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FROM ACTING DIRECTOR 3P

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS, AKA DENNIS J. BANKS - FUG; RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, AKA RUSSELL C. MEANS - FUG; CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION, ANTI-RIOT LAWS, CRIMES ABOARD AIRCRAFT MATTER.

ACCORDING TO A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS GIVEN RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, SUBJECTS BANKS AND MEANS, TWO OF THE MAJOR LEADERS OF AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) AT WOUNDED KNEE, HAVE DEPARTED PINE RIDGE RESERVATION, SOUTH DAKOTA, VIA HORSEBACK EN ROUTE TO ROSEBUD RESERVATION AND THEN REPORTEDLY PLAN TO GO TO CUBA. SUBJECTS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE DEPARTED WOUNDED KNEE 3-26-73, IN POSSESSION OF APPROXIMATELY \$6,000 OBTAINED EARLIER IN A POST OFFICE BURGLARY. IN VIEW OF THE INFORMATION THAT SUBJECTS ARE BELIEVED TO BE HEADING FOR CUBA, ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE INDICATING THEY PLAN TO HIJACK AN AIRCRAFT, THIS IS A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY. WITH EMPHASIS UPON MIDWESTERN AREA OF UNITED
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advised 3/29/73
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*4-1-73
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make 70 news
15/9/73*

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STATES, RECEIVING OFFICES ARE TO ALERT APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL THROUGH YOUR AIRPORT LIAISON CONTACTS REGARDING SUBJECTS. APPROPRIATE OFFICES ALERT CANADIAN AND MEXICAN BORDER AUTHORITIES.

FAA HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF A HIJACKING BY SUBJECTS. AIRPORTS BEING ADVISED BY FAA.

SUBJECTS ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, AMERICAN INDIAN; SEX MALE; HEIGHT 71 INCHES; WEIGHT 160 POUNDS; HAIR BLACK; EYES BROWN; DOB 4-12-37, AT FEDERAL DAM, MINNESOTA; SCARS AND MARKS, TATTOOS, DAGGER RIGHT FOREARM, "JAPAN" 54-57 RIGHT UPPER ARM, ROSE BANNER W/502-28-0630 LEFT FOREARM, ACE OF SPADES LEFT UPPER ARM, 4 INCH CUT SCAR LEFT SHIN; ADDRESS 2743 FIRST AVENUE SOUTH, MINNEAPOLIS, IN 1971; FBI NUMBER 118417D.

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, AMERICAN INDIAN; SEX MALE; HEIGHT 73 1/2 INCHES; WEIGHT 185 POUNDS; HAIR BLACK (WORN IN PIGTAILS); EYES BROWN; DOB 11/10/39, AT PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA; SCARS AND MARKS, CUT SCAR ON FOREHEAD, (AS OF 3/26/73, HE REPORTEDLY HAD A BLACK EYE AND WAS LIMPING); ADDRESS, C/O GENERAL DELIVERY PORCUPINE, SOUTH DAKOTA IN 1973; FBI NUMBER 377277C.

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THE MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE IS FORWARDING PHOTOGRAPHS OF BOTH SUBJECTS TO ALL OFFICES TODAY.

BOTH SUBJECTS BANKS AND MEANS WERE CHARGED IN FEDERAL COMPLAINTS AUTHORIZED BY AUSA R. D. HURD AND FILED BY SA DONALD G. WILEY BEFORE U.S. MAGISTRATE JAMES H. WILSON ON 3-10-73, AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, WITH VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, SECTION 231 (SMALL A) (3), U.S. CODE, AND BOND RECOMMENDED AT \$50,000 EACH.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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HOLD

DENNIS JAMES BANKS;
 (Title) RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

(File No.) 70-7311*

1A1 THRU 1A6 TRANSFERRED TO
 Disposition 70-7451

Date Filed	Description	Disposition
1. 5-24-73	1 double mug photo of Dennis J. Banks taken 3-9-67.	See ser. #26 cd
2. 5-24-73	1 double mug photo of Pedro Bissonette taken 6-2-71.	See ser. #26 cd
3. 5-24-73	1 double mug photo of Carter Augustus Camp taken 6-8-72.	See ser. #26 cd
4. 5-24-73	1 double mug photo of [redacted] taken 10-26-67.	See ser. #26cd
5. 5-24-73	1 double mug photo of Stanley Richard Holder taken 1-19-73.	See ser. #26 cd
6. 5-24-73	1 double mug photo of Russell Means taken 9-9-70.	See ser. # 26 cd
7. 5/30/73	one photo of Dennis Banks. see ser. 28.	
8. 5/30/73	" " " Clyde Howard Bellecourt. taken 4/73. see ser. 28.	
9. "	" " " Pedro G. Bissonette taken per 4/73. see ser. 28.	
10. "	" " " Carter Camp. see ser. 28.	
11. "	" " " Leonard Crowdog taken 4/73. see ser. 28.	
12. "	" " " Stanley Richard Holder. taken 4/73. see ser. 28.	
13. "	" " " Russell Charles Means. taken 4/73. see 28.	
14. "	" " " Ron Petite taken 4/73. see ser. 28.	
15. "	Arrest Log of Russell Charles Means 4-27-73.	
16) 1-9-74	Arrest Report for drunk charge 1/18/59 and Arrest Report for Robbery Charge 12/19/59 cd	

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File No. 70-7311-1a11

Date Received 5-29-73

From ME
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned Yes
 No

Receipt given Yes
 No

Description:

one photo of Leonard
Crow Jay.
see ser 28

Jan 5/30/73

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Leonard Crow Dog
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File No. 70-7311-1a12

Date Received 5/29/73

From M G
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned Yes
 No

Receipt given Yes
 No

Description:

*one photo of Stanley
Richard Harder #173.*

see ser: 28.

Jan 5/30/73



HOLDER, Stanley Richard 4/73

dob 4/20/1950

File No. 70-7311-1a13

Date Received 5/29/73

From MO
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned Yes
 No

Receipt given Yes
 No

Description:

*inc photo of Russell
Charles Means 4/73*

see ser. 28

Jan 5/30/73

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MEANS, Russell Charles 4/73
dob 11/10/1939

File No. 70-7311-1a14

Date Received 5/69/73

From M G
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned Yes
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Receipt given Yes
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Description:

one photo of Ron

Petite . 4/73

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Joe 2/30/73

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PETITE, Ron

4/73

dob 9/27/1935

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File No. 70-7311-1A15

Date Received 4/27/73

From SA 

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

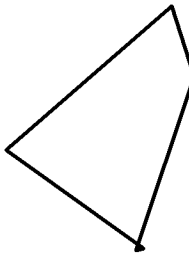
By SA
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned Yes
 No

Receipt given Yes
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Description:

*Arrest log of
Russell Charles Means
4/27/73*

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Arrest log indicating arrest of Russell Charles Means
At Los Angeles Palms Hotel By SA's [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted]

12:50 PM Means stopped in vicinity of Vermont
and Hwy. 101.

12:51 PM Means placed under arrest and
handcuffed. Means was advised he
was under arrest based on bench
warrant issued by U.S. District Court
Western District, S. Dakota.

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12:52 PM Means ^{verbally} advised, by SA [redacted], of his
rights which he stated he fully understood
but did not wish to talk to FBI with
his attorney present.

12:53 PM Means taken to U.S. Marshall office
via Bureau.

~~At~~ 1:12 PM Means arrives U.S. Marshall office
in custody.

SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]

FBI LA 4/27/73.
FBI LA 4/27/73

File No. 70-7311-1a/6

Date Received 11-9-73

From LAPD
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By SP
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned Yes
 No

Receipt given Yes
 No

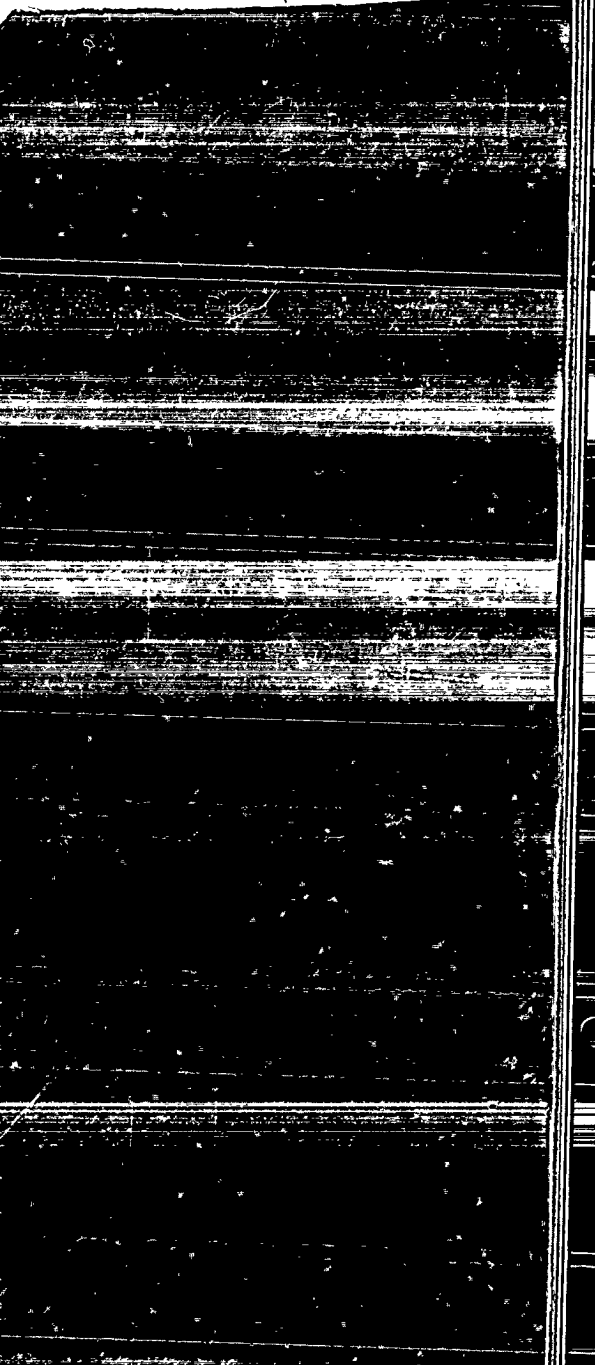
Description:

- ① ARREST REPORT FOR DRINK CHARGE, 1/18/59
- ② " " " ROBBERY CHARGE, 12/19/59

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Birth Credit Criminal Death INS Marriage* Motor Vehicle Other _____
 Driver's License

To	SC ANDERSON HOWN	Buded
Return to	[Redacted] (SQ16)	File number 70-7311

Name and aliases of subject, applicant, or employee, and spouse
RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

Addresses

Residence _____

Business _____

Former _____

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* Date and place of marriage (if applicable) _____

Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Age	Height	Weight	Hair	Eyes
Birth date	Birthplace					
Arrest Number 967708-M 1/18/59 DRUNK 12/19/59 ROBBERY	Fingerprint classification			Criminal specialty		

Specific information desired **DISPOSITIONS**

Results of check

MICRO 1841

ct# 026225

Dispos: 12/19/59 - Robb. arrest - 12-21-59, Released

1 see attach
rejection

Call me re drunk dispo

SC [Redacted] 11-9-73

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
BOOKING AND IDENTIFICATION RECORD

CHECKED BY 10

LA No. 1177018 11

CH No. _____

ADDRESS: **Mear Russell**

BOOKING NUMBER: **775 889** CHARGE: **1.27h IRC dk** **10/R B 50**

LOCATION OF FIRST CONTACT: **306 S. Main St.** DATE: **1-16-59** TIME: **1245 AM**

PROBABLE INVE. UNIT: **none** DISPOSITION OF A VEHICLE: **none**

BIRTH DATE: **Nov 10, 1939** BIRTHPLACE: **S. Dakota** RESIDENCE ADDRESS: **Box 1952 Fornsello, AVE** CITY: **General Petas.**

HT: **6'** WT: **151** HAIR: **Bla** EYES: **Bru** VISIBLE MARKS, SCARS, DEFORMITIES: **none** OCCUPATION: **Messenger**

NICKNAME AND/OR ALIAS: **none** CLOTHING WORN: **kaki pants, fl. shirt, Gray coat, Bru shoes**

DRIVER'S LICENSE NO.: **none** MAKE, STYLE AND NUMBERS ON WHEELS: **none** OTHER PROP. MARKS: **none**

DESCRIBE OTHER ARTICLES (LIST PARTNERS BY NUMBER) JEWELRY AND RINGS:
pencil,

NO MAKE TO DIV. 57
1-17-59 Lat

SEARCHED OFFICER: **Douglas**

NAME: **Russell C Mearse**

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RIGHT THUMB	RIGHT INDEX	RIGHT MIDDLE	RIGHT RING
LEFT THUMB	LEFT INDEX	LEFT MIDDLE	LEFT RING

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Los Angeles Police Department
INVESTIGATOR'S FINAL REPORT

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NO FINAL REPORT
NO OTHER AGENCIES ADVISED

CHARGE
Russell Charles 211 P. C. (ROBBERY)

500 464
DATE ARRESTED 12-19-59
ARRESTED BY Kenney #10255
L.A. NO. 467708

<input type="checkbox"/> DRIVES CAR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OWNS CAR	YEAR MAKE 50 Ford	BODY TYPE coupe	COLOR blue
205 S Figueroa		DRAFT BOARD NUMBER AND ADDRESS Hayward, California		
none		FEATHERED ORGANIZATIONS, LODGES, ETC none		
CHILDREN'S NAMES AND BIRTH DATES		NAME OF SCHOOL Hare School for Boys, Mission, So. Dak.	PHONE NUMBER	MARITAL STATUS Single
ADDRESS		CITY Vallejo, California	BUSINESS ADDRESS ON FIRM NAME Paar's Engine	
RESIDENCE ADDRESS		PHONE same St, Rm Rm	HIRE NUMBER	

INFORMATION THAT MAY AID IN FUTURE APPREHENSION (Credit references, hobbies, hangouts, gang or criminal habits, modes of life, business, occupations, etc.)
Claims misd rec. Employed Laars Engineering, N Hwd, past six weeks as asst. Member Sioux Nation. Hangs out bars Pico & Fig area. Has cut scar 2" long over rt eye to center of forehead, cut scar 1" x through left eyebrow.

PLACE OF CONFINEMENT DURING INVESTIGATION (Explain if suspect arrested in apprehension of other suspects, recovery of property, etc.)
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METHOD OF APPREHENSION (Explain)
RD
METHOD OF APPREHENSION (Explain)
RD

NO.	NAME	INVESTIGATOR'S NO. OF COUNTS	CHARGE	COURT DIVISION	DATE

12:25pm PD mc	SERIAL NO.	DIVISION RD RD RD	DETAIL
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FROM [redacted] TO [redacted] ON 500 464. On 9-9-59 this DR was unfiled. Compl for 594PC refused by DCA [redacted]

INVESTIGATOR'S SIGNATURE - (Serial Number)
del Castillo
DATE AND TIME AUTHORIZATION RECEIVED
12-21-59 11:05.0am

INVESTIGATOR'S FINAL REPORT

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Date Received 5/29/73

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(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

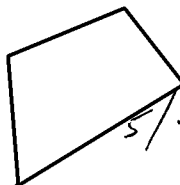
To Be Returned Yes
 No

Receipt given Yes
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Description:

*one photo of Dennis
Banks.*

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Dennis Brooks

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File No. 70-7311-128

Date Received 5/29/73

From Wm Q
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(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
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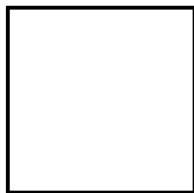
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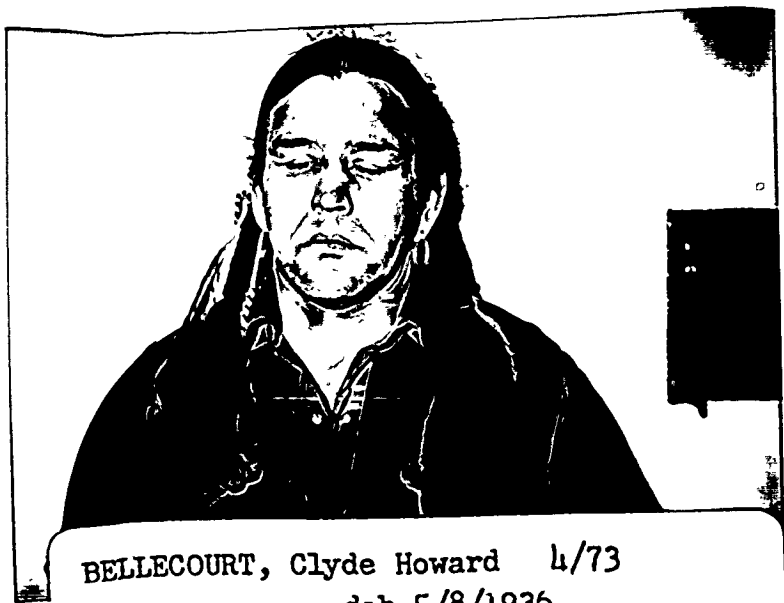
*one photo of Clyde
Howard Bellocourt
taken 4/73.*

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BELLECOURT, Clyde Howard 4/73
dob 5/8/1936

File No. 70-7311-1a9

Date Received 5/29/73

From MJ
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(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

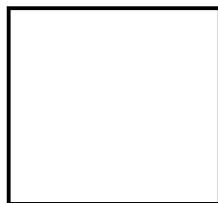
To Be Returned Yes
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Receipt given Yes
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Description:

*one photo of Pedro
A. Bissnette taken
4/73.*


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BISSONETTE, Pedro A. 4/73
dob 4/20/1944



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Date Received 5/29/73

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By _____
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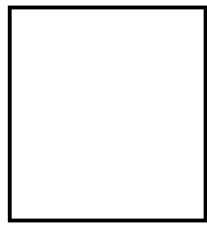
To Be Returned Yes
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Receipt given Yes
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Description:

*one photo of Carter
Camp. ~~at~~*

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Carter Camp

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Routing Slip
FD-4 (Rev. 4-28-67)

Date 3/28/73

To:

Director

FILE

Att.:

Los Angeles

Title

DENNIS JAMES BANKS;

SAC ALL OFFICES

ASAC

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

Supv.

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Butel 3/27/73.

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Steno

Clerk

Rotor #:

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ACTION DESIRED

Acknowledge

Open Case

Assign Reassign

Prepare lead cards

Bring file

Prepare tickler

Call me

Return assignment card

Correct

Return file

Deadline _____

Search and return

Deadline passed

See me

Delinquent

Serial # _____

Discontinue

Post Recharge Return

Expedite

Send to _____

File

Submit new charge out

For information

Submit report by _____

Handle

Type

Initial & return

Leads need attention

Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

Photographs of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS furnished all offices by MP FD-432, 3/26/73 (Extremist Photograph Album); and, photographs of DENNIS JAMES BANKS furnished all offices by MP FD-432, 3/28/73.

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SAC JOSEPH H. TRIMBACH

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TO ALL SACS

FROM ACTING DIRECTOR 1P

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, AKA, FUGITIVE; RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, AKA, CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION; ANTI-RIOT LAWS; CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT MATTER.

REBUTEL 3/27/73.

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS SURRENDERED TO U.S. MARSHALS VICINITY WOUNDED KNEE, SOUTH DAKOTA 4/5/73 AND IS CURRENTLY FREE ON BOND. SUBJECT DENNIS JAMES BANKS REMAINS IN FUGITIVE STATUS PER INFO IN RETEL.

EVEN THOUGH BANKS AND MEANS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE POTENTIAL AIRCRAFT HIJACKERS RECEIVING OFFICES INSURE APPROPRIATE AIRPORT LIAISON CONTACTS ARE AWARE OF FACT THAT MEANS IS NO LONGER A FEDERAL FUGITIVE. THE BUREAU IS HOWEVER STILL INTERESTED IN THE MOVEMENTS OF BOTH SUBJECTS AND THE APPREHENSION OF BANKS. FAA HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, D.C., HAS BEEN ADVISED.

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Other
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TO: ~~ACTING DIRECTOR - JXS~~
~~DENVER - RDE~~
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~~OKLAHOMA CITY - DWM~~
~~PHOENIX - JEL~~

FROM: LOS ANGELES (157-8224)

AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT - EM-AIM.

ON INSTANT DATE, SOURCE ONE, WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN PAST, ADVISED RUSSELL MEANS AND CLYDE BELLECOURT, NATIONAL LEADERS OF AIM, A MILITANT AMERICAN INDIAN ORGANIZATION, ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE LOS ANGELES 4/25/73 TO MEET WITH ARCHIE FIRE, SELF ESPOUSED WESTERN REGIONAL COORDINATOR FOR AIM, TO DETERMINE CURRENT DISPOSITION OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS OF AIM FUNDS FOR WHICH FIRE WAS RESPONSIBLE. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, BOTH MEANS AND BELLECOURT ARE DISSATISFIED WITH ARCHIE FIRE AND PLAN TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST HIM.

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Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ PM

Per _____

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SOURCE ALSO INDICATED MEANS AND BELLECOURT HAD RECENTLY BEEN IN PAWNEE, OKLAHOMA ATTEMPTING TO CONVINCE PAWNEE TRIBAL CHAIRMEN TO ALLOW NATIONAL AIM CONVENTION TO BE HELD THERE.

SOURCE FURTHER INDICATED THAT SOME LOS ANGELES AIM MEMBERS WOULD NOT ATTEND NATIONAL AIM CONVENTION FOR FEAR OF ARREST.

SECOND SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN PAST, ADVISED INSTANT DATE LEAFLET BEING PASSED OUT AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES INDICATES RUSSELL MEANS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK UCLA FREE SPEECH AREA TWELVE NOON, 4/26/73.

THIRD SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN PAST, ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT AN ENTIRE DAY OF EVENTS HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FROM TEN AM TO FOUR PM ON 4/26/73 AT UCLA TO INCLUDE SPEECH BY RUSSELL MEANS. OTHER EVENTS TO INCLUDE SHOWING OF FILM, "INSIDE WOUNDED KNEE" AND PANEL OF SPEAKERS REPRESENTING INDIAN, MEXICAN-AMERICAN, ASIAN AND BLACK GROUPS, NOT FURTHER SPECIFIED, TO DISCUSS "DEFENSE OF WOUNDED KNEE".

ADMINISTRATIVE

SOURCES UTILIZED:

SOURCE ONE, [REDACTED]

SOURCE TWO, [REDACTED]

SOURCE THREE, [REDACTED]

LOS ANGELES AFFORDING COVERAGE THROUGH SOURCES.

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SENT 4-26-73 1:30AM PM URGENT 4-25-73 MPC

TO ACTING DIRECTOR

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LOS ANGELES

RICHMOND

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (70-6882)

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

RE MP TELCALL TO LA 4/25/73.

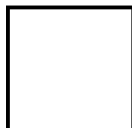
ON 4/25/73, [REDACTED] USDC, RAPID CITY,
SOUTH DAKOTA, ADVISED THAT RAMON ROUBIDEAUX, AIM ATTORNEY, HAD
FILED FOLLOWING ITINERARY FOR RUSSELL MEANS:
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TULSA, OKLAHOMA

APRIL 26, 27, AND 28, 1973

UCLA, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

CAN BE CONTACTED AT TELEPHONE NUMBER



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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 INCINDIARIES 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 BUAGENTS 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 AND AFFILIATION WITH AIM.

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A source advised that an individual introduced as RUSSELL MEANS, national leader of the American Indian Movement (AIM), addressed an assembly of about 150-175 students at Janss Steps on the campus of the University of California at Los Angeles.

Source further indicated that an individual known to source as [redacted] introduced MEANS stating he was to have his bond revoked that day.

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Source indicated that RUSSELL MEANS then spoke and during his speech made the following statement:

"A few of us came from Wounded Knee facing eighty-five years in the federal penitentiary." Tomorrow they're revoking my bond of fifty thousand dollars---tomorrow at 9:00AM." So I go to prison." So what," another Indian, who cares!"

Source indicated the speech lasted approximately ten minutes.

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by SA [redacted] / td Date dictated 4/26/73

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RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS - FUGITIVE; CIR - BURGLARY,
LARCENY; CONSPIRACY; UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF UNREGISTERED
FIREARMS; ARL; IMPEDING FEDERAL OFFICERS; AFO; FAILURE
TO COMPLY WITH CONDITIONS OF BOND; FAILURE TO APPEAR.

OO: MP.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO FBIHQ 4/26/73; BUREAU
TELEPHONE CALL TO RAPID CITY THIS DATE; MINNEAPOLIS
TELEPHONE CALL TO LOS ANGELES THIS DATE.

BOND REVOCATION HEARING FOR RUSSELL MEANS HELD
10 A.M. THIS DATE, U. S. DISTRICT COURT, DEADWOOD,
SOUTH DAKOTA, WITH ANDREW W. BOGUE, U. S. DISTRICT
JUDGE, PRESIDING. [] AND [] ATTORNEYS,
WERE PRESENT ON BEHALF OF CLIENT MEANS, BUT MEANS FAILED
TO APPEAR.

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JUDGE BOGUE, UPON COMPLETION OF HEARING, REVOKED MEANS' BOND AND DIRECTED BENCH WARRANT BE ISSUED. BENCH WARRANT ISSUED 4/27/73 BY CLERK, USDC, 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 THAT MEANS BE ARRESTED AND RETURNED TO SOUTH DAKOTA. BOGUE ADDED HEARING DATE FOR MEANS WOULD BE SET UPON HIS RETURN TO SOUTH DAKOTA.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THE COURT HE WILL, THIS DATE, ATTEMPT TO APPEAL JUDGE BOGUE'S RULING TO THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT COURT.

LOS ANGELES, WHO IS AWARE OF MEANS' PRESENCE IN THAT AREA, LOCATE AND APPREHEND.

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

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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
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NAM/ (last name first) MEANS, RUSSEL CHARLES

NIC/ (NCIC number) _____

DATE WANTED PERSON LOCATED 4/27/73

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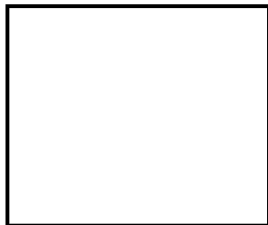
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TO: ~~MINNEAPOLIS~~ ^{DSS} *ACTING DIRECTOR*, ^{mcc} *SAC - MINNEAPOLIS*
Rapid City Two
FROM: LOS ANGELES (70-7311)

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

APRIL 27 INSTANT

RUSSELL MEANS HAS ISSUED PRESS RELEASE, 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 11:00 AM PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY AT AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) OFFICE, 600 SOUTH NEW HAMPSHIRE, LOS ANGELES TO FURTHER ELABORATE HIS INTENTIONS.

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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LOS ANGELES AFFORDING COVERAGE *TO* PRESS CONFERENCE,
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SENT VIA FASCIMILE RAPID CITY.

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Source advised that at approximately 12:10 p.m., a person identified as RUSSELL MEANS, Leader of the American Indian Movement, addressed a press conference held at 600 South New Hampshire Avenue, Los Angeles, an address which houses the Indian Center, Incorporated.

According to source, MEANS initiated the press conference by stating that the United States Government had once again showed its stupidity and made him a martyr by revoking his bail, according to MEANS on a technicality.

According to source, when asked by a woman in the audience why he decided not to return to South Dakota for the hearing, MEANS stated he did not decide against it, but the airlines decided against it as they were booked up.

According to source, when asked the question would you give yourself up or would they have to come and get you, MEANS replied that the United States Government has seen fit to spend \$57,000 per day at Wounded Knee in an effort to starve out Indians and he hoped they could spend that much per day looking for him.

According to source, when asked if he thought he would be arrested when he left the Indian Center, MEANS replied "If they've got good fighters, I'll be arrested".

Source indicated that MEANS was asked whether he felt Federal Agents knew where he was at the moment. To this MEANS replied, "I believe they are surrounding the building right now, in fact, I can tell that they are, but I'm telling you, they're going to have to take me to jail either unconscious or dead.

Source advised that shortly thereafter, MEANS exited the Indian Center.

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

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Source indicated that MEANS made other comments during the press conference, but these appeared to be the highlights.

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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

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

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

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Title: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

Character: CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION -
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ANTI-RIOT LAWS; IMPEDING FEDERAL OFFICERS;
ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER;
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CONDITIONS OF BOND;
FAILURE TO APPEAR

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

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The government kept secret the status of negotiations with the Indian militants holding Wounded Knee, S.D., but one official said a rumor that federal forces would storm the village if there was no agreement by Friday "might be true." Dep. Asst. U.S. Atty. Gen. Richard Hellstern added that "in the immediate days ahead we are not going to entertain any questions on negotiations." He said the government had "always considered the option of using force to settle the siege a viable one." In another development, American Indian Movement leader Russell Means was returned from Los Angeles to jail in Sioux Falls, S.D., after his bond was revoked.

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I-2 Los Angeles Times
Los Angeles, Calif.

Date: 5/2/73
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U.S. marshals escorted American Indian Movement leader Russell Means back to South Dakota to face charges growing out of the Indian seizure of Wounded Knee. Means was arrested here Friday on a bench warrant after his \$25,000 bond was revoked. Means said he would have returned to South Dakota on his own but airlines were booked up. He contended his bond was revoked on a technicality.

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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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11000 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90024
May 5, 1973

Mr. Edward Davis
Chief of Police
Los Angeles Police Department
150 North Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Chief Davis:

This letter is to call to your attention the deep appreciation of the Los Angeles FBI Office, to the officers of the Los Angeles Police Department, listed herein, who arduously assisted in the investigation by this office concerning the apprehension of Russell Charles Means, fugitive and national leader of the militant American Indian Movement. These officers, coupled with FBI Agents, affected Means' arrest April 27, 1973 for bond default.

Just prior to his arrest, Means had indicated to a press conference held at the Indian Center, 600 South New Hampshire Avenue, Los Angeles, that he would be "taken only unconscious or dead". Due to your officers showing a high degree of professionalism, Means' arrest was affected without incident.

The following officers were involved:

Investigator [redacted] Badge [redacted]
Intelligence Division

Investigator III [redacted] Badge [redacted]
Intelligence Division

Investigator II [redacted] Badge [redacted]
Intelligence Division

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Intelligence Division

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Intelligence Division

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Investigator [redacted] Badge [redacted]
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Investigator [redacted] Badge [redacted]
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Officer [redacted] Badge [redacted]
Intelligence Division

Officer [redacted] Badge [redacted]
Intelligence Division

Officer [redacted] Badge [redacted]
Rampart Division Patrol

Officer [redacted] Badge [redacted]
Rampart Division Patrol

Very truly yours,

JOE D. JAMESON
Assistant Director in Charge

Means cites first casualty as hero

AIM spokesman hits government

By Terry Colvin
DB Staff Writer

"The first real hero of Wounded Knee is Frank Clearwater, a dead Indian," Russel Means, spokesman for the American Indian Movement (AIM), told a crowd of 300 people yesterday on Janss Steps.

Means' comments came on the heels of the first death as a result of wounds received during the now 58-day-old takeover of the hamlet of Wounded Knee, S.D. Clearwater, 47, a resident of the near-by Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, died Tuesday from a head wound received in a gun battle with federal and state authorities last week.

Means appeared as part of a day-long teach-in sponsored by the Community Services Commission of the Student Legislative Council. Just before delivering his scheduled speech, Means learned that his \$50,000 bail bond had been revoked by a federal district court in Rapid City, S.D. Facing an indictment stemming from the Wounded Knee seizure, Means told the audience he must surrender himself to federal officers within 24 hours. "I'm sure that when I go back to the airport tonight, I'm going to be busted," he said.

Hardships

The nationally renowned Indian militant recounted the hardships

presently being endured by the 295 Native Americans presently inside Wounded Knee. "Do you know what it is to have to eat cornstarch in order to survive, or to slaughter a cow and by answered by 4,000 rounds of federal ammunition?" Means asked.

Means emerged three weeks ago from the tiny community in order to sign an agreement reached between the Indians and the federal government. AIM leaders, however, have charged that the government tricked the leaders into signing an agreement in order to serve indictments. "I came out of Wounded Knee on a trick," Means said. "I have to go around begging for humanity on behalf of my brothers and sisters, so thank you for listening," he said.

"You don't really even give a shit that the President of the United States is acting on his own, that the Congress of the United States has been thrown out the window and the Constitution has no meaning for Indians," he said.

Abrogation

Much of the issue as professed by those Indians inside Wounded Knee surrounds the abrogation of the 1868 Fort Laramie Treaty which guaranteed to the northern tribes the right to maintain their traditional tribal government.

"If the United States of America refuses to live up to its treaty, its sovereign treaty commitments, then there is no use for every

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Los Angeles, Calif.

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person of color in these United States to live," Means said.

Means also charged that the federal courts have refused to review the many suits brought to them by Indians concerning the 317 treaties signed by the government and the various tribes. "We are in Wounded Knee because your government does not live up to its sacred agreements with the Indians. We are going to hold you to those treaties.

"I now face a total of 85 years in prison because of Wounded Knee.

If you don't take us seriously and live up to your Constitution, this is one man who isn't going to jail for 85 years," he said.

"Wounded Knee may not mean anything to you or your children, but is going to mean a lot to your unborn. That is why we are there — for our unborn," Means said.

"So take your U.S. President and your Department of the Interior and your Bureau of Indian Affairs and dump them in Lake Erie where they belong. Just leave us alone according to our treaty."



BURY MY HEART — Russel Means, American Indian Movement (AIM) spokesman, disclosed plans yesterday to bury the first Indian killed during the 58-day siege at Wounded Knee, S.D., in the cemetery of the tiny hamlet, a center of confrontation between Indians and federal officers.

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1Date of transcription 5/2/73

[redacted] Western Airlines (WAL), [redacted]
 [redacted] Los Angeles International Airport
 (LAX), advised that he had determined that the following
 number of vacant seats existed on the following Los
 Angeles to Denver, Colorado, WAL flights on April 26, 1973:

<u>FLIGHT</u>	<u>DEPARTURE</u>	<u>ARRIVAL</u>	<u>VACANT SEATS</u>
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216	3:10 p.m.	7:55 p.m.	15

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[redacted] also advised that he determined 55 seat
 vacancies existed on WAL Flight 470 on April 27, 1973,
 from Denver, Colorado, to Rapid City, South Dakota.

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by SA [redacted] tmb Date dictated 5/2/73

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[redacted] United Airlines (UAL), [redacted]
 [redacted] Los Angeles International Airport
 (LAX), advised that he had determined that the following
 number of vacant seats existed on the following Los
 Angeles to Denver, Colorado, UAL flights on April 26, 1973:

<u>FLIGHT</u>	<u>DEPARTURE</u>	<u>ARRIVAL</u>	<u>VACANT SEATS</u>
574	12:15 p.m.	3:12 p.m.	66
176	2:30 p.m.	5:25 p.m.	8
210	5:05 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	45

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[redacted] Continental Airlines (CAL), [redacted]
 [redacted] Los Angeles International
 Airport (LAX), advised that he had determined that the
 following number of vacant seats existed on the following
 Los Angeles to Denver, Colorado, CAL flights on April 26, 1973:

<u>FLIGHT</u>	<u>DEPARTURE</u>	<u>ARRIVAL</u>	<u>VACANT SEATS</u>
910	2:10 p.m.	5:09 p.m.	105
600	5:00 p.m.	7:58 p.m.	81
930	9:25 p.m.	12:24 a.m.	114

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[redacted] also advised that CAL Flight 912 from Los Angeles to Denver on April 27, 1973, had 180 vacant seats. This particular flight was scheduled to leave Los Angeles at 1:00 a.m. and arrive in Denver at 3:56 a.m.

[redacted] added that CAL Flight 86 also flies to Denver leaving the Los Angeles area from Ontario, California. This flight was scheduled to leave Ontario at noon on April 26, 1973, and arrive in Denver at 2:48 p.m. This flight had 72 empty seats.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

May 11, 1973

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EXTREMIST MATTER -
AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

Unless otherwise indicated, all sources utilized herein have furnished reliable information in the past.

Source one advised Russell Charles Means, National Leader of the American Indian Movement (AIM), was scheduled to arrive at Los Angeles, April 25, 1973, to meet with Archie Fire, self-espoused Western Regional Coordinator of AIM, to determine current disposition of \$15,000 of AIM funds for which Archie Fire was responsible.

AIM is a militant American Indian organization.

Source two advised that Russell Means was scheduled to speak at 12:00 noon on April 26, 1973, on the campus of the University of California at Los Angeles, (UCLA).

Source three advised that Russell Means was to arrive Los Angeles, California, at Los Angeles International Airport, Continental Airlines Flight 191, from Tulsa, Oklahoma, at 9:18 p.m., on April 25, 1973.

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 - 1 - Denver (RM)
 - 2 - Minneapolis (157-1460) (RM)
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 - 1 - Oklahoma City (RM)
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RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

On April 25, 1973, Special Agents of the FBI observed Russell Charles Means deplane Continental Airlines Flight 191, 9:20 p.m., at Los Angeles International Airport. Means was met by [redacted] [redacted] Los Angeles AIM activist, and subsequently departed Los Angeles International Airport at 9:40 p.m., in a 1972 Volkswagen with California license number [redacted]

A check with the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) reveals California license [redacted] to be registered to [redacted] at [redacted] Avenue, Los Angeles.

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At 10:20 p.m., April 25, 1973, the 1972 Volkswagen, registered to [redacted] was observed at [redacted] [redacted] Avenue, Los Angeles.

Source four advised Means spent the evening at the [redacted] residence.

Source five advised that on April 26, 1973, Russell Means spoke at the Janss Steps, on the UCLA campus before approximately 200 to 250 students. Source provided a recording of the speech, a transcription of which follows:

UCLA

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.

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

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,

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. x And I can, you know, they've spent how many years in Vietnam? Indians are only what? A total of four tenths of 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. Pour 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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RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

Source four advised on April 25, 1973, that Russell Means was scheduled to hold a press conference at the Indian Center, 600 South New Hampshire, at 11:00 a.m., on April 27, 1973, in an attempt to make himself out a martyr.

At 10:00 a.m., April 26, 1973, 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 Russell Means, but Means was not present. Roubideaux claimed he had been unable to contact Means to advise him he was to be in Court this date. Judge Bogue continued the hearing until 10:00 a.m., April 27, 1973, and advised Roubideaux to contact Means to advise him to be present.

On April 27, 1973, source four advised that Russell Means had spent the evening of April 26, 1973, at the residence of famed movie actor, Marlon Brando, Mulholland Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

On April 27, 1973, a bond revocation rehearing was held for Russell Charles Means, U. S. District Court, Deadwood, South Dakota, with Andrew W. Bogue, U. S. District Judge presiding. Again Means failed to appear and Judge Bogue, upon completion of the hearing, revoked Means' bond and directed a bench warrant be issued. A bench warrant was issued April 27, 1973, by the Clerk, U. S. District Court, Rapid City, South Dakota, charging Means with failure to comply with conditions of bond, April 16, 1973, and failure to appear, no code, title, or section set forth. Judge Bogue ordered Means to be arrested and returned to South Dakota. Judge Bogue further indicated a hearing date for Means would be set upon his return to South Dakota.

Source five advised on April 27, 1973, that Russell Means appeared at the Indian Center, 600 South New Hampshire Avenue, Los Angeles, California, for a press conference at approximately 12:15 p.m. Source provided a tape recording of this press conference, a transcription of which follows:

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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 Ogala 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 (at 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

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

The following is what transpired subsequent to Means' press conference:

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

On May 2, 1973, Russell Means was escorted back to South Dakota by the United States Marshal for a bond revocation hearing.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/11/73

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-8701)(P)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM

Re Los Angeles report of SA [redacted] dated 4/30/73, captioned, "RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; BURGLARY; LARCENY; CONSPIRACY; UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF UNREGISTERED FIREARMS; ARL; IMPEDING FEDERAL OFFICERS; AFO; FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CONDITIONS OF BOND; FAILURE TO APPEAR".

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two (2) cassette recordings appropriately marked, one of a speech of RUSSELL MEANS at the University of California at Los Angeles, on 4/26/73; and one of a speech of RUSSELL MEANS at AIM Headquarters, 4/27/73.

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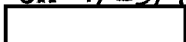
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/3/73

FROM : SA

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (70-7311)

DATE 5/28/73

FROM : SA

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
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UNREGISTERED FIREARMS,
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OFFICERS, AFO, CONSPIRACY
OO: Minneapolis

Reference ASAC ENLOW telephone call to SA on 5/28/73 at approximately 9:45 AM.

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At approximately 9:45 AM ASAC ENLOW of the Minneapolis Division, calling from the WX the Rapid City Resident Agency advised that the new clipping which was quoted in a Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau and Minneapolis on either 4/26/73 or 4/27/73 in which MEANS made a statement at a news conference in Los Angeles that he was not going to appear at a hearing in federal district court, Rapid City, South Dakota which resulted in his bond being revoked. ASAC ENLOW advised that the actual clipping was needed at a probable cause hearing scheduled for MEANS on 5/29/73.

A review of above captioned file reflects that a teletype was sent to ~~xxx~~ the Bureau and Minneapolis by Los Angeles on 4/27/73 (serial 11) relating a press release made by MEANS at American Indian Movement Office, Los Angeles, California on 4/27/73; However, there is no indication in the file that his press release was carried in any Los Angeles news papers.

Located in above captioned file was a press release (serial 19) carried in the UCLA "Daily Bruin", Los Angeles, Calif. on 4/27/73 in which reference was made by MEANS to his bond revocation in a speech to a crowd of 200 to 250 on 4/26/73 at Jans Steps Free Speech Area on the UCLA Campus. This was reported to Minneapolis in a teletype dated 4/26/73 to the Bureau and Minneapolis from Los Angeles file 70-7253 (serial 120) entitled WOUNDED KNEE.

A copy of the press release ~~was~~ appearing in the UCLA "daily Bruin" was sent to Minneapolis by facsimile teletype.

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LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT



EDWARD M. DAVIS
Chief of Police

Mailing Address: Box 30158
Los Angeles, Calif. 90030

Ref. No. 1.2

SAM YORTY
Mayor

May 24, 1973

Joe D. Jamieson
Assistant Director in Charge
U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
11000 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90024

Dear Mr. Jamieson:


Thank you for your letter commending personnel of this Department for their assistance to your department in the recent investigation of Russell Charles Means.

This particular effort, which resulted in the arrest of the suspect without incident, is indicative of the high degree of professionalism and interaction which this Department strives to maintain in its contacts with our associates in the law enforcement profession.


I will ensure that the concerned officers are apprised of your commendatory remarks and that your letter is made a permanent part of their respective personnel files.

Again, may I thank you for acknowledging the assistance rendered by members of this Department. Please be assured of our continued cooperation in all matters of mutual concern.

Very truly yours,


E. M. DAVIS
Chief of Police

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: SAC, BUTTE
FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6832)
SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS
CIR, ETC.
(MP 70-6864)

CLYDE HOWARD BELLECOURT
CIR, ETC.
(70-6866)

PEDRO BISSONETTE
CIR, ETC.
(MP 70-6867)

CARTER AUGUSTUS CAMP
CIR, ETC.
(MP 70-6869)

LEONARD CROW DOG
CIR, ETC.
(MP 70-7041)

STANLEY HOLDER
CIR, ETC.
(MP 70-6868)

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
CIR, ETC.
(MP 70-6882)

RON PETITE
CIR, ETC.
(MP 176-160)

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Special Agent in Charge

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Enclosed for receiving offices are photographs of captioned subjects for identification during interviews and copies of appropriate FD-302s reflecting prior interviews with witnesses set forth under leads.

For the information of receiving offices, the above captioned subjects have been indicted for their leadership and participation in the recent occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota. The prosecuting AUSA, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has requested that possible witnesses be located and interviewed for A) additional information regarding the specific statements or activities of these subjects during the Wounded Knee occupation, and B) the following specific points:

- 1) Which of the above subjects were aware prior to the takeover of Wounded Knee that such a takeover was planned?
- 2) Which of the above subjects were present at the dance held at Calico, South Dakota, on the evening of 2/27/73, and what was the scope of his activity leading to the subsequent takeover of Wounded Knee that evening?
- 3) Who was responsible for the shooting of SA CURTIS FITZGERALD and U. S. Marshal
- 4) Were any of the above subjects seen looting the trading post, museum, or post office at Wounded Knee?

Receiving offices are to locate and interview the below-listed individuals immediately upon receipt of this communication. Positive investigation should be submitted as soon as possible by Airtel on FD-302s, with a separate copy designated for each of the appropriate subject files. Negative investigation should be submitted by Airtel with leads to appropriate offices.

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CAPTIONED INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR ASSOCIATES
SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

LEADS

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AT POPLAR, MONTANA

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INDIANAPOLIS

AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Locate and interview [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Drive.

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

As set forth in Minneapolis teletype to Bureau,
determine subscriber to Telephone Number [REDACTED]
and determine affiliation with the American Indian Move-
ment (AIM). S

MILWAUKEE

AT RACINE, WISCONSIN

Locate and interview [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Street.

OMAHA

AT DES MOINES, IOWA

Locate and interview [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Avenue.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SMITH RIVER, CALIFORNIA

Locate and interview [REDACTED]

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MINNEAPOLIS

AT MANDERSON, SOUTH DAKOTA

Locate and interview [REDACTED]

AT PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA

Locate and interview Pastor [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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AT RED LAKE, MINNESOTA

Locate and interview [REDACTED]

c/o [REDACTED]

AT ROSEBUD, SOUTH DAKOTA

Locate and interview [REDACTED]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6832)

DATE: 6/13/73

JL
FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (70-7253)

SUBJECT: WOUNDED KNEE

Re Minneapolis airtel to Los Angeles, et al, dated 5/21/73 captioned "DENNIS JAMES BANKS, CIR, etc. (MP 70-6864), ET AL.

Referenced Minneapolis airtel requests results of investigation surrounding telephone number [redacted] as it was utilized by RUSSELL MEANS when setting forth his itinerary as required by the terms of his bond. This investigation has been set forth to Minneapolis in Los Angeles letter to Minneapolis dated 5/30/73 captioned [redacted] EM - AIM". It is noted Los Angeles currently attempting to locate and interview [redacted] Results of this investigation will be set forth to Minneapolis under [redacted] caption.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (70-7311) (RUC)

DATE: 6/28/73

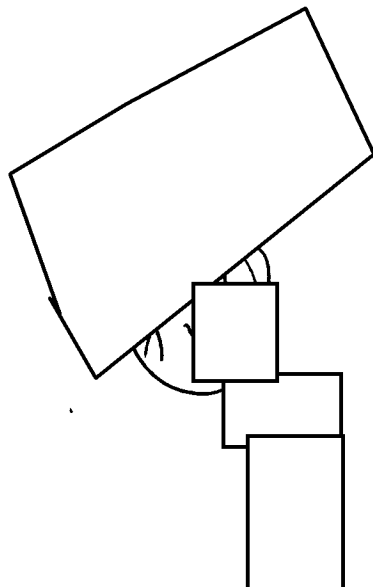
FROM : SA

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
CIR - Burglary

A review of this matter reflects no further investigation remaining as captioned individual currently incarcerated in South Dakota.

In view of the above, it recommended that this matter be placed in a RUC status.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (157-8701)

DATE: 8/24/73

FROM : FILE REVIEW AND SUMMARY CLERK

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SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
aka. Russell C. Means, Russell Means
EM - AIM

The following is a summary of information obtained from a review of all references to the subject in the Los Angeles files under the name and aliases listed above. All references under the above name containing data identical or possibly identical have been included.

This summary is designated to furnish a synopsis of the information set out in each reference.

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cc: 70-7311

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Newspaper clipping taken from the "Los Angeles Times", Los Angeles, California, Wednesday, 3-27-73, Final Edition, page I-5.

Captioned "INDIAN MILITANTS APPARENTLY SPLIT INTO FACTIONS AS 2 LEADERS FLEE"

The American Indian Movement leader, RUSSELL MEANS, escaped from the village of Wounded Knee creating a split among those still inside.

Earlier, Sen. James Abourezk said he had been informed that a settlement had been reached in Wounded Knee, and that the American Indian Movement was no longer in leadership position.

70-7253-54

Memo to ADIC Los Angeles, from Supervisor [redacted] dated 3/29/73, and captioned as follows:

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"WOUNDED KNEE"

"At 2:20 PM, 3/29/73, Bureau Supervisor John Swartz, Division 6, telephonically advised that he wanted to alert the Los Angeles Division to a situation at Wounded Knee.

Swartz said that Los Angeles television station KTTV [redacted] appeared at the roadblock at 1:00 AM, 3/28/73, and claimed that he had been held as a hostage by the insurrectionists for three days. [redacted] related the following events which Swartz wanted Los Angeles to know about:

(1) Dennis Banks and RUSSELL MEANS both returned to Wounded Knee 3/26/73 after an absence of approximately two days.

(2) At 11:00 PM, 3/27/73, MEANS and Banks confronted Pedro Bersonette regarding the situation there. MEANS and Banks contended that Bersonette's group had no right to negotiate the situation. A heated argument ensued and guns were drawn. After continued discussions, however, the dispute was apparently resolved."

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Announcement of SPEAKERS AVAILABLE through the "MOVEMENT SPEAKERS," 917 15th Street N.W., Washington, D. C., which came to the University of Southern California in unmarked envelope.

This announcement sets out the names of speakers available through Movement Speakers, November 15th through January 15th.

On page 6, information concerning Speaker RUSSELL MEANS is set out as follows:

"National Coordinator for the American Indian Movement; organizing Indians throughout the country for the express purpose of self determination - to enable them to gain control over their own affairs; an Oglala Sioux; activist representative of Indians and their problems to national and local government officials."

157-8224-25

Airtel to Acting Director, FBI, from SAC, Los Angeles dated 12/8/72, and captioned as follows:

"AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM)
EM - AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS"

On 12/8/72, [redacted], also known as [redacted] [redacted] Public Relations, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Los Angeles, California, provided the names of AIM national leaders and their residences. Among those names given was that of RUSSELL MEANS, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Letter to Acting Director, FBI, from SAC, Cleveland, dated 1/12/73, captioned as follows:

"AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM)
EM - AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS"

"Review of Cleveland indices revealed that RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, date of birth November 10, 1939, place of birth South Dakota, was arrested on March 24, 1970, by the Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department, along with three other Indians, on a trespassing charge. MEANS and his associates sat-in at the Cleveland, Ohio, Bureau of Indian Affairs Office, and declined to leave when requested by the police department. The Indians, representing

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the Cleveland American Indian Movement, were involved in a demonstration in front of the Federal Office Building, carrying signs and passing out leaflets entitled "Grievances and Challenges of American Indians Across the Nation." MEANS was the spokesman for this group. Indices check also revealed that MEANS, a Sioux, was employed as Director of the Cleveland American Indian Center, 2600 Church Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. MEANS' residence in 1970 was listed as 20255 Lorain Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

Indices check also revealed that MEANS had been interviewed by the Cleveland "Plain Dealer" newspaper on November 10, 1972. MEANS had just returned from Washington, D.C., where he and about 1,000 other Indians seized the Bureau of Indian Affairs. MEANS was quoted, "The frustration and suppression of Indian life has reached a point where we must react. We've been likened to the blacks, but we watched them during the 60's and we noted their mistakes. The Indian is not going to make the same mistakes. He's not going to destroy his community." Asked what form any action would take, MEANS replied, "The next move will come in 1976. It's the nation's birthday. If something isn't done for us by then, it will be an unhappy birthday.

Indices check revealed a photograph of MEANS had been published by the Cleveland "Plain Dealer" newspaper on November 16, 1972. The caption, entitled "Departure Sign", read, "RUSSELL MEANS, an American Indian Movement leader who formerly lived in Cleveland, signals the departure of an Indian caravan from St. Paul, Minnesota." This Caravan was on its way to Washington, D.C.

On January 3, 1973, a review of Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department records showed that RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, date of birth November 10, 1939, place of birth Rosebud, South Dakota, height 6'1", weight 180 lbs., black hair, brown eyes, Social Security Account Number 569-54-5963, was cited for two traffic violations, and arrested on a trespassing charge.

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On January 4, 1973, Detective Sergeant [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department, Headquarters Intelligence Unit, advised that MEANS had been very active in affairs concerning Indians while he resided in Cleveland, Ohio, from July 22, 1963, until he departed Cleveland in 1971. [redacted] described MEANS as a militant individual who tried to stir up the local Indian population but left for more "fertile pastures" when he could not gain their support. [redacted] added that MEANS had at one time instituted a lawsuit against the Cleveland Indians baseball team in which he claimed the symbol was degrading, demeaning and racist. [redacted] also said that MEANS was the leader of the Cleveland AIM group until his departure in 1971.

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On January 10, 1973, Harold Whithorn, 12709 Arliss, Lakewood, Ohio, President of the Cleveland, Ohio, North American Indian Association, advised that he had heard that MEANS had been arrested around Thanksgiving, 1972, in either Pine Ridge or Rosebud, South Dakota, on a charge that he had threatened the lives of (FNU) [redacted] and family.

Cleveland office reports MEANS no longer resides in Cleveland, Ohio."

[redacted]
This reference consists of a three page statement by RUSSELL MEANS of the American Indian Movement. (SEE ATTACHED)

The statement was received from [redacted] by SA'S [redacted] and [redacted] dated 7/10/73.

June 5, 1973
Sometime in
Morning

Someone said:

"Men who value freedom the most
Sometimes choose to give it up:"

This one statement summarizes best, the People of Wounded Knee, 1973.

The one time in my life that I felt truly free were those 38 days I spent as a citizen of the Independent Oglala Nation.

The treachery of the United States government continues in American Indian affairs unabated. The agreement of April 5, 1973 reached with the Department of Injustice epitomizes the true, treacherous policies of the United States of America in its dealings with sovereign people around the world. One has only to examine American Indian affairs throughout the history of the western hemisphere to explain the United States' dismal failures in its foreign policy maneuvers. Especially in the U.S. relationships with Third World Peoples. I could continue, on and on, with the subject, however, my intent is to write a tribute to the beautiful People of Wounded Knee, 1973.

With the Spirits of Big Foot and his People watching over those that came and went and those that chose to stay and with the power of the Sacred Pipe, only two, Laurence "Buddy" Lamont and Frank Clear Water were fortunate to find true freedom in the Land of "Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull and our Grandfathers." The rest of us are destined to teach our Brothers and Sisters and those yet unborn the beauty of following the ways of the Great Mystery and being a Redman and being Free!

It is difficult to put down on paper what is in one's heart. The Great Mystery moves in strange ways. While I sit here in solitude in the white man's prison I feel very strongly, the Spirit. It is a good and wonderful experience. It was the same in Wounded Knee when we danced the Ghost Dance again, when we prayed in the Sweet Lodge, when we smoked the Sacred Pipe, when we were in the Yuwipi Ceremony and when we were together.

The People of Wounded Knee, 1973, surrounded by the armed might of the United States of America and engaging that armament almost nightly and sometimes during the day, continued life as only the Redman can. There was always laughter and teasing and singing. Singing every nite, sometimes Redmen and Women from distant places and of different Nations sang their songs, including our Chicano brothers and our white friends.

To walk inside the 3 or 4 square miles of the Independent Oglala Nation was to walk in Freedom.

The Women inside Wounded Knee, 1973 were and are the strength. They knew, as every Red Woman should know, that the Redwoman carries

the future of the American Indian Nation which her. Always, I found them busy and concerned, not only with day to day happenings, but with the future and they were always willing to talk things out. Everyone realizes, or should realize, that without our Women, there would be no Chiefs.

The finest example of an American Indian is Sally. Sally is 70 some odd years old. Sally was there from the first night until the last day. She slept on the concrete floor of the basement of the church on the hill. She slept on wooden benches. She cooked and cleaned and washed. Sally never, not once, complained.

At this time I would like to give thanks.

Great Spirit, Grandfather, thank you for the sun for it gives us life.
Great Spirit, Grandfather, thank you for our Grandmother the Moon for she watches over our women and cleanses them every month.
Grandfather, Great Spirit, thank you for the Universe for it is our Tabernacle.

Grandfather, Great Spirit, thank you for our Mother, Earth for she is the Mother of all things that are good and watches over her children.

Grandfather, Great Spirit, thank you for the Four Quarters of the Universe for they bring us all things that are holy and sacred.

Grandfather, Great Spirit, thank you for the East Wind, which is Red for it brings us the Morning Star and the new day to start anew.

Grandfather, Great Spirit, thank you for the South Wind which is Yellow for it brings us the warmth to make things grow and gives life to the Sacred Tree and strengthens the Nation's Hoop.

Grandfather, Great Spirit, thank you for the West Wind which is Black for it brings us the Thunder and Lightning to make us strong.

Grandfather, Great Spirit, thank you for the North Wind which is White for it brings us the cleansing we need and the blanket to cover our Mother in winter.

Grandfather, Great Spirit, thank you for the Four Sacred Colors; Red, Yellow, Black, White which represent the four races of man and when mixed together make the color Brown, the other race of man and the color of our Mother.

Grandfather, Great Spirit, thank you for the Mountains which give us spiritual strength and direction.

Grandfather, Great Spirit, thank you for the Water which also gives us strength to endure and helps to purify our bodies and our hearts.

Grandfather, Great Spirit, thank you for the Rocks which give us medicine and help to purify our bodies and our hearts in the Sacred Sweat Lodge.

Grandfather, Great Spirit, thank you for the Winged Things of the Air which help to give us direction and a role in life to play and especially the Eagle which can see the farthest and fly the highest and is faithful to its mate.

Grandfather, Great Spirit, thank you for the Four-Leggeds which give us food, clothes, utensils and help to give us direction and a role in life and especially the Buffalo which is sacred and watches over us

Grandfather, Great Spirit, thank you for the Green Things which are sacred and give us food, shelter, medicine, direction and especially the sacred Tree of Life which represents the flower of Lakota life. Grandfather, Great Spirit, thank you for the Things that Crawl and Swim for they too provide us with food, direction, and spiritual lessons.

Grandfather, Great Spirit, thank you for those that have gone before us and provided us with good examples of wisdom, generosity, love; strength, bravery and direction.

Grandfather, Great Spirit, thank you for our women for they are truly the strength of our Nation and carry the future of our generations.

Grandfather, Great Spirit, thank you for the Sacred Pipe for it represents the truth and wisdom, our Mother Earth and the Great Spirit which is the breath of life.

Grandfather, Great Spirit, thank you for patience to endure and learn the mysteries of life.

Grandfather, Great Spirit, forgive my weakness for I know I am the weakest of all living things, for I am no more significant in the sacred cycle of life than to be a grain of sand in all the beaches of the world.

Grandfather, Great Spirit, forgive that all I have to offer the Mystery of the Spirit World and my People is my flesh and blood for I know anything less would insult Grandfather, Great Spirit and my People.

Grandfather, Great Spirit, thank you for the humble lessons of life for I know now, at this very moment, why I am in the white man's prison. It is a good and great lesson in the humbleness of life for tomorrow I will be released. This I know. Grandfather, Great Spirit, thank you for today!

What I say and do has been said and done before me. I am only a Mockingbird.

RUSSELL MEANS
OGLALA LAKOTA
AIM

Date _____

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Subject _____ Social Security Account # _____

Aliases _____

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Frank C. Merritt (L.A.A.)

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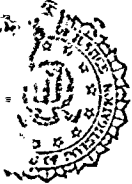
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California
 August 28, 1973

Please Refer to

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 CLERK - TYPIST
 SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION
 AND WELFARE
 HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA

On August 27, 1973, Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] Social Security Administration, 6303 Rugby Street,
 Huntington Park, California, advised that the employee,
 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] began work as a Clerk - Typist under
 his supervision on June 24, 1967. Mr. [REDACTED] described
 the employee as a person of apparent good character, reputation,
 associates, and loyalty. He stated that he has been impressed
 by her conscientious application to her work and by her
 dependable prompt response to assignments given to her.
 He stated that he knows nothing of her outside organizational
 interests nor does he know of anything concerning her private
 life. He stated; however, that he would, based upon her
 work performance, highly recommend that she be continued as
 an employee of the Social Security Administration.

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Mr. [REDACTED] made available a personnel record for
 the employee. A review of this file disclosed that
 [REDACTED] was born on [REDACTED] and currently resides
 at [REDACTED] La Palma, California and her
 Social Security Number is noted as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] listed the following three children:
 [REDACTED]
 Born [REDACTED]

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA

BORN [REDACTED]

BORN [REDACTED]

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The personnel file disclosed further that she signed an appointment affidavit and oath of office declaration on June 25, 1961.

She listed prior educational experience at the following schools:

Cheyenne River Boarding School
Cheyenne Agency
South Dakota

Sawyer Schools of Business
707 South Broadway
Los Angeles, California
September 1959 - March 1960;
October 1960 - February 1961

The employee listed the following references:

[REDACTED]
Norwalk, California

[REDACTED] Avenue
Los Angeles, California

[REDACTED]
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA

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[REDACTED] Street
Long Beach, California

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The personnel file further showed that she is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Veterans Administration [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Loren Wayne Renville, who died on August 4, 1968
was previously in the United States Marine Corps. [REDACTED]
Veterans Administration [REDACTED] was noted as [REDACTED]

It is noted that the employee answered "no" to questions relating to prior convictions; and affiliations with the Communist Party or related subversive groups.

It is noted that the employee listed on her Standard Form 85 "Data for a Nonsensitive or Noncritical-Sensitive Position", dated June 25, 1973, [REDACTED] Russell Means in 1967.

On August 27, 1973, [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Los Angeles, California were caused to be reviewed. It is noted that under docket number D 655771, a complaint for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was filed on August 28, 1964 by [REDACTED] Russell Means. The [REDACTED] disclosed that [REDACTED] November 10, 1961 at Los Angeles and [REDACTED] on June 28, 1962, [REDACTED] seven months, 18 days. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Born [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Born [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE
HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA

Addresses of the plaintiff were noted as [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Street, Los Angeles, and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Street, Los Angeles. Addresses for the defendant were noted
as 1021 Willsie Avenue, Rapid City, South Dakota; 1315½
West St. Joe Street, Rapid City, South Dakota; and 421
Leavenworth Street, San Francisco, California.

The complaint [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

An interlocutory [REDACTED] was granted
and filed on August 19, 1966 and a [REDACTED]
was granted the plaintiff and filed on February 21, 1967.

On August 28, 1973, the Marriage License Records
at the Los Angeles County Bureau of Vital Statistics, Los
Angeles, California, were caused to be reviewed. These
files reflected that under [REDACTED]
filed on November 14, 1961, [REDACTED]
Russell Charles Means, born November 10, 1931 in South Dakota,
[REDACTED] born [REDACTED] at South Dakota.

The [REDACTED] Los Angeles
County Courthouse. The residence of the groom was noted as
262 5/8 South Coronado Street, Los Angeles, and his occupation
was listed as IBM Trainee. [REDACTED] were listed as
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The bride was listed
as residing at [REDACTED] Street, Los Angeles and
her occupation was noted as that of a stenographer. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] were listed as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

On the indicated dates, the records of the following
agencies were caused to be reviewed. No record was located
identifiable with the employee, except as noted:

Credit Bureau of Greater Los Angeles
Los Angeles, California
(Covers Los Angeles and Orange Counties, California)
August 22, 1973

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA

La Palma Police Department
La Palma, California
January 24, 1973;
August 27, 1973

During a security type investigation concerning Russell Charles Means, born November 10, 1939, in South Dakota, who is characterized in another part of this investigation, the records of the La Palma Police Department were caused to be reviewed. These records disclosed that although [REDACTED] has never been arrested, she was well-known to this department. The records disclosed that a child abuse report, dated March 24, 1970, was filed with the department which alleged that children had been left at the [REDACTED] residence unsupervised for days at a time without the necessities of life, which is a violation of Section 273 (a) of the California Penal Code. It had been alleged that these children had been left at this residence during a period from June 1969 to about March 1970. The children who had been reportedly left at the [REDACTED] residence during this period were:

[REDACTED]
Female student -
Cory School
Buena Park, California
Born [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Male student
Cory School
Buena Park, California
Born [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE
HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA

[REDACTED]
Female
Born [REDACTED]

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The police records reflect that the District Attorney rejected prosecution of this matter on March 25, 1970. According to the police record, [REDACTED] was described as a female, born [REDACTED]

The records of the La Palma Police Department also noted that on May 12, 1973, [REDACTED] was involved in a possible fight at her residence with an individual named [REDACTED]. However, when police officers responded to this situation, they found that no action was necessary on their part.

Cypress Police Department
Cypress, California
August 27, 1973

Traffic Violations Bureau
Municipal Court
Los Angeles Judicial District
Los Angeles, California
August 22, 1973

Huntington Park Police Department
Huntington Park, California
August 22, 1973

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office
Los Angeles, California
August 24, 1973

Los Angeles Police Department
Los Angeles, California
August 28, 1973

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CLERK - TYPIST
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE
HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA

During the above mentioned security investigation conducted by the FBI concerning Russell Charles Means, it was determined that when Means who was under the jurisdiction of the Federal Court in South Dakota, filed an itinerary for travel outside of the Court's jurisdiction, he listed a telephone number [REDACTED] as a contact number.

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Source One advised on January 22, 1973 that telephone number [REDACTED] was a non-published telephone number subscribed to by [REDACTED] La Palma, California.

Source Two, who is generally familiar with activities in the Indian community in the Los Angeles and Orange County area, was contacted on August 27, 1973. He advised that he has no personal knowledge and individuals in the Indian community with whom he is in contact have never indicated that [REDACTED] was or is in any way affiliated with the radical element of the Indian movement.

Source Three, who is generally familiar with radical and extremist activities in the Los Angeles area, was contacted on August 27, 1973. He advised that he has no information concerning the employee.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

August 28, 1973

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Title

[Redacted]

CLERK-TYPIST
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION
AND WELFARE
HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA

Character

Reference

Letterhead memorandum
dated and captioned as above
at Los Angeles

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

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/28/73

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (140-7844) (RUC)

SUBJECT

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

Russell Means,
CLERK - TYPIST
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE
HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA
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Re Bureau letter to Los Angeles, dated 8/17/73;
and Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau and San Francisco,
dated 8/24/73.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of a
letterhead memorandum concerning captioned individual per
Bureau request.

Investigation in the Los Angeles Division was
conducted by the following individuals:

SA

[Redacted]

Social Security Administration
6303 Rugby Street
Huntington Park, California

Los Angeles County Superior Court
Los Angeles, California

SC

[Redacted]

Los Angeles County Bureau of Vital Statistics
Los Angeles, [Redacted]

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1 - Los Angeles

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SC [REDACTED]

Credit Bureau of Greater Los Angeles
Los Angeles, California

SC [REDACTED]

Traffic Violations Bureau
Municipal Court
Los Angeles Judicial District
Los Angeles, California

Huntington Park Police Department
Huntington Park, California

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SA [REDACTED]

La Palma Police Department
La Palma, California

SC [REDACTED]

Cypress Police Department
Cypress, California

SC [REDACTED]

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office
Los Angeles, California

SC [REDACTED]

Los Angeles Police Department
Los Angeles, California

LA 140-7844

Sources utilized in the letterhead memorandum are:

<u>Source One</u>	<u>Location</u>
[redacted] Orally to SA [redacted]	157-8224-82, instant LHM

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<u>Source Two</u> [redacted] Orally to SA [redacted]	Instant LHM
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<u>Source Three</u> [redacted] Orally to SC [redacted]	Instant LHM
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Date: 10/8/73

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO
FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6882) (P)
RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
CIR - ARL;
IMPEDING FEDERAL OFFICERS
ET AL

Identification record listed the following arrests for MEANS with no dispositions noted:

Petty Theft and Curfew violation, 3/9/57, San Leandro, Calif. PD # 11046;

✓ Drunk, 1/18/59, Los Angeles, Calif. PD # 467708-M; ✓

✓ Robbery, 12/19/59, same Los Angeles PD #; ✓

Failure to Provide 4/12/63, Los Angeles SO # B961126; ✓

Drunk in Private Residence, 6/4/60, Englewood, Calif. PD # A-23264; ✓

Unlawful Entry, 9/22/71, Washington, D.C. PD # 253183.

- 2 - San Francisco
 - 2 - Los Angeles
 - 2 - Washington Field
 - 2 - Minneapolis
- JEM/rmd
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Special Agent in Charge

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Each Office is requested to determine the dispositions of arrests made by police agencies indicated and suairtel results to the Minneapolis Division, attention: Rapid City Command Post. This lead should be handled expeditiously as it is a phase of the Wounded Knee Special.

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Date: 11/30/73

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Via AIRTEL _____ AIRMAIL _____
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TO: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6882)
ATTN: RAPID CITY COMMAND POST

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

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
CIR - ARL;
IMPEDING FEDERAL OFFICERS
ET AL

Re Minneapolis airtel to San Francisco, 10/8/73.

Records checks at Los Angeles revealed the following dispositions;

On 10/25/73, SA [redacted] was advised by [redacted] Clerk, Inglewood, California Police Department, that her records showed that MEANS paid a \$50.00 fine on 6/8/60 for Drunk in Private Residence, 6/4/60, Inglewood PD # A - 23264.

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On 11/9/73, SC [redacted] reviewed records at Los Angeles Police Department and found that the 12/19/59 Robbery charge was dismissed on 12/21/59 by the City Attorney and MEANS was released. Records also showed that the disposition of the 1/18/59 Drunk charge was a \$10.00 fine paid by MEANS.

On 11/27/73, SC [redacted] reviewed Los Angeles Sheriff Office records and found that for the Failure to Provide charge, 4/12/63, Los Angeles SO # B961126, MEANS served 4 days in jail and was release 4/16/73.

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1 - Los Angeles (70-7311)
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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 10/9/73

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (88-6431)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (88-21302)
RE: DENNIS JAMES BANKS -
FUGITIVE
UFAP-ASSAULT; ARSON;
BURGLARY; RIOT;
CONSPIRACY
OO: Minneapolis

Re Minneapolis airtel to Salt Lake City and Los Angeles dated 9/27/73.

For information Minneapolis and Salt Lake City, [redacted] aka [redacted] was interviewed 10/5/73, by Bureau Agents and advised the following:

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Captioned subject had contacted [redacted] by telephone from an unknown location on 9/22/73, to advise [redacted] of both his physical condition and intended plans. DENNIS BANKS indicated to [redacted] that he did not intend to return to South Dakota until such time as the necessary bail had been raised as he did not want to sit in "some rotten pokey" while bail was being raised. DENNIS BANKS according to [redacted] refused to give his location as he felt possibly [redacted] phone was bugged. [redacted] emphatically denied that DENNIS was in Los Angeles.

- 2 - Minneapolis (RM)
- 1 - Salt Lake City (Info)(RM)
- ⑤ - Los Angeles
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 - ① - 70-7311
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Special Agent in Charge

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[redacted] advised that American Indian Movement (AIM) attorney, RAMON ROUBIDEAU, had warned DENNIS that if he failed to turn himself in by 10/4/73, he would forfeit the bond raised on previous charges. [redacted] indicated that of this bond money, in the neighborhood of \$110,000, the Methodist Church had furnished \$85,000 and a personal friend of DENNIS' had furnished the other \$25,000. [redacted] also indicated that another "church group", not further identified, had been approached for the bail money for DENNIS BANKS current bond and had tentatively agreed to furnish same.

[redacted] when queried as to the relationship of [redacted] to [redacted] stated that [redacted] who works in the same law office as [redacted] at 4419 Van Nuys Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, California, is DENNIS BANKS' attorney when in Los Angeles. He also indicated that [redacted] would not have any information concerning DENNIS' current location.

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When queried as to the role of GEORGE ROBERTS, Los Angeles AIM activist in the affairs of [redacted] [redacted] stated that ROBERTS is primarily a public relations expert and has not contributed, to his knowledge, to DENNIS' bail money.

[redacted] further offered that [redacted] who has always been somewhat trustworthy of white people, gets along fairly well with ROBERTS. He noted, however, that RUSSELL MEANS on the other hand, who distrusts all whites, does not confide in or trust ROBERTS.

[redacted] concluded stating that if DENNIS BANKS were to turn himself in at Los Angeles, he, [redacted] would notify the FBI prior to this happening.

LEADS

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will, through appropriate source, obtain toll records for [redacted] [redacted] for appropriate review.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Police Department San Leandro California	Russell Charles Means 11046	March 9, 1957	Petty Theft and-violation of curfew	
Police Department San Leandro California	Russell Charles Means 11046	April 26, 1958	common drunk	\$10.00 bail forfeited
Police Department Los Angeles California	Russell C. Means LA 467 708-M	January 18, 1959	drunk booking 775889	
Police Department Los Angeles California	Russell C. Means LA 467 708-M	December 19, 1959	211 Penal Code (robbery) booking 001537	
Police Department Inglewood California	Russell Charles Means A-23264	June 4, 1960	drunk in private residence	
Police Department Oakland California	Russell Charles Means 155819	September 9, 1962	Section 647f Penal Code under the influence	15 days County Jail suspension 1 year
Police Department San Francisco California	Russell Charles Means 180373	October 27, 1962	G-61366 suspicion Section 245 Penal Code (Assault with a deadly weapon)	October 30, 1962 discharged

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Police Department San Francisco California	Russell C. Means 180373	April 10, 1963	enroute to Los Angeles California (Section 270 Penal Code omit to provide for a minor child)	April 11, 1963 Delivered on charge of H-23221 enroute to Los Angeles California (Section 270 Penal Code)
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles California	Russell Charles Means B-961126	April 12, 1963	Failure to provide	
Police Department San Francisco California	Russell Charles Means 180373	April 1, 1964	no arrest probationer from Los Angeles County fingerprinted in compliance with Case Record keeping as per Section 1203.10 Penal Code (Section 270 Penal Code)	
Police Department Rapid City South Dakota	Russell C. Means 19389	September 26, 1965	Disorderly Conduct	\$100.00 and 30 days suspension on floater

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
United States Marshal Minneapolis Minnesota	Russell Charles Means 6842	May 21, 1971	18 United States Code 1382 Trespassing on a Naval Installation	Dismissed November 9, 1971
United States Marshal Sioux Falls South Dakota	Russell Charles Means 8410-1495	June 6, 1971	Did unlawfully climb Mount Rushmore and camp	Dismissed by Order of the Court
Police Department Washington DC.	Russell Charles Means 253 183	September 22, 1971	Unlawful Entry	
Police Department Scottsbluff Nebraska	Russell C. Means 28912	January 14, 1973	Disorderly Conduct Intoxication Carrying Concealed Weapon Resisting Arrest	To County
Sheriff's Office Rapid City South Dakota	Russell Charles Means 11048	February 6, 1973	C-1 Riot C-2 2 counts arson second degree	Released to Custer County Authorities
USM Sioux Falls SDak	Russell Charles Means 8410-1495	4-5-73	burg, larc impria Fed officers during civil disorder-consp A Fed Off-poss unregister, firearms-arson	

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	<p>WANTED BY BUREAU; IMPEDING & INTER 41939 Bu file #70-58411 O. inf rec 3-21-73</p> <p>NO LONGER WANTED</p> <p>Alias: Russ Means</p>	<p>Russell Charles Means, WITH FED OFF Fug Index # 0. Minneapolis</p> <p>per inf rec 4-12-73</p>		

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
CC: FBI Minneapolis, Minn.				

FBI

Date: 12/3/73

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES

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

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
CIR - BURGLARY AND LARCENY;
ARL - IFO; AFO; CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS
OO: Minneapolis

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89-167*
176-248A
157-2314-1134
157-2314-9105
70-7253

For information of receiving offices, RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS is one of six principal leaders of the American Indian Movement (AIM) inspired and led takeover of the town of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, on 2/27/73. He has been indicted by the Federal Grand Jury convening at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and MEANS, along with other leaders, is expected to go to trial on 1/8/74.

MEANS' FBI Identification Record indicates that on 12/19/59, the Los Angeles, California, Police Department (LAPD), LAPD Number LA 467708M, charged MEANS with robbery, Booking Number 001537. No disposition is indicated on the FBI record for this charge.

On 9/22/71, the Washington, D.C. Police Department charged MEANS with unlawful entry and the FBI record does not show any disposition for this arrest.

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 - 2 - WFO (Encl. 1)
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Special Agent in Charge

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On 1/14/73, the Scottsbluff, Nebraska, Police Department, arrested MEANS charging him with disorderly conduct, carrying a concealed weapon, resisting arrest, and intoxication, disposition indicating he was released to the county. No other disposition with respect to these charges was shown on the FBI record.

On 2/6/73, the Sheriff's Office at Rapid City, South Dakota, arrested MEANS on two counts of second degree arson, releasing him to the Custer County authorities. No other disposition was shown on the FBI record.

Copies of appropriate FBI records are enclosed for the convenience of receiving offices to assist in covering their respective leads.

It is requested that appropriate local law enforcement agencies be contacted to ascertain if the arrest(s) shown on the FBI records constitute a felony and a disposition sheet should be submitted to the Bureau. If no felony, no further action is required except to advise the Minneapolis Office. However, if the arrest was a felony charge, a certified, exemplified copy of the conviction should be forwarded to Minneapolis no later than 12/24/73.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

LEADS:

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. Will contact Los Angeles Police Department and ascertain whether or not charges placed against MEANS, as noted in the text above, resulted in a conviction and thereafter submit results as noted above.

OMAHA

AT SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA. Will contact Scottsbluff Police Department and ascertain whether or not charges, as noted in the text, resulted in felony convictions and thereafter submit results as requested above.

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WFO

AT WASHINGTON, D.C. Will contact Washington D.C. Police Department and ascertain whether or not charges, as noted in the text, resulted in felony convictions and thereafter submit results as requested above.

MINNEAPOLIS

AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA. Will contact Rapid City Police Department and ascertain whether or not charges, as noted in the text, resulted in felony convictions and thereafter submit results as requested above.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6882)

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

DATE: 12/20/73

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
CIR-ARL; IMPEDING FEDERAL OFFICERS;
ET AL;

Re Minneapolis airtel to San Francisco dated 10/8/73, and Los Angeles airtel to Minneapolis dated 11/30/73.

In referenced Minneapolis airtel to San Francisco lead was set out for Los Angeles to review Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) records for disposition of robbery charge, LAPD number 467708-M, 12/19/59. Referenced airtel advised to send results attention Rapid City Command Post.

In referenced Los Angeles airtel, Los Angeles reported the results of LAPD check, stating robbery charge was dismissed on 12/21/59, by the City Attorney and MEANS was released. On 9/9/59, the complaint was determined to be unfounded, and case was referred to the City Attorney where the complaint on the robbery charge was refused by Deputy County Attorney [redacted]. Also noted on the disposition section of the investigators' final report was the fact that the LAPD were unable to locate the victim.

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Transmit in _____ Via Airtel _____ (Priority)

To: SAC, Los Angeles -2

March 18, 1974
(Date)

From: Director, FBI

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS;
DENNIS JAMES BANKS; ET AL
CIR - BURGLARY

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Reference is made to Minneapolis teletype to all continental offices 3/13/74 requesting that Agents who served on roadblock #1 during the Wounded Knee operation be interviewed concerning their knowledge of any telephone and its use at this roadblock. Reference is also made to Bureau teletype 3/15/74 to Minneapolis, Kansas City and Los Angeles setting forth results of interview of Agents at FBI Academy in this matter, including SAs [redacted] and [redacted] Los Angeles Division.

SAs [redacted] and [redacted] completed their training at FBI Academy on 3/15/74 and have returned to Los Angeles. That office should insure appropriate FD-302s are submitted by the Agents and forwarded to Minneapolis confirming the results of their interviews which were included in referenced Bureau teletype.

For the information of Minneapolis, Quantico will forward 302s from SAs [redacted] Los Angeles Division, [redacted] [redacted] L. Cottrell Schmidle and [redacted] of the Quantico staff.

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1Date of transcription 3/19/74

While temporarily assigned to the Wounded Knee Special at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, from 3/13 - 4/8/73, I was assigned to Roadblock #1. At no time did I observe any telephone at this location or did I ever hear of any telephone being used at Roadblock #1.

Interviewed on 3/19/74 at Quantico, Virginia File # LA-70-7311-42
by SA pab Date dictated 3/19/74

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To: SAC, Minneapolis

From: Director, FBI (70-58411)

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS;
DENNIS JAMES BANKS;
CIR - BURGLARY, ET AL

Re Bureau teletype to Minneapolis, 3/15/74.

Enclosed for Minneapolis are five copies each of six FD-302s setting forth information from individuals presently at the FBI Academy, Quantico, Virginia, who served at Wounded Knee, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, on the dates indicated in retel. These Special Agents are: [redacted] Los Angeles Division; Robert Ross Reynolds, Seattle Division; [redacted] and Lawrence C. Schmidle, presently assigned at Quantico.

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Enclosed for Los Angeles is the original FD-302 of SA [redacted]

Enclosed for Seattle is the original FD-302 of SA Reynolds.

Enclosures (30)

- ① - Los Angeles (Enc.)
- 1 - Seattle (Enc.)

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While on temporary duty in connection with the Wounded Knee special at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, from March 13 - April 8, 1973, I was assigned to roadblock number one.

At no time did I observe any telephone at this location nor did I hear of any telephone being utilized at roadblock number one.

Interviewed on 3/27/74 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 70-7311-44
by SA /fpl Date dictated 3/27/74

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1Date of transcription 3/27/74

While on temporary duty in connection with the Wounded Knee Special at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, from Mid-April to Mid-May 1973, I was assigned to roadblock number one.

At no time did I observe any telephone at this location nor did I hear of any telephone being utilized at roadblock number one.

Interviewed on 3/27/74 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 70-7311-45
 by SA [redacted] /MG [redacted] Date dictated 3/27/74

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (176-2401)

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6882) (C)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
 CIR - BURGLARY, LARCENY, ETC.

Re Bureau airtel to Minneapolis dated 5/18/77,
 and enclosures to this airtel.

The enclosed letter and investigative report of
 the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) of
 referenced airtel have been reviewed at Minneapolis. The
 investigative report concerns the activities of [redacted]
 an employee of the Social Security Administration at that
 agency. She is [redacted] MEANS.

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This information has no connection with the Wounded
 Knee activities of MEANS, nor with any extremist activities
 in which MEANS is involved. Accordingly, the retention of
 this information at Minneapolis serves no useful purpose,
 particularly if it were to be made available under the
 Freedom of Information Act.

Consequently, Minneapolis is returning the
 enclosures to the Bureau and is recommending that it be
 returned to HEW.

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