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ON 3/21/86

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[redacted]
 to his contacting Lieutenant [redacted]
 [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and nature of the interview, at which time he provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that he [redacted]
 [redacted]
 in [redacted]. He advised he was arrested for the above [redacted] since that time. [redacted] advised he has a wife, [redacted] and a [redacted] [redacted] currently residing at [redacted] Apartment [redacted]. He advised the above [redacted] he has ever had, although he had been arrested once previously for Breaking and Entering.

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[redacted] advised that within the past two to three months, he has been communicating with an inmate named [redacted] who is or was incarcerated at the [redacted]. [redacted] He advised [redacted] is an active member of the AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) and is closely associated with an Indian named CROW DOG, also known as, Medicine Man, and RUSSELL MEANS. [redacted] advised RUSSELL MEANS is currently residing on the YELLOW THUNDER INDIAN RESERVATION in Rapid City, South Dakota and that CROW DOG resides on another reservation in Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

[redacted] advised MEANS is currently training radical members of AIM in the use of weapons to free incarcerated members of AIM and in general, to defend their land. He advised this training is being done at the YELLOW THUNDER RESERVATION, which has a large arsenal of weaponry, mainly AK-47s, M-16s, HK-91s, rocket launchers and other types of military assault weapons.

[redacted] advised that [redacted]
 [redacted]

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 by SA [redacted] / mph Date dictated 2/24/86

[redacted] have been instructed to contact [redacted] and provide him with information as [redacted]

advise [redacted] instructed him to use the [redacted] when corresponding with [redacted] which is to be telephonic. [redacted] advised he has not yet tried to reach [redacted] at the above telephone number, although [redacted] at his number.

[redacted] advised that in addition to the above, members of AIM intend to assassinate South Dakota Governor (First Name Unknown) JANKO (phonetic) due to his alleged involvement several years ago in the rape of an Indian female, for which he (JANKO) was never arrested or tried.

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[redacted] advised he was cooperating in this matter as he desired [redacted] and that he would [redacted] He advised he did not know anything else about [redacted] other than his telephone number.

[redacted] date of birth [redacted]
[redacted] Social Security Account Number [redacted]

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On [redacted] [redacted]

voluntarily consented to recording a telephone conversation he had on that date with an unknown male at telephone number [redacted]

The above conversation was in connection with information [redacted] had provided the FBI on February 21, 1986.

[redacted] voluntarily consented to the above recording by executing a consent form and affixing his signature thereon.

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The above telephone call was placed from Lieutenant [redacted] office at [redacted] telephone number [redacted] at approximately [redacted] and was collect from [redacted] to the unknown male at telephone number [redacted]. Lieutenant [redacted] was also present during the telephone call and recorded same on his telephone recording equipment.

Attached hereto is a verbatim of the telephone conversation. The original tape has been placed in secure storage at the FBI, Detroit, Michigan.

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Investigation on 2/26/86 at [redacted] File # Detroit 90A-

by SA [redacted] / mph Date dictated 2/27/86

[Redacted]

TELEPHONE OPERATOR

- TO [Redacted]

UNKNOWN MALE - UM

TO:

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

(Phone ringing)

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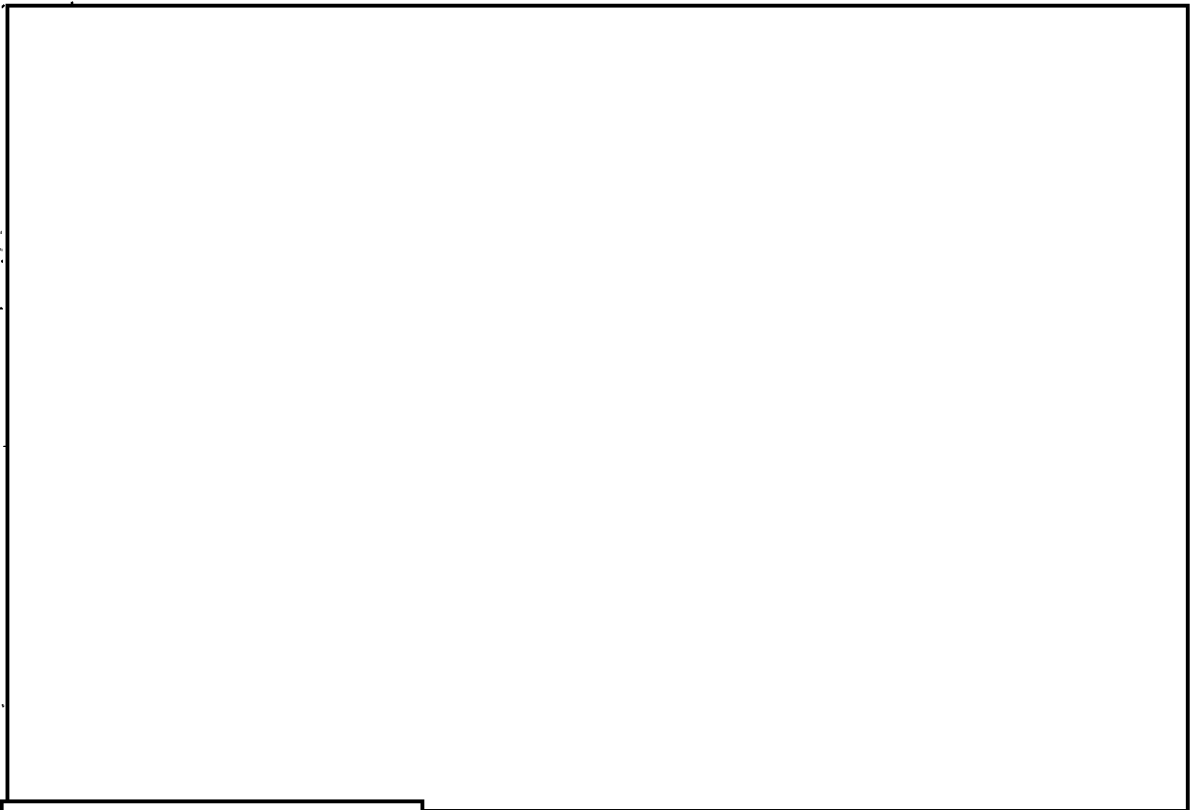
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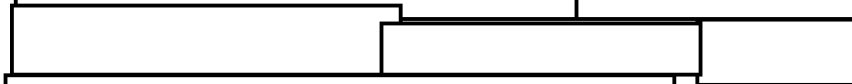


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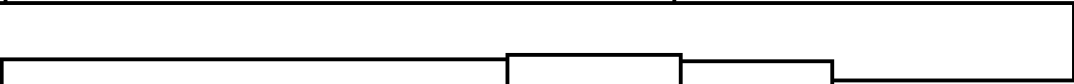
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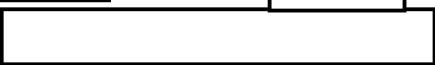
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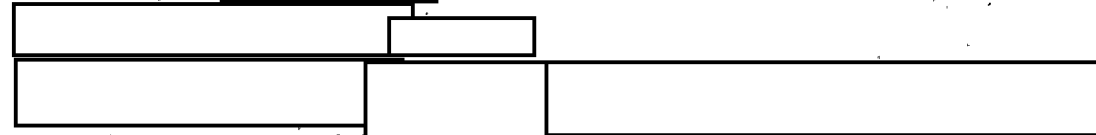
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(END OF TAPE)

FBI

TRANSMIT VIA:

- Teletype
- Facsimile
- AIRTEL

PRECEDENCE:

- Immediate
- Priority
- Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

- TOP SECRET
- SECRET
- CONFIDENTIAL
- UNCLAS E F T O
- UNCLAS

Date 3/13/86

TO : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (90A-NEW) (P) (C-7)

RUSSELL MEANS;
CROW DOG, aka.,
Medicine Man;

[REDACTED]

UNSUB;
MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN
INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM);
IRREGULARITIES IN A
FEDERAL PENAL INSTITUTION
(OO: DETROIT)

Re Detroit telephone call to Bismarck, North Dakota RA on 2/18/86 and Detroit telephone call to Newark and Morristown, New Jersey RA on 2/21/86.

Enclosed for receiving offices is one copy of FD-302 of [REDACTED] and one copy of a transcript between [REDACTED] and an unknown male in Morristown, New Jersey.

For information of receiving offices, [REDACTED] (Protect), an [REDACTED] date of birth [REDACTED], Social Security Account Number [REDACTED] has provided the following information which is also contained on the enclosed FD-302. [REDACTED]

cooperation is [REDACTED]

- 2 - Indianapolis (Enc.-2)
- ② - Minneapolis (Enc.-2)
- 2 - Newark (Enc.-2)
- 2 - Detroit

[REDACTED] mph
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[redacted] advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] advised [redacted] informed him approximately two months ago that [redacted] of AIM were to contact [redacted] at telephone number [redacted] and use the [redacted] [redacted] during their conversation. [redacted] was to be advised of [redacted]

[redacted] will thereafter provide this information to AIM personnel on the [redacted] advised [redacted]

On [redacted] [redacted] consented to recording his conversation with [redacted] and he placed a collect telephone call to [redacted] from [redacted]. The unknown male answering did accept the call and indicated he had not heard from [redacted] for over two weeks. A verbatim of the conversation is enclosed, however, the tone of the conversation appeared more religious than radical.

LEADS

INDIANAPOLIS

AT TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA:

Determine if an [redacted] (possibly [redacted]

[redacted] at that facility and review [redacted] list, mail list, etc., for any information to substantiate [redacted] allegation.

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NEWARK

AT MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY:

Determine subscriber to telephone number [REDACTED]
and conduct indices and local police checks.

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AT MINNEAPOLIS AND RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA:

The above is being furnished in the event of future
leads and to assess the credibility of [REDACTED] information.

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Date 3/26/86

TO: SAC, DETROIT (90A-) (C-7)

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (90A-138) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL MEANS;
CROW DOG aka,
[redacted]
UNSUB,
MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN
MOVEMENT (AIM):
IRREGULARITIES IN A FEDERAL
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Re Detroit airtel to Indianapolis, dated 3/13/86.

Information contained in referenced airtel has been reviewed. For information of Detroit and Indianapolis, LEONARD CROW DOG holds himself out to be a medicine man of the Sioux Indian Nation and resides on the Rosebud Indian Reservation. He has been associated with members and leaders of AIM. Recently he was on the Navajo Indian Reservation, apparently in connection with the Navajo-Hopi land dispute and resettlement.

RUSSELL MEANS has been associated with AIM as a leader prior to the Wounded Knee takeover on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in 1973. He continues today to be a leader and spokesman for AIM, purportedly the head of an AIM faction known as DAKOTA-AIM.

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- 2 - Indianapolis
- 1 - Minneapolis
- [redacted] dmr
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It was the DAKOTA-AIM faction that on 4/1/81, occupied approximately 800 acres of National Forest land about 15 miles southwest of Rapid City, South Dakota. This resulted in a civil suit brought by the U.S. Government for eviction filed in September of 1981. The Indians counter sued claiming they were, without cause, denied a permit by the National Forest representatives, this restricting their right to practice their religion. The U.S. District Court, in 1985, ruled in favor of the Indians, allowing them to remain on the 800 acres and setting this property aside for them. This matter is still before the U.S. District Court because the National Forest turned down the Indians' use plan to construct permanent structures on the property.

This encampment became known as "YELLOW THUNDER CAMP" and it is not a reservation. The FBI has no jurisdiction as it would on a reservation, rather the criminal jurisdiction falls to the Pennington County Sheriff's Office.

The U.S. National Forest along with a member of the Sheriff's Office inspects the encampment monthly to ensure fire regulations and other regulations are being followed. The last month's check revealed that no one was residing in the encampment. The prior month's check revealed only three people.

During the period the camp has been in existence a murder occurred at the encampment. Several encampment members were arrested and charges were later dismissed against one member for his cooperation and the other member, [redacted] ultimately pled guilty. During this murder investigation the sheriff's office, as well as the U.S. Marshalls searched the encampment for caches of weapons as they had also heard "rumors" of arms caches. They were allowed to search as they had information the murder weapon was buried with the cache. The search was very thorough and no evidence of arms caches were found, nor was the murder weapon.

Recent news reports indicate RUSSELL MEANS has turned his attention to the Navajo-Hopi dispute, as well as the dispute in Nicaragua. He does not reside in "YELLOW THUNDER CAMP".

In view of the high visibility of the encampment, with periodic unannounced checks by the Sheriff's Office and National Forest representatives, it is very doubtful that any training, particularly involving weapons, could take place. The above, along with the fact the encampment was unoccupied when last checked, would tend not to substantiate [redacted] allegation.

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Date 4/9/86

TO SAC, DETROIT

FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (90A-213) (RUC)

RUSSELL MEANS;
CROW DOG, aka.,

[Redacted]

UNSUB;
Members of American Indian
Movement (AIM)
IFPI (A)

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Reference Detroit airtel to Indianapolis, 3/13/86;
and Minneapolis airtel to Detroit, 3/26/86.

On 3/24/86 Lieutenant [Redacted]
[Redacted], United States Penitentiary, Terre
Haute, Indiana, advised his records indicate there is no
inmate currently housed at the penitentiary with the last
name [Redacted]. Lieutenant [Redacted] advised penitentiary
records indicate [Redacted] Registry [Redacted] is
currently housed in the Administrative Detention Unit of
the penitentiary awaiting transfer to the United States
Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Lieutenant [Redacted]
advised [Redacted] was confined at Terre Haute from [Redacted]
until the current date. He was advised of information
contained in reference airtel.

On 4/7/86, Lieutenant [Redacted] advised [Redacted]
left Terre Haute penitentiary on 4/2/86, was temporarily
housed at the Federal Correctional Institute, Milan, Michigan,

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- ① - Newark
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- 1 - Indianapolis

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and arrived at the United States Penitentiary, Lewisburg, on
[redacted] Lieutenant [redacted] advised all of [redacted] records
were transferred with him.

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