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SAC, WFO (157-5476) (P)

AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) EM - AIA

Re CV letter to Bureau, dated 1/12/73.

Re letter requested WFO to obtain information concerning the 9/23/71 arrest of AIM leader RUSSELL MEANS in Washington, D.C.

On 2/28/73, Plain-clothesman Intelligence Division, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Washington, D.C. (WDC), advised RUSSELL MEANS was arrested on 9/23/71 by the MPD at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), 19th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., WDC. MEANS was arrested along with several other Indians after causing disturbance and their subsequent refusing to leave the building after they were denied a meeting with BIA.

MEANS was charged with Disorderly Conduct, Fined $10 and released.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED.

DATE 18-1-73 BY S.B. _

Original Filed 4/6/73 - 397
PROPOSED APPEARANCE OF RUSSELL MEANS, AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM),
AT UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND (UM), COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND, 4/26/73.
EM-AMERICAN INDIAN ACTIVITIES, 00: BALTIMORE.

ON 4/24/73 A SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION
IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT RUSSELL MEANS OF THE AIM, THE ORGANIZATION
WHICH HAS LED THE DISORDERS AT WOUNDED KNEE, SOUTH DAKOTA, IS
SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT UM STUDENT UNION BALL ROOM, COLLEGE PARK,
MARYLAND AT 1:30 PM ON 4/26/73. SOURCE BELIEVES MEANS APPEARANCE
IS BEING SPONSORED BY THE MARYLAND/D.C. YOUTH AGAINST WAR AND
FACISM (YAWF).

YAWF IS THE YOUTH ARM OF THE WORKERS WORLD PARTY (WWP).

WWP IS A MAXIST-LENIST REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION
WHICH CALLS FOR VIOLENT REVOLUTION TO OVERTHROW CAPITALISM AND
SUPPORT THE SOVIET UNION TYPE OF GOVERNMENT. RECENTLY THEY HAVE
SUPPORTED THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN ITS DISPUTE WITH THE
SOVIET UNION.

END PAGE ONE
UM, COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND OFFICIALS, PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY
POLICE DEPARTMENT AND MARYLAND STATE POLICE COGNIZANT.
SECRET SERVICE, WDC, ADVISED.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

SOURCE IS [REDACTED]
Baltimore will report developments.

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THREE HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS ATTENDED ROY'S SPEECH, SPONSORED BY THE U OF M STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, SPEAKER SERIES.
ROY DISCUSSED THE PLAGHT OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN, THE SITUATION IN WOUNDED KNEE, SOUTH DAKOTA AND URGED NON-INDIANS TO STAND WITH WOUNDED KNEE:
TO EXPRESS SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY FOR THE AMERICAN INDIAN STRUGGLE.
TO FOCUS NATIONAL ATTENTION ON THE REAL STORY OF WOUNDED KNEE.
TO BRING FOOD AND SUPPLIES TO THE BESIEGED PEOPLE IN WOUNDED KNEE.
ROY URGED SUPPORT FOR AND ATTENDANCE AT A NON-VIOLENT "SURVIVAL MARCH", SPONSORED BY THE D.C. WOUNDED KNEE DEFENSE COMMITTEE, AT THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C., ON APRIL 28, NEXT, AT 1:00 PM. RUSSELL MEANS AND CLYDE BELLACOURT, AIM REPRESENTATIVES ARE SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT THE APRIL 28 DEMONSTRATION.
ROY HAS STATED THAT THE AIM MOVEMENT WILL CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO BECOME AN INDEPENDENT NATION, AND ADDED THAT THE AIM CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN WOUNDED KNEE, SOUTH DAKOTA MAY 1973.
LOCAL AUTHORITIES COGNIZANT AND U.S. SECRET SERVICE, WASHINGTON, D.C. ADVISED.
ADMINISTRATIVE:
RE BA NIGHT TO THE BUREAU, APRIL 24, LAST.
SOURCE IS.
NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.
CC: MR

END

[Signature]
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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 5/4/73

Attached indicates Washington, D.C. (WDC), Metropolitan Police Department records did not indicate American Indian Movement leader Russell Means had been involved in a disturbance at the home of Prentiss Childs, the producer of the "Face the Nation" television program, during Means' April, 1973, visit to WDC.

This inquiry was prompted by information from [ ] Associate Deputy Attorney General, to the effect that on or about April 7, 1973, Means and associates, guests in the Childs' home, became intoxicated, uncontrollable, and at one point took over the residence claiming the land originally belonged to the Indians.

Results of inquiry furnished to Mr.

RWH:aso

[Signature]

[additional remarks]
TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO (157-5799) (CA) RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS EM-AIM

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

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

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

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

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

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Approved: Special Agent In Charge
Inquiry at Metropolitan Police Department, Second District, Sub-station 2, 4125 Alerark Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. concerning any reported disturbances around CHILDS' residence during MEALS' stay in Washington, D. C., was met with negative results.

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

Minneapolis is requested to include WFO in dissemination of Wounded Knee summary teletypes so that WFO can be cognizant of events at Wounded Knee and able to evaluate information received from local sources.
FBI
Date: 4/27/73

Transmit the following in

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via

(Priority)

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (78-54811)
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (78-945) (P)
RE: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
    EM-AIM
OO: MINNEAPOLIS

Re CV tels to Bureau and Minneapolis, 4/12, 4/18, and 4/21/73. To /8411 8/12

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

Sources utilized in the LHM are as follows:

SOURCE LOCATION
CV T-1 is Instant LHM

CV T-2 is Instant LHM

CV has completed investigation as set forth in re CV tel of 4/21/73. FD-302 of interviews being furnished to Minneapolis.
Cleveland, Ohio
April 27, 1973

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☐ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. ☐ Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. ☐ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. ☐ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available.

Very truly yours,

L. Patrick Gray, III
Acting Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) 2
U. S. Secret Service, Cleveland, Ohio (BY HAND)

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

The American Indian Movement (AIM) is a nation-wide organization founded in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1968. Membership is open to both Indians and non-Indians 18 years of age. AIM’s professed goals are to improve the conditions of the American Indian, to provide better jobs and housing and to educate industry and communities on Indian culture and problems. AIM has chapters across the United States.

The principal leaders are VERNON BELLECOURLT, CLYDE BELLECOURLT, DENNIS BANKS, RUSSELL MEANS, and CARTER CAMP.

During the past two years, AIM has participated in confrontations and takeovers of buildings as a result of issues affecting American Indians. Most recently, AIM organized the "Trail of Broken Treaties," which resulted in the Indian occupation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs building in Washington, D.C. AIM members provided
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the primary leadership for the confrontation between Indians and local authorities at Custer, South Dakota, which resulted in burning of the Court House and Chamber of Commerce buildings. Most recently, 200 AIM members and supporters entered the Town of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, ransacking the general store, taking provisions and weapons, and creating an armed standoff against Federal officers, resulting in several instances where gunfire was exchanged.

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

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

On April 18, 1973, CV T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that MEANS spoke before the City Club, Cleveland, for one-half hour on same date regarding Wounded Knee. Basically, MEANS stated that AIM had been invited to Wounded Knee by the occupants, and that AIM was in Wounded Knee to protest the fact that the United States had broken past treaties with the Indians. MEANS stated that
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either the United States would negotiate or there would be another massacre at Wounded Knee; and that if the United States did not learn now, it would be very sorry.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Meantime, he is traveling the country to raise money for legal defense, by court order he is not permitted to return to the South Dakota reservation."
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"Means said he expects the federal troops surrounding Wounded Knee to massacre the 230 defenders there just as troops wiped out 300 Indian men, women and children in 1890."

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

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

"We gave him $500 ourselves," said [name redacted] of the City Club. 'Usually, we just pay our speakers' expenses, but Means is a hot item. We didn't think we could get him.'

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

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

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

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR

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

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

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

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

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Memorandum

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI  157-28 3/3  DATE: 5/11/73

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

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

Em - AIM

Re Los Angeles report of SA dated 4/30/73, captioned, "RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; CIR-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.

Transmitted herewith for the Bureau are five (5) copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) concerning captioned individual. Copies also being furnished Minneapolis, Denver, and Oklahoma City for information.

Source utilized are as follows:

Source one

Source two

Source three

Nonsymboled source page

2 - Bureau (Encls. 7)(RM)
1 - Denver (Encl. 1)(Info)
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1 - Oklahoma City (Encl. 1)(Info)
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1 - 70-7253
1 - 70-7319
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
Source four

Source five

Agents observing MEANS' arrival at Los Angeles on 4/25/73, were SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]
Source two

Source three  SA DONALD ROBERTS
              FBI, Oklahoma City Division
157-28313-10

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[Date] 6-1970
COMPUTERIZED TELEPHONE NUMBER FILE (CTNF) - ENTRY AND SEARCH REQUEST

TO:  Director, FBI

DATE:  7/16/73

FROM:  SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-1460)

SUBJECT:  RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

EM - ATM

OO:  12

1. Subject's Name  RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

Field Office  Minneapolis

Field File #  157-1460

Action:  [ ] Add to file
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Area Code

Telephone #

[ ] Delete from file

Area Code  701

Telephone #  854-2601

Telegram Subscriber's:

Name  Standing Rock Industries

Address  Fort Yates

North Dakota

2. Process in CTNF:

[ ] Telephone data enclosed, or [ ] sent under separate cover

a. [ ] Telephone Data Analysis

In form of:  [ ] billing statements  [ ] phone toll tickets  other (specify)

[ ] Telephone data for period (including month and year)

[ ] Billing number(s) including area code:

[ ] Billing numbers(s) city and state:

b. [ ] Telephone Number Check (If just one or more phone numbers to be searched against CTNF, insure area code and/or city and state included.)

Remarks:

PHYLISS REYNA, née HALFE, former secretary to RUSSELL MEANS and alleged AIM member, is staff member of Standing Rock Industries, phone number located on April, 1973, telephone bill of National Wounded Knee Communications Center (subject - MP 157-1925-Sub D).

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3 - Minneapolis

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JUL 30 1973
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, OMAHA (157-1476) (P)

DATE: 7/27/73

SUBJECT: RUSSELL C. MEANS
           EM - AIM

OO: MINNEAPOLIS

Re Omaha airtel to Bureau 1/24/73, captioned "American Indian Movement (AIM), EM - American Indian Activities;" and LHM submitted to the Bureau captioned, "American Indian Movement (AIM) Demonstration at Scottsbluff, Nebraska, 1/13-23/73."

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are nine copies of an LHM prepared by the Omaha Office to bring the status of prosecutive action involving Means in Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska, up to date. Two copies of the LHM are being designated for Minneapolis.

For the information of the Bureau and Minneapolis, County Attorney MARVIN L. HOLSCHER, Gering, Nebraska, advised SA ROBERT D. KINSEY it is his understanding the $5,000 bond posted by Cashier's Check number A11810, remitter, was posted by some church group on MEANS' behalf. HOLSCHER said it is firm intention to continue prosecutive action against MEANS.

LEAD:

OMAHA

AT GERING, NEBRASKA

Will follow and report results of State prosecution of MEANS.

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2 - Bureau (Enc. 9)
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Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI (Bufile)  
DATE: 8/28/73

FROM: Minneapolis (157-1460)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS  
EXTREMIST MATTER - AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

Recommend:  
- Inclusion in ADEX (summary attached)*  
- Removal from ADEX (summary attached)*  
- Changes in ADEX card (specify change only)  
* Abstract required.

Reference: None

Card filed  
Cards sent  

Name  

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

Also known as:

Sex  

□ Male  
□ Female  
□ Other Indian  

Race  

□ White  
□ Black  
□ Other

Citizenship  

□ U. S.  
□ Alien  
□ Specify Country

Date of Birth  

(Year, month, day)  
11/10/39

Place of Birth  
Pine Ridge, South Dakota

Residence Address  
Porcupine, South Dakota

Employment  
Occupation: Accountant  
Firm & Address: Unemployed

Type of Activity (Check principal activity only)  

□ (BEX) Black Extremist  
□ (CMC) Communist (pro-Chinese)  
□ (CMS) Communist (pro-Soviet)  
□ (CMT) Communist (Trotskyist)

□ (FRN) Foreign Affiliation  
□ (PRN) Puerto Rican Nationalist  
□ (REV) Revolutionary  
□ (MSC) Miscellaneous

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□ Espionage  
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□ Imprisoned

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Responsible Agency

Bureau (RM)  
Minneapolis (157-1460)

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SUCCINCT SUMMARY

Subject has been reliably reported to be in a leadership capacity in the American Indian Movement (AIM). Subject has traveled with and directed the activities of AIM during violent confrontations with local and Federal authorities at Gordon, Nebraska; Scottsbluff, Nebraska; Rapid City, South Dakota; Custer, South Dakota, and Wounded Knee, South Dakota. Subject was also elected to the National Board of Directors of AIM at the AIM National Convention, White Oak, Oklahoma on August 2, 1973. Subject is, therefore, recommended for ADEX.
REFERENCES:

Minneapolis report of SA under character CIR-B&L, etc. MP file 70-6882.
Minneapolis report of SA under character CIR-B&L, etc. MP file 70-6882.
Washington Field airtel to Bureau, 5/2/73.
Los Angeles letter to Bureau, 5/11/73.
Minneapolis airtel to Richmond, 7/13/73.
Minneapolis letter to Bureau, 7/16/73.

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Subject is being recommended for ADEX since, according to the sources referenced in this report, subject is recognized as a top echelon leader of the American Indian Movement (AIM) and, therefore, in a position to significantly direct the activities of AIM in the Midwest and Far West United States. Subject has traveled with and directed activities during demonstrations and violent confrontations with local authorities in Gordon, Nebraska.
Scottsbluff, Nebraska; Rapid City, South Dakota; Custer, South Dakota areas and with Federal authorities at Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

Consideration was given to classifying the attached report. However, it was deemed unnecessary inasmuch as it is most unlikely the unauthorized disclosure of information in this report would compromise informants utilized.

FD-122 submitted on 8/28/73.

An original and one copy of an FD-376 are attached, with photographs.

A copy of this report is being disseminated to the U.S. Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

LEADS

ALBUQUERQUE

AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO: Will at the University of New Mexico, review school records in the name of RUSSELL C. MEANS, born 11/10/39, in an attempt to secure MEANS' date of attendance, name of wife and other pertinent background information not referred to under "Descriptive Information" in this report.

DENVER

AT DENVER, COLORADO: An information copy of this report is being forwarded Denver in view of their interest in RUSSELL MEANS and AIM activities.

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: An information copy of this report is being forwarded Los Angeles in view of their interest in RUSSELL MEANS and AIM activities.
OKLAHOMA CITY

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA: An information copy of this report is being forwarded Oklahoma City in view of their interest in RUSSELL MEANS and AIM activities.

OMAHA

AT AMES, IOWA: Will, at Iowa Tech, review school records in the name of RUSSELL C. MEANS, born 11/10/39, in an attempt to secure MEANS' dates of attendance, name of wife, and other pertinent background information not referred to under "Descriptive Information" in this report.

PHOENIX

AT TEMPE, ARIZONA: Will, at Arizona State University, review school records in the name of RUSSELL C. MEANS, born 11/10/39, in an attempt to secure MEANS' dates of attendance, name of wife, and other pertinent background information not referred to under "Descriptive Information" in this report.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA: Will, at Oakland City College, review school records, if conditions permit, in the name of RUSSELL C. MEANS, born 11/10/39, in an attempt to secure MEANS' dates of attendance, name of wife, and other pertinent background not referred to under "Descriptive Information" in this report.

MINNEAPOLIS

AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA: Will await Bureau decision regarding recommendation of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS being entered into ADEX. Will thereafter, submit FD-165.

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Southern Hills Credit Bureau, Inc.
Hot Springs, South Dakota
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Mrs. [Redacted]
Credit Bureau of Rapid City
Rapid City, South Dakota
(by request)

MP T-6
AF Reporter
Minneapolis, Minnesota
(by request) 70-6832-Sub B 176

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Hot Springs, South Dakota
(by request)
70-6832-1342
Copy to: 1 - U.S. Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Report of: 
Office: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Date: 8/28/73

Field Office File #: 157-1460
Bureau File #: b6

Title: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

Character: EXTREMIST MATTERS - AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

Synopsis: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, Indian Male, born 11/10/39, identified as National Leader of American Indian Movement (AIM). MEANS further identified as one of the individuals who traveled with and directed the activities of AIM during violent confrontation with local and Federal authorities at Gordon, Nebraska; Scottsbluff, Nebraska; Rapid City, South Dakota; Custer, South Dakota and Wounded Knee, South Dakota. IN VIEW OF THE FACT RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS HAS BEEN ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON AND CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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I. PREDICATION
MP 157-1460

DETAILS:

Investigation in this matter is predicated upon information that the subject may be in violation of U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 2383 (Rebellion and Insurrection) and Section 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), in view of his activities previous to and during the 71-day Wounded Knee, South Dakota siege by members of the American Indian Movement.

The articles of incorporation, of the American Indian Movement (AIM) were filed with the Minnesota Secretary of State, St. Paul, Minnesota, on October 1, 1968, and stated that the purpose of this corporation is to solicit and broaden opportunities and general welfare for the urban Indians in order that he may enjoy his full rights as a citizen of these United States, also his special right as an Aborigine.

On December 18, 1972, the Special Officer, Judicial Prevention and Law Enforcement, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised that the American Indian Movement (AIM), claims to be an Indian civil rights organization whose stated purpose is to enhance the social, educational and economic status of Indians. In reality, however, advised, AIM is a militant organization and its leaders believe in direct confrontation with authority.

On February 27, 1973, members of the AIM, with non-Indian supporters, seized hostages and by force of arms, occupied the town of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, during which parts of the town were burned and ransacked, six members of AIM were wounded, two fatally, two Federal officers were wounded, one permanently paralyzed, in several exchanges of gunfire between occupants and surrounding Government forces. On May 8, 1973, the occupation ended by the surrender of the remaining occupants. More than 200 arrests were made in connection with the occupation.
II. BACKGROUND
A. Birth Information

Subject is enrolled on the register of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, enrollment number U16542. The register and file disclosed subject was 15/32 Sioux, and was born on November 10, 1939, at Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Pine Ridge, South Dakota
August 14, 1973

B. Citizenship

Subject is a United States citizen by virtue of his birth.

C. Education

Subject attended Oakland City College, the Sawyer School of Business, Iowa Tech, the University of New Mexico and Arizona State University, dates unknown.

From an article from Gallery Magazine, a monthly national publication, August, 1973
Volume 1, Number 10

D. Marital Status

Subject was single, of Pine Ridge, South Dakota, date and location unknown.

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Pine Ridge Indian Reservation
Pine Ridge, South Dakota
August 16, 1973
E. Military Service

No record of military service could be located for the subject.

F. Identification Record

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FBI Record
Number 877 277 C
April 5, 1973
G. Employment

Subject stated on September 26, 1965, his occupation was that of an accounting clerk.

Review of Rapid City, South Dakota arrest record #19389
August 14, 1973

Subject stated he was accountant by trade.

From an article from Gallery Magazine,
a monthly national publication
August, 1973, Volume 1, Number 10

H. Residence

Subject stated on September 26, 1965, his address was 1315½ West St. Joseph Street, Rapid City, South Dakota.

Review of Rapid City, South Dakota Police Department arrest record #19389
August 14, 1973

Subject stated on February 6, 1973, his address was General Delivery, Porcupine, South Dakota.

Review of Pennington County Sheriff's Office Arrest Record #11048, August 14, 1973

I. Descriptive Information

Subject is described as follows:

Name: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
Address: Porcupine, South Dakota
Race: Indian
Sex: Male
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 180 pounds
MP 157-1460

Eyes BROWN
Hair BLACK
Complexion MEDIUM
Date of Birth NOVEMBER 10, 1939
Place of Birth PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA
Profession ACCOUNTANT
Social Security Number 569-54-5963
569-64-5963
Scars 3" and 4" scars on forehead and in eyebrows
Fingerprint 13 M 5 R 000 10
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               WILLIAM ALLEN MEANS
               THEODORE TED MEANS

Review of Rapid City, South Dakota, Police Department arrest record #19389
August 14, 1973
III. EXTREMIST ACTIVITIES
MP 157-1460

A. Identified as an AIM Leader

Subject joined AIM in February, 1969, while at an Indian convention in San Francisco, California, while still Executive Director of the Cleveland American Indian Center.

From an article from Gallery Magazine, a monthly national publication August, 1973, Volume 1, Number 10

Subject was identified on April 26, 1973, as the National Leader of AIM.

T-3
April 26, 1973

Subject was elected to the National Board of Directors of AIM on August 2, 1973, at the AIM National Convention, White Oak, Oklahoma.

From an article from the Daily Oklahomian, a daily newspaper serving Oklahoma City, Oklahoma August 2, 1973

Subject was identified on February 2, 1973, as a leader of AIM who spoke before 50 Indians holding a meeting at Holy Family Church, Omaha, Nebraska, on January 31, 1973. Subject issued a call for the Indians to join an AIM protest caravan to Custer, South Dakota.

From an article from The Omaha World-Herald, a daily newspaper serving the city of Omaha, Nebraska February 2, 1973

- 13 -
Subject identified as one of two leaders conducting an AIM meeting of from 20 to 30 individuals at Rapid City, South Dakota, which was concluded on February 4, 1973.

Detective Captain
Rapid City Police Department
Rapid City, South Dakota
February 5, 1973

Subject was identified on February 16, 1973, as a complainant to the Rapid City Police Department, Rapid City, South Dakota, that three female AIM members were not allowed admittance to the Golden Horn Bar, Rapid City, South Dakota.

Detective Captain
Rapid City Police Department
Rapid City, South Dakota
February 17, 1973

Subject identified as one of four leaders conducting an AIM meeting and Peyote party near Pine Ridge, South Dakota, during the evening of February 24-25, 1973, at which it was decided whatever action necessary would be taken to move on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and take over the BIA building.

T-4
February 25, 1973

Subject identified as main speaker at an AIM meeting at Calico, South Dakota on February 22, 1973. Subject stated the world would be aware of AIM activities Monday night (February 26, 1973) and there may be another Wounded Knee.

T-5
February 24, 1973
B. Identified as an AIM Leader During Gordon, Nebraska Disturbances

Subject admitted taking over the town of Gordon, Nebraska, on March 6, 1972, while protesting the death of an Indian and the jail sentences given to the individuals charged with the Indian's death. Subject advised over 1000 Indians were involved of which 50 were AIM members.

From an article from Gallery Magazine, a monthly national publication August, 1973, Volume 1, Number 10

C. Identified as an AIM Leader During Scottsbluff, Nebraska Disturbances

Subject was identified as an AIM leader who was arrested on January 14, 1973, at Scottsbluff, Nebraska, at the Park Motel, during a joint meeting of Mexican-Americans and Indians. Subject was arrested for being intoxicated and reportedly resisted arrest. Later on the same date subject was found to be in possession of a loaded .22 caliber revolver while in jail, although, subject had been searched previous to being incarcerated.

JAMES A. TEAL, JR.
Chief of Police
Scottsbluff, Nebraska
January 14, 1973
D. Identified as an AIM Leader During Custer, South Dakota Disturbances

Subject was identified as one of two AIM leaders who met on February 6, 1973, with for Custer County, South Dakota, and subsequently was observed leaving the office and fighting with law enforcement officers when an Indian group broke into the interior of the Custer County Court House.

Special Agent
Division of Criminal Investigation
Sturgis, South Dakota
February 6, 1973

Subject was identified as one of four AIM leaders allowed into the Custer County Court House, Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973, for discussions with local officials. Subject subsequently identified as returning to the Court House door and yelling "everybody in" to a crowd estimated as being in excess of 200 individuals. Subject was thereafter, identified as being one of many individuals arrested in the disturbance that followed when the crowd surged into the Court House in defiance of police orders to the opposite.

Deputy Sheriff
Custer County, South Dakota
February 16, 1973

Subject was observed inside the States Attorney's Office, Custer County Court House, Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973. Subject appeared to be either drunk or drugged.

Inspector
South Dakota Department of Motor Vehicles
Pierre, South Dakota
February 20, 1973
Subject observed on February 6, 1973, as exiting the States Attorney's Office at the Custer County Court House, Custer, South Dakota, just previous to a melee involving a crowd of Indians, and yelling to the crowd while standing at the front door of the Court House "Everybody in".

Patrolman
South Dakota Highway Patrol
Rapid City, South Dakota
February 21, 1973

E. Identified as a Leader During Rapid City, South Dakota Disturbances

Subject was identified as addressing a group of Indians on February 9, 1973, and stating they were going to "hit Rapid City, Kodaka, and other cities" in order to pull the National Guard out of Custer, South Dakota, and then the Indians would hit Custer, South Dakota. Subsequently, on the same date, Indians broke furniture and assaulted patrons at the Stockman's Bar and Golden Horn Bar in Rapid City, South Dakota. Subject thereafter, identified 16 Indians, including TED MEANS, his brother, in custody at the Pennington County County Jail, as his people.

Detective
Rapid City, South Dakota
February 10, 1973
F. Identified as an AIM Leader at Wounded Knee, South Dakota

Subject was identified on March 6, 1973, as being one of three high-ranking AIM officials present at and directing approximately 400 Indians in the Wounded Knee, South Dakota area, of which 100 were well-armed male Indians.

WILLIAM ALLEN MEANS
Brother of Subject
Mission, South Dakota
March 6, 1973

Subject was identified as being one of the AIM leaders during the occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, in view of the fact he was one of the two individuals observed making decisions.

Rapid City, South Dakota
March 8, 1973

Subject was identified as an AIM leader, who was in charge of and participated in looting homes and the Trading Post, Wounded Knee, South Dakota, on February 27, 1973.

Wounded Knee, South Dakota
March 8, 1973

Subject was identified as one of three AIM leaders in charge of a group who held local residents of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, as hostages from February 27, 1973, until March 8, 1973. Subject also identified as placing numerous telephone calls from Wounded Knee, South Dakota, requesting individuals to travel to Wounded Knee with weapons, foodstuffs, medical supplies and other equipment.

Wounded Knee, South Dakota
March 9, 1973
MP 157-1460

Subject was identified as being one of AIM leaders during the occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, in view of the fact he was observed as being one of the five individuals making decisions.

Church of Christian Society
Washington, D. C.
March 9, 1973

Subject was identified on March 12, 1973, as having difficulty controlling AIM members and sympathizers who were occupying Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

T-6
March 13, 1973

Subject stated on March 19, 1973, while at Wounded Knee, South Dakota AIM was willing to occupy Wounded Knee, South Dakota, for three or four months while negotiating.

T-7
March 19, 1973

Subject was identified on April 20, 1973, as the National AIM Leader. Subject also identified as requesting that all AIM members in the Tulsa, Oklahoma area be contacted and requested to travel to Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

T-8
April 20, 1973

Subject was identified on April 20, 1973, as addressing a mixed group of 80 to 100 individuals at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, during which he discussed the then current situation at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, and advised AIM had shifted its course of action and intended to repossess the western half of South Dakota with Custer, South Dakota as a target city.

T-9
April 21, 1973

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Subject was identified on March 27, 1973, as one of two AIM leaders directing activity at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, although subject was believed prepared to depart the area with $6,000 missing from the Wounded Knee Post Office.

T-10
March 27, 1973

Subject was identified as departing Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the evening of March 26, 1973, with another AIM leader, in an attempt to contact the coordinator of a caravan at Rosebud, South Dakota, in order that the individuals in the caravan could be taken into Wounded Knee.

T-11
March 28, 1973

Subject requested on March 26, 1973, while on the Rosebud Indian Reservation, Rosebud, South Dakota, assistance in the form of food and clothing for the AIM members at Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

Sinte Gleska College
Rosebud, South Dakota
March 27, 1973
1866 Fort Laramie Treaty guarantees Indians all Dakota Territory land west of the Missouri River.

December 29 Seventh Cavalry massacres 100–300 Indians at Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

February 1969 Russell Means joins Cleveland chapter of AIM.

1972
Autumn Pine Ridge Sioux ransack Wounded Knee museum—$50,000 damage.


1973
February 27 200 AIM members and supporters seize town of Wounded Knee and surrounding area. Eleven residents held as hostages. White-owned trading post looted.

March 1 South Dakota Senators McGovern and Abourezk meet with AIM leaders. Hostages released; most choose to stay in Wounded Knee.

March 14 Federal grand jury indictments—31 charges of civil disorder, conspiracy, burglary, larceny.

March 23 Angola Davis barred from reservation by BIA police.

March 23-24 Massive firefight. Number of indicted rises to 54.

March 27 AIM leaders Means and Dennis Banks leave Wounded Knee.

March 31 Negotiations resume after 12-day hiatus. Government meets with both militant and traditional factions.

April 6-9 Peace pact breaks down over issue of when occupiers will lay down arms. Means and traditional chief Toby Eagle Bull testify before House Indian Affairs Subcommittee in Washington.

April 17 Three aircraft drop supplies. Six wounded in subsequent exchange of gunfire.

April 21-23 Boston Globe reporter Thomas Oliphant, three others, indicted for April 17 airlift.

April 25 Frank Clearwater, Apache from North Carolina, dies in Rapid City, South Dakota, hospital from wounds received in April 17 battle.

May 2 Means, four others, indicted on arms/riot charges.


May 6 Surrender agreement announced, scheduled for May 9.

May 8 Seventy-day siege of Wounded Knee ends. 120 militants surrender arms in exchange for promise of White House delegation.

May 17 White House delegation, traditional Sioux, meet in Pine Ridge. (First results inconclusive at this writing.)

From an article from Gallery Magazine, a monthly national publication, August, 1973, volume I, Number 10.
IV. STATUS OF CRIMINAL ACTION
Subject was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on March 20, 1973, charged with violation of U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1153 and South Dakota Compiled Laws 22-32-9; Sections 111, 231 (a)(3), 371, 661, 1114, and 1153, and U.S. Code, Title 26, Sections 5861 (d) and 5871.

Subject surrendered to U.S. Marshals, Rapid City, South Dakota on April 5, 1973, appeared before a U.S. Magistrate, same date and was released on $25,000 surety bond into third party custody.

Subject was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on April 10, 1973, charged with violation of U.S. Code, Title 18, Sections 111 and 1114.

Subject appeared before U.S. District Court, Pierre, South Dakota, on April 16, 1973, and entered a plea of not guilty to the March 20, 1973, indictment.

Subject failed to appear at a bond revocation hearing at U.S. District Court, Deadwood, South Dakota, on April 27, 1973. U.S. District Court Judge revoked subject's bond and directed a bench warrant be issued.

Subject arrested by Special Agents of the FBI at Los Angeles, California, on April 27, 1973, and remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshal, Los Angeles, California. Subject returned to Sioux Falls, South Dakota on May 1, 1973.

Subject was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury, Phoenix, Arizona on May 2, 1973, charged with violation of U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 371.

U.S. District Court
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
August 9, 1973
Subject's bond was reduced from $125,000 to $50,000 on May 30, 1973, according to an AIM attorney at Rapid City, South Dakota.

From an article from the Rapid City Journal, a daily newspaper published at Rapid City, South Dakota, May 30, 1973

Subject's bond of $125,000 consisted of $50,000 relative to the March 20, 1973, indictment, $50,000 relative to the April 10, 1973, indictment and $25,000 relative to the May 2, 1973 indictment.

Subject furnished a total bond of $50,000 on June 5, 1973, and was released with a tentative trial date scheduled for November 26, 1973.

U.S. District Court
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
August 9, 1973

IN VIEW OF THE FACT RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS HAS BEEN ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON AND CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.
Title RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

Character EXTREMIST MATTER - AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

Reference

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

MP T-2
RE: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EXTREMIST MATTER -
AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed
to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective
responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. □ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.

2. □ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.

3. □ Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.

4. XX Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile
incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.

5. □ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.

6. □ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.

7. XX Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or
activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph □ has been furnished □ enclosed □ is not available.

Very truly yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (2)(RM)
U. S. Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Enclosure(s)
SAC, Minneapolis (157-1460)

9/19/73

Director, FBI

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM

ReMPlet (FD-122) 8/28/73.

Promptly submit investigative report summarizing subject's activities and setting forth his background as required in SAC Memorandum 21-72 dated 9/12/72. No action being taken on your recommendation by referenced letter to place subject on ADEX until receipt of report.

Furnish Denver, as office of origin for AIM, with copies of report.

CAM:meg

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ST-102

NOTE:

By referenced FD-122 Minneapolis recommended subject for inclusion on ADEX. Review of FBIHQ files indicates Minneapolis has never submitted report or LHM relative to the subject's background and activities. Minneapolis being instructed to submit report prior to FBIHQ taking action on ADEX recommendation.

MAILED 9
SEP 18 1973
-FBI
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-459209)  
FROM: SAC, OMAHA (157-1476) (P)  

DATE: 9/27/73

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS  
EM - AIM  
OO: MINNEAPOLIS

Re report of SA dated 8/28/73 at Minneapolis and Omaha letter to the Bureau 7/27/73.

Scotts Bluff County Attorney MARVIN L. HOLSCHER, Gering, Nebraska, on 9/24/73 advised SA ROBERT D. KINSEY that on 9/20/73 counsel for RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS waived the six months requirement under Nebraska law for trial of MEANS. HOLSCHER stated the waiver was accepted by Judge ALFRED KOHTUM on the basis of contention of MEANS' attorney that he was to be tried in U. S. District Court in South Dakota on various Federal charges in October, 1973, and his counsel did not have sufficient time to prepare for trial in South Dakota and in Nebraska at the same time.

HOLSCHER stated he will hope to have more definite information as to possible local trial date for MEANS in late October, 1973.

LEAD: REC-39' 15' 7 - 24313 - 16

OMAHA  

AT GERING, NEBRASKA  

Will maintain contact with HOLSCHER to follow and report results of local prosecution of MEANS.

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
        EM - AIM
        O0: Minneapolis

DATE: 9/28/73

Re Minneapolis report of SA dated 8/28/73.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) concerning captioned individual. A copy is also being furnished to Minneapolis for information.

Sources utilized are as follows:
Source One
Source Two
Source Three

AAG/efs
(5)

By U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EXTREMIST MATTER
AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

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

This investigation is based on information which indicates the subject is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection) or 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), as indicated hereafter.

The subject has been identified as being actively involved in militant activities of the American Indian Movement (AIM). Since January, 1973, AIM has been actively involved in demonstrations and violent confrontations with local authorities in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and the Rapid City and Custer areas of South Dakota. From February 27 through May 8, 1973, AIM leaders and members and their supporters occupied the community of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, by force of arms taking a number of the community's residents as hostages. Before surrendering to Federal authorities, they engaged in numerous violent and destructive acts and gunfire was exchanged with Federal authorities resulting in the death of two of the insurgents.

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RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

Source One advised on September 14, 1973, that Russell Charles Means, National Leader of the AIM, was to arrive at Los Angeles, California on __________ via Commercial Airlines to attend a cocktail party being held in honor of United States Senator Mc Govern at __________ Beverly Hills, California. Source further advised that AIM planned to demonstrate at this address and that captioned individual was to verbally confront Senator Mc Govern regarding the senator's recent statements concerning AIM.

AIM is a militant American Indian organization.

On September 17, 1973, Source Two advised that captioned individual was in attendance at the Democratic Party Fund Raising Committee Party held on __________ at __________ Beverly Hills, California, where Senator Mc Govern was the main speaker but that Means made no attempt to speak.

On September 17, 1973, Source One advised that Means was to depart Los Angeles, California the morning of September 17, 1973, for Kansas.

On September 17, 1973, Source Three advised that captioned individual had left Los Angeles for an unknown destination.

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Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-1460)

DATE: 9/28/73

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

EM - AIM

Re Bureau letter, 9/19/73.

Please see Minneapolis summary report of SA dated 8/28/73, which sets forth information requested in referenced Bureau letter.
NR012 LS CODED

10:00 PM NITEL 10/4/73 JWS

TO DIRECTOR (157-23582) ATTN: INTD.

DENVER

MINNEAPOLIS (157-1460)

FROM LOUISVILLE (157-NEW) (P) 2P

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, EM - AIM, OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

RE LOUISVILLE TELETYPE TO FBHQ CAPTIONED.

"VERNON FRANKLIN BELLECOURT, EM - AIM, OO: DENVER",

DATED 10/3/73.

REFERENCED COMMUNICATION REFLECTED VERNON
FRANKLIN BELLECOURT, ACTING NATIONAL DIRECTOR,
AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM), CURRENTLY ATTENDING 64TH
GENERAL CONVENTION OF PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
UNITED STATES, AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

ON 10/4/73, LOUISVILLE DIVISION OF POLICE (LDP), LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, ADVISED
THAT BELLECOURT IS REPORTEDLY ACCOMPANIED BY RUSSELL
CHARLES MEANS, AIM NATIONAL COORDINATOR. NEITHER
BELLECOURT NOR MEANS HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN INVITED TO
ABOVE CONVENTION WHICH CONVENED 9/29/73, AND CONCLUDES
END PAGE ONE

10/5/73
I0/11/73, AT KENTUCKY STATE FAIRGROUNDS, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY. BOTH BELLECOURET AND MEANS REPORTEDLY HAVE ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH EPISCOPAL CHURCH INDIAN DELEGATION TO ABOVE CONVENTION, AND ARE BELIEVED TO BE TEMPORARILY RESIDING THEREWITH.

LOUISVILLE

WE WILL, THROUGH APPROPRIATE SOURCES, FOLLOW AND REPORT ACTIVITIES OF MEANS.

DENVER AND MINNEAPOLIS CONTACT LOGICAL SOURCES TO DETERMINE VALIDITY OF ABOVE INFORMATION AND PURPOSE OF VISIT.

END

PAW FBI HQ CLR
NR 004 OM CODE

4:15 PM URGENT 10/9/73 BJP

TO: BUREAU

MINNEAPOLIS

FROM: OMAHA (157-1476) 2P

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, EM - AIM, 00: MINNEAPOLIS.

SUBJECT ARRIVED DES MOINES 2:30 P.M. 10/8/73 AND WAS GREETED BY SEVERAL PUBLICLY KNOWN AIM MEMBERS. SUBJECT TRAVELED BY AUTOMOBILE TO PELLA, IOWA, WHERE HE HAD SPEECH SCHEDULED AT CENTRAL COLLEGE.

A SOURCE, WITH WHOM CONTACT HAS BEEN INSUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH RELIABILITY, ADVISED THAT SUBJECT WAS ACCOMPANIED FROM DES MOINES TO PELLA BY RAYMOND SLICK, AND TWO OR THREE MORE UNNAMED INDIANS. THE SOURCE INDICATED MEANS' SPEECH WAS NON-INFLAMATORY AND A SECOND TALK WAS SCHEDULED FOR THE MORNING OF 10/9/73.

SUBJECT DEPARTED DES MOINES ON UNITED AIR LINES FLIGHT 629 AT 2:40 P.M., 10/9/73. SUBJECT HOLDS TICKET TO OMAHA WHERE HE CONNECTS WITH FRONTIER FLIGHT 533, DEPARTING OMAHA 6:45 P.M. WITH ARRIVAL TIME AT RAPID CITY NOT KNOWN TO UNITED AIR LINES, DES MOINES.
OM 157-1476

PAGE TWO

ADMINISTRATIVE

RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE 10/8/73.

SOURCE REFERRED TO IS MRS [illegible]

STREET, DES MOINES, IOWA, WHOSE IDENTITY IS PROTECTED AT
HER REQUEST.

END
DIRECTOR, FBI

10/5/73

CAG, PITTSBURGH (157-2094) (RUC)

AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM)

(DD: DENVER)

Re Washington Field mailing to Bureau dated 9/13/73.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LBH regarding a speech made by RUSSELL KIOWA at West Virginia University, Morgantown, W. Va., on 9/20/73. Enclosed for Denver, Minneapolis, and Washington Field are also copies of above described LBH. Information copy being furnished to Minneapolis in view of their pending prosecution of MEANS.

PG T-1 is

PG T-2 is identified on a Non-Symbol Source Administrative Page attached for the Bureau.

3 = Bureau (Encs. 8)
   (1 = 157-MEANS)
   (4 = 157-AIM)
2 = Denver (Enc. 1) /Enclosure
1 = Minneapolis (Enc. 1) (Info)
2 = Washington Field (Enc. 1) (157-M76)
2 = Pittsburgh
   (1 = 157-2224)
   (1 = 52-3263)

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PG T-1 is [blank] and PG T-2 is [blank].

West Virginia University,
Morgantown, W. Va., (an established source).
RUSSELL MEANS

On September 13, 1973, PG T-1 advised that Russell Means, Leader, American Indian Movement (AIM), would speak at the West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia, on September 20, 1973.

On September 21, 1973, the morning edition of the Dominion Post, a newspaper of General circulation published in Morgantown, West Virginia, carried an article relating to the speech given by Means at the West Virginia University on the night of September 20, 1973. The article indicated that Means dealt primarily with criticizing Senator George McGovern for his role in the Wounded Knee occupation, claiming that he urged the Government to end the occupation by force, by "killing everyone and destroying everything standing." The article further stated that Means was also critical of President Nixon and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The article further stated that Means claimed there was a conspiracy among the news media to suppress "atrocities" which were committed by the Federal Government against the Indians at Wounded Knee but the article does not mention any specific examples of any such atrocities. The article further quoted Means as saying that the 71 day occupation at Wounded Knee meant that the Oglala Sioux had declared their independence as a nation. The article went on to relate how Means accused Senator McGovern of illegally transferring $14,000 from his Presidential Campaign Fund to his Senatorial Campaign Fund and Means repeatedly referred to Senator McGovern as George Adolph McGovern and accused him of selling out the peace Movement.

On September 21, 1973, PG T-2 advised that approximately 500 persons, both university students, faculty and non-university personnel attended Means' speech given in the Mountain Lair Building at West Virginia University on the night of September 20, 1973. PG T-2 advised that Means spoke for approximately 1 1/2 hours and started his speech by welcoming all representatives from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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PG T-2 advised that the bulk of Means' speech was low key and it constituted more of a recap of the Wounded Knee situation from the Indian standpoint. PG T-2 also mentioned that Means accused the press of suppressing news of atrocities committed by the Government against the Indians at Wounded Knee, but he did not specify any particular atrocity but only spoke in the general term of atrocities without defining any specific example. In addition, PG T-2 stated that Means discussed several treaties which he alleged the Government had made with the Indians but had repeatedly broken in the past years.

PG T-2 also advised that Means mentioned his own pending trial as well as the pending trials of Dennis Banks and other Indians resulting from the Wounded Knee occupation. PG T-2 stated that his entire speech was low key and more of an effort to get sympathy from the audience for the Indians' cause rather than haranguing or urging them to conduct demonstrations and/or violence on behalf of the Indians.

PG T-2 further stated that Means mentioned in passing that the Indians current fight against the Government including the pending trials arising out of Wounded Knee, takes money and they had a definite shortage of funds and would accept donations but this money pitch was made almost in passing and was not the primary purpose of the speech. In fact, PG T-2 stated he can recall only one time Means mentioning the need for money to carry on his fight and that was more of an incidental thing rather than a primary goal of the speech.

PG T-2 advised in conclusion that Means' entire speech was low key and was aimed at obtaining sympathy from the general public for the Indians' cause and he did not endorse or urge any type of violent activity.
Title: AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM)

Character

Reference: Memorandum dated and captioned as above at Pittsburgh, Pa.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.
FROM LOS ANGELES (157-8761) 1P

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS. EM - AIM, 00: MINNEAPOLIS.

ON 10-18-73, A SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED MEANS, NATIONAL AIM LEADER, ARRIVED, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, 11:30 P.M. WESTERN AIRLINES, FLIGHT 505, FROM MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA.

ON INSTANT DATE, SOURCE ADVISED MEANS HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE LOS ANGELES AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER, AND SPOKE ON THE "DEFINITE ASSASSINATION OF PEDRO BISSONETTE BY BIA PIGS AND FEDERAL AGENTS."

ADMINISTRATIVE:
SOURCE IS 157-283/3 - O1

LEAD: LOS ANGELES. AT LOS ANGELES: WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES AND REPORT SAME TO APPROPRIATE OFFICES.

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

On 10/23/73, a source in a position to provide reliable information, who has done so in the past, advised that RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS would be speaking on the University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio, campus on 11/16/73, and that this talk is to be sponsored by the University of Toledo Student Body Government. The source did not know what the content of MEANS' speech is to include.

ADMINISTRATIVE
Source mentioned in airtel is ______

LEADS

CLEVELAND:

AT TOLEDO, OHIO

Will contact logical sources in order to determine the purpose and content of the talk by RUSSELL MEANS.

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1 - Minneapolis (RM)
2 - Cleveland

JDV: jaz
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From: Director, FBI (157-28313) 23

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS (REG-84
EM-.AIM

Re: Airtel, 11/5/73.

Letterhead memorandum enclosed with referenced airtel set forth names and addresses of individuals and organizations listed in an address book belonging to American Indian Movement (AIM) leader Russell Means. A review of this material reveals several individuals and organizations could well have been legitimate contacts of Means and not engaged in extremist activity. Accordingly, no investigation should be conducted when the individual or organization listed falls into this legitimate contact category.

You should review indices to ascertain if information located therein, where coupled with the fact that a name appears in Means' book, would warrant an extremist inves
Airtel to Albany, et al.
Re: Russell Charles Means
157-28313

tion. In those instances where you feel further investigation is warranted, advise the Bureau investigation is being instituted, setting forth the identities of individuals and organizations on whom this investigation is being conducted.

NOTE:

By referenced airtel, Los Angeles furnished recipient offices with an LHM setting forth names and addresses of individuals and organizations listed in an address book belonging to AIM leader Russell Means. Recipients being instructed relative to investigation to be conducted inasmuch as Los Angeles instructed recipients of their airtel to conduct appropriate investigations regarding names of individuals and organizations listed. Review of LHM at FBIHQ revealed a number of individuals connected with the news media, public officials and organizations, attorneys, colleges and universities, clergy men, and entertainers were listed.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-8701) (P)
SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

RE: ARM

00: Minneapolis

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Approved: ___________________________

Special Agent in Charge

Sent: ___________________________

Government Printing Office 1972 = 455-874
Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, dated 10/19/73, and Los Angeles telephone calls to Rapid City Command Post, dated 10/21/73.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) concerning captioned subject. Additional copies of LHM are being furnished to Bureau; two for dissemination to Legat, London and two for Legat, Ottawa. Also enclosed for each receiving office are two copies of the same LHM.

Sources utilized in the enclosed LHM are as follows:

Source One

Source Two

Source Three

For the sake of clarity, the address telephone book of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS has been retyped in full by the Los Angeles Division; however, the original xerox copy of same is maintained in the Exhibit Section of the Los Angeles Division.

Recipient offices are requested to conduct appropriate investigation regarding names of individuals and organizations from within the respective divisions. For the sake of simplicity, rather than specific leads being set forth, each office will be furnished with a page number of the telephone address book of captioned subject, in which names of the individuals appear who reside within their division.

Results of investigation conducted need not be furnished to Los Angeles Division unless pertinent.
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RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EXTREMIST MATTER -
AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

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CLASSIFIED DECISIONS FINALIZED
BY DEPARTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC)
DATE: 12-11-83

DECLASSIFIED BY: 10/21 DEMOTE
ON 11/3-83

APPRAISABLE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP (S) OF DATE 12-2-91

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP (S) OF DATE

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11-3-80 CLASS. & EX. 655 PSR JG 988
REASON: CMI 1-2-4.2 23.
DATE OF REVIEW: 11-6-93

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On October 18, 1973, Source One advised Russell Charles Means, national American Indian Movement (AIM) leader, arrived in Los Angeles, California, at 11:30 p.m. via Western Airlines Flight 505, from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The AIM was founded in Minnesota in 1968, dedicated to improving conditions for the American Indian. AIM recently led and participated in confrontations with local authorities in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and the Rapid City-Custer area of South Dakota. AIM led the takeover and occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, in February - May, 1973.

On October 19, 1973, Source Two advised that captioned individual spent the night of October 18, 1973, at the home of Los Angeles AIM activist.

On October 19, 1973, Source One advised that Means held a press conference the morning of October 19, 1973, at the Los Angeles American Indian Center, 600 South New Hampshire Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and spoke on the "definite assassination of Pedro Bissonette by Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) pigs and Federal Agents". Source further advised Means was scheduled to be the main guest on "Let's Rap", a Los Angeles talk show aired by station KTTV, Channel 11, Los Angeles, California.

The following is a transcript of the television show, "Let's Rap", in which captioned individual and Dr. Constance Urrie, Los Angeles AIM activist, were the main guests:

1. Member of CONNIE Urrie

CONFIDENTIAL
ALICIA SANDOVAL: RUSSELL MEANS is one of six militant American Indian Movement (AIM) leaders now facing trial on eleven felony counts for his participation in the 71 day armed take-over of Wounded Knee in South Dakota early in Spring this year. Wednesday evening, October 17, a seventh defendant, PEDRO BISSONETTE, was killed by BIA Police near the Pine Ridge Reservation. Attorneys and AIM leaders, including Mr. MEANS, feel the slaying was actually an assassination executed by Federal Government Agents. We'll be rapping about the impending trial; about it's historical and legal implications; and later on we'll be joined by CONNIE URIE the Wounded Knee legal defense, Offense Committee, and we'll be rapping about the fund-raising efforts that are now going underway. Welcome to Let's Rap. I'm ALICIA SANDOVAL.

Exactly under what circumstances was Mr. BISSONETTE killed?

RUSSELL MEANS: PEDRO had a warrant out for him for failure to appear at a Bond Revocation hearing of his from charges stemming out of Wounded Knee. His $25,000 bond was revoked and a warrant was out, issued, for his arrest. He ah, on Pine Ridge. He was then enroute to his mother's place to pick her up and then they were going to go to one of our attorneys to talk with him and then turn himself in. The BIA pigs stopped him and shot him seven times in the chest in a 5 x 5 pattern with a .38, it looked like a .38, bullet holes seven times in the chest, which ah, I know is contrary to what the BIA claims. They claim he was
shot once with a shotgun. However, ah, seven times in the chest, three times in the hand, bullet went clean through his hand, it's a definite, you know, its definite assassination by Federal Agents. Ah, the harassment of American Indian Movement people across the country is horrendous at best. There was a policeman killed in Phoenix, Arizona, a ROMERO, ah Mr. ROMERO an AIM member, was arrested for the killing, alleged killing, in fact when he wasn't even anywhere near the scene of the crime. Other AIM people have been arrested on trumped-up charges such as in Southern Colorado and in Arizona, New Mexico, Gallup, in Minneapolis on misdemeanor charges and booked and fingerprinted and mugged on misdemeanor charges, "trumped-up charges such as my brother, who was arrested allegedly for possession of marijuana and other narcotics, but that's as far as it got. The press got out that the brother of RUSSELL MEANS National AIM leader was arrested for narcotics, possession of, and then the next morning quietly dismissed and released from jail. Of course the press did not state that they dismissed the charges, there was actually no evidence.

ALICIA: SANDOVAL: Do you feel that there will be a considered effort to eliminate all the six living defendants before the trial ever gets under way?

RUSSELL MEANS: There has been more killings on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation of AIM people and of Indian people and more shooting since Wounded Knee then all during the
whole siege: definitely, and this is the reason why the present leadership of the AIM is now going with body guards. I've received threats on my life through the mail, in person from the pigs, BIA pigs, on the Rosebud Reservation, on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, from local law enforcement authorities in the state of South Dakota, ah, I've received threats over the telephone.

ALICIA SANDOVAL: Is any of it from opposing tribes or members who are disenchanted with what's happening or is this all coming from the Federal Government?

RUSSELL MEANS: We believe the conspiracy of the FBI and we base it on a contention of what E. PATRICK GRAY, who was then acting Director of the FBI stated in testimony before a Senate Committee last March and April that the White House directed the FBI back in the Spring of 1972 over a year and a half ago, to look into the explosive situation on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. And also to investigate and disrupt the AIM. Now the White House paranoia about so-called activists groups is well known and was stated by JOHN DEAN III in his testimony for the Watergate committee. Ah, they have in some instances, infiltrated our organization with snitches and with Agents. This ah, we know this already to be true. It has resulted in a shooting of CLYDE BELLECOURT. It has resulted now in the death of PEDRO BISSONETTE. There are only six of us left that are termed the major defendants of Wounded Knee...
ALICIA: SANOVA: But there are some 300 other Indians that have been charged with lesser offenses but who however will have to undergo the trial....... Confidential

RUSSELL MEANS: There's over 300 other defendants arrested from charges arising out of the seizure at Wounded Knee, and also pending another 127 for when the Federal Grand Jury reconvenes in South Dakota this year, ah, that are pending indictments.

ALICIA: SANOVA: So it's almost, what, 450 people that total........

RUSSELL MEANS: 450 directly related to Wounded Knee but other charges stemming from before, incidents before Wounded Knee like at Custer, South Dakota, where 15 people have been indicted and some on Federal charges like DENNIS BANKS.

ALICIA: SANOVA: When will the trial actually begin, for the six, yourself, and the other five?

RUSSELL MEANS: Well, the government refused consolidation of the major defendants and DENNIS BANKS and myself are slated to go to trial first, either in the first four, third week in January probably in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

ALICIA: SANOVA: Sounds like another Pentagon Papers trial. We'll be back right after this.....

ALICIA: SANOVA: We're rapping with RUSSELL MEANS a leader from the AIM and one of the six defendants still alive facing trial shortly regarding the activity that occurred there in early Spring of this year. Mr. MEANS.
what type of strategy do you, do you think your attorneys will be employing during the trial?

RUSSELL MEANS: Well, one of the things that we have made known publicly that of course our defense and the whole issue of Wounded Knee was the 1868 Sioux Treaty. That is the issue, it has always been the issue, there is no inner-Indian fights, there's no Indian fighting Indian, no matter what the Government does. The Government's a master at divide and conquer. And they will continue to try to play up the fact that Indian is fighting Indian and they will use their puppets that they have through the Indian Reorganization Act and on the reservations to continue to make it look like it's Indian fighting Indian when it definitely isn't. The whole issue is the 1868 Sioux Treaty, and that's going to be our defense, our primary defense in the upcoming trial. Now one thing that you should be aware of and everyone should be aware of is that these trials are the most important political trials of this century. Because, and this is for everyone, White, Black, Brown, Red, Yellow, the... if the American Indian, now Senator SAM RIVIN himself has stated in a speech, and he's the acknowledged Constitutional expert in the Senate, has stated without referring specifically to Indian people, and to anyone really, specifically, he has stated that Treaties are on par and equal to the Constitution of the United States. Treaties ratified by the Congress. These Treaties supersede Federal State and local laws. Now after a 105 years of abrogating and
dishonoring the Treaty signed with the Lakota people and
the Arapaho, the 1868 Sioux Treaty. The AIM after being
invited in by the Oglala people that went into
Wounded Knee to ascertain our rights under the Treaty, that
is our defense. The Government has made a motion in Federal
Court that will be decided on later on this month to
disallow any reference in anyway, shape or form, to the
1868 Sioux Treaty during our trial. They say it has no
relevance and that Indian people are wards of the Government
and this is filed in a Federal brief and that the
Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights
does not apply to Indians living on Reservations, because
we're wards of the Government. Now if we are proven guilty
or if a guilty verdict comes down from the jury in our
trial that means every American Indian does not have any
Treaty rights, the Chicano people who have Treaties with
the Federal Government they have no Treaty rights. And
if we haven't any Treaty rights then anybody can abrogate
the Constitution of the United States so any time this
country wants to tear up, like Nixon did when he arrested
15,000 white hippies in Washington D. C. on May Day in
1971, the country applauded Nixon for tearing up that
Constitution in the shredding machine and just mass arrest
of 15,000 people. The country applauded him, so he continued
to tear up the Constitution and the result is Watergate,
AGNEW resigning you know, this whole lawlessness of the
White House, you know, extends throughout the whole
Bureaucracy of the Federal Government especially and
specifically on Indian Reservations. I don't like to call
them reservations because I consider them concentration camps. It is absolute tyranny, I don't expect anyone to believe me or even be able to relate or understand what it is like to live under a complete tyrannical dictatorship. And that's what life is on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

ALICIA SANDOVAL: But if you were able to win your point in terms of the historical framework that you're attorneys would like to use, what would then happen? Would all the land that belonged to your people have to you know, delivered back to you. Is that what you would really want?

RUSSELL MEANS: The point that we are trying to make is that the United States of the Government rather than dealing with Indian people from behind armored personnel carriers and automatic weapons and anti-aircraft weapons, rather than dealing with any people like that, is just sit down at the table and ascertain and reaffirm our Treaties. We can renegotiate, we're not asking for new Treaties, we're asking for old ones to be lived up to by this Government. If this, if this, if this, Federal Government, all we're asking, simply put, is that the United States of America live up to its own laws.

ALICIA SANDOVAL: You'd be asked then to be recognized as a Sovereign Nation as you did while you were at Wounded Knee.

RUSSELL MEANS: It is my stated goal, I am presently a candidate for the Presidency of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. It is my stated goal, that, yes under the
1868 Sioux Treaty, the provisions of that Treaty, we wanted to become an independent Nation. However, other tribes with Treaties with the Federal Government, went to whatever strategy's they take, you know, ça la vie good, however the Oglala Sioux, the people I represent, the traditional people who still practice the religions of our ancestors, those people want to live under our Treaty, and to live under our Treaty then we have to be completely sovereign and independent, we don't want the Bureau of Indian Affairs. You see, the Federal Government rewards the Indian for being dependent and you can't be a responsible people if you're a dependent people. So we want to be independent. So that we can become responsible as a people and to continue our own life style, our own cultural system, our own value system, and that is important because we do not want to end up like the black man in this country.

ALICIA: SANDOVAL: We'll be back right after this.

ALICIA: SANDOVAL: We've been joined by CONNIE URIE, member of the Wounded Knee Legal Defense, Offense Committee. How are the fund-raising activities going at this point for all the defendants, CONNIE?

CONNIE: URIE: It has been difficult, ah, because we don't get enough exposure of the problem and we feel that, ah, we are going to have to reach the news media more. Ah, it seems like the only time we get any attention is when one of our people is, you know, assassinated or arrested or something like that. And ah, so in fund raising, ah, we're going to have to ah, get more exposure on it.
groups all across the Nation trying to help us in this.

Ah, many ah, other Civil Rights Groups ah, for other causes have joined in because they realize ah, that this is a very political trial, and it's imperative that money be raised. This is the largest trial of Indian people in the history of the United States. And ah, we hope that the Indian people on trial can get justice, ah, in a White man's court. Ah.

ALICIA SANDOVAL: Have the Attorney's estimated what the overall cost will be, do they have any idea at all?

RUSSELL MEANS: Yes, we need approximately for all the pending 600.

ALICIA SANDOVAL: Cases;

RUSSELL MEANS: or more cases, we need approximately for to present an adequate defense a minimum of 1,200,000, dollars to raise. We've already expended over $500,000 in bond money alone. We have spent just in the five short months that the committee has been in existence, over $115,000 just on the operation. Now these attorneys are experienced trial attorneys and they are completely voluntary and all the legal workers are completely voluntary. All that is, we are trying to raise is just expense money for filing of briefs, for all the legal costs for the sundry office expenses; this type of thing.

Telephone, our telephone bill runs $3,000 a month.

ALICIA SANDOVAL: I wanted to pick up on the point you made right before our last commercial. When you drew an analogy to the condition of the native American in this country and the black man. What, ah. In a sense the black man is better off economically at least and politically than the Indian.
What did you really mean when you made that statement. That you wouldn't want to end up as he has, he seems to be doing fairly well.

RUSSELL MEANS: Exactly, the native American, we want to remain Indian people we don't want to become a too big facsimile of a White man.

ALICIA SANDOVAL: Are you saying then that the black man to achieve his........

RUSSELL MEANS: What we're saying is that the black man, we saw the black man come over to this country, brought over in the slave ships and when he came over he had a language of his own, religion of his own, culture of his own, value system of his own, a tribal background. However, because of the genocidal policies of this country towards minorities, he was emasculated from his whole origin from Africa. And in effect he no longer has that tribal background, ah, there are exceptions to every rule of course, but ah, we do not want to see that genocide become successful among the ah, native American people, we have, we still, retain our language, we still retain our religions of our ancestors, we still retain our value system, our different way of looking at life, spiritually. And this we refuse to lose. And if we do not have Treaty rights, of course, then the genocidal policy as practiced by this country, will in a long term way have an effect. And we will actually become emasculated from our culture also.

ALICIA SANDOVAL: How is it different to have been colonized versus having been enslaved?
RUSSELL MEANS: Nothing. You know, see this is another ah, misconception of this country. Up until 1715, there were more American Indian slaves in this country than there were ah, of other people. The reason, the basic reason, there are two reasons why Indian's weren't, didn't make good slaves. (1) We can split for the woods. And that would be it, you know. The other was our susceptibility to the diseases brought over by the Europeans. Their gonorrhea, their syphilis, their T.B., you know, all their filth. And so consequently, you know, we'd die off rather quickly in those slave camps, so they had to find someone that wasn't as susceptible to the diseases, so they went to Africa, unfortunately, and brought the black man here.

ALICIA SANPOVAL: Well, would you say that the native American is an endangered species, so to speak, even today?

RUSSELL MEANS: Definitely. You know this, this country is kinda odd that they have ruled protecting the whooping crane, and the eagle, and all these endangered species. What they should do, Congress should do, is pass a law to protect the native American from extermination. Now, they created the reservations system, out-of-sight, out-of-mind but it is no longer that case. Wounded Knee brought up the fact that the reservation's are alive and well, Indian people are alive and well, and we are not buried, you know, Bury my Heart at Wounded Knee. We are not buried, we are still alive and well, we're still the same people we were the last century, the
century before that, and before the coming of the Europeans. We are still alive and well.

ALICIA. SANDOVAL: Have you found that the take-over of the BIA in November of last year and then of course the Wounded Knee occupation has created a greater consciousness in all native Americans and they're more militiant now and that there will continue to be more in the future?

RUSSELL MEANS: I don't think that there's ah, more militancy, I just believe there's more sophistication and more conservatism among Indian people. That we have a right to self-determine our own lives. Be it in the cities or be it on the reservation, but we have that right and you cannot self-determine when you have to get permission from the Federal Government, and this is the real issue, you know, very simply put, is that we cannot self-determine when we have to get permission.

ALICIA. SANDOVAL: Will the non-Indian people who are now living on the lands that rightfully belong to your people, would they have to leave if in fact you do get recognized as a Sovereign Government, would they have to move out or would you allow them to live peacefully with you?

RUSSELL MEANS: See, heretofor on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Federal Government is the trustee of our land. They do not and will not let us develop our own lands, they've leased it out to non-Indian interests. And we of course, will revoke those leases.

ALICIA: SANDOVAL: And ask them to leave...
RUSSELL MEANS: Yes, and I think it's incumbent on the Federal Government to make sure that these non-Indians around the reservation don't get ripped off, because it's the Federal Government's fault for them being in there in the first place.

ALICIA SANDOVAL: We'll be back right after this, and we'll be giving you some phone numbers and a P.O. Box number you can write to if you'd like to help, ah, the people involved in the Wounded Knee Legal Defense Offense Committee. So don't go away.

ALICIA SANDOVAL: Welcome back, we've been rapping with RUSSELL MEANS and CONNIE URIE, and in just a moment we will show you a full color slide with a P.O. Box number and a phone number that you may either write to or call, if you'd like to help. Now, CONNIE, what other kinds of help do you need, you need of course, money, but ah, he mentioned volunteers in the legal area.

CONNIE URIE: Well, ah, yes we need volunteers, ah, legal investigators, ah, legal secretaries, and lawyers, who are willing to go to Rapid City and to devote their time and expertise. Ah, primarily right now we need a lot of money. We have ah, Indian people in jail, we have people arrested almost daily that have, and they put exorbitant bonds on our people, incredible PEDRO BISSONETTE had a $150,000 on him, after Wounded Knee. And, they know, of course, that Indian people don't have this kind of money. And then for the trials themselves, the preparation of it. We don't have all the money
that the Government has, and they're spending millions of dollars to fight this case legally. They just cannot tolerate, you know, the fact that we might win. And we hope to, we just have to have money, that's the name of the game, of having an adequate defense. Because we know that we will win, if we get to the court.

ALICIA: SANDOVAL: If you do win, half the land in this country will go back. We're going to show that full color slide right now, and I hope you're ready to take down that information.

CONNIE URIE: Wounded Knee Defense. Offense Committee
P.O. Box 991 Rapid City, South Dakota, zip code 57701. Ah, you can also obtain information if you want to call directly. Area code 605 - 398-3326. There is a........

ALICIA: SANDOVAL: There's also a bail bond phone number that we'll give now this is for ah, people to call locally. And ah, you can direct them at that point as to how they can be most helpful and that number is up on the monitor now if you'd like to read it.

CONNIE URIE: Yes, ah, anyone who might want to put up bail for a native American in jail, can call me CONNIE URIE at 276-0410. I'd like to just say real fast that when RUSSELL was in jail in the Minnehaha county jail, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, a Chicano lady from Los Angeles, put up $35,000 for his release. So the money from Los Angeles helped to free RUSSELL.
ALICIA SANDOVAL: We've run out of time, but I'm going to thank you both so much for being with us. Thank you for watching, have a nice day.
RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

On October 20, 1973, Source Two advised that Means attended a luncheon held for the International Congress of Mexican Studies at the Miramar Hotel, Santa Monica, California, which was sponsored by the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MECHA). MECHA is a group of Mexican American students at universities and college campuses in Southern California.

On October 21, 1973, Special Agents of the FBI observed captioned individual board Western Airlines Flight 603, destined for Denver, Colorado, where captioned individual was scheduled to transfer to Frontier Airlines Flight 96, to Rapid City, South Dakota.

On October 21, 1973, Source Three made available a list of telephone numbers and addresses maintained by Means, which are set forth below.
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224-3215

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Sol Bird Moccasin
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Bail & Heidell
Wooster, Ohio
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CLYDE BELLECOURT
825-9468 (crossed out)
(612) 377-8256

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343-5786

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D.C., VA.
Washington AIM
Washington

N.Y.
Answering Service

Coalition of Indian Controlled Schools Boards
(303) 573-9016

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(918) 762-339?

Alliance, Nebraska

BILLINGS,
Mont. Missoula

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Denver, Colorado - 80218
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Valencia, California
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Oklahoma

Cleveland Ohio
081-0500

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Christine

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N.A.R.F. Col. (303) 447-8760 (Office)

Legal Aid
Pine Ridge, South Dakota

Eagle Butte, South Dakota

Col. (447-8760 (Office)

Salt Lake (801) 328-7000

( lawyer) Building
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
J.S.A.C.
475 Riverside Drive
Room 1700A
New York, New York 10027
(212) 870-3105

Billings, Montana

Rapid City, South Dakota

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407 West Lyman Road
Topeka, Kansas 66608
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Duhamel B.L.D.C. U.S.A.
342-2000

KRSD T.V.
1438 Mountain View
342-6050

KBH B Radio
342-2526

KIMM KKL Radio
348-1100 -1150

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Rapid City, South Dakota
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Window Rock, Arizona

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Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
(605) 336-3347

Lincoln AIM
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343-8811

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(212) 966-4062

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Pierre, South Dakota

Apartment
Bronx, New York

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Washington, D.C.
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New York, New York
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Navajo Nation
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

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U.S.A.

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S. Dak.
Oglala Sioux Tribe
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Home
Ron Petite
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Des Moines, Iowa
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Wagner AIM Rt. 2
Wagner, South Dakota

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Porcupine, South Dakota
867-5748

U.S. Post Office
Porcupine, South Dakota
(605) 867-5339

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Rapid City, South Dakota

James Wilson - Magistrate
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342-7090

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Porcupine, South Dakota
867-5332
Oglala, South Dakota

M C Elauchline, S.D.D.

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Swedish American Indian League
(08) 69-1463

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Redwood City, California
(415) 365-2691
National City

U.S. Ar
Street

Calif.

Denver 80206

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Pierre, South Dakota 57501
Rosebud AIM
Box 154
Rosebud, South Dakota
(605) 747-2782

Alhambra, California

ROMAN ROUBIDEAUX
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Rapid City, South Dakota
343-6022
548-0122

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Rapid City Journal

La Palma, Calif.

Rapid City AIM
721 Main Street
Rapid City, South Dakota
348-2258
Lake Andes, South Dakota

Seattle, Wash.

St. Paul AIM
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St. Paul

Las Vegas, California

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Tri-State Tribes
Bitting, Montana
(406) 248-7131

Jules, Oklahoma

Scottshluff, Nebraska

St. Paul, Minnesota
University of Minnesota Hospital
(612) 373-9419

Oakland, Nevada
Reno

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Minneapolis, Minnesota
Central College
Pella, Iowa
October 9, 1973
10:00 a.m.
Referenced IHM set forth names and addresses of individuals and organizations listed in an address book belonging to AIM leader, Russell Means. A review of this material reveals that several individuals and organizations could have well been legitimate contacts of Means and not engaged in extremist activity. (c) u

Accordingly, no investigation should be conducted solely on the names found where these individuals fall within the legitimate contact category. (c) u

You should review indices to ascertain if indices contain information on these individuals which, when coupled with the fact that names appear in Mean's book, would warrant an extremist matter investigation. If this appears to be the case, advise Bureau that you are instituting an appropriate investigation and set forth the individuals on whom this investigation is being conducted. (c) u

ON 11/8/73, SOURCE TWO, WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFO IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT MEANS WAS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT SUNYAB ON 11/20/73.

ATTEMPTS TO VERIFY THE FOREGOING THROUGH A THIRD SOURCE, WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFO IN THE PAST, WAS NEGATIVE UNTIL 11/16/73, WHEN THIS SOURCE CONFIRMED MEANS' APPEARANCE FOR 11/20/73, AT 7:30 PM IN THE UNIVERSITY UNION CONFERENCE THEATER. HIS APPEARANCE IS BEING SPONSORED BY THE NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL AWARENESS ORGANIZATION.
THE NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL AWARENESS ORGANIZATION IS A GROUP OF SUNYAB STUDENTS GENERALLY OF AMERICAN-INDIAN BACKGROUND WHO SPONSOR PROGRAMS CONCERNING THE AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER OR NOT MEANS IS RECEIVING COMPENSATION FOR HIS APPEARANCE NOR IN WHAT AMOUNT.

ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCES UTILIZED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SOURCE ONE IS

SOURCE TWO IS

SOURCE THREE IS SUNYAB.

BOTH ABOVE BUFFALO SYMBOL SOURCES INTEND TO ATTEND MEANS' CH. BUFFALO WILL ADVISE OF ANY PERTINENT INFO. BUFFALO US SECRET SERVICE COGNIZANT.

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CC - GEN. INV.
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-23313)  
FROM: SAC, OMAHA (157-1476) (P)  
SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS  
EM - AIM  
OO: MINNEAPOLIS

DATE: 11/21/73

Re Omaha letter to the Bureau and Minneapolis  
9/27/73 and Minneapolis report of SA 8/28/73.

County Attorney MARVIN L. HOLSCHER, Gering, Nebraska, on 11/16/73 advised there is no change in the  
prosecutive status of the charges against MEANS from the  
situation as it existed when he was contacted on 9/24/73.

HOLSCHER stated he is virtually positive MEANS  
will not be tried in Scotts Bluff County until the Federal  
charges against him are handled at St. Paul, Minnesota.  
HOLSCHER noted it is still his intention to prosecute MEANS.

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OMAHA

AT GERING, NEBRASKA

Will retain contact with HOLSCHER reporting the  
status of his local prosecution.

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(3) - Bureau  
(2) - Minneapolis (157-1460)  
(2) - Omaha  
RDK: jmt  
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
TO DIRECTOR, FBI

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

SUBJECT RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
00: Los Angeles

DATE: 11/20/73

Re Minneapolis letter to Los Angeles, 10/9/73.

A review of subject's Los Angeles Police Department records #LA467708-M listed the following arrests and dispositions:

1) 1/18/59, drunk in public view - no disposition given on misdemeanors

2) 12/19/59, robbery - refused by City Attorney for lack of evidence

3) 2/13/60, drunk driving - no disposition given on misdemeanors

4) 9/1/61, traffic warrant - fine of $50.00

5) 4/16/62, drunk in public view - no disposition given on misdemeanors

6) 7/22/62, drunk in public view - no disposition given on misdemeanors

A review of subject's Los Angeles Sheriff's Office record #B961126 reflected subject was arrested for failure to appear and was sentenced to four days in jail.

A review of Inglewood Police Department record #A 23264 reflected MEANS was sentenced to $50.00 fine or ten days in jail.

2 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Minneapolis (RM)
2 - Los Angeles

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By U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
Los Angeles will submit a letterhead memorandum (LHM) under the caption "California State American Indian Convention, 11/10 - 12/73, Simi Valley, California, EM - AIM", which includes information regarding MEANS' activities while in Los Angeles, 11/9 - 12/73; however, Los Angeles will prepare a separate LHM regarding his appearance on television station KNBC's "Impacto" to be aired 11/24/73.
7:43PM NITEL 11-19-73 ALM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, DENVER
MINNEAPOLIS
NEW YORK

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-5799) (P) (2P)

ATTN: INTD. RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, EM-AIM. (00:MP).

ON 11/19/73, A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED AIM LEADER RUSSELL MEANS IS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN THE CAPITOL ROOM, NATIONAL PRESS CLUB, WASHINGTON, D.C. (WDC), TO MAKE A STATEMENT CONCERNING PROBLEMS FACING THE AMERICAN INDIAN.

SOURCE ALSO ADVISED THAT MEANS PLANS TO GO TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK AFTER HE LEAVES THE WDC AREA.

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE (USSS), METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT (MPD), UNITED STATES PARK POLICE COGNIZANT.

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ADMINISTRATIVE: SOURCE IS 

MINNEAPOLIS ATTEMPT TO VERIFY ABOVE AND OBTAIN INFORMATION RE MEANS' TRAVEL.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE WILL FOLLOW.

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AND THNKS
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Home
II. Transition of the Several Indian Nations to complete Sovereignty.

A. Identify sources of support.
   1. Which countries would assist.
   2. Which Indians would assist.
   3. Which Indians would sell out.
   4. Which Non-Indians would assist.
   5. Which Non-Indians would resist.
B. Tax all non-Indians within original boundaries of Reservation.
   1. Easement and right of way taxes.
   2. Charge tolls on all roads into reservation.
   3. Taxes on deeded lands within reservation.
   4. Sales taxes.

C. Establishment of Townships.
   1. Zoning of townships.
   2. Taxes for costs of maintaining townships.

D. Establish strong lobby in D.C. and at U.N.
   1. Seek out and confer with other nations.
      a. Political Involvement.
      b. Economic Agreements.
      c. Establish Trade Agreements (Export/Import) with U.S.

Sheet of ruled paper containing the following information written in longhand:

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2. CLYDE BELLECOU RT 2,600 (+ $2,000)*
3. EDDIE BENTON 1,700
4. HERB POWLESS 1,589
5.                   1,000
6.                   600
7. RUSS MEANS 1,500
8.                   720
9.                   540
10. CARRIER CAMP    860

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*Question on $2,000 (approximate) given to CLYDE BELLECOU RT by STEVEN ROBIDEAUX in St. Paul upon arrival of the Northern Caravan (Nov. 11, 1972).
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RUSSEL CHARLES MEANS

Character

EXTREMIST MATTERS - AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

Reference

Minneapolis report of Special Agent dated and captioned as above.

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

Date 11/23/73

Attached indicates Russell Means, American Indian Movement (AIM) national leader held press conference in Washington, D.C., 11/21/73, stating he delivered "bill of particulars" to President Nixon relative to 1868 treaty with Lakota Sioux Indians.

Means stated if Indian requests not justly satisfied, the United States (U.S.) is in for an "unhappy birthday" during 1976 bicentennial. He claimed AIM has strong ties in Canada and has formed a coalition with black, Chicano and white groups to help them meet their demands. He stated AIM is presently trying to establish relationships with countries economically independent of the U.S. If U.S. does not live up to its laws on Indian Affairs, he stated there will be protests and Indians "would rather die fighting than submit to the tyranny of this country."

Above information furnished Secret Service, Criminal Division (Internal Security and General Crimes Sections) of the Department, and Department of Interior.

CAM:ci

1 - General Investigative Division
ATTN: INTD. RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, EM-AIM, (00:MP).


MEANS STATED THAT IF THE REQUESTS OF THE INDIAN PEOPLE ARE NOT JUSTLY SATISFIED, THE UNITED STATES IS IN FOR A VERY

END PAGE ONE
"UNHAPPY BIRTHDAY" WHEN IT CELEBRATES ITS BICENTENNIAL IN 1976. MEANS STATED THAT AIM HAS DEVELOPED STRONG TIES IN THIS COUNTRY AND CANADA AND HAS FORMED A COALITION WITH BLACK, CHICANO AND WHITE GROUPS TO HELP THEM MEET THEIR DEMANDS.

MEANS STATED AIM IS PRESENTLY TRYING TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES ECONOMICALLY INDEPENDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO HELP AIM ATTAIN THEIR GOALS.

MEANS STATED THAT IF THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT LIVE UP TO ITS LAWS ON INDIAN AFFAIRS, THERE WILL BE DEFINITE PROTESTS AND STATED, "WE WOULD RATHER DIE FIGHTING THAN SUBMIT TO THE TYRANNY OF THIS COUNTRY".

SOURCE ADVISED MEANS DEPARTED THE WDC AREA IN THE LATE AFTERNOON THIS DATE AND WAS BELIEVED IN ROUTE TO DENVER, COLORADO AND THEN TO RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA.

SOURCE ADVISED MEANS MADE NO MENTION OF TRAVELING TO NEW YORK, EXCEPT THAT HE DID PLAN TO GO TO THE UNITED NATIONS SOME TIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

END PAGE TWO
PAGE THREE

ADMINISTRATIVE: RE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE (WFO) TELS DATED 11/19/73 AND 11/20/73.

SOURCE IS

FOR THE INFORMATION OF DENVER AND MINNEAPOLIS, MEANS.Boarded UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 177 TO DENVER AT 5:40 P.M.

INSTANT DATE.

END

MAH FBIHQ ACK FOR FOUR

CLRTU 3
NR 008 DE CODE
900 PM 11/23/73 DE NITEL BLM
TO DIRECTOR (ATTN: INTELLIGENCE DIV)
DENVER
MINNEAPOLIS
FROM DETROIT (157-NEW)

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

THE DETROIT NEWS, A DETROIT EVENING NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL
CIRCULATION, CARRIED AN ARTICLE ON 11/22/73, THAT THE SUBJECT HAS
BEEN INVITED TO SPEAK AT A BANQUET ON 12/6/73, AT 3067 EAST GRAND
BOULEVARD, DETROIT, MICHIGAN. MEANS IS BEING SPONSORED BY THE
AMERICAN INDIAN SERVICES (AIS). THE ARTICLE IN THE DETROIT
NEWS FURTHER STATED THAT MONIES DERIVED FROM THIS BANQUET WILL
BE USED TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR AIS.

THE AIS IS A DETROIT ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED TO HELP INDIANS
WITH ALCOHOLIC AND DRUG PROBLEMS. THE ORGANIZATION'S
HEADQUARTERS IS A MEETING PLACE FOR THE DETROIT CHAPTER
AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM). THE AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) WAS FOUNDED IN
MINNESOTA IN 1968, DEDICATED TO IMPROVING CONDITIONS.

ON INSTANT DATE, USING A SUITABLE PRETEXT, A MEMBER OF DETROIT AIM, WAS CONTACTED AND ADVISED THAT MEANS WILL SPEAK AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS AT 8:00 PM, AND TICKETS COST $25.00 EACH OR TWO FOR $40.00.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

MINNEAPOLIS, AT ST. PAUL, WILL ADVISE OF MEANS' TRAVEL ITINERARY.

DETROIT WILL COVER THE BANQUET THROUGH SOURCE COVERAGE.

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE AND DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT, INTELLIGENCE UNITS, HAVE BEEN ADVISED.

AIS IS THE SUBJECT OF DETROIT FILE 157-10224. WAS CONTACTED AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 871-5330. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS SUBSCRIBED TO BY AIS.

END PAGE TWO
DENVER IS BEING SENT A COPY OF THE TELETYPE AS THEY ARE OFFICE OF ORIGIN IN AIM INVESTIGATION.

AS ABOVE IS IN FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION, NO LHM WILL FOLLOW.

END

MAH FBIHQ AZCK FOR ONE

CLRTU
NOV 20 1973

ATTN: INTD. RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, EM-AIM. (00:MP).

A RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED AIM LEADER RUSSELL MEANS IS SCHEDULED TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 10:30 A.M., 11/21/73, IN THE CAPITOL ROOM, NATIONAL PRESS CLUB, WASHINGTON, D.C. (WDC), TO MAKE A STATEMENT CONCERNING THE WHITE HOUSE'S FAILURE TO RESPOND TO PROBLEMS AFFECTING AMERICAN INDIANS. SOURCE STATED MEANS PRESENTLY PLANS TO LEAVE FOR NEW YORK, NEW YORK, AFTER THE PRESS CONFERENCE WHERE HE BRINGS HIS PLEAS BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS. EX-111

A SECOND RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED MEANS ARRIVED IN WDC ON 11/19/73 AND WAS SEEN ON THE EVENING OF 11/19/73 AT THE ROGER SMITH HOTEL, 18TH AND PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W., WDC. SOURCE WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING.

END PAGE ONE
PAGE TWO
MEANS' MODE OF TRAVEL, HIS STAY IN WDC OR HIS FUTURE TRAVEL PLANS.

ADMINISTRATIVE: FIRST SOURCE IS [blank]
SECOND SOURCE IS [blank]
WFO WILL FOLLOW.

END
Memorandum

To: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)

From: SAC, PORTLAND (157-1358)

Subject: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

EM - AIM

Re Bureau airtel to Albany, 11/26/73, and Los Angeles airtel and LHM to Director, 11/5/73.

Page 49 of referenced LHM sets forth the following:

Portland AIM Chapter is subject of current investigation, PDfile 100-13186, BUfile 100-462483.
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (157-2038) (P)
SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
               FM - AIA

DATE: 12/4/73

Re Los Angeles airtel dated 11/5/73, and Bureau airtel dated 11/26/73.

For the information of the Bureau, referenced Los Angeles airtel contained the name of whom the address was listed only as Irving, New York. Buffalo has instituted background investigation regarding this individual, inasmuch as the area of Irving, New York, is the area of the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation and was the scene of recent secession activities on the part of a small minority of the Seneca Nation of Indians, which was led primarily by one who was previously known to the Bureau and Buffalo.

Although Buffalo indices contained no reference to Buffalo deems it advisable to determine whether or not any pertinent relationship exists that would reflect on any extremist activity and further, that should such relationship exist.

Based on the foregoing and UACB, Buffalo will conduct sufficient investigation to determine if is or has the potential to be, involved in any extremist activity.

3) Bureau (RM)
4) Buffalo
   (1-157-2037)
   (1-157-1823) (American Indian Activities, Buffalo)

CBW:ks
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Title marked "Changed" to reflect subject's alias as "RUSS MEANS" as disclosed in a review of FBI Record #877 277 C, dated 8/17/73; previously carried as "RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS."

REFERENCES:

Minneapolis report of SA dated 8/28/73.
Oklahoma City teletype to the Bureau dated 8/2/73.
Cleveland letter to the Bureau dated 8/11/73.
Omaha letter to the Bureau dated 7/27/73.
FD 432a to the Bureau dated 9/16/73.
Bureau letter to Minneapolis dated 9/19/73.
Omaha letter to the Bureau dated 9/27/73.
Minneapolis letter to Cincinnati dated 10/23/73.
Phoenix letter to Minneapolis dated 10/30/73.
Atlanta letter to Minneapolis dated 10/31/73.
Louisville letter to Minneapolis dated 11/2/73.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED

CONVICTED

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ACQUITALS

CASE HAS BEEN

PENDING OVER ONE YEAR

PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS

APPROVED

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW

Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency

Request Recd.

Date Fwd.

How Fwd.

By

Notations

80 DEC 1 2/97 1CC 6/20/73 COVER PAGE
DENVER letter to Louisville dated 11/5/73.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The information contained within this report regarding the search of the repossessed automobile of DALE MEANS, brother of RUSSELL MEANS, is set forth for the information of the receiving offices, who may have interest in the names disclosed on the papers which were believed to be the property of RUSSELL MEANS. Receiving offices may wish to index said names for future reference. Said FD 302 was not available for insert into the report dated 8/28/73.

Two copies of form FD 376 are attached for the Bureau; one copy of form FD 376 is being disseminated to the United States Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Characterizations of individuals and organizations mentioned in this report are set forth where available to the Minneapolis Office.

Information regarding the disposition of MEANS' arrests as well as verification MEANS attended the universities as stated by MEANS to Gallery Magazine (referenced report), will be included in the next report.

LEADS

CLEVELAND

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

An information copy of this report is being forwarded Cleveland in view of disclosure of addresses in Cleveland in the FD 302 of which may be of interest to Cleveland.

DENVER

AT DENVER, COLORADO

An information copy of this report is being forwarded Denver in view of their interest in RUSSELL MEANS and AIM activities.

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COVER PAGE
LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

An information copy of this report is being forwarded Los Angeles in view of their interest in RUSSELL MEANS and AIM activities, and in view of the disclosure of the name (probably mentioned in Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated 6/27/73, under title Los Angeles file #157-8684.

OKLAHOMA CITY

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

An information copy of this report is being forwarded Oklahoma City in view of their interest in RUSSELL MEANS and AIM activities.

PHOENIX

AT TEMPE, ARIZONA

Will, at Arizona State University, review school records in the name of RUSSELL C. MEANS, born 11/10/39, in an attempt to secure MEANS' dates of attendance, name of wife, and other pertinent background information not referred to under "Descriptive Information" in this report.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will attempt to determine the disposition of the 4/1/64 arrest of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS.

MINNEAPOLIS

AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

1. Will, through United States District Court (USDC), District of South Dakota, follow prosecution of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS.

2. Will follow travel of MEANS.

3. Will compile summary of the college education of MEANS.
INFORMANTS

On 9/14/73, and on 10/5/73 and 10/23/73, [ ] and [ ] were contacted. These sources were in a position to know any unpublished reason for MEANS' 9/11/73 visit to the Atlanta, Georgia, area. None of the above sources were aware of MEANS' visit.

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NON-SYMBOL SOURCE ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

MP T-3 is Mrs. ____________ Des Moines, Iowa (at her request).
November 27, 1973

RE: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. □ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. □ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. □ Threatening or abusive statement about U.S. or foreign official.
4. ✔ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U.S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. □ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. □ Defector from U.S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. □ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U.S.

Photograph □ has been furnished □ enclosed □ is not available.

Very truly yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

Enclosure(s) (1)
Copy to: 1-United States Secret Service,
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Report of: 
Date: 11/17/79

Office: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Field Office File #: 157-1460

Bureau File #: 157-28313

Title: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

Character: EXTREMIST MATTERS - AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

Synopsis: Travel of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS set forth. Trial of MEANS at St. Paul, Minnesota, scheduled for 1/8/79. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TRAVEL OF RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

Subject traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, on approximately September 11, 1973, to campaign and solicit funds for the American Indian Movement (AIM).

MP T-1

Subject held a press conference on September 11, 1973, in Atlanta, Georgia, to protest a motion filed in Federal Court by the United States Justice Department, which would rule the 1868 treaty between the Sioux Indians and the United States inadmissible as evidence in the upcoming trial of MEANS.

From an article from the "Atlanta Constitution," a daily newspaper published in Atlanta, Georgia, September 12, 1973, edition.

Subject created a disturbance at the Farmers State Bank, Mission, South Dakota, with approximately 35 other Indian males, on August 13, 1973, following the refusal of bank officials to immediately cash a personal check for $1,500.00 for BILL and TED MEANS, brothers of subject.

Cashier
Farmers State Bank
Mission, South Dakota

Subject traveled to Minneapolis, Minnesota, on September 25, 1973, and spoke at Northrup Hall on the University of Minnesota campus.

MP T-2

Subject traveled to Des Moines, Iowa, on October 8, 1973, and thereafter traveled to Pella, Iowa, where he spoke at Central College.

MP T-3

Subject traveled to Los Angeles, California, on October 18, 1973, and held a press conference at the Los Angeles American Indian Center, the theme of which was "Definite Assassination of PEDRO BISSONETTE by BIA Pigs and Federal Agents."

MP T-4
Subject attended funeral of PEDRO BISSONETTE on October 23, 1973, at the Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Indian Reservation.

From an article from the "Minneapolis Star," a daily newspaper serving the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 23, 1973.

MP T-1 advised the following individuals are known members of the American Indian Movement (AIM):

BILL MEANS
TED MEANS
PEDRO BISSONETTE (deceased)

AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

The articles of incorporation of the American Indian Movement (AIM), were filed with the Minnesota Secretary of State, St. Paul, Minnesota, on October 1, 1968, and stated that the purpose of this corporation is to solicit and broaden opportunities and general welfare for the urban Indians in order that he may enjoy his full rights as a citizen of these United States, also his special rights as an Aborigine.

On December 18, 1972, Area Special Officer, Judicial, Prevention and Law Enforcement, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised that the American Indian Movement (AIM), claims to be an Indian civil rights organization whose stated purpose is to enhance the social, educational, and economic status of Indians. In reality, however, advised, AIM is a militant organization and its leaders believe in direct confrontation with authority.
LEGAL STATUS OF MEANS, DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Subject granted a change of venue on October 25, 1973, by United States District Court (USDC), Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to St. Paul, Minnesota, with trial scheduled to begin January 8, 1974.

Mrs. [Signature]

United States District Court
Rapid City, South Dakota
SEARCH OF AUTOMOBILE OF RUSSELL MEANS
JAMES DEUCHER, Chief of Police, Mission, South Dakota, advised that an automobile belonging to Mission, South Dakota RUSSELL MEANS, had been repossessed by a finance company. Chief DEUCHER advised a representative of the finance company turned over to him several items found in the automobile. Among these items was a brown attache case. Chief DEUCHER examined the contents of the case and found numerous items that he assumed belonged to RUSSELL MEANS due to the fact his name was on several envelopes. Chief DEUCHER made the attache case available at the Mission Jail and the contents of it were examined and pertinent items were inventoried as follows:

-Personal phone book containing the following numbers and names:

- **373-3028**
  - Nolte Center
  - State Department of Education

- **(312) 641-3515**
- **(312) 275-5871**
- **(612) 333-2801 (9792)**

American Beauty School
3329 Broadview Road
Cleveland, Ohio
American Indians United
116 South Michigan Avenue
Suite 302, Chicago, Illinois
American Indian Center
1630 West Wilson
Chicago, Illinois
American Indian Movement
(DENNIS BANKS)
1337 East Franklin Avenue
CLYDE BELLECOURT
Minneapolis, Minnesota
451-6154

16640 Changrin Boulevard (Shop)

12905 Superior Avenue (Studio)

Cleveland, Ohio

Lorain, Ohio

Mr. Road

Chesterland, Ohio

781-2944

G.C.N.C.A.

Dr.

Road

Mr. and Mrs.

Hope Methodist

333-8680 - Office

Mrs. (Library)

Cleveland, Ohio

Road

Cleveland, Ohio
Home
4315 Bridge
Cleveland, Ohio

961-4050
West Side Development Ctr.
4315 Bridge

651-8200
West Side Opportunity Ctr.
3500 Lorain Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

579-2201
Westinghouse
Mr. [Blank] - Employment

771-2886 - Office

[Blank] - Home
802 Literary - Office

[Blank]

Cleveland, Ohio

486-7800, ext 62-office

771-7297
Westside Community House
3000 Bridge

621-0170
United American Citizens Agency
1011 Huron Road

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(605)867-5168
Economic Development - Admin...
Pine Ridge, South Dakota
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RUSSELL MEANS
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Glen Rock, New Jersey

From
TERRY SANDERS
DORIS MIKESELL
MARY KNOCKMAN
AKWASANE
STEVE SWARTZ (CBS)
STEWART SCHULBERG (NBC)
MIKAEL WISEMAN - WOR
PETER FAAS - WBAI

Date
9/11/72

CI 7-8300 ext 3236
212-564-8000
212-826-0880

9/27/72

Inter-Religious
Foundation For
Community Organization
475 Riverside Drive,
Rm. 560, New York City, NY

VERNON BELLECOURT
National Co-Director
American Indian Movement
847 East Colfax Avenue
Denver, Colorado

9/26/72

Freedom From Hunger
Foundation
1708 Oak Park Ave, North
Minneapolis, Minnesota

9/5/72

RUSSSELL MEANS

Washington Office
National Affirmative Image Committee

9/26/72

To
RUSSELL C. MEANS
20255 Lorain Road
Fairview Park, Ohio

From
Cleveland Trust
P.O. Box 5939
Cleveland, Ohio

Date
11/8/72

To
THEODORE L. MEANS
20255 Lorain Road
Fairview Park, Ohio

From
Cleveland Trust
P.O. Box 5939
Cleveland, Ohio

Date
11/8/72

To
RUSSELL MEANS
American Indian Movement
University of Michigan
General Delivery
Porcupine, South Dakota

From

Date
11/9/72

Letter requests MEANS to appear at American Anthropological Association Symposium on "Contemporary Political Struggles of Native Peoples".

Alphabetical card file with "Peace'72" on cover of card file:

- State Dept. of Education
- AIPA
  (202) 293-9054
- Assoc. Am. Ind. Arts
  San Francisco
  (415) 864-2621
- American Beauty School
  3329 Broadview Rd.
  Mrs.
Home -  
Office - 281-2500

Chicago, Illinois

BANAC

391-6500 - Work
391-6500 - Home
Road

Parma Heights

Black Economic Union
621-9445

Board of Education

Dr.

DENNIS BANKS
1805 First Avenue So. #5
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Home - 825-3637 (612)
Office - 332-5222 x2641

Church House
Episcopal Diocese
Boston Indian Council
617-742-5600

CLYDE BELLECOURT
377-8256

Consultants Black
431-0300

Mrs. Road
South Euclid 44121

County Welfare - Westside Office
2501 Bridge Avenue
Cleveland, OH, 44113
861-3795-6 Mr.

Bay Village, OH. 44140

CRASH, Inc.
4315 Bridge Avenue
Cleveland, OH. 44102

City Hall
694-2000
Cleveland Bar Association
- Terminal Tower
Cleveland, Ohio 696-3525

Cleveland Community Development
3408 Lorain Avenue
631-2500

Cleveland Community Relations Board
1404 East 9th Street
694-3290

CEO
1350 West 3rd
696-9079

Council on Human Relations
The Arcade
781-6630

C.M.H.A.
1332 West 28th St.
621-8231

Catholic Diocese
Bishop 'COSGROVE
696-6525

Council of Churches
2230 Euclid Avenue
771-4815

Crisis Center
3408 Lorain
961-6250

Commission of Soldiers Relief
2346 Paine Avenue 44114
861-5680
Road
Cleveland Heights 44118
Office 435-2380 Home
Street 44110

C.N.B. (W.65th)
961-6040
Mr.

(202) 293-1515 - Bus.
- Home
Citizens Advocate Center

Dayton University
Dr.

Denver AIM
(303) 222-1581

X 395

Episcopal Diocese
771-4815
BIA Washington, D. C.

Room 120 - City Hall
Ph 694-2000

Regency Apartments E. 9th
Office 522-4051

Danbury, Connecticut

Drive
439-1953 (Work)

Apartment

Work 726-2968

Martha's Vineyard
State Road

G.C.N.C.A.
Shig. Okaoa
781-2944 X 300
Indian Center Industries Asso.
(402) 342-5513/342-5955
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TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, Cleveland (70-945) (P)
RE: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
OO: Minneapolis

Re Cleveland airtel to Bureau, 10/23/73.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five (5) copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above. Two (2) copies of FD-376 being submitted. Two (2) copies of LHM enclosed for Minneapolis. Two (2) copies of LHM being furnished to U.S. Secret Service, Cleveland, Ohio.

Sources utilized in enclosed LHM are as follows:

CV T-1 is mentioned in the LHM, has been identified by
CV T-2 as United Farm Workers, ALF-CIO, Toledo and
California. Source stated
that is in Toledo for the purpose

and that probably would be departing the Toledo area within a two month period.

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Special Agent in Charge
November 29, 1973

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

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Photograph ☑ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) 2) (BY HAND)
U. S. Secret Service , Cleveland, Ohio

Enclosure(s)
Cleveland, Ohio

November 29, 1973

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM)

American Indian Movement (AIM) has been described by CLYDE BELLECOURT as being dedicated to equal and fair treatment to Indians and is also dedicated to improving Indian housing in cities, developing youth programs for Indian students, improving Indian employment programs and educating Indians about their responsibilities in the cities.

On November 19, 1973, CV T-1, who is in a position to provide reliable information and who has done so in the past, advised that Russell Means spoke at the University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio Student Union Auditorium on November 16, 1973 and that the University of Toledo Student Body Government was the sponsor of Russell Means. Source advised that in his speech Means stated that the Indian in the United States has three enemies, the United States of America, Christianity and education. Means stated that Christianity is a major enemy because the Indians have suffered under it and that Christianity has no respect for "our brothers vision". Means stated that the United States government in that it did not live up to treaties which it signed with the Indians and that education was an enemy in that it merely taught individuals to go after monetary goals, rather than to aid their fellow man.

The same source advised that after the speech, Means advised that the leadership of the American Indian Movement (AIM) has decided to disrupt the 200th birthday of the United States in 1976, if the Indian treaties are not effectively dealt with. Means advised that the AIM leaders will do this by all their powers and coalitions and by whatever means are necessary, although he would not elaborate on that statement further.
RE: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

On November 21, 1973, CV T-2, a source in a position to provide reliable information and who has done so in the past advised that Avenue, Toledo, Ohio had Russell Means

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The following article appeared in The Toledo Blade, a daily newspaper in Toledo, Ohio, on November 17, 1973:
AIM Officer Names Foes Of U.S. Indian
Citizen Government, Schools, Christianity As Worst Enemies

Education, Christianity, and the United States of America are the worst enemies of the American Indian, Russell Means, Coordinator of the American Indian Movement, told a University of Toledo audience Friday.

In a press conference after his speech, Mr. Means, who participated earlier this year in the armed occupation of the village of Wounded Knee, S.D., threatened an Indian disruption of America's 1776 bicentennial celebration unless treaty commitments to the Indians are met.

Turned From Beliefs
He said that Christianity and education have alienated Indian peoples from their religious and cultural beliefs and that the Federal Government has stolen the land on which the Indian lived, turning him into a refugee in his own homeland.

The major purpose of his movement, Mr. Means said, is to force the Federal Government to honor treaty commitments.

At issue currently, according to Mr. Means, is an 1868 treaty ceding territory to the Oglala Sioux of South Dakota, which the AIM spokesman formerly of Cleveland, considers as his tribe. The treaty has not been honored, he contends.

No Specific Outline

Mr. Means would not specify what form disruption of the nation's 200th birthday might take.

“We are not asinine enough to attempt to engage the military forces of the United States,” he said in the press conference.

“We don't want to overthrow the United States of America,” the Indian spokesman said of the Oglala Sioux land claim. “We don't want anything to do with it. We want our own independent country.”

But Mr. Means acknowledged that a free and independent Sioux Indian nation would have to adopt in some ways to modern technology.

Schools Started

“You don't have to tell me that the buffalo are gone,” he said, “but we can adapt our way of life to today and tomorrow.”

Schools have already been started by AIM in Minneapolis, St. Paul Rapid City, S.D., and Milwaukee, to teach their native culture to young Indians, he said.

But he contended that the Federal Government is attempting to destroy AIM because it poses a threat to the American economy, which he claims is dependent on coal-rich Indian lands.
RE: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

The following article and photograph appeared in The Collegian, Toledo, Ohio, on November 19, 1973:
US must live up to its treaties, Indian leader says

By Cindy Haddad
News Editor

The American Indian Movement (AIM) wants the United States of America to live up to its own laws, and this means keeping treaties it has made with the red man. Russell Means said Wednesday at noon in The University of Toledo's Student Union auditorium.

Mr. Means is the national coordinator for AIM representing the Oglala Sioux of Pine Ridge, S.D., which is about 20 miles from Wounded Knee. He was among those who participated last year in holding Wounded Knee, the site of an Indian massacre in 1890, from Feb. 27 to May 8.

In a press conference after the speech in room 3020 of the Student Union, Mr. Means requested an opening statement in which he said the leadership of AIM has decided to disrupt the 200th birthday the United States is hoping to celebrate in 1976 if the Indian treaties are not effectively dealt with. The AIM leaders will do this by all their powers and coalitions and whatever means are necessary, he said.

He would not specify further exactly what those means were, but "you can take it (the statement) for what it's worth," he added.

Sen. Sam Ervin, an authority on the U.S. Constitution said that treaties made and ratified by this country are on par and equal to the U.S. law of the land, and they supersede federal, state and local laws, Mr. Means said. Therefore, Mr. Means said, every American should take a great interest in his and Dennis Banks' trials on Jan. 8, 1974, because "if we have no rights, you have no rights."

AIM has identified the three major enemies of Indians as the United States of America, Christianity and education, Mr. Means said.

"Christianity is a major enemy because, as we know it, as we have suffered under it, it has no respect for our brothers' vision," Mr. Means said. Red men never had missionaries because they had respect for their brothers' vision, he explained.

White men teach the Indian children to honor their fathers and mothers and then call their parents primitive pagans. Mr. Means said, "They say 'thou shall not steal' and then they steal our land. They say 'thou shall not kill,' and our young people have 10 times the suicide rate of the rest of America," he added. At the Holy Rosary Missionary for the Oglala Sioux there is a suicide attempt every two weeks during the school year, he said.

Mr. Means explained that to understand the red man of the Western Hemisphere is to understand that to be an Indian is to be spiritual. An Indian's spirituality dictates his social, economic and political way of life; he said.

This is based on a belief that all living things come from one mother--mother earth--and must be treated with reverence and respect since they are blood relatives, he added.

When Wounded Knee was occupied, all the Indians were negotiating over was the treaty of 1868 which gives the Oglala Indians that land, Mr. Means said. "We do not want equality but sovereignty," he added.

"I really can't explain to you how it feels to walk in freedom only those of you who know the tyranny and oppression of the American government can understand or have empathy," he said.

The occupation of Wounded Knee helped the Indians because there is increased awareness of the red man's situation especially with the news media, Mr. Means said, and added "that young Indian's pride in their people has also increased."

Mr. Means said he plans to run for president of the Oglala tribe but, because the Bureau of Indian Affairs has total control over the Indians' lives, he is certain he won't be elected.

According to Mr. Means, the American Indian Movement does not claim to represent the Indian population or any segment of it. AIM represents a fact of their lives.
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To: SAC, Cincinnati
From: Director, FBI (157-28313)

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM

ReCVairtel 10/11/73 setting forth lead for
Cincinnati to contact Station WDLW, Dayton, Ohio, in an effort
to obtain audio tape of interview of subject conducted by that
station.

This will confirm Bureau telephone call to Supervisor
Vicor Carrelli, Cincinnati Office, 10/19/73, to disregard the
above Cleveland lead since it is not felt that contact with
Station WDLW is desirable in this matter.

1 - Cleveland (70-945)
1 - Minneapolis (157-1460)

NOTE:

Subject is a member of the National Board of Directors
of American Indian Movement and is currently under indictment on
charges arising out of Wounded Knee. It is not felt Cincinnati
should contact above radio station in this matter.
FBI

Date: 10/11/73

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SC, CLEVELAND (70-945) (RUC)

RE: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

EM-AIM

OO: MINNEAPOLIS

On 10/10/73, subject, a major leader of the American Indian Movement (AIM) at Wounded Knee, appeared on the Phil Donahue Television Morning Show on Station WJW, Cleveland, Ohio. Subject was interviewed primarily re AIM and AIM activities at Wounded Knee.

On 10/11/73, CV, advised that the Phil Donahue Show emanated from Dayton, Ohio, and, therefore, he could not provide audio tape of the interview. Advised that possibly Station WDLW, CI, Ohio, could provide copy of the taped interview.

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AT DAYTON, OHIO

Contact Station WDLW and attempt to obtain aforementioned tape of interview with subject. If successful, will make appropriate dissemination of this info.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)                                  DATE: 12/7/73
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (176-80) P

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
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Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 11/5/73 with LHM enclosed; Bureau airtel to Kansas City 11/26/73.

Investigation is being instituted by Kansas City entitled "INDIAN GR OF TOPEKA, 407 W. LYMAN ROAD, TOPEKA, KANSAS" as listed on page 35 in referenced LHM, to determine identity of the organization and if it is fostering AIM activities.

All other names mentioned in LHM within the Kansas City Division have been investigated in the past.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-4066) (RUC)
SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
(00: Minneapolis)

For information of the Bureau and Minneapolis, "The Harvard Crimson," an undergraduate daily newspaper published at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., published an article in its 12/3/73 issue entitled, "AIM Leader Says Further Takeovers are a Possibility." This article gave details of the 12/2/73 speech given by American Indian Movement (AIM) leader RUSSELL MEANS to a group of newsmen and supporters at the Cambridge Law Commune.

The Law Commune, 698 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, is a collective of 3 separate law firms, 2 of which contain only male attorneys, and the third is an all-female group. The 3 firms furnish legal aid to indigent residents of the Boston-Cambridge, Mass. area and have, in the past, represented persons charged in the following 2 types of cases:
(1) The person is charged with a violation of the Selective Service Act, and (2) the person is considered to be active in revolutionary activities.

2-Bureau (RM)
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DECEMBER 23, 1973
In his speech, MEANS stated that the United States can expect more disruptions similar to the 2/27 seizure of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, if it fails to take a more aggressive policy towards solving Indian problems. MEANS went on to say "By 1976, the United States had better deal with its treaty obligations or that birthday party white America is planning will be an unhappy one."

MEANS further said that AIM, in cooperation with other Indian organizations, will re-establish a separate and independent state within the United States. "If this sovereignty doesn't become a reality, this nation will be chaos, because blacks, Chicanos and other groups will support us."

The article further stated that MEANS was in Boston as part of a two-month tour to raise funds, enlist legal volunteers and attract media attention to defendants in the upcoming Wounded Knee trials. MEANS told the gathering that more than 300 people were indicted for various offenses relating to the 71-day seizure of the Pine Ridge reservation town.

MEANS also advised the group that he will begin his candidacy for the presidency of the Pine Ridge Tribal Council in a primary to be held on 1/2/74. MEANS stated that, if the Bureau of Indian Affairs allows him to run, he will vindicate himself against the charges that Wounded Knee was not supported by all of the Oglala Sioux. If elected, MEANS promised to abolish his office and the tribal government system in order to remove the reservation's Indians from the ultimate authority of the Federal Government.

According to this article, "MEANS' present fund drive has yielded less than $150,000 to date."
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM

OO: MINNEAPOLIS

DATE: 12/12/73


Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) reflecting subject's appearance on KNBC's television program entitled, "IMPACTO." Also enclosed for Minneapolis are two copies of the same LHM as Minneapolis is origin.

Source mentioned is [redacted]

Los Angeles will maintain contact with sources.

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December 12, 1973

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EXTREMIST MATTERS -
AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

Unless otherwise stated, all sources mentioned in this communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

Source advised on November 9, 1973, that captioned individual, American Indian Movement leader, arrived in Los Angeles, California, November 9, 1973, and taped a television interview for the television show entitled, "Impacto" to be aired November 24, 1973.

The American Indian Movement (AIM) was founded in Minnesota in 1969, dedicated to improving conditions for the American Indian. AIM recently led and participated in confrontations with local authorities in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and the Rapid City-Custer area of South Dakota. AIM led the takeover and occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, in February-May, 1973.

The following is a transcript of the television show, "Impacto" in which captioned individual and Randy Edmonds, Director of the Indian Center, Inc., were the main guests:

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ANNOUNCER: That storm brings destruction and death but it also brings rain to grow the grass for new life, for there is good in everything. The center of the storm, called Wounded Knee, is RUSSELL MEANS. RUSSELL MEANS, welcome to "Impacto". VERNON BELLETCOURT, AIM leader, said, "If AIM fails to get Federal action to improve life for American Indians, AIM will become the uninvited guest to America's 200th birthday celebration and blow out the candles".

RANDY EDMONDS, Director of the Indian Center, welcome to "Impacto".

RANDY EDMONDS: Thank you.

ANNOUNCER: Mr. MEANS, what is, what is the significance of Wounded Knee?

RUSSELL MEANS: The significance of Wounded Knee was before, during, and after our treaty rights, you know, the uh the United States Government and even the press foul—fouled to that whole rap that it was Indian fighting Indian. That's not the case. That's incidental to our treaty rights. The 1868 Sioux Treaty is what Wounded Knee was all about and is still today; because, of course, I'm going to court over it;
and uh, so is DENNIS BANKS and and the other four so-called leaders of Wounded Knee and over 300 other defendants are going to court to prove that our treaty rights are more important than our own lives.

ANNOUNCER: RUSSELL, one of the things that surprises a lot of us in the movement, and in the Chicano movement, and in the ethnic movement, is that most minority groups in America, today, are on a civil disobedience uh approach to--to problems and to their resolution, but AIM is going for confrontations.... RUSSELL MEANS: I don't, I don't go for that...crap about civil disobedience because all AIM is trying to do is force the United States of America to live up to its own laws--that's all--it's that simple. They made treaties with us, either--they either live up to those treaties or we'll die fighting for those treaty rights. And that's all AIM says. United States of America, you live up to your uh....your own laws.

ANNOUNCER: But RUSSELL, isn't it, sort of, unrealistic to say that the Oglala Nation is an independent nation within America?

RUSSELL MEANS: Why? After we gave you the Western Hemisphere...
but not you, my friend, (announcer laughs) but uh, you know, White America...

ANNOUNCER: Uh huh

RUSSELL MEANS: We gave them the Western Hemisphere and and they still won't leave us alone. They still have genocidal policies to get rid of American Indian people, through missionary schools, through BIA boarding schools, through--the whole spectrum of Indian Affairs is a genocidal policy. Now our water rights, our mineral rights--right now, the United States of America is concerted, a concerted effort to rip off our coal, strip mine our reservations, and build oil pipelines from Alaska, over Indian land, over native land, down into the United--to fuel Los Angeles, and Phoenix, and all those over rip off, smog, pollution areas.

ANNOUNCER: RANDY EDMONDS, you're the director of the LA Indian Center, what's the reaction of the American Indian community in Los Angeles to AIM?

RANDY EDMONDS: Well, I think a lot of the uh people there involved in, probably the thinking of American Indians trying to get response from the Federal Government uh, somewhat, back AIM to the point that in order to get the Federal Government to respond, there has to be a confrontation uh where that
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uh the Federal Government rec--will recognize American Indians. I think AIM has come ab--about uh in creating--creating this situation through the Wounded Knee thing but uh a lot of the people that live in Los Angeles area are probably working-class Indians and uh really can't afford, I think at this point--to get involved in these kinds of uh situations, as far as local kinds of things that are going on. Uh we do have a chapter here but uh uh uh their thinking is in in line with the American Indian Movement. As far as I'm concerned, I I uh I kind uh I guess uh uh concentrate on trying to I guess, knock on the door and say, "Hey, may I come in?"....

ANNOUNCER: And what does AIM do?

RANDY EDMONDS: Uh RUSSELL MEANS, I guess, kind of knocks the door down and then goes on in and knock--and negotiates...

ANNOUNCER: Uh huh

RANDY EDMONDS: Uh...

ANNOUNCER: Well you've been quoted as saying that the difference between your tactics and and AIM is that you still believe on knocking on doors and uh AIM uh knocks doors down. What do you think about that RANDY?

RANDY EDMONDS: RUSS--you're talking to RUSS or...
ANNOUNCER: No, I'm talking to you.

RANDY EDMONDS: Okay. (Announcer laughs). Uh well, I think, you know, that, I've I've lived in urban area for about 20 years now, and I've lived, I guess within a community, uh through the past 20 years and we've developed a lot of organizations, a lot of Indian activities for the American Indians in Los Angeles, and I think if we're going to have live uh in the system that has been created for us, we're going to have to, I guess, play the ballgame as it is played...

ANNOUNCER: Uh huh

RANDY EDMONDS: Uh I have been recently appointed the human Relations Commissioner for Mayor BRADLEY of Los Angeles and uh, in order to, I guess, work with all ethnic groups, uh we have to, I guess, have this kind of philosophy. Uh, I try to do the kinds of things that I need to do to help our people in the Indian community in Los Angeles, by going through these kinds of uh systems and hopefully uh uh, we'll meet, I guess, as the AIM people and the the kind of conservative people that more or less I represent will meet in the same, I guess, uh road, in the middle of the road, as we go down and looking for the same kinds of response from the Federal Government, or whether it be state, city, or or whatever.
ANNOUNCER: One of the defendants uh--and there are seven major defendants that were indicted at Wounded....

RUSSELL MEANS: Six now, PETE, PEDRO BISSONETTE was assassinated by the BIA pigs.

ANNOUNCER: I'm leading to that. PEDRO BISSONETTE was killed on October 17th of this year. And you've charged that he was assassinated by Agents of the Federal Government. Would you care to amplify that charge?

RUSSELL MEANS: You bet, you see, we have a history of assassinations. You know, the United States of America is a master and divider conquerer. They ripped off our whole leadership, during the 1700 and the 1800, and managed to put in their wedge and divide and conquerer. And they did it again with the Black Panthers. They created a climate of uh public relations that got the public standing back; "Wait a minute, who's the Black Panthers?", and when they got that reaction from the public, they--the the Feds went in and assassinated, through local Government, the leadership of the Black Panther Party. And they're doing the same thing to the American Indian Movement now. They are attempting to discredit us in the public eye and at the same time, assassinate our leadership.
ANNOUNCER: Has been there been an investigation into the uh death of uh PEDRO BISSONETTE?

RUSSELL MEANS: Naturally not. If the "Feds" going to kill, you, they're not going to investigate it.

ANNOUNCER: Tell me something, RUSSELL, what is life like in the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation? What what kind of aspiration do young people have--on the reservation? What are the conditions?

RUSSELL MEANS: I can not tell to people that do not know what it is like to live under tyranny, absolute tyranny, whereas, as uh as an Indian male, you have expression of your vir--your virality, your--your manhood...

ANNOUNCER: Uh huh

RUSSELL MEANS: You absolutely have no vehicle for expression of your manhood and what--the only escape that is allowed to you is to either sellout and become a fac--two-bit facsimile white man or else, become a uh schizo (ph) bum, commit suicide, whatever.

ANNOUNCER: How many Indians are there in America?

RUSSELL MEANS: According to the 1970 Census, there are approximately uh 825,000 native Americans.
ANNOUNCER: So you compare that to about 15,000,000 Spanish surnamed Americans and what, 25 to 30,000,000 blacks, and you really are America's uh smallest minority then...

RUSSELL MEANS: And the most dep--deprived, the most tyrannized, the most oppressed. If by any scale a measurement, and you know, the facts are there...

ANNOUNCER: mmm hmm

RUSSELL MEANS: in Washington, D.C.

ANNOUNCER: mmm hmm. You said that the policy of the Government, I presume you're referring to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, is that a policy of conquer and divide, and uh the reason I mention that is, Mr. DICK WILSON, he's the travel president of the Oglala Sioux and I understand that you're a candidate uh to replace him....

RUSSELL MEANS: That's providing the Bureau of Indian Affairs will let me run in the presidential election of the Oglala Sioux Tribe...

ANNOUNCER: Why shouldn't they?

RUSSELL MEANS: (Laughs)....

ANNOUNCER: Are you under indictment?

RUSSELL MEANS: At Wounded Knee we have three or five square miles to protect of the independent Oglala nation, Pine Ridge
Reservation entails 250 square miles...

ANNOUNCER: mmm hmm

RUSSELL MEANS: If I become president, I am not going to take the oath of office that pledges my support to the United States of America because I want nothing to do with the United States of America. However, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has the power over Indians on the reservation that are under the Indian Organization Act to say uh, you're a non--a non person--you can't function as a human being, so we take over your affairs. So they they they can say that to me and and and and declare me ineligible for uh the election of the travel presidency.

ANNOUNCER: RUSSELL, Wounded Knee, to most Americans, and I would venture to say, 90 percent of Americans would say Wounded Knee was a confrontation in the Spring of 1972, but there was a Wounded Knee in 1890--what happened then?

RUSSELL MEANS: The same thing they tried to happen again in 1973, disarm us and then massacre us. As simple....

ANNOUNCER: Is that what happened in 1890?

RUSSELL MEANS: It's as simple as that. Yes.

ANNOUNCER: What was the story at Wounded Knee in 1890?

RUSSELL MEANS: Well, you want the white man's story, or the
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Oglala story, or the Menicoshi (phonetic) story?

ANNOUNCER: We want the Oglala story?

RUSSELL MEANS: Alright, it is the Menicoshi's (ph) that came down from uh North and South Dakota to seek refuge among the Oglala people, and there were Oglala people among the Menicoshi (ph) band that came into Wounded Knee in 1890--they came down there and surrendered, BIG FOOT, Chief BIG FOOT and his band. It was winter time, December 27, 28th, and they had disarmed the Indian people and then they said one Indian fired a:shot, he had hid--hidden a gun, so they massacred 237....

ANNOUNCER: Who did?

RUSSELL MEANS: Men, women, and children. The Seventh Cavalry of the United States of America...the epitome of democracy in this world.

ANNOUNCER: Is the occupation of Wounded Knee in 1973 in the response for the Government similar, analogous to what happened in 1890?

RUSSELL MEANS: You would be surprised because in 1890 the Ghost Dance religion had had wide spread influence among the plain's tribes. We did the Ghost Dance inside Wounded Knee.
ANNOUNCER: mmm hmm

RUSSELL MEANS: Uh the whole spectrum of the events of Wounded Knee was almost parallel with what happened in 1890, only the fact we didn't give up our arms, therefore, we weren't massacred.

ANNOUNCER: But you did give up your arms in 1973, didn't you?

RUSSELL MEANS: After forcing the United States of Gov--United States of America to agree to our demands. However, you know, naturally, it went the same route as all the treaties. They didn't keep up the...

ANNOUNCER: What were those demands that you made in 1973, in the spring of this year?

RUSSELL MEANS: There were six major points, that the Justice Department, or the Injustice Department, as I see it, the Injustice Department stated they would do a comprehensive investigation of criminal activities, and the police brutality on their Indian reservation, on Pine Ridge, where I'm from. Uh another demand was that a complete audit, an honest audit, not only of the tribal government, the "puppet" tribal government of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, but also the Bureau of Indian Affairs would take place...
ANNOUNCER:  mmm hmm

RUSSELL MEANS:  again and that every civil rights complaint
given, and there was over a hundred given, would be investigated
by the Injustice Department...none—all of those, over a.
hundred complaints have been dismissed by the Injustice
Department. They have not lived up to one of the stipulations.
Another stipulation was that as soon as we evacuated Wounded
Knee, the members, the citizens of the independent Oglala
nation is that immediately the original residents, those that
were outside, would be allowed back in but they delie--delayed that
that happening for 24 hours, so the "Feds" could come in there
and shoot up the churches and and desecrate Indian homes and
even defecate on the floors and charge us with that.

ANNOUNCER:  RANDY EDMONDS you have been a resident of Los
Angeles for over 25 years, what has been the respond of the
traditional Indian community to the uh AIM activity and AIM
aims of tactics?

RANDY EDMONDS:  I think the uh probably the traditional
Indians that uh have probably lived on the reservations, and
uh points of origination of concentration of Indians...I do
believe that possibly this may be the system that uh is needed
to make the Federal Government respond. There are several ways
that you know you make the Federal Government respond or any
government, as far as that is concerned and I think probably
the old traditional people that have been involved in trying
to make the Federal Government respond uh believe that maybe
this is the way. Uh you bump your head against the wall so
long that uh eventually you take other measures and uh the
people that come from uh the reservation areas uh, you know,
I think, believe this way. I think the younger generation
has uh I guess begin to feel that the ball game is out here
and we have to kind of play that ball game.

ANNOUNCER: Can you described for the audience uh
the Indian community of Los Angeles, where do they live,
what do they do?

RANDY EDMONDS: Well the Indian, there is no one Indian
community in Los Angeles uh they're fragmented and this was,
I guess, deviced by the Bureau of Indian Affairs relocation
program and this was brought about by the re-uh the vocational
training program that was established by Bureau of Indian
Affairs. I guess uh the, probably, the one area that you
would consider a community or a concentration of Indians
would be in the uh Bell Gardens, uh South Gate, Huntington
Park areas....
ANNOUNCER: How many Indians are there?
RANDY EDMONDS: Uh...
ANNOUNCER: In Los Angeles or the Metropolitan area?
RANDY EDMONDS: Well the Los Angeles county there're about 60,000 Indians. The Bureau of Indian Affairs census says there's about 25,000 Indians, and those are the people that uh they have brought out since 1952 since the relocation program was established.
ANNOUNCER: RUSSELL, Wounded Knee was something that was on the front page for just about three months in every major newspaper in America, and perhaps other, other nations in the world. What was the response of the Chicano community to Wounded Knee?
RUSSELL MEANS: Fantastic. Uh the biggest support we got outside of the Indian people, was from the Chicano community.
ANNOUNCER: What kind of support did you get?
RUSSELL MEANS: Uh physical, supplies, supplies, and uh money, and and in terms of demonstrations in their own cities--it was fantastic.
ANNOUNCER: Were there any Chicanos uh at Wounded Knee?
RUSSELL MEANS: Over uh 100 Chicano people passed through Wounded Knee. There was a hardcore of about 17 that stayed
throughout... Uh the seize at Wounded Knee. And uh when we, when we uh issued citizenship cards to the independent Oglala nation, the uh the Chicanos and the Indian people were issued the same type of citizenship card...

ANNOUNCER: As members of the Oglala nation?

RUSSELL MEANS: As members of the Oglala nation.

ANNOUNCER: I understand that you even went as far as to as to stamp passports of people coming to uh....

RUSSELL MEANS: Yes we uh uh stamped passports of some of the British Press, the uh West German Press, and uh the uh French, Italian, Scandinavian countries, their press that came into Wounded Knee, we stamped their passports, ION, Independent Oglala Nation.

ANNOUNCER: Your under indictment, Federal indictment, and if you're convicted you could serve up to 200 years in prison...

RUSSELL MEANS: 180...

ANNOUNCER: 180 years. Will there be more Wounded Knees?

RUSSELL MEANS: You see, the American Indian Movement, we do not have a strategy that plans, (quote unquote) you know, "actions". What we do is respond to Indian people. American Indian Movement has never gone any place that is un--not invited to. When Indian people have the feel that uh deprivation of their rights have been ostracized and and
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bent out of shape and and and disregarded and and they call American Indian Movement for assistance, we respond. And if there is going to another Wounded Knee, there there better not be because the next Wounded Knee would--is going to be completely larger, because the Chicanos are with us, the Blacks are with us, and a lot of white people are with us.

ANNOUNCER: Now one of the things that disappointed uh me and disappointed many Chicanos was the fact that Senator MC GOVERN was supposed to be the champion of minority rights and of course there were press reports that Senator MC GOVERN had referred to you as a "rip off artist". What's your response to that?

RUSSELL MEANS: Well if I'm a rip off artist, 180 years in a Federal penitentiary uh in my in in my estimation is is you know, I should quit being a rip off artist.

ANNOUNCER: It's too expensive.

RUSSELL MEANS: You (unintelligible). With my uh, you know, with my life at stake and and uh you know, it's not mine, you know, there's there's over 300 defendants facing Federal prison terms.

ANNOUNCER: You know, one of the things that uh perhaps is critical is that everyone thinks that Wounded Knee is over,

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it's not. Now, according to your attorney, MARK LANE, you're going to have a critical battle, a constitutional battle, and uh there're six major defendants and you're going to be tried early this coming year in the, in the Spring of 1974. What's the nature of your legal defense? What are the issues...

RUSSELL MEANS: Of the over 300 defendants that uh are presently facing Federal prosecution because of Wounded Knee, the first two that are going to trial are DENNIS BANKS and myself. We are scheduled for trial January 8th in St. Paul, Minnesota.

ANNOUNCER: Is that Federal court?

RUSSELL MEANS: Federal court.

ANNOUNCER: Do you face any state indictments at all?

RUSSELL MEANS: Uh yes, but these stemmed from the Custard incident of February 6th and uh sundry other incidents, when Indian people are fighting for their rights. You see, you have to understand, the State of South Dakota has has has uh uh such uh frontier mentality that it makes a JOHN BIRCH society and the Klu Klux Klan look like girls scouts. And uh the the fact that we we're going—now, you know, everybody's got to understand this in America, they've got to understand that. We are basing our defense in in the trials over Wounded Knee
on our treaties. If we are, by some remote chance, proved guilty, then that is saying the United States of America is saying that Indians do not have treaty rights...

ANNOUNCER: mmm hmm

RUSSELL MEANS: Senator SAM IRVING...stated to congress and he's the acknowledged constitutional expert of the senate. He stated that that treaties made by this country and ratified by congress, which our treaty is, is on par and equal to the constitution of the United States of America, and those treat--and the law of the land is the constitution; therefore, those treaties supersede Federal state and local laws. Now, if they prove us guilty, they're saying Indian people to do not have treaty rights. They're also saying that everybody else doesn't have constitutional rights.

ANNOUNCER: Yeah, one of the things that interest me is uh the Wounded Knee Legal Offense Defense Committee. Can you give us the address of the committee?

RUSSELL MEANS: The Wounded Knee Legal Defense Offense Committee is presently headquartered in Rapid City, South Dakota, Box 991, Rapid City, South Dakota.

ANNOUNCER: What kind of assistance do you need?

RUSSELL MEANS: Financial

ANNOUNCER: Financial?
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RUSSELL MEANS: We have expended over $120,000 already, trying to bring up a legal defense for over 300 defendants. We estimate before it's all over we need another 1.2 million dollars, and that's Box 991, Rapid City, South Dakota.

ANNOUNCER: When do the other cases come up. I know the the major cases, yours and DENNIS BANKS is in January, but are the others going to be consolidated or....

RUSSELL MEANS: No, they've uh they've thrown two judges at us, and uh the ones that are nonconspiracy cases, other than the six major defendants...

ANNOUNCER: mmm hmm

RUSSELL MEANS: the other uh 300 or so defendants that are nonconspiracy cases are going to be trialed in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, by another judge...

ANNOUNCER: mmm hmm

RUSSELL MEANS: beginning in January.

ANNOUNCER: You know we have on the set uh and "Impacto" is primarily a Chicano - Hispano program but we have on the set a a Cachina (ph) doll and uh maybe you could tell the significance uh to the viewers of the of the Cachina (ph) doll.
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RUSSELL MEANS: I don't only only want to speak about the Cachina (ph) doll because a Cachina (ph) is a Hopi and this is my interpretation...

ANNOUNCER: mmm hmm

RUSSELL MEANS: It's a Hopi symbol of a messenger to the Great Mystery th-and that's the buffalo Cachina (ph)...

ANNOUNCER: It has a buffalo head, what's the significance of that?

RUSSELL MEANS: Uh I'm not a Hopi and and you know I I can not tell you the the express everything on that Cachina (ph) means something spiritually.

ANNOUNCER: Well what is the buffalo and and uh feathers, what does that to to Indians as well....

RUSSELL MEANS: Like like I wanted to relate that buffalo Cachina (ph) you know, is like this uh shield here, this war shield, it's a buffalo hide war shield with the eagle feathers. The buffalo, among the Lacota, which I am, the white man call us Sioux--uh I'm Lacota. The buffalo is the chief of all four leggeds and the eagle is the chief of all things that fly...

ANNOUNCER: mmm hmm

RUSSELL MEANS: And uh they're holy and sacred and and and those
eagle feathers are part and partial of prayer feathers--really uh or--you know, they have that symbolism...

ANNOUNCER: Uh huh

RUSSELL MEANS: And and they have power, spiritual power, as well as that buffalo hide and this why that is the strongest medicine right there and I know, you know, the non-Indians might look at us as primitive but that's the strongest medicine you can carry into battle right there.

ANNOUNCER: RUSSELL, do you fear--do you fear for your life because of what you've done? Do you receive threat....

RUSSELL MEANS: You have to understand uh you see, I've, I've been involved in the sacred sun dance of the Lacota and uh, you know, most prairie Indians, most plains' Indians have the sun dance, in fact all of them that I know of, uh have been involved in the sacred sun dance. When you take the sun dance vow, it goes for four years. I've one more year, next August I go into my last sun dance. I've no fear for my life until after I get through that sun dance, then I'm confident that the Federal government will uh off (ph) me...

ANNOUNCER: Have you received any threats...?

RUSSELL MEANS: Oh I receive them everyday, through the mail, on the telephone...
ANNOUNCER: RANDY, there's a local AIM committee, where can one reach them?
RANDY EDMONDS: They have an office uh at uh my center, uh the Los Angeles Indian Center and uh they can be reached at the Indian Center or they can contact uh we have a uh entering person there that can refer them to a uh uh one of the coordinators of the AIM movement...
ANNOUNCER: And you're listed in the in the white pages under the LA Indian Center?
RANDY EDMONDS: Los Angeles, well, it's the Indian Center Incorporated...
ANNOUNCER: mmm hmm
RANDY EDMONDS: it's 600 South New Hampshire, 382--what is it? 386-6262, I forgot my phone number
ANNOUNCER: Gentlemen I want to thank you very much. I know RUSSELL that your schedule is very hectic and we, here at "Impacto" uh really appreciate having you on the program and uh so the Chicano community and all of our (tape skips) about Wounded Knee and the critical issues at stake, especially with the Legal uh Offense Defense Committee--on behalf of our production....
RUSSELL MEANS: I would like to say one thing and leave the viewers with this question of what Chief SEATTLE (ph)
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said after he surrendered to the white government, "Nation follows nation, and tribe follows tribe, it is like the waves of the sea, it is the order of nature and regret is useless. Your time of decay may be distant but it will surely come, for even the white man's God, who walked and talked with him, could not escape the common destiny. We may be brothers after all, we shall see."
RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

On November 12, 1973, source advised Means had departed Los Angeles, California, for Rapid City, California.
To: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (157-2038) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
(00 Minneapolis)

DATE: 12/17/73

Remintinetal to the Bureau, 11/16/73, and Minneapolis let to Buffalo, 11/26/73.

Referenced ntel advised that information had been determined from Buffalo sources that MEANS was scheduled to speak at the State University of New York at Buffalo (SUNYAB) on 11/20/73.

On 11/21/73, [Redacted] advised that MEANS had cancelled his speech at SUNYAB at the last minute for unknown reasons. Source advised that MEANS was to have received $1,500 for this speaking engagement but could provide no further information.

On 12/3/73, [Redacted] advised that MEANS cancelled his planned speech at SUNYAB on 11/20/73 using the excuse that urgent business required him to return to Minneapolis. There was no indication of what that urgent business might entail nor was any future date for an appearance in the Buffalo area discussed with him. It is noted that this same source advised on 11/6/73 that MEANS had been at Ithaca, New York, within the preceding week and had spoken before the student body at Cornell University. The title of his speech at that time was "Beyond Wounded Knee." Source surmised that his speech at SUNYAB presumably would be the same as that at Cornell University.

On 12/4/73, [Redacted] indicated that MEANS is not known to have physically been present in the Buffalo area.

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However, there are rumors to the effect that he may have been in contact with [redacted] aka [redacted] who resides at the Tuscarora Indian Reservation, Lewiston, New York. Source also advised there was some indication of a film that is to be made about American Indians, and the rumor is to the effect that both MEANS and [redacted] will appear in that movie.

On 12/12/73, a knowledgeable source of the Buffalo Office advised that MEANS' appearance at SUNYAB was cancelled and there is no indication of any rescheduling for a speech to date. Source advised he was unable to determine the reason for the cancellation nor the amount of money he was to receive. However, source indicated he will advise of any pertinent information he determines regarding MEANS and a reappearance in the Buffalo area.

Contact with appropriate and logical Buffalo area sources familiar with American Indian activities have been unable to provide any further information regarding MEANS.

Based on the foregoing, this matter being considered RUC.
Knowledgeable source of the Buffalo Office

State University of New York at Buffalo
Buffalo, New York
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (70-58411)

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

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM

DATE: 12/17/73

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 11/5/73.

Referenced airtel requested Cleveland Division to conduct appropriate investigation regarding the following:

- Bell and Howell
  Wooster, Ohio
  N.C.F.D.J. Avenue
  Cleveland, Ohio
  Cleveland, Ohio
  Cleveland, Ohio

Cleveland file 157-5232
Cleveland file 157-5561
Cleveland file 157-1605
Cleveland file 157-5561

Since Cleveland Division had previously conducted investigation regarding and and since is the subject of a pending case, no further investigation is to be conducted regarding the above.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/20/73

FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (157-710) RUC

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
00: Minneapolis

Re Los Angeles Airtel to Bureau, 11/5/73.

On 12/11/73, Captain [redacted], Law and Order Division, BIA Eight Northern Pueblos, advised that [redacted] also known as [redacted] is an attorney in the Albuquerque area. He further advised [redacted] represents Indians in criminal as well as civil matters who have been involved in such on the reservation. He further advised that [redacted] belongs to numerous organizations who provide free legal advice regarding civil matters.

[redacted] further stated that the Native American Legal Defense and Education Fund (NALDEF) is an organization whose main goal is protection of the rights of the Indians.

On 12/19/73, Lt. [redacted], New Mexico State Police, Intelligence Division, Albuquerque, advised that he is familiar with [redacted] inasmuch as [redacted] has attended several rallies regarding Indian rights in the Albuquerque area. He further stated that to the best of his knowledge [redacted] is not prone to violence but participates only as an interested spectator.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS

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FROM: SAC, WFO (70-3373)(P)

RUSSELL

CHARLES MEANS - VICTIMS, CIR-ADW.

ON JULY 31, 1975, WFO INTERVIEWED LAW ENFORCEMENT SPECIALIST, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES. WAS IN POSSESSION OF SECOND HAND INFORMATION WHICH WAS PROVIDED TELEPHONICALLY TO HIM BY ASSISTANT AREA SPECIAL OFFICER, BIA CENTRAL OFFICE, FEDERAL BUILDING, 115 FOURTH AVENUE, S.E., ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA. ACCORDING TO SUBJECT WAS OFF DUTY AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS WOUNDED ON THE ROSEBUD RESERVATION. WAS APPARENTLY FOUND THE FOLLOWING DAY ASLEEP IN HIS VEHICLE. RECENTLY HAD HIS GOVERNMENT DRIVER’S LICENSE SUSPENDED FOR MISUSE OF A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE.

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LEAD RAPID CITY AT ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA. WILL INTERVIEW [ ] FOR FIRST HAND INFORMATION.

ADMINISTRATIVE:


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PM NITEL JULY 29, 1975 MRH SENT 6:10 AM 7/30/75 RJG
TO DIRECTOR
Rapid City
FROM MINNEAPOLIS (70-NEW) (P)

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS - VICTIM, CIR- ADW.

At 9:25 AM, JULY 29, 1975, INFORMATION CONCERNING A POSSIBLE ASSAULT INVOLVING ABOVE SUBJECTS WAS RECEIVED FROM RICHARD COLHUFF, AGENCY SPECIAL OFFICER, ROSEBUD PD, ROSEBUD, SOUTH DAKOTA.

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS INTERVIEWED BY THE FBI JULY 29, 1975, AND STATED THAT HE ALONG WITH [ ] AND [ ] WERE DRIVING FROM MISSION, SOUTH DAKOTA, TO ROSEBUD, SOUTH DAKOTA, BEFORE 10:00 PM, JULY 28, 1975.

MEANS ADVISED THAT HE NOTICED ABOVE SUBJECTS IN A VEHICLE FOLLOW THEM FROM MISSION TO ROSEBUD. WHILE EN ROUTE THIS VEHICLE PULLED ALONG SIDE OF MEANS' VEHICLE AND ACCORDING TO MEANS A NOISE LIKE AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED TAKING OUT THE DRIVER'S SIDE NEAR WINDOW CUTTING HIM ON THE FOREHEAD.

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MEANS COULD NOT IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE CAR AT THE TIME OF THIS "EXPLOSION".

WITNESSES IN MEANS' CAR, [ ] AND [ ] RECOGNIZED [ ] AS THE DRIVER OF THE CAR AT THE TIME OF THIS INCIDENT. NO OTHER PEOPLE IN THE CAR WERE RECOGNIZED. NO WITNESSES IN MEANS' CAR, INCLUDING RUSSELL MEANS, STATE THAT THEY SAW GUNS OR HEARD ANY SHOOTING AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT.

MEANS SUSTAINED LACERATION OF HIS FOREHEAD APPROXIMATELY ON E AND ONE HALF INCH AND WAS TREATED ON AN OUTPATIENT BASIS.

INQUIRY REVEALED [ ] AND WILL OTHER OCCUPANTS OF [ ] CAR.

SUBJECTS INTERVIEWED AND DENY ANY KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING INFORMATION REPORTED BY MEANS. IT IS NOTED ONE OF THE SUBJECTS, [ ] IS A BIA POLICE OFFICER. [ ] IS A MISSION PD OFFICER.

ALL SUBJECTS STATE THAT THEY WERE DRINKING.

INVESTIGATION REGARDING THIS MATTER CONTINUING.

ADMINISTRATIVE: DELAY IN SUBMITTING INSTANT TELETYPE DUE TO TRAVEL TIME AND COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS ON ROSEBUD INDIANA RESERVATION.

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ASSAULT ON RUSSELL MEANS' VEHICLE AT MISSION, SOUTH DAKOTA 7/28/75
CIR - ASSAULT

This information was received at 9:25 AM 7/29/75 from RICHARD COLHOFF, Agency Special Officer, Rosebud, South Dakota.

COLHOFF advised he conducted a preliminary investigation concerning an incident in which RUSSELL MEANS, and were allegedly shot at by other individuals in a vehicle at Mission, South Dakota. MEANS sustained injury to his head from broken glass.

COLHOFF advised that MEANS had told him that he had met earlier in the evening and that may have been involved in this incident. COLHOFF also advised with that night was and and two unidentified females.

Investigation to be conducted regarding this matter this date. ASAC ZIGROSSI requested a summary memo concerning this incident after facts of the above situation are clarified.

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At approximately 3:00 A.M., July 29, 1975, this officer was on patrol with Police Patrolman We received a radio call from the Rosebud Police Department of shooting at the residence in north Mission. We immediately proceeded to the scene. Upon arriving, we parked on the north side of the street directly across from the residence. We walked across the street and four (4) subjects approached us: Russell Means, Russell, and who lives in the residence. When approached, Russell Means stated that he had driven by the residence and fired four (4) shots. Russell Means stated that he and the other people at the residence had done nothing to provoke the firing of shots. Russell Means stated that after the shots were fired, he had called the police. Russell Means also stated that earlier in the day had shot him. stated that shots had been fired, that all of the children in the house were on the floor, and that it was not a safe situation. Police Patrolman no place where bullets had struck the residence. At this time, Rosebud Police Officers and arrived at the scene. Rosebud Police Patrolman
SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Address
Police Patrolman, MP 10
605/856-4667

Phone No.

Offense
Alleged Shooting at Residence

DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.:
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went to the home of from the residence, and interviewed stated that he was sleeping by an open window and had heard no shots fired. I, Police Patrolman went to the residence of approximately two (2) blocks east of the residence, indicated that she had been asleep and had heard no shots fired. Police Patrolman indicated interviewed who lives at the residence stated that she had heard no shots fired.

At approximately 3:15 A.M., this officer went to the residence of approximately two (2) blocks northwest of the residence. Assistant and his wife stated that they had heard no shots fired, then accompanied this officer to the scene. This officer, Police Officers and Police Officers from the Rosebud Police Department then returned to the Mission Police Department.

25 INVESTIGATING OFFICER

26 REPORT MADE

7-29-75

28 THIS CASE IS

Yes ☐ No ☐ Cleared by arrest ☐ Unfounded ☐ Inactive ☐ Other ☐

Referral for Further Investigation

29 APPROVED BY

Chief of Police

Mission S.D.
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From: Russell Means (NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)
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Authorization for Disclosure of Clinical Information
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HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

AUTHORIZATION FOR DISCLOSURE OF CLINICAL INFORMATION

DIRECTOR □ U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE HOSPITAL
MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE □ U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE OUTPATIENT CLINIC
□ CONTRACT PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE

DATE: 7/29/75

TO:

ADDRESS OF PHS STATION: Rosebud PHB

You are hereby authorized to furnish clinical information from the medical records of the patient named below covering treatment received at your station, TO:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON OR FIRM (Print or type):

NAME OF PATIENT: Russell MEANS

PERIOD OF TREATMENT (Approximate dates):
From: 7/28/75 To: 7/28/75

PATIENT WAS TREATED AS:
□ INPATIENT □ OUTPATIENT □ BOTH

PATIENT WAS A:
□ SEAMAN □ COAST GUARDSMAN □ OTHER BENEFICIARY CLASS (Specify)

FROM (Name of vessel, Government agency, etc.):

THIS INFORMATION IS DESIRED IN CONNECTION WITH:
□ COMPENSATION CLAIMS □ SHIPPING COMPANY REPORTS
□ INSURANCE CLAIMS □ ATTORNEY
□ FURTHER MEDICAL CARE □ OTHER (Specify)

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: (Patient, next of kin, administrator of estate, etc.)

ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Street and number, city, State, and ZIP code):

7/29/75
NR335 WP PLAIN

4:22 PM URGENT JULY 30, 1975 DSC

TO DIRECTOR RAPID CITY

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (79-13336) (P)

ATTENTION: GID.

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS - VICTIN, CIR - ADW.

AGENCY SPECIAL OFFICER RICHARD COLHOFF ADVISED HE SAW A BROKEN COKE BOTTLE ON THE FRONT PASSENGER SIDE OF THE CAR THAT RUSSELL MEANS WAS A PASSENGER IN DURING INCIDENT WITH ABOVE SUBJECTS. COLHOFF QUERIED ______ AND ______ REGARDING THIS COKE BOTTLE AND ASKED THEM IF THIS COKE BOTTLE COULD HAVE BEEN USED DURING AN INCIDENT IN WHICH RUSSELL MEANS WAS HURT. BOTH ______ AND ______ INDICATED THAT COKE BOTTLE WAS NOT USED DURING THE ASSAULT AS THEY HAD PLENTY OF COKE BOTTLES IN THE CAR.

COLHOFF ADVISED THAT ______ HAS BEEN PLACED ON A 5-DAY SUSPENSION WITH PAY DUE TO ALLEGATIONS MADE CONCERNING HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE ASSAULT OF MEANS. THIS SUSPENSION LETTER WAS DELIVERED TO ______ AT 8:30 AM, JULY 29, 1975, AND SIGNED BY SIMON STEAVENS, BIA AGENCY SUPERINTENDENT, ROSEBUD, SOUTH DAKOTA. ______ PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED AND DENIED ANY INVOLVEMENT IN A PREVIOUS FIGHT WITH MEANS.
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AND STATED HE HAD NOT SEEN MEANS FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR.

BOTH TWO PERSONS WHO WERE PASSENGERS IN CAR DRIVEN BY SUBJECT ARE BEING SOUGHT FOR INTERVIEW.

INFORMATION COPY TO RAPID CITY.

END

RSB FBI RC FO ONE CLR AND TKS
SAC, PINE RIDGE (70-10336) (P) 7/30/75
ATTENTION: ASAC NORMAN A. ZIGROSSI

SA

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS - VICTIM
CIR - ADW

Information concerning this matter was received 9:25 a.m. at the Pierre RA from RICHARD COLHOFF, Agency Special Officer, Rosebud, South Dakota.

FBI Investigation was conducted at Mission, South Dakota, and Rosebud, South Dakota, on 7/29/75. Interviews were conducted with RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, and above subjects.

RUSSELL MEANS indicated that he was followed in a vehicle with above subjects in the vehicle at Rosebud, South Dakota, at approximately 10 p.m., on the night of 7/23/75. At approximately six miles from the town of Rosebud a vehicle in which subjects were driving earlier at Mission, South Dakota, pulled alongside of the RUSSELL MEANS vehicle in which was driving and according to RUSSELL MEANS an explosion occurred and he felt his forehead and he was bleeding. Neither RUSSELL MEANS nor individuals riding with MEANS that is and heard any shots nor did they see any weapons from the vehicle which pulled alongside of the MEANS vehicle.

RUSSELL MEANS sustained 1½” laceration on his forehead which was sutured in the Rosebud Public Health Service Hospital.

The subjects deny taking part in above assault and deny any knowledge concerning the incident. It is
noted [ ] is a BIA Patrolman, Rosebud Police Department and [ ] is a Mission Police Patrolman.

A summary teletype was sent via Minneapolis Headquarters regarding above incident p.m. of 7/29/75.
Memorandum

TO: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-0336) (P)  
FROM: SA  
SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS-VICTIM CIR

RICHARD COLHOF, Agency Special Officer, Rosebud, SD, advised on the night of 7/28/75, he saw in the vehicle in which MEANS was riding, a broken Coke bottle. The top cap was still on the Coke bottle. COLHOF advised that he saw a broken Coke bottle in the vehicle. COLHOF advised he saw the bottle at approximately 11:00 PM, asleep in the front seat of a vehicle located at the Ambulance Service parking lot, Rosebud, SD.

COLHOF advised a five-day suspension letter with pay was delivered to MEANS on the morning of 7/29/75. This suspension was for allegations made concerning involvement in an assault on RUSSELL MEANS. This letter was signed by SIMON STEVENS, Superintendent, BIA, Rosebud, SD.

MEANS previously has denied he had seen MEANS earlier in the evening on 7/28/75, and has told interviewing Agents that he has not seen MEANS for approximately one year.

Above information set forth in Minneapolis teletype to Bureau, copy to Rapid City.
TO:  SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-NEW)  DATE:  7/30/75

FROM:  SUPERVISOR THOMAS M. DUFFIN

SUBJECT:  UNSUBS (3);
         RUSSELL MEANS-VICTIM
         CIR

Clerk, Rapid City, SD, RA, advised that
SA HARRY MORRIS, Bureau Night Supervisor, called and inquired
regarding alleged shooting of RUSSELL MEANS in Mission, SD,
earlier this AM or late last night.

MEANS claimed he had been shot by a BIA Police
Officer who was accompanied by two other individuals, one
of whom he recognized as a "Government informant".

News report stated MEANS had 12 stitches taken in
head but attributes laceration to cut by glass, not bullet
as MEANS alleged.

Telephonic inquiry at Rosebud, SD, PD, made but
Dispatcher, declined to furnish any
details, stating only that no officer was available and that
none would be available until 8:00 AM.

Inquiry at Pine Ridge, SD, BIA PD, disclosed only
that a a current or former BIA Police
Officer, was supposedly involved in the shooting but disclaimed
any further details.

Division Six, called. He was furnished
above details and stated that further details should be provided
to the Bureau when obtained.

He will attempt to ascertain any information that
BIA HQ, Washington, DC, might have and so advise Division Five
at Bureau and also FBI, Chadron.
NR 003 MP CODED
11:59 PM NITEL JULY 29, 1975 MRH
TO DIRECTOR
RAPID CITY
FROM MINNEAPOLIS (70-NEW) (P)

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS - VICTIM, CIR- ADW.

AT 9:25 AM, JULY 29, 1975, INFORMATION CONCERNING A
POSSIBLE ASSAULT INVOLVING ABOVE SUBJECTS WAS RECEIVED FROM
RICHARD COLHAFF, AGENCY SPECIAL OFFICER, ROSEBUD PD,
ROSEBUD, SOUTH DAKOTA.

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS INTERVIEWED BY THE FBI JULY
29, 1975, AND STATED THAT HE ALONG WITH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WERE DRIVING FROM MISSION,
SOUTH DAKOTA, TO ROSEBUD, SOUTH DAKOTA, BEFORE 10:00 PM,
JULY 28, 1975.

MEANS ADVISED THAT HE NOTICED ABOVE SUBJECTS IN A
VEHICLE FOLLOW THEM FROM MISSION TO ROSEBUD. WHILE EN ROUTE
THIS VEHICLE PULLED ALONG SIDE OF MEANS' VEHICLE AND ACCORDING
TO MEANS A NOISE LIKE AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED TAKING OUT THE
DRIVER'S SIDE NEAR WINDOW CUTTING HIM ON THE FOREHEAD.

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70-10338-6-8

[Handwritten note: New 70]
MEANS COULD NOT IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE CAR AT THE TIME OF THIS "EXPLOSION".

WITNESSES IN MEANS' CAR, __________ AND __________ RECOGNIZED __________ AS THE DRIVER OF THE CAR AT THE TIME OF THIS INCIDENT. NO OTHER PEOPLE IN THE CAR WERE RECOGNIZED. NO WITNESSES IN MEANS' CAR, INCLUDING RUSSELL MEANS, STATE THAT THEY SAW GUNS OR HEARD ANY SHOOTING AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT.

MEANS SUSTAINED LACERATION OF HIS FOREHEAD APPROXIMATELY ON E AND ONE HALF INCH AND WAS TREATED ON AN OUT PATIENT BASIS.

INQUIRY REVEALED __________ AND __________ OTHER OCCUPANTS OF __________ CAR.

SUBJECTS INTERVIEWED AND DENY ANY KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING INFORMATION REPORTED BY MEANS. IT IS NOTED ONE OF THE SUBJECTS, __________ IS A BIA POLICE OFFICER. __________ IS A MISSION PD OFFICER.

ALL SUBJECTS STATE THAT THEY WERE DRINKING.

INVESTIGATION REGARDING THIS MATTER CONTINUING.

ADMINISTRATIVE: DELAY IN SUBMITTING INSTANT TELTYPE DUE TO TRAVEL TIME AND COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS ON ROSEBUD INDIANA RESERVATION.

END

DAS FBI RC CRL -11:54 PM

EJT - WA - 6:10 AM
Memorandum

TO: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-10336) (P)  DATE: 7/30/75

FROM: SA

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS - VICTIM
        CIR - ADW

Re Minneapolis teletype to Bureau, 7/29/75.

Attached is a communication to the Bureau which sets forth summary of what occurred at Mission, South Dakota, on the night of 7/28/75.

that a _______ and _______ are presently living in _______ South Dakota.

Supervisor _______ advised this Agent the department is extremely interested in this matter and that all leads concerning this matter should be set forth before presenting to USA.

Above individuals, _______ and _______ were _______ and other subjects when alleged incident occurred at Mission, South Dakota. No specific address for _______ and _______ was available from investigation conducted at Mission, South Dakota.

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MINNEAPOLIS

AT YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA

Will attempt to locate and interview [redacted] concerning this matter regarding their knowledge of the incident which occurred on 7/28/75.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
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MINNEAPOLIS

Approved: Special Agent in Charge

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* U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1972 O - 540-090 (11)
PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED AND DENIED ANY INVOLVEMENT IN A PREVIOUS FIGHT WITH MEANS AND STATED HE HAD NOT SEEN MEANS FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR.

Two persons who were passengers in a car driven by subject are being sought for interview. Information may be handed city.

END.
TO: SRA GEORGE O'CLOCK
FROM: CLERK

DATE: 7/29/75

SUBJECT: INFORMATION CONCERNING

Night Duty Supervisor, Intelligence Unit, FBI Washington, telephonically contacted FBI Rapid City RA, approximately 3:40 A.M., instant date. Advised Rapid City of United Press International release which he received.

Following is summation of UPI release:

Dateline: Mission, South Dakota

AIM leader, RUSSELL MEANS, shot and wounded while driving near Mission, South Dakota, Monday night. Apparently not seriously injured. MEANS said it was work of two policemen and Federal informant. Officials of nearby hospital confirmed MEANS had been treated for a grazed forehead. It took twelve stitches to close wound.

MEANS said that he, and friend, were driving on a road near Mission when another car pulled along side and its occupants opened fire. He told UPI it was a BIA policeman, and a Federal informant. He said BIA policeman was with them. MEANS said he tried to kill him and in Valentine, South Dakota, while was off-duty. MEANS said that BIA and government are trying to kill him. MEANS also says that it makes sense since it's government policy to assassinate or imprison any leader of dissident groups.

THOMAS DUFFIN, Chadron, Nebraska Command Post was immediately advised of information received.

Rapid City was then telephonically contacted by National Broadcasting Company, (NBC) New York, in regards to subject matter. NBC was advised to contact Chadron, Nebraska.

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Law Enforcement Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BLA), Division of Law Enforcement Services, Main Interior Building, furnished the following information:

He was in possession of second hand information which was provided telephonically to him by Assistant Area Special Officer, BLA Central Office, Federal Building, 115 Fourth Avenue, S.E., Aberdeen, South Dakota. According to was off duty at the time of the incident, taking place on July 29, 1975, wherein RUSSEL LANE was wounded on the Rosebud Reservation. was recently found the following day asleep in his vehicle. recently had his Government Driver's License suspended for misuse of a government vehicle.

furnished a copy of a memorandum written

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Date dictated 8/4/75

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TO: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS

FROM: SAC, WFO (70-3373)(RUC)

RUSSLLE CHARLES MEANS - VICTIMS
CIR - ADW

ReWFOtel to Director, 7/31/75.

Enclosed herewith for Minneapolis and Rapid City are 4 copies each of an FD-302 reflecting interview of

WFO placing in RUC status.

2 - Minneapolis
2 - Rapid City
1 - WFO

DPH: kmp
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Received from Mission Police Patrolman, is the following statement:

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Interviewed on 7/20/75 at Mission, South Dakota File # XP 76-1033C 13

by SA Date dictated 7/30/75

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Date of transcription: 8/3/75

was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents, the matter to be discussed concerning an incident which took place on the night of July 20, 1975, and then provided the following information:

advised he was with
and

indicated that he and the above individuals were driving to Rosebud, South Dakota, on the night of July 20, 1975, when the vehicle he was driving had a flat tire near the ambulance service enroute to Rosebud, South Dakota. stated that he was driving a 1966 Mercury two-door, black over blue, that night. stated that he pulled into the ambulance service and contacted a and sold him a tire which he put on his vehicle.

stated that they then turned around, headed toward Mission, South Dakota, and drove by the house enroute to house. stated as they went by the house, he heard four or five shots from a small caliber weapon. advised that his vehicle did not get hit.

advised he went to the house and stayed there for a short time and had some beer. He then went home and on his way home, he dropped off at house and enroute, he went by the house again. This time, according to it was approximately 2:00 A.M.

indicated he could not remember anything else but knows that he was not involved with any shooting as no one in his vehicle had any weapons and cannot provide any information concerning any events regarding 1975 that night.

provided the following descriptive information concerning himself:

7/22/75 Mission, South Dakota MF 70-10236-14

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CF:jmf Date dictated 7/31/75

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RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, date of birth November 16, 1936, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, the matter to be discussed concerning an incident which took place on the night of July 22, 1975, and then provided the following information:

MEANS advised that he was with ; in a car at Mission, South Dakota. MEANS remembered that they went to get a couple six-packs of beer at approximately 10:00 PM and then they headed to the town of Rosebud when a car passed them. MEANS indicated that he previously noticed this same vehicle which passed them in Mission, South Dakota. In this vehicle were

MEANS advised that the car passed them, went ahead of them and then pulled over to let their car pass. MEANS advised who was driving, passed the vehicle on the side of the road and then this vehicle followed them.

MEANS stated that they, that is, the car that MEANS was riding in, going toward Rosebud, and near the Dr. residence, the same vehicle which had pulled over to the side of the road to let then pass earlier, was noted by someone in the car. MEANS advised that someone in the car said, "Here they come".

MEANS stated the next thing he knows, there was some type of explosion and he started bleeding from his forehead.

MEANS advised he did not see any car pull up alongside of the car that he was riding in nor did he hear any shooting, nor could he identify any of the people that may have been in a car that pulled up alongside of theirs.

Interviewed at Mission, South Dakota	File # HP 70-19938-1/5

by

Date dictated 7/30/75

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MEAS advised they, that is, the car that he was driving in, tried to catch the individuals and traveled at approximately 110 miles per hour, but could not catch the individuals who MEANS later learned pulled alongside of the car.
Mission Police Officer, Mission, South Dakota, date of birth June 23, 1875, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents, the matter to be discussed concerning an incident which took place on the night of July 28, 1875, and then provided the following information:

stated that he was with Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Patrolman and two girls driving to Rosebud, South Dakota, in a car, driving, at approximately 10:07 PM.

advised that when they were passing the Rosebud Ambulance Service a vehicle passed him. When the vehicle passed him, the car which he was in got a flat tire so they pulled into the Ambulance Service parking lot to fix the flat. Approximately one-half later the Rosebud Police came to their vehicle and searched them for guns stating that they had shot at RUSSELL MIXINS.

advised they came to Mission, South Dakota, and he remembers showing off at the Standard Station in Mission, South Dakota, and while doing this he put his hand through the window of the Service Station cutting himself. At that time they put into the car and took him to the Rosebud Public Health Service Hospital and then stayed with until it was approximately 5:00 AM or 4:00 AM.

stated they came back to Mission, South Dakota, and then went swimming in the Mission, South Dakota, pool. They left the pool and all the above individuals got into the car and took off to house and while en route he reporters asked him, "Did you hear that? We just got fired at." stated that he did not hear any shots.
advised that he never fired any shots at any time that night nor did anyone in the car have any gun nor did he witness anyone fire any shots.

advised that he was drinking that night to the point of being drunk.
Mission, South Dakota, telephone number ________ was contacted at Abourezk's Store, her place of employment in Mission, South Dakota, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the purpose of the interview. ________ advised as follows:

advised that on the evening of July 28, 1975, she was driving home from her grandmother's house near the Western Bowl in Mission, South Dakota, in her red and black 1969 Mercury. ________ was accompanied by ________ who stated she observed ________ walking on the main street of Mission and at the same time observed a black over blue Mercury which she knew to belong to drive up to the side of ________'s and stop. ________ saw ________ exit the car, taking approximately two steps to reach ________ and then observed ________ falling down. ________ stated that due to the fact that she was driving she did not see ________ strike ________ but assumed that he had done so then re-entered his vehicle and left the area. ________ observed ________ get up and begin to walk back towards the area where he had obviously come from. ________ drove her car to where she called out to ________ asking if he wanted a ride to ________ home. ________ said yes and got into her vehicle. ________ stated she dropped ________ off at the ________ home located in Mission and then continued to drive around town until approximately 1:00 A.M. at which time she returned to the ________ residence where she is currently staying and went to sleep. ________ stated that she heard no unusual sounds and no indications of gunshots during the night and early morning of July 28-29, 1975.
Mission, South Dakota, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents, the matter to be discussed concerning an incident which took place on the night of July 28, 1975, and then provided the following information:

stated that she saw and kicking and pounding on vending machines across the street at the Standard Station at approximately midnight the night before.

advised she remembers the above individuals driving around Mission, South Dakota, in a black-over-blue vehicle blowing a trumpet.

advised her husband may have witnessed above individuals breaking windows at the Standard Station.
Medical Records Clerk, Rosebud Hospital, Rosebud, South Dakota, furnished the following medical records relating to the medical services provided RUSSELL MEANS on the evening of July 28, 1975 and the morning hours of July 29, 1975.

The records provided were furnished as a result of an authorization for disclosure of clinical information form being executed by RUSSELL MEANS. The documents provided by included:

1. A clinical record narrative summary
2. An incident diagnosis and clinical notes form

Both of these are attached.

Interviewed on 7/29/75 at Rosebud, South Dakota  File # MP 70-10336-7

by SA

Date dictated 7/29/75

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### CLINICAL RECORD

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**Lacernation on forehead,**

5. **Went in auto on passenger side & sustained lacernation on forehead.**

0. **Heads linear lacernation on forehead an mid line approx 4 cm long, 1/2 cm in depth, active bleeding.**

A. Lacernation of forehead

1. 0. **Retain scalp**
2. 6. **Penocin infiltrated**
3. 5-0 Derm for Sub G x 4
4. 5-0 prolene for suture closure
5. **Suture drains**
6. **W/C = 77 days or as directed.**

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**Standard Form 502**

**Date:** 7/19/75

**Identification No.:** 013896

**Organization:** MEANS, RUSSELL C.
7-28-75
24:15
C. Linear laceration of head

2. Head - linear laceration of scalp just above

3. No i.d. or allergies

4. Bleeding

5. X-ray

6. Bedside x-ray

1. No. of films: 12

2. 3-0 nylon

3. 3-0 silk

4. 3-0 silk

5. Tracheostomy dressing

6. Penrose drain

7. Culture for wound - left
Mission, South Dakota, was interviewed by Special Agent [Redacted] Federal Bureau of Investigation, who identified himself to through the display of his credentials. Thereafter, was orally advised of his rights as stated on an Interrogation; Advice of Rights Form. [Redacted] advised that he understood his rights and agreed to an interview. [Redacted] was then advised that the interview concerned an allegation made by RUSSELL MEANS alleging that he (MEANS) was shot at the preceding evening by the occupants of a vehicle in which was traveling.

[Redacted] advised that on July 28, 1975, he, and [Redacted] began drinking beer and whiskey early in the day. He related that to his knowledge the above four individuals consumed approximately five cases of beer and three pints of whiskey by late evening on July 28, 1975.

[Redacted] stated that by late evening on July 28, 1975, he was in a totally intoxicated state and has no recollection concerning the events of the preceding evening or the allegations made by RUSSELL MEANS. He advised that the first time he became aware of the allegations made by MEANS was at approximately 8:00 AM on July 29, 1975, when he was delivered a Suspension Letter by his supervisor, DICK COLHOFF. He advised the letter indicated he was to be suspended for five days with pay commencing 8:00 AM July 29, 1975, through 8:00 AM August 3, 1975.

He stated that this Suspension Letter indicated he was being suspended because of the allegations made by RUSSELL MEANS.

[Redacted] advised that to his knowledge, the last time he saw RUSSELL MEANS was approximately one year ago. [Redacted] stated that he has no knowledge concerning the MEANS allegation and has no recollection concerning the events of the preceding evening.
At this point, remembered that in addition to [redacted] and [redacted] there were two girls in the vehicle he and the others were driving around in during the afternoon and early evening hours of July 23, 1975. Advised he does not know who these two girls were, but believes that [redacted] and the [redacted] might know who they were.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

Name:

Race: Indian

Sex: Male

Date of birth:

Place of birth: Rosebud, South Dakota

Residence: Mission, South Dakota

Height: Five feet ten inches

Weight: 220 pounds

Hair: Black

Eyes: Brown

Scars:
M.D., Rosebud Hospital, Rosebud, South Dakota, advised that his observation of the wound sustained by RUSSELL MEANS on the evening of July 28, 1975, appeared to have been caused by some type of sharp object. The wound was described as being approximately one and one half inches long, on the forehead and required three inner stitches and approximately eight outside stitches, to seal the wound. Advised that the cut was probably caused by a sharp object, but could have been caused by a blunt object. If wound acquired by blunt object, would appear less likely.

Stated that two persons accompanied RUSSELL MEANS to the emergency room, but did not recognize either of the two.
RICHARD GERALD COLHOFF, Agency Special Officer, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police Department, Rosebud Indian Reservation, Rosebud, South Dakota, was interviewed and provided the following information:

He advised that at approximately 11:00 PM, July 28, 1975, he, along with [redacted] and [redacted] were proceeding in their vehicle to Mission, South Dakota, after receiving a report that RUSSELL MEANS was assaulted, through the use of a deadly weapon, while he was driving on the road to Rosebud. He stated that allegedly one of his Police Officers, [redacted], was present, and involved in this assault.

COLHOFF stated that on his way to Mission, he passed by the Rosebud Ambulance Service and there he saw the vehicle which allegedly was involved in this assault. He advised that when he walked over to this vehicle, which belongs to [redacted], he noticed [redacted] asleep in the front seat of the vehicle on the passenger side. He stated that also present at this time was [redacted] and [redacted]. He advised both of these individuals were brought back to the BIA Headquarters where they were interviewed and made statements. He advised that [redacted] at this time was still in the car at the Ambulance Service and was not interviewed due to his intoxicated condition.

COLHOFF advised that later on that evening, when he saw RUSSELL MEANS at the Rosebud Hospital, he observed the top half of a Coke bottle with the cap still on it in the front seat of the MEANS vehicle. He stated that he asked [redacted] and [redacted] if the Coke bottle could have been the weapon which wounded MEANS. He advised that both replied no and stated they were sure they were shot at. COLHOFF related that in view of this, he did not seize the Coke bottle as evidence.

COLHOFF advised that on the morning of July 29, 1975, at approximately 8:00 AM, he personally gave [redacted] a suspension letter suspending him for a period
not to exceed five days, commencing 3:00 AM, July 29, 1975, through 8:00 AM, August 3, 1975. He advised the reason for suspension were the allegations made by RUSSELL MEANS that was involved in the assault on MEANS. COLHOF advised that unless further evidence is obtained to implicate his Officer, he will return to work status on the morning of August 3, 1975.
Street,
Bismarck, North Dakota, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview.

July 28, 1975, he, along with RUSSELL MEANS and Pontiac, to Rosebud, South Dakota, stated that when leaving Mission, South Dakota, car was followed and passed by an automobile driven by advised that automobile was a old black over blue Mercury and that two or three other individuals were in the car, whom he could not recognize. stated that the car pulled off the road at the White River cut off and then proceeded to follow car toward Rosebud, South Dakota. advised that during trip to Rosebud, was driving and that RUSSELL MEANS was sitting in the right front seat. advised that he was sitting in the left rear seat and was sitting in the right rear seat.

advised that while approaching Rosebud, South Dakota, near the Myers trailer court, something hit the left rear window of automobile, throwing glass all over the interior of the car. stated that the explosion of the window occurred when he observed in his automobile, passing the automobile, to left. stated that the only occupant of the automobile, that he could recognize, was the driver, stated that he did not observe any gun nor any type of object that could have caused the window to break, but as a result of the window breaking, thereafter, a cut was observed on RUSSELL MEANS' forehead. advised that window glass fell all over him and shortly after that, pulled off the road and turned off the automobile lights until automobile was out of sight.

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advised that shortly thereafter, drove his automobile to the hospital and RUSSELL MEANS' wound was given medical attention.

was questioned regarding a possible shooting at the residence, later the same night and advised that he was asleep between the hours of 3:00 and 4:00 a.m. in the morning and heard no shots or automobiles passing the residence at that time.
General Delivery, Rosebud, South Dakota, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview.

advised that at approximately 9:00 PM on July 28, 1975, he drove into Mission, South Dakota, and accompanying him in his automobile were RUSSELL MEANS, and stated that the group rode around Mission for about an hour and while downtown observed and all intoxicated in black-over-blue Mercury. stated that while near the ABOUREZCK's store, he observed walking around on Main Street making gestures toward the car that was in. advised that was drunk and trying to pick a fight.

stated that shortly after 10:00 PM he along with RUSSELL MEANS, and left Mission, South Dakota, enroute to Rosebud, South Dakota, for the purpose of attending a meeting. advised that he was driving and that RUSSELL MEANS was sitting to his right. added that was sitting in the back seat on the left side and that was sitting in the back seat on the right side.

stated that approximately two miles from Mission, South Dakota the automobile was passed on the left by automobile. stated that the automobile almost hit his vehicle and thereafter almost collided with the vehicle traveling in front of automobile. stated that he remained behind the vehicle, continuing west on Route 18. stated that upon arriving at the White River Junction, the vehicle pulled off to the right and continued on toward Rosebud.

stated that shortly after making the turn to Rosebud, South Dakota, he again observed the vehicle in his rear view mirror and the vehicle began to tailgate the car. stated that
when approaching the area near the residence, the vehicle again attempted to pass on the left. 
Dr. stated that between the residence and Dr. residence, he heard an explosion that came from the back of his automobile. 

stated that shortly thereafter, he observed blood coming from the forehead of RUSSELL MEANS. 

stated that he did not see what caused the cut on RUSSELL MEANS's head, inasmuch as was attempting to control his automobile during the incident.

advised that he drove his automobile on to the Rosebud Hospital where RUSSELL MEANS was given first aid attention, and the incident was reported to RICHARD COLHOPF of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). 

stated that at the time he heard the explosion in the rear of his automobile, the only individual that he could positively identify in the vehicle that was passing was stated that there were two other individuals in the car, but he could not recognize them. 

described car as a black-over dark blue 1963 to 1969 Mercury two-door hardtop with loud mufflers.

advised that later that night, approximately 3:00 to 4:00 AM in the morning, he observed a dark colored automobile that looked like the car, drive past the residence in Mission, South Dakota. 

stated that the vehicle came from the east heading west, passing in front of the residence and at that point stated he heard what appeared to be four shots, all of similar sound. 

stated that the shots sounded to him as having come from a .38 caliber pistol. 

stated that after this incident, RUSSELL MEANS again attempted to report the incident to RICHARD COLHOPF, but instead talked to the BIA dispatcher about the matter.

added that the residence is residence and throughout the were harassed by unknown persons blowing a trumpet from the house attempting to start an argument with the persons at the residence. 

stated that he could not identify anyone that was in the dark colored car that passed in front of the residence other than the fact that it had similar taillights and sounded like the same automobile that was involved with his automobile in an incident earlier in the evening.
stated that on July 28, 1975, at approximately 5:00 p.m., she was riding in a car in Mission, South Dakota, with friends named [redacted] and [redacted], both from Mission. [redacted] stated that at this time, they were driving by the Texaco Service Station in Mission and as they drove by, she observed an individual that she knows as [redacted] who is also from Mission, get out of a blue, older car, which car drives and hit an individual she knows as [redacted] (last name unknown), whom she knows as an acquaintance of her [redacted]. [redacted] stated that before [redacted] hit [redacted] she observed no gestures nor did she hear any verbal communications between [redacted] and [redacted].

[redacted] stated that after the above incident happened [redacted] began walking to her residence in Mission. They stopped and gave [redacted] a ride to her house. At this time, she observed that [redacted] was spitting blood, but did not smell any liquor on [redacted] breath. [redacted] stated that [redacted] made no comments concerning the above-mentioned incident involving [redacted] and [redacted].
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription: August 7, 1975

Post Office Mission, South Dakota, furnished the following information:

advised on the night of July 28, 1975, her RUSSELL MEANS, her and two acquaintances of RUSSELL MEANS named (Last Name Unknown) traveled in her car from Mission, South Dakota, to Rosebud, South Dakota, for a meeting. stated a short time later after they had left they returned and upon their return, learned that her RUSSELL MEANS had been injured but does not know the details and would not like to speculate and desired that the story of the incident involving her RUSSELL MEANS comes from RUSSELL MEANS himself.

further stated that the abovementioned individual named (Last Name Unknown) on the same night had been assaulted in Mission, South Dakota allegedly by an individual from Mission named stated the assault took place before dark down near the TEXACO service station in Mission, South Dakota stated when the above alleged assault happened, was hitchhiking to St. Francis, South Dakota stated that had lost a couple teeth and was beat up in the alleged assault but to her knowledge, did not get any medical help after the assault.

stated that she was not a personal witness to the assault but did see shortly after the assault as had returned to her residence and related that he had been assaulted by further stated that the following individuals were potential witnesses to the alleged assault on by as they stated they were driving by and saw the assault on by

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by SA Date dictated 8/1/75

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from Mission, South Dakota; both from Mission, South Dakota.

advised that works at the Abourezk Store and works at the Maverick Motel in Mission, South Dakota, works for the Youth Corps and currently she does not know where she is working but resides at her residence and may be contacted at her residence.
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-10336)  
FROM: SA BRENT H. FROST  
DATE: 9/23/75

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS - VICTIM  
CIR - ADW

Re memo of SA dated 7/30/75.  
Attached are FD-302's of interviews of and concerning the alleged assault  
on the evening of 7/28/75.

2-Minneapolis  
BHF:kh  
(2)
September 16, 1975

Contacted and interviewed concerning her knowledge of an individual who was advised as to the identities of Special Agents (SA) BRENT H. FROST and _______ and for the purpose of the interview, furnished the following information after advising SAs FROST and __________ that she did not wish to make the information in the form of a signed statement:

During the latter part of ___________ (witness was unable to determine if this is a correct name), __________ (Last Name Unknown), and __________ RUSSELL MEANS.

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MINNEAPOLIS

Interviewed on September 9, 1975 South Dakota File # 70-10336

by SA BRENT H. FROST/BHF-kh Date dictated September 10, 1975

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RUSSELL MEANS

and

and (Last Name Unknown)

permanent address is
was contacted and interviewed at her residence. She was advised as to the identities of Special Agents (SA) BRENT H. FROST and _____________. She was further advised that the purpose for the interview was concerning
stated that she was willing to cooperate and explain the details of the incident; however, she indicated that she did not wish to make the information available in the form of a signed statement. The following details were voluntarily provided by

During the

and _____________. (Witness was unable to say if _____________ is a true name.)

RUSSELL MEANS

MEANS

and

MEANS

MEANS

______________________________

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and

RUSSSELL MEANS

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stated that has
Russell Charles Means - Victim

Character of Case
CIR - ADW

Reference:
Minneapolis teletype to the Bureau dated July 30, 1975.

Leads
Minneapolis Division
At Yankton, South Dakota

Will attempt to locate and interview [redacted] and concerning knowledge of incident which occurred on the night of July 28, 1975, or early morning hours of July 29, 1975.

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Case Has Been:
Pending over one year [X] Yes [ ] No
Pending prosecution over six months [ ] Yes [X] No

Approved

Special Agent In Charge

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Dissemination Record of Attached Report
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Cover Page
On the night of 7/28/75 and early morning hours of 7/29/75, victim was riding in a vehicle accompanied by [name redacted] and [name redacted] at approximately six miles from the town of Rosebud on the Rosebud Indian Reservation, a vehicle in which subjects were driving earlier pulled up alongside the MEANS' vehicle and an explosion occurred in the MEANS' vehicle. Neither RUSSELL MEANS nor individuals riding with MEANS heard any shots nor did they see any weapons from the other vehicle. Earlier [name redacted] was assaulted by [name redacted] who punched him in the mouth with his fist. Mission Police Officer [name redacted]'s statement indicates he talked with RUSSELL MEANS during the morning of 7/29/75 where MEANS complained of shots being fired at the [name redacted] house in Mission, South Dakota. Police were unable to find any evidence of the house obtaining shots from bullets. Subject [name redacted] advised subject [name redacted] cut his hand on a window in Mission, South Dakota, on the morning of 7/29/75. This information is corroborated through information obtained by witness [name redacted]. Subjects deny involvement in incident with MEANS and witnesses' statements to above incidents set forth. Medical statement regarding MEANS' injuries indicate injuries sustained by MEANS was probably caused by a sharp object. Interview with Agency Special Officer RICHARD COLHOFF indicates COLHOFF observed a top half of a coke bottle with the cap still on it in the front seat of the MEANS' vehicle after above incident. AUSA advised a report should be submitted before he will render a prosecutive opinion.
This investigation is predicated upon information received from RICHARD COLHOFF, Agency Special Officer, Rosebud, South Dakota, on July 29, 1975. At that time COLHOFF advised that RUSSELL MEANS was involved in an incident with [redacted] and [redacted].

On September 17, 1975, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] advised he will render a prosecutive opinion upon submission of a report.
St. Francis, South Dakota, was interviewed at the residence of Mission, South Dakota, and he was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, and of the purpose of the interview:

stated that he has just been traveling through the Rosebud Indian Reservation area for the last little while and that on July 23, 1975, he was staying at the home of in Mission, South Dakota. At approximately 8:30 PM left the residence on foot and began walking toward his home in St. Francis. Proceeding along the main street of Mission, he noticed a black over blue Mercury proceeding in the same direction which he was traveling. As this vehicle passed by he heard someone shout, "Get out of the road". After traveling a short distance further up the road, this Mercury turned around and came back toward standing on the side of the street. At this point observed that was driving this vehicle and that a Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police Officer, known to him as was sitting in the right front passenger seat of the car. Further advised that exited his vehicle and mumbled something which could not understand. Then struck him in the mouth with his fist, knocking out one of his front teeth and causing the rest of his teeth to become loose. then got back into his vehicle and continued to go down the road. got up and began walking back toward the residence. Before could reach the residence he was picked up by a female Indian by the name of in her vehicle and she drove him the rest of the way to the residence.

A short time thereafter was joined by RUSSELL MEANS and . They proceeded in a late model green Pontiac toward Rosebud, South Dakota, and after traveling a short distance they noticed the same black over blue Pontiac following them which had stopped and assaulted earlier in the evening.
The blue Mercury stopped just past the intersection of State Road 83 and Road 18, allowing the MEANS vehicle to pass it. A short time after taking the Rosebud turn-off in the vicinity of the house, they observed this same vehicle attempting to pass them again. They stated that it was dark and he was unable to identify any of the individuals in the vehicle.

As the vehicle passed them there seemed to be an explosion and the back driver's side window of their vehicle broke with glass flying into the car. The MEANS vehicle followed the Mercury for some distance observing it pull off the road near the ambulance service center at the same time turning off its lights. The MEANS vehicle driven by continued on to the Rosebud Hospital, Emergency Room, where Russell Means was treated for lacerations on his head. After his release from the Emergency Room all four individuals returned in the MEANS vehicle to residence in Mission.

advised that he recalled it to be about 11:00 PM when he went to bed. He heard nothing throughout the remainder of the night.
Mr. William A. Meincke  
Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
392 Federal Building  
110 South Fourth Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  55401

Re: United States v.  
Field Office File #70-10336

Dear Mr. Meincke:

This is to advise that the above case was presented to the Grand Jury which was recently held in Sioux Falls. On October 30, 1975 a No Bill was returned, and we have closed our file.

Yours very truly,

William F. Clayton  
United States Attorney
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE: Minneapolis  
OFFICE OF ORIGIN: Minneapolis  
DATE: 11/13/75  
INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD: 10/30/75 – 11/3/75

TITLE OF CASE:  

CHARACTER OF CASE: CIR - ADV

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS - VICTIM

REFERENCE:

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED:  
NONE

CASE HAS BEEN:  
PENDING OVER ONE YEAR  
YES  NO
PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS  
YES  NO

APPROVED: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Copy to: USA, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
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Office: Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Title: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS - VICTIM
Character: CRIME ON AN INDIAN RESERVATION - ASSAULT WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON

Synopsis: Federal Grand Jury returned a No Bill against subject, AUSA declined prosecution regarding the other subjects.

DETAILS:

By letter dated October 31, 1975, United States Attorney WILLIAM F. CLAYTON, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, advised that the case against [redacted] was presented to a Federal Grand Jury which convened in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on October 30, 1975. The Federal Grand Jury returned a No Bill regarding subject [redacted].

On November 3, 1975, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] advised that he is declining prosecution on subjects [redacted] and [redacted] since there is no evidence to support a Federal prosecution.

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Enclosed are 70-302 items. These items are forwarded to your office since:

☐ All logical investigation completed in this Division

☐ You were O0 at the time our case was RUC'd.

Enclosures are described as follows:

Enc. 1