown. There is one in Idaho, because the local newspaper carried an article about it.

The local organization broke up because a few of the members began to use group funds for their own pet projects. These projects included a telephone tape system and a newspaper. These projects entail the use of more funds than they are worth.

[redacted] is not associated with the newspaper and is unaware as to whether it is being published. The tape recording program is currently being run, but [redacted] has not listened to it for a couple of months. b7D

[redacted] is unaware of any publications regarding "Identity" being printed in Portland. [redacted] is unwilling to provide the names of other local members of the Posse, because they are no longer associated with it. He will contact them, however, and inform them that the FBI would like to interview them.

[redacted] He has also met one [redacted] who is involved in an organization known as the Tax Rebellion Committee (TRC), [redacted] also is a sincere and intelligent man. There are no TRC groups in Oregon. [redacted] and GALE hold many similar views but are not members of the other's organization. [redacted] has also met a [redacted] a Fresno man, who believes in the causes of GALE [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] recognizes the authority of federal law enforcement officials and does not know whether GALE feels the sheriff is only legitimate authority. b7D

[redacted] has no intention of again becoming involved with the local former Posse members, but may play GALE's tapes, which were formerly sent for the weekly meetings held at 1023 N.E. Union Avenue for local church groups.

[redacted] has had no contact with any representative of the national organization for over four months. b7D

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The following descriptive data was obtained from observation and interview:

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The Minutemen is a paramilitant group organized in June, 1960, by Robert B. De Pugh in Norborne, Missouri, as a resistance to the spread of communism in the United States by use of guerrilla tactics. De Pugh is currently incarcerated in a Federal penitentiary for violation of the Federal Firearms Act.

The Patriot Party has been the political arm of the Minutemen.

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Portland, Oregon

July 31, 1973

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Reference Memorandum dated and captioned as above at Portland, Oregon

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-7254)

DATE: 4/23/74

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (100-8568)

SUBJECT: CHARACTERIZATIONS OF SUBVERSIVE, RACIAL, KLAN, WHITE HATE, AND MILITANT BLACK ORGANIZATIONS INTERNAL SECURITY

Enclosed herewith are two characterizations, full length and brief, concerning the Oregon Committee Against Racist and Political Repression (OCARPR) and the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus. The OCARPR is now defunct.

Records
cc - 100-480094 (Oregon Committee Against Racist and Political Repression)
cc - 157-28219 (Sheriff's Posse Comitatus)

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS
Portland File 157-1432

A source advised in February, 1973, that the Portland Chapter of a California-based organization known as Identity, or Ministry of Christ Church, had disbanded as a result of internal disputes. Some of the members of the defunct chapter, however, still believing in the principles of the California organization, began reprinting, with minor modifications, the literature of the Identity organization under their own names. According to this, and a second source, this literature was extensively distributed throughout the United States, and particularly in the Pacific Northwest during 1973 with a number of Posses forming in the Western States.

According to the second source chapters began forming in Oregon in late 1973 with a Portland chapter beginning operations in early 1974. Although Portland is considered the national headquarters of the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus, there have been no national meetings and once Posses are organized in other areas, they are not expected to follow any directives of the national headquarters. Since the Posses are not tightly organized on a national basis, the Portland leadership is not certain as to exactly how wide spread is the Posse movement, but claim to have chapters in over 40 states.

According to published press reports, the "Posses consist of Patriotic men and women who are concerned about lawlessness, especially by those in public office." It is said to be "the vehicle which we the people can utilize to investigate, arrest, and carry out the decisions of the Citizens Grand Jury against oath breaking officials." The technique used by the Posses is to "educate people, then encourage them to uphold the law. Then, if they don't catch on we recommend that we, the Posses, enforce the law."

(a characterization of Identity should be attached)

Not of field-wide interest
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First Source: [redacted]
Second Source: [redacted]

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## SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

### Brief Descriptive Sketch

The Sheriff's Posse Comitatus was organized during 1973 at Portland, Oregon, with autonomous branches being established throughout the country. The purpose of the organization is to oppose alleged improper and illegal acts of local, state, and federal authorities through a Citizens Grand Jury to review incidents of citizen harassment by government officials. Leaders of the group claim to have chapters in over 40 states.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/24/74

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (157-1432) (P)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, aka
Posse Comitatus
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(OO: Portland)

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Re Portland report of SA dated 4/26/73; Portland LHM, dated 7/27/73, both captioned, "IDENTITY, aka Posse Comitatus," BUfile 157-28219, PD File 157-1286; Cleveland letter to Portland, dated 3/26/74.

Portland will report results of investigation concerning the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus in a form suitable for dissemination upon receiving further information regarding the group's goals MIKE BEACH (PD 157-1413) and the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus. and , both mentioned in letter, are being handled under their respective case captions.

This investigation is based on information which indicates that the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus, also known as Posse Comitatus, is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1114 (Assaulting or Killing a Federal Officer), Section 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection), Section 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), or Section 241 (Civil Rights Act, 1968).

HENRY LAMONT (MIKE) BEACH, Portland, Oregon, is the national organizer of Sheriff's Posse Comitatus, which claims to have chapters in approximately 40 states. It advocates

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formation of a "Posse Comitatus," a voluntary group of citizens who would act in the name of local sheriffs to enforce the law. The group advocates tax rebellion and has urged the arrest by the posse of Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Agents attempting to enforce the Internal Revenue Code. It claims to have the lawful right under natural law to act in the name of the sheriff in protecting local citizens from unlawful activities, including the unlawful acts of officers of the government, whether these be judges or federal or state agents.

For information of receiving offices, Portland by referenced communication, reported on activities of posse chapter in existence at Portland from November, 1972 through February, 1973. This posse chapter received its literature, and is considered to be a part of, the California organization known as Identity, originally organized by Reverend WILLIAM POTTER GALE. This chapter disbanded as a result of an internal dispute concerning the expenditure of its limited funds, and a failure to recruit new members. Despite the disbanding of the group, however, one of the members, HENRY LAMONT (MIKE) BEACH, a retired Portland businessman, continued his interest, and began reprinting, with slight modifications, literature originally distributed by the California group, under the name of the Citizens Law Enforcement and Research Community (CLERC), 3530 N.E. Lombard, Portland. Previously, literature put out by BEACH bore the name of the CLERC at 2136 N. Killingsworth Street, Portland.

Since February, 1973, BEACH has, however, apparently, achieved substantial success in encouraging the growth of posse chapters throughout the United States. Both the Cleveland and Detroit Divisions have provided information about the "Posse," which have been forming based on the programs sent out by BEACH. Additionally, the posses have been receiving extensive coverage in the Pacific Northwest, including Portland, Eugene, and Pendleton, Oregon, Montesano and Spokane, Washington, and Rexburg, Idaho.

The most active chapters in Oregon have been in Lane and Baker Counties, the activities of which are being covered by the FBI and local law enforcement agencies. Additionally, BEACH has recently re-organized a group in the Portland area, which is being covered by [redacted] That source has reported that, at least to date, on the basis of attitudes expressed at the Portland meetings, there is no reason to believe the local chapter has any intention for the present of stockpiling arms;

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as the California groups have done, or to in the immediate future physically confront local or federal law enforcement or Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Agents. At present, at least in the Portland area, the main efforts appear to be a consideration of how to best express the views of the membership to the public. Meetings attended by the source have primarily dealt with the membership's distrust for and feelings of illegality of the IRS and its agents.

The literature of the group, and from press interviews of BEACH, and other posse leaders, would place the group in a more active position for the future. BEACH, in an associated press article date lined at Spokane, Washington, and carried in the 2/9/74 issue of The Oregonian, a Portland area daily newspaper, was quoted as saying, "The group advocates education of law enforcement officials followed by direct action if authorities fail to combat alleged law violations . . . We first educate people, then encourage them to uphold the law. Then, if they don't catch on, we recommend that we, the Posse, enforce the law. Shooting? We are not apt to do that. But if conditions get much worse, it might come to that some day." The article went on to state posse targets run from young transients to the IRS and the Treasury Department's Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms agents. In a subsequent interview by a reporter from the Oregon Journal, another Portland area daily newspaper, in an article appearing 2/18/74, BEACH expressed displeasure with news reporters having labeled the organization a vigilante group and a "bunch of kooks." During this interview, BEACH characterized the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus as primarily a study group, a gathering of citizens in 36 states and more than one-half the nation's counties, who gather in small groups to educate themselves about the constitution.

[redacted] of a chapter in Montesano, Washington, was quoted as stating in a article appearing [redacted] in The Oregonian, "The Posse Comitatus, is the vehicle which we, the people, can utilize to investigate, arrest, and carry out the decisions of the Citizens Grand Jury against oath breaking officials. . ." b6 b7C

[redacted] of another posse in Baker County, Oregon, was quoted in an article appearing [redacted] in the Democrat Herald, a Baker daily newspaper, that if a

member of the posse brings anyone before the sheriff and signed a complaint for his arrest, and if the sheriff refuses to act "he will be guilty of breaking his oath of office and the posse will then bring him to public trial by a jury of their peers." The posse will then "cause that the sheriff be removed from office and tried before a jury in the county court."

[redacted] of the Lane County chapter of the Posse Comitatus, was quoted in the [redacted] issue of The Oregonian as stating, "We want to go to the aid of someone who is being harassed by the federal government, for example if an IRS agent locks up someone's bank account, that sheriff should arrest that agent. But if he doesn't, we will protect the individual . . . you have a constitutional duty to stop paying taxes; we will come to your aid. . . the posse would use physical force if necessary to protect an individual from harassment." In the [redacted] issue of The Oregonian, [redacted] stated he is now sending posse literature across the country and that one of the posse's first official acts in Lane County was to create a grand jury to review residents of alleged citizen harassment by government officials, to accumulate a body of evidence, and to report findings to the county sheriff. Additionally, [redacted] who is also [redacted] of the National Association to Keep and Bear Arms, a legitimate political group formed for the purpose of opposition of restrictive gun legislation, has been sending posse literature out under the auspices of the National Association to Keep and Bear Arms.

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Additionally, numerous Portland citizens, as well as sources of the San Francisco and Los Angeles Divisions, have reported to Portland the receipt of similar posse literature from one ELMER ARTHUR (PD 157-289), 4902 N.E. 30th Avenue, Portland. This literature consists of a pamphlet entitled, "Pay No More Income Taxes to the Zionist Jews by Authority of the United States Constitution," published by the national headquarters of the United States Christian Posse Association, P.O. Box 423, Glendale, California (This is the posse organization headed by WILLIAM P. GALE in California), and a pamphlet entitled, "This is the Internal Capture of the United States, the Proposed Potomac River Basin Compact," the publisher of which was not identified. The former publication has had added comments by ARTHUR to the effect he has been "charged by the Divine Trinity to expel the Zionist Jews and the people from world government," and a letter headed, "Collectors

of Internal Revenue, Created by the Zionist Jews, The Servants of the Devil," which expresses one complainant's view of the IRS and individuals of the Jewish persuasion. ELMER ARTHUR is, however, a 68 year old zealot who expresses only his views. [redacted] has reported that [redacted] ARTHUR is considered by the posse members as an"irresponsible kook." b6 b7C b7D

Portland is not in receipt of any information to date which would indicate that BEACH, the Portland area posse, or any other other chapter in Oregon, which has been formed as a result of his efforts, have taken to date any illegal steps. Their literature and some of the statements to the press, have been such as to indicate possible illegal activity planned for the future. It is also noted that BEACH, although being a national organizer, is not making any efforts to control the direction of chapters other than in Multnomah County, Oregon. He has stated, "Once you have become established as a recognized posse, you are on your own so far as the country is concerned. . . for now, we must contact and educate as many as possible so that when the time comes that we must take a stand there will be strength in our numbers."

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Information copies provided for Sacramento and Los Angeles due to their investigative interest in "Identity."

BUTTE

AT REXBURG, IDAHO. Press reports in Portland file indicate a posse chapter has been organized at Rexburg. [redacted] has reported this chapter received its organizing papers from Portland, rather than the California group. Initiate investigation in accordance with Section 122, Manual of Instructions, and report results to Bureau and Portland. b6 b7C b7D

CLEVELAND

AT DOVER, OHIO. Conduct similar investigation requested of Butte concerning group at Dover, Ohio.

SEATTLE

AT MONTESANO, WASHINGTON. Conduct similar investigation requested of Butte concerning group at Montesano, which is being organized by one [redacted] b6 b7C

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PORTLAND

AT PORTLAND, OREGON. Continue to follow and report goals and activities of Sheriff's Posse Comitatus in accordance with Section 122, Manual of Instructions.

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# *Memorandum*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-21219) DATE: 5/9/74

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (157-1286) (P)

SUBJECT: IDENTITY GROUP, aka
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(OO: Los Angeles)

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Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau, 5/1/74; Seattle letter to Portland, 4/16/74; Portland letter to Seattle, captioned "Sheriff's Posse Comitatus," dated 4/30/74; and Portland letter to Bureau (copy to Los Angeles), captioned, "Sheriff's Posse Comitatus," dated 4/24/74.

Referenced Seattle communication provided information obtained by a Seattle source, who had been approached in a recruitment effort by Portland residents MICHAEL BEACH (PD 157-1413) and LAWRENCE H. LONDON (PD 157-1200). It is noted Portland has, under the caption of Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (PD file 157-1432), advised the Bureau of a new nation wide group headquartered at Portland, organized by MICHAEL BEACH, known as the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus. This group holds to principles similar to that of the Identity Group of California, but is not affiliated with the Identity Group.

Although the substance of the information provided by the Seattle source is known by Portland to be accurate, the source was misled to some extent concerning the purpose of the telephone pre-recorded message obtained by dialing Portland number 234-6443. Information concerning the telephone number was provided the Bureau under the caption of, "SYLVESTER PAUL EHR, (Bufile 157-3550, PD file 157-276)" the producer of the tape. For the information of Los Angeles, this is a taped message changed weekly which expresses the political philosophy of EHR.

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On only a few occasions has it referred to the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus movement, although EHR is active in the movement in Portland, as it generally discusses various conservative political causes. For example, during the week of 5/5-11/74, the material dealt with the necessity for American patriots to oppose the treason of fluoridation of the Oregon water supply.

Portland is continuing to monitor the taped messages for possible future intelligence information and will report any significant developments under the appropriate caption.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28219)

DATE: 5/23/74

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (157-6060) (P)

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Re Portland letter to the Bureau, 4/24/74; and Cleveland letter to Portland, 3/26/74.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of an LHM captioned as above. Two (2) copies are furnished for the Portland office.

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CLEVELAND:

AT NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO

Will contact Patrolman [redacted] New Philadelphia, Ohio Police Department and ascertain current status of formation of a chapter of Posse Comitatus in the Dover, Ohio area.

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Cleveland, Ohio
May 23, 1974

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS,
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Posse Comitatus

This investigation is based on information which indicates that the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus, also known as Posse Comitatus, is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1114 (Assaulting or Killing a Federal Officer), Section 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection), Section 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), or Section 241 (Civil Rights Act, 1968).

A Special Agent of the United States Secret Service advised on November 13, 1973 that an organization known as Posse Comitatus was active in the Canton, Ohio area. This group reportedly advocated tax rebellion, the formation of a people's jury to try elected and governmental officials, and while they were reported to be a pacifist organization, information disclosed that the Posse Comitatus in some of the Western states was also known as the Ministry of Christ Church and the Church of Jesus Christ Ministry, a right-wing group.

Previous investigation in the West disclosed that some of these organizations had advocated the killing of Federal officials including Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Agents, Secret Service Agents, Federal Judges. They were reported to have organizations in 40 Western states as well as Mobile, Alabama.

On February 25, 1974, Patrolman [redacted] New Philadelphia, Ohio Police Department, advised that several weeks ago he had written a letter to a local newspaper expressing his views on current legislation pending on gun control laws. As a result of this letter appearing in a local newspaper, he was contacted by [redacted] who is an [redacted] located at [redacted] residence address of [redacted] attempted to interest [redacted] in

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RE: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS,
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joining the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus. [redacted] was attempting to form a chapter of the Posse Comitatus in the Dover area and attempted to get [redacted] to become a charter member. According to [redacted] seven members were needed for issuance of a charter at which time the charter is registered in the state giving the Posse Comitatus the charter that it needs for operation. b6 b7C

[redacted] gave [redacted] a copy of the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus which is an interpretation of the United States Constitution by the organization. The conclusion reached was that in some instances the law provides for the prosecution of officials of the government who commit criminal acts or who violate their oath of office, stating that "He shall be removed by the Posse to the most populated intersection of streets in the township, and at high noon be hung by the neck; the body remaining until sundown as an example to those who would subvert the law." The pamphlet was published by the Citizen's Law Enforcement and Research Committee with an address of 3530 Northeast Lombard Court, Portland, Oregan, 97211. b6 b7C

According to the pamphlet, information on Citizen's Band or ham radio operators owned by members is an important feature of the organization. There is an indication that there is a buildup of a network of communication nationwide which the organization could rely upon in case of an emergency.

A copy of the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus furnished by [redacted] is as follows b6 b7C

SHERIFF'S
POSSE COMITATUS

It is the duty of government to prevent injustice--not to promote it.

# THE POSSE COMITATUS

by authority of

The Constitution Of The United States

In the formation of this constitutional republic, the county has always been and remains to this day, the TRUE seat of the government for the citizens who are the inhabitants thereof. The County Sheriff is the only legal law enforcement officer in these United States of America.

The Sheriff can mobolize all men between the ages of 18 and 45 who are in good health and not in the federal military service. OTHERS CAN VOLUNTEER! This body of citizens is the Sheriff's Posse. Each must serve when called by the Sheriff. The title of this body is the Posse Comitatus.

The Posse is the entire body of those inhabitants who may be summoned by the Sheriff, or who may volunteer, to preserve the public peace or execute any lawful precept that is opposed. Since the Sheriff is the servant of the citizens who are inhabitants of the County, it is not his choice as to whether or not the Posse is organized and brought into being. It is only his choice as to whether or not he wishes to use it.

Since the formation of our Republic, the local County has always been the seat of government for the people. A county government is the highest authority of government in our Republic as it is closest to the people, who are in fact, the government. The County Sheriff is the only legal law enforcement officer in the United States of America. He is elected by the people and is directly responsible for law enforcement in his County. It is his responsibility to protect the people of his County from unlawful acts on the part of anyone, including officials of government. His oath of office is to uphold, preserve and defend the constitution of these

United States and the State in which his County Exists. He may be required to do no less and no more in the performance of his official duties. It should be emphasized that this protection extends to Citizens who are being subjected to unlawful acts even by officials of government, whether these be judges of courts or Federal or State Agents of any kind whatsoever.

The County Sheriff must be advised of the instances where unlawful acts are committed. It is the duty of the Sheriff to protect the local citizens from such unlawful acts. Once he has been advised and refuses to perform his lawful duty in respect to the matter, the Posse Comitatus has the lawful right under natural law to act in the name of the Sheriff to protect local jurisdiction. Since the Second Amendment to the Constitution says, "the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." In the execution of the law, arrests may be made. The criminal may be remanded to the custody of the County Sheriff for trial by a citizen jury empanelled by the Sheriff from citizens of the local jurisdiction, instead of by the Courts as is the current procedure in most Counties and which has no basis under law, any act of any legislature or directives issued by the judiciary or Executive notwithstanding.

The unlawful use of County Sheriffs as LACKEYS of the Courts should be discontinued at once. There is no lawfull authority, for Judges and the Courts to direct the law enforcement activities of a County Sheriff. The Sheriff is accountable and responsible only to the citizens who are the inhabitants of his County. He is under oath of office and need not receive unlawful orders from Judges or the Courts. They are the Judiciary but the Sheriff is the Executive branch of our government. He is responsible to pro-

tect citizens, even from unlawful acts of officials of government. If he refuses to do so, he should be removed from office promptly.

The prerequisite to proper guidance is the basic understanding of Common Law and a background knowledge of the United States Constitution, as well as the Republican form of government created thereby. Such knowledge is considered essential to good citizenship and fulfillment of the responsibilities by true Christians to their God and Country.

The Supreme Court of the United States formally declared this Republic to be a Christian nation. In a case involving the Holy Trinity Church vs United States, 143 US 471, on the 28th of Feb. 1892. The Court, after mentioning various circumstances, added the following words; "and these and many other matters which might be noticed, add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterances, that this is a Chrisitan Nation.

The Constitution was lifted from the articles of Confederation, therefore the Constitution's source is the Holy Bible. By this contract the States, representing the people, created an agent of the States known as the Federal Government. The people, as States, gave certain powers to this "agent" and by the 9th and 19th Amendments, made it clear that this agent had only those powers which have been enumerated for it in the contract between the States. All others remain with the States and the people. The Federal Government is not above States which created it.

The Constitution is a simple document. It says what it means and means what it says. It means today what it meant when it was written. It is the SUPREME LAW for the States of the Union as well as for the Federal Government, which has been created by the States and the people, existing as

States, which are separate sovereign Republics within the United States, it should be made clear that the Federal Government is an agency of the States. The Federal government is a servant of the States and the people, not their master. The 9th Amendment States clearly, "The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people." This simply means that because the contract enumerated rights for the States, that the listing of these rights does not mean that the same must be done for the people but that the people retain all rights without having them enumerated in the contract. The 10th Amendment says; "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." This simply means that the Federal Government has only those powers which have been listed in the Constitution. If the power is not listed, then the Federal Government DOES NOT HAVE IT. All powers not listed for the Federal Government in the contract, remain with the States or to the people. Prior to the existance of the United States, each State was, and remains to this day, a separate sovereign Republic. The Governor of each State was and remains to this day, the Chief Executive Officer of his State. He is the only officer of the Government within the United States, who had and has to this day, "military power and military authority." He is commander and chief of his State Militia. He is the only officer of Government in the United States who has the lawful authority to declare martial law." No officer of the Federal Government has such power, Any act of Congress or Judicial ruling notwithstanding. (10th Amendment). The governor of a State had such military power prior to the existance of the Union

and he retains such power today. It was never delivered to the Federal Government by either the State or the People.

Article 4, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution makes it clear that the agent created by the States, the Federal Government referred to as the United States, as well as all State Governments, shall guarantee to every State in the Union, a Republican form of Government. (A Government of Law, not of men nor the opinions of men, nor a democracy, which is mob rule).

## COMMON LAW vs STATUTORY LAW

Federalist Papers #46, James Madison, wrote; "The Federal and State Governments are in fact but different agents and trustees of the people...the adversaries of the Constitution seem to have lost sight of the people altogether. They must be told that the ultimate authority resides in the people.

Federalist Papers #78, Alexander Hamilton, wrote; "No legislative act contrary to the Constitution can be valid. To deny this would be to affirm that the deputy is greater than his principle; that the servant is above the master; that the representatives of the people are superior to the people, that men, acting by virtue of powers, may do not only what their powers do not authorize, but what they forbid. It is not to be supposed that the Constitution could intend to enable the representatives of the people to substitute their will to that of their constituents. A Constitution is, in fact, and must be regarded by Judges as a fundamental Law. If there should happen to be an irreconcilable variance between the two, the Constitution is to be preferred to the statute." Nor does this conclusion by any means suppose a superiority of the Judicial to the Legislative. It only sup-

poses that the power of the people is superior to both and that the power of the people is superior to both and that where the will of the legislature, declared in its statutes, stands in opposition to that of the people as declared in the Constitution, the judges must be governed by the latter, rather than for former.

Am Jur, 2nd Sec. 210; Scott vx Sanford, 19 How 393, 15 L Ed 691; "Neither the legislative, executive nor judicial departments of the federal government can lawfully exercise any authority beyond the limits marked out by the Constitution.

16 Am Jur, 2nd Sec. 210; Wilson vs Philadelphia Scho. Dist. 328 Pa 225, 195 A 90, 113 ALR 1401; "Any fundamental or basic power necessary to government cannot be delegated."

16 Am Jur, 2nd Sec. 178; Constitutional Law. "The general rule is that an unconstitutional statute, though having the form and name of law, is in reality no law, but is wholy void and ineffective for any purpose; since unconstitutionality dates from the time of its enactment and not merely from the date of the decision so branding it; an unconstitutional law, in legal contemplation, is as inoperative as if it had never been passed....an unconstitutional law is VOID...it imposes no duties, confers no rights, creates no office...bestows no power or authority on anyone, affords no protection and justifies no acts performed under it....an unconstitutional law cannot repeal or supercede any existing valid law....an unconstitutional statute cannot repeal or in any way effect an existing valid one....the general principals stated above apply to the Constitution as well as to the laws of the several States insofar as they are repugnant to the Constitution of the United States. Moreover, the construction of a statute which brings it in conflict with a Constitution, will nullify it

as effectually as if it had been enacted in conflict therewith.

16 Am Jur, 2nd Sec. 547; Daniel Webster, James Otis and Sir Edward Coke all pointed out that the mere fact of enactment does not and cannot raise statutes to the standing of LAW not everything which may pass under the form of statutory enactment can be considered the LAW of the land."

U.S. Sup. Ct. Maybury vs Madison, 1803, 2 L Ed. 60; 1 Cra. 137; ref. 6 Whea: 246 & Wal 601; "Law repugnant to the Constitution is VOID".. "an act of the legislature, for I cannot call it law CONTRARY to the first great principles of the social compact (constitution) cannot be considered a rightful exercise of legislative authority."

16 Am Jur, 2nd Sec. 177; "An unconstitutional statute though having the form and name of law, is in reality NO LAW, but wholly null and void and ineffective for any purpose. It imposes no duty, confers no rights, creates no office, bestows no power or authority on anyone, affords no protection and justifies no acts performed under it. No one is bound to obey an unconstitutional statute and no courts are bound to enforce it."

16 Am Jur, 2nd Sec. 210: Constitutional Law; "A characteristic feature and one of the cardinal and fundamental principles of the American Constitutional system is that the government powers are divided among the three departments of government, the legislative, the executive and the judicial; and that each of these is separate from the others. The rule is generally recognized that Constitutional restraints are overstepped where one department of government attempts to exercise powers exclusively delegated to another; officers of any branch of government cannot permit its powers to be exercised by any other branch."

16 Am Jur, 2nd Sec. 178; Constitutional Law; "The general

rule is that an unconstitutional act of the legislature protects no one. It is said that all persons are presumed to know the law, meaning that ignorance of the law excuses no one; if any person acts under an unconstitutional statute, he does so at his peril and must take the consequences."

Section 2384, Title 18, United States Code reads: Seditious conspiracy; "if two or more persons in any State or Territory, or in any place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, conspire to overthrow, put down, or to destroy by force the Government of the United States; or to levy war against them, or to oppose by force the authority thereof, or by force to prevent, hinder or delay the execution of any law of the United States, or by force to seize, take, or possess any property of the United States contrary to the authority thereof, they shall each be fined not more than $20,000.00 or be imprisoned not more than twenty years, or both."

(It is to be noted here that the authority of the United States is the Constitution. Further, the force need not be limited to "military force" but can be legal force, phsycological force, economic force, etc....it is therefore quite clear that all persons who participate in the conspiracy known as "Metro Government", are clearly in violation of this code and should be held to answer for such crime by all Posses. Such persons are unlawfully attempting to alter our form of government.)

Since a guide of this type cannot possibly anticipate each and every local problem or condition, it should be utilized where the Constitution and the Natural Law is being violated. In many instances such violations may involve officials of the federal or local government as much as by individual citizens. In the interest of education, some of the most pro-

lific violations by government officials and agencies are included here as major examples which should be contemplated by all citizens interested in the Posse Comitatus.

## FEDERAL EDUCATION AND THE SCHOOLS

The Federal Congress has been "legislating" in the areas of education and schools. The Federal, and in some instances the State Judiciary. Read the 9th and 10th Amendments to the Constitution. Read the entire Constitution and one will not find any power given to any branch of the Federal government in the area of education and the schools. Since it is not enumerated in the contract, the Federal Government does not have it. Therefore all such acts of any branch of the Federal Government (Legislative, Executive or Judiciary) are ultra-vires, unconstitutional and not law. In fact, officials of the Federal Government, by enacting such pretended legislation and Court edicts, are in violation of their respective oaths of Office to uphold, preserve and defend the Constitution. This is defined by law as a CRIMINAL ACT!....(Ultra-vires as used herein, means "as tho it had never been enacted in the first instance).

## THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Article 1, Section 10, of the Constitution prohibits the States from making anything but gold and silver Coin a tender in payment of debts. By law, one Dollar must equal 23.22 grns. of pure gold or 271.25 grns. of pure silver. Citizens of the United States cannot obtain such Coin simply because none is available. Because the Federal Congress has unlawfully violated Article 1, Section 8, of the Constitution. It has unlawfully abdicated the power mandated by the States and the people, "to coin money, regulate the value thereof and of

foreign coin and fix the standard of weights and measures." The Federal Congress has unlawfully delegated this power to a privately owned Federal Reserve System which pays NO TAXES and is not audited nor subject to regulation by any agency of the Federal Government. It is a private monopoly which neither the people nor the States authorized in the Constitution. The Federal Reserve Act (38 Stat. 251; U. S.C. 221) enacted December 23rd, 1913 is in violation of the Constitution and is therefore ultra-vires and not law.....

It is quite obvious that the solution to the problem lies in the hands of the Federal Congress. It can and must be solved. It is not the purpose of this guide to outline the solution, although this could be done if it would fit the purpose and not require excessive space. The area of correction on a State or local level might be to enforce Article 1, Section 10, of the Constitution.

It is suggested that persons wishing to obtain detailed information on the subject, send $5.00 to the Daly Eagle, Box 177, Savage, Minnesota, ordering the material published by Attorney Jerome Daly.

## THE GRADUATED INCOME TAX

Title 26, U.S. Code, enacted by Congress and known as the Internal Revenue Code, is completely in violation of the Constitution, therefore it is ultra-vires, unlawful and not binding upon the people nor the States of the Union. The entire Code is a string of unconstitutional abuses which attempt to require a citizen's consent to the repudiation and violation of his God-given and Constitutional rights. Beginning with Section 6012 -- Persons Required To Make Returns Of Income.... It says that a citizen must voluntarily give up his rights under the 4th, 5th and 7th Amendments and in gener-

al, the entire Constitution. It should be noted that Section 6012 does not provide for tax payments nor does it establish a tax. When a citizen complies with Section 6012, he is not obeying the law but is being "trapped" into voluntarily surrendering his Constitutional rights and protection. When the Courts have ruled that known communists and murderers may not be deprived of their Constitutional rights, it is absolute nonsense to believe that an Act of Congress or any other branch of government may make a good citizen do so. Have you ever thought of the fact that until you voluntarily give up these rights, that there is no income tax? There can be no income tax until the return, with the lawful information is completed. Then comes Section 7203 of the Internal Revenue Code. "Willful Failure To File Returns, Supply Information Or Pay Tax". This is another unlawful statute which attempts to back up Section 6012 which doesn't say a word about paying a tax. This merely threatens a citizen for not voluntarily giving up his rights and protection which are guaranteed by the Constitution. How silly can they be? Any official of government, including judges of the Courts, who attempts to enforce such unlawful legislation should be removed from office. Where instances are known, the Posse Comitatus should prepare an "Order For Arrest" of the official involved. The arrest should be made and the criminal remanded to the custody of the County Sheriff for imprisonment and trial by a Citizen's Jury. This jury should be empanelled by the Sheriff from citizens of the local jurisdiction. The present method of empanelling juries by the Courts is unlawful and should be repudiated by the local Posse.

## THE JUDICIARY

There are always some exceptions to the rule, but the

rule for the Judiciary, both State and Federal, has been subtle subversion of the Constitution of these United States. The subversion and contempt for the Constitution by the Judiciary is joined by the Executive and Legislative branches of government. It is apparent that the Judiciary has attempted to alter our form of Government. By unlawful administrative acts and procedures, they have attempted to establish a Dictatorship of the Courts over the citizens of this Republic. The legal profession has, with few exceptions, conspired with the Judiciary for this purpose.

The Constitution of the United States is clear and concise in its delegation of powers to the Federal Judiciary. In fact, the only Federal Court established by the Constitution is the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court is not the highest Court in the land, as most people are told. In fact, it is the lowest Court. The highest court in the land is the Justice of Peace Court which is closest to the people! It is a local County Court. All other Federal Courts are ordained and established by the Congress. (Art. 3, Sec. 1, Cl. 1)

The Judges, both of supreme and inferior Courts, do not hold office for life but only during good behavior. Disregard for the Constitution is not good behavior on the part of any judge. It is a violation of his Oath of Office. In the establishment of the inferior Federal Courts, the Congress is limited to the extent that any legislative act must be in pursuance of the Constitution. The Congress may not amend the Constitution nor may it delegate its powers as mandated by that contract. The Federal Congress has violated these mandates particularly in passage of the "Administrative Procedures Act of 1946". This act attempts to invalidate the basic rights guaranteed to individual citizens by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Under this unlawful act, rules

and regulations have been promulgated by agencies of Government such as the Internal Revenue Service, The Department of Agriculture, The Department of Health, Education & Welfare, as well as the Federal Courts. By this act the Congress attempted to abdicate its mandated legislative powers, delivering these powers to the Executive and Judicial branches of Government. Federal Judges, U.S. Attorneys and other law enforcement officials, including lawyers as officers of the Court, are compelled to repudiate their Oath of Office to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution. Under color of law they are forced to collaborate in a criminal conspiracy to obstruct justice, disfranchise citizens and liquidate the Constitutional Republic of these United States. Under these unlawful rules and procedures, citizens have been unlawfully arrested by Court Orders, intimidated, threatened and harassed with and without trial by jury or due process of law as guaranteed by the Constitution. Article 3, Sec. 3, of the Constitution requires the trial of all crimes, except in cases of impeachment, by Jury. The 5th Amendment reads as follows; "No person shall be held to answer for a capitol or other infamous crime unless on a presentment or indictment of a GRAND JURY, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service, in time of war or in public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation."

Basically the Judiciary has only the power to "Rule upon cases at law". The ruling is the "law for the case" and noth-

## CONCLUSION

All citizens who volunteer as members of locally organized POSSE COMITATUS should research their local Law Library on the subject of "Posse Comitatus". You will learn that the Common Law of your country provides for the Posse Comitatus and for Posse action.

In some instances of record the law provides for the following prosecution of officials of government who commit criminal acts or who violate their Oath of Office....."He shall be removed by the Posse to the most populated intersection of streets in the township and at high noon be hung by the neck, the body remaining until sundown as an example to those who would subvert the law."

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ing more. Judicial ruling is not the law of the land as most people have been led to believe. When a case or a question of a legislative act is brought before a court, the Constitution is the supreme law of the land and it must be the basis for the ruling by the Court. A "LAW" is a Constitutional act of a legislative body. If a legislative act is not in pursuance of the Constitution, it is not "LAW", but merely ultra-vires legislation. The Judiciary has not been given the power to over-ride the Constitution. It is not enumerated, therefore the 9th & 10th Amendments apply. "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectfully, or to the people". Issuance of so-called "Court Orders", are examples of the Judiciary's subversion of the Constitution in pursuance of the unlawful administrative procedures.

Citizens arrested, jailed and held unlawfully upon issuance of these so-called "Court Orders", are being deprived of their rights guaranteed under the Constitution....Governors of States have been threatened with these so-called Court Orders, particularly in the matter of education and the schools. These acts of the Judiciary are unlawful. Such acts are attempts to replace the lawfully elected Executives of States, elected by the people and cannot be removed by any so-called Court Order or unlawful act of the Judiciary. Since many elected officials of State and Federal Government have been in the legal profession prior to their election to public office, it is obvious that they have been somewhat "brain-washed" to accept these unlawful acts of the Judiciary. They must be re-educated or be removed from office. Posse action is recommended in these instances in the same manner as outlined in this Guide.

## POSSE CHARTER INFORMATION

Merely reading books, passing out pamphlets, listening to a speech or attending an anti-communist meeting has no effect against the growth of communism. This is the mistaken idea which has brought about nothing but defeat in the battle to preserve our liberties. however it will develop the best educated slaves in the world. Only organized political action can do the job. All the talk in the world will not stop the enemy. Your future and that of your loved ones are at Stake. Are you willing to stand up and be counted?

We are in the process of organizing a Citizens Posse in every county in the United States, with every able-bodied patriotic male of good character, who is interested in the preservation of law and order, becoming a member. Where possible we want to work directly with the County Sheriffs. In cases where we do not get their cooperation, we will take steps to replace the Sheriff and get one in office that will repesent the people by adhearing to constitutional law, which they took an oath to do upon taking office.

Upon request we will mail you a charter, or put you in touch with those who may already have one started. The charter requires the signatures of seven male Christians, interested in the preservation of our Constitutional form of government. The seven charter members will not be the entire Posse by any means. They will be the guiding hand in formation of the Posse and hopefully will keep the Posse under control.

Information on any radios, C.B. or Ham, owned by members is also important. We are building up a net-work of communication, nation wide, which we can rely on in an emergency. Particular attention should be given to Ham operators in your area and determine their willingness in cooperating with the movement.

Please give this matter serious consideration now. We have been waiting too long for George to do it and the job hasn't been done.

The United States of America was founded as a protest against taxation.

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CV T-1 advised that he was unfamiliar with a group known as the Posse Comitatus.

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LOS ANGELES AND SACRAMENTO. Enclosed for information of Los Angeles and Sacramento is one copy each of membership publication of the U. S. Taxpayer's Union, which is being organized by a number of California [redacted] including one [redacted] who is reported to have defended [redacted] in a recent tax fraud trial.

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Copies of this report are being provided U. S. Secret Service, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Internal Revenue Service and U. S. Attorney, all of Portland.

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Portland notes the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) movement differs materially with the Identity Group movement in California, from which the SPC has developed. In contrast to the Identity Group program, the SPC is not anti-semetic or anti-black in its pronouncements nor has it shown any tendencies of following the Identity Group lead in getting arms and explosives or establishing an armed camp (Manaseh Ranch). The SPC in Oregon has primarily limited itself to opposing the spread of regional governments, federal assistance programs, the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) being the prime example, and the most exclusive way, to refuse to pay federal income tax. The pronouncements of the SPC leaders, and the views expressed in SPC publications, however, show the Posse groups would, if they had the support felt necessary, take such actions as the arrest and trial of federal agents and other citizens, and forcibly intimidate IRS officers. As noted in the report, the national leader, MIKE BEACH, does not attempt to exercise control over the SPC group elsewhere in the United States, and thus a determination of whether each individual county Posse would require investigation must depend on the actions and proposals of that particular Posse. The question of affiliation of a particular county chapter with the SPC or Identity Group can be resolved by checking the source of the literature organizing the group, or the charter filed with the county clerk.

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The following individuals and organizations mentioned in the report are subjects of investigation by the Portland Office as follows:

HENRY LAMONT (MIKE) BEACH (PD 157-1413)-P-

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Additionally, all Oregon chapters of SPC are presently being investigated to determine their goals and activities.

Special Agent of the FBI referred to in report is SA [redacted]

IRS, Portland, has been kept closely advised of the status of the SPC movement in Oregon. Information, including membership publications, concerning the U. S. Taxpayer's Union has been provided IRS, Portland.

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LEADS

LOS ANGELES AND SACRAMENTO. Information copies are being provided Los Angeles and Sacramento due to the interest of those offices in the Identity Group, from which the SPC has developed, and the existence of a new organization calling itself the U. S. Taxpayer's Union, which can be expected to be active in those divisions.

ANCHORAGE, BUTTE, CLEVELAND, DETROIT, MILWAUKEE AND SEATTLE. Above offices have had SPC activity reported in their divisions. These offices should conduct preliminary investigation concerning these groups to determine their present activities, and future goals, and report in accordance with Section 122, Manual of Instructions.

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AT PORTLAND, OREGON. Will follow and report activities of SPC chapters in Multnomah, Washington, Baker, Umatilla, Lane and Clatsop Counties, and of individuals active in the SPC movement.

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Synopsis: Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) is a loose-knit, nationwide organization established by Portland resident HENRY LAMONT (MIKE) BEACH. The SPC philosophy states the County Sheriff is the only legal law enforcement authority in the United States, and that the SPC is designed to assist the County Sheriff in combatting the unlawful acts of others, particularly that of federal and state officials. The SPC claims to have the "lawful right under natural law to act in the name of the sheriff to protect local jurisdiction." SPC claims the federal reserve system and the graduated income tax are "ultra-vires and not lawful," and that the federal judiciary has "attempted to establish a Dictatorship of the Courts over the citizens of the Republic." SPC calls for the establishment of a Posse in each county, which is not to be controlled by the national organization. The SPC publications, and statements of national leader MIKE BEACH, have not encouraged the various counties to engage in or prepare for violence at this time.

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APPENDIX

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This investigation is based on information which indicates that the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC), also known as Posse Comitatus, is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1114 (Assaulting or Killing a Federal Officer), Section 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection), Section 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), or Section 241 (Civil Rights Act, 1968).

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HENRY LAMONT (MIKE) BEACH, Portland, Oregon, is the national organizer of SPC, which claims to have chapters in approximately 40 states. It advocates formation of a "Posse Comitatus," a voluntary group of citizens who would act in the name of local sheriffs to enforce the law. The group advocates tax rebellion and has urged the arrest by the posse of Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Agents attempting to enforce the Internal Revenue Code. It claims to have the lawful right under natural law to act in the name of the sheriff in protecting local citizens from unlawful activities, including the unlawful acts of officers of the government, whether these be judges or federal or state agents.

## I. IDENTITY OF ORGANIZATION

The SPC, also known as Posse Comitatus, has a mailing address of 3530 N.E. Lombard Court, Portland, Oregon. This is the Portland residence of SPC founder HENRY LAMONT (MIKE) BEACH, who resides for varying periods in Portland and in North Powder, Oregon. Literature explaining the SPC movement is mailed from 3530 NE Lombard Court under the name of the Citizens Law Enforcement and Research Committee (CLERC), which is solely controlled by BEACH. BEACH had previously printed literature under the CLERC name from 2136 North Killingsworth Street, Portland, Oregon, which is the location of his former place of employment.

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PD T-2, 5/22/73.

### A. Origin of Organization

The SPC is an outgrowth of a now defunct Portland chapter of the Identity Group.

From approximately November, 1972 to February, 1973, the Portland Identity Group chapter received the letters and tapes of, and considered itself to be part of, the California-based Identity Group. The chapter disbanded, however, in February, 1973, as a result of an internal dispute concerning the expenditure of its limited funds, and a failure to recruit new membership. Despite the disbanding of the group, however, MIKE BEACH continued his interest and began reprinting with modifications literature originally distributed by the California Identity Group.

PD T-2, 1/13 & 5/22/73.

WILLIAM POTTER GALE, Glendale, California, aka is the leader of Identity Group, which is also known as the Ministry of Christ Church, which has been described as a cover for an "underground army." He is the self-proclaimed minister of the church. Identity Group claims to have representatives in 40 states. It advocates violence against Federal officers, blacks and Jewish elements. The group advocates tax rebellion and has urged the killing of Federal judges as well as FBI Agents and Internal Revenue Service Agents. It advocates formation of a "posse comitatus," a voluntary group of citizens who would act in the name of local sheriff's to "enforce" the law.

B. Organizational Structure of SPC Movement

The program of the SPC calls for an organizational structure similar to that used by the Identity Group, that is, each county chapter, which can be recognized as a legal Posse, must have seven male Christian members, expected to file papers with the County Clerk to establish the legality of the chapter. There can only be one legal chapter for each county, which is expected to accept added membership, including women, in addition to the seven charter members. Upon receiving their charter, and filing with the County Clerk, the SPC Chapter is to inform the County Sheriff of its existence and endeavor to gain publicity.

Literature sent out to the various posses advises the SPC is not to be a secret organization, and that the more publicity which is obtained, the more the SPC movement will prosper. The National Headquarters at Portland does not attempt to direct the activities of the various county movements, and advises new posses the direction and activities of the group is to be solely under their control.

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The philosophy of the SPC is based on its contention the County Sheriff constitutes the only legal law enforcement officer in the United States. In the official publication of the SPC, it is stated, "The County Sheriff is the only legal law enforcement officer in the United Stats of America...it is his responsibility to protect the people of his county from unlawful acts on the part of anyone including officials of government...It should be emphasized that this protection extends to Citizens who are being subjected to unlawful acts even by officials of government, whether these be judges of courts or Federal or State Agents of any kind whatsoever. The County Sheriff must be advised of the instances where unlawful acts are committed...Once he has been advised and refuses to perform his lawful duty in respect to the matter, the Posse Comitatus has the lawful right under natural law to act in the name of Sheriff to protect local jurisdiction."

## II. CHARTER AND INCORPORATION DATA

The charter which is required for each county is obtained from the National Headquarters in Portland, Oregon, after the payment of $3.00 for each of the first seven members, subsequent members being free.

PD T-1, 4/12/74.

The charter is then filed with the County Clerk, but since the document is of such an unusual nature, the various county clerks have filed the document under various titles, including CLERC and/or SPC. Additionally, county chapters are known to file incorporation papers with the appropriate Secretary of State. Examples of various charters can be located in the appendix.

Special Agent, FBI, 5/1/74.
PD T-3, 5/22/74.

## III. IDENTITIES OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

The National Chairman of the SPC, and the sole organizer of the movement on the national level is HENRY LAMONT (MIKE) BEACH. BEACH is a white male American, born June 17, 1903. BEACH has long been active in the Portland area in "right wing political causes." On October 2, 1942, BEACH was called to testify before the World War II "Individual Exclusion Hearing Board" under the Commanding General of the Western Defense Command, whose report stated (in part), "that he (BEACH) is violently anti-semetic, has been active in an organization known as the Silver Shirts engaged in fighting the Jews in the United States and communism, considering the two synonymous...then in April, 1942, he organized a society known as the 'Research Club' with similar aims and objectives and presided over the meetings." Since that time, BEACH has continued his interest in similarly-minded political groups.

Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles, 5/28/74;
Special Agent, FBI, 6/6/74.

## IV. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership information on the SPC is limited, since once the Posse is established in the various counties, BEACH asks only that the SPC leadership in that county, "keep us posted as to your progress."

PD T-1, 4/12/74.

Additionally, in some case, Posses located throughout the United States may be connected with either the original movement known as the Identity Group, or with the SPC movement being directed by BEACH. In an article appearing in the February 18, 1972, issued of the "Oregonian," a Portland daily newspaper, BEACH was quoted as stating there is national membership of 100,000, but this figure includes a number of Posses"which are on their own."

### A. Oregon

There are, at present, six county SPC chapters in various stages of activity in the State of Oregon: Multnomah, Washington, Baker, Umatilla, Lane and Clatsop Counties. In

each of these counties, seven individuals are listed as charter members, however, depending on the status of activities of the particular chapter, the total membership of each chapter varies considerably.

B. Chapters Elsewhere in the United States

In an article appearing in the February 18, 1974, issue of the "Journal," Portland, Oregon, daily newspaper, BEACH was quoted as stating, there is a national membership of 100,000, but this includes a number of Posses that are on their own. In an article datelined at Spokane, Washington, appearing in the February 9, 1974, issue of the "Oregonian," BEACH stated Posses are in operation in 50 states, while in the "Journal" article, BEACH was quoted as stating the movement is active in 36 states.

1. Idaho

a. Madison County

An article appearing in the September, 1973, issue of the "Armed Citizen News," a publication of the National Association to Keep and Bear Arms (NAKBA), a Medford, Oregon, based anti-gun legislation group, reported the organization of a Posse Comitatus chapter at Rexburg, Idaho. The organization of this chapter was"prompted by the plight of a Rexburg, Idaho, man forced to defend himself against arbitrary fines imposed under the Occupational Safety and Health Acts."

b. Bonner County

In an article datelined at Spokane, Washington, appearing in the February 9, 1974, issue of the "Oregonian," it was noted that a Posse with an estimated membership of 85 individuals had been established the previous week in Bonner County.

2. Michigan - Livingston County

During November, 1973, a pamphlet entitled, "Sheriff's Posse Comitatus," printed at 3530 N.E. Lombard Court, Portland, Oregon, under the auspices of CLERC, was being passed out in Howell, Michigan.

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3. Washington

a. Grays Harbor County

In an article appearing in the March 4, 1974, issue of the "Oregonian," datelined at Montesano, Washington, it was stated a local chapter of the SPC had been organized in Grays Harbor County. The article also stated SPC was now organized in 50 states, with chapters in four Portland area counties.

b. Spokane County

The February 9, 1974, issue of the "Oregonian," in an article entitled, "Northwest Posses Formed to Combat Crime," it was reported that Posse organizers claimed a 20-man chapter had been formed in Spokane County.

c. Pierce County

MIKE BEACH has claimed there are two SPC groups organized in the area of Tacoma, Washington, one of the groups having approximately 30 members and the other 200-300 members.

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4. Ohio

During March, 1974, Special Agents of the U. S. Secret Service reported Posse chapters were being organized in the Canton and Dover areas of Ohio. Literature in the possession of SPC members of these chapters was printed in Portland under the name of the CLERC.

5. Wisconsin

BEACH has claimed the SPC movement has been most successful in the State of Wisconsin, with 15 county posses already formed and six more in the process of being organized. One of the Posses is said to have a membership of 500 individuals.

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6. Alaska, Arkansas and Virginia

BEACH has claimed that Posse chapters exist in Fairbanks, Alaska, and at unspecified locations in Arkansas and Virgina. One of the members of the Virginia, a State employee, is in the process of **suing** the State of Virginia for failure to pay him in gold or silver as the Constitution states.

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## V. OBJECTIVES

### A. SPC Publications

In an SPC flyer entitled, "Posse Comitatus," signed by MIKE BEACH, it is stated, "the purpose of the Posse Comitatus is to place pertinent information regarding existing laws into the hands of concerned patriots, and to point out that it is a method of combatting the subverters."

PD T-1, 4/12/74.

In an SPC flyer addressed to "Dear Patriot," BEACH states, "We do not want mobs to form in the name of the Posse Comitatus. We want only intelligent individuals who will stick together and use the law to maintain Constitutional law in our land. We do not need to go outside the law to be effective. All we need to do is to let it be known that we will no longer tolerate those who subvert the law in administration of the needs of the people."

PD T-1, 4/12/74.

In an SPC flyer announcing a Posse Comitatus meeting, BEACH states, "Posse Comitatus is a proposal for constitutional action by county residents to suppress robbery, threats to our life and property, to prevent illegal orders by state, federal or local officials and to maintain peace and security during the time of crisis."

PD T-1, 4/10/74.

In the one official publication of the SPC, a 16-page pamphlet, which explains the views of the SPC on such issues as federal education in the schools, the federal reserve system and the graduated income tax, BEACH states, "We are in the process of organizing a Citizens Posse in every county in the United States, with every able-bodied patriotic male of good character, who is interested in the preservation of law and order, becoming a member. Where possible we want to work directly with the County Sheriffs. In cases where we do not get their cooperation, we will take steps to replace the sheriff and get one in office that will represent the people by adhering to constitutional law, which they took an oath to do upon taking office."

B. Public Statements of BEACH

In the February 9, 1974, issue of the "Oregonian," in an article datelined at Spokane, Washington, BEACH was quoted as stating"the Posse Comitatus groups advocate education of law enforcement officials followed by direct action if authorities fail to combat alleged law violations."

C. Public Statements of Other SPC Leaders

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

[redacted] of the Grays Harbor County, Washington, chapter of SPC, was quoted in the [redacted] issue of the "Oregonian," as stating, "The Posse Comitatus is the vehicle which we the people can utilize to investigate, arrest and carry out the decisions of the citizens grand jury against oath breaking officials."

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MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

[redacted] of the Lane County, Oregon, chapter of SPC, was quoted as stating in the [redacted] issue of the "Valley News," a Eugene, Oregon, area newspaper, "We want to tell people how far some of the politicians have gone astray in their blind quest for fame and personal profit, and bring them back, through arrest and conviction, if necessary, to sanity."

## VI. SUMMARY OF PERTINENT ACTIVITIES

### A. Violence, Terrorism or Intimidation of Public Officers

#### 1. Advocation of Such Acts

##### a. Statements by BEACH

In the February 9, 1974, issue of the "Oregonian," BEACH was quoted as stating, "We first educate people, then encourage them to uphold the law," he said. "Then, if they don't catch on, we recommend that we, the posses, enforce the law. Shooting? We're not apt to do that. But if conditions get much worse, it might come to that some day."

##### b. Statements by other SPC Leaders

[redacted] MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION of the SPC Chapter in Baker County, Oregon, was quoted in an article appearing [redacted], in the "Democrat Herald," a Baker daily newspaper, that if a member of the Posse brings anyone before the Sheriff and signed a complaint for his arrest, and if the Sheriff refuses to act, "he will be guilty of breaking his oath of office and the Posse will then bring him to public trial by a jury of their peers." The Posse will then "cause that the sheriff be removed from office and tried before a jury in the county court."

[redacted] of the Lane County, Oregon, chapter of SPC, was quoted in the [redacted] issue of the "Oregonian," as stating, "We want to go to the aid of someone who is being harassed by the federal government. For example, if an Internal Revenue Service agent locks up someone's own bank account, the sheriff should arrest that agent. But if he doesn't, we will protect the individual...the posse would use physical force if necessary to protect an individual from harassment."

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2. Actions

BEACH has made no claim that any chapter of the SPC has, in the name of the SPC, attempted to physically intimidate either a local, state or federal officer, or "law-breaking citizen."

PD T-1, 5/8/74.

The Lane County, Oregon, chapter of the SPC is believed to be the most active to date, in taking steps to implement its views. An article appearing in the November 6, 1973, issue of the "Register Guard," a Eugene, Oregon, daily newspaper, reported the Lane County SPC had established a secret Posse Grand Jury to carry out the investigative work of the Posse. The job of the Grand Jury is to review incidents of alleged citizen harrassment by government officials. The December 12, 1973, issue of the Portland "Oregonian," reported the Lane County SPC on the basis of information developed by its grand jury, had approached Lane County Sheriff DAVID BURKE, demanding that he(BURKE) arrest some people.

B. Other Illegal Actions

One of the main functions of the SPC movement is to encourage non-compliance of the Federal tax laws.

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In the SPC publication, it is stated, "Title 26, U. S. Code, enacted by Congress and known as the Internal Revenue Code is completely in violation of the Constitution, therefore, it is ultra vires and not binding upon the people nor states of the union...any official of government, including judges of the courts, who attempt to encourage such unlawful action, should be removed from office. Where instances are known, the SPC should prepare an 'order for arrest' of the official involved. The arrest should be made and the criminal remanded to the custody of the County Sheriff for imprisonment and tried by a citizen's jury."

As part of the SPC's programs in the area of taxes, the Multnomah County chapter of the SPC on April 27, 1974, sponsored a day-long lecture by a California [redacted] on the most effective means and manner of refusing to pay federal income tax. b6 b7C

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[redacted] advised individuals attending the meeting, in part, to take the following action: b6 b7C

(1) Do not put any total figure for total wages earned or other income, but refuse on the basis that it may incriminate you.

(2) Don't lie on this tax return. Just object to answering the questions about your income because of the Fifth Amendment.

(3) Don't use your Social Security Number on any documents concerning financial transactions that you have undertaken.

(4) Protect yourself by taking your money out of the bank and putting it in accounts in Mexico, Canada or Switzerland.

(5) There are 120 million taxpayers in the United States. There are 10 million tax protestors. This means that one out of 12 taxpayers is a tax protestor. If you get one no vote in a criminal case, then you are not guilty.

PD T-5, 4/30/74.

Members of SPC have been encouraged to join the U. S. Taxpayers Union, a group organized by [redacted] and other California attorneys in an effort to avoid paying taxes. b6 b7C

PD T-1, 5/20/74.

C. Acquisition of Weapons and Explosions

The SPC has not, to date, advocated that any of its members engage in the acquisition of firearms or explosives.

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D. National Meetings

There have not been, to date, any national meetings of the SPC.

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E. Training and Recruiting Activities

The main efforts of the various SPC groups in the area of recruiting activities has been to attempt, through press coverage, publication of proposals and encourage other people to join their organization.

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## VII. FINANCES

The only finance receipts being obtained by National Headquarters of the SPC is through the sale of the SPC pamphlet, which is priced at 25 cents each and the membership dues obtained from the first seven members of each chapter, which totals $21.00 per chapter.

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## VIII. PUBLICATIONS

The only official publication of the SPC is a 16-page pamphlet previously referred to in this report. A copy of this publication is located in the appendix of this report.

## IX. FOREIGN INFLUENCE

There has been no foreign influence in the formulation of the goals or activities of the SPC.

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## X. CONNECTION WITH OTHER EXTREMIST OR SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS

The SPC leadership, that is MIKE BEACH, has not been interested in joining forces with other similarly-minded organizations such as the Identity Group in California, or other conservative political groups.

PD T-1, 4/12/74.

In its opposition to the claimed injustices of the federal government, however, the SPC membership in Oregon has not been unwilling to cooperate with political groups normally considered "left wing."

At a Multnomah County meeting of the SPC held at Portland May 4, 1974, the featured speaker was one [redacted] National Caucus of Labor Committees (NCLC) spokesman whose main point was that the CIA and Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) had taken over complete control of the United States. This view was favorably received by the SPC membership.

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The NCLC is self-described as an "organization of revolutionary socialists" whose major aim is to build a "unified Working Class Movement," which can secure working class control of the economy, under a socialist democracy. During 1973, the NCLC has had physical confrontations with members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), and other factions on the left. In New York City, the name New York Labor Committee (NYLC) is synonomous with the NCLC.

The NYLC which was expelled from the SDS in 1968, seeks to identify itself with the American Worker. The NYLC believes that in the future the American Worker will emerge as a separate and distinct social class which will become oriented towards a socialist America.

SDS was founded during June, 1962, at Port Huron, Michigan, and in the 1960s functioned as the leading New Left campus-based student organization in the United States. From an initial posture of "participatory democracy," SDS moved to a radical-revolutionary position, with debate centering on how best to create a revolutionary youth movement. Internal factionalsim produced a split during the SDS national convention in June, 1969, which resulted in the following three factions: Weatherman; Worker Student Alliance (WSA); and Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM). The Weatherman and RYM are no longer affiliated with SDS. The WSA continues to use the name SDS and maintains its national headquarters at the Progressive Labor (PLP) Office, 139 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Weatherman, formerly a faction of SDS, controlled the SDS national office from June, 1969, until its closing in February, 1970. Weatherman then entered an underground status and adopted a tactic of "strategic sabotage," with police and military installations designated as primary targets.

WSA, a faction of SDS, was expelled from SDS in June, 1969, by the then dominant Weatherman faction, but continued to use the name SDS and opened an office in Cambridge, Massachusetts. WSA aligned ideologically with the PLP and in February, 1971, moved to Chicago, Illinois, where it opened the SDS National Office at 1225 South Wabash Street.

The PLP, founded in 1965 by former members of the Communist Party USA (CPUSA), who assertedly followed a Chinese Communist line, is a revolutionary Marxist-Leninist organization dedicated to a dictatorship of the working class.

RYM, an anti-imperialist revolutionary youth organization, was organized in 1969 from the RYM II faction of the SDS. Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, RYM failed to gain support and by the end of 1970, it had ceased to exist as a national organization.

## XI. MISCELLANEOUS

An article appearing in the February 9, 1974, issue of the "Oregonian," stated leaders of the SPC movement claimed "that their membership nearly duplicates that of the National Association to Keep and Bear Arms (NAKBA), an anti-gun control group, based at Medford, Oregon." The NAKBA has been linked with the SPC movement as a result of headline article in the January, 1974, issue of its publication,"The Armed Citizen News," entitled, "NAKBA to Support Posse Comitatus Nationwide." In this article the membership of the NAKBA was advised of the philosophy of the SPC movement, and that SPC literature could be obtained directly through NAKBA.

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# APPENDIX

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# Articles of Incorporation

OF

CITIZEN'S POSSE COMITATUS, INC.

The undersigned natural person(s) of the age of twenty-one years or more, acting as incorporators under the Oregon Nonprofit Corporation Law, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I The name of this corporation is Citizen's Posse Comitatus, Inc.

(The corporate name cannot contain any word or phrase which indicates or implies that it is organized for any purpose other than one or more of the purposes contained in its articles of incorporation; and cannot contain the word "cooperative". See ORS. 61.071.)

and its duration shall be perpetual

ARTICLE II The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

The corporation is organized to form a Sheriff's Posse Comitatus for Washington County under authority of the Constitution of the United States, Magna Carta and Common Law, and to take positive action in the concepts andtrue meanings of the language of the Constitution of the United States. The corporation may utilize any legal and reasonable methods to accomplish the above stated purposes including the following:
(1) Permote and maintain a readiness of body, mind and spirit to serve the body politic and assist the Sheriff when called to do so. (2) Inform and encourage the citizens of the County to live and work within the framework of the United States Constitution. (3) Encourage patriotism of the people by maintaining a continuing study and understanding of our constitutional Republic and the basic United States documents which govern us. (4) Propose and support candidates who advocate and believe in the adhearence to the Constitution of the United States.

(It is not necessary to set forth in the articles any of the corporate powers enumerated in ORS 61.061. It is sufficient to state, either alone or with other purposes, "That the corporation may engage in any lawful activity, none of which is for profit, for which corporations may be organized under ORS Chapter 61"; however, it is desirable to state the primary purpose of the corporation in conjunction with such statement.)

ARTICLE III The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is

14065 S.W. Fern (Street and Number) Tigard, Oregon (City and State) 97223 (Zip)

and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is [redacted] b6 b7C

ARTICLE IV The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors of the corporation is seven (At least three), and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until the first annual meeting or until their successors are elected and shall qualify are:

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INFORMATION CONCERNING

Attached is a copy of a Xerox copy of a one-page pamphlet captioned "Public Notice The Time Has Come," dated April 24, 1974, signed [redacted] that is being distributed in the Missoula, Montana, area.

[redacted] former police judge at Missoula, has advised he is acquainted with [redacted] who resides at Stevensville, Montana. b6 b7C

[redacted] has indicated [redacted] may have some type of mental problem and it is his opinion [redacted] could be dangerous.

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# THE TIME HAS COME

WITH OUR DEMOCRACY DETERIORATED INTO HYPOCRACY . . .

WITH VIOLENT CRIMES, MURDER, DOPE, RAPE, KIDNAPPING, HOLDUPS, ROBBERIES, CATTLE RUSTLING, VANDALISM, BEATINGS AND TORTURING OF PEOPLE, YOUNG AND OLD, AND ALL OTHER ACTS OF CRIME AND VIOLENCE . . .

WITH LITTLE OR NO RESPECT FOR LAW AND ORDER . . .

WITH LITTLE OR NO LAW ENFORCEMENT . . .

WITH LITTLE OR NO JUSTICE IN OUR JUDICIARY COURTS . . .

## THE TIME HAS COME FOR ACTION

BY THE LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS OF MONTANA, AND ALL OF THE OTHER FORTY-NINE STATES OF OUR GREAT REPUBLIC OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

IF THERE ARE ONE, TWO, THREE THOUSANDS OR MORE OF RED-BLOODED AMERICANS IN MONTANA WHO ARE WILLING AND INTERESTED IN BRINGING LAW AND ORDER, JUSTICE AND HONESTY BACK TO OUR STATE, WHO ARE WILLING TO FIGHT OR DIE FOR THEIR HOMES, SAFETY AND LOVED ONES, WILL THEY PLEASE CONTACT ME AT ONCE.

THERE WILL BE POSSE COMATATUS COMMITTEES, ORGANIZED THROUGHOUT MONTANA AND FORTY-NINE OTHER STATES OF OUR GREAT REPUBLIC OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VERY SOON.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN ORGANIZING POSSE COMATATUS COMMITTEES AND ALL PERSONS BELONGING TO THIS ORGANIZATION MUST BE TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, MARRIED AND OWN PROPERTY.

THEY MUST BE LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS WITH A CLEAN RECORD.

THERE WILL BE NO SHOOTINGS OR HANGINGS EXCEPT FOR MURDER, KIDNAPPING, RAPE AND CATTLE RUSTLING.

LESSER CRIMES WILL BE HANDLED ACCORDING TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF CRIMES COMMITTED.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IT WAS THE VIGILANTES, ORGANIZED OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO WHEN MONTANA WAS ONLY A TERRITORY, ORGANIZED BY OUR FOREFATHERS, THAT BROUGHT LAW AND ORDER TO MONTANA.

WHAT OUR FOREFATHERS DID OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO WE CAN AND MUST DO TODAY TO RESTORE LAW, ORDER, AND FREEDOM TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

ALL CITIZENS INTERESTED IN POSSE COMATATUS COMMITTEES PLEASE CONTACT ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN PERSON OR BY MAIL AT STEVENSVILLE, MONTANA, 59870.

SIGNED AND DATED THIS 24TH DAY OF APRIL, 1974 BY

[redacted] b6 b7C



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Enclosure 157-33487

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28219) DATE: 7/17/74

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (157-9433) (P)

SUBJECT: IDENTITY GROUP, aka
EM-WHITE HATE GROUP
(OO: LOS ANGELES)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 6/24/82 BY SP8 [redacted] b6 b7C
DE 1/28/86 SP6 [redacted]

Re Los Angeles report of SA [redacted] dated 3/18/74; Bureau letter, dated 6/21/74, captioned "POSSE COMITATUS COMMITTEES, BUTTE DIVISION, EM-WHITE HATE GROUP; and Portland report dated 6/6/74, of SA [redacted]

For the information of receiving offices, on 7/8/74, [redacted] advised b6 b7C b7D [redacted]

Identity Group has no longer been meeting on a regular basis. Source noted that although the Mich. Identity Group distributes a wide variety of information and literature, possibly including literature prepared by the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus Group, it regards WILLIAM POTTER GALE, of California, as its leader.

Source also advised that he has heard of no white extremist groups in the State of Montana which have ties to the Mich. Identity Group. Source has never heard of [redacted] b6 b7C

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(2) - Bureau (RM)
2 - Los Angeles (RM)
2 - Portland (157-1432) (RM)
1 - Butte (Posse Comitatus Committees, Butte Division) (RM)
4 - Detroit
(1 - 157-1076)(Posse Comitatus Committees, Butte, Division)(RUC)
(1 - 157-10687)(Sheriff's Posse Comitatus)(RUC)
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Director, FBI ~~157-25219~~

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POSSE COMITATUS COMMITTEES
BUTTE DIVISION
EM - WHITE-HATE GROUP

Posse Comitatus

ReBTlet and LHM dated 6/6/74, captioned "[redacted] Information Concerning."

Referenced LHM reports organizing efforts on the part of captioned individual in the formation of Posse Comitatus Committees within the State of Montana.

Despite the fact literature distributed concerning the purpose of the Posse Comitatus organization being organized by subject [redacted], your office has indicated no investigative action is being taken concerning same.

Butte Division should immediately institute investigations of [redacted] and the Posse Comitatus Committees being organized in the Montana area.

Investigations should be conducted in accordance with Section 122A of the Manual of Instructions and results furnished in form suitable for dissemination under separate case captions.

3 - Cleveland
3 - Detroit
3 - Los Angeles
3 - Miami
3 - Mobile
3 - Portland
3 - Sacramento
3 - San Diego

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Letter to Butte
Re: [redacted] b6 b7C

POSSE COMITATUS COMMITTEES

Include appropriate predicating data in each case. Butte Division should include in cover communications recommendations with respect to additional investigative action to be taken.

Butte Division should insure appropriate local and Federal authorities are advised of results of investigation in each of these matters.

For the information of Butte, Posse Comitatus Committees being formed by [redacted] would appear to be similar to Posse Comitatus groups and/or Identity Groups currently operational in the Cleveland, Detroit, Los Angeles, Miami, Mobile, Portland, Sacramento and San Diego Divisions. Butte Division should be alert to information indicating [redacted] organization may have direct ties with groups operating in the aforementioned divisions, and those offices should appropriately advise the Bureau and Butte Office of any information coming to their attention which is of pertinence to this matter. b6 b7C

For the additional information of Butte, subject [redacted] may be identical with the subject of [redacted] and [redacted], captioned "[redacted] vs. United States, [redacted] Missoula Division, Missoula, Montana, Federal Tort Claims Act." b6 b7C

NOTE:

Referenced LHM reports organizing efforts within the State of Montana in the formation of Posse Comitatus Committees. These Committees being formed on the theory that law enforcement has deteriorated to the point where vigilante-type organizations must act on their own. Literature being distributed by subject [redacted] clearly indicates crimes of murder, kidnaping, rape and cattle rustling will be punished by shooting. Appropriate instructions being directed to Butte Division and to other field offices having similar type activity. b6 b7C

DE 157-9433

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DETROIT

AT LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Have informants follow the activities of the Michigan Identity Group.

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# *Memorandum*

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 7/30/74

FROM : SAC, Cleveland (157-6060)(P)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, aka.,
Posse Comitatus
EM

[redacted]

1/28/86 SP6
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DATE 6/24/86 BY SP8 [redacted]

OO: Portland

Re Portland letter to the Bureau, 4/24/74.

Enclosed for Cincinnati is a copy of referenced letter.

Sheriff LEWIS J. CLARK, NA, Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office, New Philadelphia, Ohio, advised on 7/26/74 that several months ago he received information from Patrolman [redacted] of the New Philadelphia Police Department that a contemplated chapter to the Posse Comitatus was proposed to be chartered in the county. Since that time he has had no contact from any member of the group regarding such a chapter being formed.

Efforts to contact Patrolman [redacted] at the New Philadelphia Police Department were unsuccessful.

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CINCINNATI:

AT COLUMBUS, OHIO

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Will contact the Secretary of State Office to determine if a charter has been issued to the Posse Comitatus in the State of Ohio.

2 - Bureau
2 - Portland (157-1432)
2 - Cincinnati (Enc. 1)
2 - Cleveland

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