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[redacted] South Dakota, was interviewed and she furnished the following information:

[redacted] was shown a picture of PEDRO BISSNER. She stated that she recognized PEDRO as being one of the leaders during the occupation of Wounded Knee. She stated that PEDRO would preside at the meetings of the American Indian Movement (AIM), which were held every night in the Village of Wounded Knee.

[redacted] was also shown pictures of DENNIS BARKS, CLYDE BELLECOURT, CARTER CAMP, LEONARD CROWDOG, STANLEY KOLDER, RON PETITE and RUSSELL WEAKE. She advised that she recognized these individuals as being leaders of the people who were occupying Wounded Knee but that she did not know anything about the activities of these individuals while they were in Wounded Knee.

[redacted] further advised that on one occasion, she observed RON PETITE and STAN KOLDER in possession of pistols while these individuals were in Wounded Knee.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Also known as	[redacted]
Sex	Female
Race	Sicux Indian
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	[redacted] South Dakota
Height	5'
Weight	110 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Scars and marks	[redacted]
Social Security #	[redacted]
Residence	[redacted]

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at Pine Ridge, South Dakota

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by SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]

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Arrests
Parents
Mother
Husband

High School diploma
No prior arrests

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[redacted] was interviewed and she provided the following information:

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[redacted] advised that she and her husband returned to Wounded Knee on March 3, 1973, and were in the town for approximately six hours. She stated that the purpose of their return to Wounded Knee was to survey the damage that was done to their property and to attempt to obtain possession of what property they could. While in Wounded Knee, they observed the following people:

PEDRO BISSONETTE
DENNIS BANKS
RUSSELL MEANS
CLYDE BELLECOURT
CARTER CAMP

[redacted] stated that she asked BISSONETTE what they were doing in the village; he appeared to be quite nervous and was unable to answer her question. [redacted] stated that BISSONETTE is the leader of a civil rights group in Pine Ridge but that this group is really a satellite group associated with the American Indian Movement (AIM).

[redacted] stated that on the 19th or 20th of February, PEDRO BISSONETTE and [redacted] came into the trading post and put a notice on the bulletin board which advertised a civil rights meeting to be held in the near future at the Calico Hall, Calico, S.D. [redacted] stated that this was the last time she saw BISSONETTE in Wounded Knee until March 3, 1973, when she returned to Wounded Knee, at which time she observed him in the town. [redacted] further advised that on March 3, 1973, while she was in Wounded Knee, she observed [redacted] sitting in PEDRO's car. She believed this person to be BISSONETTE's

[redacted] advised that while she was in Wounded Knee on March 3, 1973, she observed CLYDE BELLECOURT wearing a maroon and white print H and C Ranchwear shirt, which had been a gift to her husband the previous Christmas.

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She stated that this shirt must have been removed from their home.

[redacted] provided the names of the following people whom she knows to be closely associated with AIM and may have possibly attended meetings at the Calico Hall:

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[redacted]

HOBART KEITH

[redacted]

[redacted] South Dakota.
[redacted] KEITH, [redacted] reside in
[redacted] South Dakota.

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Date of transcription May 16, 1973

[redacted]
 [redacted] was interviewed at his residence in Wounded
 Knee, South Dakota, by SAs [redacted] and
 [redacted] who identified themselves as
 Special Agents of the FBI. Before the Special Agents
 could display photographs, [redacted]
 produced a card bearing the name [redacted] Wounded
 Knee Legal Defense". On the other side of this card
 were typed instructions advising the bearer to identify
 himself to the law enforcement officer, but not to
 discuss anything further.

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[redacted] then advised that he
 would not answer any questions unless so advised by
 [redacted]. The interview was terminated to this time.

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Date of transcription May 15, 1973

[redacted]
 [redacted] was interviewed at her residence in Wounded
 Knee, South Dakota, by SAs [redacted]
 [redacted] who identified themselves as
 Special Agents of the FBI. Before the Special Agents
 could display photographs, [redacted] produced
 a card bearing the name [redacted] Wounded Knee Legal
 Defense". On the other side of this card were typed
 instructions advising the bearer to identify himself
 to the law enforcement officer, but not to discuss
 anything further.

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[redacted] then advised that she would
 not answer any questions unless so advised by [redacted]
 The interview was terminated at this time.

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Date of transcription May 14, 1973

[redacted] who resides approximately [redacted] South Dakota, on [redacted] was contacted at his home and after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the purpose of the interview, he displayed a letter from the Haunted Deer Legal Defense Committee, stating that he would not make any statement to Federal officials.

[redacted] stated that he was a [redacted] of the American Indian Movement (AIM). He continued by stating that he knew nothing concerning the activities of the leaders of AIM or of the activities of the leaders of the Indian force occupying Haunted Deer. [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he had known [redacted] but he had never heard his name mentioned in connection with the shooting of the Federal Marshal nor had he received any information concerning the shooting of the FBI Agent.

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by SA [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 5/14/73

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AGNES AFRAID OF HAWK was interviewed at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) jail by SAs [redacted] who identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI and stated the purpose of the interview. AFRAID OF HAWK advised that she had a sixth grade education, was 66 years old, and could read and write the English language. At this point SA [redacted] read aloud to her the warning portion of the Warning and Waiver form and upon completion AFRAID OF HAWK stated she understood the wording. The form was then furnished to AFRAID OF HAWK who read aloud the waiver portion of the form, stated she understood the wording, and signed the form. She then furnished the following information:

Although no threats have been made against her directly she is an old woman and is afraid of the American Indian Movement (AIM).

One evening in February, 1973, at approximately 8:30 P. M. she was at her residence in Wounded Knee when she heard gunshots, a lot of noise, and a caravan of cars coming into Wounded Knee. She was very frightened, looked out the window, and counted approximately 20 vehicles passing her home. She did not go outside because she was afraid and only looked out of the window. The leaders of the AIM group that came into Wounded Knee on that night, she later found out, were RUSSELL MEANS and DENNIS BANKS.

At approximately 9:00 A. M. in the morning on the next day she went to the store (Trading Post) to get water. There were a lot of people in the store, she was frightened, obtained her water and went back to her house. There were many people in the store. There was broken glass all over the floor. She saw about three people in the store who were residents of Wounded Knee but she did not actually see them take anything from the store as she left the area quickly. The people she recognized in the store were [redacted]

Later in the morning she went back to the Trading Post area and talked with DENNIS BANKS. She talked to BANKS to ask him for help or someone to chop wood for her because her

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by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] Date dictated 5/16/73

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right arm was in a cast. When she talked to BANKS he was wearing a small gun on his belt around his waist. BANKS was the leader of the AIM people and that is why she went to him for help.

Concerning material found at her residence, later identified as material stolen from the Trading Post, AFRAID OF HAWK said that [redacted] had some boys bring the material to her residence from the white Catholic church. She recognized these goods as being from the Trading Post. [redacted] lives in [redacted] South Dakota, and may be in Rapid City at the present time. She told [redacted] she, AFRAID OF HAWK, did not want any stolen property in her house. [redacted] said she would come with a car and take the material away.

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She is scared of AIM and it is difficult for her to talk about what happened at Wounded Knee. AIM came in; the residents of Wounded Knee did not invite AIM to Wounded Knee. She stated she would be brave and cooperate and tell the truth about what she knew.

There were many meetings called and held at Wounded Knee. [redacted] would drop by her house and tell her there would be a meeting but she did not go to them because the meetings were held after dark and she was afraid to go outside. According to [redacted] the meetings were between the residents and the Oglala Sioux from Oglala. PEDRO BISSONETTE was at Wounded Knee and was calling these meetings. Later BISSONETTE was arrested for violating civil rights. She saw BISSONETTE at Wounded Knee but she never saw BISSONETTE with a gun unless he had one and kept it hidden under his shirt.

[redacted] for the residents of Wounded Knee at the meetings. The meetings were mainly to get the roadblocks lifted so the residents could get out of Wounded Knee to get groceries and their checks. She got out of Wounded Knee with a Community Relations Service (CRS) man so she could have her arm attended to and was out of Wounded Knee for approximately fifteen days.

She was at Wounded Knee during the shooting between AIM and the Marshals and recalls about three of these shootings. These shootings lasted between one to two hours. One night her son, JOE AFRAID OF HAWK, age 42, told her to go to the housing area where the houses have basements and to stay there. Later

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that same night the shooting started again. JOE did not have or carry a gun. All the shooting was in the dark; she could see the tracer bullets but could not see anyone shooting.

She saw people carrying guns around all the time but she did not know their names. There was a lot of shooting; it was dark; and she never saw anyone shoot a gun. She does not know if the people there had any machine guns but also added that she did not know what a machine gun looked like. She does not know what happened to the guns--whether they had been hidden, buried, or taken out. She does not know who was in the tent in the ravine near her house. It was a group of young men and the leader of the group was a mixed-blood. She never knew or heard their names.

Photographs were shown to AFRAID OF HAWK and she identified RUSSELL MEANS as being in Wounded Knee. She did not see MEANS on the first night but did see him later in the village. She used to call MEANS a "hoodlum." She never saw MEANS with a gun. She never heard anything MEANS said. There were people taking movie pictures but she never got to hear what was being said. While she was away from Wounded Knee having her arm attended to, MEANS left Wounded Knee. She saw CROW DOG at Wounded Knee. CROW DOG is a medicine man, never carried a gun, held services and ceremonies, and the only thing she saw CROW DOG with was a sacred pipe.

She did not see RON PETITE, S. R. HOLDER, CLYDE HOWARD BELLECOURT, or CARTER AUGUSTUS CAMP at Wounded Knee.

She heard the name "ANGEL" but never saw ANGEL or knew who he was. [redacted] would know ANGEL. [redacted] [redacted] is a friendly man and used to be a [redacted]

On the bus in Wounded Knee when the residents were leaving on the final day, a woman came aboard the bus and gave a form to all the people in the bus to fill out if they wanted to. The form had to do with not talking to or being interviewed by federal authorities. The woman told the people not to talk to one another and said that if they talked to the authorities what they said could be used against them. She did not know the name of the woman but the woman had shoulder length very dark hair, dark complexion, but was not an Indian.

She does not know who started the Trading Post or other fires but had heard that the first fire was caused by a lantern that did not have a glass cover on it.

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Her son, JOE AFRAID OF HAWK, is presently living in Porcupine. JOE used to be a Tribal policeman but now is a federal policeman. His house is on a hill behind the store. JOE is a good boy and a Korean war veteran.

AFRAID OF HAWK stated that she wished to cooperate with the FBI and would make inquiry into some of the questions that were asked by the Agents, in particular, attempt to determine the identity of ANGEL; and she would personally contact the FBI and furnish any information she obtained which might be helpful to the FBI. The following was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	AGNES AFRAID OF HAWK
Race	Indian
Sex	Female
Nationality	American
Date of Birth	Rapid City, South Dakota
Height	5' 3"
Weight	118 pounds
Hair	Dark, graying
Eyes	Brown
Residence	Wounded Knee, South Dakota

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[redacted]
[redacted] South Dakota, advised that he is a permanent resident of that town and that he was there when it was taken over by members of the American Indian Movement (AIM) on February 27, 1973. He stated that he stayed in Wounded Knee for approximately two weeks at which time Federal roadblocks were lifted and people were allowed to leave. He stated that while in Wounded Knee the only AIM leader he saw was RUSSELL MEANS who he approached in an attempt to be compensated for his car, a [redacted] which was burned by AIM members. [redacted] advised that his car was parked next to the Trading Post and AIM members destroyed it by fire along with other cars in the same area. He advised that he was told by MEANS that he would be compensated for the damage by AIM. He stated that this was the last time he saw MEANS.

[redacted] advised that when he left Wounded Knee he was in contact with the FBI and supplied all information he had concerning Wounded Knee. He advised that he has no knowledge of those responsible for shooting a United States Marshal and an FBI Agent. He further advised that he has no information regarding criminal activities on the part of the occupants of Wounded Knee.

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Interviewed on 5/14/73 at Wounded Knee, South Dakota File # MP 70-6864 ⁶⁸⁸²⁻¹⁵⁹

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[redacted] advised that he was in Wounded Knee, South Dakota, from March 27, 1973, through approximately May 11, 1973, and participated in the activities of the militants holding Wounded Knee.

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He indicated that he recognized photographs exhibited to him of STAN HOLDER, DENNIS BANKS, RUSSELL MEANS, PEDRO BISSONETTE, CARTER CAMP, CLYDE BELLECOURT and LEONARD CROW DOG as persons who were in Wounded Knee during the time that he was leaving and between March 27, 1973 and May 11, 1973.

He indicated that he was not aware of any person who might have [redacted] adjacent to Wounded Knee. He further indicated that he did not know of the person who supposedly wounded the United States Marshal and an FBI Agent during the occupation of Wounded Knee.

[redacted] stated that he participated in several exchanges of rounds between the Indian forces and the United States Marshals surrounding the town.

He was unwilling to furnish any additional information concerning his association with the militants and his activities during the occupation.

The following is a description of [redacted]

Name	[redacted]
Sex	Male
Race	Indian
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	Unknown
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Height	5'11"
Weight	160 pounds

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by SA [redacted] SA THOMAS N. FARRIS [redacted] Date dictated 5/15/73

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[redacted] was contacted at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Jail, Pine Ridge, South Dakota. [redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the purpose of the interview and the fact that he was being interviewed concerning the recent occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

[redacted] was advised of his rights by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] he read and said he understood his rights and executed a "Warning and Waiver" form. Thereafter and promptly following this, he was interviewed and provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that he was presently incarcerated in the Pine Ridge Jail for suspected auto theft and not for any activities concerning the Wounded Knee occupation.

[redacted] advised that he had been in Wounded Knee since before the U.S. Marshals and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) roadblocks went into effect. [redacted] advised that he had come out of Wounded Knee to FBI roadblock number 1 on the day the occupation terminated.

[redacted] advised that he had observed RUSSELL MEANS, PEDRO BISSONETTE, DENNIS BANKS, CLYDE BELLECOURT and LEONARD CROW DOG inside Wounded Knee at various times by the trading post. [redacted] advised that during his stay in Wounded Knee, he [redacted] which is [redacted] further advised that he also had seen CARTER CAMP inside Wounded Knee and that CAMP was usually at the hospital or about that area.

[redacted] advised that DENNIS BANKS conducted the meetings at the trading post. He advised that the leaders of the American Indian Movement (AIM) at Wounded Knee did not fill anybody in insofar as what was going on. The only information that was disseminated was that concerning the treaty negotiations.

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