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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

MINNEAPOLIS

FROM LOS ANGELES (70-7311) 2P

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RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, CIP-BURGLARY, LARCENY, UNLAWFUL  
POSSESSION OF UNREGISTERED FIREARMS, ARL, IMPEDING FEDERAL  
OFFICERS, AFO, CONSPIRACY.

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, HAS ISSUED PRESS RELEASE APRIL 27  
INSTANT STATING HE DOES NOT INTEND TO RETURN TO RAPID CITY, SOUTH  
DAKOTA BUT RATHER WILL EITHER BE ARRESTED OR SURRENDER HIMSELF  
IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. MEANS SCHEDULED TO HOLD 11:30 AM  
PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY AT AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) OFFICE,  
600 SOUTH NEW HAMPSHIRE, LOS ANGELES TO FURTHER ELABORATE HIS INTEN-  
TIONS.

LOS ANGELES PD INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE UNITS REPORT  
MEANS SPENT EVENING AT 12900 MULHOLLAND DRIVE, LOS ANGELES,  
RESIDENCE OF MOVIE ACTOR MARLON BRANDO. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF  
BRANDO WAS PRESENT.

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*Fax sent P.R.  
AM 4/28/73  
RCD-PR  
RC. - J*

*Lead for  
R.C.  
P.R.*

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LOS ANGELES AFFORDING COVERAGE TO PRESS CONFERENCE, AND  
HAS INSTITUTED FISUR.

SENT VIA FACSIMILE RAPID CITY.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI — *to MSE 4-26-73 - 7:02 PM*

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6832) (P)

WOUNDED KNEE, OO; MINNEAPOLIS

SUMMARY TELETYPE.

RENYTEL 4/25/73

*Thurman  
Means & Clyde Bell*

[REDACTED] OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), ARRIVED AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA AIRPORT THIS AFTERNOON WHERE HE HELD A SHORT PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE A VERY SMALL CROWD. [REDACTED] SAID HE WAS IN SOUTH DAKOTA TO GIVE MORAL SUPPORT TO AIM.

THE BODY OF FRANK J. CLEAR WHO DIED OF GUNSHOT WOUNDS ON 4/25/73 WAS BEING PREPARED FOR BURIAL BY THE BERNERS FUNERAL HOME RAPID CITY, S.D. TED HEARS, AIM LEADER, IS INSISTING FUNERAL OF CLEAR BE HELD IN WOUNDED KNEE WITH CROW DOG, THE OGLALA SIOUX MEDICINE MAN, PERFORMING THE CEREMONY. INDICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM DICK WILSON, OGLALA TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, PERMISSION WILL NOT BE MADE FOR BURIAL AT WOUNDED KNEE, HOWEVER, NO FORMAL DENIAL ORDER HAS BEEN ISSUED FROM WILSON'S OFFICE.

AT APPROXIMATELY 9:54 A.M. INSTANT THREE SHOTS WERE FIRED FROM WOUNDED KNEE ON ROADBLOCK ONE FROM THE SAME DRAW WHERE SHOTS WERE FIRED AS MENTIONED IN YESTERDAY'S SUMMARY TELETYPE.

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Special Agent in Charge

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AT 9:25 P.M. 4/25/73 [REDACTED] INDIAN MALE, DOB [REDACTED] WAS ARRESTED IN VICINITY OF ROADLOCK FIVE IN POSSESSION APPROXIMATELY 800 ROUNDS OF AK 47 AMMUNITION, ONE SHOTGUN WITH AMMUNITION, ONE 30 CALIBER RIFLE AND AMMUNITION. [REDACTED] BEING CHARGED WITH VIOLATION TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 231(A)(3).

[REDACTED] I/M, DOB [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I/M, DOB [REDACTED] WERE BOTH ARRESTED IN THE VICINITY ROADLOCK FOUR AT 3:15 A.M. INSTANT ATTEMPTING TO ENTER FOUNDED KNEE. THEY HAD IN THEIR POSSESSION .22 CALIBER RIFLE, 30-30 RIFLE, .223 CALIBER RIFLE AND A QUANTITY OF AMMUNITION. BOTH [REDACTED] ARE BEING CHARGED WITH VIOLATION TITLE 18, USC 231 (A) 3 AND SECTION 924 (C).

[REDACTED] MENTIONED ABOVE, IS A [REDACTED] IN THE 3/11/73 SHOOTING OF SA CURTIS A. FITZGERALD AND INVESTIGATION BEING VIGOROUSLY PURSUED TO ESTABLISH HIS IMPLICATION.

TOTAL ARRESTS TO DATE 185.

USDC JUDGE BOGUE, RAPID CITY, SD ENTERED AN ORDER SETTING TRIAL FOR RUSSELL MEANS FOR 7/9/73 AT A PLACE TO BE DESIGNATED AT LATER DATE.

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

Special Agent in Charge

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SUMMARY TELETYPE 4/25/73 SET FORTH INFORMATION RE ARREST OF HERBERT GEORGE POWLESS, AKA PETER LOUIS MOORE, WHILE ATTEMPTING TO PURCHASE M-1 CARBINES AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA 4/24/73. A CONFERENCE HELD BY AUSA PHOENIX RESULTED IN RESCHEDULING PRESENTATION OF FACTS THIS CASE TO FGJ, PHOENIX FOR 5/2/73 TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME TO CONFIRM IDENTITIES OF SUBJECTS RON PETITE AND [REDACTED] EACH PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MATTER. INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE OTHER INDIVIDUALS IN THIS CASE BEING URGENTLY HANDLED.

RUSSELL MEANS, NATIONAL AIM LEADER, WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 9:18 P.M. 4/25/73, WAS SCHEDULED TO DELIVER ADDRESS AT UCLA 4/26/73. HEARING ON MOTION FOR REVOCATION OF MEANS' BOND SCHEDULED AT 10:00 A.M. 4/27/73 AT DEADWOOD, S.D.

[REDACTED] USDC, RAPID CITY, S.D. FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING TRAVEL ITINERARY FOR CLYDE BELLECOURT: 4/26/73 RAPID CITY, S.D.; 4/27/73 DENVER, COLORADO; 4/28/73, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS OR RAPID CITY, S.D.; 4/29-30/73 RAPID CITY, S.D.; 5/1-4/73 TRENTON, N.J.; PRINCETON, N.J.; NEW YORK CITY;

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5/5-6/73 MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA; 5/7/73 RAPID CITY, S.D.

LATE 4/25/73 BIA POLICE ARRESTED 46 INDIVIDUALS INCLUDING WHITES AND INDIANS, MALES AND FEMALES, MANY OF WHO<sup>1</sup> PARTICIPATED IN MARCH FROM ROSEBUD RESERVATION EN ROUTE PINE RIDGE WHO WERE STOPPED BY BIA DURING MORNING 4/25/73. ALL INDIVIDUALS WERE TRANSPORTED TO BIA JAIL, PINE RIDGE, WHERE THEY WERE INTERVIEWED BY BUREAU AGENTS. ALL INDIVIDUALS REFUSED TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION OTHER THAN NAMES, ADDRESSES AND DOB. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS DECLINED PROSECUTION. BIA INDICATED CONTEMPT OF COURT CHARGES WOULD BE FILED ON ANY OF THOSE IDENTIFIED AS HAVING BEEN PRESENT ON MORNING 4/25/73 WHEN TRIBAL ORDER READ BANNING THEIR PRESENCE ON PINE RIDGE RESERVATION.

ROADBLOCK 1 AND ROADBLOCK 1A MANNED BY BUREAU PERSONNEL.  
APCS DEPLOYED.

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SAS WHO HAVE DEPARTED TO THEIR OFFICE OF ASSIGNMENT  
TOTAL 7.

SAS WHO ARRIVED FOR DUTY ON SPECIAL TOTAL 2.

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TOTAL OUT OF OFFICE SAS, INCLUDING 1 SAC AND 3 ASACS 139.  
MINNEAPOLIS SAS ASSIGNED TO SPECIAL 18.

TOTAL SA COMPLIMENT AT SPECIAL INCLUDING 1 SAC AND  
3 ASACS 157.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC(70-6832)

DATE: 4/25/73

FROM : SA John E McCarty

SUBJECT: WOUNDED KNEE

AUSA R.D.Hurd advised he and AUSA [REDACTED] have been assigned to prosecute the cases coming out of this matter, under the supervision of USA Wm.F.Clayton. Mr.Hurd advised he will be handling most of these prosecutions, and requested any inquiries regarding the prosecution be referred to him, or in his absence to Mr. [REDACTED]

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Hurd advised the trial of Russell Means is the first scheduled, and it has been set for July 9, 1973.

A motion for a change of venue has been made by the Defense before Judge Andrew W. Bogue. Judge Bogue has given the defense until 5/15/73 to make any motions the defense intends to make, and it is anticipated rulings on the motions will be made shortly after 5/15/73.

*Means*

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

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FROM MINNEAPOLIS (73-6882)

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RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; CIP- BURGLARY, LARCENY; UNLAWFUL

POSSESSION OF UNREGISTERED FIREARMS; APL; IMPEDING FEDERAL OFFICIALS;

WFO; CONSPIRACY. OO: MINNEAPOLIS

RE MP TELCALL TO LA 4/25/73.

ON 4/25/73,

[REDACTED] USBC, RAPID CITY,

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SOUTH DAKOTA, ADVISED THAT RAMON ROUIDEAUX, AIN ATTORNEY, HAD

FILED FOLLOWING ITINERARY FOR RUSSELL MEANS:

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APRIL 24 AND 25, 1973

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

APRIL 26, 27, AND 28, 1973

UCLA, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

CAN BE CONTACTED AT TELEPHONE NUMBER (714-523-7144)

APRIL 29, 1973

RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

APRIL 30, 1973

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

MAY 4, 1973

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

MAY 6, 1973

PLATTSBURG, NEW YORK

NO FURTHER INFORMATION FURNISHED CONCERNING POINTS OF CONTACT.

MEANS WAS ARRAIGNED 4/16/73, PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA, PLEAD NOT GUILTY, AND HIS \$25,000 SURETY BOND, SET BY U.S. MAGISTRATE, RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, WAS CONTINUED.

INCLUDED IN BOND RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON MEANS ARE:

1. HE MUST NOT ASSOCIATE OR TRAVEL WITH PERSONS WHO POSSESS WEAPONS OR UNLAWFUL INCENDIARIES OR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES, AND HE SHALL NOT POSSESS ANY OF SAID ITEMS.

2. HE MUST FILE TRAVEL ITINERARY WITH CLERK OF COURT, RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, 48 HOURS PRIOR TO LEAVING GIVEN ADDRESS AT PORCUPINE, SOUTH DAKOTA.

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3. REFRAIN FROM PERSONAL CONDUCT OR CONDUCT WITH OTHERS WHICH CAUSES AN IMMEDIATE DANGER

OF OR RESULTS IN INJURY TO THE PERSON OR PROPERTY OF ANOTHER.

A MOTION HAS BEEN FILED IN USDC, RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA TO REVOKE MEANS BOND IN THAT HE FAILED TO FOLLOW PREVIOUS ITINERARY, SHOWING HE WOULD BE IN NEW YORK CITY APRIL 22-24, 1973, BUT ACTUALLY OBSERVED BY AGENTS IN OKLAHOMA DIVISION APRIL 21-25, 1973. HEARING ON THIS MOTION IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 26, 1973, DEADWOOD, SOUTH DAKOTA.

FOR INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES, MINNEAPOLIS IS INCLUDING WHEREABOUTS OF MEANS IN DAILY SUMMARY TO FBIHQ.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS DUE TO HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE OCCUPATION OF WOUNDED KNEE.

RECEIVING OFFICES ARE TO: CONFIRM APPEARANCES BY MEANS IN THEIR DIVISION; ADVISE MP OF ANY CONDUCT BY MEANS THAT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED A VIOLATION OF ABOVE RESTRICTIONS; ADVISE MP (AT PINE RIDGE CP) DAILY, OF WHEREABOUTS OF MEANS; ADVISE MP AND PERTINENT DIVISIONS OF PLANNED TRAVEL UPON MEANS' DEPARTURE.

LOS ANGELES WILL DETERMINE SUBSCRIBER TO TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] AND AFFILIATION WITH AIM.

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AT-12:15-JF

CT-12:20-USA

RH-12:30-JG

LA-1:30AM 4/26/73-NCE

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Date of transcription 4/27/73

[redacted] American Airlines Passenger Service  
Agent, Cleveland Hopkins Airport, Cleveland, Ohio, telephone  
number [redacted]

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[redacted] Ohio advised that he  
was at gate 28, directly across from gate 29 on April 21,  
1973 when flight 385 was scheduled to depart from gate 29.  
[redacted] said that he observed MEANS give a ticket to [redacted]  
[redacted] who was on duty at gate 29. [redacted] then saw MEANS  
board the aircraft.

[redacted] described MEANS as follows:

Race:	Indian
Sex:	Male
Hair:	Black, parted in the middle, braided, and with a couple of feathers in his hair.
Clothing:	Wearing aviator sunglasses; a blue or green jacket without sleeves.
Height:	Approximately 5'10" - 6'
Weight:	185 pounds (approximately)

[redacted] thought MEANS had a scar on one of his  
eyebrows.

[redacted] was then shown seven (7) photographs of  
the following male Indians:

1. CLYDE BELLECOURT
2. STANLEY RICHARD HOLDER
3. [redacted]
4. DENNIS JAMES BANKS
5. RUSSELL MEANS
6. VERNON FRANKLIN BELLECOURT

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SA's [redacted]

by [redacted] mah Date dictated 4/26/73

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7. CARTER AUGUSTUS CAMP

[redacted] was able to pick out the photo of MEANS and stated positively that this was the person he had seen at gate 29 who had boarded flight 385 to St. Louis, Missouri.

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The following descriptive information was obtained through personal observation and interview of [redacted]

Name:	[redacted]
Date of Birth:	[redacted]
Place of Birth:	[redacted] Texas
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	200 pounds
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Social Security Account Number:	[redacted]

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 4/27/73

[redacted] Operations Agent, American Airlines, Cleveland Hopkins Airport, Cleveland, Ohio, telephone number [redacted] Ohio, residence telephone [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] was working the 10:00 am to 6:30 pm shift on April 21, 1973. He said he was at gate 29 where he was the [redacted] for flight 385 which was originally scheduled to leave gate 27 for St. Louis, Missouri. The flight was running late. At approximately 4:30 pm a person who said he was Mr. MEANS came up to Mr. [redacted] and said that American Airlines should have a ticket for him. Upon checking further, [redacted] found that there was a prepaid ticket for a R. MEANS, and he confirmed this prepaid ticket with American Airlines Reservations. [redacted] advised the Reservation Check that R. MEANS was picking up the ticket and at this time validated MEANS' ticket. Upon validation of the ticket, [redacted] saw MEANS go out the door towards the airplane.

[redacted] described MEANS as follows:

Race:	Indian
Sex:	Male
Height:	Approximately 6'3"
Weight:	Approximately 190 pounds
Hair:	Long, dark
Clothing:	Wearing levies and a blue shirt.
Characteristics:	Wearing sunglasses.

[redacted] was then shown seven (7) photographs of the following male Indians:

1. CLYDE BELLECOURT
2. STANLEY RICHARD HOLDER
3. [redacted]

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by SA's [redacted] :mah Date dictated 4/26/73

4. DENNIS JAMES BANKS
5. RUSSELL MEANS
6. VERNON FRANKLIN BELLECOURT
7. CARTER AUGUSTUS CAMP

[ ] was not able to identify the photo of MEANS and he also stated that he would have trouble recognizing him if he saw him again, as he had only seen him for a couple of minutes before departure.

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[ ] said that [ ] was also on duty with him and talked with MEANS while [ ] was talking with the Reservation Section.

[ ] telephonically contacted the American Airlines ticket lift at St. Louis, Missouri and advised that MEANS did ride to Tulsa, Oklahoma according to trip papers. [ ] added that the following American Airlines agents were on duty and most likely processed MEANS.



The following description was obtained from observation and interview of [ ]

Name:	[ ]
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	[ ]
Place of Birth:	New York
Height:	6'6"
Weight:	230 pounds
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Hazel
Social Security Account Number:	[ ]

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1Date of transcription 4/27/73

[redacted] American Airlines Supervisor,  
[redacted] Cleveland Hopkins Airport, Cleveland,  
Ohio, telephone number [redacted]  
[redacted] Ohio, residence telephone number [redacted]  
provided the following information:

[redacted] of Holiday Travel Agency, Stillwater, Oklahoma, telephone number [redacted] made a reservation on April 17, 1973 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for R. MEANS to travel from Cleveland, Ohio via American Airlines Flight 335 to St. Louis, Missouri on April 21, 1973, where MEANS was to change to American Airlines Flight 393 from St. Louis to Tulsa, Oklahoma. Prepaid ticket number 0014212580153 was purchased on April 18, 1973 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and was issued on April 21, 1973.

[redacted] provided the original copy of the ticket presented by R. MEANS to [redacted] who was on duty at gate 29 on April 21, 1973.

The ticket will be retained in the Cleveland Division.

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by SA's [redacted] :mch Date dictated 4/25/73

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 4/27/73

[redacted] Ticket Agent, American Airlines,  
Cleveland Hopkins Airport, Cleveland, Ohio, telephone  
number [redacted]  
[redacted] Ohio, residence telephone [redacted] provided  
the following information:

[redacted] was working the 3:00 pm to 11:00 pm  
shift April 21, 1973 and was at gate 29 for flight 385 to  
St. Louis, Missouri. At approximately 4:35 pm he went to  
gate 27 where flight 385 normally departed, but because the  
flight was delayed, the departure gate was changed. He  
went to gate 27 to check if any passengers for flight 385  
were at gate 27. When he got to gate 27 he asked if anyone  
was here for flight 385 as it was now departing gate 29.  
He recognized RUSSELL MEANS who was sitting in the gate 27  
area. MEANS asked [redacted] what gate, and [redacted] told him  
gate 29 and to hurry because the plane left in about five  
minutes. [redacted] added that MEANS asked him if free  
drinks were to be given on the plane because the plane  
was late.

[redacted] described MEANS as follows:

Race:	Indian
Sex:	Male
Height:	Approximately 5'11 - 6'
Weight:	195 - 210 pounds
Clothing:	Wearing levis and bright colored shirt with a red belt with the name "RUSSELL MEANS" on it.
Hair:	Dark, braided.

[redacted] was then shown seven (7) photographs of  
the following male Indians:

1. CLYDE BELLECOURT
2. STANLEY RICHARD HOLDER

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[Redacted]

4. DENNIS JAMES BANKS

5. RUSSELL MEANS

6. VERNON FRANKLIN BELLECOURT

7. CARTER AUGUSTUS CAMP

[Redacted] was able to pick out MEANS' photograph and stated positively that this was the Mr. MEANS that had been sitting at gate 27 and whom he had advised to go to gate 29 for flight 385.

The following descriptive data was obtained through personal observation and interview:

Name:	[Redacted]
Date of Birth:	[Redacted]
Place of Birth:	[Redacted] Pennsylvania
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	130 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Hazel, wore glasses.
Social Security Account Number:	[Redacted]

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ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (70-54811)

4/27/73

SAC, CLEVELAND (70-945)

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS;  
GLYDE BELLECOURT  
CIR - BURGLARY, LARCENY;  
UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF UNREGISTERED  
FIREARMS; ARL; IMPENDING FEDERAL  
OFFICERS; AFO; CONSPIRACY; EM - AMH

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Re Cleveland teletype to Bureau, 4/21/73.

Enclosed for Minneapolis are nine (9) copies  
of FD 302's of interviews with 1)

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Cleveland is not setting out leads and leaves  
this to the discretion of the case agent. Cleveland  
requests that Minneapolis advises the final action  
regarding MEANS' possible bond violation.

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NITEL

TO: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6882)

WOUNDED KNEE, BUFILE 70-58411.

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS - ~~ROBERT~~; CIR - BURGLARY, LARCENY, ETAL.

OO: MINNEAPOLIS

TODAY CLYDE BELLECOURT AND RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS APPEARED  
IN U. S. DISTRICT COURT, PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND ENTERED  
PLEAS OF NOT GUILTY. THEIR BOND WAS CONTINUED WITH PROVISIONS  
THAT THEY FILE TRAVEL ITINERARIES AND THAT THEY STAY OUT OF  
WOUNDED KNEE, SOUTH DAKOTA.  
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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR (70-54811)  
SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6832) (70-6882)  
SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (70-2787)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (70-945) (P)

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; CLYDE BELLECOURT, CIR-BURGL'RY, LARCENY;  
UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF UNREGISTERED FIREARMS; ARL; IMPEDING FEDERAL  
OFFICERS; AFO; CONSPIRACY, FM-AIM

WOUNDED KNEE; OO: MINNEAPOLIS

RE CV TT TO BUREAU AND MINNEAPOLIS 4/21/73; BU TEL CALL TO CV  
4/21/73; CV TEL CALL TO BUREAU 4/21/73; CV TEL CALL TO OKLAHOMA CITY  
4/23/73.

FOR INFO BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES

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AMERICAN AIRLINES, CLEVELAND FOPKINS AIRPORT, ADVISED

SA [REDACTED] THAT RUSSELL MEANS APPEARED AT THE AIRPORT  
4:00PM 4/21/73 IDENTIFIED SELF AS RUSSELL MEANS AND PICKED UP  
PREPAID TICKET FOR AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 385 LEAVING CLEVELAND  
AT 4:00PM, ARRIVE ST LOUIS, MO. 6:40PM, THEN CHANGING TO AMERICAN  
AIRLINES FLIGHT 393 LEAVING ST. LOUIS, MO. TO ARRIVE TULSA, OKLA.  
AT 7:44PM. TICKET PURCHASED THROUGH HOLIDAY TRAVEL AGENCY OKLA. CITY  
BY CONTACT NAMED STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA CITY TEL. NO. 405-377-5501.

AMERICAN AIRLINES EMPLOYEE [REDACTED] RECOGNIZED RUSSELL MEANS

FROM NEWSPAPER PHOTOS AS WELL FROM PREVIOUS FLIGHTS. TICKET PROCESSED

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BY TICKET AGENT [REDACTED] WFO ALSO RECOGNIZED MEANS. AMERICAN AIRLINE

[REDACTED] WILL MAINTAIN TICKET AS

EVIDENCE. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES. FACSIMILE COPY SENT PIRE RIDGE.

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FROM: SAC, DENVER (70-3775) 2P

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*70-6882*  
VERNON BELLECOURT; RUSSELL MEANS; [REDACTED]

RALLY AT UNIVERSITY OF DENVER, DENVER, COLORADO, 4/27/73.

WOUNDED KNEE. OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

ON 4/25/73, [REDACTED]

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, STATED AN OFFICER OF THEIR  
DEPARTMENT ATTENDED INDIAN AWARENESS CLASS AT DENVER UNIVERSITY  
LAST EVENING, WHERE IT WAS ANNOUNCED [REDACTED] VERNON  
BELLECOURT AND POSSIBLY RUSSELL MEANS WOULD SPEAK AT A RALLY  
ON FRONT LAWN OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, UNIVERSITY  
OF DENVER, FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M., FRIDAY, 4/27/73.  
GROUP WAS TO SPEAK CONCERNING EVENTS AT WOUNDED KNEE.

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DENVER PD, COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND USSS,  
DENVER, ADVISED.

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WILL ADVISE BUREAU AND MINNEAPOLIS.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (NITEL)  
ATTENTION: INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  
RICHMOND (URGENT)

~~MINNEAPOLIS (NITEL)~~

FROM: CHARLOTTE (176-40) (P)

DEMONSTRATIONS AND DISORDERS BY AMERICAN INDIANS IN ROBESON COUNTY  
NORTH CAROLINA, EM - AMERICAN INDIAN ACTIVITIES; EM - AMERICAN  
INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM)

ON APRIL 25, 1973, A SOURCE WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE  
INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED [REDACTED] AND A SMALL  
GROUP OF INDIANS FROM THE EASTERN CAROLINA INDIAN ORGANIZATION  
(ECIO) WILL BE TRAVELING TO RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, ON APRIL 26, 1973.  
THIS GROUP IS TRAVELING TO RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, TO ATTEND A RALLY  
AT WHICH THE MAIN SPEAKERS WILL BE RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS AND J.  
LONG, AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) LEADERS.

SOURCE ADVISED THAT APPROXIMATELY 10 INDIVIDUALS WOULD BE  
TRAVELING TO RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

SOURCE HAS ADVISED THAT VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE AND MARCHES  
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IN ROBESON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, HAVE BEEN DELAYED DUE TO CONFUSION AS TO WHAT THE MEMBERS OF THE ECIO EXACT DUTIES ARE TO BE.

SECOND SOURCE WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, HAS ADVISED THAT THE ECIO IS TO HAVE A MEETING ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 25, 1973, AT THE YOUNG CHAPEL LOCATED AT PEMBROKE, NORTH CAROLINA, OR THE DEEP BRANCH CHURCH, RURAL ROAD 1339, LUMBERTON, NORTH CAROLINA, AT WHICH FURTHER DISCUSSION WILL BE HAD CONCERNING PLANS FOR TRAVELING TO RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, ON APRIL 26, 1973.

SECOND SOURCE FURTHER ADVISED THAT ECIO HAD REQUESTED TO USE THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN ROBESON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, FOR THE VOTER REGISTRATION. THIS REQUEST WAS DENIED BY THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS OFFICE OF ROBESON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.

LOCAL AND STATE AUTHORITIES COGNIZANT.

SECRET SERVICE BEING ADVISED.

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RE CHARLOTTE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL 24, 1973.

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THE FIRST SOURCE IS [REDACTED] GREENBRIER  
MOTEL, INTERSTATE 95, LUMBERTON, NORTH CAROLINA.

THE SECOND SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING TRAVEL BY ECIO MEMBERS TO  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, APRIL 26, 1973, CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE. HOWEVER,  
[REDACTED] WILL ATTEND ECIO MEETING NIGHT OF APRIL 25, 1973,  
AND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

BUREAU AND RICHMOND WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF ANY  
ADDITIONAL DETAILS OBTAINED.

Am COPY TO MINNEAPOLIS FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING RUSSELL MEANS.  
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FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6882) (P)

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; CIR - BURGLARY, LARCENY;  
CONSPIRACY; UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF UNREGISTERED  
FIREARMS; ARL; IMPEDING FEDERAL OFFICERS; AFO.  
OO: MP.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND SACS  
ALBANY, CINCINNATI, LOS ANGELES, AND RICHMOND, 4/25/73.

AT 10 A.M., 4/26/73, A BOND REVOCATION HEARING  
FOR RUSSELL MEANS WAS HELD IN U. S. DISTRICT COURT,  
DEADWOOD, SOUTH DAKOTA, WITH ANDREW W. BOGUE, U. S.  
DISTRICT JUDGE, PRESIDING. RAMON ROUBIDEAUX, AIM  
ATTORNEY, WAS PRESENT ON BEHALF OF CLIENT MEANS, BUT  
MEANS WAS NOT PRESENT. ROUBIDEAUX CLAIMED HE HAD  
BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT MEANS TO ADVISE HIM HE WAS TO

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BE IN COURT THIS DATE.

JUDGE BOGUE CONTINUED HEARING UNTIL 10 A.M.,  
4/27/73, AND ADVISED ROUBIDEAUX TO CONTACT MEANS TO  
ADVISE HIM TO BE PRESENT. AT THIS HEARING, JUDGE  
BOGUE WILL DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT MEANS' BOND IS  
TO BE REVOKED.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS  
DUE TO HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE OCCUPATION OF WOUNDED  
KNEE.

LOS ANGELES MAINTAIN COVERAGE OF MEANS AND ADVISE  
MINNEAPOLIS DAILY OF WHEREABOUTS AND OF ANY TRAVEL.

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1 x airtel to  
① 70-6882 (Means)

WOUNDED KNEE.

RUSSELL MEANS OBSERVED DEPLANING CONTINENTAL AIRLINES  
FLIGHT 191, 9:20 PM EVENING LAST LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BY HUAGENTS.

MEANS, APPARENTLY TRAVELING ALONE, MET BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LOS ANGELES AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT ACTIVIST,  
AND DEPARTED AIRPORT IN [REDACTED]

AT 10:20 PM, SAME

VEHICLE OBSERVED AT [REDACTED]

MEANS SCHEDULED TO APPRAH UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT  
LOS ANGELES NOON TODAY

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RE LOS ANGELES TEL DATED 4/25/73, CAPTIONED AMERICAN  
INDIAN MOVEMENT, RM-AIM.

LOS ANGELES FOLLOWING.

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 CHARLOTTE  
 MINNEAPOLIS (70-6882)  
 FROM RICHMOND (70-4924)

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RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; CIR-BURGLARY; LARCENY; UNLAWFUL  
 POSSESSION OF UNREGISTERED FIREARMS; ARL; IMPEDING FEDERAL  
 OFFICERS; AFO; CONSPIRACY; OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

ON 4/26/73, MR. [REDACTED] MOSQUE THEATRE,  
 RICHMOND, VA., ADVISED THAT VA. COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY (VCU)  
 LECTURE COMMITTEE, 916 WEST FRANKLIN STREET, RICHMOND, HAS  
 A TENTATIVE DATE OF 4/30/73, FOR RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS TO SPEAK.

ON 4/26/73, [REDACTED] INTELLIGENCE SQUAD, RICHMOND  
 PD, RICHMOND, VA., ADVISED MRS. BERTIE BUSH, CHAIRMAN, VCU  
 LECTURE COMMITTEE, HAS RENTED THE MOSQUE THEATRE FROM 1:00  
 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. ON 4/30/73, FOR RUSSELL MEANS TO SPEAK.

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TELETYPE TO BUREAU, 4/25/73, ENTITLED, "DEMONSTRATION AND  
DISORDERS BY AMERICAN INDIANS IN ROBESON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
EM - AMERICAN INDIAN ACTIVITIES; EM - AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT  
(AIM)".

FOR THE INFO OF MINNEAPOLIS, CHARLOTTE TELETYPE STATES  
THAT ALONG WITH MEANS WILL BE J. LONG, AIM LEADER.

RICHMOND WILL CONTINUE INVESTIGATION.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

MINNEAPOLIS (70-5582)

FROM LOS ANGELES (70-7311) (P)

RUSSELL CHARLES HEARS; CIR - BURGLARY; LARCENY; UNLAWFUL  
POSSESSION OF UNREGISTERED FIREARM; ARL; IMPEDING FEDERAL  
OFFICER; AFO; CONSPIRACY - FUGITIVE, OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL TO LOS ANGELES 4/27/73.

CAPTIONED SUBJECT APPREHENDED THIS DATE AT LOS  
ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, BY BUREAU AGENTS WITHOUT INCIDENT.  
SUBJECT REMANDED CUSTODY UNITED STATES MARSHAL, LOS ANGELES.  
SUBJECT CURRENTLY INCARCERATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
JAIL, LOS ANGELES, AWAITING RETURN TO DEADWOOD  
SOUTH DAKOTA.

NCIC LOCATE PLACED.

BUREAU CREDIT LOS ANGELES WITH ONE FUGITIVE.

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## Abernathy coming Means absent at bond hearing; 68 Kyle arrests

DEADWOOD — American Indian Movement leader Russell Means failed to appear Thursday for a hearing on a motion to revoke his \$25,000 bond.

His attorney, Ramon Roubideaux, told U.S. District Judge Andrew Bogue that he had never been served with a copy of the motion, although he had been informed orally of Thursday's hearing. Judge Bogue agreed to a 24-hour continuance.

In other Thursday developments, federal officials reported the arrest Wednesday night of 68 persons east of the reservation and the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was scheduled to arrive in Rapid City Thursday afternoon on his way to a Kyle meeting with Justice Department officials.

At Means' hearing in Deadwood, Roubideaux said he had been unable to contact his client since last Monday and, he said, as of Thursday morning he still had not received a copy of the revocation motion.

"We consider the oral notice that was given as too short for a hearing of this importance," Roubideaux said.

He told the judge that "it is difficult to get in touch with Means on a moment's notice," but he admitted that the conditions of his client's bond required that he stay in contact with his attorney at all times. Judge Bogue said the fact that Roubideaux was unable to reach Means was in itself a violation of the terms of the bond, and was cause for revocation. He labeled Means' absence Thursday as "part of a never ending series of delays."

If the defendant does not appear Friday the judge said he

will have no alternative but to consider his decision regarding the revocation motion in the defendant's absence.

"In stretching everything I can possibly stretch to be reasonable with Russell Means," Judge Bogue said.

The motion to revoke was offered by special assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas Ranney on the grounds that Means had failed to comply with the conditions of the bond in that he had not made "timely filings" of his travel plans and that those he did file are not an accurate reflection of his actual travels.

From Wounded Knee a government spokesman said 68 persons were arrested Wednesday night, including about 60 of the estimated 70 marchers who were turned back east of the reservation. They were arrested north of Wounded Knee in a 20-car caravan.

A group of five persons, including three women, were arrested Wednesday night, the government official said, while trying to infiltrate the federal blockade with about 800 rounds of ammunition for automatic weapons, plus high-powered rifles and a shotgun. Two other persons were also arrested trying to smuggle ammunition into the village during the night.

In Rapid City, John Thomas, a spokesman at the Wounded Knee Information Center, said the people on the march "had been invited to Chief Fools Crow's residence to meet with him."

"As they were going into Kyle," Thomas said, "they were stopped by the BIA and arrested. Three chiefs, Matthew King, Isaac Brave Eagle and Everett Janis, were close enough to hear them, went out to see what was going on and were arrested too."

Thomas said, "Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burnett of Rosebud were also arrested. Mrs. Burnett is overdue on giving birth to a baby and she is now in jail."

Abernathy was scheduled to arrive on a Western flight at 2:22 p.m. according to the Wounded Knee Information Center. After an airport news conference he was scheduled to go onto Kyle to meet with federal officials.

### Taxes due May 1

Pennington County Treasurer Mildred White Walker reminds county residents that 1972 real and personal taxes become delinquent May 1.

Mrs. Walker said all taxes become due Jan. 1 of the following year, but do not become delinquent until May 1, when interest charges begin.

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## Means says he'll ignore Bogue order

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — Russell Means, a leader of the American Indian Movement, failed to appear for a hearing Thursday and said, through a spokeswoman in California, that he'll not show up at the postponed hearing Friday, either.

A federal grand jury indicted Means on 11 counts stemming from activities early in the AIM takeover of Wounded Knee, S.D. The charges include conspiracy and assaulting federal officers. If convicted, he could face a maximum penalty of 85 years in prison and \$96,000 in fines.

The hearing scheduled for Thursday was on a Justice Department motion to revoke Means' \$25,000 bond. Asst. U.S. Atty. Thomas Ranney said Means had not complied with conditions of the bond. Ranney said Means had not made "timely filings" of his travel plans and that those plans which were filed were not an accurate reflection of his actual travels.

Means' attorney told Judge Andrew Bogue of U.S. District Court that Means had never been served with a copy of the motion to revoke his bond. The attorney also said he had been unable to contact his client since last Monday.

The judge agreed to postpone the hearing for 24 hours. He said he would consider the bond revocation Friday regardless of whether Means appears.

Means was in Los Angeles Thursday for a speaking ap-

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## Means says —

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pearance. Connie Uri, a worker there for AIM, said Means had told her by telephone that he would not appear at the Deadwood hearing Friday. Miss Uri said Means had been meeting in California with actor Marlon Brando but she said she had no other information.

Means told the woman that he would hold a news conference in Los Angeles Friday and that he expects to be arrested at that time, for failing to appear in the Deadwood court.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Cleveland, Ohio  
April 25, 1973

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

Investigation was instituted upon receipt of information, December 8, 1972, from [redacted] Bureau of Indian Affairs, Los Angeles, California, that RUSSELL MEANS was a national leader of the American Indian Movement (AIM).

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AMERICAN INDIAN  
MOVEMENT

The American Indian Movement (AIM) is a nation-wide organization founded in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1968. Membership is open to both Indians and non-Indians 18 years of age. AIM's professed goals are to improve the conditions of the American Indian, to provide better jobs and housing, and to educate industry and communities on Indian culture and problems. AIM has chapters across the United States. The principal leaders are VERNON BELLECOURT, CLYDE BELLECOURT, DENNIS BANKS, RUSSELL MEANS, and CARTER CAMP. During the past two years, AIM has participated in confrontations and takeovers of buildings as a result of issues affecting American Indians. Most recently, AIM organized the "Trail of Broken Treaties," which resulted in the Indian occupation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs building in Washington, D.C. AIM members provided

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the primary leadership for the confrontation between Indians and local authorities at Custer, South Dakota, which resulted in burning of the Court House and Chamber of Commerce buildings. Most recently, 200 AIM members and supporters entered the Town of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, ransacking the general store, taking provisions and weapons, and creating an armed standoff against Federal officers, resulting in several instances where gunfire was exchanged.

On April 12, 1973, [redacted]  
[redacted] Cleveland National Bank, Euclid, Ohio, advised that MEANS was scheduled to speak before the City Club, Cleveland, Ohio, on April 18, 1973.

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On April 18, 1973, [redacted]  
[redacted] advised that MEANS had appeared on the "Morning Exchange" program on Channel 5, WEWS, Cleveland, Ohio, on the same date. MEANS was introduced as one of the leaders of AIM and was interviewed regarding Wounded Knee. MEANS explained that AIM was at Wounded Knee because of the United States Government's refusal to honor past treaties it had made with Indians. MEANS asked for contributions and requested contributions be sent to Box 147, Rapid City, South Dakota. MEANS did not acknowledge he was AIM leader, but did acknowledge he was affiliated with AIM, and was now a member of the South Dakota Landowners Association, and also associated with independent Oglala-Sioux Nation. MEANS made no reference to any future plans of AIM.

On April 18, 1973, CV T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that MEANS spoke before the City Club, Cleveland, for one-half hour on same date regarding Wounded Knee. Basically, MEANS stated that AIM had been invited to Wounded Knee by the occupants, and that AIM was in Wounded Knee to protest the fact that the United States had broken past treaties with the Indians. MEANS stated that

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either the United States would negotiate or there would be another massacre at Wounded Knee; and that if the United States did not learn now, it would be very sorry.

On April 19, 1973, an article entitled "Means Expecting a New Massacre" appeared in the Cleveland "Plain Dealer", a daily newspaper of wide circulation in Northern Ohio. The following excerpts were taken from this article which covered MEANS' speech before the City Club, Cleveland, on April 18, 1973:

"History will repeat itself and the siege at Wounded Knee, S.D., will end in a massacre if the federal government refuses to live up to its old treaty promise.

"This was the prediction yesterday of Russell C. Means, spokesman for Indians holding Wounded Knee. He spoke to a capacity crowd at the City Club Forum.

"Means, also national coordinator for the militant American Indian Movement, said it took violence in South Dakota before he received recognition in Cleveland.

"He said that when he was here earlier as director of the Cleveland American Indian Center he was 'ignored as an Indian representative.'

"'Violence brought me here to the City Club,' he said.

"The Indian, he said, seeks self-determination.

"Means surrendered at Wounded Knee after an agreement was reached April 5 with federal officials that was to open negotiations on the Indian complaints. Means said the government broke the agreement within two days and more violent at Wounded Knee resulted.

"Meantime, he is traveling the country to raise money for legal defense, by court order he is not permitted to return to the South Dakota reservation.

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"Means said he expects the federal troops surrounding Wounded Knee to massacre the 230 defenders there just as troops wiped out 300 Indian men, women and children in 1890."

On April 19, 1973, another article appeared in the Cleveland "Plain Dealer" newspaper regarding his speech at the City Club, Cleveland. The following are excerpts from this article:

"Means received \$1,050, plus expenses, for his talk. He will also get \$500 for a speech at Case Western Reserve University tomorrow.

"We gave him \$500 ourselves," said Alan J. Davis, executive director of the City Club. 'Usually, we just pay our speakers' expenses, but Means is a hot item. We didn't think we could get him.'

"Church groups and private contributions raised the other \$500 for the City Club talk. Ernie Green, the former Cleveland Brown fullback, donated \$25 and was perhaps the best-known donor. Channel 5's Morning Exchange program gave \$150."

On April 21, 1973, CV T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised RUSSELL MEANS addressed a mixed group of 80 to 100 individuals at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, the evening of April 20, 1973. MEANS was participating in a lecture series sponsored by the university.

Source advised that MEANS discussed the background leading up to Wounded Knee; that AIM was at Wounded Knee because of the number of Indian treaties that had been broken by the United States Government. MEANS also discussed the present situation at Wounded Knee, and stated that AIM was being assisted at Wounded Knee by members of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW). MEANS talked about an underground system AIM has set up with the aid of VVAW wherein 6 to 16 men teams were going out of Wounded Knee to gather food and supplies and were returning successfully within a matter of hours. MEANS also

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related that the VVAW at Wounded Knee was assisting AIM in monitoring police radios.

VIETNAM VETERANS  
AGAINST THE WAR

The Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) is a national veterans organization with a national clearinghouse located at 25 West 26th Street, New York City, New York. Its first published objective is "to demand an immediate cessation of fighting and a withdrawal of all American troops from Indochina".

MEANS advised the audience that he was told 1½ hours before his speech to make the following announcement:

AIM had shifted its course of action and was now going to repossess the western half of South Dakota, with Custer, South Dakota, as the target city. No time frame was mentioned. MEANS asked for volunteer freedom fighters from all of the United States and the western hemisphere to rally behind AIM, and to come to Custer, South Dakota, and assist AIM in its fight.

No mention was made of a pilgrimage to Wounded Knee, South Dakota, or to Mount Rushmore. A collection raised approximately \$200 in contributions for the Wounded Knee Legal Defense Fund.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (70-54811)  
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (70-945) (P)  
RE: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS  
EM-AIM  
OO: MINNEAPOLIS

Re CV teletype to Bureau and Minneapolis, 4/12,  
4/18, and 4/21/73.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an  
LHM, dated and captioned as above, and also two copies  
of an FD-376. Three copies of LHM being submitted to  
Minneapolis, and two copies being provided U.S. Secret  
Service, CV, Ohio. MP disseminate copy LHM to U.S. Secret Service.  
MP:

Sources utilized in the LHM are as follows:

SOURCE

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CV has completed investigation as set forth in  
re CV tel of 4/21/73. FD-302 of interviews being furnished  
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# Means' bond revoked, arrest warrant issued

By JACK GETZ  
Journal Staff Writer

DEADWOOD — U.S. District Judge Andrew Bogue Friday revoked the \$25,000 bond of American Indian Movement leader Russell Means and issued a bench warrant for his arrest.

He did so over the strenuous objections of New York attorney Mark Lane, who appeared on behalf of Means in place of Rapid City attorney Ramon Roubideaux.

Roubideaux appeared for Means Thursday but was reported to have had another commitment Friday.

Lane objected to the revocation hearing being held in Means' absence. He told Judge Bogue that no commercial air line flight was available to bring Means to Rapid City from Los Angeles, where he had been on fund raising speaking engagements.

"It is the court's opinion," said Judge Bogue, "that there are adequate airline facilities to get him to Rapid City. In the absence of proof that there were no flights available the court must assume he does not wish to be here."

Assistant U.S. attorney Ed Carpenter contended that Means violated the conditions of his bond by appearing in Tulsa, Okla., at a time when his itinerary called for him to be in the New York offices of attorney William Kunstler. He called Rapid City FBI agent James W. Dick to the stand to testify regarding Means' whereabouts during the period of April 18-25.

Over continuing objections by Lane, Dick testified that Means had made statements regarding the military takeover of western South Dakota in Cleveland on April 20 and in Tulsa on April 22.

trated for 50-some odd days," the judge replied.

Judge Bogue told attorneys for both sides that there was an apparent violation of the cash security requirements of Means' bond and that he apparently "should never have been released in the first place."

Means was arraigned on two separate occasions, and Rapid City businessman Stanford Adelstein provided the cash security after the first arraignment.

It was reported that Adelstein's written approval for the bond to cover charges filed in the arraignment had not been obtained, as required.

Judge Bogue denied a motion by Lane to disqualify himself from the hearing.

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Phoenix, Arizona

April 30, 1973

RONALD DANIEL PETITE;

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HERBERT GEORGE POWLESS;

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS;

STANLEY RICHARD HOLDER

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The April 7, 1973 issue of the newspaper "People's World", on page seven showed an address, following a lengthy article concerning the situation at Wounded Knee, South Dakota. This address was shown as "Wounded Knee Support Communications Center, 208 11th Street, Rapid City, S.D. 57701." On a small card, affixed with scotch tape was the following notation "Party Members who are pilots contact" and an arrow pointed to the address. This newspaper was received by [REDACTED] responded to this address with the following letter:

"To: Wounded Knee Support Comm. Center

As a member of the Communist Party of America please express my support to the Indians at Wounded Knee.

The Peoples World has been publishing articles about the needs of Wounded Knee.

As a pilot I can & will fly supplies into Wounded Knee.

Since I am unfamiliar with the area, I would need someone who is familiar with the area. If someone can come to Phoenix & help with arrangements we could fly many supplies from here to Wounded Knee. Please answer soon

Phone [REDACTED]

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Addr [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Arizona  
85040

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

The "People's World" is a West Coast Communist newspaper published weekly in San Francisco, California.

Copy of this memorandum is being furnished to the United States Attorney, Phoenix, Arizona.

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

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (176-59) (P)

RONALD DANIEL PETITE, aka;

HERBERT GEORGE POWLESS, aka;  
RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS;  
STANLEY RICHARD HOLDER;  
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Re PX tel to Bureau, 4/24/73.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as above. Two copies are submitted for Minneapolis.

This LHM reflects a verbatim account of the letter sent by [redacted] to the Wounded Knee Support Communications Center.

[redacted] AND OTHERS KNOWN TO CARRY KNIVES AND POSSIBLY HANDGUNS AND ALL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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REFERENCES: Minneapolis teletype to Bureau, et al, 4/27/73,  
Los Angeles teletype to Bureau and Minneapolis,  
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RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

Character:

CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION -  
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ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER;  
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CONDITIONS OF BOND;  
FAILURE TO APPEAR

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## Synopsis:

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, DOB 11/10/39, failed to appear in U. S. District Court, Deadwood, South Dakota, 4/27/73 for a bond revocation hearing. Bench warrant issued same date. Bond to be set upon return to South Dakota. MEANS arrested 4/27/73 by FBI Agents and remanded to custody of U. S. Marshal.

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## DETAILS:

By communication dated April 27, 1973, Minneapolis advised as follows:

Bond revocation hearing for RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS held April 27, 1973, U. S. District Court, Deadwood, South Dakota, with ANDREW W. BOGUE, U. S. District Judge, presiding. MEANS failed to appear and Judge BOGUE, upon completion of the hearing, revoked MEANS' bond and directed a bench warrant be issued. Bench warrant issued April 27, 1973 by Clerk, U. S. District Court, Rapid City, South Dakota, charging MEANS with failure to comply with conditions of bond of 4/16/73 and failure to appear, no code, title, or section set forth. Judge BOGUE ordered MEANS be arrested and returned to South Dakota. Judge BOGUE further indicated hearing date for MEANS would be set upon his return to South Dakota.

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RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS was arrested in the vicinity of Vermont Avenue and U. S. Highway 101 at approximately 12:50 pm. MEANS was apprised of the official and personal identities of the arresting agents as Special Agents of the FBI. MEANS was then advised by SA [redacted] that he was being arrested based on a bench warrant issued in the United States District Court, Western District of South Dakota, charging MEANS with failure to appear in court April 27, 1973.

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MEANS was orally advised of his rights by SA [redacted] as enumerated on the form entitled, "Interrogation; Advice of Rights". MEANS indicated that he fully understood his rights but did not wish to talk to the FBI without his attorney present. MEANS advised that he had an airplane ticket to leave at 3:00 pm for South Dakota.

MEANS made no further comment.

Following was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
Height	6'1"
Weight	185 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown

Interviewed on 4/27/73 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 70-7311

by SA [redacted] /gcw Date dictated 4/30/73

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Following his arrest, RUSSELL MEANS was placed in the custody of the U. S. Marshal, Los Angeles, California.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6882) (P)

DATE: 5/1/73

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS - FUGITIVE  
CIR - BURGLARY, LARCENY; CONSPIRACY;  
UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF UNREGISTERED  
FIREARMS; ARL; IMPEDING FEDERAL  
OFFICERS; AFO; BOND DEFAULT

OO: MP

On 5/1/73, AUSA [REDACTED] requested the writer to determine the schedule of available flights from Los Angeles, California, to Rapid City, South Dakota, between 12:00 Noon, 4/26/73, and 10:00 A.M., 4/27/73. The following information was obtained in compliance with this request:

On 5/1/73, [REDACTED] Western Airlines, Rapid City Regional Airport, Rapid City, South Dakota, furnished the following daily flight information for that airline:

<u>Flight #</u>	<u>Departs</u>	<u>Arrives</u>
60	Los Angeles, California - 7:00 A.M.	Rapid City, S.D. - 11:55 A.M.
116-412	Los Angeles, California - 10:50 A.M.	Rapid City, S.D. - 3:38 P.M.
470	Denver, Colorado - 7:00 A.M.	Rapid City, S.D. - 8:43 A.M.

[REDACTED] advised that there was no way he could determine if these flights were full, as once the flights were completed, the information was taken out of the computer. He added that by contacting the Security Department, Western Airlines, Los Angeles, California, it may be possible to determine this.

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On 5/1/73 [redacted] Frontier Airlines, Rapid City Regional Airport, Rapid City, South Dakota, furnished the following daily flight information for that airline:

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<u>Flight #</u>	<u>Departs</u>	<u>Arrives</u>
592	Denver, Colorado - 10:05 A.M.	Rapid City, S.D. - 11:40 A.M.
92	Denver, Colorado - 11:30 A.M.	Rapid City, S.D. - 12:24 P.M.
96	Las Vegas, Nevada - 5:00 P.M.	Denver, Colorado - 7:31 P.M.
Then:	Denver, Colorado - 8:00 P.M.	Rapid City, S.D. - 8:54 P.M.

[redacted] advised Flight 96 had one vacant seat on it when arriving in Rapid City, 4/26/73.

[redacted] added that if a person really wanted to get to Rapid City, he could have been routed from Denver, Colorado, to Omaha, Nebraska, then taken a flight from there to Rapid City. In respect to this travel, the following flights are available:

<u>Flight #</u>	<u>Departs</u>	<u>Arrives</u>
United Airlines 726	Denver, Colorado - 1:30 P.M.	Omaha, Nebraska - 3:40 P.M.
Frontier Airlines 104	Denver, Colorado - 1:55 P.M.	Omaha, Nebraska - 4:09 P.M.
United Airlines 382	Denver, Colorado - 4:05 P.M.	Omaha, Nebraska - 6:15 P.M.
Frontier Airlines 533	Omaha, Nebraska - 6:45 P.M.	Rapid City, S.D. - 7:23 P.M.

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North Central Airlines,  
Rapid City Regional Airport, Rapid City, South  
Dakota, advised that airline has no flights west  
of Rapid City, South Dakota.

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MINNEAPOLIS (70-6882)  
FROM RICHMOND (70-4924)RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; CAR-BURGLARY; LARCENY; UNLAWFUL  
POSSESSION OF UNREGISTERED FIREARMS; ARL; IMPEDING FEDERAL  
OFFICERS; AFO; CONSPIRACY; OO - MINNEAPOLIS.RE RICHMOND TELCALL TO PINE RIDGE, S. D., 4/27/73  
AND MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, 4/25/73.ON 4/27/73, [REDACTED] UNITED AIRLINES, RICHMOND, VA.,  
ADVISED R. MEANS DEPARTING RAPID CITY, S. D., 4/29/73, 4:18 P.M.,  
FRONTIER FLIGHT 97, ARRIVING DENVER, COLO., 3:10 P.M., DEPARTING  
DENVER, COLO., 6:25 P.M., UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 916, ARRIVING  
CHICAGO, 9:32 P.M. DEPARTING CHICAGO, 4/30/73, 8:50 A.M.,1 - Richmond SEARCHED  
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Special Agent in ChargeRACD 4:32 P  
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UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 272, ARRIVING RICHMOND, 12:45 P.M.

[REDACTED] ADVISED TICKET PREPAID, BOSTON, TELEPHONE NO. 617-731-6300.

MARYLYNN-MORRISON TRAVEL. REMARKS ON TICKET ADVISED MEANS  
LAWYER FOR WOUNDED KNEE INDIANS. [REDACTED] STATED NO RETURN  
TICKET. ONE-WAY PASSAGE.CONTACT WITH EASTERN AND PIEDMONT AIRLINES NEGATIVE IN  
REGARDS TO MEANS'S DEPARTURE.FOR THE INFORMATION OF BOSTON, DENVER, AND CHICAGO, MEANS  
SCHEDULED TO SPEAK, RICHMOND, VA., 4/29/73.BOSTON, DETERMINE PURCHASER OF TICKET AT MARYLYNN-  
MORRISON TRAVEL.COPY SENT TO CHICAGO, DENVER, AND LOS ANGELES FOR  
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1143PM URGENT 4/27/73 LDM

TO ACTING DIRECTOR

MINNEAPOLIS (70-6882)

FROM LOS ANGELES (70-7311) (P)

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; CIR - BURGLARY; LARCENY; UNLAWFUL  
POSSESSION OF UNREGISTERED FIREARM; ARL; IMPEDING FEDERAL  
OFFICER; AFO; CONSPIRACY - FUGITIVE, OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL TO LOS ANGELES 4/27/73.

CAPTIONED SUBJECT APPREHENDED THIS DATE AT LOS  
ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, BY BUREAU AGENTS WITHOUT INCIDENT.  
SUBJECT REMANDED CUSTODY UNITED STATES MARSHAL, LOS ANGELES.  
SUBJECT CURRENTLY INCARCERATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
JAIL, LOS ANGELES, AWAITING RETURN TO DEADWOOD  
SOUTH DAKOTA.

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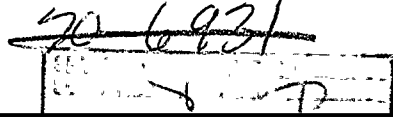
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ATTEST:

William J. Acton  
Clerk

By Janet M. Hansen  
Deputy

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**United States District Court**

FOR THE

**District of South Dakota, Western Division**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

**Russell Means**No. **CR73-5063**

To<sup>1</sup> **any United States Marshal, Special Agent of the F.B.I. or any other authorized officer:**

You are hereby commanded to arrest **Russell Means** and bring h **im** forthwith before the United States District Court for the District of **South Dakota** in the city of **Rapid City** to answer to an **Indictment** charging h **im** with **assaulting a Federal Officer as charged in Counts I and II**

in violation of **Title 18, Sections 111, 1114 USC**

Dated at **Sioux Falls, South Dakota** **WILLIAM J. SRSTKA**  
on **April 13** 19 **73** Clerk.  
Bail fixed at \$ **50,000 - Surety** By **JANET M. HANSEN**  
(SEAL OF COURT) Deputy Clerk.

RETURN

District of

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Received the within warrant the day of 19 and executed same.

By \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> Insert designation of officer to whom the warrant is issued, e. g., "any United States Marshal or any other authorized officer"; or "United States Marshal for \_\_\_\_\_ District of \_\_\_\_\_"; or "any United States Marshal"; or "any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation"; or "any United States Marshal or any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation"; or "any agent of the Alcohol Tax Unit."



4/18/73

AIRTEL

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (70-58443)

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (176-591) (P)

WOUNDED KNEE; ARL  
OO: Minneapolis

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① 70-6882 Russell M. [unclear]  
1-70 Ron Petite  
1-70-6853 Leon [unclear]  
1-70-6868 [unclear]  
1-70-7071 [unclear]

RePXtel to Bu, captioned as above, dated 4/15/73; HPtel dated 4/15/73, and Bucal of 4/15/73, granting authorization for [redacted] to travel to Rapid City, South Dakota.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five (5) copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Copies are submitted to the OO.

Source used is [redacted]

With Bureau authorization, the source traveled to Rapid City, South Dakota, where he was in contact with American Indian Movement (AIM) leaders. The source's observations concerning this are included in the LHM.

Phoenix will maintain contact with this source and will provide expeditious coverage of resultant leads and will furnish information developed as received.

From debriefing the source, it would appear he has provided a recounting of his experiences which is as accurate as he could make it. There is no way of determining what action will be taken from Rapid City insofar as the AIM leaders are concerned; however, Phoenix will continue to vigorously push this investigation and will use this source as extensively as circumstances allow.

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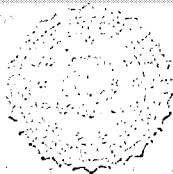
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The source stated he went into Wounded Knee in order to survey the situation insofar as landing an aircraft is concerned. He had no alternative and per Bureau instructions, was not involved in any flight into Wounded Knee for any purpose.

The LHM is classified "~~Confidential~~" to protect the identity of the source.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Phoenix, Arizona

April 18, 1973

WOUNDED KNEE

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On April 18, 1973, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, was interviewed concerning a trip he took to Rapid City, South Dakota. The results of this interview follow:

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A Confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He advised on April 14, 1973, he received a call from an individual identified to him as RON WHITE (phonetic). This person advised he had received a letter written by source and wished source would come to Rapid City, South Dakota, to discuss the possibility of [redacted] into Wounded Knee, South Dakota. [redacted]

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The leader of this group was RUS MEANS. MEANS was described as a completely irrational person who believed in doing whatever is possible to kill policemen, particularly Federal policemen. He constantly carried large sums of money, at least \$4,000, at all times. He hoped that if he is arrested he will have enough money to pay his bond. At one point, source overheard that MEANS had \$68,000 at the bank. All of this money came from donations to the Wounded Knee cause.

Another of the AIM leaders is RON WHITE (phonetic) an Indian in his early 40's. WHITE is an extremely militant Indian who, along with others, [redacted] [redacted] However, they themselves were incompetent. They knew nothing about airplanes. They wanted source to go with them on this because [redacted] Source said that without someone who knows [redacted] these Indians would be completely unable to do anything or to organize any act such as a hijacking.

Interviewed on 4/13/73 at Phoenix, Arizona

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by [redacted]

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Another of PETITE's ideas was to provide source with a press card and camera so he could go into various Government buildings, such as armories. He would then determine what weapons were at these armories and the Indians would later raid the armories. PETITE spends a good deal of time at the Wounded Knee Support Communications Center, 208 11th Street, Rapid City, South Dakota. He also spends time at the "place" of an Indian known only as CROWDOG. CROWDOG lives on the reservation near the Little White River and near Vetol, South Dakota.

Another individual known only as STAN is, in the opinion of source, one of the only individuals who actually holds the group at Wounded Knee together. This person was arrested on a charge like obstructing justice. He had a .357 magnum and another weapon and he claimed to have taken them from a Federal officer after holding this person with a shotgun.

Another of the leaders source met was a [redacted] This individual was an Indian, possibly of mixed blood. He claimed he knew New Mexico, particularly the Indian area, and also claimed to know the California San Francisco Bay area. [redacted] used the telephone of the Communications Center, 348-1003, to make long distance calls to the Bay area to get up buying weapons.

Another Indian was a [redacted] and 18-year-old Indian who is extremely nervous. He is at Wounded Knee and would like to get out. He is about 3'6" and weighs approximately 130-140 pounds. He wears a [redacted] and a jean jacket. [redacted] RAMON ROUBIDEAUX (phonetic). This person [redacted]

[redacted] His telephone number is [redacted]

Money is obtained by soliciting donations from the Indians and anyone else who will give. Principally, the money has come from Indians.

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One of RON PETITE's proposals was that they divert the Federal forces by blowing up Federally-protected places in Rapid City, South Dakota. However, none of the other leaders are willing to accept this plan yet. There is no indication any action like this is in the immediate future.

CROWDOG, mentioned before, is maintaining a supply of munitions for the Wounded Knee occupiers at his place near Vetat, South Dakota. His telephone is 747-2782. Before he would agree to keep the supplies, he was paid \$1,000 by the Indians.

RUS MEANS went to Cleveland, Ohio, for a press conference on April 17, 1973.

Source opined that if STAN, [redacted] PETITE and MEANS were removed from the Wounded Knee scene, the entire movement would fall.

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Supplies were dropped earlier. The AIM Indians did not know they were even coming. About 3,000 pounds of food stuff was dropped. A red and white Cessna 172 flew the supplies in from Sejo or Sebo, South Dakota. [redacted] said he did not know who the pilot was, but that he came from the Rosebud Airport.

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According to MEANS, there will be no further negotiations with the U.S. Government. He hopes to keep the occupation going until the college school year ends. He then hopes college students will come to Wounded Knee and help him continue the occupation.

However, any groups, including white radical groups or black power groups, must be completely under the control of the Indians. They wanted to have [redacted] come and speak but he was demanding \$10,000 to speak.

MEANS hopes to get the support of hippies since they can be more easily controlled.

Source stated the entire purpose of this is transparently so the Indians can get money. They have no plans or programs other than to kill people and to exploit the Indians.

While there, source stated he was required to go into Wounded Knee. They went in on foot. He does not know where they actually entered but stated they went single file between two armored personnel carriers. The terrain was quite rugged with many ravines and much brush.

Once in Wounded Knee, source concluded they only had about 30-70 rifles which would work. There were many pistols evident but there did not appear to be much ammunition. There were about 30 gas masks in Wounded Knee and the Indians are extremely afraid they will be gassed. The ammunition they had for their rifles appeared to be low-grade ammunition which appeared to be quite expensive. The guns in the camp obviously had received no care or cleaning and he only saw a couple of gun cleaning kits in Wounded Knee.

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It was Bouicé's opinion that if a confrontation came about, the Indians could not last longer than about one or one and a half hours.

There was much evidence of these militant Indians being on narcotics. PEYRE, particularly, appeared to be high all the time. It was his impression they were on "speed."

CLYDE BELLECOURT refused to see source.

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NITEL 5/1/73 RFF

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI  
SAC, RICHMOND (70-4924)  
SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6882)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-NEW)

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; CIR-BURGLARY; LARCENY; UNLAWFUL  
POSSESSION OF UNREGISTERED FIREARMS; ARL; IMPEDING FEDERAL  
OFFICERS; AFO; CONSPIRACY; OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

RE RICHMOND NITEL , 4/27/73.

REFERENCED COMMUNICATION PROVIDES AIRLINE TICKET  
INFORMATION REGARDING TRAVEL OF SUBJECT MEANS 4/27-4/30/73.  
AIRLINE TICKET PREPAID BOSTON THROUGH THE MORRISON TRAVEL  
AGENCY. THE MORRIS TRAVEL AGENCY IS LOCATED AT 850 BOYLSTON  
STREET, ROOM 418, BROOKLINE, MASS. THIS IS ALSO THE  
ADDRESS OF AMERICAN PROGRAM BUREAU. THE AMERICAN PROGRAM  
BUREAU (APB) IS A MASSACHUSETTS BUSINESS CORPORATION  
ESTABLISHED TO SERVE AS A BOOKING AGENT TO ARRANGE SCHEDULES  
AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS FOR PERSONS OF PROMINENCE. ITS  
CLIENTS RANGE FROM THE SO-CALLED CONSERVATIVE RIGHT-WING  
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ELEMENT TO THOSE EQUALLY WELL KNOWN FOR THEIR ULTRA - LIBERAL, MILITANT AND RADICAL POINTS OF VIEW.

THE MORRISON AGENCY FUNCTIONS AS A TRAVEL AGENT FOR THE APB. IN THE PAST THE BOSTON DIVISION HAS ENCOUNTERED LITTLE COOPERATION FROM THE APB AND UACB WILL CONDUCT NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION AT 850 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

END.

FBI MP BLB

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NR091 WA PLAIN 8:27 PM VAE

459PM URGENT 5-2-73 JMS

TO ACTING DIRECTOR

ALBUQUERQUE

BUTTE

DENVER

LOS ANGELES

MINNEAPOLIS

OKLAHOMA CITY

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SAN FRANCISCO

/////ALL OFFICES VIA WASHINGTON/////

FROM PHOENIX (176-59) (5PG) (PENDING)

*176-160*  
"CHANGED", RONALD DANIEL PETITE, AKA - FUGITIVE; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - FUGITIVE; HERBERT GEORGE POWLESS, AKA;  
RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS - FUGITIVE; STANLEY RICHARD HOLDER -  
FUGITIVE. ARL; CONSPIRACY. OO: PHOENIX.

SUBJECTS KNOWN TO CARRY KNIVES AND POSSIBLE HAND GUNS;  
CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

TITLE "CHANGED" TO INDICATE FUGITIVE STATUS FOR PETITE,

[REDACTED] MEANS AND HOLDER.

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*Sent Sioux Falls*

RE PHOENIX TELETYPE TO BUREAU, 4/24/73, AND REPORT OF SA

[REDACTED] 4/30/73, AT PHOENIX.

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ON 5/2/73, FEDERAL GRAND JURY (FGJ), PHOENIX, RETURNED TRUE BILL INDICTMENT FOR VIOLATION TITLE 18, SECTION 371, USC, AGAINST THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

1. RONALD DANIEL PETITE; FBI NO. 173 451 B; MI; DOB 9/27/35; 73"; 200 LBS; BLACK HAIR; BROWN EYES.
2. EUGENE CHARLES HEAVYRUNNER, JR., AKA GENE HEAVYRUNNER, GENE MEANS, RAY SPANG, RAY SPAIN; FBI NO. 448 700 E; MI; DOB 6/20/49; BROWNING, MONTANA; 71"; 155 LBS; 5" SCAR, RIGHT HAND; ACNE SCARS ON FACE.
3. STANLEY RICHARD HOLDER; FBI NO. 679 663 J7; MI; DOB 4/20/50; 5'9"; 185 LBS; BROWN HAIR.
4. RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; FBI NO. 877 277 C; MI; DOB 11/10/39; 73"; 185 LBS; 8" SCAR, RIGHT FOREARM; 3" & 4" SCARS, FOREHEAD & EYEBROWS.
5. HERBERT GEORGE POWLESS; FBI NO. 968 532 B.

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BENCH WARRANT ORDER ISSUED BY JUDGE COPPLE, USDC, PHOENIX, 5/2/73, ON ALL OF THE ABOVE, WITH \$25,000 CASH SURETY BOND SET ON PETITE, [REDACTED] HOLDER, AND MEANS.

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A CONTINUANCE WAS ORDERED ON POWLESS' \$25,000 CASH SURETY BOND, AS ALREADY POSTED.

FOR INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES POWLESS ARRESTED ON ABOVE CHARGES AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA, 4/20/73, AS REPORTED IN REFERENCED PHOENIX TELETYPE.

RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD NOTE THAT IN THE PAST, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL CHARGES AGAINST POWLESS AND CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE GUN LAWS DISCUSSED WITH AUSA, PHOENIX, WHO INDICATED HE PREFERS TO LEAVE CHARGES IN FORM OF ONE SIMPLE CONSPIRACY AS MATTER OF TRIAL TACTICS. HE FURTHER INDICATED HE FEELS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME REGARDING POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF OTHERS NOT ALREADY CHARGED WHO WERE

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PRESENT DURING INITIAL PLANNING OF ARMS PURCHASE.

FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION OF BUREAU, FGJ, PHOENIX, WAS NOT UNANIMOUS IN THEIR INDICTMENT, AND AUSA BELIEVES THIS CAN BE EXPLAINED, IN PART, DUE TO SOME JURORS' CONCERN OVER USE OF AN INFORMANT TO DEVELOP THIS INVESTIGATION.

ALBUQUERQUE AT ALBUQUERQUE, WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND APPREHEND [REDACTED] KNOWN TO BE IN ALBUQUERQUE, 4/21/73.

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IF UNABLE TO LOCATE [REDACTED] WILL FURNISH INTERESTED OFFICES WITH AVAILABLE PHOTOGRAPHS THIS INDIVIDUAL.

BUTTE AT BROWNING, MONTANA, WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND APPREHEND [REDACTED] WHO IS REPORTEDLY FROM THIS AREA.

DENVER AT DENVER, WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND APPREHEND PETITE, BELIEVED TO BE FROM DENVER AREA.

MINNEAPOLIS AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, WILL: 1) ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND APPREHEND PETITE, WHO IS KNOWN TO BE LIVING IN THIS LOCATION, 4/73; 2) ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND APPREHEND HOLDER, RECENTLY RELEASED ON BOND, FEDERAL COURT, RAPID CITY; 3) ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND APPREHEND [REDACTED] KNOWN TO BE IN RAPID CITY AREA,  
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4/73; 4) FURNISH SUPPLEMENTARY DESCRIPTIVE DATA IF AVAILABLE REGARDING PETITE AND HOLDER FOR USE LEAD OFFICES IF THESE INDIVIDUALS NOT APPREHENDED, RAPID CITY.

PHOENIX AT PHOENIX, WILL FORWARD PHOTOGRAPHS, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] BY AIR MAIL TO ALBUQUERQUE, BUTTE, AND

MINNEAPOLIS.

ABOVE FOR INFORMATION LOS ANGELES, OKLAHOMA CITY, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

END

ANY CORRECTIONS ; CONTACT PHOENIX

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NR 13 PX PLAIN

~~1130~~ PM 5-2-73 NITEL JRL

TO ACTING DIRECTOR  
MINNEAPOLIS

FROM PHOENIX (176-59) (P) (1P)

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RONALD DANIEL PETITE, AKA -FUGITIVE ; ET AL . ARL; CONSPIRACY.  
OO; PHOENIX.

SUBJECTS KNOWN TO CARRY KNIVES AND POSSIBLE HAND GUNS;  
CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS

RE PX TEL, 5-2-73.

RE TEL WHICH NOTED INDICTMENTS HAD BEEN RETURNED AT  
PHOENIX THIS DATE CONCERNING SUBJECTS, SHOULD HAVE CONTAINED  
LEAD FOR MINNEAPOLIS AT SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, TO ATTEMPT  
TO LOCATE AND APPREHEND RUSSELL MEANS. MEANS BELIEVED TO BE IN  
CUSTODY OF USM, SIOUX FALLS. PENDING

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SAC, KANSAS CITY (176-80) RUC

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, aka-  
FUGITIVE;  
RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, aka-  
FUGITIVE  
CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION;  
ARL: CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT MATTER

Re Bureau teletype to all SACS 3/27/73.

Referenced communication set out information that captioned subjects had departed Pine Ridge Reservation on horseback and reportedly had planned to go to Cuba. Due to the fact they allegedly left with \$6,000 obtained in a post office burglary and the possibility they planned to hijack an aircraft to Cuba, all sources in Kansas City Division have been alerted re their existence and possible whereabouts.

On 3/28/73 Mr. WILLIAM PIERCE, Director of Security, Kansas City International Airport, was advised re BANKS and MEANS and possibility of their attempting to obtain an aircraft for a flight to Cuba.

As all sources and informants have reported negative information and airport personnel have been alerted, and subsequent to captioned teletype MEANS has surrendered himself to Federal authorities and BANKS' presence has been verified in Wounded Knee, all pertinent investigation has been conducted, therefore Kansas City will consider this matter RUC.

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## No decision made on where to lodge AIM leader Means

No decision has been made in regard to where to lodge American Indian Movement leader Russell Means when he is returned to South Dakota, the U.S. Marshal's Service said Monday.

Means, whose \$25,000 bond was revoked by U.S. District Judge Andrew Bogue following a hearing in Deadwood last Friday, is being held in Los Angeles, Calif. He was arrested a short time after a bench warrant was issued, shortly before he was to address students at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Means was found to have violated the conditions of the surety bond under which he was released following his arraignment on 11 felony charges filed in connection with the occupation of Wounded Knee.

The Marshal's Service said its Rapid City office has not as yet been informed of arrangements to return Means, but it will be recommended that he be held at the South Dakota Penitentiary in Sioux Falls or at facilities in Minneapolis, Minn., rather than in western South Dakota.

Pennington County Sheriff Mel Larson Monday indicated he would prefer that Means be held elsewhere at least until the Darld Schmitz second degree manslaughter trial, now underway in the Pennington County Courthouse, is over.

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— RAPID CITY, S.D.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, WFO (157-5799) (C) <sup>ATTN: INTD</sup>

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS  
EM-AIM

Re telephone call from Bureau supervisor JOHN C. GORDON, dated 5/1/73.

On 5/1/73, Bureau supervisor, JOHN C. GORDON advised for the information of WFO that he had received information from [redacted] concerning RUSSELL MEANS' recent trip to Washington, D. C. in April, 1973. [redacted] advised GORDON that on or about April 7, 1973 RUSSELL MEANS and those traveling with him were invited to the home of a FNU CHILDS, the producer of CBS TV's "Face the Nation" program. During the course of the evening MEANS and company reportedly became increasingly intoxicated which lead to their becoming loud, boisterous, and uncontrollable. Finally, CHILDS' guests reportedly took over the residence claiming that land originally belonged to the Indians. However, MEANS and company were later enticed to leave around 5:00 a.m. the next morning when a settlement of all the liquor in the house was accepted.

[redacted] advised that this information was furnished to him on a confidential basis by an acquaintance of CHILDS.

WFO indices contain reference to a PRENTISS CHILDS, date of birth June 9, 1927, 5045 Reno Road, N. W., Washington, D. C., who is employed by CBS as the producer of "Face the Nation." The Bureau should note that CHILDS is known to WFO from previous contacts with foreign diplomatic establishments and new left and extremist activists on an infrequent basis.

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- 2 - Minneapolis
- (1- 157-5799) (MEANS)
- 1 - WFO

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Inquiry at Metropolitan Police Department, Second District, Sub-station 2, 4125 Ablemarle Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. concerning any reported disturbances around CHILDS' residence during MEANS' stay in Washington, D. C., was met with negative results.

CHILDS is not being interviewed concerning this incident in view of his prominent position with the news media.

This is being furnished FBI Headquarters and Minneapolis for the record and no further investigation is contemplated by WFO.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Minneapolis is requested to include WFO in dissemination of Wounded Knee summary teletypes so that WFO can be cognizant of events at Wounded Knee and able to evaluate information received from local sources.

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P L A I N T E X T

TELETYPE

NITEL

TO: OMAHA (100-8746)  
FROM: OKLAHOMA CITY (157-1319)

<sup>157-1458</sup>  
AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM), EM - AIA. OO: DENVER

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION ON 5/2/73, ADVISED [REDACTED] ON SAME DATE STATED SHE DEPARTING STILLWATER, OKLA., 5/3/73, VIA AIRLINE, TO VISIT RUSSELL MEANS. AS MEANS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED [REDACTED] THIS A.M. FROM JAIL AT SIOUX FALLS, S.D., IT IS PRESUMED SHE TRAVELING TO SIOUX FALLS. [REDACTED] PLANS TO RETURN STILLWATER BY 5/6/73.

[REDACTED] WHEN INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS 5/1/73 RE MEANS RECENT VISIT WITH HER CLAIMED HER ASSOCIATION WITH HIM IS STRICTLY PERSONAL AND SHE NOT INVOLVED AIM IN ANY MANNER. [REDACTED] CONSIDERS MEANS TO BE CONFUSED AND SHE FEELS SHE CAN HELP HIM.

AMCC DENVER AND MINNEAPOLIS.

END.

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(1 - 157-1319, AIM)  
(1 - 157-1625, [REDACTED])  
(1 - 157-1587, MEANS)  
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PRESS CONFERENCE  
BY  
RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS  
AT  
INDIAN CENTER, INC.  
600 SOUTH NEW HAMPSHIRE  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
April 27, 1973



RUSSEL

MEANS: I'd like to start the Press as soon as possible as time is of the essence. Ah, this morning the United States Government once again showed its stupidity and is playing into our hands and has made, unfortunately, myself a martyr and they have said that they have revoked, revoked my bail on a piece of paper, a technicality, revoked my bail because my bondsman forgot to sign one of the pieces of paper that you are supposed to sign. And this is the honest to God truth. It just goes to show once again that Wounded Knee is all that they want. It's either put us in prison or kill us. Alright, they've already killed us, now they're putting us in prison.

Woman

in Audience: Why did you decide not to return to South Dakota for the hearing and things?

MEANS: I didn't decide against it. The airlines decided against my presence there. They were booked up. I can't even get into South Dakota today.

Man in

Audience: What do you expect to happen.....

MEANS: That was not the reason why they revoked my bond. They revoked my bond on a technicality. My bondsman actually forgot to sign a piece of paper.

Man and woman  
speaking together in audience (Inaudible and cannot be understood)

MEANS: I expect to be arrested and placed in prison.

Woman: Is that what you want to happen?

MEANS: No.

Man: Would you give yourself up or would they have to  
come and get you?

MEANS: Sir, the United States Government has seen fit to  
spend \$57,000 per day at Wounded Knee in an effort to starve  
out Indians, I hope they can spend that much per day looking  
for me.

Man: While you were in Los Angeles did you talk to MARLON  
BRANDO?

MEANS: Yes, last night.

Man: Ah what did you talk about?

MEANS: Ah, its not for publication.

Man: Ah he, he has not come forward to the press to make  
any statement at all uh about uh the, the Oscar uh situation  
uh did he tell you anything about that at all?

MEANS: Ah, he's really, he's supporting us at Wounded Knee  
and that's all I can say about that situation.

Man: Is it true that he offered to uh charter a plane  
to let you go back to South Dakota?

MEANS: No.

Man: Where, where does that report originate then?

MEANS: I don't know.

Man: Did he indicate if he will give you personal support in the event you are arrested and require additional uh bail or whatever the proceedings will mean for you.

MEANS: I imagine he will.

Man: We've heard that you've been followed uh all the times that you left Wounded Knee. Were you followed here, do you think you'll be arrested when you leave?

MEANS: Uh, if they've got good fighters I'll be arrested. Uh I have to, see I have to file a 48 uh hour itinerary, I mean, an itinerary 40 hours in advance of wherever I'm going to be.

Woman: Did you file an itinerary to come to California?

MEANS: Oh yes, I filed an itinerary to be in Tulsa, Oklahoma wherever else I've been. And I'm due back in South Dakota today. And that's the itinerary, and the Federal Government know that. Like I say, they, they get it on a technicality. My bondsman, STAN ADELSTEIN (phonetic), who is a Jewish businessman in Rapid City, forgot to sign one of the piece of paper and consequently that's what they, they're going to bust me on.

Man: Well you said yesterday that the reason that they were arresting you is because of statements you've made to the press.

MEANS: Oh now that's really wild.

Man: Now say, in other words they're using that technicality to retaliate against you for your \_\_\_\_\_.

MEANS: They're uh effectively trying to uh imprison us or kill us (man tries to cut in) on technicalities.

Man: The airlines didn't have space, when did you try to book your flight?

MEANS: Uh day before yesterday.

Man: Mr. MEANS, some of the Oglala, Mr. MEANS, some of the Oglala Sioux have joined forces with the FBI and the U. S. Marshal surrounding Wounded Knee, what are your feelings about that?

MEANS: You notice this Government, even before the conception of the United States Government, has always effectively used the one or two or three sellouts \_\_\_\_\_ and the divide and conquer concept, you know, to their benefit. The United States Government has control of the press, and control of certain Indian people. I do not call half-breed mercenaries Indian people.

Man: Will you make an effort to try and get back to Wounded Knee or uh in the time that uh...

MEANS: I am going to make every effort I can to get back to the freedom of Wounded Knee.

Man: If you do not get back to Wounded Knee, what do you want the other Indians to do there? At Wounded Knee?

Do you want them to maintain their occupation?

MEANS: I would like, it is no longer in our occupation. I would like to see them expand the borders of the independent Oglala nation.

Man: Right on.

Man: And if this means a a major confrontation?

MEANS: It means, of course and we've always known that, death to the American Indian and any person of color. When we get off that, Wounded Knee, everybody gets off. We don't understand that, the press doesn't understand that.

Man: You will fight to the end, you say.

MEANS: \_\_\_\_\_, we bet our lives that we could create change for the American Indian.

Man: Mr. MEANS, uh would you summarize for us what you think is the state and the situation at Wounded Knee right now.

MEANS: Because of my arrest, the state and the situation at Wounded Knee cannot be, cannot resolve in a peaceful manner, and I'm, I feel very sad because the United States Government sees fit to imprison us rather than negotiate with us over our treaty rights and that's, that's the whole issue now, and I do know that Wounded Knee will not be peacefully resolved from this time forward, as soon as I step behind those bars.

Woman: You're seeking an independent nation for the "

Oglala Sioux?

MEANS: Hey, you don't understand man. We have always been independent..nation, except the white man has refused to recognize his treaty with us.

Man: Mr. MEANS, you say the aim of the United States Government is to arrest, imprison, or kill, and you used the words kill you. You fear for your life if you're arrested?

MEANS: Sir, I have fear...feared for my life ever since I left Wounded Knee. Inside Wounded Knee all I had to worry about was dodging bullets that I knew were coming at me. Here, you have to dodge...fanatics.

Woman: Why did you leave Wounded Knee?

MEANS: By trickery of the Government. The April 5,th agreement, the last treaty signed between the United States and the Indian people.

Woman: Mr. MEANS, why did you leave Wounded Knee this time to come to California, if you understood.....

MEANS: I left Wounded Knee to go to Washington, D. C. to negotiate with the White House. The White House, after signing the agreement and saying we would meet, refused to meet. So I went back to South Dakota, they arrested me again, placed more restrictions on me, and that, and the result of those restrictions has, and the failure of my bondsman to sign a piece of paper, has put me in a position

to, to be arrested.

Woman: You didn't know of anything that you would be in that position once you arrived here?

MEANS: When I left Wounded Knee, it was agreed upon by the Federal Government that those of us, it was a \_\_\_\_\_ of us, our spiritual leader and our chief, that all three of us would be safely returned to Wounded Knee and a standing down of arms would take place.

Man: Mr. MEANS, uh since uh, since the holding of this news conference was granted wide publicity with the sayings \_\_\_\_\_ beginning yesterday, do you think its likely that the Federal Agents who know where you are right this....

MEANS: I believe they're surrounding the building right now, in fact I've been told that they are, but I'm telling ya, they're gonna have to take me to jail either unconscious or dead.

Man: Uh Mr. MEANS, what uh \_\_\_\_\_ this news conference?

MEANS: Pardon?

Man: Daily subcommittee of Indian Affairs?

MEANS: Hayes subcommittee on Indian Affairs?

Man: Daily's.

MEANS: I dont understand...

Man: Daily's subcommittee on Indian Affairs which will before Washington.....

MEANS: Oh that's hey \_\_\_\_\_.

Man: Congressman Haily. Chairman of the House Committee on Indian Affairs....

MEANS: He, the the subcommittee, the House Subcommittee on Indian Affairs epitomizes the Custer mentality facing Indian people in the Federal Government.

Man: Uh, Mr. MEANS, you supposedly left uh Sepulveda National at quarter to eleven. You get here at a quarter to 12, an hour and a half. Was that because you were involved in some uh uh tactics to try and prevent being arrested?

MEANS: Uh yeah, before I reached here.

Man: Before you reached here. You were followed while you were on your way here?

MEANS: I've been followed since I've been out of Wounded Knee, see.

Woman: How will you fight \_\_\_\_\_ than be arrested?

MEANS: Pardon?

Woman: How will you fight rather than be arrested?

MEANS: I went into Wounded Knee for the basic human rights for all Indian people. And when they try to im--imprison me over uh a piece of paper, they're going to have to put me down.

Woman: Couldn't a technicality like that be worked out in the courts...?



MEANS: It was the court that put that technicality on there.

Woman: (Unintelligible)

MEANS: Pardon?

Woman: What can we do to help in the Wounded Knee conflict?

MEANS: I would ask that everybody that can physically get to South Dakota, is to realize that there's body counts going on now and that we can help Box 147, Rapid City South Dakota...yeah yeah yea. Okay, well I'm sorry, I think I'm gonna attempt to get out of here.

End interview

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SPEECH BY  
RUSSELL MEANS,  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
AT LOS ANGELES  
April 26, 1973

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RUSSEL MEANS: I'm nobody to admire because I'm not inside Wounded Knee and everyone of you people that are, are not inside Wounded Knee are nobody to admire either. The one you should be admiring is FRANK, FRANK CLEARWATER. You know he's the uh the, as the headlines say, he's the first death at Wounded Knee, and then we start with the body count again. Who in the hell cares about body counts anymore? And to boot, and on the other side of the coin, it's just Indians, once again at Wounded Knee, and I know each and everyone of you and your descendants 80 years from now will read another book and feel guilty and ashamed, a book written by D. BROWN III. Bury my heart again at Wounded Knee. You know I, I came out of Wounded Knee on a trick. We signed another treaty April 5th and everybody ignored it, they just yawned because we couldn't meet with the White House. In the meantime, while we couldn't meet with the White House, a man by the name of FRANK CLEARWATER gets killed and everybody yawns again. And I have to go around begging, I have to go around begging for humanity. I have to go to Oklahoma City, Tulsa Oklahoma; I have to go to New York City, Washington, D. C. Cleveland, Ohio, and now UCLA. You know thank you for listening, thank you for knowing what it is to be inside Wounded Knee. You know, and we got some brothers and sisters here that have been inside Wounded Knee. They know what it is to eat starch.

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They know what it is to go hungry. They know what it is the only radios we listen to are the white man's radios of South Dakota, and the white man's one TV station of South Dakota. We know what it means to try to kill a cow and receive 4,000 rounds from the Federal forces. We know what it means to hide in the church of God and have .30 caliber bullets go through the wall and ricochet around and land by our children. We know what it is to be in a Denby bunker and receives a thousand rounds of .30 and .50 caliber anti-aircraft weapon fire and uh see 8 by 8. 8 by 8 timbers made into toothpicks. We know what it is, you're nothing but bad news. We know what it is for the run across the street in fear of our lives. A nice sunny day. Beautiful. You can take your time to listen to the contemporary militant. Meanwhile, you and I are not inside Wounded Knee, where last night they backpacked 16, on their backs, 100 pounds of coffee, 20 packs of cigarettes, 100 pounds of potatoes, and sundry other items to the 296 people trapped inside Wounded Knee. And you don't even give a shit. That the President of the United States is acting illegally, that the Constitution of the United States has been thrown out the window, all you're worried about is where you're going this summer. All you're worried about, you know, taking pictures of the local militant. And I'm not even

a militant because I'm not inside Wounded Knee. They don't let the press in there, they don't let food and medicine in there, there's been a death, an Indian death. And the Constitution, your Constitution, not mine, I'm uh, I'm there at my tru--with my treaty rights. A piece of paper that says that, my treaty says that it is on par and equal to the Constitution of the United States of America, the law of the land. And if this time, if this time the United States of America refuses to live up to its treaty commitments, its sovereign treaty commitments, then there is no use for every person of color in this United States of America to live. Cause we haven't. We've got our land base. We've got our sovereignty as defined by the Supreme Court of the United States. We have a treaty, as good as your Constitution. And yet they surround us yomigos (phonetic). And your Federal Courts ignore and put off and postpone and continue our law suit citing case after case after case that it takes a proclamation from the United States of America to military surround any people. The last one to do it, the last two Presidents to do this, was Presidents KENNEDY and JOHNSON when they surrounded Blackfeet. But they issued a proclamation. Now I'm an Indian. And they haven't got the decency, even though we have a treaty, to issue a proclamation. They didn't do it, man. Now I'm not going to run through the, the atrocities and the

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tyranny Indian people run through, and I'm not going to run through any goddamn statistics, because I know you already know about the 371 treaties. Your educational system has taught you that. I know this. I went through the same educational system. I know that the 371 treaties that I learned about came from your educational institutions. I also know that you do not violate the sacred laws of a democracy. You do not violate law and order. All I can relate to you; I don't want to compare nothing, you know I've got so much to say and so little time to say it in, that that in itself is an atrocity. I've got 25,000 years to explain to you in this hemisphere, I am the only one that I can say I am the evidence of the Western Hemisphere. And no one gives a damn about FRANK CLEARWATER. He's only a body count in the Herald-Examiner headlines.--first death at Wounded Knee. You know a few of us came out. A few of us came out from Wounded Knee, facing 85, 85 years in the Federal Penitentiary. And tomorrow, you know, they're revoking my bond of \$50, 000, they're revoking it tomorrow morning at 9:00 o'clock this time; and so I go to prison. So what, another Indian. And I go to prison for 85 years. And your President is--you know--I know you can cite intellectually and academically all the times he violates the Constitution of the United States, but if you don't know what's going on at Wounded Knee,

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then you don't know that it's going to happen here. Maybe not to you, maybe not to your children, but to your unborn. And that's the key. And that's why we are in Wounded Knee-- is for our unborn. You know those of you that are Vietnam veterans, you already know what fire fights are all about. Yeah, I don't know. I was never over in Vietnam. But I know what a fire fight's all about. I know about trip flares, sneaking through the lines, studying ambushes. It's only 296 Indian people, who cares? And you have to degrade me by making me stand up here. You know, I saw some more people just now that were inside Wounded Knee. And they know, you know what, what we're trying to say at Wounded Knee is what the American Indian has been trying to tell all it's life--that you don't live up to your own laws. And that, that this country cannot, in this point of time and history, live up to it's own sacred laws, then it can never relate to the rest of the world and you're really living in a vacuum. And there's no way really, personally, that I can relate to you what tyranny is all about. I mean complete, total tyranny. Whereas a male, you have no, no way to express your manner. It's completely emasculated from you. And I can, you know, they've spent how many years in Vietnam? Indians are only what? A total of four tenths or one per cent of the total population anyway, who cares about the Indian? We care about Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse. We



care about Geronimo and Tecumseh. But the Indians today, they've got nothing to say. The Government takes care of them on the reservation remember. You know, in the minute way at Wounded Knee we're only 296 Indian people are involved. It's a, a complete, a complete parallel in the short 8 weeks that they've been there to the 15 years they were in Vietnam or whatever how many years. They escalate, de-escalate, escalate, de-escalate. Four in more troopers, withdraw. They still haven't learned a goddamn thing. So the war's over. For you people. Thank God. Thank God that the U. S. News and World Report can say 'now we have to go to work in the communities'. The peace movement has to go to work in the communities. And those communities don't even want you. Just want to be left alone. You know, take your goddamn tax money, and your Bureau of Indian Affairs and your Department of Interior and your White House, take it and do it, you know, put it in Lake Erie where it belongs. And leave us alone, according to our treaty. Because we hold that document sacred. And people and you know, I really never understood what an idealist is. Some, I came outside of Wounded Knee and someone called me an idealist. I had completely dif--different conceptions. Uh I didn't know idealists in their id--in setting forth their ideals went under fire and really, that's the way I believe.

They said an idealist is a mouse. And then the academic world, you know I just, I, I don't want to go through that whole scene. I just went through it at Oklahoma State University. And I know what our Chicano brothers are doing, the Chicano brothers I know. The ones that's been inside Wounded Knee and their friends. And I know our Black brothers, what they're going to do, who are few and far between, but a few of them I know. And I know what they're going to do. Because when Wounded Knee goes, you go. You might enjoy the next few summers, your children might enjoy the summers after that, but your unborn are going to have one hell of a time. And if we lose at Wounded Knee, I ain't spending no 85 years in prison, believe me. And whose ever the man out there that's following me around, I got to put a 48-hour written itinerary to the Federal courts of this country on every place I'm going to be and the contacts of where I can be reached. 48 hours in advance in written form. Just because I happen to be standing up to the Constitution of the United States. I'm not trying to militarily overthrow. And don't, don't misunderstand me when I say "I". When I say "I", I mean the total American Indian. And those sellouts, that claim to have Indian blood running through them, they're very fortunate because it was my grandfathers that raped their mothers. And Indian people have been protesting since you all came here. We did it militarily, we taught the world

about guerrilla warfare, and that we did it passively. We went to the alcohol, to the suicide, to the dropout, and now we're back doing it again. In this century, in 1973, after a decade of violent protests by blacks in the peace movement and whatever, we decided to take up the gun that the white man gave us. Inside Wounded Knee we have veterans from World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War...are they enough that our most reliable scouts and recon people and hidden through the lines are our World War II and World War I vets. But it's only 296 people so you can walk away. You know, and that's exactly what I'm going to do right now.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/3/73

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (70-7311)(P)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS  
CIR-BURGLARY, LARCENY,  
UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF  
UNREGISTERED FIREARMS,  
ARL, IMPEDING FEDERAL OFFICERS,  
AFO, CONSPIRACY  
OO: Minneapolis

Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau and Minneapolis  
dated 4/27/73.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and Minneapolis  
is one copy each of xeroxed copies of transcriptions of  
speeches by captioned subject on 4/26/73, and 4/27/73.

It is noted that these transcriptions were made  
from tape recordings furnished by [redacted] hence,  
dissemination of transcriptions should be done so with  
absolute protection of source in mind, as source has  
indicated unavailability for testimony regarding this matter.

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## Another hearing on Means' bond scheduled Friday

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — An attorney for Indian leader Russell Means says that a court hearing will be held Friday on a move to gain Means' release on bond again.

Means was being held in the Minnehaha County jail in Sioux Falls without bond Thursday, pending his scheduled trial July 9 on 11 felony counts stemming from the Feb. 27th occupation of Wounded Knee, S.D.

Means had been free on \$25,000 bond, but was arrested last Friday in Los Angeles after U.S. District Court Judge Andrew Bogue issued a warrant for his arrest.

The warrant was issued after Means failed to show up at two hearings on a government motion to revoke his bond.

Judge Bogue also cited irregularities in the bonding procedure.

John Keller of Chamberlain, S.D., one of Means' attorneys, said the hearing Friday would be held before U.S. District Judge Fred Nichol.

Keller said New York attorneys William Kuntsler and Mark Lane would also appear on Means' behalf.

"The constitution says everyone is entitled to bond," Keller said.

Keller said the government contention that Means violated the terms of his bond by failing to follow an itinerary he was

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## Means' bond

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required to file with the court was invalid.

"They had a flock of FBI agents following him everywhere he went. They knew where he was every step of the way," Keller said.

Keller said Means attempted to return to Deadwood for the bond revocation hearings, but was unable to obtain a flight reservation.

"He had every intention of being there," Keller said.

A story carried April 27 in the Journal AIM worker Connie told The Associated Press Means had told her by telephone he would not appear at the Deadwood hearing.

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— RAPID CITY, S.D.

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Editor: James M. Keuhn

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## Means, 4 others indicted on firearms charge

WASHINGTON (AP) — Russell Means, a leader of the American Indians Movement and four others were indicted Wednesday by a federal grand jury for conspiring to transport firearms illegally to the besieged village of Wounded Knee, S.D., and to cross state lines with intent to incite a riot.

The single-count indictment returned in Phoenix, Ariz., charged the five defendants with conspiring from April 11 to April 24 to transport an unspecified number of firearms from Phoenix to Wounded Knee.

The indictment said the five knew the weapons "would be used unlawfully in furtherance of a civil disorder."

Besides Means, 33, a native of the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, those indicted were:

—Stanley Richard Holder, 23, a native of Lawton, Okla.;

—Eugene Charles Heavyrunner Jr., 23, a native of Browning, Mont.;

—Ronald Daniel Petite, 37, a native of Minneapolis;

—Herbert George Powless, 35, of Milwaukee.

Maximum penalty on conviction for conspiracy is five years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine.

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## Means' bond not forfeited

Rapid City businessman Stanford Adelstein apparently won't be asked to forfeit \$25,000 to the federal government in connection with the bond revocation of American Indian Movement leader Russell Means.

Federal sources said Thursday it is doubtful that the Justice Department will proceed against Adelstein, who signed a surety bond guaranteeing Means' appearance for trial on charges stemming from the Wounded Knee takeover, since the conditions of the bond had allowed the defendant to travel outside South Dakota.

Means was apprehended readily in Los Angeles, Calif., last week, and no unusual expenses were incurred in returning him to South Dakota, the Journal was told.

He currently is being held in the Minnehaha County Jail in Sioux Falls and probably will continue to be incarcerated there rather than in Rapid City.

Attorneys for Means have indicated they intend to appeal U.S. District Judge Andrew Bogue's decision to revoke the bond to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Federal court officials here have received no requests for a hearing to set a new bond.

Judge Bogue's revocation order had the effect of canceling Means' right to be free on bond. The situation at present, officials said, is that no bond exists.

Means is charged with 11 felony offenses in connection with the Wounded Knee takeover.

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—RAPID CITY JOURNAL

—RAPID CITY, S.D.

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Editor: James M. Keuhn

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On April 10, 1973, a Federal Grand Jury, sitting at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, returned an indictment against RUSSELL MEANS for Assaulting Federal Officers (2 counts), Title 18, U. S. Code, Sections 111 and 1114.



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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM: CHARLOTTE (176-40)

DEMONSTRATIONS AND DISORDERS BY AMERICAN INDIANS IN ROBESON CO.,  
N.C., EM - AMERICAN INDIAN ACTIVITIES; EM - AMERICAN INDIAN  
MOVEMENT.

IN CONNECTION WITH OCCUPATION OF WOUNDED KNEE, SOUTH  
DAKOTA, THE MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE HAS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED THAT WARRANTS  
WERE OBTAINED ON 3-10-73 AND 3-12-73, AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH  
DAKOTA CHARGING THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WITH VIOLATION OF  
FEDERAL LAWS: DENNIS JAMES BANKS, CLYDE HOWARD BELLECOURT,  
PEDRO AALOYIOUS BISSONETTE, CARTER A. CAMP, STANLEY HOLDER AND  
RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS.

ON 5-8-73, THE FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER, A FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.  
DAILY NEWSPAPER, IN AN ASSOCIATED PRESS RELEASE, STATED THAT  
ABOUT 40 INDIANS WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE ESCAPED FROM WOUNDED KNEE

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WILLIAM FREDERICK SARGENT AND LARRY A. BLACKSMITH, BOTH LEADERS IN THE AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) IN ROBESON CO., N.C. HAVE MADE STATEMENTS IN THE PAST THAT AT THE TERMINATION OF THE OCCUPATION OF WOUNDED KNEE, DENNIS BANKS AND OTHERS ARE EXPECTED IN ROBESON CO., N.C.

ON 5-6-73, [REDACTED] ROBESON CO., N.C., WAS ADVISED BY [REDACTED], SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, THAT THE LEADERS OF WOUNDED KNEE ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN ROBESON CO. TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP FOR THE LOCAL AIM CHAPTER. [REDACTED] HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN DEMONSTRATIONS AND DISORDERS ALONG WITH INDIANS IN ROBESON CO., N.C. DURING PAST FEW WEEKS.

ON 5-7-73, [REDACTED] OF GREENBRIER MOTEL, ROBESON CO., N.C., ADVISED THAT MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL AIM CHAPTER HAVE RENTED ROOMS 18 THROUGH 22 FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD BUT WOULD NOT FURNISH [REDACTED] IDENTITIES OF INDIVIDUALS EXPECTED TO OCCUPY THESE ROOMS.

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MINNEAPOLIS AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, WILL ADVISE CHARLOTTE IF ABOVE WARRANTS ARE STILL OUTSTANDING AND WILL ADVISE CHARLOTTE IF DENNIS BANKS HAS SURRENDERED TO FEDERAL AUTHORITIES. WILL CONTACT SOURCES AND INFORMANTS AND FURNISH CHARLOTTE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE INDICATING THAT FORMER OCCUPANTS OF WOUNDED KNEE ARE MAKING PLANS TO COME TO ROBESON CO., N.C. WILL ALSO FURNISH CHARLOTTE WITH ANY ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND DATA AND INFORMATION CONCERNING FEDERAL PROCESS OUTSANDING NOT PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE 6 INDIVIDUALS.

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CHARLOTTE AT ROBESON CO., N.C., WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH INFORMANTS AND SOURCES FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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TO: SAC, CLEVELAND (70-945) *JSN*

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6832)

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*1- 70-6932 Ted Means*  
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*1- 70-6893 Bill Means*

DENNIS J. BANKS, AKA - FUGITIVE; RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS,  
 AKA. CIR; ANTI-RIOT LAWS; CAA MATTER.

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND MINNEAPOLIS DATED  
 4/12/73.

PER REFERENCED TELETYPE, MINNEAPOLIS HAS NO INFORMATION  
 ON CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF RUSSELL MEANS OTHER THAN FOR  
 REPORTED TRAVEL TO SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, WITH SMALL ENTOURAGE  
 ON 4/14/73.

LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS OF THEODORE LYLE MEANS, ALIAS  
 TED MEANS, WAS ESTABLISHED IN ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU,  
 DENVER, AND MINNEAPOLIS DATED 4/13/73, WHICH ADVISED THAT  
 TED MEANS AND HIS BROTHER BILL WERE IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

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4/10 - 4/12/73, MAKING PUBLIC APPEARANCES TO RAISE FUNDS FOR WOUNDED KNEE LEGAL DEFENSE AND EXPLAIN THE PLIGHT OF AMERICAN INDIANS TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. ATLANTA ADVISED THAT TED APPEARED ON "SOUND OFF," A RADIO PROGRAM PRODUCED BY WSB, ATLANTA, ON 4/10 and 4/11/73, and on 4/12/73, SPOKE TO APPROXIMATELY 150 PEOPLE AT SPARKS HALL, GEORGIA <sup>state</sup> UNIVERSITY, FOR ONE HALF HOUR, WITH LITTLE RESPONSE FROM THE AUDIENCE. ATLANTA ADVISED THAT TED MEANS INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE RETURNING TO AN UNSPECIFIED LOCATION IN SOUTH DAKOTA, ON 4/12/73.

MINNEAPOLIS HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM TED MEAN'S TRAVEL TO SOUTH DAKOTA AND CURRENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.

THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND DATA REGARDING TED MEANS IS PROVIDED:

ON 6/8/71  DEPUTY U. S. MARSHAL, RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, ADVISED THAT TED MEANS WAS ARRESTED 6/6/71

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FOR DEMONSTRATING AT MT. RUSHMORE NATIONAL MONUMENT,  
KEYSTONE, SOUTH DAKOTA.

*TED MEANS* Arrested Federal Officers, 3/8/73 at wounded  
ON 1/10/72, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR [REDACTED] ROSEBUD,  
*KNRE, SD, for Impeding Federal Officers and released on bond*  
SOUTH DAKOTA, ADVISED THAT ON 12/30/71, TED MEANS WAS ARRESTED  
FOR PARTICIPATING IN A BAR ROOM BRAWL AND FINED \$175.00.

ON 12/30/72 [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT TED MEANS SHOULD BE  
CONSIDERED A VIOLENCE PRONE INDIVIDUAL AND POSSIBLY INTERESTED  
IN EXTREMIST ACTIVITY.

THE FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF TED MEANS: THEODORE  
LYLE MEANS; ALIAS TED MEANS; MALE INDIAN; DOB 8/9/46, AT  
WAGNER, SOUTH DAKOTA; 5' 9"; 165 POUNDS; BLACK HAIR; BROWN  
EYES; LARGE SCAR ON CHIN; TATTOOS "TED" RIGHT ARM AND "TED"  
LEFT FOREARM; FBI #587 580 E. WASHINGTON D.C. DD #252184;  
OCCUPATION RANCH HAND; RELATIVES RUSSELL, [REDACTED] AND BILL MEANS;  
RESIDENCE MISSION, SOUTH DAKOTA.

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PHOTO OF TED MEANS CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE AT MINNEAPOLIS.

~~MINNEAPOLIS WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH AND  
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TO ACTING DIRECTOR AND <sup>28</sup> JPSMINNEAPOLIS <sup>25</sup> BLB

PINE RIDGE VIA FACSIMILE

FROM OKLAHOMA CITY (70-2787) (P) 2P

WOUNDED KNEE. OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN PAST, ADVISED THAT RUSSELL MEANS, AS OF 4/24/73, IS AT RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED] GRADUATE STUDENT, OKLA. STATE UNIVERSITY, STILLWATER, OKLA. WHILE THERE, MEANS INDICATED HE WOULD BE IN WOUNDED KNEE BY SATURDAY, 4/28/73, OR SUNDAY, 4/29/73, AT LATEST.

SOURCE ALSO ADVISED MEANS PLANS SPEECHES IN CALIFORNIA BEGINNING 5/6/73 FOR WHICH HE IS INSISTENT UPON RECEIVING \$600 TO \$1500 PER SPEECH.

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THE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE UTILIZED IS [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (66-936)

DATE: 5/10/73

FROM : ASAC PHILIP F. ENLOW

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR MINNEAPOLIS FILES  
FOR PINE RIDGE

Supervisor [redacted] telephonically requested that the following files be forwarded to Pine Ridge to assist in the investigation of these individuals for prosecution. At 3:05 p.m., this date, after conferring with the SAC, Supervisor [redacted] was advised that the files were being prepared for transmittal to Pine Ridge. [redacted] advised that the details re picking the files up by plane would be formulated, and we would be advised shortly.

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# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/8/73

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (157-1476) (P) *numerous*

SUBJECT: RUSSELL C. MEANS  
EM - AIM  
OO: MINNEAPOLIS

Re Omaha letter to Minneapolis dated 3/26/73. copy to Denver.

[REDACTED] Scotts Bluff County Attorney, Gering, Nebraska, on 4/25/73 advised that both MEANS and his attorney, RAMON ROUBIDEAUX, Rapid City, South Dakota, have been in touch with him by telephone within past few days. [REDACTED] stated that they have agreed that MEANS will appear at Gering, Nebraska, on 5/10/73 for the purpose of hearing in Scotts Bluff County District Court.

## LEAD

### OMAHA

AT GERING, NEBRASKA Will follow and report results of prosecution of MEANS.

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[redacted] who lives in [redacted] South Dakota, was interviewed while in custody in the Pine Ridge Police Department Jail, Pine Ridge, South Dakota. He was advised of the names and official identities of the interviewing Agents and of the purpose of the interview. He advised as follows:

[redacted] advised that he was in an unauthorized absence status from the United States Marine Corps at Twenty-nine Palms, California, for some forty-five days.

[redacted] advised that he entered Wounded Knee during the night and remained there during the 6, 7, and 8 of May 1973. He stated that he entered Wounded Knee to look for his brother whom he believed was there. He advised that he could not find his brother and left Wounded Knee.

At this time, [redacted] stated that he could not provide any information concerning Wounded Knee because he knew none. He further advised that he is not a member of the American Indian Movement. The interview was terminated at this time.

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5/13/73

at

Pine Ridge Jail  
Pine Ridge, South Dakota

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by

Date dictated

5/14/73

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription April 24, 1973

Source advised that he entered Wounded Knee via a creek bed which parallels Road Block 5 and when he entered Wounded Knee was taken to the security office. After being cleared by security, he interviewed a number of people in his capacity as a newsman and in the course of his excursion around Wounded Knee discerned the following items:

Weapons seen and counted - 30 .30 caliber carbine type weapons  
16 M-16 type weapons  
1 AK 47  
Approximately 30 pounds of dynamite

He noted that they have established regular hours involving an eating schedule which is as follows:

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - breakfast  
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. - lunch  
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - dinner

Source said that in talking with some of the people in Wounded Knee, they indicated to him that they had enough food to eat but that the food was limited primarily to beef with some dried beans.

While in a place called Paynee, which was the security location, he noticed a radio installation which consisted of two separate systems. He stated that they could apparently monitor FBI communications and had contact with the United States Marshals

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on a special circuit. He advised that they had a radio channel for their own defenses and noted that all the bunkers contain walkie-talkies so that they could communicate with the radio center.

Source estimated that there are approximately 150 persons, including children, in the Wounded Knee village and they consist of one-half Indians, one-quarter whites, and one-quarter others, including Spanish and half-breeds. He indicated that there were no blacks that he could observe; however, he stated that the girl in the security office indicated that they were expecting a number of blacks to come into the village to assist them.

Source was shown a series of pictures including a news photograph from the "Rapid City Journal" which appeared on April 15, 1973, and he identified the following individuals:

An individual in the newspaper picture known as BLACK HORSE and ELEANOR MOVES CAMP was holding a newspaper.

In addition he identified a photograph of STAN HODGE who he noted as the chief security man, PEDRO BISSONETTE, who he said was one of the leaders, CARTER CAMP, and "CRAZY ALI COOPER". In addition, source said he thought he saw RUSSELL HUNTS in the security office but he did not make a positive identification. He stated that DENNIS BANKS definitely was not visibly there, and in talking with some of the insurgents found out that BANKS had left the Wounded Knee area temporarily.

Another individual who was there was a fellow by the name of [redacted], known personally to source, and the individual who assisted him in getting out of Wounded Knee.

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Source advised that a fellow by the name of "LANCE" is the individual with the AK 47 and that when source talked to him, LANCE advised that he only had one single clip for this weapon. In addition, source was told by a couple of unknown individuals that LANCE was allegedly the individual who shot either FBI Agent CURTIS FITZGERALD or United States Marshal [redacted].

Source indicated that they did not have any evidence of mine fields during his tour of bunkers that he could see, but he noted that there were a number of beer can type bombs and Molotov cocktails which were allegedly manufactured from soap, gun powder, and gasoline. Source questioned this particular combination, and received the explanation that the soap gave the Molotov cocktail a jelly type consistency so that when the material inside the bottle ignites, it will adhere to the object at which it has been thrown.

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Source advised that there was some discussion relative to the fact that the insurgents did not have any sort of artillery which included mortars. Source advised that there was a great deal of talk about obtaining mortars and mortar ammunition to be of assistance in an attack situation.

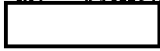
Source advised that in discussing the tactical defense plan for Wounded Knee with a couple of individuals at the bunkers, he was told that the plan relies on the assumption that Federal authorities would attack the town utilizing the armored personnel carriers which are on hand at the various road blocks. Source said that they had apparently given a lot of thought to the weakness of the armored personnel carriers, that of being susceptible to attack from the rear, and planned to allow the armored personnel carriers to penetrate the center of the town while the insurgents would spread out and use a flanking pincher movement giving way the low ground center and surround them in the high ground perimeter. In this regard he noted that many of the bunkers were trenched on both sides.

Source stated that he picked up three pieces of information regarding individuals who he heard had been Indian insurgents accused of being traitors and who were being considered for assassination. The first of these allegedly is a white female operating the telephone in the communications center at the American Indian Movement (AIM) headquarters in Rapid City. Source advised that the personnel in Wounded Knee think that she is employed as an informant by Federal authorities. The second individual mentioned was identified by the name of [redacted] (last name unknown), allegedly an AIM member residing in Denver, Colorado. The reason that was given for wanting to kill him was that he was charged with obtaining weapons for the Wounded Knee insurgents and while he initially set up a deal to acquire weapons from the Communist Party, USA, did not follow through on this and instead went on a tour of speaking engagements in support of AIM. The third individual mentioned by source was an unknown white male who was currently being held in the Wounded Knee jail. He was told by [redacted] that STAN HOLDER had informed [redacted] that the fellow in jail was going to be tried and shot for being a traitor. b6 b7c

In closing source recalled that CLYDE BELLECOURT was in Wounded Knee along with [redacted] and two other male individuals who escorted him known as ANGEL (last name unknown) and TONY (last name unknown).

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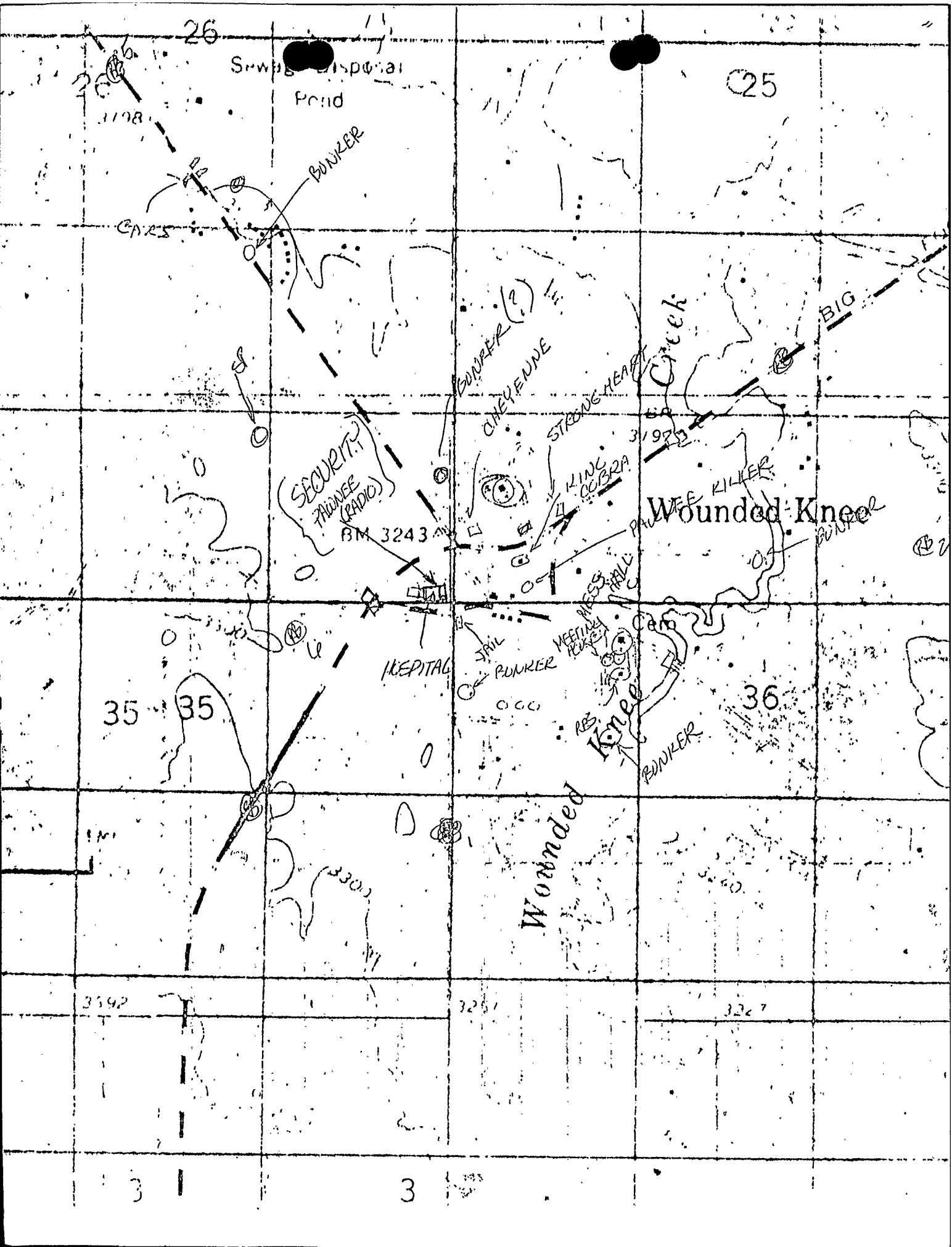
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Attached hereto is a copy of a map of the Wounded Knee area in which source annotated tactical positions currently occupied by the insurgents.





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ACTING DIRECTOR

DENVER

MINNEAPOLIS

BUFFALO (AIR MAIL)

NEW ORLEANS (157-15484) (P)

ORDERS BY AMERICAN INDIANS IN SOUTH DAKOTA - EXTREMIST  
TERS - AMERICAN INDIAN ACTIVITIES.

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE  
FORMATION IN PAST ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

DENNIS BANKS AND RUSSELL MEANS, MAJOR LEADERS  
AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM), HAVE DEPARTED PINE RIDGE  
RVATION, SOUTH DAKOTA. MEANS WAS OBSERVED LIMPING AND  
A BLACK EYE. THEY WERE ENROUTE TO ROSEBUD RESERVATION  
ORSEBACK AND THEN TO CUPA. CROWDOC AND CHRIS, OTHER AIM  
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ADERS WILL ALSO BE LEAVING. [REDACTED] INDIAN  
LE WHO RESIDES NEAR WOUNDED KNEE AND WHO HAS BEEN ARRANGING  
R AMMUVITION TO BE BROUGHT TO WOUNDED KNEE, IS ENROUTE TO  
PID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, AS OF 11:50 P.M. IT IS BELIEVED  
AT MEANS AND BANKS MAY HAVE LEFT WITH THE MISSING \$5,000.00 DOLLARS  
OM THE WOUNDED KNEE POST OFFICE.

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THE INDIAN WHO SHOT THE FBI AGENT WAS IN CLOSE ASSOCIATION  
TH [REDACTED] ACTIVIST FOR THE PEOPLE'S COALITION FOR PEACE  
JUSTICE (PCPJ) FROM BUFFALO, NEW YORK, INSIDE  
WOUNDED KNEE. HE WAS CARRYING [REDACTED] MAO TSE TUNG.  
[REDACTED] PRESENTLY STAYING IN [REDACTED] AT HOWARD JOHNSON'S  
EL, RAPID CITY.

THERE ARE PRESENTLY NO MORE THAN 120 LEFT INSIDE  
WOUNDED KNEE. IT IS RUMORED THAT AN AIRPLANE

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DEPARTED DENVER, COLORADO, THIS EVENING WITH FIREARMS  
OR WOUNDED KNEE.

WITH THE DEPARTURE OF MEANS FROM PINE RIDGE,  
[REDACTED] WILL BE TAKING OVER THE LEADERSHIP OF AIM.  
[REDACTED] IS PRESENTLY STAYING AT THE AVANTI MOTEL IN RAPID CITY.  
[REDACTED] HAS INDICATED THAT IF THE JUDGE DOES NOT "PULL OUT THE  
INDIAN ELOCKADE" HE WILL "GO THROUGH IT WITH AN ARMED GROUP."

ADMINISTRATIVE:

ABOVE SOURCE IS [REDACTED] WHO OBTAINED INFORMATION FROM  
[REDACTED] PRESENTLY AT WOUNDED KNEE. [REDACTED] IN EXTREME  
HURRY AND UNABLE TO FURNISH ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

[REDACTED] CONTINUES TO HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTY CONTACTING FBI AT  
WOUNDED KNEE C P.

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ACTING DIRECTOR

DENVER

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PINE RIDGE (VIA FAX)

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SAN FRANCISCO

FROM PHOENIX (70-6864) (176-NEW) (P)

WOUNDED KNEE; ARL. 00: KP.

RE PX TEL TO BUREAU 4-15-73, AND PX TEL CALL TO PINE RIDGE  
4-18-73.

ON 4-18-73 AT 5:50 PM, [REDACTED]

RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL

AT HIS RESIDENCE, PHOENIX, ARIZONA, FROM [REDACTED]  
CALLING FROM RAPID CITY, S. D., WHO ADVISED HE INTENDS TO  
FLY TO PHOENIX ON 4-19-73 (TIME NOT SPECIFIED) TO JOIN PHOENIX  
SOURCE AND 3 OR 4 UNIDENTIFIED INDIANS FROM PHOENIX, TO  
PROCEED BY CAR TO SAN FRANCISCO "BAY AREA" TO PURCHASE FIREARMS  
FOR WOUNDED KNEE.

[REDACTED] REQUESTED PHOENIX SOURCE TO ARRANGE FOR RENTAL OF  
U-HAUL TYRE TRUCK TO BE DRIVEN BY [REDACTED] AND OTHERS FROM PHOENIX

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TO BAY AREA FOR ARMS PICK-UP AND THEN TO RAPID CITY, S D  
FOR DELIVERY.

4-18-73 AT 7:05 PM PHOENIX SOURCE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL  
FROM RON PETITE (PHONETIC), REPORTEDLY CALLING FROM RAPID CITY,  
WHO CONFIRMED INFORMATION BY [REDACTED] AND DISCLOSED ARMS TO BE  
DELIVERED TO CROW DOG RANCH NEAR RAPID CITY, TELEPHONE NUMBER  
747-2732.

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SOURCE ALSO TOLD THAT RUSSELL MEANS AND CLYDE BELLECOURT  
VACATING WOUNDED KNEE DEMONSTRATION, LEAVING LEADERSHIP  
IN HANDS OF DENNIS BANKS, PETITE, AND [REDACTED]

TELEPHONE CALL TO S [REDACTED] PINE RIDGE; THIS DATE  
INDICATED [REDACTED] MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND PETITE LOOKING TO PHOENIX SOURCE FOR FUNDS FOR  
ARMS, BUT DISCLOSED [REDACTED] WILL BE CARRYING SOME MONEY FOR  
ARMS PURCHASE. [REDACTED] TO TELEPHONE PX SOURCE TO CONFIRM ARRIVAL IN  
PHOENIX ON 4-19-73.

BUREAU AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO ALLOW PX SOURCE TO PROCEED TO  
BAY AREA WITH [REDACTED] AND OTHERS AND TO INCUR EXPENSES RENTAL OF  
U-HAUL AND OTHER EXPENSES FOR TRAVEL. TO DATE \$366.09 EXPENDED  
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BY PX SOURCE AND ADDITIONAL \$400. AUTHORIZATION REQUESTED.

WHEN ADDITIONAL TRAVEL PLANS LEARNED RE VEHICLE TRAVEL TO  
BAY AREA OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED AND ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR PX  
SOURCE TO MAKE CONTACT AS TRIP PROGRESSES. STRONGLY  
SUGGEST THAT ARMS PICK-UP BE ALLOWED , FOLLOWING WHICAR  
RANGEMENTS THEN BE MADE TO AFFECT APPREHENSION.

PENDING.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, WFO (157-5799) (C) ATTN: INFO

RUSSELL CHARLES NEAMS  
RM-AM

Re telephone call from Bureau supervisor JOHN C. GORDON, dated 5/1/73.

On 5/1/73, Bureau supervisor, JOHN C. GORDON advised for the information of WFO that he had received information from [redacted]

concerning RUSSELL NEAMS' recent trip to Washington, D. C. in April, 1973. [redacted] advised GORDON that on or about April 7, 1973 RUSSELL NEAMS and those traveling with him were invited to the home of a PRENTISS CHILDS, the producer of CBS TV's "Face the Nation" program. During the course of the evening NEAMS and company reportedly became increasingly intoxicated which lead to their becoming loud, boisterous, and uncontrollable. Finally, CHILDS' guests reportedly took over the residence claiming that land originally belonged to the Indians. However, NEAMS and company were later advised to leave around 3:00 a.m. the next morning when a settlement of all the liquor in the house was accepted.

FACE THE NATION  
NEAMS

ACCEPTED

[redacted] advised that this information was furnished to him on a confidential basis by an acquaintance of CHILDS.

WFO indices contain reference to a PRENTISS CHILDS, date of birth June 9, 1927, 5045 Reno Road, N. W., Washington, D. C., who is employed by CBS as the producer of "Face the Nation." The Bureau should note that CHILDS is known to WFO from previous contacts with foreign diplomatic establishments and new left and extremist activists on an infrequent basis.

PRENTISS CHILDS

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- 2 - Minneapolis (1-157-5799) (NEAMS)
- 1 - WFO

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Inquiry at Metropolitan Police Department, Second District, Sub-station 2, 4125 Ablemarck Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., concerning any reported disturbances around CHILDS' residence during KEANE' stay in Washington, D. C., was met with negative results.

CHILDS is not being interviewed concerning this incident in view of his prominent position with the news media.

This is being furnished FBI Headquarters and Minneapolis for the record and no further investigation is contemplated by WFO.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Minneapolis is requested to include WFO in dissemination of Wounded Knee summary teletypes so that WFO can be cognizant of events at Wounded Knee and able to evaluate information received from local sources.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

May 3, 1973

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT  
EXTREMIST MATTERS

Source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the attached papers obtained at the time of Russell Means' arrest, April 27, 1973, by Los Angeles Police Department and Bureau Agents.

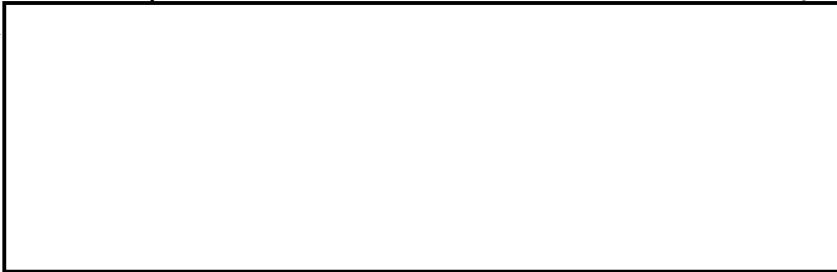
[REDACTED]  
were arrested for numerous traffic violations incurred while transporting Means at the time of his arrest.

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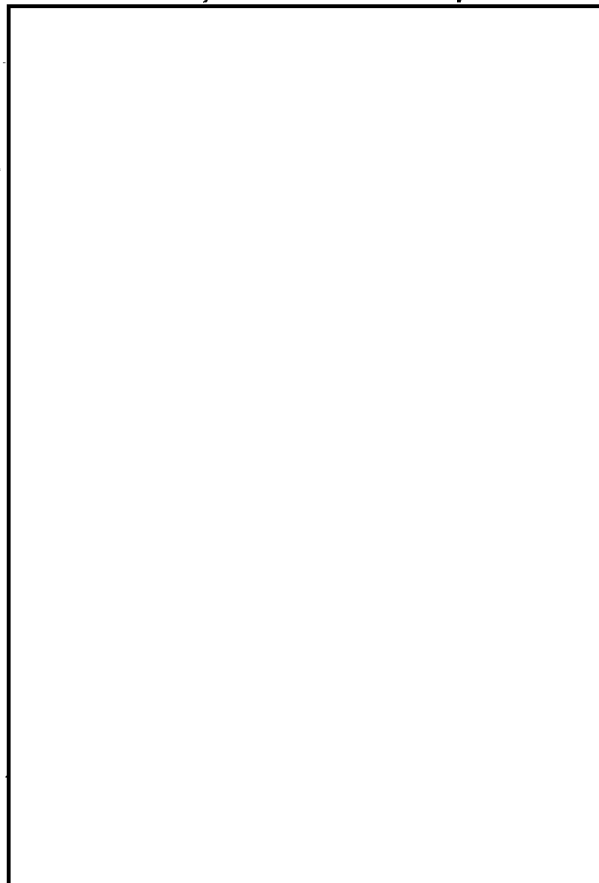
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AWC - please save information phoned in or refer calls to above

message from W.K.

4/26

cell -

9:45 - 8m -

fast

Frank Pulisew  
his all out sanction for Union Cont.  
to come into W.K. -  
invitation to Union -  
~~Union lot of money to come in~~

Monday night -

frig -  
~~don't know~~  
only \$  
odd weather -

Route changed to Kyle -

all re enforcement go to R.C.

Dick Watson event  
means little -

Leadership / <sup>Jim</sup> ambiguous  
all the people -

V. Bellocourt -

Very tense -  
situation

News Release

Reasons for reinforcement - not enough #

why left - work commitment -  
bring info home

legal angle -

Understanding  
blackboard

breaching

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protection given by Simon People

# A BLACK HOLIDAY BIG DANCE AND SHOW

*"Come out and Celebrate the Birthday of Brother Malcolm X"*

appearing on show:



**Bro. Stevie  
Wonder**



**Bro. Theroah  
Sanders**



**Bro. Taj  
Mahal**

FILMS ON AFRICAN LIBERATION FREEDOM STRUGGLE  
ON SALE: FANTASTIC AFRICAN JEWELRY

also:

**Bro. Oscar Brown Jr.  
Sis. Jean Pace  
and the  
Taifa Dance Troupe**

**May 19, 1973 9:00 pm**

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**Hollywood Palladium**

ALL TICKETS SOLD AT TICKETRON, L. PHINS, MAY CO, SEARS, BENIN AFRICAN SHOPS, PALLADIUM BOX OFFICE

All proceeds will go to aid our Brothers and Sisters in  
Southern Africa who are homeless because of the  
racist and exploitative economic policies of the  
Portuguese and African Government in Angola,  
Guinea Bissau, and Mozambique.

Come out and attend the African Liberation Day

**\$5.50** ADVANCE

**\$2.00**

TICKETS: 825-7403

2nd call Wed 4/25

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1. Conference - in Denver

2. Request to call W

3. Situation no longer serious

5 airports

1 box 32 backpack

1 box - 1 trip 47 loaf food.

4. Cooperation - marchers

Pennett county 5 mi east of Martins City

fed marshalls, BIA police

50 people - M16 sub mach. guns

grenade launchers - gas - helicopters

marchers went back to roadblock

marchers met with police

Bl., White, yellow, Fed

they have juris. rights -

BIA kicked marchers out with

Fed back-up -

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injunction

6:00 pm. 4/26  
URGENT APPEAL for reinforcement

They find it very difficult to comprehend as to the reason why there aren't more people coming. This struggle is just beginning and a lot more people are URGENTLY NEEDED. If we cannot support the people at Wounded Knee, our struggle itself is seriously questioned.

There will be a funeral planned for Frank ~~Clearwater~~ Clearwater either on Saturday or Sunday. All five of us are planning to remain here -- definitely -- until after the funeral. The most important supply that we can give is to mount political pressure. It is beyond comprehension that we have not acted with that sense of urgency -- i.e., amongst those of us who have remained behind. Even one more person is needed. If can not stay, even for the week-end, people ought to come out.

We all ought to re-examine the last words of Frank Clearwater once more very very seriously as our own struggle:

I don't want to die in vain. ~~My death here~~ My death here is a destiny for ~~the victory in our struggle.~~ the victory in our struggle. Use my death in any way that is politically significant.. I want to be buried in Wounded Knee.....

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The caller's appeal

We are being asked to determine our own political destiny now. We must grow rapidly out of this struggle.

Politically, it ought to be crystal clear to all of us that the Feds are desperately trying to contain any further development of liberated areas. We must mount political pressure to counter the oppressive force of .... Obviously, we must break the news black-out; for that we need political development.....

Objective judgement of the Indian leadership is that, both in terms of inside and outside (of Wounded Knee), they realistically lack in the organizational ability. This is historically processed and understandable. Individually, many are with enormous capacity and they are jelling rapidly in this struggle. Asians, though we are somewhat embarrassed about it, are considered to be a model here in terms of our organization. People are very strongly encouraged by our presence and even vocalize their pleasure of our showing them our spirit and determination. -6-

We should very strongly urge all Asian groups to send some, at least representatives, for their own political education. The risk is granted; there should be no more need to discuss this. Now is the time to act.....



4/26

#### Direct report from Asian Contingent

All of our people have safely got away.

#### Background information

Frank Fulls Crow's invitation gave the marchers the all important legitimacy to enter Wounded Knee; at the same time, the political reality dictated such that strong opposition -- armed opposition -- was realistically anticipated. When the marchers encountered the police confrontation yesterday afternoon in Bennett County (unliberated zone), the tactical retreat was necessary. The purpose of the ~~retreat~~ retreat was to come up with another method to reach the destination.

Since the unliberated zone must be passed, the decision was to take a side route (mountain area) and attempt to reach the chief's house.

The reason ~~of~~ for this risk: Frank Full's Crow has asked the marchers to reach the area in order to encourage the residents (who are becoming increasingly upset about the Dick Wilson's goons) to openly support the traditional order -- the AIM position. Should the support increase in favor of the traditional leadership, the legitimacy of the BIA position quickly diminishes.

NOTE: Rosebud is a semi-liberated zone in which the AIM people (and their supporters) can ~~fairly safely~~ fairly safely move about without much risk (troubles from the BIA and Feds).

As the sign of increasing support in favor of the traditional leadership, the Federal authority is becoming fast alarmed about the possibility of turn-around in the "legitimacy" ~~movement~~. Thus, the last phase of march became rapidly crucial for the traditional leadership; on the opposite side, (i.e. BIA and Feds), stopping any further advance by the marchers became just as important for the political/military purpose.

#### What happened?

At night, the marchers rolled into 20 cars and headed to the destination. Just as they were almost reaching the destination they encountered the arresting squad. Among those ~~arrested~~ arrested, there are some traditional ~~and~~ leaders as well as some middle-range leaders (those who are not too well known outside of the Indian community). Only a handful got away from the arresting squad, & All Asians got away (five of them) in a car.

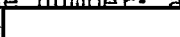
WOUNDED KNEE REPORT  
for 4-26-73

- Last night pilgrims on their way to Fools Crow's house were arrested by BIA pigs under Wilson. Of the approx. 70 arrested charged with disorderly conduct and 75.00 dollar fine, only the traditional chiefs were named so far:

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- Assuming Asian American contingent still at Pineridge Tribal Jail (area code 605, phone 8675320). Contact attempts to tribal jail unsuccessful-- no one answering that number. NO ONE REPORTED INJURED.

Legal assistance is being provided to pilgrims. Legal aid contact phone number: area code 605, phone 348-3326. Contact atty. is 

- AIM leader, Russell Means, to appear jointly with us at press conference tomorrow. Means to be arrested shortly afterwards for breaking bail. Bail exorbitantly was set at 25,000 dollars.

- AIM personnel at Indian Center very supportive and sympathetic to situation of Asian American contingent. Stressing the need for funds to get brothers and sisters out of jail.

PRESS CONFERENCE AT L.A. PRESS CLUB, 600 North Vermont,  
10:15 AM TOMMORROW.

4/25 1:30 pm

1. There would be a conference in Denver by National Lawyers Guild and Crusade for Justice -- called and coordinated by [REDACTED] (date unknown)

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2. Call N.Y./S.F./Denver again to know the outcome of their discussion and ascertain the reason why they are not sending anybody (if so)

3. Starvation is no longer a serious problem after

a. five air drops

b. one brother has made 32 trips

one sister back packed her way in with 47 lbs. of foods

\* Non-AIM people are supporting/the most important support is physical reinforcement

4. Confrontation occurred in Bennett County, 5 miles east of Martin City Federal marshalls/BIA police (possibly county sheriffs -- not ascertained) 50 in total, armed with M16 Submachine-guns, grenade-launchers, S-E board gas, and one military helicopter

the marchers made a tactical retreat to Rosebud

NOTE: BIA kicked the marchers out with the Federal marshalls backing BIA's claim that they have the jurisdictional rights in that county (Bennett County)

the march group, represented by 4 races (black, red, yellow, white) and Vernon Bellacourt, negotiated with BIA/Federal marshalls but refused

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Frank Clearwater has died

More information to follow, possibly with analysis

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Call from Wounded Knee 7:15 am

Leadership -- very clear now  
National AIM/Local AIM/

\*this item is not for publication

Weather -- has been up ~~to~~ to 70 but now down to  
high 30s, at night very cold (frosty)

Contact -- [ ] must be contacted for re-  
inforcement

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Plans -- There is a feast planned on Friday for  
all participating in the march

Developments - Grand Knight has died  
Frank Full Crow's invitation? onto the  
reservation and eventually into Wounded  
Knee -- all the people participating in  
march (non-Indians)

People there - Only Asian people are organized group;  
Anticipating most dangerous encounter  
tonight and tomorrow night; By Friday,  
planning to reach the designated end of  
Pilgrimage; any question or message should  
be left with [ ] for direct communication.

Reinforcement Request

- (1) needed for the purpose of breaking the  
blockade (for going through -- peacefully)
- (2) the more people, the less chance of bust  
at present, there are about 150 people on  
march
- (3) Vernon Bellacourt has been on and off with  
the march; security is being provided for
- (4) Federal authorities have been so far co-  
operative (CRS, state police)

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Subjective judgement -- people appear to be overtly optimistic  
political realities dictate in the way  
anticipating some troubles is more  
realistic

— HAFu

Apr. 24, 73

## Asians head for Wounded Knee

**RAPID CITY, S.D.**—A group of Asian Americans from the Los Angeles area reported they arrived here safely and joined on Easter Sunday the pilgrimage to break the blockade of Wounded Knee.

The contingent—made up primarily of persons of Japanese and Chinese descent—is one of many groups gathering in this South Dakota town to show support for the Indians who have been holding Wounded Knee for some 57 days.

The support groups are participating in a peaceful march which began yesterday from Rosebud Reservation into Wounded Knee. Purpose of the march is to take food and medical supplies into the area.

Approximately one-third of the 400-500 people inside Wounded Knee is reported to be affected by pneumonia, colds and other illnesses. Food and medical supplies have been virtually blockaded by U.S. government officials who "hope to starve out the Indians and force settlement," according to spokespersons for the Asian Caucus in Support of Wounded Knee.

Last Wednesday, it was reported a one-ton air drop was success-

fully made, which should last the Wounded Knee population about one week. However, this resulted in four men being wounded by helicopter fire while trying to pick up the supplies. One of the men, 50-year old Frank Clearwater, is near death. Since that incident, non-military planes have been forbidden to fly over the area.

In spite of the fact that at least 50 persons have reportedly been arrested while trying to reach Rapid City, the group of Asian Americans said they decided to make the five-day journey "to show the Indian people physically

the solidarity and concern of the Asian people in America."

One spokesperson said, "You can see that news of Wounded Knee is hardly being covered by TV and is pushed to page 16 in the L.A. Times—that is, if they cover it at all. We feel this is a deliberate blackout to curb the interest and sympathy of the public.

"Therefore, it's important for us to go and see first-hand what is happening at Wounded Knee and bring the news back to our communities. That's the only way we'll get the truth."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Reasons why six-point pact is at crossroads now explained

(The Rafu Shimbun welcomes the opinions and comments of its readers. Those wishing to express themselves are urged to write: Letters to the Editor, The Rafu Shimbun, 212 So. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90012. Letters do not necessarily reflect this newspaper's editorial policy.)

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Editor:

On April 5, a six-point agreement was reached between the Native Americans at Wounded Knee and the United States. However, this agreement has not been implemented because of differences of interpretation.

A major agreement for the Native Americans calls for the following: "The parties agree to effect meetings between the White House and the traditional chiefs . . . so that these Sioux representatives may outline the need of and workings of the Presidential Treaty Commission . . . as a method of the 1868 Sioux Treaty. These meetings will be held during the third week of May."

This point, buried in the media, is the key to agreement for the Native Americans. It allows them to bypass the hated Dept. of Interior and Bureau of Indian Affairs. Furthermore, it recognizes the traditional leaders, their chiefs, as authority rather than Richard Wilson, who heads the BIA tribal council.

Lack of agreement on this point is the major reason why Native Americans at Wounded Knee have refused to disarm.

Government officials contend the meeting will not occur while the Indians are still armed. The Indians say they will not lay down their arms until this meeting has been held satisfactorily; when they can believe the U.S. is serious about the treaty commission.

When and if the federal govern-

ment shows sincerity, AIM members have agreed to put down arms and submit leaders to arrest, according to the April 5 agreements.

These differences of opinion have caused a stalemate on any negotiations. It further indicates insincerity on the part of the government towards recognizing Indians as a sovereign people.

As a result, federal troops are continuing the maintenance of the blockade, thereby endangering lives at Wounded Knee. Recent reports from persons in Rapid City, South Dakota, have stated that:

1) On April 17, a patrol of four men were ambushed by U.S. government forces. Three are in serious condition and one is near death. This act came immediately after the Wounded Knee airlift which brought food and medical supplies.

2) More federal troops have been flown in to maintain the blockade at Wounded Knee. There are now approximately 350-500 troops present.

3) There has been an increase of military helicopters.

4) People at Wounded Knee are receiving only 250-400 calories a day per person.

5) There is continuing severe weather.

As a result of this federal blockade, there have been many casualties.

Based on these facts, the American Indian Movement (AIM) leadership has appealed to nationwide supporting groups for assistance in breaking the blockade.

The Asian Caucus in Support of Wounded Knee, in response to this plea, has sent representatives to join in the solidarity action to smash the blockade. This action was scheduled for April 22, Easter Sunday.

We recognize that "white racism" has historically forced "Americanization" and "Modernization" on Native Americans. We also acknowledge the fact that alcoholism, drug abuse, the generation gap, as well as other contradictions facing us stem from the same forces confining Native Americans at Wounded Knee.

Thus, our participation in the Wounded Knee Solidarity Action is based on our acknowledgement of the historical importance of the Native American struggle for justice.

Support groups in the Japanese American community, such as the Metropolitan JACL chapter and the Manzanar Committee, indicate increasing awareness of Asian people towards the situation at Wounded Knee. We are appealing to the community for continuing support in the form of money, medicine, messages or resolutions.

We must learn from the Native Americans and try to get the essence of what they are saying. The main thing is that we must fight injustice and support each other, especially in crucial times such as these. Those of us who want to see positive change in this country must support the Native American struggle for self-determination. The Native Americans at Wounded Knee are not afraid to fight and die if it will mean a better life for their people. It is never too late for freedom.

Thus, it is with the spirit of freedom, justice and peace that the representatives from the Asian Caucus in Support of Wounded Knee depart to support the struggle of Native Americans at Wounded Knee.

Asian Caucus  
in Support of  
Wounded Knee

Report on Wounded Knee

April 25, 1973

- 1 - Asians went to W. K. to break the blockade & bring in medical supplies, food and clothing.
- 2 - Meeting held at Rapid City, South Dakota and decision made to hold a march to W. K. instead of a mass demonstration on Easter Sunday. (Instead of a one day event, a march to W. K. would gather more supporters)
- 3 - Asians were invited to participate in the March from Rosebud to Wounded Knee.
- 4 - The March would cover 100 miles over a period of 5 days.
- 5 - provide physical support and surround Federal troops
- 6 - show Indians in W. K. and the Federal government that the Indians in W. K. do not stand alone.
- 7 - the response of the Federal government after air drop of supplies was indiscriminate firing into W.K.

WHY WE WENT: 1) physical support  
2) information gathering because of news blackout

ASIAN CONTINGENT STILL THERE

WHY PEOPLE SHOULD GO: 1) show solidarity with the Indians  
2) support of the Asians there

Suggestion - possible Asian representative at W.N. to relay information back to the community.

Announcements: Russell Means & Panel (including Asian rep.) will speak at UCLA at 1:30 pm. April 26 - Thursday at Women's Lounge Ackermen Center.

Hopi Medicine Man will speak on Friday.

WOUNDED KNEE REPORT: APRIL 25, 1973 1:30 pm

Chicano organization called Crusade for Justice and National Lawyers Guild have called for a Conference in Denver.

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1. The date and the topic is not known to the people inside Wounded Knee.
2. We wanted to know the responses from New York, Seattle, and San Francisco people and Venceremos Organization, in terms of physical reinforcements being sent to Wounded Knee. If they are coming, when? If they are not coming, why not?
3. Starvation is no longer an issue within Wounded Knee because:
  - a. Five air drops of supplies and food
  - b. One brother made 32 trips into Wounded Knee with food
  - c. One sister took in 47lbs. of food into Wounded Knee on one trip
4. Confrontation between the marchers and BIA pigs and federal agents took place in Bennet County, 5mi. east of Martin City. 50 pigs armed with M-16, submachine guns, grenade launchers, tear gas (S-E Bord gas) and helicopter. The marchers took a tactical retreat to Rosebud, after trying to negotiate with the pigs. The negotiating committee was headed by Vernon Bellacourt and had representation from Blacks, Reds, Yellows, and white. BIA claims that they have jurisdiction within Bennet County- BIA was backed by the Federal Marshalls.

FRANK CLEARWATER HAS DIED!



(5) what are the legal implications and who should go

only those who understand very clearly what's involved in the breaking of blockade. protection would be provided by the Sioux people and the march is non-violent march but there would ~~be~~ nevertheless be certain risks ~~for~~ involved

(6) why are there not more people out there

more and more are coming in every-day (number not specified) and, by the end of march, considerably more expected

(7) what they should take

do not bring anything but money; for the participants, they should come prepared for very cold weather (there is no snow but there was some rain)

(8) what physical condition encountered in the march itself

that the march route has been fairly routine and not much problem has been encountered. -- there are many security precautions being taken along the march (provided by the Sioux people). the dick Wilson arrest does not necessarily lessen the tension/there are many possible troubles -- take every precaution.

by the time the reinforcement reach there the march ought to be very short and no problem

(9) general condition

very rough. funds are needed.

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for those who go out to Wounded Knee

every security measure ought to be taken on their way

that they ought to be principled

that do not let anyone know of their departure

Call from Rapid City at 9:45 am

- (1) that Frank Bulls Crow (Traditional Chief of Ogala Sioux) has given all out sanction of the Asian contingent into Wounded Knee -- Nation has given the entrance to Asians
- (2) that contact should be made to S.F./N.Y./Denver for supporting action -- i.e. sending more people to participate in the 100 miles march
- (3) that contact CYC to let people know their people are fine and doing splendidly
- (4) that the rout has been changed to the Kyle route -- i.e. they are now going through Kyle instead of the original plans
- (5) that all the enforcement should go to Rapid City first and contact the Communication Center

(1) leadership -- all races have representatives in the collective decision-making body; now, for the first time, some clear decision-making body is emerging and with time it ought to become increasingly clear. Vernon Bellacourt is working very closely with the Asian contingent.

that there are not enough people out there participating in the march; that more people should be out there.

all the information can be released with exception of some obvious politically risky items

primarily because of work commitment back home and, also, to bring the information home for further clarification. their return to LA is seen as the logical process of development

Thursday -

6:00 : pm

Fr. Folsom - invitation - to support true leadership  
to people

Schedule to Folsom's house - Kyle Ponte

at night given the retreat - in 20 cars -

encountered - felt -

handful got away - in cars

Urgent appeal for reinforcement

for Clearwater - lost work -

"I don't want to die in vain -

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pictures for P.C.

no - to judge prophecy at WK - that according to traditional prophecy  
present to purify the land. all four races be  
relying column - ~~the~~ Bl. Br. Red Yellow  
White

Fort Sarsenic 1868 Ogilvie - Sioux Treaty -

Speaking Engagements -

Notes

On Friday morning, April 21, 14 Asian Gt from  
from SA left to join the <sup>Exeter</sup> pilgrimages from  
Rokous Reservation to peacefully break  
the blockade at Wounded Knee. Part  
of that contingent have returned to ~~affirm~~  
bring back news of WK to their comm. &  
~~explain why they felt they had to go~~  
~~the <sup>Exeter</sup> stated for going was:~~  
~~Since that time~~  
to show physically the

~~1 sick~~  
3rd. chiefs - arrested  
2

air drop last week -

80 cases pneumonia -

body born

Crossing borders =

90



Historical perspective -  
Camp & Observations

~~Sovereignty~~ & self determination

Land - the commitment of  
redevelopment -

Effects on the people - drugs -  
suicide -  
mental health -  
prison

Why we went -

Nat. Cong. of Am - Ind-Chincom 1-7 May

Report - 7nd ev - 2 evs -

meeting Thursday night - 8:00

Russell Means - UCh - 1:30  
Acherman - Women's Source -  
Craig

### Content of Press Conference

Physical support of Asian com. to  
Indian People -

historical parallels -

Attention - news black out -  
confrontation

~~100 mile march~~

Radio coverage - across country -

coverage confusing

Clearwater death - wife -

100 mile march -

5 air drops -

Folsom invitation

Air drop - 20,000 - pounds

if the Indians cost further land - nobody else  
will be able to -

UCSD - 11/11/68 - 8:00 PM

for Cal State - 11/11/68 - 8:00 PM

for Cal State - 11/11/68 - 8:00 PM

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[REDACTED]

Russ Means —

Indian Center is going  
to have a press  
conference at 11:00 ...  
@ Indian Center.

Russ means is going  
to get hustled so he  
wants combined one  
at Indian Center.

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Possible Solution :

Have AA caucus press  
conference @ 10:15 AM as  
scheduled; make it short  
and move ~~over~~ people  
over to Indian Center  
for 11:00 AM press conference.

For immediate release

For further information contact:  
Joanna Miyamoto - 387-1347 or  
Karo Kondo - 295-5915

Press Conference  
April 27, 1973  
L.A. Press Club  
600 No. Vermont

#### ASIANS SUPPORT WOUNDED KNEE STRUGGLE

On Friday morning, April 20, 14 Asians left from Los Angeles to join the Easter pilgrimage from Rosebud reservation to peacefully break the blockade at Wounded Knee. Part of that contingent have returned to bring news of Wounded Knee to their communities, while the rest remain to continue support.

#### WHY DID THESE ASIANS TRY TO GO TO WOUNDED KNEE?

Asian people have lived on reservations called concentration camps. They have also seen their relatives shot on TV in old war movies and in the news of Viet Nam. Our children also die of drug overdoses and share prison cells with Indian, Black and Chicano people. We have our Free. Thians of Viet Nam and they have their Wilsons of Pine Ridge, puppets of the U.S. Government. Western "civilization" has tried to bury both our cultures--the "civilization" which says "The only good Indian is a dead Indian," and "You don't have a Chinaman's chance." These people have killed our people with their bullets and atom bombs, but they cannot kill our spirit. They have only created a new unity among us because we want the same things--self determination and sovereignty for our people - here and overseas. We support the Ogalala Nation in their struggle for we know if the original people of America cannot free the land, nobody else can.

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#### THIS IS WHY THEY WENT

1. to physically show support of Asian people by bringing supplies and trying to help peacefully break the blockade,
2. to bring back news to the communities, which has been blacked out, spottedly reported, and distorted by the U.S. Government with the cooperation or the ignorance of the mass media,

3. in answer to the invitation of traditional Chief Fools Crow, sanctioning the presence of Asian people and inviting all other non-Indian people for their physical presence and support.

We know there are segments of our community who have "moved up in the world" and want to forget Manzanar, Gila and our other concentration camps. But we want the Indian people to know that there are Asian people who will never be able to "move up in the world", who will never forget, and who's heart and body is with those at Wounded Knee.

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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOUR RACES LEADING THE SURVIVAL PILGRIMAGE TO WOUNDED KNEE, which started April 22, Easter Sunday. According to the traditional medicine men of the Oglala Sioux, it fulfills the prophecy that when the four races get together, they will purify the land. The march was terminated on Wednesday, April 25, when 75 BIA men, Federal Marshalls and vigilantes confronted the group of 150 peaceful marchers with M-16s, sub-machine guns, SE bird gas, grenade launchers and one helicopter.

WAR AND SURVIVAL AT WOUNDED KNEE.....

"...the press has been reporting the news falsely...we are here at the request of the grass roots people and will stay as long as we are wanted...we are not giving in regardless of what you may hear in the mass media!"

dennis banks

The struggle continues at Wounded Knee and those of us on the "outside" have had a hard time getting accurate information, through established sources of media, about the actual events going on there. Conflicting and contradictory statements by the press and other news media have only served to confuse and consequently dampen public support and awareness of what is happening at Wounded Knee.

For example, just as the last issue of the Gidra was going to press, statements began to flash on the radio that Dennis Banks and Russell Means-leaders of AIM and chief negotiators with the U.S. government-had mysteriously disappeared from Wounded Knee in the middle of the night and were being replaced by new negotiators. Implications and rumors flew that they had been beaten and kicked out of the new nation and/or that they had deserted the struggle. The truth is that Russell Means and Dennis Banks did not desert and are still very much in the leadership at Wounded Knee. In fact, it was Russell Means, representing AIM and the Oglala Sioux Nation, who signed a six point pact on April 15, 1973 with Assistant U.A. Attorney Genral, Kent Frizzell, in

an effort to end the hostilities. What the news media tried to play up as a "rift" in the leadership at Wounded Knee was in actuality a move by the Native Americans to broaden the leadership base of the Oglala Sioux nation by strengthening and respecting the more traditional leaders of the Sioux nation-- it was in this spirit that more Native Americans were designated to negotiate with the U.S. government.

For a picture of the latest events at Wounded Knee, then, we must turn to our own sources. In our most recent reports from Wounded Knee supporters in Rapid City, South Dakota (dated April 21st) we learn that:

-----Approximately one-third of the 400 to 500 people inside Wounded Knee is reported to be affected by pneumonia, colds and other illnesses. Food and Medical supplies have been virtually blockaded from the onset of the action in the U.S. government's hops to starve out the Indians and force settlement. The only way supplies have been brought in is through lawyers, backpack and other means through the back country. Last wednesday, it was reported a one ton air-drop was successfully made, which should last the population approximately one week. However, this resulted in four men being wounded by U.S. gov't helicopter fire while trying to pick up the supplies. One of the men, 50 year old Frank Clearwater, is near death. Since then it has been outlawed for any non-military plane to be flying that area.

-----The U.S. forces have opened up indiscriminate firing from machine guns on all persons, including women and children, in Wounded Knee. Approximately 20,000 rounds of ammunition has been sprayed on Wounded Knee. More troops have been flown in. There are approximately 350 to 500 troops now at Wounded Knee. There has also been an increase of military helicopters.

-----The same kind of equipment used in Vietnam such as electronic sensors is being used on the 'Ho Chi Minh Trail' of Wounded Knee.

-----Reservations in the surrounded area of Wounded Knee are being harassed by BIA Indian police who are paid with U.S. government poverty funds. ( that was one program that was not cut back); BIA police have burned homes, raped women, and beaten people including older Indian people.

-----The government has cut off all electricity to Wounded Knee.

OTHER INCIDENTS OF HARASSMENT HAVE BEEN REPORTED ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL:

NORTH CAROLINA---Last week in North Carolina, 150 Native Americans were busted and one of the pregnant women was beaten and raped. As a result, her baby died.

SAN FRANCISCO---Two people were busted by police officers next to Glide Memorial Church. One was beaten badly and hit in the face by a flashlight. The other was beaten also but not as badly. Both were thrown into jail without any medical treatment.

CANADA---Funds have been cut off for Indian programs.

RAPID CITY---A Chicano-Indian was murdered by Rapid City police during a supposed tire burglary. The brother was shot while on the ground and left there to bleed to death.

DENVER---5,000 people demonstrated in Denver to show anger at the murder of the Chicano brother in Rapid City. The police vamped on the office of the Crusade for Justice, a Chicano organization. Luis Martinez is beaten and shot in the back, then left in an alley to die by the Denver police.

Furthermore, it was recently brought to public attention that ten days ago (as of April 19, 1973) the Nixon administration issued new legislation calling for an extension of the anti-riot laws. The new legislation would extend wire tapping, legalize the death penalty, and allow a judge to have information that a defendant and his lawyer cannot see. All of this, of course, being applicable to participants and supporters of

Wounded Knee.

These most recent events are only testimony to the fact that there is a war going on at Wounded Knee; that there is a war going on wherever there are Third World people in this country. The U.S. government and local law enforcement authorities are geared toward violent repression of any force which may stand up against all that this government, and system stands for. (in the interests of self-determination and true freedom.)

Sincere attempts to end the hostilities have only been met with U.S. government rigidity and lack of good faith. The six point agreement signed between the U.S. government and the Oglala Sioux nation on April 5, 1973 is yet to be upheld.

#### SIX POINT PACT BETWEEN U.S. GOVERNMENT AND OGLALA SIOUX NATION STALEMATED...

In looking for the terms of the six point agreement signed by the U.S. government and the Sioux nation, one has to be a bit wary when reading the L.A. times. One has to recall the differences between the North Vietnamese and the U.S. government texts on the content and progress of the talks in Paris. For the terms of the agreement, then, we again have to turn to our own sources of information (from persons who have been inside of Wounded Knee) and to alternative medias. In a recent article by Ron Ridenour of the Los Angeles Free Press the terms of the agreement were specified as follows:

POINT ONE:

... "the parties agree to effect meetings between representatives of the White House and the traditional chiefs and headmen of the Teton Sioux tribes, bands, or different reservations so that these Sioux representatives may outline the need of and workings of the presidential treaty commission which they propose as a method of reexamination of the 1869 Sioux treaty. These meetings will be held during the third week of May." (Preliminary meetings are to be held in Washington D.C. to set up the agenda for these May meetings).

... This point is the key to the agreement for the Indians. It allows them to bypass the hated Department of Interior and Bureau of Indian Affairs. It establishes their traditional leaders, the chiefs, as the authority rather than Richard Wilson, a half-white man who heads the BIA tribal council.

POINT TWO:

...Point two calls for arrests of those who have warrants out for them, after the Washington meeting and the dispossession of weapons.

POINT THREE:

...Point three calls for a government investigation on the Pine Ridge reservation into violations of criminal law including abuse by the governing authority i.e. BIA.

POINT FOUR:

...The fourth agreement called for the U.S. to audit Title funds, federal program funding and police financing on the reservation. (Richard Wilson is alleged to have used \$56,000 in federal program monies for his "goon squad," whose repression is widespread.)



POINT FIVE:

...Point five stated that the Department of Justice shall prepare civil suits to protect people against abuses by tribal governing officials.

POINT SIX:

...The last point says that "the above paragraphs representing the agreements between the parties as to the substantive issues arising out of the Wounded Knee confrontation will serve as the basis for dispossession of unlawful arms by the occupants of Wounded Knee, the evacuation of bunkers by persons on both sides of the confrontation and the elimination of existing road blocks. The details of the dispossession of unlawful arms and the accomplishing of the above objectives shall be implemented by the government law enforcement personnel and the AIM leadership. The agreement left it vague about what specific time the guns would be laid down and it also only applied to illegal weapons and dangerous devices. It said that while the preliminary meeting was being conducted in Washington D.C., "details of dispossession of arms" will be worked out.

~ Los Angeles Free Press

Following through with this six point agreement then, Russell Means (after being arrested and released on a \$25,000 bond), Crow dog (the nation's spiritual leader), and Oglala Chief Tom Bad Cob departed for Washington D.C. to begin talks with White House Aid Leonard Garment.

In the meantime, the Native Americans proposed to

.....place all the arms in Wounded Knee in the big teepee at Wounded Knee where they would be guarded by Civil Rights Service agents of the federal government (part of the Department of Justice) and by a peace pipe. The government would move its army back and no one would shoot while the preliminary Washington meetings took place.

.....the government has already indicated it has no faith in religious ceremonies of the Indians' religions. It doesn't believe that the sacred peace pipe would prevent anyone from taking the guns back and it apparently has no more faith in its agents. It proposes that 185 armed U.S. marshals come into Wounded Knee and disarm the hundreds of people there.

....Los Angeles, Free Press

When the Native Americans refused to be disarmed in this manner, the U.S. government postponed the scheduled talks between Russell Means and Leonard Garment. Government officials contend that the meeting would not occur while the Indians are still armed. The Indians said they will not lay down their arms until this meeting has been held satisfactorily; when they can believe the U.S. is serious about the treaty commission.

The U.S. government's refusal to negotiate with the Sioux nation unless that nation is fully unarmed (read surrendered) is an indication of the government's lack of good faith in dealing with the Native Americans at Wounded Knee, and it raises some serious questions as to whether or not the government ever intended to follow through with the provisions of the six point agreement.

Until there is clear evidence of the other side's good intentions, no nation in war can be expected to lay down its arms.

**BREAK THE BLOCKADE: ASIANS DEPART FOR WOUNDED KNEE**

In the midst of this stalemate, the reality is that a federal blockade remains around Wounded Knee, preventing the entry of desperately needed food and medical supplies. In the face of this crisis, the leaders within Wounded Knee have issued a nationwide call to all supporters of the Native American struggle to converge upon Wounded Knee on Easter Sunday in an effort to break the blockade.

**PRESS RELEASE :**

**ASIANS GO TO WOUNDED KNEE**

On Easter Sunday, 1:00 AM, a contingent of Asians from the Los Angeles area reported they arrived safely in Rapid City, S.D., to join the pilgrimage to break the blockade of Wounded Knee.

This contingent of Asians of Japanese and Chinese descent is only one of many groups gathering presently in Rapid City in order to show support for the Indians who have now been holding Wounded Knee for some 57 days. They are participating in a peaceful march which began Monday, April 23, from Rosebud Reservation into Wounded Knee. The purpose of the march is to take in food and medical supplies, and is expected to take five days.

The group of Asians said they decided to take the long and precarious journey (50 people have already been reported arrested trying to reach Rapid City) to show the Indian people physically the solidarity and concern of the Asian people in America. One spokesman said, "You can see that news of Wounded Knee is hardly being covered by TV and is pushed to page 16 in the L.A. Times- that is if they cover it at all. We feel this is a deliberate black-out to curb the interest and sympathy of the public. Therefore, it's important for us to go and see first hand what is happening at Wounded Knee and bring the news back to our communities. That's the only way we'll get the truth."

The group says they will stay as long as necessary to complete their mission and will be making periodic reports while they are there. The Asian brothers and sisters are representing all of us that feel the growing unity between Native Americans and Asian struggle in America. Growing community support and awareness can be seen in the resolutions of support from the Manzanar Committee and the Metropolitan Los Angeles chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League; the joint cultural=educational event between Native Americans and Asians sponsored by the Metropolitan Los Angeles JACL; the presentation by a Native American sister before about 50 Asian American students during Asian Week at Long Beach State; and a turnout of two hundred Asians at a film showing on Wounded Knee at Sennin Buddhist church.

We cannot allow the kind of isolation and lack of support experienced by the Japanese Americans when they were "relocated" into concentration camps happen to us or to any other people again. This act of support is body as well as in spirit by the Asians representing us at Wounded Knee is one of the first times that we are coming together with other Third World People to fight, to stand up against a common enemy. And this is just the beginning.

Press conference...rapid city, April 21, 1973 12 noon...

The federal government is conspiring once again to annihilate native people at Wounded Knee. Co-conspirator in this attack has been the press. The two, together, are working overtime at gearing the public for an atrocious act by producing nothing but one sided slanted news coverage. They have done the job at trying and convicting the people who have at last stood up in defense of a beautiful way of life. A way of life that does not produce locks or keys, prisons, orphanages or old folks homes, alcohol or drugs.

We, as Oglala Lakotas and other native people, are only saying that we must be allowed to live as Lakotas or Chippewas or Shawnee or Ponca, etc.

We have tried your system as a way of life and have found that it does not work for us. This federal government has a responsibility to uphold and this is all we ask. We have always kept our part of the agreement since Plymouth Rock. Now is it time the Americans keep its part of the agreement for once. A man is near death, what else must we say.

Ted Means, Oglala Lakota

WOUNDED KNEE REPORT: APRIL 25, 1973 1:30 pm

Chicano organization called Crusade for Justice and National Lawyers Guild have called for a Conference in Denver.

1. The date and the topic is not known to the people inside Wounded Knee.
2. We wanted to know the responses from New York, Seattle, and San Francisco people and Venceremos Organization, in terms of physical reinforcements being sent to Wounded Knee. If they are coming, when? If they are not coming, why not?
3. Starvation is no longer an issue within Wounded Knee because:
  - a. Five air drops of supplies and food
  - b. One brother made 32 trips into Wounded Knee with food
  - c. One sister took in 47lbs. of food into Wounded Knee on one trip
4. Confrontation between the marchers and BIA pigs and federal agents took place in Bennet County, 5mi. east of Martin City. 50 pigs armed with M-16, submachine guns, grenade launchers, tear gas (S-E Bord gas) and helicopter. The marchers took a tactical retreat to Rosebud, after trying to negotiate with the pigs. The negotiating committee was headed by Vernon Bellacourt and had representation from Blacks, Reds, Yellows, and white. BIA claims that they have jurisdiction within Bennet County- BIA was backed by the Federal Marshalls.

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FRANK CLEARWATER HAS DIED!

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIVE AMERICANS

WHEREAS, we, as members of the Metropolitan Los Angeles chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League have stated our intent to eliminate racism wherever it exists and by any means necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government of the United States has a history of non-compliance with treaties signed in good faith with the Native American people; and

WHEREAS, Native American people have very little control over tribally-owned resources and have been repressed in their efforts to secure administration of their own affairs; and

WHEREAS, Native American people, in their attempts to gain control over the decisions which affect their lives, have been relatively unsuccessful, as evidenced by the current struggle at Wounded Knee; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has failed to employ Native Americans at decision-making levels;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Metropolitan Los Angeles chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League affirms its support of the twenty (20) demands as set forth by leaders of Native American organizations across the United States and of the Native American people in their ongoing struggle for peace, justice, and freedom.

Official Statement: Issued April 16, 1973

TO: AIM Delegates, Officials and Chapters

From: D.J. Banks, National Field Director  
Carter Camp, State Coordinator of Oklahoma

"February 27, 1973, AIM organization accepted the responsibility of providing all necessary strength and protection needed by the Ogala Sioux in their efforts to rid themselves of corrupt tribal president, Dick Wilson.

Because this degenerated human being is financed and wholly supported by the FBI, CIA, BIA, U.S. Justice Dept., and the U.S. Marshalls, it is virtually impossible for any Ogala to voice any kind of opinion which may run contrary to this puppet government without being arrested or beaten up by the Federal deputized illegitimate. It appears now that the U.S. government is determined to allow any person or persons to commit acts of war against the Ogala Sioux and AIM, a policy which cannot go unchallenged or unanswered.

We, the Independent Ogala Nation and AIM have agreed to jointly accept that challenge and answer fire with fire.

We have further agreed that there can be no real freedom for Indian people until all acts of war committed against us by the U.S. forces cease.

We are therefore laying aside, temporarily, the Pawnee Oklahoma Convention originally scheduled for May 1 - May 7 and urging all AIM Chapters to converge on Wounded Knee for a national convention with other Indian and Chicano organizations, during that same week. All delegates are reminded of road blocks in the way and to report to Wounded Knee with your hunting and camping equipment. You are further reminded not to come in caravans but to come in planes, horseback, hiking or in any way you see fit.

We regret the last minute change but we just know that you would want a piece of action."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (100-462483)

DATE: 5/1/73

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-8224)(P)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT  
EM - AIM

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) concerning papers obtained by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) 4/27/73, at the time of RUSSELL MEANS' arrest by LAPD and Bureau Agents, Los Angeles, California.

One copy of the LHM is being furnished to Denver in view of their status as office of origin and reference to a conference by the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) and Crusade for Justice. Three copies being furnished Minneapolis in view of numerous references to Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

On 4/27/73, LAPD furnished Xeroxed copies of documents found in the car occupied by RUSSELL MEANS at the time he was arrested by LAPD and Bureau Agents.

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occupants of car in which MEANS was being transported, were arrested for numerous traffic violations.

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Los Angeles file number 157-3898 reflects [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] California, as of 12/9/69, was a member of the "Friends of the Panthers."

- 2 - Bureau (Enc.8)(RM)
- 1 - Denver (157-529)(Enc.1)(RM)
- ③ - Minneapolis (157-1458)(Enc.3)(RM)
  - (1 - 70-6832)
- 3 - Los Angeles
  - (1 - 70-7253)

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A review of Los Angeles file number 100-75688 reflects [redacted] is a member of the Japanese American Community Services, an anti-establishment group of Japanese Americans promoting cultural awareness in the Japanese community.

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Los Angeles indices negative on [redacted]  
[redacted]

Los Angeles has opened 157 matters regarding all individuals mentioned above, including the AWC, as being associated with or being members of AIM.

Date: 5/9/73

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT

(Type in plaintext or code)

TELETYPE

NITEL

Via

(Priority)

TO: ALBUQUERQUE (176-83)  
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 DENVER 8<sup>15</sup>/P - DMH/  
 KANSAS CITY 6<sup>30</sup>/P - CLH  
 LOS ANGELES 10<sup>30</sup>/P - DMH  
 MINNEAPOLIS (176-160) -  
 OKLAHOMA CITY 8<sup>55</sup>/P - TAW  
 OMAHA 10<sup>23</sup>/P - TAE  
 SAN FRANCISCO 6<sup>45</sup>/P - CHL

FROM: PHOENIX (176-59) (P) (TWO PAGES)

RONALD DANIEL PETITE, aka;



AKA-

FUGITIVE; HERBERT GEORGE POWLESS, AKA; RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS -  
 FUGITIVE; STANLEY RICHARD HOLDER - FUGITIVE, ARL; CONSPIRACY.  
 OO: PHOENIX.

DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE AND APPREHEND RUSSELL  
 CHARLES MEANS.

ON 5/3/73, U.S. MARSHAL, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA,

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REQUESTED CERTIFIED PAPERS FROM USM PHOENIX FOR SERVICE  
AGAINST MEANS WHO WAS THEN IN CUSTODY MINNEHABA COUNTY JAIL,  
SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, ON CHARGES PENDING AGAINST HIM IN  
DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA. *Minneapolis VERIFY.*

CONSIDER SUBJECTS ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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7:16PM NITEL 5/15/73 MBT

TO MINNEAPOLIS (70-5832)

FROM ACTING DIRECTOR (70-58411) 2P

WOUNDED KNEE

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RE LEGAT. [REDACTED] TELETYPE 5/15/73.

FOR INFORMATION MINNEAPOLIS REFERENCED TELETYPE STATES

[REDACTED] IS IN RECEIPT OF INFORMATION, INDICATING POSSIBLE TRAVEL BY  
RUSSELL MEANS TO [REDACTED] IN NEAR FUTURE TO MEET WITH INDIAN  
GROUPS THERE. [REDACTED] REQUESTED TO BE ADVISED OF ANY INFORMATION AS TO  
CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF RUSSELL MEANS, AND ANY ADVANCED INFORMATION  
OF PROPOSED TRAVEL BY HIM TO [REDACTED]

LEGAT. [REDACTED] ADVISE [REDACTED] RUSSELL MEANS IS PRESENTLY CON-  
FINED IN THE MINNAPAKA COUNTY JAIL, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, IN  
LIEU OF \$125,000 BOND. MINNEAPOLIS SHOULD ADVISE FBIHQ AND LEGAT.  
[REDACTED] OF ANY CHANGE IN RUSSELL MEANS'S CONFINEMENT STATUS.

IN REFERENCED TELETYPE [REDACTED] ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN  
OBTAINING COPIES OF ANY AVAILABLE PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE OBTAINED BY  
US AUTHORITIES IN CONNECTION WITH WOUNDED KNEE INCIDENT, INCLUDING  
FILM DEPICTING DESTRUCTION, ETC. MINNEAPOLIS SHOULD CONTACT THE  
APPROPRIATE USA TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY OF THE PHOTOGRAPHIC  
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MATERIAL REQUESTED BY [ ] COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM FOR  
INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING THE GOVERNMENT'S CASE.  
IN THE EVENT USA HAS NO OBJECTION AND SUCH PHOTOGRAPHS ARE  
AVAILABLE, FURNISH TO FBIHQ FOR FORWARDING VIA LEGAT, [ ] TO  
[ ]

LEGAT, [ ] ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription May 15, 1973

[redacted] South Dakota, was interviewed at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police Station, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, where she was being held on local charges. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the purpose of the interview, she agreed to furnish the following information:

[redacted] stated that she had entered Wounded Knee, South Dakota, approximately two weeks prior to the cease-fire agreement by walking through the hills from Porcupine, South Dakota. She stated that she had been guided through the perimeter of Federal positions by her [redacted] stated that [redacted]

[redacted] had led her to the home of another [redacted]. She stated that [redacted] house was located in the low income housing project at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, and once there, she remained in the vicinity of the house and never ventured into the central part of Wounded Knee. [redacted] advised that she originally entered Wounded Knee to see first-hand what was occurring and while there, she had taken care of her [redacted] and cooked food for persons in the neighborhood and sometimes for those persons manning the bunkers in the vicinity of the old Head Start School.

[redacted] was exhibited photographs of PIERO BISSONETTE, RUSSELL MEANS, STAN HOLDER, RON PETITE, LEONARD CROW DOG, DENNIS BANKS, and CARTER CAMP, and although she recognized all of the pictures, she stated that the only person she had seen was DENNIS BANKS and that had been during the funeral for LAWRENCE LAMONT. She stated that she had no information concerning the activities of the American Indian Movement leaders and that she had no information concerning the persons who were responsible for the shooting of the United States Marshal or the FBI Agent.

While in Wounded Knee, [redacted] stated that she had heard many rumors that the forces occupying the village were in possession of several automatic weapons but that she had never had the opportunity to see them personally. [redacted] concluded by stating that prior to her departure from Wounded Knee, she had heard that the majority of the weapons of the occupying forces was smuggled out of the village prior to the implementation of the cease-fire agreement.

Interviewed on 5/13/73 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota File # MP 70-6882-147  
by SA [redacted] and SA SMS Date dictated 5/14/73

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