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Date of transcription 1/28/74

[redacted] was contacted at her residence in the [redacted] South Dakota.

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[redacted] was apprised of the identity of the interviewing agent and was told she was being interviewed concerning the occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota by militant American Indian Movement (AIM) members during 1973.

Mrs. [redacted] advised that she had no prior knowledge of AIM's plans to occupy the Village of Wounded Knee and no personal knowledge that AIM had been invited into the community of Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

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Mrs. [redacted] advised that on one occasion, she had left several blankets, quilts, and pillows hanging on the clothesline outside of her residence, [redacted]

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[redacted] Wounded Knee Trading Post, [redacted] She went to the store in Denby, South Dakota, and returned to find the blankets and quilts missing. She estimated the value of the loss at \$50.00. Mrs. [redacted] advised she never entered the area near the Trading Post at Wounded Knee and could only observe some of the activity from her residence. She was in constant contact with the United States Marshals who had a roadblock in the vicinity of her home.

On the evening of February 27, 1973, she observed numerous cars entering Wounded Knee from Pine Ridge, South Dakota. She heard a lot of noise and observed the street lights being shot out. She advised she was [redacted] Trading Post and could not identify any of the individuals involved in the activity at the Trading Post. The next day, her children were waiting for the school bus, which never came, and the police told her that roadblocks were set out because there was trouble at the Trading Post. She heard a lot of gunfire during the days that followed, but did not witness any of the activity concerning the occupation.

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Mrs. [redacted] did not see any fire bombs, molotov cocktails, or any other devices used by the militants.

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Mrs. [redacted] is not an elected officer or member of the Wounded Knee Town Council.

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Interviewed on 1/22/74 at [redacted] South Dakota MP 70-6832

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 1/25/74

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Mrs. [redacted] advised that there are three houses on the 160 acres of deeded land that belonged to her deceased mother. She resided in one of the houses with her three [redacted]

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None of these three children entered the area occupied by the militants who took over Wounded Knee.

Mrs. [redacted] lived in the second house near the [redacted] residence. No one occupied the third house.

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Date of transcription 1/22/74

LOTTIE BLUNT HORN was contacted at her residence in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. BLUNT HORN was apprised of the identity of the interviewing agents and was told she was being interviewed concerning her knowledge of the Wounded Knee, South Dakota takeover by members of the American Indian Movement (AIM), during 1973.

BLUNT HORN advised she was 79 years old and during the occupation of Wounded Knee, lived about 3½ miles east of Wounded Knee. Her residence was outside the marshals' perimeter, which surrounded the Village of Wounded Knee. BLUNT HORN had no contact with the militants that occupied the Village of Wounded Knee, had no knowledge of their takeover, and suffered no loss during the occupation of Wounded Knee.

Interviewed on 1/16/74 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota File # MP 70-6832 - P
 by SA SA iss Date dictated 1/18/74

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription January 22, 1974

[redacted] was contacted at her residence in Wounded Knee, South Dakota, and was advised of the official identities of the interviewing Agents as well as the nature of the interview by Special Agent [redacted]. She advised as follows:

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She resided in Wounded Knee, South Dakota (actually located approximately two and one half to three miles northwest of Wounded Knee junction on Manderson Road) at the time of the Wounded Knee takeover on February 27, 1973. She stated that she and her family remained there until about March 8, 1973, when they moved out to Datesland, South Dakota, where they stayed until the occupation ended in May, 1973. She then advised that she came back to the house on March 11, 1973, to get some clothing and other items and were there for most of the afternoon.

[redacted] further advised that some windows in the house had been shot out but nothing was taken because they had moved all their furniture and personal belongings with them to Datesland, South Dakota.

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She also stated that no member of her family was or has been an elected official or member of Wounded Knee Town Council. She further stated that she had no prior knowledge of the American Indian Movement's plans to occupy the village of Wounded Knee, nor did she have any personal knowledge that the American Indian Movement had been invited into the community.

[redacted] advised that she never saw or talked to any of the six (6) American Indian Movement leaders, nor did she hear or see anything regarding Molotov Cocktails or explosive devices of any kind.

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by SA [redacted] (amj) Date dictated 1/16/74

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The following investigation was conducted at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, by Special Agents EDWARD A. SKELLY, JR. and FREDERICK COWARD, JR. on the dates indicated:

On January 9, 1974, an attempt to interview FRANCIS, MARIE and RICKY RANDALL at Wounded Knee Housing, Wounded Knee, South Dakota, was negative as nobody was at home.

On January 16, 1974, a similar attempt to locate members of the FRANCIS RANDALL family was also negative, again, because nobody was at home.

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The following investigation was conducted at Porcupine, South Dakota, and Oglala, South Dakota, on the dates shown by Special Agents [redacted] [redacted]

On January 9, 1974, an attempt to locate and interview [redacted] in Porcupine, South Dakota, regarding the Wounded Knee takeover was negative as nobody was home at her residence.

On January 10, 1974, an attempt to locate and interview [redacted] at her residence in rural Oglala, South Dakota, was unsuccessful when no one answered the knock at her door. It was felt by the Agents that someone was at home because sounds could be heard coming from inside the house, however, nobody ever answered the knock at the door. The Agents identified themselves after a short period of time, but there was still no response.

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Mrs. [redacted] was contacted [redacted] Sunbell Corporation, moccasin factory, at which time [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and advised that the interviewing Agents desired to question her regarding activities which she might have knowledge of in regard to the occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the early part of 1973.

Upon questioning [redacted] advised as follows:

She did not have any prior knowledge of the American Indian Movement (AIM) plans to occupy the hamlet of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the early part of 1973. She also stated that she did not have any personal knowledge that AIM had been invited into the hamlet of Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

She and her family lived in Wounded Knee from February 27, 1973, until the early part of March, 1973, at which time Federal road blocks were lifted and at which time she and her family left their residence in Wounded Knee.

After vacating their residence in Wounded Knee, South Dakota, they lent all their personal belongings and these belongings consisted of bedding, clothing, furniture, cooking utensils, and numerous other items.

Mrs. [redacted] stated that she and her husband frequently saw DENNIS BARKS in Wounded Knee and she and her husband also saw RUSSELL MEANS inside Wounded Knee during the occupation.

She recalled one occasion when BARKS came to the [redacted] residence in Wounded Knee at which time BARKS advised them that he desired to build a bon fire in the area of their residence. She stated that their residence was approximately 50 yards from a log structure where meetings were held during the occupation of Wounded Knee and which is former site of the Day School Kitchen in Wounded Knee.

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by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] Date dictated 1/16/74

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Mrs. [redacted] stated that she and her husband and her [redacted] were in Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the evening of February 27, 1973, and that they did not realize that Wounded Knee had been occupied until the morning of February 28, 1973, at which time her husband was notified by his boss not to come to work due to the occupation.

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She did not see any Molotov cocktails or any other type of explosive devices nor did she hear any discussions concerning any Molotov cocktails or any other explosive devices.

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[redacted] was contacted at his residence, a trailer [redacted] at which time [redacted]

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was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and advised that the interviewing Agent desired to question him regarding activities which he might have knowledge of in regard to the occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the early part of 1973.

[redacted] advised as follows:

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He had heard that OSCAR HOLLOW HORSE of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, had relayed request for the American Indian Movement (AIM) to come into Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the early part of 1973. He had also heard that this request was made through HOLLOW HORSE utilizing a letter which was typed up by HOLLOW HORSE and signed by the following four women:

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Since he and his family were fearful for their lives they exited the hamlet of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the evening of February, 27, 1973. Shortly thereafter the AIM supporters came into Wounded Knee. Due to the urgency of him and his family leaving Wounded Knee they were unable to take any sizeable amount of clothing or personal effects with them as they exited Wounded Knee that evening.

Among items lost by the family were two trunks of women's clothing and miscellaneous tools owned by [redacted] which he valued at approximately \$500.00.

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by SA [redacted] pms Date dictated 1/15/74

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In addition, [redacted] stated that upon returning to Wounded Knee upon the conclusion of the occupation of Wounded Knee in 1973, they found their house trailer to be ruined and they were forced to buy a new house trailer. He stated that the interior of the house trailer was torn apart, there were holes in the walls of the house trailer, and a hole had been chopped in the floor of the house trailer.

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He did not see any Molotov cocktails or any other type of explosive devices nor did he hear any discussions concerning any Molotov cocktails or any other explosive devices.

His family consists of his [redacted]
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[redacted] was contacted at [redacted] the United States Post Office, at which time [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and advised that the interviewing Agent desired to question her regarding activities which she might have knowledge of in regard to the occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the early part of 1973.

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Upon questioning [redacted] advised as follows:

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She did not have any prior knowledge of the American Indian Movement (AIM) plans to occupy the hamlet of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the early part of 1973. She also stated that she did not have any personal knowledge that AIM had been invited into the hamlet of Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

She and her family lived in Wounded Knee from February 27, 1973, until the early part of March, 1973, at which time Federal road blocks were lifted and at which time she and her family left their residence in Wounded Knee.

[redacted] stated that upon returning to Wounded Knee they determined that some household goods were missing and she suggested that [redacted] be contacted at their residence at which time her husband could give a better estimate.

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She did not see any Molotov cocktails or any other type of explosive devices nor did she hear any discussions concerning any Molotov cocktails or any other explosive devices.

Her family consists of [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] (pms) Date dictated 1/15/74

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1/24/74

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[redacted] was contacted [redacted] the Holy Rosary Mission, north of Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota, at which time [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and advised that the interviewing Agent desired to question him regarding activities which he might have knowledge of in regard to the occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the early part of 1973.

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Upon questioning [redacted] advised as follows:

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He did not have any prior knowledge of the American Indian Movement (AIM) plans to occupy the hamlet of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the early part of 1973. He also stated that he did not have any personal knowledge that AIM had been invited into the hamlet of Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

He and his family lived in Wounded Knee from February 27, 1973, until the early part of March, 1973, at which time Federal road blocks were lifted and at which time he and his family left their residence in Wounded Knee.

Upon returning to Wounded Knee, South Dakota, upon conclusion of the occupation of Wounded Knee in 1973, he and his family found their residence torn up quite badly. Windows were broken, bedding was wet and rotten, and black soot had discolored the walls of the residence. He advised that the black soot had apparently come from a wood burning stove which had apparently been used in their residence during their absence.

He did not see any Molotov cocktails or any other type of explosive devices nor did he hear any discussions concerning any Molotov cocktails or any other explosive devices.

His family consists of his [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] pms Date dictated 1/18/74

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He currently resides in [redacted] [redacted] Wounded Knee, South Dakota, and immediately prior to and during the early portion of the occupation of Wounded Knee in 1973, he and his family resided in a different house in the Old Housing Project in Wounded Knee.

[redacted] concluded in stating that during the early part of 1973, he did not hold any position on the Wounded Knee, South Dakota, town council, but he currently is [redacted] of the Wounded Knee, South Dakota, town council and he has held [redacted]

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[redacted] was contacted at his residence, [redacted] at which time [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and advised that the interviewing Agent desired to question him regarding activities which he might have knowledge of in regard to the occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the early part of 1973.

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Upon questioning [redacted] advised as follows:

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[redacted] did not have any prior knowledge of the American Indian Movement (AIM) plans to occupy the hamlet of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the early part of 1973. He also stated that he did not have any personal knowledge that AIM had been invited into the hamlet of Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

[redacted] stated that he and his family moved from Wounded Knee, South Dakota, in November of 1972, and moved back into Wounded Knee, South Dakota, in September, 1973.

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He did not see any Molotov cocktails or any other type of explosive devices nor did he hear any discussions concerning any Molotov cocktails or any other explosive devices.

His family consists of his [redacted]

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[redacted] was contacted at her residence, [redacted] Wounded Knee, South Dakota, at which time she was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent by a display of credentials and advised that the interviewing Agent desired to question her regarding activities which she might have knowledge of in regard to the occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the early part of 1973.

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Upon questioning [redacted] advised as follows:

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She did not have any prior knowledge of the American Indian Movement (AIM) plans to occupy the hamlet of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the early part of 1973. He also stated that he did not have any personal knowledge that AIM had been invited into the hamlet of Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

She and her family lived in Wounded Knee from February 27, 1973, until the early part of March, 1973, at which time Federal road blocks were lifted and at which time she and her family left their residence in Wounded Knee.

She advised that when she and her family returned to Wounded Knee, South Dakota, they found their residence in a torn up condition and that numerous things such as bedding had been ruined. She stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] Holy Rosary Mission, could give a better estimate of the damages sustained by their family.

She did not see any Molotov cocktails or any other type of explosive devices nor did she hear any discussions concerning any Molotov cocktails or any other explosive devices.

Her family consists of [redacted]

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1/24/74

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Mrs. [redacted] was contacted and advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and advised that the interviewing Agent desired to question her regarding activities which she might have knowledge of in regard to the occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the early part of 1973.

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Upon questioning [redacted] advised as follows:

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She did not have any prior knowledge of the American Indian Movement (AIM) plans to occupy the hamlet of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the early part of 1973. She also stated that she did not have any personal knowledge that AIM had been invited into the hamlet of Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

She and her family lived in Wounded Knee from February 27, 1973, until the early part of March, 1973, at which time Federal road blocks were lifted and at which time she and her family left their residence in Wounded Knee.

When the [redacted] returned to their residence in Wounded Knee, South Dakota, upon conclusion of the occupation of Wounded Knee in 1973, they found that clothing and other miscellaneous items with approximate value of \$200.00 was missing from their residence. In addition, a new Kodak camera valued at \$26.00 was also missing from their residence.

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She did not see any Molotov cocktails or any other type of explosive devices nor did she hear any discussions concerning any Molotov cocktails or any other explosive devices.

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by SA [redacted] pms Date dictated 1/18/74

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