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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (157-7831) RUC

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM-AIM
OO: MP

DATE: 12/28/73

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

The following names found in address telephone book of subject were given to the Baltimore Division for any necessary investigation:

[Redacted]
[Redacted] Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

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[Redacted] Drive
Silver Spring, Maryland
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[Redacted] is a well known columnist appearing in the Washington Post newspaper. [Redacted] has been known to be on [Redacted] staff.

As both [Redacted] and [Redacted] could well have been legitimate contacts of subject, Baltimore is conducting no further investigation at this time.

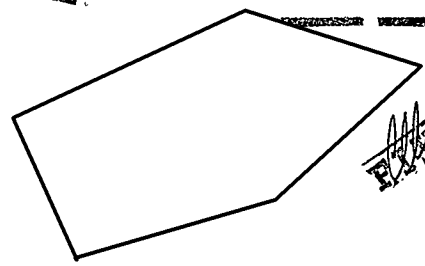
A third name furnished Baltimore, [Redacted] Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. is not identifiable in Baltimore indices.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
 - 2 - Minneapolis (RM)
 - 1 - Baltimore
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *[Handwritten Signature]* SAC, DETROIT (157-10378) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL C. MEANS
EM - AIM

DATE: 12/27/73

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. One copy of the LHM is being disseminated to Secret Service, Detroit, Michigan. Information copies are being sent to Denver and to Minneapolis, as they are office of origin for AIM and the subject, respectively. The Bureau is requested to furnish four copies to Legat, Ottawa.

Identity of sources used in the LHM are as follows:

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The FBI Agent referred to in LHM was SA who telephonically contacted using a suitable pretext.

advised on December 13, 1973, that tickets cost \$25.00 each for the banquet for singles, or \$40.00 per couple. The source estimated that something over \$8,625.00 was collected. The banquet consisted of buffalo meat which the source advised that the cook did not know how to prepare. He made swiss steak out of it.

MEANS told the attendees at the banquet that he has a residence near the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota and plans to run for president of the reservation. The source observed only one member of the Detroit chapter of AIM at the banquet.

- ② - Bureau (Enc. - 9) (RM)
- 1 - Denver (Enc. - 1) (Info.) (RM)
- 1 - Minneapolis (Enc. - 1) (Info.) (RM)
- 1 - Detroit *see Crim (603, 155)* (RM)

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

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Source advised that ticket sales were directed towards whites because Indians should not pay for their own programs.

In view of the fact that MEANS has left Detroit, and there are no further leads to be covered, this case is being considered RUC to Minneapolis.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

December 27, 1973

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

RE: Russell C. 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.

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

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

Enclosure(s) 2



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Detroit, Michigan
December 27, 1973

Re: Russell C. Means

All sources used herein have provided reliable information in the past.

"The Detroit Evening News", a Detroit, Michigan, newspaper of general circulation, carried an article on November 22, 1973, indicating that Russell Means has been invited to speak at a banquet at the Latin Quarter, Incorporated, 3067 East Grand Boulevard, Detroit, on December 6, 1973. The article further indicated that Means' appearance is an attempt to raise money for a Detroit organization which is the Indian equivalent of Alcoholics Anonymous. The organization needs money to purchase a mini bus and other equipment to aid destitute Indians with alcoholic and drug problems.

Russell Means is one of the leaders of the American Indian Movement (AIM) who has publically stated that he took part in the AIM sit-in at the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C. and led the occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during February, 1973.

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 through May, 1973.

On November 22, 1973, [redacted] a member of the sponsoring organization, and a member of Detroit Chapter, AIM, advised an Agent of the FBI that the banquet would begin at 8:00 pm on December 6, 1973, and tickets cost \$25.00 each.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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Re: Russell C Means

Prior to the banquet, Russell Means appeared on a radio talk show entitled "Viewpoint". The program is broadcast nightly over WXYZ radio station, Detroit. Their audience is general in nature. The following is a synopsis of pertinent statements made by Means:

NATURE AND OBJECTIVES OF AIM

AIM is first a spiritual group and secondly a political group whose objectives are to obtain reparations from the U. S. Government. The Government signed and broke 371 treaties which were made with various Indian tribes in the United States. AIM wants the treaties enforced but, above all, they want the white man removed from their lands. Means defined their lands to include the entire Sioux nations area. AIM was created to bring these grievances to both the public and political arenas. The public arena is the news media, and the political arena includes contact with foreign nations not economically dependent upon the United States.

STRUCTURE OF AIM

AIM was established in 1968, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, by Clyde Bellecourt and Dennis Banks, to express the grievances of the 750,000 native Americans in the United States and Canada. The organization does not speak for all these people.

AIM is a loose knit organization of 70 to 80 autonomous chapters in the United States and eight chapters in Canada. The national organization does not interfere in the activities of the local chapter but will aid the chapter if their dispute with local authorities cannot be resolved. If the national organization is called in by the local chapter, the actions taken by the national organization will be decisive.

AIM members do not carry identification cards. They are members because they are native Americans and hold the same beliefs which AIM holds. An Indian may be a member one day and not the next.

ACTIONS OF AIM

AIM took over the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C. and had other skirmishes with the U. S. Government. In January, 1973, AIM planned to take over the hamlet of Wounded Knee, South Dakota. They executed their plan during February,

Re: Russell C. Means

1973, using 73 vehicles driven by members of their organization. They established a three to four square mile area at Wounded Knee and used force to defend the area against U. S. Marshals, FBI Agents, Border Patrol Officers with attack dogs, and the U. S. Army, who used F-4 phantom jets, 30, 50 caliber automatic weapons, and M-16 rifles. The Army also had armored personnel carriers and manned five road blocks on the roads around Wounded Knee. AIM occupied the town for 71 days until an agreement with the U. S. Government was reached.

REASONS FOR THE OCCUPATION OF WOUNDED KNEE

After the AIM occupation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C., a state of paranoia existed within the U. S. Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Security was increased at all Indian reservation Bureau of Indian Affairs headquarters. The Bureau of Indian Affairs headquarters at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, was sand-bagged and guarded by 80 U. S. Marshals. AIM was thus forced to take over property other than the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Pine Ridge to express and make public their treaty grievances.

AIM wanted to drive the white trespassers from their lands. Means stated that he knew before taking over Wounded Knee what the United States laws stated regarding the actions he was about to take. He also knew what the U. S. Constitution said and what treaty agreements had been made with the Government. AIM leaders agreed that they probably would not survive the insurrection at Wounded Knee, but, according to Carter Camp, an AIM national leader, "Our people are more important than jail". Means stated that treaties made by the U. S. Government with Indians are law and are on par with the U. S. Constitution. Therefore, when a treaty is broken, the Indian people lose rights guaranteed by the Constitution. Non-Indians have no rights under the Constitution because constitutional rights can be broken by the Government at will.

AIM chose Wounded Knee to occupy because the Department of the Interior funded a 45 man "goon squad" of Oglala Sioux Indians to police the reservation. They were armed with guns, clubs, mace, and helmets, and were not police trained. The squad ran rampant around the Pine Ridge reservation, violating the civil rights of the reservation Indians. These men were the law of the reservation.

Re: Russell C Means

RESULTS OF WOUNDED KNEE

Means stated that he and Dennis Banks will begin their trials on February 8, 1974, at St. Paul, Minnesota, for their actions at Wounded Knee. Means' attorneys, William Kuntsler, Mark Lane, and [redacted] have advised him that he faces 180 years in jail if found guilty. The reason he hired these particular men is because they are experienced in making a public show of trials. He will subpoena "Erichman, [redacted] [redacted] L. Patrick Gray, Rogers C. B. Morton, people in the Defense Department ... [redacted] [redacted] Richard M. Nixon, and some of his tapes ... John Dean III, and [redacted]". The trial will be lengthy and involved. Dennis Banks will be represented by Douglas Hall, [redacted] and Ramon Robideaux, for the same public show.

PLANS OF AIM

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Means does not expect to win in the courts. He does expect to bring pressure upon the Government to force Congress to recognize previous treaties made with the Indians. He stated that if the publicity efforts fail, then AIM has set 1976 as a target date for the end of peaceful negotiations with the Government. He said that AIM members would rather "die fighting than live under the tyranny of the United States of America." He declined to project violence if AIM demands are not met, but "leaves it to the violence prone attitudes of this country".

DE T-1 advised on December 13, 1973, that approximately 225 individuals attended the banquet at which means spoke on December 6, 1973. Half of the individuals were white, and all but 10 of the rest were Indian. Ten were black.

means spoke at length about his experiences at Wounded Knee, during the occupation of that hamlet. He also mentioned that AIM will contact foreign countries at the United Nations in New York for financial aid for their cause. He also made a plea for money to help in the defense of the AIM leaders who will be tried for their "crimes" at Wounded Knee.

Means was interviewed by Louise Leismer, a reporter for "The Detroit Evening News", and her interview was published on December 2, 1973. Means made the following comments during the interview, which are summarized and quoted as follows:

Re: Russell C. Means

"Members of his militant American Indian Movement (AIM) 'will not wait any longer than 1976 for justice that is long overdue'. "As ridiculous as it may sound, we still have faith that the American Government will acknowledge us as sovereign people with treaty rights that must be kept, as are pacts with other countries." "Bond for the defendants, about \$5,000,000, was met by contributions from the National Council of Churches, the Council of Episcopal Bishops, and three Lutheran Synods..." Means is attempting to raise \$1.2 million to pay legal fees for nearly 300 defendants who participated with him in the occupation at Wounded Knee. "AIM learned many lessons from the occupation and would not repeat 'mistakes' made during the siege." Means also told Leisner that "We don't want to take up arms again, but it will happen if the U. S. (Government) continues to ignore its obligation to uphold the treaties it made with Indian nations. By the same token, we don't enjoy threatening to spoil the United States' 200th anniversary celebration (in 1976)." Means does not speak for those "who have been brainwashed by the dominant society."

DE T-2 advised on December 7, 1973, that he observed Means departing Detroit by air. Means flew back to Minneapolis, Minnesota.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)

FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, ALEXANDRIA (157-856)(RUC)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
(OO: MINNEAPOLIS)

DATE: 12/28/73

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Investigation at Alexandria, Virginia, conducted by SA

On 11/21/73, advised the following:

Street, Alexandria, Virginia, telephone has subscribed to this number since 1964, and no employment listed for him.

Telephone subscribed to by , Dayton, Virginia. has subscribed to this number since October, 1972, and no employment is listed for him.

On 11/23/73, SC caused a search to be made of the files of the Arlington County, Virginia, Police Department and was advised that no record was located concerning

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- ②-Bureau (Enc. 2)
- 1-Los Angeles (157-8701)(Info)
- 2-Minneapolis
- 2-Richmond
- 2-WFO
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On 11/23/73, SC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Alexandria, Virginia, Police Department and was advised of the following concerning [redacted]

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Possible:

Name: [redacted]
Race: White
Sex: Male
Born: [redacted] AAA
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 190 lbs.
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Brown
Permit: [redacted]
Address: [redacted] Drive, Alexandria, Virginia
Employment: Lawyer
Charges: [redacted]

On 11/26/73, an inquiry of the Department of Motor Vehicles records through Virginia Crime Information Network (VCIN) reflects [redacted] Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22301, as a white male, DOB [redacted] blue eyes, brown hair, 6'2", 190 lbs. No Social Security Number was reflected in their communication.

The yellow pages of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company Directory for the Metropolitan Washington, D. C. area reflect a law firm of Sidley and Austin, 1156 15th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., and a law firm of Sidley, Austin, Burgess and Smith, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D.C.

Alexandria indices reflect no information identifiable with [redacted] or [redacted]

On 11/29/73, [redacted] advised the following:

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[redacted] telephone [redacted] subscriber is Mrs. [redacted] Street, Alexandria, Virginia.

Telephone 202-832-8665 subscribed to by Thrifty T.V. Company, 3625 12th Street, N. E., Washington, D. C. Bill is sent to [redacted]

[redacted] Washington AIM, Washington, D. C., telephone 703-548-2843; subscriber is Answering Alexandria, 206 North Washington Street, Alexandria, Virginia.

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On 12/18/73, [redacted] of Answering Alexandria advised that 703-548-2843 is not presently a working number and there is no way she can check for a past subscriber.

Telephone 202-223-0707 subscribed to by American Indian Movement, 1816 Jefferson Place, Room 301, N. W., Washington, D. C. This number was disconnected 11/24/72.

Alexandria indices contain no information identifiable with Thrifty T.V. Company, [redacted] or Answering Alexandria.

Alexandria file 100-1371, serial 56, reflects that the name [redacted] is used by [redacted] Street, Alexandria, Virginia. [redacted] has been interviewed by Bureau Agents and this interview is reflected in referenced communication dated 6/27/73.

[redacted] is a widely known figure in the American Indian Movement.

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RICHMOND

AT DAYTON, VIRGINIA. Will conduct investigation concerning [redacted] Dayton, Virginia, as requested in referenced airtel.

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C. 1. Will contact The Credit Bureau, Inc., Washington, D. C., and obtain background information concerning [REDACTED]

2. Will review indices and determine if [REDACTED] has been connected with AIM activities in the past.

3. Will conduct investigation concerning the Thrifty T. V. Company and [REDACTED] as requested in referenced airtel.

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AT ROBESON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Will conduct investigation re [redacted] to determine extent of involvement in extremist activities with the American Indian Movement.

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NON SYMBOL SOURCE

The well placed source in a position to know mentioned on page one of this communication is Mr. [redacted] [redacted] Southern Bell Telephone and telegraph Company, Raleigh, N. C., who provided the information on 12/28/73.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/8/74

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (157-4066) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
(OO:MINNEAPOLIS)

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies and for Minneapolis two copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination. Also enclosed for the Bureau are the original and two copies of the news article as described in attached LHM.

- 2-Bureau (Encls. 8) (RM)
- 2-Minneapolis (157-1460) (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 3-Boston
 - (1 - 157-4147) (AIM)
 - (1 - 100-44609) (Law Commune)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Boston, Massachusetts

January 8, 1974

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

"The Harvard Crimson," an undergraduate daily newspaper published at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, published an article in its December 3, 1973 issue entitled, "AIM Leader Says Further Takeovers are a Possibility." This article gave details of the December 2, 1973 speech given by American Indian Movement (AIM) leader Russell Means to a group of newsmen and supporters at the Cambridge Law Commune.

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.

The Law Commune, 698 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, is a collective of three separate law firms, two of which contain only male attorneys, and the third is an all-female group. The three firms furnish legal aid to indigent residents of the Boston-Cambridge, Massachusetts area and have, in the past, represented persons charged in the following two 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.

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RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

In his speech, Means stated that the United States can expect more disruptions similar to the February 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 January 2, 1974. 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.

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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

AIM Leader Says Further Takeovers Are a Possibility

By ROBERT T. GARRETT

American Indian Movement (AIM) leader Russell Means said yesterday that the United States can expect more disruptions like the February 27 seizure of Wounded Knee, S.D., if it fails to take a more aggressive policy towards solving Indian problems.

"By 1976, the U.S. had better deal with its treaty obligations, or that birthday party white America is planning will be an unhappy one," Means told a group of newsmen and supporters at the Cambridge Law Commune, local headquarters of the Wounded Knee Information and Defense Fund.

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

Means stopped in Boston as part of a two-month tour to raise funds, enlist legal volunteers, and attract media attention to

defendants in upcoming Wounded Knee trials. More than 300 people are indicted for offenses related to the 71-day siege of the Pine Ridge Reservation town, Means said.

AIM organizers Means and Dennis Banks face trial on January 8 in St. Paul, Minn., on multi-count charges of conspiracy in the Wounded Knee siege and of aiding and abetting assault, burglary and larceny.

Means will begin his candidacy for the presidency of the Pine Ridge tribal council in a primary January 2, he said. "If the Bureau of Indian Affairs allows me to run, I will vindicate myself against charges that Wounded Knee was not supported by all of the Oglala Sioux," Means said.

If elected, he will abolish his office and the tribal government system to remove the reservation's Indians from the ultimate authority of the federal government, Means said.

Means' fund drive has yielded less than \$150,000 so far, Lewis S. Gurwitz, a Cambridge attorney who spent six weeks last summer working on the bailing of Wounded Knee defendants, said yesterday.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

1 The Harvard Crimson

Date: 12-3-73
Edition:
Author:
Editor: Arthur Lubow
Title: Russell Means AIM

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Classification: 157-4066
Submitting Office: Boston

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)

DATE: 1/18/74

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (157-1476) (P)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS;
EM - AIM

Re Bureau airtel, dated 11/26/73 and Los Angeles airtel, dated 11/5/73. ⁻²³

The names set out in referenced Los Angeles LHM pertaining to the Omaha Division have been reviewed and searched through the Omaha indices. Omaha currently has in progress or has completed background investigations on the following:

[redacted] Sioux City, Iowa, telephone number [redacted] is identical to [redacted] Omaha file 157-1473, Bufile 157-30057.

[redacted] Alliance, Nebraska, telephone number [redacted] is identical to [redacted] Omaha file 157-1436, Bufile 157-28760.

Lincoln AIM, telephone number 402-434-4131, is identical to the Lincoln, Nebraska, Chapter of the American Indian Movement, Omaha file 100-8746H.

[redacted] Sioux City, Iowa, again is identical to [redacted] Omaha file 157-1473, Bufile 157-30057.

[redacted] Des Moines, Iowa, telephone number [redacted] or [redacted] is identical to [redacted] Omaha file 176-89, Bufile 176-2311. It is to be noted that [redacted] is now residing in the Minneapolis Division and the Bureau has been advised by a separate communication.

② - Bureau (RM)

- 9 - Omaha
- (2 - 157-1476)
- (1 - 157-1518)
- (1 - 157-1497)
- (1 - 157-1473)
- (1 - 157-1436)
- (1 - 176-89)
- (1 - 100-8746H)
- (1 - 157-NEW)

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[redacted] Cedar Rapids, Iowa, telephone number [redacted] is identical to [redacted] Omaha file 157-1497.

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N.Y. [redacted] telephone number [redacted] is also known as [redacted] Omaha file 157-1518.

[redacted] telephone number [redacted] is identical to [redacted] Omaha file [redacted] Bufile [redacted]

With reference to the remaining names in the Omaha Division appearing in captioned subject's address book as provided by the Los Angeles Division, no investigation is being initiated on the following:

[redacted] Apartment [redacted] Fremont, Nebraska. Mulland College, telephone number [redacted] or [redacted] It is to be noted that subject's mother resided in that area at one time and this appears to be an old address. Omaha indices are negative regarding MOM MEANS.

The AIC - Omaha, telephone number 402-342-5955, is the American Indian Center at Omaha and it is a legitimate organization with some funding from the Office of Economic Opportunity and Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Omaha indices are negative regarding the American Indian Center and no investigation is being initiated regarding this center.

[redacted] Gramm Hall, Central College, telephone [redacted] which is located at Pella, Iowa. No investigation is being initiated on this individual inasmuch as it appears that this individual is a student at Central College and may have arranged for subject to speak at Central College when he spoke at that institution in October, 1973.

Omaha indices are negative regarding [redacted] Scottsbluff, Nebraska, telephone number [redacted] and [redacted] STAN HEROLD, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, telephone number 308-632-6116, Extention 124. No investigation is being initiated on these individuals inasmuch as the Omaha indices are negative and they appear to be legitimate contacts of MEANS.

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[redacted] Alliance, Nebraska, telephone number [redacted] with the notation (Lawyer), appears to be a legitimate contact of subject inasmuch as the Omaha indices are negative. In view of this, no investigation is being initiated.

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[redacted] Scottsbluff, Nebraska, telephone number [redacted] is negative in the Omaha indices, however, a limited investigation is being initiated to determine her association with the subject.

The above action is being taken regarding those individuals appearing in the address book of MEANS as furnished by the Los Angeles Division in their airtel and LHM, dated 11/5/73, UACB.

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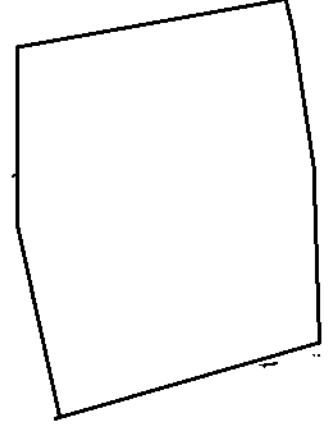
Sioux Vote s Won By Militant

By William Claiborne
Washington Post Staff Writer

American Indian Movement
David Brewer, a tribal elec-
tion board official at Pine
Ridge, said in a telephone in-
terview yesterday that final
official returns gave Means
a 511 to 311 edge over Wilson.
Gerald One Feather, a former
Oglala president who was
deposed two years ago by Wil-
son, ran third with 370 votes.
Surprisingly, there was a
light voter turnout in the res-
ervation headquarters village
of Pine Ridge. The densely
populated village is home to
many of Wilson's strongest
backers, most of whom hold
paragonage jobs with the tribal
government or with the Bu-
reau of Indian Affairs.
According to the tribal elec-
tion board, Wilson drew 204
votes in the village, and
Means drew 143.
Wilson, a plumber turned
tribal administrator, said the
results "show that AIM is
stronger on the reservation
than I thought."

In the turbulent tribal poli-
tics of the 1,000-member Pine
Ridge Reservation, no Oglala
president has ever succeeded
himself in office. Nearly every
tribal leader in recent years
has been the object of im-
peachment proceedings.
Means led an armed con-
tingent of 40 militant Indi-
ans into Wounded Knee last
Feb. 27 to dramatize what he
termed the corruption of Wil-
son's tribal regime.
Wilson himself branded the
Wounded Knee invaders as
"lawbreaker and renegades"
and repeatedly vowed to take
a band of his followers into
the historic hamlet to drive
the insurgents out.
Hundreds of heavily armed
law enforcement officers who
surrounded Wounded Knee re-
strained Wilson and his fol-
lowers from attempting to re-
occupy the hamlet. Two mili-
tant Indians were killed and a
U.S. marshal was critically
wounded during a series of
fierce battles at the height
of the siege.
At one point in the confron-
tation, Wilson and other AIM
opponents set up an armed
roadblock across Big Foot
Trail, the main access road to
Wounded Knee, and refused
to allow AIM sympathizers
into the hamlet.
Means' storm yesterday
was interpreted by AIM offi-
cials in South Dakota and in
the St. Paul, Minn., legal of-
fices of Means and his code-
fendant, Dennis J. Banks, as a
vindication of the Wounded
Knee takeover.
Means, in a telephone inter-
view from St. Paul, said, "This
is a vindication not only of
Wounded Knee 1973, but of
AIM by the people of Pine
Ridge. A lot of people have
spoken and it is time for the
government to listen."
The unofficial results
Means confided show that
nearly 80 percent of the vot-
ers "rejected Dick Wilson" by
casting ballots for the 11 other
candidates in the primary
race.

A majority of votes, Means
asserted, went to four candi-
dates who were either inside
Wounded Knee at one time or
another during the occupation,
or otherwise supported the in-
surrection.
He was referring to himself,
One Feather, Enos, Poorbear
and Virgil Kills Straights.
Other candidates who ran far
behind the three leaders were
Johnson Holy Rock, a John
Birch Society member who
previously served two noncon-
secutive terms on the council,
and Mario Gonzalez, whose fa-
ther was a Mexican and
mother an Oglala.
Means, 34, said the federal
court jury in Minnesota "will
have to conclude from these
election results that we were
welcome in Wounded Knee
and that the Pine Ridge Ogl-
las supported what we were
doing."
The prosecution, however,
has confined its case against
Means and Banks to relatively
common crimes, such as bur-
glary, larceny, auto theft,
assaulting federal officers and
illegal possession of firearms.



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Inder leader Russell Means, on trial in St. Paul, each election returns

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: *[Handwritten initials]* DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)

FROM: SAC, OMAHA (157-1476) (P)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS;
EM - AIM

DATE: 1/25/74

Re Omaha letter to Bureau dated 1/18/74. ⁻⁴⁷

Detective Sergeant [redacted] Scottsbluff Police Department, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, advised on 12/3/73 that as a result of his investigation of AIM activities during and after the demonstration in Scottsbluff in January, 1973, much information was developed concerning many persons. He described [redacted] Alliance, Nebraska, as a reported AIM supporter. He stated [redacted] is definitely not an attorney.

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The referenced Omaha letter stated no investigation would be conducted concerning [redacted] however, in view of above information, a preliminary investigation will be opened to determine [redacted] sympathies.

[redacted] identified [redacted] as a reporter for the "Scottsbluff Star-Herald." In January, 1973, [redacted] wrote several news stories pertaining to AIM and its leaders including RUSSELL MEANS. [redacted] advised that [redacted] is now residing at Peru, Nebraska.

[redacted] identified [redacted] (not [redacted]) as the former Scotts Bluff County Public Defender who represented various AIM leaders including MEANS in early court actions involving them. [redacted] has returned to private law practice in Scottsbluff.

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[redacted] Scotts Bluff County Attorney, Gering, Nebraska, advised on 1/14/74 that it is still his intention to continue the prosecution of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS on the felony charges previously filed against him in Scotts Bluff County. [redacted] advised no further prosecutive action will take place until the completion of the federal trial of MEANS in St. Paul, Minnesota; and if MEANS should receive a substantial sentence in federal court he might find it necessary to dismiss his charges if faced with the problem of removing MEANS to Scotts Bluff County.

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Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 1/28/74

Attached sets forth views of police official, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation (PRIR), South Dakota, relative to recent PRIR primary election for position of tribal chairman. Primary won by Russell Means, American Indian Movement leader now on trial at St. Paul, Minnesota. Richard Wilson, present tribal chairman, was runner-up. Above official indicates strong feeling on PRIR is Wilson will win runoff election on 2/7/74. Means quoted in University of Toledo, Ohio, newspaper as stating Indians do not want to overthrow United States, they want their own "independent country." A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised Means, on 1/24/74, stated if he wins election he will "have immunity and will walk out of that courtroom," and "we will run all Catholic people off the Pine Ridge Reservation and take their land back for the Indians."

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

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TO DIRECTOR (157-28313)

ATTENTION: INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-1460) (P) 6P

J. E. M.

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

ON 1/25/74, AGENCY SPECIAL OFFICER, PINE RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT, PINE RIDGE OGLALA SIOUX RESERVATION, SOUTH DAKOTA, ADVISED THAT THE FINAL TRIBAL PRESIDENT ELECTION RESULTS WENT TO THE TRIBAL BOARD OF ELECTION FOR APPROVAL ON 1/24/74. THE UNOFFICIAL COUNT INDICATED THAT FOR THE OFFICE OF TRIBAL PRESIDENT, RUSSELL C. MEANS RECEIVED 667 VOTES AND CURRENT TRIBAL PRESIDENT RICHARD WILSON, RECEIVED 511 VOTES. THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS WILL ENGAGE IN A RUN OFF FOR TRIBAL PRESIDENT 2/7/74.

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IN THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL RACE, DAVID LONG RECEIVED 581 VOTES AND JOE AMERICAN HORSE RECEIVED 522 VOTES. THESE TWO WILL BE CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT ON 2/7/74. JAN 30 1974

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[] STATED THAT THERE IS STRONG FEELING IN TRIBAL CIRCLES THAT RICHARD WILSON HAS AN EXCELLENT CHANCE OF WINNING IN THE GENERAL ELECTION. IT IS POINTED OUT THAT WILSON RECEIVED MORE VOTES FROM THE OUT-LYING DISTRICTS AND IN THE CITY OF PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA, WHEN COMPARED TO RESULTS OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION HE PARTICIPATED IN TWO YEARS AGO.

ANOTHER FACTOR RELATED TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT WILSON MAY WIN THE ELECTION IS THAT FOR THE PRIMARY MOST OF THE VOTERS WERE IN THE 21-30 YEAR AGE GROUP AND THE OLDER VOTERS, AS THEY HAVE DONE IN PREVIOUS PRIMARIES, IGNORED THE PRIMARY BUT HISTORICALLY HAVE VOTED IN THE GENERAL ELECTION. IT IS FELT BY [] THAT THE OLDER VOTERS ARE MORE CONSERVATIVE AND WILL TEND TO SUPPORT WILSON.

OTHER VOTES THAT PROBABLY WILL BE CAST FOR WILSON IN THE GENERAL ELECTION ARE THE PRIMARY VOTES WHICH WENT TO JOHNSON HOLY ROCK (258 VOTES) AND ENOS POORBEAR (244 VOTES). HOWEVER, [] POINTED OUT THAT THE PRO-MEANS ELEMENTS ON THE RESERVATION PREDICT THAT EVERYONE WHO WANTED WILSON AS TRIBAL PRESIDENT VOTED FOR HIM DURING THE PRIMARY AND ALL OTHER VOTES

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FOR CANDIDATES OTHER THAN WILSON OR MEANS WILL BE CAST FOR MEANS IN THE ACTUAL ELECTION.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT IN THE EVENT MEANS WAS ELECTED TRIBAL PRESIDENT ON 2/7/74, HE IS SURE THAT MEANS WILL DISBAND THE PRESENT LAW AND ORDER BRANCH OF THE PINE RIDGE RESERVATION AND ESTABLISH A NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT UNDER CONTROL OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL. [REDACTED] IS CERTAIN THAT THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA), DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, WASHINGTON, D. C., WOULD NOT AGREE TO SUCH A TRANSFER OF POLICE POWER, BUT THAT MEANS WOULD DO IT ANYHOW DESPITE BIA OBJECTIONS.

ANOTHER ACTION THAT PROBABLY WOULD BE TAKEN BY MEANS COULD BE TO ESTABLISH CHECKPOINTS ON THE HIGHWAYS LEADING INTO THE RESERVATION. THERE IS A STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT IN A BROCHURE DISTRIBUTED BY MEANS'S SUPPORTERS PRIOR TO THE PRIMARY. ALLEDGEDLY THE ^{UP}POSE FOR THIS TYPE OF CHECKPOINT WOULD BE TO CHECK CARS FOR ALCOHOL AND NARCOTICS. HOWEVER, [REDACTED] FELT THAT ONCE THESE CHECKPOINTS WERE ESTABLISHED, THEY ACTUALLY WOULD CONTROL WHO ENTERED AND LEFT THE RESERVATION.

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IN THE MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE, A DAILY NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION PUBLISHED IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, ON 1/23/74, THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT APPEARS IN AN ARTICLE BY STAFF WRITER DENNIS CASSANO:

"IF HE IS ELECTED, MEANS SAID, HE WILL TRY TO HAVE CHECKPOINTS ESTABLISHED AT EVERY ENTRANCE TO THE RESERVATION SO CARS CAN BE SEARCHED FOR DRUGS AND ALCOHOL. ALCOHOL HE SAID, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MOST CRIMES COMMITTED ON THE RESERVATION. HE WANTS TO BAR ALCOHOL FROM THE RESERVATION."

IN AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN "THE COLLEGIN", A STUDENT NEWSPAPER, UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO, TOLEDO, OHIO, ON 11/19/73, MEANS IS QUOTED AS STATING, "THE INDIAN IN THE UNITED STATES HAS THREE ENEMIES: THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CHRISTIANITY, AND EDUCATION." HE FURTHER WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, "WE DON'T WANT TO OVERTHROW THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. WE DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT. WE WANT OUR OWN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY."

MP T-1, A SOURCE WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ON 10/30/73 REPORTED THAT DURING AN INTERVIEW RUSSELL MEANS STATED THAT IN REGARD TO HIS PLATFORM IN CONNECTION
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WITH REFORMS ON THE PINE RIDGE RESERVATION THE FOLLOWING STEPS
WOULD BE TAKEN:

1. REMOVING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) FROM
THE RESERVATION.
2. DISMANTLING THE INDIAN REORGANIZATION ACT
3. REVOKING LEASES HELD BY WHITE MEN
4. CLAIMING A SOVEREIGN NATION INDEPENDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES.

WHEN ASKED FOR A REACTION TO MEANS'S ABOVE COMMENTS, OGLALA
SIOUX TRIBAL PRESIDENT RICHARD WILSON STATED THAT THIS IS THE
TYPE OF IRRESPONSIBLE STATEMENT THAT MEANS IS NOTED FOR MAKING.

" IF THR TRIBAL GOVERNMENT-INDIAN REORGANIZATION ACT IS
ABOLISHED , THERE IS ONLY ONE OTHER FORM OF GOVERNMENT THAT WE
CAN GO UNDER AND THAT IS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT." WILSON
CONTINUED STATING THAT,"WE ENJOY ONE OF THE UNIQUE POSITIONS
IN THE UNITED STATES, BEING ABLE TO GOVERN OURSELVES. NOW
MEANS HAS ADVOCATED DOING AWAY WITH TRIBAL GOVERNMENT AND THE
BIA AND THE WHITE PEOPLE, AND WHAT NOT....."

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MP T-1 FURTHER ADVISED ON 1/24/74 THAT RUSSELL MEANS STATED IF HE WINS THE ELECTION, "I WILL BE A HEAD OF STATE, WILL HAVE IMMUNITY AND WILL WALK OUT OF THAT COURT ROOM." "THE FEDERAL PEOPLE WILL HAVE TO FACE 12,000 PEOPLE TO GET ME." MEANS WENT ON TO STATE, "WE WILL RUN ALL CATHOLIC PEOPLE OFF THE PINE RIDGE RESERVATION AND TAKE THEIR LAND BACK FOR THE INDIANS."

ABOVE IS BEING FURNISHED TO FBIHQ IN ORDER TO ASSIST IN EVALUATING THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION HELD AT THE PINE RIDGE OGLALA SIOUX RESERVATION, PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/28/74

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

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SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
OO: Minneapolis

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Re Los Angeles letter and letterhead memorandum to the Bureau dated 12/12/73.

Captioned individual is currently undergoing court proceedings extending from the South Dakota takeover by the American Indian Movement, and therefore, is not likely to return to the Los Angeles area in the near future.

Inasmuch as all leads in the Los Angeles Division have been handled and Minneapolis so notified, this case is being RUC'd.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (176-2401)

*a-7 to RHH MP
Re Cornell Bufile #
Consol 7014
2-12-74*

DATE: 1/30/74

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (70-4924) -RUC-

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM

(00 - Minneapolis)

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau dated 11/5/73
and Bureau airtel to Albany dated 11/26/73 and Alexandria
letter to the Bureau dated 12/28/73.

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Enclosed for receiving offices are two copies of
an investigative insert reflecting investigation conducted
at Harrisonburg, Dayton, and Bridgewater, Virginia.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted] at Harrisonburg, Virginia:

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On January 3, 1974, Mrs. [redacted] Deputy
Clerk, Rockingham County and Circuit Court, covering
the Town of Dayton, Virginia, searched the court records
and could locate no arrest record identifiable with
[redacted]

On January 3, 1974, Mrs. [redacted]
of Harrisonburg, Virginia, Police Department, searched the
records of her Department and could locate no arrest record
identifiable with [redacted]

On January 3, 1974, Detective Lieutenant [redacted]
[redacted] Harrisonburg, Virginia, Police Department,
advised he was not familiar with any person named [redacted]
[redacted]

On January 17, 1974, Rockingham County, Virginia,
Sheriff GLENN M. WEATHERHOLPZ advised he had absolutely
no knowledge of any individual named [redacted]
WEATHERHOLPZ advised he had made contact with other members
of his Department and no one had ever heard of [redacted]
[redacted]

On January 17, 1974, [redacted] Merchants
Credit Bureau, was contacted and advised after a search
of the credit records could locate no record identifiable
with [redacted]

On January 17, 1974, Detective Lieutenant [redacted]
[redacted], Harrisonburg, Virginia, Police Department,
advised Telephone Number [redacted] was subscribed to
by [redacted] Dayton, Virginia.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted] at Dayton, Virginia, on January 17, 1974:

Town Sergeant, [redacted] was contacted at the
Dayton Town Police Department and advised he had never heard

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of the name [redacted] [redacted] stated, however, there were numerous [redacted] families living in the Dayton, Virginia, area. [redacted] advised all of the town records regarding arrests are maintained in the Rockingham County Courthouse at Harrisonburg, Virginia. [redacted] further advised [redacted], Dayton, is a rural route that runs west and north of Bridgewater, Virginia.

Post Office official at Dayton, Virginia, advised that an [redacted] was residing at [redacted] Dayton, Virginia, and that [redacted] was believed to be a white female approximately age 50. The Postal official could provide no additional information regarding employment or any other facts regarding [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Bridgewater, Virginia:

On January 17, 1974, Bridgewater Police Patrolman [redacted] was contacted and advised he was familiar with [redacted] inasmuch as Mrs. [redacted] was his cousin. [redacted] stated Mrs. [redacted] is approximately 50 years of age, is a reputable citizen of the rural area of Virginia known as Briery Branch and she resides in a home in that area with a 22-year-old son whose name is [redacted]. [redacted] advised the [redacted] are considered good citizens and he can provide no information whatsoever which would reflect unfavorably upon them.

Patrolman [redacted] stated that approximately one year ago a white male whose name is [redacted] a nephew of Mrs. [redacted] stayed at the [redacted] residence for a short period of time. Patrolman [redacted] stated [redacted] came there from the State of Delaware, however, he was uncertain, and that his reputation was less than desirable. Patrolman [redacted] advised that there are presently two outstanding arrest warrants charging [redacted] with [redacted] worn to by [redacted] Harrisonburg, Virginia, charging him with [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted], whose age is 17 years. [redacted] stated the date of these warrants was [redacted] and efforts made to locate and

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apprehend [redacted] had met with negative results and to his knowledge, [redacted] has not been back into the Bridgewater, Virginia, area since.

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MESSAGE RELAY

Date 2/5/74

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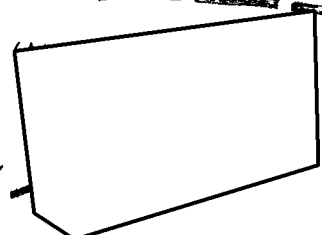
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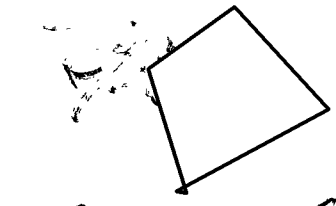
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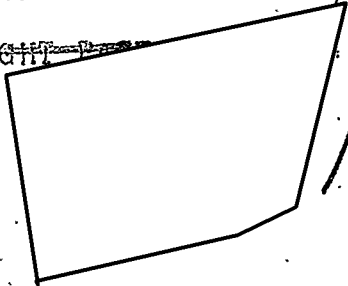
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~~RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, EM ATN.~~



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THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL, PINE RIDGE RESERVATION, SOUTH DAKOTA, WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 7, 1974. THE CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT ARE RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS AND RICHARD WILSON, *THE INCUMBENT*

AN ANALYSIS OF PRIMARY ELECTION RETURNS BY MEANS AND HIS SUPPORTERS INDICATES THAT MEANS, A LEADER OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) WHICH DECLARED WOUNDED KNEE, SOUTH DAKOTA, A SOVEREIGN NATION LAST YEAR, APPEARS TO HAVE THE ADVANTAGE IN BEING ELECTED TRIBAL PRESIDENT.

WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST,

MP T-1 ADVISED THAT MEANS HAS INFORMED CLOSE ASSOCIATES HE EXPECTS TO GET ALL THE VOTES WHICH WERE CAST FOR THE FOLLOWING OTHER PRIMARY CANDIDATES:

GERALD ONE FEATHER (367 VOTES); VIRGIL KILLS STRAIGHT (134 VOTES); AND MARIO GONZALEZ (179 VOTES).

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ACCORDING TO MEANS, THE ABOVE PEOPLE ARE AIM SUPPORTERS AND ALL THEIR VOTES SHOULD GO TO HIM. MEANS HAS STATED THAT IF ONE FEATHER HAD BEEN HIS OPPONENT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION, MEANS WOULD HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM THE GENERAL ELECTION AND GIVEN THE OFFICE TO ONE FEATHER. MEANS INFORMED THE SOURCE THAT IF HE WINS THE ELECTION HE WILL BE THE HEAD OF A STATE AND, THEREFORE, WOULD HAVE IMMUNITY AND "WILL WALK OUT OF THAT COURTROOM." MEANS WAS REFERRING TO U.S. DISTRICT FEDERAL COURT, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, WHERE HE IS ON TRIAL FOR CHARGES STEMMING FROM THE WOUNDED KNEE TAKEOVER, FEBRUARY 27-MAY 8, 1973. MEANS CONTINUED BY STATING, "THE FEDERAL PEOPLE WILL HAVE TO FACE 12,000 PEOPLE TO GET TO ME."

IN ADDITION, MEANS RELATED THAT HE "WILL RUN ALL CATHOLIC PEOPLE OFF THE PINE RIDGE RESERVATION AND TAKE THEIR LAND BACK FOR THE INDIANS." ~~HE ALSO STATED THAT THE PROBLEMS AIM HAS HAD IN GORDON AND BUSHVILLE, NEBRASKA, HAVE BEEN SOLVED, BUT THAT HE FELT THAT THE PROBLEMS IN DEALING WITH THE WHITES IN MARTIN, SOUTH DAKOTA, HAVE NOT CHANGED.~~

PRIOR TO HIS RUNNING IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION, MEANS ANNOUNCED THREE THINGS HE WOULD DO IF ELECTED TRIBAL PRESIDENT.

1. ABOLISH THE JOB OF TRIBAL PRESIDENT AND RE-ESTABLISH A TRADITIONAL FORM OF CONSENSUAL GOVERNMENT WITH A ROTATING PRESIDENCY.

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2. ESTABLISH "CUSTOMS CHECKPOINTS" AROUND THE RESERVATION FOR THE ALLEGED PURPOSE OF PROHIBITING TRANSPORTATION AND SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DRUGS.

3. INVESTIGATE THE USE OF TRIBAL LANDS AND "JERK THOSE LEASES" HELD BY WHITE PEOPLE LIVING OFF THE RESERVATION.

PRESIDENTS OF THE OGLALA SIOUX ARE ELECTED FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS AND IN MORE THAN 30 YEARS NO ELECTED TRIBAL PRESIDENT HAS SUCCEEDED HIMSELF. THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT WAS ESTABLISHED BY AUTHORITY OF THE INDIAN REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1934, UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA).

AS REPORTED BY GERALD VIZENOR, DIRECTOR OF INDIAN STUDIES, BEMIDJI STATE COLLEGE, BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA, IN AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE MINNEAPOLIS STAR-TRIBUNE, A DAILY NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, FEBRUARY 3, 1974, THE INDIAN REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1934 CREATED THE AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS AND, IN FACT, RECOGNIZES THE INHERENT SOVEREIGNTY OF THE TRIBE. THE ARTICLE

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POINTED OUT THAT IF DEFENDANT RUSSELL MEANS IS FOUND GUILTY OF VIOLATING FEDERAL LAWS, THERE WILL BE ARGUMENTS OVER THE INTERPRETATION OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL CONSTITUTION WHICH STATES, "ANY MEMBER OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL WHO IS CONVICTED OF A FELONY OR ANY OTHER OFFENSE INVOLVING DISHONESTY, SHALL FORFEIT HIS OFFICE."

THE ARTICLE CONTINUED THAT IN THE ELECTION THIS WEEK A VOTE FOR MEANS MAY BE A VOTE AGAINST WILSON AND HIS ALLEGED CORRUPTION, BUT NOT NECESSARILY A VOTE IN SUPPORT OF A NEW CONSENSUAL GOVERNMENT OF HEREDITY TRIBAL LEADERS. IT IS CONCEIVABLE, VIZENOR STATES, THAT MEANS COULD USE THE EXISTING CONSTITUTIONAL ELECTION TO DEFEAT WILSON AND THEN, IF THE ENTIRE COUNCIL AND A MAJORITY OF THE VOTERS AGREE, HE COULD REJECT THE EXISTING CONSTITUTION AND OPERATE AN "UNOFFICIAL" CONSENSUAL GOVERNMENT. WHAT TROUBLES SOME OBSERVERS, THE AUTHOR STATES, IS THAT RADICAL GOVERNMENTAL REFORM COULD MEAN THE INTERRUPTION OF INCOME AND FEDERAL SERVICES TO MEMBERS OF THE RESERVATION.

THE AUTHOR CONCLUDES BY STATING THAT MEANS HAS DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF AS A RESOLUTE RADICAL ORGANIZER AND LEADER; BUT WHEN IT

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COMES TO POLITICAL DIPLOMACY OUTSIDE THE MILITANT CAMP AND THE MANAGEMENT OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS AND HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND TRANSPORTATION, HIS SKILLS ARE LESS OBVIOUS. IF MEANS BECOMES PRESIDENT OF THE TRIBE AND CHANGES THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT, IT WILL BE ONLY THE BEGINNING. OFFERING HOPE TO TRIBAL PEOPLE ON THE RESERVATION MAY OBLIGATE HIM AND EVERY RADICAL TO PRODUCE MORE THAN ANYONE HAS EVER PRODUCED IN THE PAST.

MEMBERS OF THE TRIBE WHO SUPPORT WILSON ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE VOTES WHICH WERE CAST FOR OTHER CANDIDATES WILL BE CAST FOR WILSON IN THE GENERAL ELECTION. THEY THEORIZE THAT BECAUSE OF SNOW, GENERAL BAD WEATHER AND MUDDY ROADS, THE OLDER VOTERS DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION. THESE VOTERS ARE QUALIFIED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION AND IT IS HOPED THAT THEY WILL CAST THEIR VOTES FOR WILSON WHO IS CONSIDERED BY THEM TO BE MORE CONSERVATIVE. WILSON SUPPORTERS POINT OUT THAT DURING THE PRIMARY ELECTION WHICH QUALIFIED HIM AS A CANDIDATE TWO YEARS AGO FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION HE RAN A VERY POOR SECOND; HOWEVER, HE WON BY A SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY IN THE GENERAL ELECTION.

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BOTH SIDES AGREE THAT THE COMING ELECTION, FEBRUARY 7, 1974, IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ELECTION EVER HELD ON AN INDIAN RESERVATION, AND AT THIS TIME MEANS APPEARS TO BE THE FAVORITE.

A MEANS VICTORY COULD HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL IMPACT IN AREAS OUTLINED BELOW:

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, ANOTHER NATIONAL AIM LEADER

(1) THE TRIAL OF MEANS AND ~~MEANS~~ CURRENTLY UNDERWAY IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA. IT WOULD CERTAINLY BOLSTER HIS CHANCES FOR ACQUITTAL AND IT IS POSSIBLE MEANS WILL TAKE REFUGE ON THE RESERVATION AND NO LONGER APPEAR FOR TRIAL.

(2) THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AT PINE RIDGE MAY BE FORCED OFF OF THE RESERVATION, AND THIS WOULD INCLUDE BIA LAW ENFORCEMENT. PRESUMABLY, THEY WOULD BE REPLACED BY TRIBAL POLICE ANSWERABLE TO MEANS.

(3) THE BIA BUILDING AND THE RECORDS WHICH IT CONTAINS MAY WELL BE TAKEN OVER BY MEANS AND HIS FOLLOWERS.

(4) THE PROPERTY OWNED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AT PINE RIDGE, INCLUDING THE BIA BUILDING, WOULD COME UNDER CONTROL OF MEANS AND THE TRIBAL COUNCIL.

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(5) BECAUSE OF MEANS' EXTREME DISLIKE FOR THE FBI, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT FBI AGENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE RESERVATION TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS OF SERIOUS VIOLATIONS WHICH ARE WITHIN THE FBI'S JURISDICTION. IT IS NOTED THAT DURING THE WOUNDED KNEE OCCUPATION MEANS PERSONALLY ISSUED THE ORDER TO SHOOT TO KILL ANY FBI AGENT FOUND INSIDE WOUNDED KNEE.

(6) FREE ACCESS TO THE RESERVATION MAY WELL BE DENIED IF ROADBLOCKS ARE SET UP AND ONLY PERSONS WHO RECEIVE PERMISSION ARE ALLOWED TO ENTER. FREE MOVEMENT OF THE PUBLIC MAY BE CURTAILED THROUGH SEARCHES OF VEHICLES.

(7) A CONFRONTATION AND POSSIBLE VIOLENCE COULD OCCUR BETWEEN THE MEANS FACTION AND THOSE PERSONS ON THE RESERVATION WHO REMAIN LOYAL TO THE INCUMBENT TRIBAL PRESIDENT, RICHARD WILSON.

(8) THE WHITE RANCHERS WHO LEASE LAND ON THE RESERVATION MAY BE FORCED OFF. VIOLENCE BETWEEN THESE RANCHERS AND MEANS IS A REALISTIC POSSIBILITY.

IN ASSESSING THE ABOVE, IT IS NOTED THAT THE PINE RIDGE RESERVATION IS AN AREA OF EXCLUSIVE FEDERAL JURISDICTION; AND, DURING THE OCCUPATION OF WOUNDED KNEE, NO STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES PARTICIPATED IN THE POLICING ACTIVITY. FURTHERMORE,

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~~ACCORDINGLY, IF LAW AND ORDER BREAKS DOWN AT PINE RIDGE, IT WILL REQUIRE RESPONSE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.~~

~~ADMINISTRATIVE:~~

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~~REFERENCE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU JANUARY 25,~~

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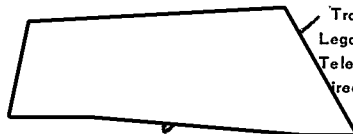
TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall

FROM : *fed*

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM

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- 1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall
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The purpose of this memorandum is to summarize an assessment by our Minneapolis Office of the forthcoming runoff election for tribal president between Russell Charles Means and incumbent Richard Wilson on the Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Indian Reservation scheduled for 2/7/74.

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An analysis of primary election indicates Means, a national leader of the American Indian Movement (AIM), appears to have the advantage in the election. Means is of the opinion he will receive all votes cast for other primary candidates who were AIM supporters. He has stated that if he wins the election he will have immunity as head of a sovereign nation and he "will walk out of that courtroom," and "the Federal people will have to face 12 thousand people to get me." He has stated further he "will run all Catholic people off the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and take their land back for the Indians."

Prior to the primary election, Means announced he would accomplish the following if elected tribal president: Abolish the tribal presidency and re-establish a traditional form of consensual government with a rotating presidency; establish checkpoints around the reservation to prohibit transportation and sale of alcoholic beverages and drugs; investigate use of tribal lands and revoke leases held by whites living off the reservation.

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Supporters of Richard Wilson, the incumbent, who is Means' opponent in the forthcoming election, feel many conservative older people who did not vote in the primary will vote for Wilson in the runoff. Both sides are in agreement the election is the most important ever held on an Indian reservation and that Means appears to be the favorite.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. R. Wannall
Re: Russell Charles Means

SAC, Minneapolis, indicates a Means' victory would bolster Means' chances for acquittal in his current trial at St. Paul, Minnesota, where he is facing charges relative to his involvement in the Wounded Knee takeover. It is possible Means will take refuge on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation (PRIR) and no longer appear for trial. In addition, property owned by U. S. Government, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) building, and BIA records would come under control of Means, and BIA might be forced off the reservation with the BIA law enforcement agency being replaced by tribal police. Because of Means' dislike for the FBI, it is possible FBI Agents would not be able to conduct investigations within the FBI's jurisdiction on PRIR, and free access to PRIR would be denied if road blocks are set up and free movement of the public curtailed. Minneapolis is of opinion if Means is elected a confrontation and possible violence could occur between the Means faction and those persons still loyal to Wilson as well as with white ranchers who may be forced off leased land.

In making its assessment, Minneapolis notes the PRIR is an area of exclusive Federal jurisdiction. The Governor of South Dakota has previously stated he would not use the National Guard on the reservation and accordingly any breakdown in law and order will require response from the Federal Government.

Our Minneapolis Office is closely following all developments in the forthcoming election and related events on the PRIR.

Pertinent data submitted by our Minneapolis Office relative to this situation is being sent by teletype to The White House, Department of Army, Secret Service, Attorney General, Office of the Deputy Attorney General, and the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division. This information also being furnished U. S. Marshal's Service and Department of the Interior.

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RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, EM - AIM.

THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL, PINE RIDGE RESERVATION, SOUTH DAKOTA, WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 7, 1974. THE CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT ARE RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS AND RICHARD WILSON.

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AN ANALYSIS OF PRIMARY ELECTION RETURNS BY MEANS AND HIS SUPPORTERS INDICATES THAT MEANS, A LEADER OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) WHICH DECLARED WOUNDED KNEE, SOUTH DAKOTA, A SOVEREIGN NATION LAST YEAR, APPEARS TO HAVE THE ADVANTAGE IN BEING ELECTED TRIBAL PRESIDENT.

MP T-1 ADVISED THAT MEANS HAS INFORMED CLOSE ASSOCIATES HE EXPECTS TO GET ALL THE VOTES WHICH WERE CAST FOR THE FOLLOWING

OTHER PRIMARY CANDIDATES:

GERALD ONE FEATHER (367 VOTES); VIRGIL KILLS STRAIGHT (134 VOTES); AND MARIO GONZALEZ (179 VOTES).

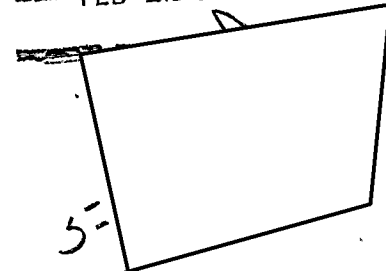
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REFERENCE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, JANUARY 25, 1974.

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CC: MR. GENDARDT

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RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; EM-AIM. OO: MP.



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MP T-1 ADVISED RUSSELL MEANS AND DENNIS BANKS ARE PRESENTLY IN DENVER TO ATTEND AN INDIAN CIVIL RIGHTS MEETING TO DISCUSS MEANS' LOSS OF PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION (PRIR) TRIBAL ELECTION ON FEBRUARY 7, 1974. MEETING AT DENVER ALLEGEDLY TO FORMULATE PLANS TO RE-ESTABLISH AIM ON PRIR.

MP T-2 ADVISED MEANS AND BANKS TO LEAVE DENVER AFTER MEETING ENROUTE TO ALBUQUERQUE TO MEET WITH NAVAJO'S FOR SAME PURPOSE AS DENVER MEEETING.

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MP T-2 SAID MEANS AND BANKS ACCOMPANIED BY CBS FILM CREW WHICH MAY BE HEADED UP BY [REDACTED] A CBS DOCUMENTARY FILM CREW [REDACTED] SOURCE SAID [REDACTED] HAD A CREW IN WOUNDED KNEE DURING INSURGENCY, HOWEVER, HAS NO INFORMATION AS TO CBS MAKING FILM ON AIM OR LEADERS AND SAYS MAY BE COINCIDENCE.

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T-2 ADVISED AFTER RUSSELL MEANS AND DENNIS BANKS LEAVE ALBUQUERQUE THEY WILL RETURN TO SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10, 1974, TO ATTEND AN AIM FUNCTION.

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MPT-1 AND MP T-2 ARE BOTH [REDACTED] AND BOTH USED TO FURTHER PROTECT SOURCE AS INFORMATION RELATED ONLY TO SOURCE.

[REDACTED] STATED HE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM [REDACTED] [REDACTED] MP 157-3349, [REDACTED] OF MEANS, WHO WAS AT AIM CENTER, RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA. [REDACTED] SAID RUSSELL MEANS COULD BE REACHED IN DENVER AT TELEPHONE NO.'S [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] SHE SAID HAD NO DIRECT KNOWLEDGE AS TO RUSSELL MEANS' PLANS RE PRIOR ELECTION LOSS.

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DENVER WILL ALERT APPROPRIATE SOURCES AND ADVISE MINNEAPOLIS OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED RE: RUSSELL MEANS' PLANS. WILL ALSO ADVISE MINNEAPOLIS OF SUBSCRIBERS TO DENVER TELEPHONE NO.'S AND AIM CONNECTIONS.

ALBUQUERQUE ALERT APPROPRIATE SOURCES TO OBTAIN COVERAGE OF RUSSELL MEANS AND DENNIS BANKS IN YOUR AREA AS SET FORTH ABOVE AND ADVISE MINNEAPOLIS RESULTS.
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN: INTD
FROM MINNEAPOLIS 157-1460 2P (P)

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

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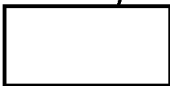
ON FEBRUARY 14, 1974, [REDACTED] AGENCY SPECIAL OFFICER, POLICE DEPARTMENT, PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA, FURNISHED THE UNOFFICIAL FINAL TABULATION FOR VOTES IN THE TRIBAL PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION HELD FOR THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE, PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA, ON FEBRUARY 7, 1974, BETWEEN CANDIDATES RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, MEMBER, AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT NATIONAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE, AND CURRENTLY ON TRIAL, USDC, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, ON CHARGES CONNECTED WITH HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE OCCUPATION OF WOUNDED KNEE, PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION, SOUTH DAKOTA, FEBRUARY 27 - MAY 8, 1973; AND RICHARD WILSON, INCUMBANT PRESIDENT. MEANS RECEIVED 1514 VOTES AND WILSON RECEIVED 1714 VOTES.

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ON FEBRUARY 13, 1974, [REDACTED] U.S. MARSHAL,
SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, ADVISED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED AN
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE, WHICH WAS SIGNED BY FEDERAL JUDGE ANDREW
W. BOGUE, RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, FEBRUARY 12, 1974, AND THAT
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ORDER HIS OFFICE, ON FEBRUARY 13, 1974,
SEIZED ALL THE BALLOTS, RECORDS AND PAPERS PERTAINING TO THE
PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION GENERAL TRIBAL ELECTION HELD ON
FEBRUARY 7, 1974. HE STATED THE ORDER STATES SUCH RECORDS
ARE TO BE KEPT UNTIL THE COURT HOLDS A FURTHER HEARING ON THE
MATTER ON FEBRUARY 20, 1974, AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA .

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THE BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED REGARDING DEVELOPMENTS
PERTAINING TO AFOREMENTIONED ELECTION RESULTS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MINNEAPOLIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MINNEAPOLIS	DATE 2/26/74	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 9/17/73 - 2/14/74
TITLE OF CASE RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, aka		TYPED BY klk	
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REFERENCE

Minneapolis report of Special Agent (SA) [redacted] dated November 27, 1973; Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated November 5, 1973; Phoenix letter to Minneapolis dated November 5, 1973; Louisville letter to Denver dated November 5, 1973; Buffalo teletype to Bureau dated November 16, 1973; Los Angeles letter to Butte dated November 19, 1973; Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated November 20, 1973; WFO teletypes to Bureau dated November 19, 1973, November 20, 1973, and November 21, 1973; Detroit teletype to Minneapolis dated November 23, 1973; Minneapolis letter to Buffalo dated November 26, 1973; Bureau airtel to Minneapolis dated November 26, 1973; Los Angeles airtel to Butte dated November 27, 1973; Cleveland airtel to Bureau dated November 29, 1973; Boston airtel to Bureau dated December 4, 1973; Boston letter to Minneapolis dated December 10, 1973; Minneapolis

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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.

The period of investigation of this report overlaps that of the previous report inasmuch as the results of college record checks were held for this report for purposes of continuity.

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LEADS

CLEVELAND

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

An information copy of this report is being forwarded Cleveland in view of its interest in RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS.

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AT DENVER, COLORADO

Same as for Cleveland.

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Same as for Cleveland.

OKLAHOMA CITY

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Same as for Cleveland.

OMAHA

AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA

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AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

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AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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MINNEAPOLIS

AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

Will, through Assistant United States Attorney,
District of South Dakota, follow the prosecution of RUSSELL
CHARLES MEANS.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-1460

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

February 26, 1974

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

RE: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EXTREMIST MATTERS -
AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

Dear Sir:

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Title:

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

Character:

EXTREMIST MATTERS -
AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

Synopsis:

Travel record of education, and disposition of arrests of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS set forth. Trial of MEANS in progress in St. Paul, Minnesota. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS

Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past except T-1 who has furnished insufficient information to determine reliability

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TRAVEL OF
RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

MP 157-1460

Subject spoke at a news conference at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on October 31, 1973, regarding "Repression Of The Federal Government (which) Has Reached The Point Of Assassination."

An article from the St. Paul Dispatch, a daily newspaper published at St. Paul, Minnesota, October 31, 1973.

Subject attended a "sit-in" with Canadian American Indian Movement (AIM) leaders from October 24-25, 1973, at Regina, Saskatchewan.

T-1, January 11, 1974

Subject returned to Rapid City, South Dakota, on November 10, 1973, following a speaking tour throughout the country.

T-2, November 8, 1973

Subject was present November 1, 1973, at the National Congress of the American Indian (NCAI) Convention held at Tulsa, Oklahoma, from October 28, 1973, until November 3, 1973.

T-3, November 3, 1973

Subject spoke at the University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio, Student Union Auditorium on November 16, 1973. Speaking engagement was sponsored by the University of Toledo Student Body Government.

T-4, November 19, 1973

Subject held a press conference on November 21, 1973, at the National Press Club, Washington, D. C., at which time he announced he, representing the sovereign Oglala Sioux Nation, had delivered a "bill of particulars" to President RICHARD M. NIXON concerning the treaty of 1868 so that the United States will understand the legal effect of the treaty. Subject also stated AIM has developed strong ties in this country and Canada and has formed a coalition with black, Chicano, and white groups to help meet their demands.

T-5, November 21, 1973

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Subject spoke before newsmen and supporters at the Cambridge Law Commune, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on December 2, 1973.

"The Harvard Crimson"
an undergraduate daily
newspaper, published at
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Massachusetts,
December 3, 1973

Subject traveled to Detroit, Michigan, on December 7, 1973, to speak before a Detroit organization which is the equivalent of Alcoholics Anonymous, name of organization not known.

T-6, December 8, 1973

Subject traveled to Denver, Colorado, on February 8, 1974, to attend an Indian civil rights meeting to discuss the loss by MEANS of the Oglala Sioux Tribe Presidency.

T-2, February 9, 1974

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

ATTENDED BY

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

MP 157-1460

Records of Merritt College (formerly known as Oakland City College) disclosed subject attended the school, Spring Semester, 1958. Subject completed three classes and was placed on academic probation.

Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted]
Merritt College
Oakland, California
September 17, 1973

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Records of Iowa Tech, now known as Iowa State University, failed to indicate subject attended the school in any capacity.

Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted]
Office of the Registrar
Iowa State University
Ames, Iowa
October 1, 1973

Records of the University of New Mexico failed to indicate subject attended the school in any capacity.

[redacted]
Registrars Office
University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, New Mexico
September 24, 1973

Records of Arizona State University failed to indicate subject attended the school in any capacity.

Miss [redacted]
Registrars Office
Arizona State University
Tempe, Arizona
October 23, 1973

DISPOSITION OF ARRESTS
OF
RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

MP 157-1460

Subject found guilty of petty theft resulting from March 9, 1957, arrest; placed on probation until August 1, 1958.

Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

San Leandro Police Department
San Leandro, California
October 17, 1973

Subject fined \$10.00 resulting from January 18, 1959, drunk arrest.

Subject released regarding December 19, 1959, robbery arrest; refused by City Attorney for lack of evidence.

Subject fined \$50.00 resulting from September 1, 1961, traffic arrest.

Review of Los Angeles, California,
Police Department, File Number
LA 467708-M, November 9, 1973

Subject sentenced to ten days in jail or \$50.00 fine resulting from June 4, 1960, arrest for drunk.

Miss [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Inglewood Police
Department, Inglewood,
California, October 25, 1973

Subject sentenced to four days in jail resulting from April 12, 1963, arrest for failure to provide.

Review of Los Angeles,
California, Sheriff's Office
File Number B961126
November 27, 1973

Subject was "not papered" regarding September 22, 1971, arrest for unlawful entry.

Review of Metropolitan Police
Department Record Number 253183
Washington, D. C.
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OGLALA SIOUX PRIMARY,
PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION
PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA

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Subject and twelve other individuals were certified in the Oglala Sioux Primary, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota, as a candidate for President in the Tribal Primary election scheduled for January 22, 1974.

From an article from the Rapid City Journal, a daily newspaper published at Rapid City, South Dakota January 19, 1974

Subject won Oglala Sioux Primary with an unofficial count of 667 votes with incumbent Oglala Sioux Tribal President DICK WILSON receiving 511 votes.

From an article from the Rapid City Journal, a daily newspaper published at Rapid City, South Dakota January 24, 1974

Subject, on February 7, 1974, lost election of Presidency of Oglala Sioux Tribe to incumbent President RICHARD WILSON, 1530 votes to 1709 votes.

From an article from the Minneapolis Star, a daily newspaper published at Minneapolis, Minnesota, February 8, 1974

LEGAL STATUS OF
RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS.

MP 157-1460

Subject's trial at Phoenix, Arizona, was postponed until May 14, 1974. The trial was scheduled to begin January 22, 1974, for MEANS, STANLEY HOLDER, RONALD D. PETITE, [redacted] and HERBERT G. POWLES on an indictment returned by a Federal Grand Jury in Phoenix last May charging the five with planning the purchase of automatic weapons and their transportation to Wounded Knee.

From an article from the Rapid City Journal, a daily newspaper published at Rapid City, South Dakota, January 17, 1974

Subject presently on trial with DENNIS BANKS in St. Paul, Minnesota, regarding his participation as a leader in the AIM siege at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, from February 27, 1973, until May 8, 1973.

Mrs. [redacted]
Deputy Clerk
United States District Court
District of South Dakota
Rapid City, South Dakota
February 14, 1974

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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, [redacted] 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, [redacted] advised, AIM is a militant organization and its leaders believe in direct confrontation with authority.

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On February 27, 1973, members of the American Indian Movement (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.

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MP T-2 advised the following individuals are
known members of AIM.

STANLEY HOLDER
RONALD D. PETITE


HERBERT G. POWLESS
DENNIS BANKS

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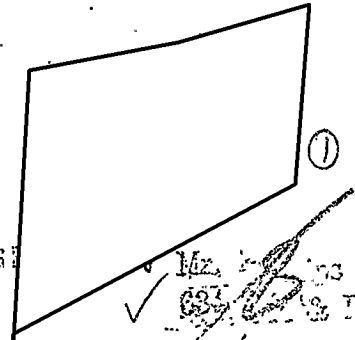
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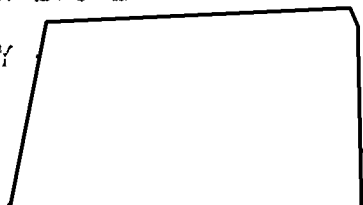


DENNIS JAMES BANKS; RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM); EM - AIM. PROPOSED RALLY IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE CRUSADE FOR JUSTICE, DENVER, COLORADO, MARCH 17, 1974; EM - POTENTIAL CIVIL UNREST; OO: DENVER.

ON MARCH 8, 1974, A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, STATED BANKS AND MEANS, AND WILLIAM KURSTLER, THEIR DEFENSE ATTORNEY, ARE DEPARTING ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, DURING THE EVENING OF MARCH 8, 1974, AND TRAVELING TO DENVER, COLORADO, TO PARTICIPATE IN AIM RELATED ACTIVITIES IN THAT AREA DURING THIS WEEKEND. SOURCE STATED THE SECURITY GUARD FOR BANKS AND MEANS, CONSISTING OF ABOUT FOUR INDIVIDUALS, NOT IDENTIFIED, HAS PRECEDED THEM TO DENVER.

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THE AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) WAS FOUNDED IN MINNESOTA IN 1967, 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



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AREA OF SOUTH DAKOTA. AIM LED THE TAKEOVER AND OCCUPATION OF WOUNDED KNEE, SOUTH DAKOTA, IN FEBRUARY - MAY, 1973.

SOURCE ALSO STATED THAT BANKS AND MEANS PLAN TO TRAVEL TO BOULDER AND DENVER, COLORADO, DURING THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 16-17, 1974, WHERE ON MARCH 17, 1974, THEY WILL PARTICIPATE IN COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES IN DENVER IN CONNECTION WITH THE CRUSADE FOR JUSTICE RELATIVE TO THE DEATH ONE YEAR AGO OF ONE LOUIS MARTINEZ WHO WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED BY THE DENVER, COLORADO, POLICE DEPT.

SOURCE STATED BANKS AND MEANS AND OTHER NATIONAL AIM LEADERS ARE ENCOURAGING NON-VIOLENCE DURING THIS PERIOD AND HE FEELS THEY WILL TAKE SUCH A STAND DURING THE ABOVE VISITS TO COLORADO AND NOT IN ANY WAY ENCOURAGE OR SUPPORT VIOLENT TYPE ACTIVITY. SOURCE STATED SEVERAL INDIAN TRIBAL PRESIDENTS ARE TO GATHER IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, DURING THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 9-10, 1974, AND ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF THIS MEETING IS TO ESTABLISH A MORE FIRM POLICY RELATIVE TO CONTINUING A MORATORIUM ON ANY FORM OF VIOLENCE BY AIM MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS.

THERE ARE NO TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ON BANKS AND MEANS. THEY HAVE BEEN TRAVELING CONSIDERABLY DURING DAYS THEIR TRIAL IS NOT IN SESSION. INASMUCH AS NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED

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TO INDICATE THAT THEY MAY ENCOURAGE OR INCITE VIOLENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE MENTIONED FORTHCOMING TRAVELS, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE FRED J. NICHOL, WHO IS HANDLING THEIR TRIAL IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, WAS NOT CONTACTED RELATIVE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF IMPOSING TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE DENVER TELETYPE DATED FEBRUARY 26, 1974, CAPTIONED "PROPOSED RALLY IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE CRUSADE FOR JUSTICE, DENVER, COLORADO, MARCH 17, 1974; EM - POTENTIAL CIVIL UNREST; OO: DENVER", AND DENVER TELETYPES DATED MARCH 5 & 7, 1974, CAPTIONED "DENNIS JAMES BANKS; RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; EM - AIM".

THE CURRENT ATTITUDE OF UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE NICHOL OF ST. PAUL AND RECENT COMMENTS BY HIM IN OPEN COURT, WHICH WERE NOT COMPLIMENTARY TO THE FBI, IS ANOTHER REASON WHY NO CONTACT WAS MADE WITH HIM RELATIVE TO POSSIBLE TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR BANKS AND MEANS.

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MINNEAPOLIS WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO DETERMINE EXACT TRAVEL PLANS AND IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY TRAVEL TO DENVER, COLORADO, DURING THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 15, 1974.

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RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; DENNIS JAMES BANKS. AIM

ABOVE CAPTIONED SUBJECTS OBSERVED TO ARRIVE STAPLETON
 INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (SIA), DENVER, BY SA OF FBI ON WESTERN
 AIRLINES FLIGHT 479 FROM ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA. THEY WERE MET AT
 SIA BY APPROXIMATELY 60 AMERICAN INDIANS, MANY RECOGNIZED AS
 MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS OF AIM. SEVERAL UNKNOWN INDIAN INDIVIDUALS
 WEARING RED ARM BANDS ACTED AS SECURITY PATROL IN AIRPORT.
 OBSERVED WELCOMING SUBJECTS WAS VINCENT HARVIER, DIRECTOR, DENVER
 AIM CHAPTER. GROUP DEPARTED AIRPORT VIA PERSONAL AIDS TO
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SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST STATED APPROXIMATELY 360 PERSONS HALF INDIANS AND EQUAL NUMBER OF CHICANOS AND WHITES ATTENDED THE MEETING AT DENVER INDIAN CENTER. SOURCE STATED SUBJECTS GAVE SPEECHES CONTAINING STATEMENTS AGAINST THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND CLAIMED THEIR TRIAL IN ST. PAUL AS A MOCKERY OF JUSTICE. MEANS STATED IT WAS A MOCKERY TO PROSECUTE THE NATIVE AMERICANS WHO ARE THE ORIGINAL LANDLORDS OF THIS COUNTRY. BOTH MEANS AND BANKS URGED UNITY OF THE MEXICAN AMERICANS AND INDIANS AND ACKNOWLEDGED SUPPORT BOTH IN PERSON AND BY MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES WHICH HAD BEEN FURNISHED BY CHICANOS IN THE PAST. ALSO SPEAKING WAS ~~RESINA DIXON~~ WHOM SOURCE STATED WAS INVOLVED IN THE WOUNDED KNEE TAKEOVER BY AMERICAN INDIANS AND ~~ERNESTO SIBIL~~ AND ~~RICHARD ROMERO~~, BOTH MEMBERS OF THE CRUSADE FOR JUSTICE. THE LATER TWO SPOKE OF THE NEED FOR CONFRONTATION WITH POLICE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF ESTABLISHING SCHOOLS RUN BY THE CHICANO AND INDIAN COMMUNITIES IN ORDER TO REACH THE CHILDREN WHEN THEY ARE YOUNG.

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AT THE INDIAN CENTER, SOURCE OBSERVED AN INDIAN MALE WHO USES THE NICK NAME [REDACTED] AND FNU [REDACTED] BOTH OF WHOM WERE INVOLVED IN THE ROBBERY WHICH LED TO THE SHOOTING DEATH OF LUPTON, ARIZONA, DEPUTY SHERIFF IN SEPTEMBER 1973. SOURCE ALSO OBSERVED VERNON BELLECOURT IN THE COMPANY OF TWO YOUNG INDIAN FEMALES AT THE INDIAN CENTER, HOWEVER HE DID NOT SPEAK. SOURCE FURTHER ADVISED MEANS AND BANKS ARE TRAVELING TO BOULDER, COLORADO, THIS DATE TO SPEAK ON THE CAMPUS OF THE UNIV. OF COLC. AND SOURCE BELIEVES THEIR SPEECHES WILL BE ALONG THE SAME LINES AS THEY GAVE AT THE INDIAN CENTER. NO DISTURBANCES AT THE SIA OR INDIAN CENTER, HOWEVER, SOURCE STATED TONE OF TALK WAS QUITE MILITANT AND ANTI-GOVERNMENT IN NATURE.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

AGENT OBSERVING MEANS AND BANKS ARRIVING AT SIA WAS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] SOURCE DESCRIBED IN TELETYPE IS [REDACTED] AMONG INDIVIDUALS ACTING AS SECURITY GUARDS FOR MEANS AND BANKS WAS INDIAN MALE, 32 - 35, APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET 10 INCHES, 210 LBS., WEARING BROWN COBBOY HAT WHO LEFT AIRPORT IN BLUE CHEVROLET PICKUP

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WITH [REDACTED] LICENSE [REDACTED] ALSO OBSERVED MEETING
SUBJECTS WAS INDIVIDUAL DRIVING A RED COMPACT CAR, COLO. LICENSE
[REDACTED] THIRD INDIVIDUAL WAS DEPARTING SIA IN LIGHT BLUE COMPACT
STATION WAGON BEARING NEW MEXICO LICENSE [REDACTED] (YEAR UNKNOWN).

AS BAGGS AND MEANS TRANSPORTED FROM SIA TO INDIAN CENTER
BY KNOWN DENVER AIR MEMBERS, SURVEILLANCE WAS DISCONTINUED AT
SIA.

BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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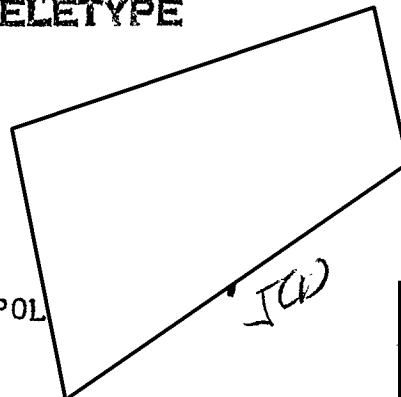
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RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, EM-AIM, OO: MINNEAPOLIS

ON MARCH 14, 1974, A SOURCE WHO IS IN A POSITION TO FURNISH RELIABLE INFORMATION ADVISED THAT RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS WAS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK ON SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 16, 1974 AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE, ORONO, MAINE. MEANS WILL SPEAK IN ROOM 137 AT BENNETT HALL AT 8:00 PM. THE SPEECH IS BEING SPONSORED BY THE DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE, A CAMPUS ORGANIZATION.

ADMINISTRATIVE

THE SOURCE UTILIZED WAS LT. [REDACTED] CAMPUS POLICE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE, ORONO, MAINE.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT MEMBERS OF THE CAMPUS POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE PRESENT DURING THE SPEECH OF MEANS.

BOSTON WILL SUBMIT LHM CONCERNING MEANS APPEARANCE.

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Reference Bureau nitel to Minneapolis and Omaha dated 2/5/74, and Minneapolis teletype to Bureau 2/4/74, captioned "RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; EM - AIM."

Enclosed for the Bureau is an original and four copies of an LHM.

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MP T-1 utilized in enclosed LHM is [redacted] who was telephonically contacted by Special Agent [redacted] on 2/6/74, and original source of this information is instant LHM. MP T-2 is [redacted]

Sheriff CLYDE RAYHILL, Bennett County Sheriff's Office, Martin, South Dakota, was telephonically contacted by Special Agent DONALD G. WILEY on 2/6/74, and instant LHM is original source.

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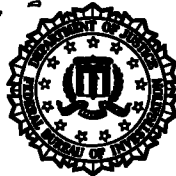
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Minneapolis, Minnesota

March 7, 1974

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

On February 6, 1974, MP T-1, a knowledgeable source, advised the situation in Gordon, Nebraska, and Rushville, Nebraska, which are now described by Russell Means as being 100 per cent better, is as follows:

MP T-1 stated that in February, 1972, Russell Means went to Gordon, Nebraska, with approximately 600 Indian followers and held a demonstration because of the killing of an Indian, not named, by a white man. This white man was later tried in Nebraska on charges of manslaughter and convicted. Means at that time described the general area of Gordon and Rushville, both of Nebraska, (which are located eleven miles apart) as the most racist towns in Nebraska towards Indians. Recently, Russell Means has stated these problems, referring to the alleged racist attitude, have been resolved and there is now a 100 per cent improvement in the treatment of Indians by the white communities.

MP T-1 stated the only problems Means has ever stated against Martin, South Dakota, is Means' dislike of the law enforcement jurisdiction for Bennett County, South Dakota. MP T-1 said Means has repeatedly said the law enforcement of Bennett County, South Dakota, in which Martin, South Dakota, is the County Seat, should be under the administration of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation (PRIR). MP T-1 said Means has alleged there is discrimination against the Indians which results from having South Dakota state authority over Indian residents in Bennett County which Means terms as "white mans law."

Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past except where otherwise noted.

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RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

On February 6, 1974, Sheriff Clyde Rayhill, Bennett County Sheriff's Office, Martin, South Dakota, advised he has no knowledge of any current problems involving Indians and white people in his jurisdiction. Rayhill said Means, when campaigning for Oglala Sioux Tribal President, PRIR, stated that should he win the election, he would take Bennett County, South Dakota, back into PRIR in order to have jurisdiction of the Indians in Bennett County under their own administration. Sheriff Rayhill stated he knows of no problems involving Indians with any of the local merchants (referring to credit problems) or law enforcement.

Sheriff Rayhill stated in 1939 [redacted] a local resident, was arrested and convicted of [redacted] wherein the owner of the [redacted] was beaten during the [redacted] mother, a Mrs. [redacted] (phonetic) complained at the time that law enforcement officials were picking on her son [redacted]. Recently, another son of Mrs. [redacted] not named, was arrested for [redacted] and Sheriff Rayhill speculated that she may have complained to Russell Means. However, Sheriff Rayhill said if Mrs. [redacted] had complained to Means, neither Means nor Mrs. [redacted] had complained to his department or any other legal authority in South Dakota to his knowledge. He said Mrs. [redacted] in the past has complained at any time that police officials have had to arrest any of her family for any reason.

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On January 23, 1974, MP T-2 stated that Russell Means currently holds no office in the American Indian Movement (AIM); however, he is a member of the Central Committee for the organization.

The AIM was founded in Minnesota in 1933, 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.

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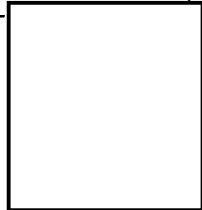
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-4066) (RUC)
SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
(OO: MINNEAPOLIS)



Re Boston teletype to Director dated 3/14/74.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 6 copies of an LHM relative to this matter. Two copies of this LHM are also being directed to Minneapolis.

The source referred to in the LHM is a knowledgeable source. Original information located instant LHM, page 1.

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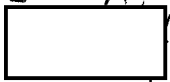
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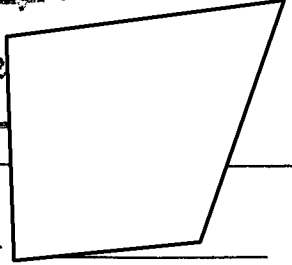
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Source referred to in the LHM is
LT. [REDACTED] University of
Maine Police Department, University of
Maine, Orono, Maine

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Boston, Massachusetts

March 26, 1974

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

On March 18, 1974, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Russell Charles Means delivered a lecture at 8:00 p.m. on March 16, 1974, at Bennett Hall, University of Maine, Orono, Maine. The lecture was sponsored by the Distinguished Lecture Series at the University of Maine, Orono, Maine, and approximately 230 persons were present at the lecture. The audience was comprised of students from the University of Maine, Orono, Maine, and Indians from the Penobscot Indian Reservation located at Indian Island, Old Town, Maine.

During the lecture Means denounced the United States of America, Christianity and education as the three major enemies of Indian people in the United States. Means said the educational system in the United States was the "most sophisticated brainwashing machine mankind has ever devised."

Means said that medical examinations of the Indians who held off nearly 200 federal marshals at Wounded Knee have revealed that many of them sustained irreversible brain damage from malnutrition suffered during the ordeal.

Means said the United States Department of Interior and its Bureau of Indian Affairs is usually ignored by the press, even though it is the seat of economic power in the United States controlling the forest, paper, oil, mining and power generating interests.

Means said that "ducks" have more laws protecting them than does the American Indian. He said that "If you kill an Indian in Nebraska or South Dakota, you get out on your own recognizance, get tried for third degree manslaughter, and then get exonerated by an all white jury."

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ENCLOSURE

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

The source advised that the lecture was low key and that there was no violence advocated. The source further advised that at the conclusion of his lecture Means said that "If you take away the treaty rights of the Indian, the American Indian might just as well be dead."

The "Bangor Daily News," a daily newspaper published at Bangor, Maine, in its issue of March 18, 1974, carried an article entitled, "AIM Leader Scathes U. S. at Orono." In this article it was set forth that "Russell Means, stalwart of the American Indian Movement (AIM)" . . . speaking before a largely partisan audience at the University of Maine maintained that "Indian people have a right to enter the international community." Means also stated that "AIM is after complete independence."

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.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)

DATE: 3/25/74

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (157-1476) (P*)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
Minneapolis file 157-1460
Omaha file 157-1476

OO: MINNEAPOLIS

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
CIR - BURGLARY AND LARCENY;
ARL - IFO; AFO; CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS
Minneapolis file 70-6882
Omaha file 176-89

OO: MINNEAPOLIS

ReOM let to Director, 1/25/74.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROBERT D. KINSEY:

[redacted] Scotts Bluff County Attorney,
Gering, Nebraska, on 3/12/74, advised there is no change
in the prosecutive status in Scotts Bluff County pertaining
to MEANS.

However, [redacted] advised there is no chance
that MEANS' trial can be set for court prior to mid-June,
1974.

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AT GERING, NEBRASKA

Will, on or about 6/15/74, contact [redacted]
to determine status at that time of local prosecution of MEANS.

- 2-Bureau
- 3-Minneapolis (157-1460)
- (1-70-6882)
- 2-Omaha
- (2-176-189)

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Date: 3/25/74

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL, REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-462483)

FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-529) (P)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

RUSSELL MEANS
EM - AIM
(DN File 70-3806)

DENNIS BANKS
EM - AIM
(DN File 70-3818)

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM and two copies for each receiving office of an LHM concerning captioned organization. As set forth in LHM BANKS and MEANS were involved in speeches and rallies on successive weekends in Denver, Colorado.

The Denver Police Department, Denver, Colorado, have tape recordings of entire speech made by MEANS at the rally in Denver on 3/17/74; however, UACB this speech will not be transcribed as none of the statements made by MEANS involve a violation of Federal or local law and it is felt that they do not constitute significant intelligence information since they are essentially the same as previous speeches made by MEANS throughout the country.

- 6 - Bureau (Encs. 8) (RM) (2-157-29309) (2-157-MEANS)
- 2 - Albuquerque (RM) (Encs. 2)
- 2 - Butte (RM) (Encs. 2)
- 3 - Minneapolis (157-1458) (Encs. 2) (RM) 157-513-
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- 3 - Denver

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As MEANS and BANKS have reportedly returned to St. Paul, Minnesota for their trials, Denver has no active investigation concerning them and their cases are being considered RUC in the Denver Division.

Source 1 is

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LEADS:

ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION

AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO: Will attempt to identify individual mentioned as President of the National Indian Youth Congress or similar named organization who spoke along with MEANS and BANKS at Boulder, Colorado on 3/9/74. described this individual as an Indian female, approximately 23-27 years of age, 5'6", 200 pounds, wearing necklace of double row of black bones.

BUTTE DIVISION

AT NORTHERN CHEYENNE INDIAN RESERVATION, MONTANA:

Will contact sources to determine if AIM plans to intervene in planned strip-mining operation scheduled to begin in June, 1974.

All auxiliary offices will contact logical sources to determine if AIM plans a takeover on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation similar to that which occurred at Wounded Knee in February, 1973.

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- Source 2 is Denver Police Department [redacted]
[redacted] who works at [redacted]
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Denver, Colorado

March 25, 1974

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-529

AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

RUSSELL MEANS

DENNIS BANKS

On March 6, 1974, Source 1, who has previously furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Russell Means and Dennis Banks were to be in Denver, Colorado to speak on Friday, March 8, 1974 at 6:00 p.m. at the Denver Native American United Center (DNAU), 16th and Gaylord Streets. Source 1 advised that these individuals would then travel to Boulder, Colorado to make a speech at the University of Colorado (CU) and would thereafter return to St. Paul, Minnesota. Source 1 learned from an individual whom he regards as reliable, that supporters of the American Indian Movement (AIM) and also Mexican-Americans, who are members of the Crusade for Justice, are to meet at Stapleton International Airport (SIA), Denver, Colorado and march to the Indian center. Source 1 learned from [redacted] a leader of the Crusade for Justice (CFJ), that numerous out-of-town persons including Banks and Means would support the crusade at their rally in memory of one Luis "Jr." Martinez, to be held at the State Capitol Building, Denver, Colorado on March 17, 1974.

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RUSSELL MEANS
DENNIS BANKS

AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

The American Indian Movement (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.

CRUSADE FOR JUSTICE

The Crusade for Justice is a militant Mexican-American organization founded in 1968 with headquarters in Denver, Colorado. Its political arm is known as "La Raza Unida" - The United (Mexican - American) People. Its objective is development of the Mexican-American community in political education and social action.

On March 6, 1974, Source 2, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that Banks and Means were scheduled to arrive in Denver on Western Airlines (WAL) Flight 479 from St. Paul, Minnesota at 7:35 p.m. on March 8, 1974.

On March 8, 1974, a Special Agent of the FBI observed approximately 60 Indians at the boarding area of Concourse "C", SIA, Gate 1, awaiting the arrival of WAL Flight 479. Observed in the crowd were Vincent Harvier, Director of the Denver Chapter of AIM and several known members of the Denver AIM Chapter. Also observed were approximately eight Indian males wearing red armbands who were not from Denver and appeared to be part of a security patrol for the AIM leaders. At approximately 7:40 p.m., WAL Flight 479 arrived and Banks and Means were observed deplaning and being greeted by Harvier.

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RUSSELL MEANS
DENNIS BANKS

On March 9, 1974, Source 1 stated that he was at SIA on the evening of March 8, 1974 to await the arrival of Dennis Banks and Russell Means, who were to speak that night at the Indian center. Source 1 stated that approximately 70 Indians showed up at the airport. Source 1 observed Vincent Harvier and several other members of the Denver AIM at the airport. Source 1 stated that when Banks and Means arrived via WAL they were transported by car to DNAU. Source 1 stated that at the Indian center were approximately 150 Indians and an equal number of Mexican-Americans. Source 1 stated that he recognized numerous Mexican-Americans who are affiliated with the CFJ and some individuals who reside in Ft. Lupton, Colorado who are connected with the United Farm Worker's Union. At the center, Source 1 also observed an individual known to Source 1 as [redacted] and (first name unknown)

[redacted] These individuals had previously been observed by source at an AIM sponsored pow wow and march at Ft. Defiance, Arizona and Gallup, New Mexico in September, 1973.

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At the center, Source 1 also observed Corky Gonzales, leader of the CFJ and Vernon Bellecourt, member of the Board of Directors of the National AIM.

Source 1 stated that both Means and Banks spoke at the gathering. Means talked about the unity between the Indians and Chicanos and the mockery of the trial in St. Paul, Minnesota. Means stated he found it incredible that the U.S. Government was prosecuting native Americans whom Means described as the original owners of this land. Means also described the Chicanos as being part Indian and alleged that the theft of the land which had victimized the Indians had also victimized their Chicano brothers. Means spoke in some detail concerning the Indian religion and culture and the need for the Indians to regain their identity and win their rights against the corrupt society of the White man.

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RUSSELL MEANS
DENNIS BANKS

Source 1 stated that Banks spoke concerning unity with the Chicano movement and noted that the Chicanos had been the primary supporters for the Indian struggle at Wounded Knee, South Dakota and they provided both physical and material aid.

On March 18, 1974, Source 1 stated that on March 9, 1974, Dennis Banks and Russell Means gave speeches at Boulder, Colorado in Room 140 of the Chemistry Building on the campus of CU. Source stated that the speeches virtually were identical with the speeches given the night before at the Indian center. Source 1 stated that [redacted] who introduced herself as [redacted] was the [redacted] of this session. Source 1 stated that also speaking at the CU campus was a large heavy-set Indian female, name unrecalled, who is President of the Indian National Youth Congress or similar organization in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This individual was also at SIA on March 8, 1974 with [redacted] to await the arrival of Means and Banks.

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On March 18, 1974, Source 1 stated that he attended a rally at the State Capitol Building, Denver, Colorado on March 17, 1974. The rally was sponsored by the CFJ and attracted an audience of 1500 persons most of whom were Mexican-Americans and perhaps 100 to 200 Indians. Source 1 stated there were numerous speakers including Corky Gonzales, who is the leader of the CFJ and Russell Means, leader of AIM. Source 1 noted that most of the speakers denounced the U.S. Government, the Government of Colorado, local and Federal law enforcement officials. The speakers emphasized that a revolution among the minority of this country is imminent and that they should band together for strength.

On March 17, 1974, Special Agent of the FBI observed a rally at the State Capitol Building, Denver, Colorado. The rally was attended by approximately 1200 to 1400 persons. Among the numerous speakers was Russell Means, a leader of the AIM. Means noted in his speech that a majority of the support for the Indians at Wounded Knee came from Chicanos. He talked

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RUSSELL MEANS
DENNIS BANKS

against the White man's pollution and other problems noting that the Indian society never had a need for old folks' homes, insane asylums and never suffered with unemployment, pollution, gettos or crimes. Means stated that the White man is scarring the landscape. Means stated that the AIM had been requested by leaders of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation to come to the reservation in June, 1974, to prevent the planned starting of strip-mining of coal on reservation land. Means requested the aid of persons in the audience to "get it on" as they had in Wounded Knee. Means drew a big response when he made the standard joke about George Washington not being the Father of his country. Means condemned the schools run by the White man as being nothing more than the brain-washing of Indian children. He threatened that unless there is progress in meeting the AIM demands by the Government, 1976 will be "a very unhappy birthday for the U.S."

Also speaking at the rally was William Kunstler, Attorney for Means and Banks at their trial in St. Paul, Minnesota, for numerous charges arriving out of the occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota in 1973. Kunstler claimed that the defendants could not be convicted if the "people" worked to free them. Kunstler stated that the courts were one tool in the struggle against the system. Kunstler noted that the people assembled at the rally would make the revolution which was certain to come, long before 1976. Kunstler further stated that people might have to die in the streets to win the revolution. Kunstler denounced what he described as the ruling class of capitalist imperialists and politicians, who he alleged were in their employ. He stated that the country had been built by the sweat of the people and that the people would take back what they had built when the revolution was won.

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Date: 3/14/74

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: DIRECTOR (157-28313)(MAIL)
MINNEAPOLIS (70-6832)

FROM: KANSAS CITY (176-80)

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

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SAC'S, MARCH 3, 1974.

SEVEN KANSAS CITY AGENTS, WHO SERVED IN WOUNDED KNEE, S.C.,
WORKED ON ROADBLOCK NO. ONE AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER DURING
ASSIGNMENT THERE. GENERALLY THE AGENTS WERE AWARE OF A TELEPHONE
AVAILABLE ON ROADBLOCK NO. ONE; HOWEVER, NONE UTILIZED THE
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Date: 3/29/74

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)
FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-1460) (P)
SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
OO:MINNEAPOLIS

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a self-explanatory LHM, dated 3/27/74, captioned as above.

MP T-1 is [] and MP T-2 is []

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MP 157-1460

Minneapolis, Minnesota

March 29, 1974

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RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS 3/9/80

At approximately 1:55 A.M., March 26, 1974, the Police Department, Bismarck, North Dakota, received a complaint from the Security Officer, Holiday Inn, Bismarck, North Dakota, that there was excessive noise coming from Room Number 245, rented to [redacted] and the room occupants refused to reduce the noise, causing numerous complaints from other occupants of the Holiday Inn.

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Police investigation ascertained approximately 25 people, male and female, were in the room, including Ted Means and Russell Means. Police requests to [redacted] and Russell Means were met with verbal abuse to the Police Officers and scuffling ensued. Russell Means reportedly grabbed Bismarck Mandan Security Officer [redacted] by the necktie and attempted to kick him in the groin. No injuries were sustained, however, and no property damage was reported.

[redacted] United Tribes Employment Training Center, Fort Lincoln, Bismarck, North Dakota, and [redacted] Attorney, 510 North Third Street, San Jose, California, telephone number 408-286-1212, consulted with Police Officers at the scene and assurances were made to Police that the noise would be kept to a minimum. No further incidents followed.

[redacted] Assistant States Attorney, Burleigh County, Bismarck, North Dakota, stated on March 26, 1974, that no charges have been filed in connection with the above described incident and none are contemplated.

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"Source whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past except where otherwise noted."

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RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

MP T-1 advised on January 28, 1974, that Russell Means currently is a member of the Central Committee for the American Indian Movement (AIM).

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.

MP T-2 advised in September, 1973, Ted Means was to assume new responsibilities with the AIM Rapid City Chapter.

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Via AIRTEL _____ AIRMAIL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)
FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-1460) (P)
SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, Aka -
Russ
EM - AIM

Re Bureau airtel to Albany dated 5/22/73 captioned "Key Extremist" program.

Investigation has developed that MEANS is a leader of long standing of the American Indian Movement (AIM). He recently participated as a leader in armed confrontations against local, state, and federal law enforcement officers, South Dakota, for which he is presently on trial at St. Paul, Minnesota. MEANS is presently on ADEX.

In accordance with instructions in referenced airtel, the Bureau is requested to designate MEANS as a key extremist.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile 157-28313)

DATE: May 24, 1974

FROM : SAC, Minneapolis (157-1460)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS - KEY EXTREMIST
EXTREMIST MATTERS - AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

Reference: _____

- Recommend: Inclusion in ADEX (summary attached)*
 Removal from ADEX (summary attached)*
 Changes in ADEX card (specify change only) (Two copies of FD-366 are enclosed for the Bureau)
 * Abstract required.

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Residence Address Permanent address, Porcupine, South Dakota, however, residing at Holiday Inn, 161 St. Anthony, St. Paul, Minn. <i>Temporary</i>	
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
May 24, 1974

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. BU 157-28313
MP 157-1460

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS - KEY EXTREMIST

CHARACTER: EXTREMIST MATTERS - AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

REFERENCE: Minneapolis report of SA [redacted] dated 2/26/74

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

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Residence: Permanent address, Porcupine, South Dakota, however, residing at Holiday Inn, 161 St. Anthony, St. Paul, Minnesota

Employment:

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
 - 1 - Secret Service, Minneapolis
 - 1 - Minneapolis
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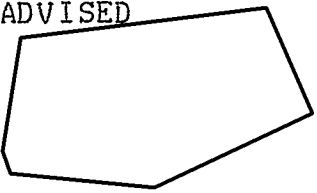
TO DIRECTOR

MINNEAPOLIS

FROM LOS ANGELES (157-8701) (P) 1P

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; EM - AIM.

SOURCE ONE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFO IN PAST, ADVISED THIS DATE RUSSELL MEANS ARRIVING LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FROM SIOUX FALLS ON JUNE 1, 1974, DATE AND CARRIER UNKNOWN. SOURCE TWO, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFO IN PAST, ADVISED RUSSELL MEANS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH, LOS ANGELES, WHERE HE IS TO RECEIVE HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD.



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SOURCES UTILIZED ARE SOURCE ONE [REDACTED], AND SOURCE 2, [REDACTED]

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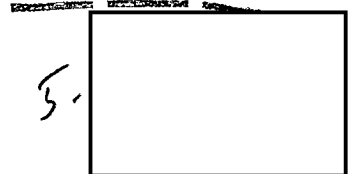
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LOS ANGELES WILL AFFORD COVERAGE AND SUBMIT LHM.

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Agency: Secret Service
 Dept. - ~~AAC Civil Rights Div.~~
 AAC Criminal Div.
 Attn: ISS
 GCS (Lit. Unit)

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 By Chm. [signature]

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Date: 5/24/74

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)
FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-1460) (P)
SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
KEY EXTREMIST
EM - AIM

OO: MINNEAPOLIS

Re Minneapolis airtel to Bureau with attached letterhead memorandum, dated 3/29/74. ✓

Enclosed for the Bureau are five (5) copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above. One copy of same enclosed for Denver.

All pertinent information regarding possible violence when noted in letterhead memorandum was disseminated to appropriate authorities.

MP T-1 is [redacted]
MP T-2 is [redacted]
MP T-3 is [redacted]

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Attached for the Bureau are two copies of FD-376. One copy was disseminated to U.S. Secret Service, Minneapolis.

- (2)-Bureau (Enc. 5) (RM)
 - 1-Denver (Info) (Enc. 1)
 - 3-Minneapolis (1-157-1458)
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ENCLOSURE

Agency: Secret Service, *Internal*
Dept. - ~~AAG Civil Rights Div.~~
AAG Criminal Div.
Attn: ISS
GCS (Lit. Unit)

REC-71 157-28313-68

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How forwarded, *R/S*
Date 5/31/74
By _____

[Handwritten signatures and stamps]

Approved: [Signature] Sent _____ M Per _____
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MP (157-1460)

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MP T-4 is Minneapolis Police Officer,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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1. Subject's name is included in the ADEX.
2. The data appearing on the ADEX Card are current.
3. Changes on the ADEX Card are necessary and Form FD-122 submitted to the Bureau.
4. A suitable photograph is is not available.
Date photograph was taken April, 1973.
5. Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. This report is classified _____ because
(state reason)
7. Subject previously interviewed (dates) 3/14/73.
 Subject was not interviewed reinterviewed because (state reason)
of his being under current indictment on Federal charges stemming from the Wounded Knee confrontation.
8. This case no longer meets the ADEX criteria and an FD-122 with succinct summary, has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
9. This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ADEX criteria and it continues to fall within the criteria because (state reason)
MEANS is a member of AIM Central Committee, which has decision-making power for the Organization.
10. Security Flash Notice (FD-165) to Identification Division:
 Submitted 12/3/73 Placed Yes No
(date)
11. Subject is Extremist in ADEX and Stop Notice has been placed with the Bureau Stop Index.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 24, 1974

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

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-1460

RE: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EXTREMIST MATTER -
AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

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

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

Enclosure(s) (1) (RM)



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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Minneapolis, Minnesota

May 24, 1974

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

On March 6, 1974, MP T-1 advised that Russell Means is no longer a member of the National Officers of the American Indian Movement (AIM). However, he is a member of the AIM Central Committee which makes all decision of importance for the Organization.

The American Indian Movement (AIM) was founded in Minnesota in 1968, dedicated to improving conditions for the American Indian. AIM 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 February 27, 1973, members of the American Indian Movement (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.

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"Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past except where otherwise noted".

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On March 6 - 7, 1974, HP T-1 advised Russell Means went to San Francisco for several days in an attempt to free Patricia Hearst, who was kidnaped by the Symbionese Liberation Army, which is a terrorist organization responsible for kidnaping Miss Hearst. The source also said Means has made few speeches recently and has spent much time drinking heavily in his motel room. The source said the long-standing animosity between Means and Dennis Banks continues in private, but is carefully concealed in public.

HP T-1 advised in January, 1974, that Dennis Banks is the National Executive Director of AIM.

On March 29, 1974, Captain [redacted] Aberdeen Police Department, Aberdeen, South Dakota, advised Russell Means and several followers checked into the Holiday Inn, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

On March 30, 1974, Sergeant [redacted] Aberdeen Police Department, Aberdeen, South Dakota, advised an annual pow-wow was scheduled at Ron Calli Catholic High School, Aberdeen, South Dakota, on the weekend. He said Richard Wilson, Chairman, Tribal Council, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, was one of the scheduled speakers. He said there were various disturbances during the early morning hours on March 30, 1974 at the Holiday Inn and Sheraton Hotel at Aberdeen, South Dakota, involving Indians to which the Aberdeen Police Department responded. He said Means stayed in his motel room throughout these disturbances and did not participate in any way. He said tension was sufficiently great that Chairman Wilson canceled his speech and all appearances at the pow-wow.

On March 23, 1974, an article appeared in "Grand Forks Herald", Grand Forks, North Dakota, a newspaper of general circulation, which said Russell Means addressed over 500 people at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota. In his speech, Means reportedly compared America's treatment of native American Indians to Nazi treatment of the Jews and likened Indian reservations to concentration camps. He also said after the occupation of Wounded Knee, Federal Agents shot up church alters in the village and blamed the Indians for this.

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On March 29, 1974, an article appeared in the "Grand Forks Herald" in which Russell Means was quoted as saying he wishes the trial in St. Paul, Minnesota, in which he is a defendant for his participation in the takeover of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, from February 27, 1973, to May 8, 1973, to continue in order to allow the defense an opportunity to "uncover more filth than Watergate." "If for some reason a dismissal is ordered, I predict another Wounded Knee." "If acquitted, this would justify more Wounded Knees because the Government will have been found wrong."

On March 30, 1974, a program entitled "Indian Country Today" was telecast by the Meyer Broadcasting Company, KFYR - TV, Bismarck, North Dakota. During the telecast, Russell Means said that after the AIM National Convention in June, an AIM caravan is going to Aberdeen, South Dakota, to confront the Bureau of Indian Affairs Area Office concerning the issue of land-owner rights of Indians on the reservations.

On April 3, 1974, MP T-1 advised that Russell Means spoke at the AIM National Meeting, St. Paul, Minnesota, on March 11, 1974, and said that requests for AIM's help have been received from Apache Indians, the Northern Cheyenne, over strip mining on their reservation in Montana, Indians of Micronesia and Latin America and Indians in South Dakota State Prisons.

On April 14, 1974, an article appeared in the "Morning Star", Mandan, North Dakota, a newspaper of general circulation, in which Russell Means was quoted as saying that an AIM caravan plans to go to Montana in an attempt to stop strip mining on Indian reservations there, immediately after the AIM National Convention in June, 1974.

On April 15, 1974, MP T-2 advised that Russell Means called for armed persons to be present at Rushville, Nebraska, on April 22, 1974, at which time Milo Farfield Goings goes on trial on local charges.

On April 15, 1974, MP T-3 advised that Russell Means said there would be an "action" at Rushville, Nebraska, on April 22, 1974, and called for those AIM members going to Rushville to bring weapons. The source also said Means discussed proposed plans to set up a Rapid City, South Dakota, police officer or officers by means of some pretext and then to ambush the officer or officers.

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On April 19, 1974, MP T-2 advised Means has expressed fear of Carter Camp who was expelled from AIM leadership earlier this year, who may attempt to take over AIM leadership and has said that Camp is to be "hit". The source also said that Camp has said he is going to have Means and Dennis Banks "hit" when the trial in St. Paul is over.

On May 1, 1974, Sergeant [redacted], Sioux Falls Police Department, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, advised on April 30, 1974, Russell Means spoke over local radio and television stations stating that Indians of this country and Canada have declared a national emergency because of the injustices and inequities in the judicial system in South Dakota toward Indian people. Means said AIM has been asked to come to Sioux Falls to give assistance.

On May 1, 1974, an article appeared in the "Minneapolis Tribune", Minneapolis, Minnesota, a newspaper of general circulation, which stated that a battle erupted in the Sioux Falls, South Dakota Courtroom, where defendants involved in the Custer incident of February 6, 1973, are on trial, when police attempted to forcibly remove a band of Indian demonstrators who refused to stand when Circuit Judge Joseph Bottum entered the courtroom. Means was photographed helping an injured man from that courtroom.

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On April 30, 1974, an article appeared in the "Sioux Falls Argus Leader", Sioux Falls, South Dakota, a newspaper of general circulation, which described a confrontation between AIM demonstrators and police earlier that day. Russell Means was said to have met with Judge Bottum in chambers before the incident in order to work out a compromise between AIM demonstrators and the Judge over the issue of standing when the Judge entered the courtroom.

On May 1, 1974, Deputy Sheriff [redacted] Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, advised he was on assignment at the Minnehaha County Courthouse, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on April 30, 1973. He said he was on the second floor when he heard glass breaking on the first floor and a commotion upstairs. He said he saw between 10 and 15 people coming down from the third floor, some of whom were carrying clubs ripped from chairs. He said he saw Russell Means coming behind these people. He said Means stopped on the second floor and kicked a plate glass window which shattered.

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On May 3, 1974, Deputy Sheriff [redacted] Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, advised on April 30, 1973, he observed Russell Means break a plate glass window in the Minnehaha Courthouse Building, and later observed Means outside the building apparently urging other demonstrators.

On May 2, 1974, an article appeared in the "St. Paul Pioneer Press", St. Paul, Minnesota, a newspaper of general circulation, which stated that Russell Means was in the Courtroom when a battle erupted between police and Indians who were being ejected for failing to stand when the Judge entered the Courtroom. Means was quoted as warning that Sioux Falls, South Dakota, will "Reach a state of seige" with National Guardsmen on every corner.

On May 2, 1974, MP T-2 advised that Russell Means has stated a policy for AIM to begin to make plans to assassinate police officers. Means suggested this could be done by enticing police officers to an isolated area through the use of phony telephone calls for assistance and then ambush the officers by the use of snipers.

On May 6, 1974, MP T-2 advised that Russell Means made a statement on May 6, 1974, that he will try to restrict tourism in South Dakota. Means also reportedly said he will have all white people on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation surveilled by AIM members and that white people traveling on the reservation are doing so at their own risk.

On May 7, 1974, an article appeared in the "Minneapolis Tribune", a newspaper of general circulation, Minneapolis, Minnesota, which said Russell Means had handed out an AIM statement which declared that the State of South Dakota was a war zone. The AIM statement said AIM will discourage tourism in the state and on the state's Indian reservations and will confiscate out of state automobiles operated on the reservations with Indian permits.

On May 11, 1974, MP T-4 advised he had learned through a second party that an individual close to Russell Means has in his possession 25 pounds of plastic explosives, and it is intended to be used on May 14, 1974, when the Custer trials resume in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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On May 14, 1974, an article appeared in the "Sioux Falls Argus Leader", which stated that Russell Means was arrested on two charges based upon the April 30th violence at the Minnehaha County Courthouse. Means demanded a preliminary hearing which Judge Robert J. Patterson set for 10:00 a.m., June 28, 1974. Means' bond was set at \$1,000 on each count.

On May 14, 1974, Deputy Marshal [redacted] Office of the U. S. Marshal, Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised Russell Means was placed aboard an airplane at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and flown to Minneapolis, Minnesota. [redacted] stated this action was pursuant to a writ at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. [redacted] said upon arrival at Minneapolis, Minnesota, Means was taken immediately to the Federal Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, where Means is presently on trial.

Residence

On May 24, 1974, Deputy [redacted] U. S. Marshal's Office, Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised Russell Means continues to use the permanent address of Porcupine, South Dakota, but he is temporarily staying at the Holiday Inn, 161 St. Anthony, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)

DATE: 6/24/74

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (P*)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
OO: Minneapolis
OM 157-1476
MP 157-1460

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
CIR-BURGLARY AND LARCENY;
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UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS
OO: Minneapolis
OM 176-89
MP 70-6882

Re Omaha letter to the Bureau 3/25/74.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROBERT D. KINSEY:

[redacted] Deputy County Attorney, Scotts Bluff
County, Gering, Nebraska, on 6/18/74 advised there is no basic
change in the status of prosecution in Scotts Bluff County
of MEANS. He stated no attempts will be made to set any
trial date as long as the trial involving MEANS and DENNIS
BANKS continues at St. Paul, Minnesota.

[redacted] said he is certain no trial date will be
set even tentatively prior to mid-August, 1974.

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - Minneapolis
 - 1 - (157-1460)
 - 1 - (70-6882)
- 4 - Omaha
 - 2 - (157-1476)
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AT GERING, NEBRASKA

Will recontact Scotts Bluff County Attorney's
Office about mid-August, 1974.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)

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

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
OO: Minneapolis

DATE: 6/28/74

Re Los Angeles nitel to the Bureau dated 5/31/74.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) concerning captioned individual. One copy of this LHM is being furnished Minneapolis in view of their current interest in subject.

No copy of this LHM is being furnished Secret Service, Los Angeles, inasmuch as the information contained herein does not fall within their investigative purview.

Sources utilized in the enclosed LHM are identified as follows:

- Source One
- Source Two
- Source Three
- Source Four

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No additional investigation is being conducted by the Los Angeles Division and this matter is being placed in an RUC status.

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- ② - Bureau (Enc. 5) (RM)
- 1 - Minneapolis (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles

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FILE

Agency: Secret Serv. Div.
 Dept. of Justice
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Div. of Criminal Justice
 Criminal Division
 Attn: ISS
 GCS (Lit. Units)

How Forwarded: RIS
 Date: 7/1/74
 By: GJR/jc
 100-620 940





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Los Angeles, California
June 28, 1974

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EXTREMIST MATTER-AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

Unless advised to the contrary, all sources utilized herein have provided reliable information in the past.

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

Source One, who is knowledgeable of AIM activities in the Los Angeles area, advised on May 30, 1974, that Russell Means, National Leader of AIM, would arrive at Los Angeles International Airport from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on June 1, 1974.

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Source Two, who is knowledgeable of AIM activities in Los Angeles, advised on May 30, 1974, that Means was to receive a "Humanitarian of the Year" award from the Fellowship for Social Justice (FSJ) of the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles, 2936 West Eighth Street, Los Angeles, California, on June 1, 1974.

On June 3, 1974, Source Three, who is cognizant of Indian extremist matters in Los Angeles, advised that FSJ held its annual awards presentation between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. on June 1, 1974, with approximately 250 persons in attendance.

Source Four advised on June 4, 1974, that Means expressed the following thoughts in his speech:

Means said the three greatest enemies of the American Indian people were identified and named by AIM in 1968 and these were, the United States Government, Christianity, and Education. Means said "we lived in harmony with the other creatures of the earth until the white man came". Means said do not mistake AIM when it says that the United States Government is its enemy, and it does not want anything to do with the United States Government. Means said "We want our own lands back, we want our treaty rights, we want the right to rule as our own sovereign nations, the lands that were given to us in our treaties and which have been broken time and again by the United States Government." He said "you can have Nixon, we do not want him. You can have the police and the government, we do not want them. Do not mistake AIM when it says christianity is an enemy. Christians came onto our properties on the reservations, after we have been put there by the government, and they claimed that we were savages. They tried to destroy us by killing in our children and in our children's children, the Indian way of life and our religious beliefs by making our children cut their hair and teach them about the white man's god. We saw this white man's god. We saw this white man's religion. We examined it with an open mind, and we saw that the people beat their children, they went out and got drunk, they mistreated their woman, they lied and they cheated one another, stole from one another, and we want no part of this religion." Means said "do not mistake the Indian, he is not a fool. When AIM first started we went back and we are trying to draw our children back to the Indian way of life, to the Indian religion, where all men are brothers. We do not kill food wantonly and abuse our mother earth as the white man has done. Do not mistake AIM when it says that education is its

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enemies. Educated men are fools, they do not learn the lessons that their brothers, the four leggeds and the insects on this earth have to teach them. They do not learn to live in harmony on this earth and they are destroying it. We do not want this so we do not want the white man's education that teaches him to fear his other brothers. We had education long before the white man came, and that is the way we want to rear our children again. Some of the white man's tools that he needs to get along in this world, reading, writing, and arithmetic, and English, driving a car, this is fine. We do not want white teachers telling our children that they were savages, that their relations and ancestors were savages, that they had no religion and that they were ignorant, because we were not."

Source Four advised Means' speech was very effective and the audience gave him a standing ovation. Means was interrupted many times during his half-hour speech with bursts of applause. According to source, Means also referred to "Nazi America" during the course of his speech and compared Indian reservations to Nazi Germany concentration camps.

Contact with above sources determined that Means departed Los Angeles sometime Sunday, June 2, 1974.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Police Department San Leandro California	Russell Charles Means 11046	March 9, 1957	Petty Theft and violation of curfew	<i>J 7-</i>
Police Department San Leandro California	Russell Charles Means 11046 <i>RUSSELL MEANS</i>	April 26, 1958	common drunk	\$10.00 bail forfeited
Police Department Los Angeles California	Russell C. Means LA 467 708-M	January 18, 1959	drunk booking 775889	
Police Department Los Angeles California	Russell C. Means LA 467 708-M	December 19, 1959	211 Penal Code (robbery) booking 001537	
Police Department Inglewood California	Russell Charles Means A-23264	June 4, 1960	drunk in private residence	<i>157-28313</i> NOT RECORDED JUL 9 1974
Police Department Oakland California	Russell Charles Means 155819	September 9, 1962	Section 647f Penal Code under the influence	15 days County Jail suspension 1 year
Police Department San Francisco California	Russell Charles Means 180373	October 27, 1962	G-61366 suspicion Section 245 Penal Code (Assault with a deadly weapon)	October 30, 1962 discharged

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

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
United States Marshal Minneapolis Minnesota	Russell Charles Means 6842	May 21, 1971	18 United States Code 1382 Trespassing on a Naval Installation	Dismissed November 9, 1971
United States Marshal Sioux Falls South Dakota	Russell Charles Means 8410-1495	June 6, 1971	Did unlawfully climb Mount Rushmore and camp	Dismissed by Order of the Court
Police Department Washington DC	Russell Charles Means 253 183	September 22, 1971	Unlawful Entry	
Police Department Scottsbluff Nebraska	Russell C. Means 28912	January 14, 1973	Disorderly Conduct Intoxication Carrying Concealed Weapon Resisting Arrest	To County
Sheriff's Office Rapid City South Dakota	Russell Charles Means 11048	February 6, 1973	C-1 Riot C-2 2 counts arson second degree	Released to Custer County Authorities
USM Sioux Falls SDak	Russell Charles Means 8410-1495	4-5-73	burg, larc impede Fed officers during civil disorder-consp A Fed Off-poss unregister firearms-arson	
USM Phoenix Ariz	Russell Charles Means 6816 P (c)	6-18-73	Interstate transportation of firearms for civil disorder	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Sioux Falls SDak	Russell Means J-8070	5-14-74	engaging in Riot injuring public building	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	WANTED: Russell Charles Means for 270 PC (failure to provide for minor children) (will not extradite) notify Dist Atty's Office Child Support Division Metro North Regional Office 2910 W. Beverly Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90057 inf rec 6-13-74			
	Refer to case; #88 925 03 28			

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	<p>WANTED BY BUREAU: Russell Charles Means IMPEDING & INTER WITH FED OFF Fug Index 41939 Bu file 70-53411 O.O. Minneapolis inf rec 3-21-73 CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS NO LONGER WANTED per inf rec 4-5-73</p>			
	<p>ADEX FLASH: Russell Charles Means Any information of inquiry received refer one copy of record to IS-2 Intelligence Division to BFD Minneapolis File 157-1460 Bu file 157-28313 Inf rec 10-24-73</p>			

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TO DIRECTOR 157-28313

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FROM MINNEAPOLIS 157-1460 (P) SIX PAGES

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

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RE TWO MINNEAPOLIS NITELS TO BUREAU, JUNE 23, 1974, CAPTIONED
"RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS - FUGITIVE; [REDACTED] - FUGITIVE;
UNSUBS; THOMAS RHOADES - VICTIM; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; CIR -
ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO INFLICT GREAT BODILY INJURY; ADW; LARCENY,
OO: MINNEAPOLIS."

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REFERENCED NITELS CONTAIN FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE 22, 1974, AT APPROXIMATELY 6:00 PM AT
MISSION, SOUTH DAKOTA, A CALL WAS RECEIVED BY CHIEF OF POLICE
THOMAS RHOADES TO PROCEED TO THE MISSION GOLF CLUB, MISSION,
SOUTH DAKOTA, AS AN OFFICER WAS NEEDED.

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RHOADES AND OFFICER [REDACTED] ARRIVED AT THE GOLF CLUB HOUSE AND WENT TO BAR AND TALKED TO THE BARMAID WHO REPORTED THAT RUSSELL MEANS AND APPROXIMATELY 15 OTHER UNIDENTIFIED INDIANS REFUSED TO LEAVE THE DINING ROOM AREA BECAUSE IT WAS A PRIVATE CLUB AND THEY WERE NOT MEMBERS.

AT THIS TIME RUSSELL MEANS APPROACHED RHOADES AND ASKED WHAT HE WANTED. RHOADES TOLD HIM THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE BECAUSE IT WAS A PRIVATE CLUB. MEANS THEN SAID "WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?" RHOADES THEN SAID "THEY WERE NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT AT THIS TIME BECAUSE THEY WERE OUTMANNED." RHOADES THEN TURNED TO WALK AWAY. MEANS THEN HIT RHOADES IN THE FACE WITH HIS FIST AND RHOADES GRABBED MEANS. SEVERAL OTHER UNKNOWN INDIANS JUMPED ON RHOADES. THEN [REDACTED] BEGAN TO ASSIST RHOADES AND WAS ALSO ATTACKED BY [REDACTED] AND OTHER UNIDENTIFIED INDIAN MALES.

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DURING THE COURSE OF THE FIGHT RHOADES AND [REDACTED] WERE SEVERELY BEATEN. RHOADES WAS HIT OVER THE HEAD AT LEAST TWO TIMES WITH A LIQUOR BOTTLE, SEVERAL TIMES WITH WHAT APPEARED TO BE AN

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AUTOMATIC PISTOL AND SEVERAL TIMES WITH A BLACKJACK. [REDACTED]

~~ATTACKED WITH A BLACKJACK~~ [REDACTED]

WAS SEVERLY BEATEN BY BEING KICKED ABOUT THE HEAD AND FACE.0
THEY WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE. DURING THE FIGHT BOTH POLICE OFFICERS'
WEAPONS WERE TAKEN. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FIGHT RHOADES' POLICE
CAR WAS BROKEN INTO AND A .30 CALIBER CARBINE AND SHOTGUN WERE
TAKEN ALSO. SERIAL NUMBERS WILL BE ENTERED IN NCIC AS SOON AS
THEY ARE OBTAINED.

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INVESTIGATION AT VALENTINE HOSPITAL, VALENTINE, NEBRASKA,
DETERMINED THAT EACH POLICE OFFICER HAD A BROKEN NOSE, SEVERE
LACERATIONS AND CONTUSIONS. IN ADDITION, [REDACTED] SUSTAINED A
COMPOUND FRACTURE OF THE LEFT LITTLE FINGER. BOTH POLICE
OFFICERS WERE ADMITTED TO THE VALENTINE HOSPITAL. *S.D.K.*

AFTER THE POLICE OFFICERS ESCAPED THE GOLF CLUB, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SUSTAINED A SERIOUS GUNSHOT WOUND. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS
TRANSPORTED TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH HOSPITAL, ROSEBUD, SOUTH DAKOTA,
AND WAS THEREAFTER TRANSFERRED BY AIRPLANE TO THE ELLSWORTH
AIR FORCE BASE HOSPITAL, RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, WHERE HE IS
CURRENTLY CONFINED IN CRITICAL CONDITION, BUT IS EXPECTED TO LIVE.
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MEANS IS ACCUSING THE INJURED POLICE OFFICERS OF THIS SHOOTING; HOWEVER WITNESSES AND STATEMENTS OF INJURED POLICE OFFICERS FAIL TO SUBSTANTIATE ALLEGATION.

ON JUNE 22, 1974, THE FACT OF THIS CASE WERE PRESENTED TO AUSA [REDACTED] SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, WHO AUTHORIZED PROSECUTION OF RUSSELL MEANS AND [REDACTED] FOR VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 1153 AND S.D.C.L. 22-18-12, AND RECOMMENDED A \$15,000 CASH OR SURETY BOND ON EACH.

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ON JUNE 23, 1974, AUTHORIZED COMPLAINT FILED BEFORE U.S. MAGISTRATE CLIFFORD T. PAY, PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA , CHARGING THEM WITH CIR - ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO INFLICT SERIOUS BODILY INJURY. WARRANTS ISSUED SAME DATE.

WARRANT STIPULATED THAT MEANS WAS TO VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER HIMSELF TO AUTHORITIES BY 11:00 AM, SOUTH DAKOTA TIME. AS OF 12:00 NOON, SOUTH DAKOTA TIME, MEANS HAS NOT COMPLIED WITH THIS STIPULATION AND HAS NOT TRUNED HIMSELF IN.

SECOND NITEL DATED JUNE 23, 1974, CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
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MR. [REDACTED] BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA), AGENCY SPECIAL OFFICER, PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION, SOUTH DAKOTA, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS DATE HE HAS BEEN ORDERED TO GO FROM PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION TO ROSEBUD INDIAN RESERVATION AND EFFECT THE ARRESTS OF RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS AND [REDACTED] [REDACTED] THIS ORDER WAS GIVEN TO [REDACTED] BY DIRECTION OF BIA AREA DIRECTOR, WYMAN BABBY, ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA.

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[REDACTED] REQUESTED FBI AGENTS TO ASSIST IN ABOVE APPREHENSION. [REDACTED] WAS ADVISED THAT IT WAS FELT THAT AN ATTEMPT TO ARREST SUBJECTS AT THIS TIME WAS ILL ADVISED INASMUCH AS TENSION IS EXTREMELY HIGH AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A MAJOR CONFRONTATION EXISTS. [REDACTED] WAS INFORMED THE FBI ASSISTANCE COULD NOT BE GIVEN HIM AT THIS TIME. [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT HE WAS GOING TO ATTEMPT TO ARREST MEANS AND [REDACTED] AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH OR WITHOUT FBI ASSISTANCE.

INVESTIGATION ON ROSEBUD INDIAN RESERVATION WILL BE CONDUCTED UNDER SECURE CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN DEEMED SUITABLE.

ON JUNE 24, 1974, [REDACTED] AREA SPECIAL OFFICER, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, ADVISED THAT GENE SURAUZ, CHIEF OF ENFORCEMENT OF BIA, WASHINGTON D.C., INFORMED HIM THAT
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RUSSELL MEANS, HAS AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET THE COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, [REDACTED] TODAY OR TOMORROW AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

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[REDACTED] AREA SPECIAL AFFICER, BIAN, ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA, ADVISED HE FEELS THAT RUSSELL MEANS WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP AN APPOINTMENT WITH BIA COMMISSIONER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, WASHINGTON, D.C., SET FOR JUNE 25, 1974.

EFFORTS CONTINUING TO VERIFY MEANS AND OTHER AIM MEMBERS TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON FOR MEETING WITH BIA 6/25/MEXT

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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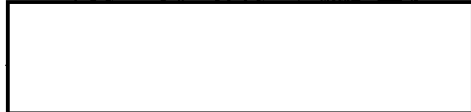
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IMMEDIATE NEED FBR SOG PERSONNEL RESOLVED THIS A.M. WHEN RUSSELL

MEANS SURRENDERED TO UNITED STATES MARSHAL [REDACTED]

DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA AND WILLIAM C. WHITWORTH, CHIEF, GENERAL

OPERATIONS DIVISION, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, UNITED STATES MARSHALS

SERVICE. SOG PERSONNEL RELIEVED FROM ALERT STATUS AND MAY RETURN

TO NORMAL DUTIES (SOG DUSMS ASSIGNED FOR SVA NEXT WEEK ARE

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS; RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, AMERICAN INDIAN
MOVEMENT (AIM), LEADERSHIP TRIALS, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, CIR.
RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, EM - AIM. OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

RE MINNEAPOLIS NITEL TO BUREAU JULY 31, 1974.

CHIEF OF POLICE, VALENTINE, NEBRASKA, ADVISED THIS DATE

[REDACTED] OF HIS DEPARTMENT WAS ON NORMAL PATROL DUTY WHEN
PASSING THE VAN HORN BAR, VALENTINE, SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT
JULY 31, 1974. HE OBSERVED A GROUP OF PEOPLE NEAR THE BAR
AND STOPPED. HE FOUND AN INDIAN MALE LYING IN THE STREET
WHO WAS IDENTIFIED TO HIM AS RUSSELL MEANS. MEANS HAD CUTS
AND BURISES ABOUT THE FACE. AN ABULANCE WAS REQUESTED BUT
WHEN ABULANCE ARRIVED MEANS REFUSED TO GET IN IT. MEANS
WAS HELPED AND ASSISTED TO A 1970 BUICK, WHITE OVER CREAM OR
GOLD IN COLOR, BEARING MINNESOTA LICENSE [REDACTED]
IN THISEE AT APPROXIMATELY 12:35 A.M., JULY 31, 1974

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IN THE COMPANY OF THREE OTHER INDIAN MALES AND THREE INDIAN FEMALES.

[REDACTED] DETERMINED THAT THESE THREE MALES AND THREE FEMALES, AS WELL AS RUSSELL MEANS, ARRIVED AT THE VAN HORN BAR AT APPROXIMATELY 11:00 P.M. JULY 30, 1974. OF THE SIX PERSON ACCOMPANYING MEANS, THEY WERE ONLY IDENTIFIED AS

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED], REST OF NAMES UNKNOWN. ACCORDING TO INVESTIGATOR [REDACTED] BIA, ROSEBUD, [REDACTED] BELIEVED TO BE [REDACTED], AKA [REDACTED]

MEANS AND HIS COMPANIONS WERE IN ABOVE BAR WHEN SHORTLEY BEFORE MIDNIGHT JULY 30, 1974 [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] CAME INTO BAR. THESE THREE ORDERED DRINK AND ANOTHER INDIAN KNOWN TO BARMAID ONLY AS [REDACTED] HAD SOME CONVERSATION WITH [REDACTED], AND [REDACTED] HOWEVER, BARMAID SAID IT WAS NOT AN ARGUMENT.

NEXT THING BARMAID NOTICED WAS [REDACTED] GOING OVER TO MEANS SAYING SOMETHING UNKNOWN. [REDACTED] THEN WENT OVER TO BAR AND SAT DOWN.

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BARMAID THEN SAW MEANS AND AN INDIAN BELIEVED TO BE

[REDACTED] LEAVE BAR, WITH MEANS CARRYING A POOL CUE.

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[REDACTED] TALKED TO [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WHO SAID [REDACTED] HAD USED THIS POOL CUE ON MEANS AND THEN THROWN HIM UP ON TOP OF BUILDING.

[REDACTED] TOLD VALENTINE POLICE OFFICER [REDACTED] *neb* THAT THERE WAS A FIGHT BETWEEN [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND DURING THIS FIGHT MEANS APPEARED WITH THE POOL CUE [REDACTED] TOLD MEANS TO STAY OUT OF IT AS IT WAS NOT HIS FIGHT. MEANS THEN HIT [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] SAID HE STRUCK MEANS SEVERAL TIMES ENDING THE FIGHT.

AFTER MEANS AND HIS GROUP LEFT BAR AT 12:35 A.M. JULY 31, 1974 [REDACTED] SHORTLY THEREAFTER LEFT VALENTINE.

CHIEF OF POLICE, VALENTINE, ADVISED ABOVE IS THE EXTENT OF HIS INVESTIGATION. HE FURTHER ADVISED ALL OF ABOVE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN ABOVE INCIDENT ARE INDIANS AND TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE ARE FROM ROSEBUD AND MISSION, SOUTH DAKOTA.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED RE ABOVE INCIDENT BY OMAHA UAC BY MINNEAPOLIS.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-1460) (70-6832) (70-6882) (P) THREE PAGES

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, AMERICAN INDIAN
MOVEMENT (AIM), LEADERSHIP TRIALS, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA; CIR.
RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; EM-AIM. OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

ON JULY 29, 1974, [REDACTED], SPECIAL OFFICER, BUREAU
OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA), TURTLE MOUNTAIN INDIAN RESERVATION,
FT. TOTTEN, NORTH DAKOTA, ADVISED [REDACTED] OF SISSETON,
SOUTH DAKOTA, APPEARED FT. TOTTEN ON JULY 27, 1974, LOOKING FOR
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] AGE [REDACTED] OF SISSETON, SOUTH DAKOTA,
WHO HE BELIEVED HAD JOINED RUSSELL MEANS AT FT. TOTTEN.

[REDACTED] APPROACHED MEANS AND ASKED FOR [REDACTED] MEANS
REFUSED TO [REDACTED] [REDACTED] FILED COMPLAINT WITH BIA POLICE,
FT. TOTTEN, CHARGING MEANS WITH SECTION 9.10, CONTRIBUTING TO
DELINQUENCY OF MINOR BY REFUSING TO PERMIT RETURN OF A MINOR TO
CUSTODY OF PARENTS, AND SECTION 9.01, DETAINING A MINOR AGAINST
WILL AND CONSENT OF [REDACTED] BOTH IN VIOLATION OF DEVILS LAKE
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JULY 27, 1974, MEANS ARRESTED 5:13 PM AT FORT TOTTEN BY BIA POLICE, FT. TOTTEN, NORTH DAKOTA, ON THESE CHARGES AND WAS RELEASED ON HIS OWN RECOGNIZANCE. WHEREABOUTS OF [REDACTED] AND MEANS JULY 29, 1974, UNKNOWN TO [REDACTED]

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OFFICER [REDACTED] ALSO ADVISED TWO CARS, BEARING MINNESOTA LICENSES [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] REPORTEDLY OCCUPIED BY AIM MEMBERS, ARRIVED AT FT. TOTTEN ON JULY 27, 1974. [REDACTED] REGISTERED TO [REDACTED] PONSFORD, MINN., AND [REDACTED] REGISTERED TO [REDACTED] AVENUE, INVER GROVE HEIGHTS, MINNESOTA.

OFFICER [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] TOLD HIM ON JULY 28, 1974, [REDACTED] WAS DRINKING AT FT. TOTTEN WITH RUSSELL MEANS AND [REDACTED] [REDACTED] SAID MEANS AND [REDACTED] FOUND OUT THAT HE WAS CROW INDIAN AND WAS THEREAFTER ASSAULTED. [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED MEANS AND [REDACTED] AS HIS ASSAILANTS BUT REFUSED TO SIGN COMPLAINT. NO WEAPON USED.

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USA'S OFFICE HANDLING PROSECUTION IN LEADERSHIP TRIAL
ADVISED OF THESE FACTS THIS DATE.

MINNEAPOLIS INDICES NEGATIVE RE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] MINNEAPOLIS

INDICES RE [REDACTED] DETERMINED HE IS SUBJECT, MP 70-6509,

ENTITLED [REDACTED] ET AL;

CIR - ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON" IN WHICH [REDACTED] PLED

GUILTY ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1972, AND WAS SENTENCED TWO YEARS

PROBATION. MINNEAPOLIS INDICES RE [REDACTED] DETERMINED HIM TO

BE [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED] SUBJECT MP 157-3914.

MINNEAPOLIS WILL IMMEDIATELY [REDACTED] TO DETERMINE

ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF ASSAULT BY MEANS AND [REDACTED] IF APPROPRIATE

WILL PRESENT TO USA, NORTH DAKOTA.

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RUSSEL CHARLES MEANS
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On 7/18/74, [redacted] advised he was in recent contact with Pawnee, Oklahoma AIM member OWEN ECHOHAWK and learned from him that captioned subjects and other National AIM leaders frequently get away from the Northwest area and retreat in secrecy to a secluded area in Oklahoma for a rest.

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Reportedly they are the guests of a Mrs. [redacted] at the Tulsa Labor Force (TLF). Source was unable to ascertain what the TLF is, its location, or [redacted] affiliation with it. However, he did learn the leaders can be reached at telephone number [redacted] when they are there.

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WFO files reveal a [redacted] from Tulsa was part of the Trail of Broken Treaties Caravan which came to Washington, D. C. (WDC), in November, 1972, and which resulted in the takeover and subsequent theft and destruction at the Bureau of Indian Affairs, WDC, after AIM leaders took over control of the Caravan. WFO files, however, contain no information as to whether [redacted] may have participated in this theft and destruction. WFO indices negative re Tulsa Labor Force.

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OKLAHOMA CITY

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA. Will identify the subscriber to telephone number [redacted] and target reliable sources to attempt to verify the above information and to determine any relationship between [redacted] the TLF, and AIM.

MINNEAPOLIS

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA. Will target reliable sources in attempt to verify any regular travel to Oklahoma by AIM leaders.

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D. C. Will maintain contact with source re additional information in this matter.

June 27, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. [redacted]
MR. [redacted]
MR. GEBHARDI

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RE: ROSEBUD INDIAN RESERVATION SITUATION

This morning I attended a conference in the office of Deputy Attorney General [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] were also present. I reviewed with him the considerations which had been given this matter with the Bureau on 6/26/74 including those discussed at our meeting upon my return to the city yesterday afternoon. *Russell*

As a result of our discussion this morning the Deputy Attorney General gave assurance of his support to the FBI to command any assault that might be necessary in resolving this matter in the event Means does not appear in Federal Court on Monday, July 1, 1974. In the interim he has instructed the necessary motions to be filed by the United States Attorney for the revocation of the bond and the issuance of a bench warrant on Means in the event of his non-appearance at State Court in South Dakota on June 28, 1974; the order to be executed by Federal Judge Nichol on July 1, 1974, should Means not appear on that date. In the interim he is in accord with our position that it is the responsibility of the United States Marshal to effect Means' apprehension if possible without incident upon his appearance at State Court on June 28, 1974, or any other time it might be propitious without inciting an incident.

The Deputy Attorney General stated that he would consider approaching the White House with a request that martial law be announced and the use of Federal troops should the situation require same depending upon what develops on July 1st with regard to Means' appearance in Federal Court. He is not optimistic, however, that such a declaration would be forthcoming.

Failing the declaration of martial law and Federal troops, the Deputy Attorney General stated he would fully support the use of Federal troops to control and command any assault effort should such be necessary. He stated there would be no restrictions imposed as was done at Wounded Knee and he supported our position that personal safety would be of prime consideration in any effort in this regard.

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The Deputy Attorney General indicated he has assurance from the White House that they will not impose any restrictions as was done at Wounded Knee should such a maneuver be necessary.

We should continue to maintain close liaison with the interested agencies both on the scene and here at Headquarters to see that there is proper coordination in this matter and plan for sufficient personnel to be available on the perimeter as soon after court convenes on July 1st as possible in the event it is necessary for the FBI to undertake control of the apprehension of Means and the restoring of law and order to the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

Very truly yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
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ATTN: JOHN C. GORDON, GENERAL CRIMES UNIT, CRIMINAL SECTION,

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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

SUBJECT MEANS PROVIDED ITINERARY FOR TRAVEL TO CROW AGENCY
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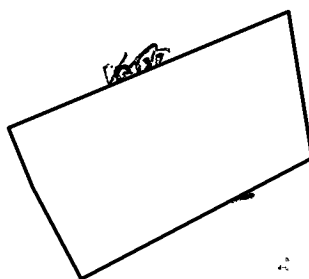
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RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; EM - AIM. OO: MINNEAPOLIS. MP FILE 157-1460. AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) DEMONSTRATION, SISSETON, SOUTH DAKOTA, AUGUST 16, 1974; EM-AIM. OO: MINNEAPOLIS. MP FILE 157-4073.

[Redacted] HOLIDAY SERVICE STATION, SISSETON, S.D., AFTER SUBMITTING TO ARREST BY TRIBAL POLICE ON AUGUST 17, 1974, ON TRIBAL WARRANT, WAS CONFINED TO COUNTY JAIL, SISSETON. LATER ON AUGUST 17, 1974, [Redacted] APPEARED BEFORE A STATE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE JOHN KEPKE, POSTED \$250 BOND AND WAS RELEASED. THIS PROMPTED THE AIM MEMBERS, HEADED BY [Redacted] TO ORGANIZE FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS AT [Redacted] STATION. AT THE DIRECTION OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, APPROXIMATELY 20 SOUTH DAKOTA HIGHWAY PATROLMEN APPEARED IN SISSETON AND THEREAFTER THE INDIAN PERSONS DISPERSED. RUSSELL MEANS HAS NOT BEEN OBSERVED IN SISSETON SINCE SATURDAY NIGHT AUGUST 17, 1974.

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THE AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) WAS FOUNDED IN MINN. IN 1968, DEDICATED TO IMPROVING CONDITIONS FOR THE AMERICAN INDIAN. AIM 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 AUGUST 19, 1974, UPON ADVICE OF HIS PRIVATE COUNSEL AND WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF USA WILLIAM F. CLAYTON OF THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA,

[REDACTED] REFUSED TO APPEAR IN TRIBAL COURT FOR ARRAIGNMENT. THE

SISSETON-WAHPETON TRIBAL COUNSEL HAS BEEN ADVISED BY THEIR ATTORNEY,

[REDACTED] TO PROCEED IN TRIBAL COURT AGAINST [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

IS FLYING FROM NEW YORK TO SISSETON FOR ON-THE-SPOT COUNSELING. ALSO AT THE SCENE IS U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ATTORNEY [REDACTED] WHO STATES HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY ATTORNEY MARK LANE WHO IS REPRESENTING RUSSELL MEANS IN TRIAL AT ST. PAUL, MINN., AND RUSSELL MEANS TO HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INTERCEDE AT SISSETON.

THE MAIN AGITATOR REPRESENTING AIM AT THE SCENE IS CLAYTON SIMON WHO IS ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE THE ACTING TRIBAL CHAIRMAN [REDACTED]

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TO CONTINUE IN PURSUING TRIBAL CHARGES AGAINST [REDACTED] U.S.

ATTORNEY CLAYTON HAS STATED TRIBAL COURT HAS NO JURISDICTION WHATSOEVER OVER [REDACTED] BECAUSE HE IS A NON-INDIAN.

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ADMINISTRATIVE: RE MINNEAPOLIS NITEL TO BUREAU AUGUST 17, 1974. MINNEAPOLIS WILL CONTINUE TO CLOSELY FOLLOW THE SITUATION AT SISSETON AND ADVISE OF ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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1:30 PM URGENT AUGUST 17, 1974 DSC

TO DIRECTOR (157-28313)

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-1460) (157-NEW) THREE PAGES

ATTENTION: JOHN C. GORDON, ROOM 2266,

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, EM - AIM, OO: MINNEAPOLIS (157-1460);

AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) DEMONSTRATION, SISSETON, SOUTH

DAKOTA, AUGUST 16, 1974, EM - AIM, (157-NEW)

AT APPROXIMATELY 3:00 PM AUGUST 16, 1974, FOUR INDIAN PERSONS,

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

IDENTIFIED BY A MINNEAPOLIS SOURCE OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, AS MEMBERS OF AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) OR SYMPATHETIC THERETO DID, AT SISSETON, SD, ON THE SISSETON-WAHPETON INDIAN RESERVATION,

CONFRONT [REDACTED], NON-INDIAN, [REDACTED] COMBINATION SERVICE STATION AND STORE. INDIANS WERE DISSATISFIED WITH [REDACTED] BECAUSE OF HIS PAST REFUSAL TO CASH CHECKS FOR INDIAN PERSONS. [REDACTED]

ON AUGUST 16, 1974, POINTED RIFLE AT ABOVE NAMED DIRECTING THEM OFF HIS PROPERTY AND CONFRONTATION OF AIM MEMBERS IDENTIFIED AND OTHER RESULTED. FIREARMS WERE IN EVIDENCE IN POSSESSION OF INDIAN PERSONS AT SCENE.

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[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED BY SA, FBI,
AS VICTIMS OF CRIME ON GOVERNMENT RESERVATION - ASSAULT, [REDACTED]
INTERVIEWED AS SUBJECT. FACTS WERE PRESENTED U.S. ATTORNEYS
OFFICE, SIOUX FALLS, SD. USA WILL PRESENT FACTS TO A FEDERAL
GRAND JURY IN SOUTH DAKOTA IN APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS.

THE AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) WAS FOUNDED IN
MINNESOTA IN 1968, DEDICATED TO IMPROVING CONDITIONS FOR THE AMERICAN
INDIAN. AIM 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.

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[REDACTED] ET AL WERE APPRISED OF USA'S OPINION, WERE NOT SATISFIED
AND CONTINUED TO DEMONSTRATE. LATER, DURING THE NIGHT, RUSSELL
CHARLES MEANS, CURRENTLY BEING TRIED IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT, ST. PAUL,
MINNESOTA, FOR ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT AT WOUNDED KNEE, SOUTH DAKOTA,
DURING PERIOD FEBRUARY-MAY, 1973, APPEARED AT SCENE. MEANS ORGANIZED
INDIANS AT SCENE AND CAUSED A TRIBAL WARRANT OF ARREST TO ISSUE
FOR [REDACTED] CHARGING HIM WITH ASSAULT. [REDACTED] SUBMITTED TO ARREST
BY TRIBAL POLICE, AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED ^{to be} ^{but is being held without bond.} [REDACTED] INTENDS TO
CAUSE THIS CHARGE TO BE DISMISSED FOR LACK OF JURISDICTION BY
TRIBAL COURT. ARREST OF [REDACTED] BY TRIBAL AUTHORITIES APPARENTLY
APPEASED AIM MEMBERS AND AS OF 7:00 AM, CDST, TODAY, THE CROWD HAD

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DISPERSED FROM [REDACTED] PLACE OF BUSINESS. SISSETON AUTHORITIES WERE ASSISTED BY TRIBAL POLICE AND SD HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS.

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ADMINISTRATIVE: RE MY NITEL AUGUST 16, 1974, ENTITLED ALLEGED AIM DEMONSTRATION, SISSETON, SOUTH DAKOTA, AUGUST 16, 1974, EM - AIM; BUREAU TEL CALL TO MINNEAPOLIS AUGUST 17, 1974; AND MINNEAPOLIS TEL CALL TO BUREAU AUGUST 17, 1974.

MINNEAPOLIS WILL CONTINUE TO CLOSELY FOLLOW THIS WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES. NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

MINNEAPOLIS SOURCE IS [REDACTED] (BY REQUEST) WHO IDENTIFIED KNOWN AIM MEMBERS ON SISSETON-WAHPETON RESERVATION.

SA, FBI, ON SCENE AT SISSETON AUGUST 16, 1974, OBSERVED CONVICTED FELONS IN POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND THE VIOLATIONS WILL BE VIGOROUSLY PURSUED.

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cc - Mr. Wannall

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 157-28313
FROM MINNEAPOLIS (P) 2P

ATTN: JOHN C. GORDON, ROOM 2266, GENERAL CRIMES UNIT, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION.

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; EM-AIM. OO: MINNEAPOLIS. MPFILE 157-1460.
AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) DEMONSTRATION, SISSETON, SOUTH DAKOTA,
AUGUST 16, 1974; EM - AIM. OO: MP. MPFILE 157-4073.

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ON THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 19, 1974, THE SISSETON-WAHPETON INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL MET AT SISSETON, SOUTH DAKOTA, CONCERNING THE ARREST OF [REDACTED] AT SISSETON BY TRIBAL AUTHORITIES ON AUGUST 17, 1974.

THERE WAS SOME SUGGESTION AT MEETING TO EFFECT THE ARREST ON TRIBAL CHARGES OF [REDACTED], ATTORNEY, REPRESENTING [REDACTED] AND JOHN KEPNER, THE STATE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, WHO ACCEPTED BOND AND RELEASED [REDACTED] FROM CUSTODY. [REDACTED] ATTORNEY, FOR TRIBAL COUNSEL, INFORMED TRIBAL MEMBERS THAT SUCH AN ARREST COULD NOT BE MADE AS THE TRIBAL COURT DOES NOT, IN FACT, HAVE JURISDICTION OVER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALSO PRESENT AT THIS MEETING WAS [REDACTED] OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

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ATTORNEY [REDACTED] IS ATTEMPTING TO SET UP A MEETING BETWEEN THE STATES ATTORNEYS OF THE COUNTIES WITHIN THE SISSETON-WAHPETON INDIAN RESERVATION AND WILLIAM CLAYTON, USA FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA.

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THIS MEETING DATE AND PLACE HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED. NO OTHER DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE SATURDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 17, 1974.

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ADMINISTRATIVE: RE MINNEAPOLIS NITEL TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST 19, 1974.

THE FACTS CONCERNING THE ASSAULT VIOLATION ARE SCHEDULED TO BE PRESENTED TO A FGJ AT SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, ON AUGUST 26, 1974.

MINNEAPOLIS WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS CLOSELY. NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/22/74

FROM : ACTING SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS
EM - AIM
OO: Minneapolis
Bufile 157-23582
Minneapolis file 157-846
WFO file 157-6209
Oklahoma City file 157-1555

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
OO: Minneapolis
Bufile 157-28313
Minneapolis file 157-1460
WFO file 157-5799
Oklahoma City file 157-1587

Re WFO airtel to Bureau, 7/25/74.

OWEN ECHOHAWK, referred to in referenced airtel, is OWEN BRUCE ECHOHAWK, IMA (Pawnee Tribe), born 6/26/14, 72", 200 pounds, 1511 South Knoxville, Tulsa, Oklahoma. ECHOHAWK has been the subject of a preliminary inquiry and LHM furnished Bureau re his activities.

On 12/20/73, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised AIM in Tulsa, Oklahoma, is composed of several factions which does not seem to be coordinated. One faction is composed of OWEN ECHOHAWK and his wife, JUNE ECHOHAWK.

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- 2-Minneapolis
- 3-WFO
- [redacted]
- 7-Oklahoma City
 - (3-157-1555 BANKS)
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Oklahoma City files show [redacted] is 1/4 (or 1/2) Osage Indian female, born 5/27/42, who is married to [redacted] a Caucasian. The [redacted] reportedly traveled to South Dakota, 2/9/73, at time of the seige of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, but reportedly returned to their home within a few days. At that time they resided in a rural area near Pawhuska, Oklahoma, but in approximately 1/74 they moved to [redacted] Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The Bureau has been furnished LHM's reporting results of preliminary inquiry and interview of [redacted] [redacted] private business, Labor Force of Oklahoma, [redacted] Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, telephone number [redacted]. This business is also referred to as Tulsa Labor Force and is a business which basically is an employment contractor business to supply temporary help when needed. This business has also been described as an employment agency for Indians. No information has been received to indicate this business is an AIM front or is AIM related in any manner. As has been previously reported, [redacted] is a friend and associate of both DENNIS BANKS and RUSSELL MEANS.

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During a search of the Catholic Church, Wounded Knee, S.D., on 5/8/73, SA [redacted] located a typewriter case containing various personal papers of MEANS. Included in the case were over 600 cards. One of these cards contained a name and address of [redacted]. From 10/28/73 through 11/3/73 the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) held a convention at Camelot Inn, Tulsa, Oklahoma. On 10/31/73 there occurred a non-violent disturbance when approximately 25 members of AIM took over the podium from NCAI members. BANKS and MEANS were among AIM leaders present at the convention. On 1/7/74, [redacted] Camelot Inn, advised SA [redacted] Room 610 was assigned to [redacted] during the period 11/1/73. Mrs. [redacted] said Camelot Inn records show BANKS made two calls from Room 610 on 11-3/73 to telephone numbers [redacted] and [redacted]. She said the inn records failed to show a room rented to BANKS during the period of the above convention.

On 1/2/74, [redacted] advised BANKS stayed at the residence of the [redacted] in Tulsa (apparently for a few days) beginning approximately 12/15/73. Also, U. S. Customs on

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12/7/73 furnished the contents of an address and telephone book of BANKS. Included in this book was data [redacted] Tulsa [redacted] (skid row)."

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In view of above, it appears AIM leaders BANKS and MEANS have a friendly relationship with [redacted] however, it is not considered likely either or both BANKS and MEANS are frequent visitors of [redacted] BANKS and MEANS are both known in the Tulsa area; therefore, it is considered any circumstance of frequent visits would become known to sources and/or the news media.

For the information of WFO, [redacted] when interviewed by SA [redacted] on 8/27/73, advised she is a member of AIM, associated with the Tulsa Chapter, and extremely busy operating her business; therefore, she does not have time to participate in AIM activities. [redacted] claimed she is opposed to any type of militant or violent activities and would not condone such actions. She stated she believes the way to handle AIM problems is through conferences with WhiteHouse officials.

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OKLAHOMA CITY

AT TULSA, OKLAHOMA - Will through established sources and/or neighborhood contacts determine if BANKS and/or MEANS are frequent guest of the [redacted]

AT PAWHUSKA, OKLAHOMA - Will determine through existing neighborhood contacts at former residence of [redacted] whether the [redacted] continue to own or lease their former residence; if so, whether BANKS and/or MEANS are frequent guests at that residence.

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REPORTING OFFICE MINNEAPOLIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MINNEAPOLIS	DATE 8/26/74	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/15 - 8/23/74
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REFERENCE

Minneapolis airtel with letterhead memorandum to Bureau, dated 5/24/74.

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Two copies of FD-376 are attached for the Bureau. One copy of FD-376 also disseminated to U.S. Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

One copy of this report is being furnished to Denver for information in view of their interest in American Indian Movement (AIM) activities.

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MP (157-1460)

All pertinent information regarding possible violence where noted in this report was disseminated to the appropriate authority.

This report is classified Top ~~Secret~~ because it contains information from MP T-5, which is so classified.

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MP T-3 is Lieutenant [redacted] (Protect Requested), [redacted] Minneapolis Police Department, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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MP T-4 is [redacted] (Protect Requested), [redacted] Canadian Immigration, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

MP T-7 is [redacted] (Protect Requested), [redacted] Regional East Hospital, Rapid City, South Dakota.

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1. Subject's name is included in the ADEX.
2. The data appearing on the ADEX Card are current.
3. Changes on the ADEX Card are necessary and Form FD-122 submitted to the Bureau.
4. A suitable photograph is is not available.
Date photograph was taken April, 1973
5. Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
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 - b. Cover Pages: Because it contains information from MP T-5, which is so classified.

7. Subject previously interviewed (dates) 3/14/73
 Subject was not interviewed reinterviewed because (state reason)
of his being under current indictment on Federal charges stemming from the Wounded Knee confrontation.

8. This case no longer meets the ADEX criteria and an FD-122 with succinct summary, has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
9. This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ADEX criteria and it continues to fall within the criteria because (state reason)
MEANS is a member of the AIM Central Committee, which has decision-making power for the organization.

10. Security Flash Notice (FD-165) to Identification Division:
 Submitted 12/3/73 Placed Yes No
(date)

11. Subject designated and/or included in:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

8/26/74

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

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-1460

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.

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

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

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of:
Date: August 26, 1974

Office: Minneapolis,
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Field Office File #: 157-1460

Bureau File #: 157-28313

Title: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

Character: (KEY EXTREMIST)
EXTREMIST MATTER - AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM)

Synopsis: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS is a member of the AIM Central Committee. Extremist activities set forth. MEANS' permanent address is Porcupine, South Dakota. MEANS is temporarily staying at the Holiday Inn, 161 St. Anthony, St. Paul, Minnesota. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

All paragraphs in this report are unclassified, except for those marked "~~TOP SECRET~~", which are classified ~~Top Secret~~, and "~~CONFIDENTIAL~~", which are classified ~~Confidential~~.

~~TOP SECRET-NO FOREIGN
DISSEMINATION-NO DISSEMINATION
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Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past, except where otherwise noted.

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MP (157-1460)

ACTIVITIES

On April 15, 1974, MP T-1 advised that RUSSELL MEANS is expected to announce numerous new plans and tactics to be used by the American Indian Movement (AIM), which were described as "heavy."

The source also said MEANS allegedly is planning to invite numerous Indians to the Custer State Park, Custer, South Dakota, where a large herd of buffalo is located, and these Indians will be invited to hunt buffalo. MEANS allegedly will justify the hunt on old treaties which state that the Indian can hunt buffalo on the prairies as long as the buffalo roam free.

The American Indian Movement (AIM) was founded in Minnesota in 1968, dedicated to improving conditions for the American Indian. AIM 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 April 26, 1974, an article appeared in the "Daily Trojan" published by the students of the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, which is a newspaper of general circulation, and this article stated on April 25, 1974, RUSSELL MEANS spoke at the university at the invitation of the Campus Speakers Committee. MEANS reportedly said that the American Indian has been, and continues to be, the object of a program of genocide directed by the white majority of this country. He compared the Government's system of Indian reservations to Nazi concentration camps of World War II. MEANS also reportedly compared the Indian Organization Act of 1934 to the Bantu Government Act passed in the Union of South Africa in 1964. MEANS said the racist attitudes that characterized the Indian wars of the 18th and 19th centuries are still present today. MEANS said that corruption in the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), both in Washington and on the local level, was a large factor in the distortion of justice on Indian reservations.

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On April 28, 1974, MP T-1 advised that at the AIM South Dakota State Convention at Eagle Butte, South Dakota, RUSSELL MEANS reportedly said a spiritual camp will be set up at Porcupine, South Dakota, beginning on July 1, 1974. The purpose of the camp, although listed as spiritual, will be for a select few individuals to receive military (commando) training.

The source also said MEANS and others discussed getting rid of [redacted] Agency Special Officer, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Pine Ridge, South Dakota. The source said attempts would be made to have [redacted] removed through Court action; and if that failed, they would attempt to cause him to have an accident or have him assassinated.

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On May 12, 1974, MP T-2 advised that RUSSELL MEANS is fearful of being convicted on State charges outstanding against him in Nebraska and South Dakota, if he is acquitted on Federal charges currently pending in St. Paul, Minnesota. The source also said the antagonism between MEANS and DENNIS BANKS continues to grow because of MEANS' continued support for violent acts as a method of calling attention to the needs of the Indian people.

DENNIS BANKS is a member
of the AIM Central Committee
MP T-2 on January 28, 1974

On May 23, 1974, MP T-2 advised that RUSSELL MEANS recently purchased a yellow over white Buick, four-door, Minnesota license LV 3564. The source said MEANS and others would use this vehicle from time to time and will be well armed when traveling by car.

On May 24, 1974, an article appeared in the "St. Paul Dispatch," St. Paul, Minnesota, a newspaper of general circulation, which reported that RUSSELL MEANS attended the regional AIM conference at Cumberland, Wisconsin, and reportedly said that the Indians will no longer tolerate the massive abuse of treaty rights by Department of Interior officials, and that hopefully this year will mark the beginning of the downfall of those who have manipulated and exploited Indian and poor people.

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On May 27, 1974, an article appeared in the "St. Paul Pioneer Press", St. Paul, Minnesota, a newspaper of general circulation, which reported that RUSSELL MEANS allegedly said an International Treaty Conference at Mobridge, South Dakota, will be held in mid June. MEANS continued that the conference will try to get AIM groups in Europe to pressure their governments to place AIM grievances before the United Nations.

MEANS also reportedly said AIM was calling for a tourist boycott in South Dakota and hoped to cut the South Dakota tourist business by 60 percent.

On May 29, 1974, MP T-3 advised that he learned through a source he believes to be reliable that RUSSELL MEANS has been causing considerable internal problems in the AIM. His source told him that there is a consensus of opinion among AIM members that RUSSELL MEANS is either "on something" or on the verge of a mental breakdown.

On May 31, 1974, MP T-4 advised that he had learned through a source he believes to be reliable that various Canadian and United States AIM people attended a meeting in New York State on May 12, 1974. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the forthcoming demonstration to be held on the United States-Canadian border tentatively scheduled for July 4, 1974, in order to protest Canada's failure to recognize the Jay Treaty, which grants the natives the right to duty-free border access.

On June 3, 1974, MP T-2 advised that RUSSELL MEANS may attempt to flee the United States at the conclusion of the trial in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he is presently under indictment on various charges arising out of the Wounded Knee takeover.

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On February 27, 1973, members of the American Indian Movement (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.

On June 10, 1974, MP T-1 advised that RUSSELL MEANS has suggested digging up white peoples' graves and displaying the bones in protest to the display of Indian bones at various South Dakota universities.

On June 11, 1974, MP T-5 advised that RUSSELL MEANS recently told AIM members that they must broaden their movement and make contacts with various radical groups. The source said some Indians interpreted this to mean they should join the CPUSA, and some have done so. ~~(TS)~~ (U)

The CPUSA was described on May 28, 1942, by the then Attorney General as "... from the time of its inception in 1919 to the present time, is an organization that believes in, advises, advocates and teaches the overthrow by force and violence of the Government of the United States." The CPUSA was also cited on December 4, 1947, and September 21, 1948, by the then Attorney General as a "subversive" organization which seeks "to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means." There has been no evidence that the primary aims and objectives of the CPUSA have changed over the years.

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On June 18, 1974, MP T-2 advised that during demonstrations at the BIA Building in Aberdeen, South Dakota, on June 17-18, 1974, RUSSELL MEANS and JOHN THOMAS, Spokesman for the Wounded Knee Legal Defense-Offense Committee, urged demonstrators to cause a disturbance which would result in a confrontation between AIM and the police.

On June 21, 1974, MERYLN SOVERSON, Chief of Police, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, advised that Sioux Falls, South Dakota, police officers responded to a call at the Osco Drug Store, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on that date regarding two adult shoplifters, both of whom were said to be AIM members. As the officers were explaining the charges and bonding procedures to the two suspected shoplifters, RUSSELL MEANS and six other Indians entered the store. MEANS confronted the store owner and reportedly said, "If you arrest them Sioux Falls will be in a lot of trouble this summer." The store owner then refused to press charges against the two shoplifters, or to press charges of intimidation against RUSSELL MEANS.

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On June 22, 1974, Chief SOVERSON advised that on that date two Mission, South Dakota, police officers answered a call that a disturbance was in progress at the Mission Golf Course, Mission, South Dakota. Upon arrival at the site the two police officers were severely beaten by RUSSELL MEANS and 15 other Indians. It was later discovered that a .30 caliber carbine and a shotgun were stolen from one of the police cars. Both officers were admitted to a hospital at Valentine, Nebraska. Both officers sustained broken noses and severe lacerations and contusions. [redacted] a local resident, also sustained a serious gunshot wound shortly after the police officers escaped from the golf club.

On June 22, 1974, RUSSELL MEANS and [redacted] were charged with Crime on Indian Reservation - [redacted] Warrants were issued on [redacted] by a United States Magistrate. The warrants stipulated that MEANS and [redacted] were to voluntarily surrender to authorities by 11:00 a.m., June 24, 1974.

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On June 24, 1974, an article appeared in the "St. Paul Dispatch" which said that RUSSELL MEANS had failed to surrender to Federal authorities as stipulated in a Federal warrant for his arrest, stemming from an incident at Mission, South Dakota, on June 22, 1974.

On June 25, 1974, an article appeared in the "St. Paul Dispatch" which said that Chief Tribal Judge MARIO GONZALES, Rosebud Sioux Tribal Court, Rosebud Indian Reservation, Rosebud, South Dakota, issued a temporary restraining order to prevent the Federal Government from arresting RUSSELL MEANS and [REDACTED]

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On June 26, 1974, an article appeared in the "Minneapolis Star," Minneapolis, Minnesota, a newspaper of general circulation, which said that RUSSELL MEANS remained free on a Rosebud Sioux Tribal Order despite Federal warrants for his arrest. The article also said that MEANS was tentatively scheduled to appear at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on June 28, 1974, to face riot charges stemming from an April 30, 1974, disturbance at the Minnehaha County Court House in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

On June 27, 1974, an article appeared in the "Rapid City Journal", Rapid City, South Dakota, a newspaper of general circulation, which reported that RUSSELL MEANS allegedly vowed on June 26, 1974, that he would not return to jail. MEANS was quoted as saying, "I'm just tired of going to jail all the time for no justified reason whatsoever. No longer will I submit to Federal authority, their harassment and intimidation."

The article continued that United States District Court Judge ANDREW BOGUE, Rapid City, South Dakota, ordered MARIO GONZALES, Rosebud Chief Tribal Judge, Rosebud Indian Reservation, Rosebud, South Dakota, to halt proceedings whereby GONZALES had restrained Federal Agents from arresting RUSSELL MEANS and [REDACTED] and from ordering the Federal Government to prove that it has jurisdiction on the reservation.

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On June 28, 1974, an article appeared in the "Rapid City Journal", which reported that RUSSELL MEANS surrendered himself to Federal authorities on that date.

On June 29, 1974, an article appeared in the "Rapid City Journal", which stated that RUSSELL MEANS posted a \$15,000 bond on June 28, 1974, and was released.

On July 24, 1974, MP T-6 advised that he had learned that RUSSELL MEANS had reportedly said that AIM is planning to make 1976 a bad year for Canada and the southwestern part of the United States. The source said MEANS is reportedly upset because white people are living on land he believes was given to the Indians in the treaty of 1868, and because he believes the Government is harassing him. MEANS also reportedly said that if the United States District Court in Rapid City, South Dakota, overturns the Oglala Sioux Tribal election held on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation on February 7, 1974, that he will be elected Tribal president. MEANS also was reportedly upset because of news reports from Farmington, New Mexico. These reports told of a number of Indian bodies found near Farmington. MEANS reportedly vowed to "tear it up," the City of Farmington, when the trial in St. Paul, Minnesota, is over. Referring to Farmington, he allegedly said, "We are going to give our bodies at Farmington," and that next time "We will be on the attack and will pick and choose our times." The source said MEANS' behavior was reported to have been hyper active during this conversation, and not like his normal self. ~~(C)~~ (U)

On July 29, 1974, [redacted] Special Officer, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation, Fort Totten, North Dakota, advised that [redacted] a resident of Fort Totten, North Dakota, said on July 28, 1974, that he was assaulted by RUSSELL MEANS and [redacted] an AIM member. [redacted] however, refused to sign a complaint against the assailants.

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On July 31, 1974, Lieutenant [redacted] South Dakota Highway Patrol, Rapid City, South Dakota, advised that RUSSELL MEANS and a second Indian male were admitted to the Regional East Hospital, Rapid City, South Dakota, after being brought to Rapid City by ambulance from the Rosebud Indian Reservation. The source said MEANS and the other Indian were reportedly involved in a fight at Valentine, Nebraska, during the night of July 30-31, 1974.

On July 31, 1974, JAMES "TINY" WILLIAMSON, Sheriff, Tripp-Todd County, Winner, South Dakota, advised that RUSSELL MEANS and a second Indian male were involved in a fight with [redacted] a Mission, South Dakota, police officer, who was off duty at the time. The source said after [redacted] returned to his home, unknown persons shot at his home and his personal car.

On July 31, 1974, MP T-7 advised that RUSSELL MEANS was treated at the Regional East Hospital, Rapid City, South Dakota, and was found to have several bruises, but no broken bones.

On August 6, 1974, MP T-4 advised that he had learned from sources, which he believes to be reliable, that RUSSELL MEANS was arrested on July 20, 1974, at the Sioux Valley Indian Reservation, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, and charged with Section 167A of the Manitoba Liquor Control Act, which is a misdemeanor. MEANS was ordered to appear at Court in Canada on August 7, 1974. MEANS allegedly said at the time of his arrest that he would appear in Court when he could. MEANS was told if he failed to appear in Court, a warrant would be issued for his arrest on this charge.

On August 16, 1974, Mr. [redacted] Special Officer, BIA, Sisseton-Wahpeton Reservation, Sisseton, South Dakota, advised that RUSSELL MEANS organized a group of Indians at Sisseton who were involved in a dispute with a local store owner. MEANS allegedly caused a Tribal warrant of arrest to be issued against the store owner, charging him with assault. The store owner had reportedly pointed a rifle at a group of Indians and had ordered them off his property. The store owner was arrested and later released. The charge against the store owner was later dropped.

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ARREST RECORD

On June 22, 1974, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Sioux Falls, South Dakota, authorized prosecution against RUSSELL MEANS and [redacted] charging both with Crime on an Indian Reservation - Assault with Intent to Inflict Serious Bodily Injury, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1153. These charges were a result of an incident that occurred on the night of June 22, 1974, at Mission Golf Club, Mission, South Dakota, when two Mission police officers were severely beaten, allegedly by RUSSELL MEANS and others.

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On June 23, 1974, a complaint was filed before United States Magistrate CLIFFORD T. PAY, Pierre, South Dakota, and a warrant was issued the same day.

On June 28, 1974, RUSSELL MEANS surrendered to Federal authorities at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and was released on \$15,000 cash bond. A preliminary hearing was held on July 4, 1974, and MEANS was bound over for trial in United States District Court in Pierre, South Dakota, no date set.

On July 27, 1974, [redacted] Special Officer, BIA, Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation, Fort Totten, North Dakota, advised that RUSSELL MEANS was arrested by BIA police officers at Fort Totten, North Dakota, on charges of Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor by Refusing to Permit Return of Minor to Custody of Her Parents, in violation of Section 9.10 of the Devils Lake Tribal Code, and Detaining a Minor Against the Will and Consent of [redacted] in violation of Section 9.01 of the Code. MEANS was later released on his own recognizance. The complaint was filed by [redacted] of Sisseton, South Dakota, [redacted] Age [redacted] the minor involved in this matter.

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On August 7, 1974, an article appeared in the "St. Paul Pioneer Press", St. Paul, Minnesota, which reported that RUSSELL MEANS was bound over for trial on charges stemming from a Court House brawl on April 30, 1974, at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The article stated that MEANS was not present at the hearing, which was before Municipal Judge ROBERT PATTERSON. No trial date was set by Judge PATTERSON.

As of August 23, 1974, RUSSELL MEANS' trial at St. Paul, Minnesota, on charges stemming from the Wounded Knee confrontation continues.

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RESIDENCE

On August 23, 1974, [redacted] Deputy United States Marshal, Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised RUSSELL MEANS continues to be staying at the Holiday Inn, 161 St. Anthony, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Date: 9/25/74

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)
ATTENTION: JOHN C. GORDON, ROOM 2266,
GENERAL CRIMES UNIT, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-4073) (C)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
OO: MINNEAPOLIS
MP FILE: 157-1460

AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM)
DEMONSTRATION,
SISSETON, SOUTH DAKOTA
8/16/74
EM - AIM

Re Minneapolis teletype to the Bureau, 8/20/74.

Facts of possible CIR-ADW matter presented to
Federal Grand Jury, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 8/26-29/74,
and no bill returned.

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[Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)

DATE: 9/26/74

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (157-1476)(P)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
MP file 157-1460
OM file 157-1476
OO: Minneapolis

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
CIR-BURGLARY AND LARCENY;
ARL-IFO; AFO; CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS
MP file 70-6882
OM file 176-89
OO: Minneapolis

Re Omaha letter to the Bureau 6/24/74.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROBERT D. KINSEY:

MARVIN L. HOLSCHER, Scotts Bluff County Attorney,
Gering, Nebraska, on 9/18/74 advised he is aware of the
acquittal of MEANS in U. S. District Court, Minneapolis,
Minnesota. HOLSCHER stated he is in the process of fully
reviewing his file in his case against MEANS and is having
the availability of pertinent witnesses determined by the
local Sheriff's Office.

HOLSCHER further advised that he hopes to be
able to reach a definite conclusion as to prosecutive
action against MEANS within the next approximate 30 days.

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - Minneapolis
 - 1 - (157-1460)
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- 4 - Omaha
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AT GERING, NEBRASKA

Will retain contact with HOLSCHER.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 157-28313

FROM MINNEAPOLIS 157-4174 & 157-1460 (P)

ATTN: INTD

PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION BY AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM), PIERRE,
SOUTH DAKOTA, NOVEMBER 1, 1974; EM - AIM. OO: MP. MPFILE 157-4174.
RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; EM - AIM. MPFILE 157-1460.

MEANS INTERVIEWED BY DOROTHY LEWIS, STAFF WRITER, "ST. PAUL PIONEER
PRESS," ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, IN AN ARTICLE APPEARING OCTOBER 30, 1974,
AND STATED HE "FULLY EXPECTS A CONFRONTATION IN PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA,
FRIDAY, WHEN AIM MEMBERS CARRY OUT THEIR MARCH FOR SARAH BAD HEART
BULL." MEANS FURNISHED OTHER INFORMATION INDICATING THAT LAW EN-
FORCEMENT AT PIERRE WERE ANXIOUS TO COOPERATE; HOWEVER, THE CONFRONTA-
TION WOULD PROBABLY RESULT BECAUSE OF "RAMPANT RACISM THAT EXISTS AMONG
FEDERAL OFFICIALS AND (WHITE) RESIDENTS OF SOUTH DAKOTA." MEANS ALLUDED
TO THE FACT THAT THERE WERE CONTINGENTS COMING TO PIERRE FROM MANY
CITIES AND THAT MARLON BRANDO AND HARRY BELAFONTE WOULD BE SOME OF THE
CELEBRITIES IN ATTENDANCE.

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THE AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) WAS FOUNDED IN MINNESOTA IN 1968, DEDICATED TO IMPROVING CONDITIONS FOR THE AMERICAN INDIAN. AIM 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 INTERESTED AGENCIES ARE BEING ADVISED BY A COPY OF THIS COMMUNICATION: U.S. ATTORNEY, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA; MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA; AND U.S. SECRET SERVICE, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (157-1476) (P*)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
MP file 157-1460
OM file 157-1476)
OO: Minneapolis

DATE: 11/19/74

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
CIR - BURGLARY & LARCENY;
ARL - IFO; AFO; CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS
MP file 70-6882
OM file 176-89
OO: Minneapolis

Re Omaha letter to the Bureau 9/26/74.

MARVIN L. HOLSCHER, Scotts Bluff County Attorney, Gering, Nebraska, on 11/8/74 advised SA ROBERT D. KINSEY that he will be succeeded as Scotts Bluff County Attorney in early January, 1975, by newly elected ROBERT O. HIPPE. HOLSCHER stated there is no way he could complete a trial of MEANS prior to his leaving office. In view of prior agreement by counsel for MEANS wherein it was agreed the six months rule for trial would be waived, he will leave the ultimate decision as to prosecution of MEANS to HIPPE.

ROBERT O. HIPPE, 2112 Broadway, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, on 11/13/74 advised he will review the file on MEANS after he takes office and will then make a decision as to the handling of this case. HIPPE stated it will probably be about 1/1/75 before he can make this decision.

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- 2 - Minneapolis
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OMAHA

AT GERING, NEBRASKA

Will recontact ROBERT O. HIPPE on or about 2/1/75
and report his decision relative to prosecution of MEANS.

MEANS AS MILITANT EXTREMIST SHOULD BE REGARDED
AS DANGEROUS.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MINNEAPOLIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MINNEAPOLIS	DATE 11/26/74	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/2-11/12/74	b6 b7C
TITLE OF CASE RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY	
		CHARACTER OF CASE (KEY EXTREMIST) EM - AIM		

REFERENCE:

Minneapolis report of SA S

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Two copies of FD-376 are attached for the Bureau. One copy of FD-376 also disseminated to United States Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

One copy of this report is being furnished to Denver for information in view of their interest in American Indian Movement (AIM) activities.

All pertinent information regarding possible violence where noted in this report was disseminated to the appropriate authority!

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						PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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MP 157-1460

Included in this report are excerpts from articles in two issues of the "Austin American Statesman" and one article from the "Daily Texan," which were previously reported in San Antonio letter with attached LHM dated October 31, 1974, case captioned, "APPEARANCE OF RUSSELL MEANS, AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) IN AUSTIN, TEXAS, 10/13/74, SPONSORED BY AMERICAN INDIANS NOW TEXANS (AINT), EM - AIM."

INFORMANTS

<u>Source</u>	<u>Nature of Information</u>	<u>Location</u>
MP T-1 is [redacted]	Activities of subject and AIM	157-1460-685, 677. 713: [redacted]
MP T-2 is [redacted]	TED MEANS	157-2864-162
MP T-3 is [redacted]	RUSSELL MEANS	[redacted]
MP T-4 is [redacted]	RUSSELL MEANS, AIM activities at Pine Ridge, South Dakota	[redacted] [redacted]
MP T-5 is [redacted]	RUSSELL MEANS, AIM activities	[redacted]

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1. Subject's name is included in the ADEX.
2. The data appearing on the ADEX Card are current.
3. Changes on the ADEX Card are necessary and Form FD-122 submitted to the Bureau.
4. A suitable photograph is is not available.
Date photograph was taken April, 1974
5. Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
6. Reason for classification where exemption category does not provide a self-evident basis.
 - a. Details of Report: _____
 - b. ~~Cover Pages:~~ Confidential in order to protect sources.

7. Subject previously interviewed (dates) 3/14/73
 Subject was not interviewed reinterviewed because (state reason)

has antagonistic attitude toward law enforcement and pending state charges stemming from Custer incident of 2/6-8/73, at Custer, South Dakota.

8. This case no longer meets the ADEX criteria and an FD-122 with succinct summary, has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
9. This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ADEX criteria and it continues to fall within the criteria because (state reason)

MEANS is a member of the AIM Central Committee, which has decision-making power for the organization.

10. Security Flash Notice (FD-165) to Identification Division:
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-1460

November 26, 1974

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.

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

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

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Date:

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Bureau File #: 157-28313

Title:

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

Character:

(KEY EXTREMIST)
EXTREMIST MATTER - AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM)

Synopsis:

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS is a member of the AIM Central Committee. Extremist activities and arrest record for reporting period set forth. MEANS' permanent address is Porcupine, South Dakota. He is temporarily staying at the Holiday Inn, 161 St. Anthony, St. Paul, Minnesota. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

All paragraphs in this report are unclassified except those marked "~~(S)~~" which are classified ~~confidential~~.

Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past, except where otherwise noted.

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Date of Declassification Indefinite~~

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ACTIVITIES

On August 2, 1974, MP T-1 advised that RUSSELL MEANS continues his heavy drinking and irresponsible behavior and it has been decided by American Indian Movement (AIM) (see appendix) Central Committee that MEANS will be dropped from membership at the conclusion of the trial in St. Paul, Minnesota. The source said that MEANS and his brothers, TED and BILL MEANS, who are AIM members, were given an opportunity to receive funds for an Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program to be established at either the Pine Ridge or Rosebud Reservations, both in South Dakota, however, the MEANS brothers indicated they were not interested because the responsibility would be too great for them. The recent disclosure of this information has contributed to RUSSELL MEANS' disfavor within the AIM leadership, according to the source. ~~(S)~~ (U)

TED MEANS is the State
Coordinator for AIM in South
Dakota
MP T-2 on May 1, 1974

On August 9, 1974, MP T-3 advised that AIM is upset about Mineral Rights deals made by the Federal Government in Lane Deer, Montana, on the Cheyenne Indian Reservation. The source said RUSSELL MEANS has been very vocal about this situation and is planning to attend a "powwow" set for August 15, 1974, at Lane Deer, Montana. The source said MEANS and two caravans of cars comprising about 20 cars are scheduled to leave the Rosebud Indian Reservation, Rosebud, South Dakota, on August 14, 1974, and travel to Lane Deer, Montana. ~~(S)~~ (U)

On August 22, 1974, an article appeared in the Minneapolis Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation, published in Minneapolis, Minnesota, entitled, "Surprise Witness Links Banks, Means to Most U.S. Charges," written by DENNIS CASSANO, staff writer, in which the following was reported regarding the testimony of LOUIS MOVES CAMP, who is a former member of the AIM and who testified for the prosecution at the Wounded Knee Leadership Trials in St. Paul, Minnesota. MOVES CAMP testified that prior to the takeover of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, (also see appendix for AIM), a large group of Indians met at Calico Hall a few miles from Wounded Knee. RUSSELL MEANS and DENNIS BANKS, who were present at the time, and a small group of others had a private meeting

across the street from the hall. He testified that MEANS said "they should go to Wounded Knee and take it over." MOVES CAMP then said he and the others were excluded from the meeting and a short time later, the group of Indians left the Calico Hall, formed a caravan of cars, drove to Wounded Knee and the occupation started.

MOVES CAMP also testified that MEANS occupied bunkers which were built at Wounded Knee at various times.

MOVES CAMP said that RUSSELL MEANS ordered and led a contingent of about 30 or 40 Indians on an assault against an FBI armored personnel carrier, at a Government roadblock on March 8, 1973. He said it was MEANS who fired the first shots in this assault against Federal Agents and he used an M-1 rifle at this time. MOVES CAMP also testified concerning an incident in which an FBI Agent was shot. MOVES CAMP said that a vehicle pulled up in front of him as he was standing in front of the Wounded Knee Trading Post and five people got out. These people said there had been a gun fight. He said someone sent for MEANS and BANKS. He stated when MEANS arrived and learned what had happened, he said, "Should have killed some more of those goddamned bastards."

DENNIS BANKS is a member
of the AIM Central Committee
MP T-1 on January 28, 1974

On August 27, 1974, MP T-1 advised that DENNIS BANKS appears to be planning on disassociating RUSSELL MEANS from AIM as soon as the Wounded Knee Leadership Trial in St. Paul, Minnesota, is concluded. The source said MEANS has lost considerable support from his followers and the traditional Indian people because of his violent actions and excessive drinking. ~~(C)~~ (T)

On August 31, 1974, Special Agents of the FBI observed a demonstration to protest immigration laws, racial discrimination, political repression and the memory of the August 29, 1970, East Los Angeles Chicano Moratorium, which was held in East Los Angeles, California. The demonstration was sponsored by the National Coalition for Fair Immigration Laws and Practices (NCFILP), which is an Ad-Hoc organization opposed to current immigration laws. The protest consisted of speeches by leaders of various organizations including RUSSELL MEANS, representing AIM.

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On September 3, 1974, MP T-4 advised that RUSSELL MEANS and DENNIS BANKS are planning to leave St. Paul, Minnesota, on September 6, 1974, and travel to Farmington, New Mexico. RUSSELL MEANS reportedly said that he intends to create a national issue there and expects that there will be violence in Farmington. ~~(S)~~ (U)

On September 10, 1974, MP T-4 advised that RUSSELL MEANS said that if he is found not guilty in the AIM Leadership Trial at St. Paul, Minnesota, there will be a victory celebration in St. Paul, Minnesota, and then a caravan of about 60 people will leave St. Paul and visit eight Indian Reservations in South Dakota. MEANS stated the caravan will grow to about 1,000 people as it proceeds through South Dakota and will terminate at Porcupine, South Dakota, where another victory celebration will be held.

On September 16, 1974, MP T-4 advised that RUSSELL MEANS and DENNIS BANKS are going to Washington, D.C. to talk to United States Attorney General WILLIAM SAXBE or to President FORD to grant amnesty for all Wounded Knee defendants. The source said accompanying MEANS and BANKS will be professors of law, lawyers, as well as United States Congressmen.

The source also stated MEANS publicly stated that he believed that the AIM had been denied the right of law by not having the jury decide his case in the Wounded Knee Leadership Trial.

The source advised MEANS reportedly said a caravan of AIM members will travel from St. Paul, Minnesota, to visit Indian Reservations in South Dakota upon his return from Washington, D.C. ~~(S)~~ (U)

On September 27, 1974, MP T-1 advised that AIM leaders have tentatively agreed with DENNIS BANKS to let RUSSELL MEANS go his own way and possibly suspend him from the movement. The source said members of the BANKS faction of AIM are confident that they can rid themselves of MEANS with very little backlash from the membership. They feel that MEANS has lost much prestige and that BANKS is better received among the Sioux people than MEANS. If MEANS leaves the organization, his brothers, BILL and TED MEANS, will probably succeed him. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The source also advised that RUSSELL MEANS, other AIM leaders and MARLON BRANDO were in New York City in the recent past in order to tape a segment of the Today Show to be televised on September 30, 1974. He said that he had learned that they discussed a proposed movie on Wounded Knee and that none of the AIM leaders would act in the movie. He said he had heard that some of the parts in the movie would be filmed at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Indian Reservation. (S) (U)

The source also advised that GEORGE ROBERTS, who the source reported is the AIM National Press Secretary, reportedly advised RUSSELL MEANS, DENNIS BANKS and [redacted] who is an AIM member, that they should go to Cuba and seek asylum as they will likely be convicted on charges now pending in the State of South Dakota. (S) (U)

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On September 27, 1974, MP T-5 advised that RUSSELL MEANS is drinking exceptionally heavy. A possible reason for his drinking is that even though Federal charges stemming from the Wounded Knee incident have been dropped, he must still face several charges stemming from this incident in South Dakota.

On September 28, 1974, MP T-4 advised that on that day, RUSSELL MEANS and about 130 others attended a celebration at Porcupine, South Dakota. At this celebration, RUSSELL MEANS reportedly said that the HEARST family, whose daughter, PATRICIA HEARST is a Federal fugitive, will help AIM to obtain an audience with President FORD in order to present AIM's demands for amnesty for all Wounded Knee participants and also to discuss Indian treaties.

On October 4, 1974, MP T-1 advised that GEORGE ROBERTS has requested asylum in Cuba for RUSSELL MEANS and DENNIS BANKS in the event that they are found guilty on state charges arising out of the Custer incident, which was an AIM led confrontation with local authorities which occurred on February 6-8, 1973. Because of the incident and recent overtones between the United States and Cuba, this request, the source said, was turned down, but not ruled out by high level Cuban officials after four days of meetings. (S) (U)

The source also advised MEANS continues to alienate his followers by his irresponsible actions. If MEANS were arrested separately from BANKS, the source said it is possible he would become a lone martyr provided it served AIM's purposes. He said if MEANS and BANKS were arrested together or tried together on state charges in South Dakota, this action would reunite them. (S) (U)

The source also said that [redacted] who is an AIM member, has expressed a desire to kill RUSSELL MEANS but has been successfully put off by AIM leaders. (S) - (U)

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On October 13, 1974, the Austin American Statesman, a newspaper of general circulation, published in Austin, Texas, contained an article entitled, "Wounded Knee Leader Wants Sovereignty for Indian Nation." The article stated that RUSSELL MEANS said in reference to the dismissal of the United States case against him, "I refuse to believe in the Judicial process of this country. We're called the radicals, the communists, yet we were willing to let representatives of the Government, the jurors, decide our fate."

MEANS also was quoted as saying, "White men's law and Indian's law do not jive. In our society which is called primitive, not only by Karl Marx, but by Ben Franklin, there are no old age homes, orphanages, courts, juries, or lawyers.

"I doubt seriously that white people will ever get involved in the Indian struggle. They are afraid of the unknown. Thanks to John Wayne and Tonto, they have stereotyped the Indian. He's either dying or building a campfire for the white man."

On October 14, 1974, the Austin American Statesman, supra, contained an article entitled, "'Nazi America' Rapped By AIM Leader Means." This article reported on a speech made by RUSSELL MEANS at Austin, Texas. MEANS is quoted as saying, "The AIM movement represents the traditional Indian people who have been relegated to concentrations camps, better known as reservations. We welcome you to Nazi America."

The October 14, 1974, issue of the Daily Texan, a student newspaper published at the University of Texas, Austin, Texas, contained an article entitled, "Columbus Day Criticized 'Indian Leader Means Calls Holiday Gross Insult' ". This article quoted RUSSELL MEANS as saying, "What I represent and what the American Indian Movement represents is the traditional Indian people."

"Columbus Day is the grossest insult to anyone with intelligence I can imagine."

"He was a half a world off course. We (the Indians) found him."

"White America plans to celebrate 200 years in 1976, and I can guarantee you that for the American Indian Movement and our people, its going to be an unhappy anniversary."

"And I guarantee you there's going to be blood."

MEANS stated that the Americans do not know the true plight of the Indians and is quoted as saying, "In this country the Government is not telling you about the reservations, and the news media is not telling you the truth about the deprivation on Indians."

On October 23, 1974, the Tomorrow Show, which is a five days a week television program on NBC, featured RUSSELL MEANS and ROBERT BURNETT, SR., who identified himself as the tribal chief on the Rosebud Indian Reservation, Rosebud, South Dakota, JOYCE SELANDER, who also identified herself as an alternate juror on the Wounded Knee Leadership Trial in St. Paul, Minnesota, and MARK LANE, a defense attorney for RUSSELL MEANS and DENNIS BANKS in the St. Paul trial. MEANS and BURNETT stated during the program that they were the "landlords of the United States," indicating that they owned the country as Indians. MEANS also was asked by the program commentator what he or AIM wanted. MEANS said he wanted Minnesota among other things and the right for the Indian to enter into the international community and United Nations. He said the Indian wanted their own Government and corrective control of agriculture, business, railroads, etcetera. When asked if he was referring to a socialist form of Government, MEANS replied, "Call it what you want. We call it a tribal state."

On October 25, 1974, an article entitled, "Means' 'genocide' Remarks Spur Calls" appeared in the Rapid City Journal, a newspaper of general circulation, published at Rapid City, South Dakota, which reported that RUSSELL MEANS appeared on the Tomorrow Show, broadcasted on October 22, 1974, and also quoted as saying there was "genocide" of the Indian in South Dakota.

On October 30, 1974, an article appeared in the St. Paul Pioneer Press, a newspaper of general circulation, published in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in which RUSSELL MEANS reportedly said he fully expects a confrontation in Pierre, South Dakota, on November 1, 1974, when an AIM proposed demonstration is scheduled because of "rampant racism that exists among federal officials and white residents of South Dakota."

MP 157-1460

On November 12, 1974, MP T-6 advised that RUSSELL MEANS is allegedly losing support of his followers because all he does is talk about taking action but does nothing. The source said MEANS' followers are getting tired of listening to him. He said MEANS' brothers, TED and BILL MEANS, have split with him because of his drinking problem and irresponsible statements.

ARREST RECORD

On September 16, 1974, the Minneapolis Star, a newspaper of general circulation, published in Minneapolis, Minnesota, reported that on that day, all charges against RUSSELL MEANS and DENNIS BANKS stemming from the Wounded Knee incident in 1973 were dismissed by United States District Court Judge FRED NICHOL.

Concerning RUSSELL MEANS' arrest stemming from an incident that occurred on the night of June 22, 1974, at the Mission Golf Club, Mission, South Dakota, where two police officers were severely beaten: On October 1, 1974, RUSSELL MEANS was arraigned in United States District Court in Pierre, South Dakota, and the case was bound over for trial.

On October 25, 1974, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) R. D. HURD, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, advised that the Office of the United States Attorney (USA) is considering trying RUSSELL MEANS separately from the other persons under indictment in the Mission, South Dakota, matter. He said no trial date has as yet been set for MEANS or the others under indictment.

RESIDENCE

On September 22, 1974, MP T-1 advised that RUSSELL MEANS continues to reside at the downtown St. Paul Holiday Inn, occupying rooms 604 and 606, which are provided free of charge by the motel when he is in St. Paul, Minnesota. The source advised to his knowledge, MEANS continues to claim Porcupine, South Dakota, as his permanent residence (U) (S)

APPENDIX

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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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Police Department San Leandro California	<u>Russell Charles Means</u> 11046 <i>RUSSELL MEANS</i>	March 9, 1957	Petty Theft and violation of curfew	<i>[Handwritten signature]</i>
Police Department San Leandro California	Russell Charles Means 11046	April 26, 1958	common drunk	\$10.00 bail forfeited <i>[Handwritten signature]</i>
Police Department Los Angeles California	<u>Russell C. Means</u> LA 467 708-M	January 18, 1959	drunk booking 775889	
Police Department Los Angeles California	Russell C. Means LA 467 708-M	December 19, 1959	211 Penal Code (robbery) booking 001537	<i>[Redacted box]</i>
Police Department Inglewood California	Russell Charles Means A-23264	June 4, 1960	drunk in private residence	157-28 313 - NOT RECORDED FEB 14 1975
Police Department Oakland California	Russell Charles Means 155819	September 9, 1962	Section 647f Penal Code under the influence	15 days County Jail suspension 1 year
Police Department San Francisco California	Russell Charles Means 180373 <i>[Handwritten signature]</i>	October 27, 1962	G-61366 suspicion Section 245 Penal Code (Assault with a deadly weapon)	October 30, 1962 <i>[Redacted box]</i>

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

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United States Marshal Minneapolis Minnesota	Russell Charles Means 6842	May 21, 1971	18 United States Code 1382 Trespassing on a Naval Installation	Dismissed November 9, 1971
United States Marshal Sioux Falls South Dakota	Russell Charles Means 8410-1495	June 6, 1971	Did unlawfully climb Mount Rushmore and camp	Dismissed by Order of the Court
Police Department Washington DC	Russell Charles Means 253 183	September 22, 1971	Unlawful Entry	
Police Department Scottsbluff Nebraska	Russell C. Means 28912	January 14, 1973	Disorderly Conduct Intoxication Carrying Concealed Weapon Resisting Arrest	To County
Sheriff's Office Rapid City South Dakota	Russell Charles Means 11048	February 6, 1973	C-1 Riot C-2 2 counts arson second degree	Released to Custer County Authorities
USM Sioux Falls SDak	Russell Charles Means 8410-1495	4-5-73	burg,larc impede Fed officers during civil disorder-consp A Fed Off-poss unregister firearms-arson	
USM Phoenix Ariz	Russell Charles Means 6816 P (c)	6-18-73	Interstate transportation of firearms for civil disorder	

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PD Sioux Falls SDak	Russell Means J-8070	5-14-74	engaging in Riot injuring public building	
USM Sioux Falls SDak	Russell Charles Means 8410-1495	6-28-74	aslt with intent to inflict great bodily injury	
	Residence: Porcupine South Dakota			

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	<p>WANTED: Russell Charles Means for 270 PC (failure to provide for minor children) (will not extradite) notify Dist Atty's Office Child Support Division Metro North Regional Office 2910 W. Beverly Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90057 inf rec 6-13-74</p> <p>Refer to case #88 925 03 28 CANCELLED</p>			

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	<p>ADEX FLASH: Russell Charles Means Any information or inquiry received refer one copy of record to IS-2 Intelligence Division and 2 copies to BFD Minneapolis File 157-1460 Bu file 157-28313 inf rec 10-24-73</p>			

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-462483)

DATE: 1/23/75

FROM : ACTING SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (157-1319) (P)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM)
EM - AIM
OO: Minneapolis

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies, for Dallas 3 copies, for Minneapolis 6 copies, for San Francisco 2 copies, and for Phoenix 1 copy of self-explanatory LHM. Also enclosed for the Dallas Office is one copy of three page letter dated 11/25/74, which sets forth information contained in enclosed LHM and other data of interest to Dallas in handling below lead.

Sources concealed in enclosed LHM are as follows:

ENCLOSURE

- 6 - Bureau (Enc. 12)
 - (2 - 100-462483)
 - (1 - 7-15200) [redacted]
 - (1 - 157-29309) (BANKS)
 - (1 - 157-28313) (MEANS)
 - (1 - 157-29531) (THOMAS)
- 3 - Dallas (Enc. 3)
 - (2 - 157-2755) (AIM)
 - (1 - 7-1453) [redacted]
- 6 - Minneapolis (Enc. 6)
 - (2 - 157-1458) (AIM)
 - (1 - 7-645) [redacted]
 - (1 - 157-846) (BANKS)
 - (1 - 157-1460) (MEANS)
 - (1 - 157-2414) (THOMAS)
- 1 - Phoenix (Enc. 1) (157-1436) (AIM)
- 2 - San Francisco (Enc. 2) (1 - 100-71996) (AIM)
 - (1 - 7-855) [redacted]
- 5 - Oklahoma City (1 - 157-1319) (1 - 7-1077) [redacted]
 - (1 - 157-1555) (BANKS)
 - (1 - 157-1587) (MEANS)
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<u>Source</u>	<u>Date and/or Description of Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
OC T-1 is [redacted]	11/27/74	[redacted]
	Characterization of BANKS, MEANS, and THOMAS	

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Bureau and interested offices will note Minneapolis letter to Oklahoma City, 7/1/74, captioned "JOHN MILFORD THOMAS" reports that on 6/15/74, Lieutenant [redacted] Sioux Falls Police Department, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, advised that JOHN MILFORD THOMAS was in the Minnehaha County Courtroom on 4/30/74, when the clash occurred between police officers and militant Indians. THOMAS was not arrested.

This letter also reports that on 6/18/74, an FBI Agent observed JOHN MILFORD THOMAS to be present during a confrontation between militant Indians and the Aberdeen, South Dakota Police Department at the new Federal Building in Aberdeen. THOMAS demanded that the Commissioner of Bureau of Indian Affairs discuss matters with him as a representative of AIM. No violence occurred on that date.

The above information is reported as it is considered to relate to allegation in enclosed LHM to the effect that JOHN THOMAS and other AIM leaders encourage confrontations.

LEAD:

OC 157-1319

DALLAS DIVISION

AT DALLAS, TEXAS. If not already done, may desire to contact writer of enclosed letter as possible source of AIM activities and future plans, noting his relationship and apparent association with some AIM leaders.

OC 157-1319

NON-SYMBOL SOURCE PAGE

OC T-2 in enclosed LHM is JACK ELLISON, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Muskogee, Oklahoma, who furnished a letter dated 11/25/74, given to him by W. W. KEELER, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, 118 South Dewey, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, which was sent to KEELER by [REDACTED] Dallas, Texas 75204. ELLISON requested his identity be protected, however, he has informed Mr. KEELER of his intention of furnishing this letter to the FBI.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

January 23, 1975

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

Characterization of the American Indian Movement (AIM) is set forth as an appendix page attached hereto.

Russell Means and John Thomas are telling a man in Houston, Texas, they possess knowledge of where Patty Hearst is located, whereas they actually do not know her whereabouts. Their purpose in making this false claim is merely to obtain money from this man. Their plan is simply a "rip off" scheme.

Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA) people do not trust Russell Means. In fact, there is every indication that SLA people trust very few people connected with AIM.

(OC T-1, November 27, 1974)

The SLA is the underground terrorist group which has claimed responsibility for the kidnaping of Patricia Campbell Hearst in California on February 4, 1974.

Russell Charles Means holds no office in AIM, but is a member of the AIM Central Committee, a decision making body.

(OC T-1, January 28, 1974)

There has been a recent split in AIM. Russell Means pulled his people out of AIM and he is now residing in Porcupine, South Dakota.

(OC T-1, November 27, 1974)

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ENCLOSURE

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John Thomas is the AIM Co-ordinator at
Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

(OC T-1, April 3, 1974)

On May 30, 1974, [redacted] Deputy United States
Marshal, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised that John Thomas is
co-ordinating the trials against non-leadership AIM people
in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for the AIM organization.

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A source made available a resume of statements
directed to W. W. Keeler, Principal Chief of the Cherokee
Nation of Oklahoma, on November 25, 1974. The statements
were made by an American Indian male who indicates he is
well acquainted with and has the confidence of some AIM
leaders, including Dennis Banks, Russell Means, and John
Thomas.

Dennis James Banks holds no office in AIM
but is a member of the AIM Central Committee,
a decision making body.

(OC T-1, January 28, 1974)

The above mentioned Indian male reported the AIM
had attempted to attract him to their ranks for several
years but this person had not become affiliated with AIM
because he could not equate himself with AIM leadership
and some of its stated goals. He continued, reporting he
considers that while AIM originally set itself some worth-
while goals, its leadership in the persons of Russell
Means, Dennis Banks, and John Thomas have long since
prevented those original noble goals and turned AIM's
activities into self-serving actions, designed to reward
themselves monetarily at the expense of the Indian people.

This Indian male reported he had some conversation
with AIM people and based on their statements he began to
believe they were either in control of or in close touch
with the persons having Patty Hearst. He reported he was
invited to Phoenix, Arizona, to pursue this contention.
He traveled to Arizona in this matter and there met with

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Russell Means and John Thomas. These two AIM leaders assured this person they could put him in touch with Patty Hearst.

In addition to this verbal assurance and as an apparently collateral action Means and Thomas offered to display an example of their "power". This demonstration consisted of their ordering a number of young Indians to take their wardrums and go into the courtyard of the Sands Motel in Phoenix, where they held a war-dance, throwing beer cans everywhere in an obvious effort to provoke the Phoenix Police Department.

This Indian male individual reported he is convinced the above indicated AIM leaders are closely aligned with the people who have Miss Hearst, if they do not have her themselves.

In addition to this supposition concerning the indicated AIM leaders and Miss Hearst the above Indian male reported he had conferred at length with Means and Thomas and became convinced they both are drunk with their own sense of self-importance. He also stated his convictions that Means and Thomas are going to cause a number of young Indians to perhaps be gravely injured, perhaps in another "Kent State" because of the fact Means and Thomas are "spoiling" for another confrontation.

The above mentioned Indian male continued his statements commenting in effect as follows:

They, Means and Thomas, naturally have a certain charisma...and having literally tweaked Uncle Sam's beard on three occasions and gotten away with it, they represent excitement to young Indians. Certainly no one in his right mind would buy that "revolution" stuff they preach, but they are preaching it to young, impressionable minds which respond to the idea.

I can state this with absolute certainty: Based on my conversations with Means and Thomas, they propose to stage some type of headline-grabbing incident during our Bicentennial Year

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that I fear will reflect badly on the many Indian people who do not share their views.

I would hope that some recourse should be available whereby the American Indian Movement could be re-oriented and re-channeled into a direction consistent with those many things so many people have worked so hard to achieve for Indian people. I believe we have the interest of the American people now--as well as their good will. I would hate to see these valuable assets literally thrown to the winds because of some foolish activities fostered by AIM.

It would be a sad thing indeed if the present AIM leadership, which, according to Thomas, has "connections" with Havana, should bring about severe harm to any of the many Indian youth who are now responding to their pronouncements.

I fear that there simply is not sufficient awareness of just how far these people are willing to go to further their own aims, but I do know they have something in mind which they plan to propose to the UN General Assembly.

In conclusion of his statements the Indian male individual reported his conclusions, as related above, are based on intensive talks with Means and Thomas and after watching them send upwards of a thousand Indian youths out to taunt and provoke a Police Department.

He stated it appeared the principal thrust of their actions at this point seems to be to continue to attempt to bring about confrontations, which of themselves bring about publicity and of course adds to their following.

(OC T-2, December 17, 1974)

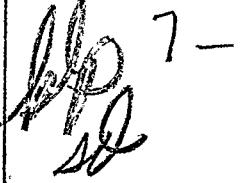


DENNIS BANKS, RUSSELL MEANS, AND JOHN THOMAS
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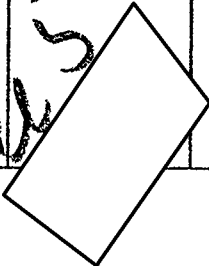
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Police Department San Leandro California	Russell Charles Means 11046	March 9, 1957	Petty Theft and violation of curfew	
Police Department San Leandro California	Russell Charles Means 11046	April 26, 1958	common drunk	\$10.00 bail forfeited
Police Department Los Angeles California	Russell C. Means LA 467 708-M	January 18, 1959	drunk booking 775889	
Police Department Los Angeles California	Russell C. Means LA 467 708-M	December 19, 1959	211 Penal Code (robbery) booking 001537	
Police Department Inglewood California	Russell Charles Means A-23264	June 4, 1960	drunk in private residence NOT RECORDED	157-28313 14 JAN 7
Police Department Oakland California	Russell Charles Means 155819	September 9, 1962	Section 6471 Penal Code under the influence	15 days County Jail suspension 1 year
Police Department San Francisco California	Russell Charles Means 180373	October 27, 1962	G-61366 suspicion Section 245 Penal Code (Assault with a deadly weapon)	October 30, 1962 discharged 

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

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United States Marshal Minneapolis Minnesota	Russell Charles Means 6842	May 21, 1971	18 United States Code 1382 Trespassing on a Naval Installation	Dismissed November 9, 1971
United States Marshal Sioux Falls South Dakota	Russell Charles Means 8410-1495	June 6, 1971	Did unlawfully climb Mount Rushmore and camp	Dismissed by Order of the Court
Police Department Washington DC	Russell Charles Means 253 183	September 22, 1971	Unlawful Entry	
Police Department Scottsbluff Nebraska	Russell C. Means 28912	January 14, 1973	Disorderly Conduct Intoxication Carrying Concealed Weapon Resisting Arrest	To County
Sheriff's Office Rapid City South Dakota	Russell Charles Means 11048	February 6, 1973	C-1 Riot C-2 2 counts arson second degree	Released to Custer County Authorities
USM Sioux Falls SDak	Russell Charles Means 8410-1495	4-5-73	burg,larc impede Fed officers during civil disorder-consp A Fed Off-poss unregister firearms-arson	
USM Phoenix Ariz	Russell Charles Means 6816 P (c)	6-18-73	Interstate transportation of firearms for civil disorder	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Sioux Falls SDak	Russell Means J-8070	5-14-74	engaging in Riot injuring public building	
USM Sioux Falls SDak	Russell Charles Means 8410-1495	6-28-74	aslt with intent to inflict great bodily injury	
	Residence: Porcupine South		Dakota	

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	<p>WANTED: Russell Charles Means for 270 PC (failure to provide for minor children) (will not extradite) notify Dist Atty's Office Child Support Division Metro North Regional Office 2910 W. Beverly Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90057 inf rec 6-13-74</p> <p>Refer to case; #88 925 03 28</p>			

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	<p>ADEX FLASH: Russell Charles Means Any information or inquiry received refer one copy of record to IS-2 Intelligence Division and 2 copies to BFD Minneapolis File 157-1460 Bu file 157-28313 inf rec 10-24-73</p>			

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)

DATE: 2/13/75

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (157-1476) (P)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
MP file 157-1460
OM file 157-1476
OO: Minneapolis

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
CIR-BURGLARY & LARCENY
ARL-IFO; AFO; CONSPIRACY
UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS
MP file 70-6882
OM file 176-89
OO: Minneapolis

Re Omaha letter to the Bureau 11/19/74.

Scotts Bluff County Attorney ROBERT O. HIPPE, Gering, Nebraska, on 2/10/75 advised he has been extremely busy since he took office in January, 1975, as a newly elected County Attorney and it has been necessary for him to spend a great amount of time training personnel and putting into effect some administrative changes. HIPPE said he has barely begun to review the file on MEANS but it is his intention to fully review this file and make a final decision as to whether or not he will prosecute or dismiss charges pending in Scotts Bluff County against MEANS.

LEAD:

OMAHA

AT GERING, NEBRASKA

Will maintain contact with HIPPE and advise Bureau and Minneapolis of his prosecutive decision.

MEANS AS MILITANT EXTREMIST SHOULD BE REGARDED AS DANGEROUS

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Date: 2/24/75

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)
FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-1460) (P)
SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM-AIM

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Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Enclosed LHM is in response to [redacted] letter to the Director dated 2/14/75, requesting information regarding subject's meetings in Hawaii.

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Source referred to in enclosed LHM is [redacted]

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Agency: Secret Service, *Interior*
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AAG Criminal Div.
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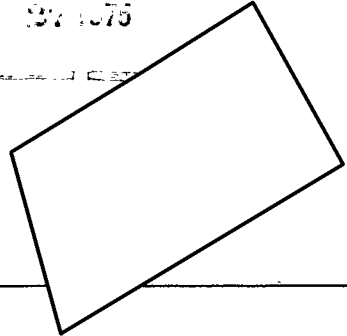
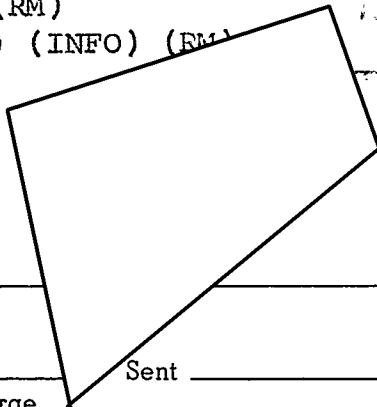
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Minneapolis, Minnesota

February 24, 1975

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

A confidential source abroad advised that on January 31, 1975, he learned that Russell Means, along with some Indian associates, would be holding meetings with Tribal leaders in Honolulu, Hawaii.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, indicated he is unaware of any plans of Russell Means to travel to Hawaii; however, he advised Ted and Bill Means, brothers of Russell Means, are to travel to an unknown city in Hawaii where they will participate in an American Indian Movement fund raising event. No additional details are known to the source.

Theodore Means (Ted) is the current South Dakota State Coordinator for American Indian Movement.

William Allen Means (Bill) is currently one of ten directors and is an incorporator of the American Indian Movement of South Dakota.

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APPENDIX

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AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

The American Indian Movement (AIM) was formed in 1968 at Minneapolis, Minnesota, by Clyde Bellecourt, Dennis Banks and George Mitchell, Chippewa Indians, as a civil rights organization. Its stated goals are to secure Indian self-determination and the right to be and think Indian; to eliminate the destructive tendencies of Christianity, white oriented education and the Federal Government from Indian life, along with the yoke of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

All AIM chapters, leaders and members are not considered to be violence-prone. Members of AIM, however, led by violence-prone leaders, participated in the takeover of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Building, Washington, D. C., during November, 1972. These leaders subsequently led and participated in confrontations with local authorities, resulting in violence at Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and the Rapid City-Custer area of South Dakota. From 2/27/73, through 5/8/73, these leaders with AIM members and supporters occupied the community of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, by force of arms, taking a number of the community's residents as hostage. Since that time they have been involved in numerous confrontations with local and Federal authorities, including the shooting and killing of a deputy sheriff in Arizona and the severe beating of two other police officers in South Dakota.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MINNEAPOLIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MINNEAPOLIS	DATE 3/4 /75	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/29/74 - 2/12/75
TITLE OF CASE RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY mec
CHARACTER OF CASE FM - AIM			

REFERENCE:

Minneapolis report of SA 11/26/74. ✓

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

One copy of this report is being disseminated to U. S. Secret Service, Minneapolis.

Attached for the Bureau are two copies of an FD-376.

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1. Subject's name is included in the ADEX.
2. The data appearing on the ADEX Card are current.
3. Changes on the ADEX Card are necessary and Form FD-122 submitted to the Bureau.
4. A suitable photograph is is not available.
Date photograph was taken April, 1974
5. Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
6. Reason for classification where exemption category does not provide a self-evident basis.
- a. Details of Report: _____
- b. Cover Pages: _____
7. Subject previously interviewed (dates) 3/14/73
- Subject was not interviewed reinterviewed because (state reason) of his antagonistic uncooperative attitude toward law enforcement and due to pending State charges against him at Custer and Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
8. This case no longer meets the ADEX criteria and an FD-122 with succinct summary, has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
9. This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ADEX criteria and it continues to fall within the criteria because (state reason)
MEANS is a member of the AIM Central Committee which has decision making power for the organization.
10. Security Flash Notice (FD-165) to Identification Division:
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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 Minneapolis, Minnesota
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
 File No. 157-1460

March 4, 1975

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.

1. Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
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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

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

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Date: MARCH 4, 1975

Field Office File #: 157-1460

Bureau File #: 157-28313 —

Title: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

Character: EXTREMIST MATTER - AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

Synopsis: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS is a member of the AIM Central Committee. MEANS' permanent address is Porcupine, South Dakota. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

ACTIVITIES

On November 29, 1974, MP T-1 advised that RUSSELL MEANS and another man are telling an unknown individual in Houston, Texas, that they know the location of PATRICIA HEARST, the daughter of RANDOLPH A. HEARST, who was allegedly kidnaped from her Berkeley, California, apartment on February 4, 1974, by members of the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA).

The SLA was organized during the Summer of 1973 as a multiracial revolutionary organization. The catalyst for the organization's formation was apparently visitations by revolutionary white youths, some of whom had been associated with the Maoist Venceremos Organization, with various inmates within the California prison system.

Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past.

Specific goals of the SLA from its "Declaration of War" dated August 21, 1973, include the destruction of the capitalistic state; control of industry by the "people;" formation of communes; children to be the "responsibility of the community"; destruction of the prison system; seizure of state and capitalist-owned land to be given to the "people"; total destruction of the rent system; and destruction of racism, sexism, ageism, capitalism, facism, individualism, possessiveness, competitiveness...that have made and sustained capitalism.

A violence-prone organization, the SLA has claimed credit for the November 6, 1973, ambush slaying of Dr. MARCUS A. FOSTER, Superintendent of the Oakland, California, school system and the wounding of his deputy. The SLA has also claimed credit for the February 4, 1974, kidnaping of PATRICIA CAMPBELL HEARST.

According to the source, they do not know where PATRICIA HEARST is located and are merely trying to "rip off" the man for some money. The source also advised, in regard to RUSSELL MEANS, that he has pulled his people out of the American Indian Movement (AIM) (See Appendix). Source stated MEANS is currently residing in Porcupine, South Dakota, and has spent relatively little time recently at National AIM Headquarters in St. Paul, Minnesota.

On December 7, 1974, an Associated Press article appeared in the "Rapid City Journal," which is a newspaper of general circulation published in Rapid City, South Dakota. The article was captioned "Means Pleads Innocent to Charges" and indicated that on December 6, 1974, RUSSELL MEANS had appeared in Minnehaha County Courthouse in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and had entered a plea of innocent to charges of rioting to obstruct public officers and injuring a public building. The article indicated that MEANS and several others were arrested following a fight between authorities and AIM supporters, which erupted in a courtroom where defendants, charged in connection with a 1973 riot at Custer were being tried. The courthouse was heavily damaged during the club swinging battle between AIM and members of the South Dakota Tactical Squad, which is made up of members of various local law enforcement agencies in South Dakota. The article further indicated that MEANS faces maximum sentences of two to ten years on the riot charge, and five years on the other charge. No trial date has been set.

In a separate Associated Press article, the "Rapid City Journal," in the December 7, 1974, edition, published an article captioned, "Means Urges Indian-White Reconciliation." The article quoted MEANS as stating, "Reconciliation is the only hope for peace between the Indians and the white people in South Dakota." MEANS also advised that as long as the Bureau of Indian Affairs and white racists remain in South Dakota there will be confrontations. He is further quoted in the article as stating, "The Senators and Congressmen of this state have to recognize our treaty rights, and the responsible leaders of South Dakota have to recognize the dual system of justice in this state."

On January 6, 1975, MP T-2 advised that RUSSELL MEANS and DENNIS BANKS, National AIM leaders, have been requested by the Menominee Warriors Society in Wisconsin to assist them in their current confrontation in connection with their takeover of the Alexian Brothers Novitiate at Gresham, Wisconsin, on January 1, 1975. Source stated BANKS and MEANS were planning to travel to Gresham, Wisconsin, to offer their assistance.

DENNIS BANKS is a member of the
AIM Central Committee.

MP T-1
January 28, 1974

On January 7, 1975, an article appeared in the "Minneapolis Tribune," a newspaper of general circulation, published daily in Minneapolis, Minnesota, entitled, "Tribal Election, Lost by AIM Leader, Ruled Invalid." The article indicated that the Oglala Sioux Tribal election last year at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation has been declared invalid by the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights, which said that nearly one-third of all the votes cast appeared to be improper "in some manner." The commission recommended that the Pine Ridge Reservation's Tribal council order a new election. The article stated that RUSSELL MEANS, American Indian Movement leader who ran against incumbent RICHARD WILSON for Tribal Council President, had requested the investigation after WILSON won the election with 1,714 votes to 1,514 votes for MEANS. The article indicated that the Commission said it had checked 739 names, about one-fourth of the total voters, and found 154 voters who apparently were not Tribal members.

On October 31, 1974, MP T-3 advised that RUSSELL MEANS attended a Puerto Rican Solidarity Day event at Madison Square Garden, New York City, on October 27, 1974. According to the source, he was a speaker at the rally, the purpose of which was to

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demonstrate support for the independence of Puerto Rico.

The Puerto Rican Solidarity Day Committee is a self-described nationwide committee of all peoples and nationalities in the United States. Its purpose is to demonstrate support for the independence of Puerto Rico.

On January 11, 1975, MP T-2 advised that RUSSELL MEANS was in Tulsa, Oklahoma, during the week of December 30, 1974, to January 3, 1975, purpose of visit unknown.

On January 14, 1975, MP T-4 advised that during the week of January 3, 1975, both RUSSELL MEANS and DENNIS BANKS were visiting on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

On January 29, 1975, MP T-1 advised that AIM leaders, including RUSSELL MEANS are at Gresham, Wisconsin, to offer their support to the Menominee Warriors Society, and to assist them in their confrontation involving their takeover of the Alexian Brothers Novitiate at Gresham, Wisconsin, on January 1, 1975.

On February 12, 1975, an article appeared in "The Sarasota Herald Tribune," a newspaper of general circulation published in Sarasota, Florida, which announced that RUSSELL MEANS would be a speaker at New College, Sarasota, Florida, at 8:00 PM on Thursday, February 13, 1975. The article identified MEANS as "A director of the militant American Indian Movement which gained attention with the seizure of the village of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Building in Washington, D. C." The article indicated the speech is sponsored by the New College student body and is open to the public.

On February 23, 1975, an article appeared in "The Miami Herald," which is a daily newspaper of general circulation published in Miami, Florida. The article, captioned "Latin Indians Speak Up, Ask For Changes," stated that Indians from nine Latin American nations and the United States were invited to a conference at the University of Florida to "speak up." RUSSELL MEANS appeared, according to the article, as an observer and not a participant. MEANS did speak at the conference and in his speech outlined the problems of the North American Indians, and complained of persecution and boasted of a degree of success despite it. He explained that AIM was

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"entering a phase of international strategy based on legal interpretations of old treaties with the United States." He further advised "one of our strategies in order to enter the international community is to politically embarrass the United States of America."

RESIDENCE

According to MP T-1, RUSSELL MEANS continues to reside at Porcupine, South Dakota.

APPENDIX

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AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

The American Indian Movement (AIM) was formed in 1968 at Minneapolis, Minnesota, by Clyde Bellecourt, Dennis Banks and George Mitchell, Chippewa Indians, as a civil rights organization. Its stated goals are to secure Indian self-determination and the right to be and think Indian; to eliminate the destructive tendencies of Christianity, white-oriented education and the Federal Government from Indian life, along with the yoke of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

All AIM chapters, leaders and members are not considered to be violence-prone. Members of AIM, however, led by violence-prone leaders, participated in the takeover of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Building, Washington, D. C., during November, 1972, and participated in confrontations with local authorities, resulting in violence at Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and the Rapid City-Custer area of South Dakota. From 2/27/73, through 5/8/73, these leaders with AIM members and supporters occupied Wounded Knee, South Dakota, by force of arms. Since that time AIM leaders, members and supporters have been involved in numerous confrontations with local and Federal authorities, including the shooting and killing of a deputy sheriff in Arizona, and the severe beating of two police officers in South Dakota. A county court house, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was extensively damaged during a disturbance at the Wounded Knee nonleadership trials.

From 1/1/75 through 2/3/75, a group of Indians led by a Wisconsin AIM leader took over the Alexian Brothers Novitiate, Gresham, Wisconsin. Subsequent court appearances by those involved in the takeover have resulted in disturbances and violence with minor injuries to numerous individuals including police officers.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)

DATE: 4/17/75

FROM: SAC, OMAHA (157-1476) (P)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
OO: Minneapolis
MP 157-1460
OM 157-1476

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
CIR-BURGLARY & LARCENY
ARL-IFO; AFO; CONSPIRACY
UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS
OO: Minneapolis
MP 70-6882
OM 176-89

Re Omaha letter to the Bureau 2/13/75.

Scotts Bluff County Attorney ROBERT O. HIPPE, Gering, Nebraska, 4/10/75 advised he is aware of the recent arrest in South Dakota of MEANS and another individual on murder charges. HIPPE stated that his complaint is still outstanding on MEANS and he has not reached a final decision as to whether or not he will attempt to get him returned to Nebraska to stand trial. However, he stated that he would appreciate it very much if the FBI in Minneapolis could advise him of the nature of any and all charges outstanding against MEANS, both state and Federal. This should include the status of the South Dakota murder charge to assist him in reaching a logical conclusion as to the disposition he should make of the Scotts Bluff County charge.

Minneapolis is requested to furnish Omaha with the information HIPPE seeks so that Omaha can relay ARJIS data to him.

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- ② - Bureau
- 2 - Minneapolis
- 1 - (157-1460)
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11:59 AM URGENT APRIL 16, 1975 DSC

TO DIRECTOR
FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-1460) (P)

ATTENTION: INTD.

ATTENTION: JOHN C. GORDON, ROOM 5078, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION,
GENERAL CRIMES UNIT.

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, EM - AIM.

ON APRIL 15, 1975, MEL LARSON, SHERIFF, PENNINGTON COUNTY,
RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, ADVISED THAT SUBJECT AND [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WERE RELEASED ON THAT DATE ON \$54,000
BOND. BOND, ACCORDING TO LARSON, PROVIDED BY MOVIE ACTOR MARLON BRANDO.

LARSON ADVISED THAT MEANS WAS MET AT THE COUNTY JAIL BY A SMALL
GROUP OF FOLLOWERS AND NO DISTURBANCES OCCURRED. MEANS MADE NO
PRESS RELEASE AT THAT TIME. LARSON STATED MEANS, [REDACTED] AND
[REDACTED] WERE MODEL PRISONERS WHILE CONFINED FOR THE FORTY-FIVE-DAY
PERIOD.

LARSON ADVISED THAT MEANS, [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] HAD BEEN CONFINED
IN LIEU OF BOND IN CONNECTION WITH THE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MARTIN MONTILEAUX.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)

DATE: 6/13/75

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (157-1476) (P)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM

OO: Minneapolis

Re Omaha letter to the Bureau 4/17/75 and
Minneapolis letter to Omaha 5/17/75.

For information of the Bureau, referenced
Minneapolis letter reviewed the charges still outstanding
against MEANS in Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska; at Custer,
Scenic and Sioux Falls, South Dakota; at Fort Totten,
North Dakota, and at Phoenix, Arizona.

These charges were discussed on 5/19/75 with
Scotts Bluff County Attorney ROBERT O. HIPPE, Gering,
Nebraska. HIPPE stated he desired to fully review his
evidence and the availability of witnesses to the Scotts
Bluff County charges, namely, carrying a concealed weapon
and resisting arrest, before making a final decision as to
prosecution of MEANS.

On 6/9/75 HIPPE stated his files indicate he
still has sufficient witnesses and evidence to sustain,
in his opinion, the charges against MEANS. However, he
stated he does not intend to attempt to bring MEANS to
trial locally, at least not until the state murder charge
is disposed of at Scenic, South Dakota.

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HIPPE requested he be kept informed as to progress
of prosecution in the Scenic matter.

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- 2 - Minneapolis
- 3 - Omaha (2-157-1476)
- 1 - (1-66-2705A)

RDK: jmt Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan



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AT SCENIC, SOUTH DAKOTA

Will furnish Omaha with data concerning MEANS
murder prosecution.

OMAHA

AT GERING, NEBRASKA

Will maintain contact with ROBERT O. HIPPE.

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SO Rapid City SD	Residence: Porcupine SD Russell C. Means 11048 SID 66328	3-10-75	murder	
	Residence: Porcupine SD			

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<p>CC - FBI Minneapolis</p> <p>CC- IS-2 Intell Div</p>	<p>ADEX FLASH: Russell Charles Means Any information or inquiry received refer one copy of record to IS-2 Intelligence Division and 2 copies to BFD Minneapolis File 157-1460 Bu file 157-28313 inf rec 10-24-73</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 150px; transform: rotate(-15deg); margin: 20px auto;"></div>			

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REPORTING OFFICE MINNEAPOLIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MINNEAPOLIS	DATE 7/11/75	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/3/75 - 6/28/75
TITLE OF CASE RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY dkp
		CHARACTER OF CASE EM - AIM	b6 b7c

REFERENCE: Minneapolis report of SA dated 3/4/75.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Attached are two copies of an FD-376.

One copy of this report is being disseminated locally to the Minneapolis Office of the U. S. Secret Service.

The Special Agent of the FBI who reviewed records of the Pennington County Sheriff's Office in Rapid City, South Dakota, was SA DONALD G. WILEY.

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APPROVED <i>WAM/J</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
COPIES MADE: ⑤ - Bureau (157-28313) (RM) 1 - U. S. Secret Service Minneapolis, Minnesota 2 - Minneapolis (157-1460)		157-28313-89 REC-33 5 JUL 21 1975 ST 107	

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1. Subject's name is included in the ADEX.
2. The data appearing on the ADEX Card are current.
3. Changes on the ADEX Card are necessary and Form FD-122 submitted to the Bureau.
4. A suitable photograph is is not available.
Date photograph was taken April, 1974
5. Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
6. Reason for classification where exemption category does not provide a self-evident basis.
 - a. Details of Report: _____
 - b. Cover Pages: _____

7. Subject previously interviewed (dates) 3/14/73
 Subject was not interviewed reinterviewed because (state reason)
of his antagonistic uncooperative attitude toward law enforcement and due to pending State charges against him at Custer and Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Bismarck, North Dakota.

8. This case no longer meets the ADEX criteria and an FD-122 with succinct summary, has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
9. This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ADEX criteria and it continues to fall within the criteria because (state reason)

MEANS is a member of the AIM Central Committee which has decision making power for the organization.

10. Security Flash Notice (FD-165) to Identification Division:
 Submitted 12/3/73 Placed Yes No
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11. Subject designated and/or included in:

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-1460

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535
Minneapolis, Minnesota

July 11, 1975

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.

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

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

Enclosure(s) (1)

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Report of: SA [redacted]
Date: July 11, 1975

Office: Minneapolis,
Minnesota

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Field Office File #: 157-1460

Bureau File #: 157-28313

Title: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

Character: EXTREMIST MATTER - AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

Synopsis: Details concerning 2 arrests of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, which occurred during March and June, 1975, set forth. Details concerning MEANS' activities set out. MEANS currently resides in Bismarck, North Dakota. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Details:

Arrests:

On March 3, 1975, an Associated Press article appeared in the "St. Paul Dispatch", which is a newspaper of general circulation, published daily in St. Paul, Minnesota. The article advised that American Indian Movement (AIM) (See Appendix) leader RUSSELL MEANS, was being held at the Pennington County Jail in Rapid City, South Dakota, in connection with a shooting that left one man seriously wounded about midnight, Saturday, March 1, 1975.

RUSSELL MEANS holds no National Office, however, he is a member of the AIM Central Committee, a decision-making body.

MP T-1
March 17, 1975

According to the article, Pennington County Sheriff, MEL LARSON, said MEANS and seven others in a car, were apprehended early Sunday morning, following a high-speed chase east of Rapid City, South Dakota. LARSON said the chain of events leading to MEANS' arrest started about midnight, Saturday, March 1, 1975, when 28-year-old MARTIN MONTILEAUX was shot in the neck at a Scenic, South Dakota bar. MONTILEAUX was reported to be in serious condition at a Rapid City hospital. A short time after the shooting, according to the article, a highway patrolman spotted the car containing MEANS, two miles east of Rapid City, South Dakota and attempted to stop it. A high-speed chase ensued and LARSON said he was finally able to get the vehicle stopped.

The article advised it was not known who was in the car with MEANS.

On March 4, 1975, an Associated Press article appeared in the "St. Paul Pioneer Press", which is a newspaper of general circulation, published daily in St. Paul, Minnesota. The article advised that RUSSELL MEANS was charged with shooting a man with intent to kill, a felony. The article further indicated that Magistrate CHARLES CARRELL had set bond at \$50,000 for MEANS, who was charged with attempting to kill MARTIN MONTILEAUX in a Scenic, South Dakota bar. RICHARD MARSHALL, age 24, of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, faces the same charge as MEANS. MARSHALL's bond was set at \$5,000. The article revealed that MONTILEAUX was shot in the neck, with a small caliber weapon in the restroom of a bar at Scenic, South Dakota.

On March 5, 1975, an article appeared in the "Rapid City Journal", which is a newspaper of general circulation, published daily in Rapid City, South Dakota. The article indicated that RUSSELL MEANS and RICHARD MARSHALL remained in custody in Pennington County Jail, Rapid City, South Dakota and that the victim of the shooting, MARTIN MONTILEAUX, remained in critical condition.

On March 7, 1975, a review of the records of the Pennington County Sheriff's Office, Rapid City, South Dakota, by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, revealed that MARTIN MONTILEAUX, the victim in the Scenic, South Dakota shooting case, involving RUSSELL MEANS, had expired during the early morning hours of March 7, 1975. Records indicated that an autopsy had been ordered.

On March 10, 1975, an article appeared in the "Rapid City Journal", captioned "Pair Charged With Murder". The article indicated that AIM leader, RUSSELL MEANS, age 35, and RICHARD MARSHALL, age 24, were arraigned in Circuit Court on charges of murder in the shooting death of MARTIN MONTILEAUX, age 28, Kyle, South Dakota, who died in a Rapid City hospital on Friday, March 7, 1975. Bond was set by Circuit Court Judge MARSHALL YOUNG, at \$30,000 for MEANS and \$20,000 for MARSHALL. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for May 1, 1975. Judge YOUNG said he set MARSHALL's bond at what he considered to be the minimum amount in a murder charge. He said MEANS' bond of \$30,000 was higher because he is out on bond, pending court action on felonies in two other states. The Judge said when the charges build up, there is tendency to consider the alternative-to leave the jurisdiction.

On April 16, 1975, an article appeared in the "Minneapolis Star", a newspaper of general circulation, published daily in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The article stated that actor MARLON BRANDO had, on April 15, 1975, posted \$30,000 cash bond for AIM leader RUSSELL MEANS, who was charged with murder in the shooting death of a Kyle, South Dakota man, MARTIN MONTILEAUX. The article further advised that BRANDO also posted cash bond for two other AIM members. He posted \$20,000 bond for RICHARD MARSHALL, 24, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and also \$4,000 bond for DAVID CLIFFORD, 26, of Pine Ridge, South Dakota, who was charged with felonious possession of firearms. The article stated that RUSSELL MEANS told reporters on hand that he intends to return to his home in Porcupine, South Dakota, as he stated he "has a lot of work to do" in connection with events that occurred during his six-week stay in jail.

On May 1, 1975, an article appeared in the "Rapid City Journal", captioned "Doctors Testify At Means and Marshall Hearing." The article stated that Doctor EDWARD JAMES, a Rapid City neurosurgeon, who attended the victim, while he was hospitalized, testified that MONTILEAUX was able to verbalize upon admission to the hospital, but that his voice was hoarse. He said the victim was paralyzed from the neck down. The article further advised that Doctor DONALD KELLY, a local pathologist in Rapid City, who performed an autopsy on March 7, 1975, testified that he had determined that MARTIN MONTILEAUX had been shot in the front of the neck, on the right side, with a small caliber bullet. He testified that the bullet remained in the body and was removed at the time of the autopsy.

On May 15, 1975, an article appeared in the "St. Paul Pioneer Press", which is a newspaper of general circulation, published daily in St. Paul, Minnesota. This article, which was captioned "Means, Marshall to Stand Trial" revealed that Circuit Judge, MARSHALL YOUNG, of Rapid City South Dakota, ruled that there is sufficient grounds to continue the murder case against AIM leader, RUSSELL MEANS and RICHARD MARSHALL. Judge YOUNG stated that MEANS was bound over as an "aider and abettor" in the shooting.

On June 10, 1975, an article appeared in the "Minneapolis Tribune", a newspaper of general circulation, published daily in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The article, which was captioned "AIM Leader Means Shot On North Dakota Reservation" revealed that RUSSELL MEANS was listed in satisfactory condition on Sunday, June 8, 1975, in a Bismarck, North Dakota, hospital, where he was recuperating from a gunshot wound he had received the prior Saturday afternoon. The article further explained that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) officials on the Standing Rock Reservation, in south-central North Dakota, and RUSSELL MEANS, had far different explanations as to how the shooting had occurred. BIA officials said that MEANS was shot accidentally, about 4:00 p.m., on Saturday, June 7, 1975, in an incident, which occurred near the Cannonball Bridge,

on the Reservation. According to the BIA, Lieutenant PAT KELLY of the BIA police, had shot MEANS, when KELLY's pistol discharged during a struggle with MEANS, hitting MEANS in the lower abdomen. MEANS said he was shot in the lower back by KELLY's son, as he was trying to break up a scuffle between the elder KELLY and TOM POOR BEAR, a member of MEANS' party. Officially, the BIA explained the shooting as follows, according to the article:

MEANS was wanted for questioning in connection with an incident which occurred earlier, Saturday, June 7, 1975, in which two men claimed they were beaten by MEANS. Lieutenant KELLY was reportedly on patrol about 3:40 p.m. and was taking his son to work as a dispatcher for the BIA police. According to the BIA, Lieutenant KELLY saw a couple of cars and a pickup truck parked next to the Cannonball Bridge. As he passed the vehicle, the BIA said that MEANS motioned for the car to stop. The BIA said MEANS then asked KELLY why the BIA police were harassing him and words were exchanged between MEANS and KELLY's son. At this point, according to the BIA, TOM POOR BEAR approached KELLY's son and KELLY drew his pistol. A scuffle ensued, the BIA said, between MEANS and the elder KELLY.

In a follow-up article, which appeared in the "Minneapolis Tribune," on June 12, 1975, Attorney WILLIAM KUNSTLER stated that RUSSELL MEANS was not shot by BIA Lieutenant KELLY - as the BIA had indicated - but by KELLY's son, TED. KUNSTLER stated that the attending physician's report on MEANS' injury indicated that there were not powder burns on MEANS' wound or on his clothes, near the point of the bullet's entry. The article stated that such burns, according to KUNSTLER, are normally made by a .357 Magnum, which is the type weapon that injured MEANS, when fired from ten feet or less. The article further pointed out that KUNSTLER reiterated MEANS' contention that he was shot in the back, not in the abdomen, as BIA officials had contended. BIA Special Officer HENRY GAYTON, of the BIA Office in Cannonball,

admitted that MEANS had not been shot in the abdomen, but in the side, where, according to GAYTON "it's hard to tell if it went in from the front or the back".

According to the same newspaper article, RICHARD SCHNELL, State's Attorney in Bismarck, North Dakota, said MEANS was released on a \$25,000 personal recognizance bond on charges that he hit a man in Fort Rice, North Dakota, with a rifle butt. MEANS signed a similar \$5,000 bond, according to the article, on charges that he interfered with the elder KELLY, while KELLY was performing his duties as a BIA policeman. The article stated that KUNSTLER did downplay earlier AIM statements that MEANS' shooting was an assassination attempt. KUNSTLER said he did not think the incident was planned as a way to dispose of MEANS. KUNSTLER added "you put a gun in the hands of a nervous kid and give him the chance to shoot a man most of white America would like to see out of the way, and anything can happen."

In an article which appeared in the "Rapid City Journal" on June 10, 1975, RUSSELL MEANS is quoted as asking for a Federal investigation of the shooting incident which led to his arrest by Federal officials. The article stated that Federal authorities arrested MEANS on Monday, June 9, 1975, acting on a warrant authorized by the United States Attorney's Office in Fargo, North Dakota. U.S. Marshall WALTER LINK, served the warrant, which alleges that the AIM leader resisted, impeded and interfered with a Lieutenant of the BIA Police Department, while the officer, PVT KELLY, "was in the performance of his duties". MEANS' room in the hospital was closed to the news media and visitors following his arrest.

The same article indicated that the National AIM organization was calling for a Federal investigation. He said AIM members were being asked to contact Senator QUENTIN BURDICK and ~~SENATOR~~ HILTON YOUNG, requesting they urge an impartial investigation into the shooting of RUSSELL MEANS. MEANS was also quoted in the article as stating he thought the incident, wherein he was shot, arose from attempts to "discourage" his being hired as director of a boys ranch on the Standing Rock Reservation. MEANS had indicated recently, that he was seeking the position, which was to help youngsters, age 14-18, according to the article.

MP 157-1430

In an article, which appeared on June 20, 1975, in the "Daily World", a newspaper which is published weekly in New York, New York, by the Communist Party, the Minnesota-Dakotas District of the Communist Party was quoted as demanding that all charges against RUSSELL MEANS be dropped immediately and that indictments be prepared against those responsible for the shooting. The Communist Party demanded "an end to the continuing brutalities committed against Indian activists by the Bureau of Indian Affairs police and other police agencies to halt the struggle of the Indian people against repressive and genocidal policies of the Federal and state governments".

Current Charges Outstanding Against RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

The following resumé of current Federal, State and Tribal charges outstanding against MEANS has been compiled from records maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

1. January 14-20, 1973, Scottsbluff, Nebraska; carrying a concealed weapon and resisting arrest; State Court; no trial date set; \$5,000 bond.
2. February 6, 1973, Custer, South Dakota; simple arson, assault, riot; State Court; no trial date set; \$25,000 bond.
3. May 2, 1973, indicted Phoenix, Arizona; Conspiracy to purchase and transport weapons interstate to Wounded Knee, South Dakota; Federal Court; no trial date set; \$25,000 bond.
4. April 30, 1974, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; riot and damage to a public building; State Court; no trial date set; \$2,000 bond.

MP 157-1430

5. July 27, 1974, Fort Totten, North Dakota; contributing to the delinquency of a minor, refusing to return a minor to her parents; Tribal Court; no trial date set; own recognizance.

6. February 26-27, 1975, Sconic, South Dakota; accomplice to murder; State Court; no trial date set; \$30,000 bond.

7. June 7, 1975, Bismarck, North Dakota; aggravated assault, interference with a police officer performing his official duties; no trial date set; \$30,000 personal recognizance bond.

In an article, which appeared in the "Rapid City Journal" on April 17, 1975, captioned "AIM Trial Dismissed Will Stand", information was released that a three judge panel of the Eighth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had ruled that "the double jeopardy clause of the Constitution bars the government from appealing the dismissal of Federal charges against WALTER MEANS and DENNIS BANKS", two leaders of the Indian occupation at Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

Activities:

On June 1, 1975, an article appeared in the "Rapid City Journal" captioned "MEANS says he Plans to Settle Down". In the article, MEANS is quoted as saying that he plans to shed his activist role around the nation and settle down in the Dakotas to work with Indian people. MEANS is further quoted as stating "If you're going to organize a revolution, it has to be with the people" and "I'll be available to the reservation people in South Dakota, North Dakota and Montana". He further stated "I'm tired of going to jail. I'm tired of being on the law enforcement front. I'm not going to do anything that jeopardizes my freedom anymore".

MP 157-1460

The article also quotes MEANS as stating "takeovers are swamping us so that we don't have time to do anything but go to court. We don't have enough lawyers, enough money or enough volunteers".

In a subsequent article, which appeared in the "Rapid City Journal" on June 1, 1975, RUSSELL MEANS was quoted as stating he has had no "falling out" with AIM leaders, and he has no intention of splitting from AIM. MEANS is further quoted in the article as stating that "Resigning from AIM would be like resigning from Mother Earth." MEANS further advised that he now makes his home on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation in North Dakota.

On March 25, 1975, MP T-1 advised that DENNIS BANKS has completely divorced himself from MEANS and in fact, refused to even talk about MEANS.

As of January, 1975, DENNIS BANKS held the position of National Executive Director of the American Indian Movement.

MP T-1

March 4, 1975

On April 24, 1975, MP T-2 advised that RUSSELL MEANS, DENNIS BANKS and other AIM leaders met in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to make plans for an AIM rally to be held in Rapid City, South Dakota, during the weekend of May 2, 1975. BUFFY ST. MARIE, the actress, is expected to attend the rally, along with hundreds of Indians from the Minnesota and Colorado areas.

On May 15, 1975, information was received from the Tribal Council at the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation, Fort Yates, North Dakota, that on the previous day, RUSSELL MEANS had appeared before the Tribal Council and had made application for a position of Director of a Youth Ranch to be opened at the Agency.

MP 157-1460

This operation was formerly known as the "Eoys Ranch" and is now closed, but has received further funding to bring it up to date and will be opened to both boys and girls. The home is designed as a place to handle juvenile delinquent types. No decision was made by the Tribal Council concerning MEANS' application in view of all his legal problems.

On May 15, 1975, MP T-3 advised that DENNIS BANKS and/or RUSSEL MEANS are on MARLON BRANDO's island in Tahiti and when they return, they will begin making their movie on Wounded Knee.

On June 4, 1975, MP T-4 advised that RUSSELL MEANS recently announced his retirement from AIM and that AIM leaders are very upset over it.

On May 21, 1975, MP T-5 advised that numerous automobiles had been observed at [redacted] Street, in Rapid City, South Dakota, including a blue stationwagon, bearing South Dakota license [redacted] which was occupied by RUSSELL MEANS.

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Residence:

As of June 28, 1975, RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS was determined to be residing at 724 South 11th Street, Bismarck, North Dakota.

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Police Department San Leandro California	<u>Russell Charles Means</u> 11046	March 9, 1957	Petty Theft and violation of curfew	14 11 12
Police Department San Leandro California	Russell Charles Means 11046	April 26, 1958	common drunk	\$10.00 bail forfeited
Police Department Los Angeles California	<u>Russell C. Means</u> LA 467 708-M	January 18, 1959	drunk booking 775889	
Police Department Los Angeles California	Russell C. Means LA 467 708-M	December 19, 1959	211 Penal Code (robbery) booking 001537	
Police Department Inglewood California	Russell Charles Means A-23264	June 4, 1960	drunk in private residence NOT RECORDED	57-28313 5 APR 24 1975
Police Department Oakland California	Russell Charles Means 155819	September 9, 1962	Section 647f Penal Code under the influence	15 days County Jail suspension 1 year
Police Department San Francisco California	Russell Charles Means 180373	October 27, 1962	G-61366 suspicion Section 245 Penal Code (Assault with a deadly weapon)	October 30, 1962 discharged

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

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United States Marshal Minneapolis Minnesota	Russell Charles Means 6842	May 21, 1971	18 United States Code 1382 Trespassing on a Naval Installation	Dismissed November 9, 1971
United States Marshal Sioux Falls South Dakota	Russell Charles Means 8410-1495	June 6, 1971	Did unlawfully climb Mount Rushmore and camp	Dismissed by Order of the Court
Police Department Washington DC	Russell Charles Means 253 183	September 22, 1971	Unlawful Entry	
Police Department Scottsbluff Nebraska	Russell C. Means 28912	January 14, 1973	Disorderly Conduct Intoxication Carrying Concealed Weapon Resisting Arrest	To County
Sheriff's Office Rapid City South Dakota	Russell Charles Means 11048	February 6, 1973	C-1 Riot C-2 2 counts arson second degree	Released to Custer County Authorities
USM Sioux Falls SDak	Russell Charles Means 8410-1495	4-5-73	burg,larc impede Fed officers during civil disorder-consp A Fed Off-poss unregister firearms-arson	charges dism 9-16-74
USM Phoenix Ariz	Russell Charles Means 6816 P (c)	6-18-73	Interstate transportation of firearms for civil disorder	

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PD Sioux Falls SDak	Russell Means J-8070	5-14-74	engaging in Riot injuring public building	
USM Sioux Falls SDak	Russell Charles Means 8410-1495 Residence: Porcupine South Dakota	6-28-74	aslt with intent to inflict great bodily injury	
SO Rapid City SD	Russel C Means 11048 SID 66328 Residence: Porcupine SD	3-3-75	shooting with intent to kill	see suppl
SO Rapid City SD	Russell C. Means 11048 SID 66328 Residence: Porcupine SD	3-10-75	murder	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
CC - FBI Minneapolis CC- IS-2 Intell Div	ADEX FLASH: Russell Charles Means Any information or inquiry received refer one copy of record to IS-2 Intelligence Division and 2 copies to BFD Minneapolis File 157-1460 Bu file 157-28313 inf rec 10-24-73			

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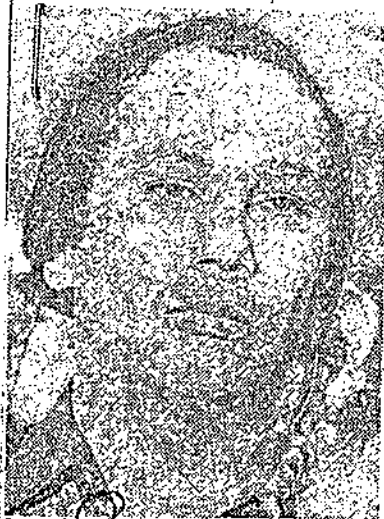
AIM leader Means says he's 'retiring'

By Dennis Cassano
Staff Writer

American Indian Movement (AIM) leader Russell Means said Thursday he is "tired of being the only one on the front line" of AIM activism and is retiring to the Dakotas to strengthen the AIM organization through person-to-person contact.

His comments in a telephone interview from New York City implied that he is splitting from AIM and co-leader Dennis Banks, but he denied that was the case.

Banks and another AIM leader, Vernon Bellecourt, are about to return from a trip to Germany and France, Means said. He said of Banks, "He's a Chippewa and should be working with Chippewa people, not going to Germany and talking to people who have never seen an Indian."



Russell Means

Means was in jail for six weeks this year on the murder charge while Banks was at actor Marlon Brando's home in Tahiti reviewing the script of the movie that is planned about the occupation of Wounded Knee. Means was released in April when Brando posted his \$30,000 bail.

He also urged other AIM members

Means, perhaps the most charismatic, flamboyant and aggressive of the AIM leaders, is facing four trials in Nebraska and South Dakota involving charges ranging from rioting to being an accomplice to a murder. Charges against Means and Banks for leading the 1973 occupation of Wounded Knee, S.D., were dismissed in St. Paul last year at the end of a nine-month trial.

"I'm tired," Means said yesterday. "I'm tired of going to jail. I'm tired of being on the law-enforcement front. I'm not going to do anything that jeopardizes my freedom any more."

Means said he is tired of sitting in jail "trying to scrounge up bail money." In the AIM organization, that function is usually performed by the people who are not in jail on behalf of the people who are.

Means was in a Rapid City, S.D.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

1A Minneapolis Tribune
Minneapolis, Minn.

D. Cassano



Date: May 30, 1975
Edition: Morning
Author: Dennis Cassano
Editor: Charles W. Railey
Title: Russell Means

Character:
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Classification: 157-1458
Submitting Office: Minneapolis
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to "reorder their priorities" and stop seizing buildings.

"We've got to get across to Indian people," he said. "that seizing buildings has got to end, because it gets more people involved in court trials. Takeovers are swamping us so we don't have time to do anything but go to court. We don't have enough lawyers, enough money or enough volunteers."

Means led the occupation of the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) building in Washington in 1972, and he and Banks led the 71-day occupation of Wounded Knee that ended in May 1973. Trials of people involved in the Wounded Knee occupation are still continuing.

He had mild criticism for other AIM leaders such as Banks who are "begging money from white men and making speeches." AIM has won large donations from individuals, churches and other organizations, particularly the American Lutheran Church. Means said he refused to attend a recent meeting of AIM leaders in St. Paul because he no longer wants to be a part of the speech-making, fund-raising circuit.

"We should be economically independent," Means said.

Means said he wants to work with people on a one-to-one basis to strengthen AIM.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)

DATE: 8/20/75

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (157-1476) (P)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM

OO: MINNEAPOLIS

Re Omaha letter to the Bureau dated 6/13/75.

Scotts Bluff County Attorney ROBERT O. HIPPE, Gering, Nebraska, on 8/13/75, advised SA ROBERT D. KINSEY there is no change in the status of the state of Nebraska prosecution of MEANS. HIPPE noted his file is still active and he has no immediate intention of dismissal of the charges against MEANS. However, HIPPE stated he does not intend to attempt to prosecute MEANS in Scotts Bluff County until the state murder charge at Scenic, South Dakota, is adjudicated.

HIPPE requested he be advised of the status of these charges against MEANS at Scenic.

LEAD:

MINNEAPOLIS

AT SCENIC, SOUTH DAKOTA

Will contact appropriate local authorities determining status of charges against MEANS and advise Omaha in this regard.

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2 - Minneapolis (157-1460)
2 - Omaha
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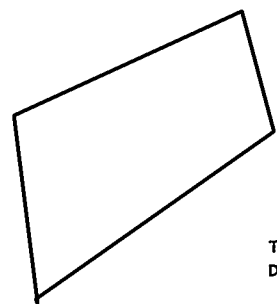
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TO : MR. [redacted]

FROM : D.W. MOORE, JR. *[Handwritten initials]*

SUBJECT: BELLA ABZUG
U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION RE
SHOOTING OF RUSSELL MEANS

DATE: 8/13/75



On 8/12/75, Mr. [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] for Congresswoman Bella Abzug, advised that the Congresswoman's office had received a telegram from the Wounded Knee Defense Committee requesting that the Congresswoman ask for an investigation of the shooting of American Indian Movement leader Russell Means. [redacted] was unable to furnish any additional information concerning the shooting and only desired to know if there had been a shooting and any information relating to this matter.

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[redacted] requested that he be contacted concerning this matter after 5 p.m. at [redacted]

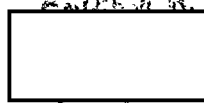
RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum be referred to the Office of Congressional Affairs, Legal Counsel Division, for appropriate response.

- 1 - Mr. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. [redacted]

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Date: 10/28/75

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)
FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-1460) (P)
SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
OO: MINNEAPOLIS

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Re Minneapolis report of SA [redacted] dated 7/11/75.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of above-captioned and dated LHM. Two copies of an FD-376 are attached for the Bureau.

Communication delayed due to Agent's assignment to RESMURS.

A copy of this LHM is being disseminated to Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The identity of MP T-1 is former [redacted]

The identity of MP T-2 is [redacted]

The identity of MP T-3 is [redacted]

The identity of MP T-4 can be found on the Non Symbol Source Page.

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- 4-Minneapolis (1-157-1458)
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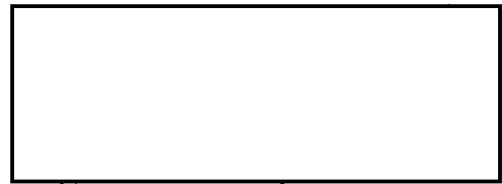
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-1460

10/28/75

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.

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

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

Enclosure(s) (1) (RM)



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Minneapolis, Minnesota

October 21, 1975

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

A characterization for the American Indian Movement (AIM) is set forth on an ~~attached~~ page attached hereto.

On July 17, 1975, captioned article, "Bicentennial Criticized by AIM Leader," which appeared in the St. Paul, Minnesota, "Dispatch," a published daily of general circulation, advised that "AIM Leader" Russell Means said that America's Bicentennial Celebration is "just another creation of the White man to prove to himself that he is superior to everyone else."

"Russell Charles Means hold no National Office in the American Indian Movement (AIM), but is a member of the AIM Central Committee, a decision-making body."

MP T-1 on
March 17, 1975

The article advised that by "White Man," Means said he meant a "state of mind" and not a race, "because I know there are White men who are decent."

Means, according to the article, opened a three-day conference on "institutional oppression" at the University of Colorado. The article advised that a predominantly student Indian audience of some three-hundred persons frequently interrupted his speech with applause and laughter as Means made references to American historical figures.

On July 24, 1975, Minneapolis Division of the FBI received an up-to-date copy of Means' FBI Identification Record as follows:

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

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

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United States Marshal Minneapolis Minnesota	Russell Charles Means 6842	May 21, 1971	18 United States Code 1382 Trespassing on a Naval Installation	Dismissed November 9, 1971
United States Marshal Sioux Falls South Dakota	Russell Charles Means 8410-1495	June 6, 1971	Did unlawfully climb Mount Rushmore and camp	Dismissed by Order of the Court
Police Department Washington DC	Russell Charles Means 253 183	September 22, 1971	Unlawful Entry	
Police Department Scottsbluff Nebraska	Russell C. Means 28912	January 14, 1973	Disorderly Conduct Intoxication Carrying Concealed Weapon Resisting Arrest	To County
Sheriff's Office Rapid City South Dakota	Russell Charles Means 11048	February 6, 1973	C-1 Riot C-2 2 counts arson second degree	Released to Custer County Authorities
USM Sioux Falls SDak	Russell Charles Means 8410-1495	4-5-73	burg, larc impede Fed officers during civil disorder-consp A Fed Off-poss unregister firearms-arson	charges dismissed 9-16-74
USM Phoenix Ariz	Russell Charles Means 6816 P (c)	6-18-73	Interstate transportation of firearms for civil disorder	3-31-75 dismissed

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PD Sioux Falls SDak	Russell Means J-8070	5-14-74	engaging in Riot injuring public building	
USM Sioux Falls SDak	Russell Charles Means 8410-1495 Residence: Porcupine South Dakota	6-28-74	aslt with intent to inflict great bodily injury	
SO Rapid City SD	Russel C Means 11048 SID 66328 Residence: Porcupine SD	3-3-75	shooting with intent to kill	see suppl
SO Rapid City SD	Russell C. Means 11048 SID 66328 Residence: Porcupine SD	3-10-75	murder	
USM Fargo ND	Russell Charles Means 03349 Residence: 724 So. 11th St, Bismarck, ND	6-9-75	interfering with Gov Officer in his duties	
SO Mandan ND	Russell Charles Means 2342	6-9-75	agg A&B aggravated assault with a dangerous weapon	

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USM Fargo ND	Russell C Means 03351	6-23-75	Ct. 1-aslt w/d weap Ct 2- aslt w/ intent to inflect great bodily injury resulting in serious bodily injury	

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

On July 29, 1975, captioned article, "Means Cut in Incident," which appeared in the Minneapolis, Minnesota, "Star," a published daily of general circulation, advised that AIM Leader Russell Means was treated for a head wound in Mission, South Dakota, after he was cut when a window was shattered in a car in which he was riding.

A Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) spokesman, according to the report, said an object was thrown at the car from a passing vehicle on the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

On August 14, 1975, MP T-3, a source who has provided reliable information in the past, provided the FBI with a copy of an AIM newsletter postmarked August 14, 1975, which advised that AIM was soliciting contributions for the "Russell Means Defense Fund," Box 30116, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55165.

On August 29, 1975, captioned article, "Means to be allowed to Act as Co-Counsel," appeared in the Rapid City, South Dakota, "Journal," a published daily of general circulation, advised that Means was permitted by the Judge to act as Co-Counsel for his up-coming trial at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The article advised that New York Attorney William Kunstler might also come to Sioux Falls to assist in Means' defense.

The article advised that Means had pled innocent to charges of rioting and injury to a public building in connection with a April 30, 1974 disturbance, at which AIM members clashed with riot-equipped police in a courtroom at the Minnehaha County Court House, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The article advised that the building suffered extensive damage during the brawl.

On September 16, 1975, an article contained in the Minneapolis, Minnesota, "Star," supra, advised that AIM Leader Russell Means said his organization will take a "counter offensive" to be directed at the Federal Government and at the South Dakota State Government. The article advised that Means refused to give specific plans, but said they deal with the White Man's two-hundredth birthday celebration in South Dakota.

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

On September 16, 1975, captioned article, "Means said AIM Harassed," which appeared in the Minneapolis, Minnesota, "Tribune," a published daily of general circulation, advised that AIM Leader Russell Means stated that leaders of his organization are being harassed and put into prison by Federal and State authorities. The article advised that as a result, Means announced a "counter offensive" by AIM.

Means cited incidents in six states, including Minnesota and South Dakota, where he claimed there was proof that AIM Leaders were "being busted, killed, and maimed because of racial fears that the Rednecks and law enforcement agencies have against the AIM."

On September 16, 1975, MP T-2, a source who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that the reason Russell Means missed his appearance in court at Sioux Falls, South Dakota was because he was drunk for two days prior to his appearance. The source advised that Means' representatives told the State Court Judge that Means was very ill and could not appear in court for that reason. Source advised that Means is a habitual, heavy drinker and has been drinking steadily since 1973.

On September 26, 1975, captioned article, "Means Calls for Wagner Demonstration," which appeared in the Sioux Falls, South Dakota, "Argus," a daily publication of general circulation, advised that AIM Leader Russell Means announced that the first phase of AIM" counter offensive against the State of South Dakota will be a demonstration in support of the persons convicted in the May 2, 1975 Wagner, South Dakota pork plant takeover.

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

The article advised that members of the AIM-affiliated Eagle Warrior Society who were convicted for their involvement in the plant takeover, were "railroaded to the pen."

The article advised that Means stated that "hopefully, this (demonstration) will be peaceful." The article advised that Means stated "We will deal with the Rednecks and with anyone who feels the pork plant was unnecessary."

The article advised that the Yankton Sioux Industries pork plant in Wagner, South Dakota was held for three days by members of the Eagle Warrior Society in protest of work conditions and the pay and contract agreement. The article advised that the plant had been seized twice by the Indian society.

The article advised that Means promised that AIM's counter offensive would be expanded following the Wagner demonstration to include actions in Rapid City and Pierre, South Dakota. The article advised that Means stated "We are asking for the table to be used, instead of guns."

The article further advised that Means in commenting about legal proceedings against him stated "The people in the State of South Dakota and the powers that be, want me in prison or dead."

On October 1, 1975, MP T-4, a source who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that after Russell Means was shot by BIA police on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation, Standing Rock, South Dakota, [redacted]

[redacted] alias [redacted] began acting as Russell Means' [redacted] Source advised that [redacted] [redacted] has expressed fear that Russell will be killed in the near future, and it will be by one of his own, an American Indian.

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APPENDIX

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AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

A source advised on May 22, 1975, that the American Indian Movement (AIM) was formed in 1968 at Minneapolis, Minnesota, as a civil rights organization with stated goals to secure Indian self-determination and to eliminate the destructive tendencies of Christianity, white oriented education and the Federal government from Indian life, along with the yoke of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

All AIM chapters, leaders and members are not considered violent-prone; however, AIM members led by various violent-prone leaders have participated in the takeover of the BIA Building, Washington, D.C., in November, 1972, and participated in confrontations with local authorities which resulted in violence at Scottsbluff, Nebraska; the Rapid City-Custer area of South Dakota; the Occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, by force of arms from February 27, 1973, through May 8, 1973. Since that time, AIM leaders, members and supporters have also been involved in numerous confrontations with local and Federal authorities, including the killing of a deputy sheriff in Arizona, the severe beating of two police officers in South Dakota, and extensively damaging a county courthouse at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Other incidents which AIM has been a party to included the takeover of the Alexian Brothers Novitiate, Gresham, Wisconsin, the Fairchild Plant, Shiprock, New Mexico, and a Pork Plant in Wagner, South Dakota, all occurring in early 1975.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

KTR
TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)
FROM : SAC, OMAHA (157-1476) (RUC)
SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
OO: MINNEAPOLIS

DATE: 11/5/75

Re Omaha letter to Bureau 8/20/75.

Scotts Bluff County Attorney ROBERT O. HIPPE, Gering, Nebraska, on October 30, 1975, advised that on October 28, 1975, he ordered a dismissal of charges pending against MEANS. HIPPE stated he based his request for dismissal due to the nearly three years that has passed since the charges were filed and the fact certain necessary witnesses were no longer available.

HIPPE also noted that in view of the continuing prosecutive action being taken against MEANS in South Dakota there was no way for him to be even relatively certain that he could institute prosecutive action against MEANS any time in the near future.

In view of above, this case considered RUC by Omaha.

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817 PM NITEL NOVEMBER 18, 1975

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313) AND

SACS, MINNEAPOLIS (157-1460) NEW YORK

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

ATTN: INTD.

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, EM-AIM, OO MINNEAPOLIS

ON NOVEMBER 17, 1975, THE PASSPORT OFFICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C., ADVISED MEANS APPLIED FOR, AND WAS ISSUED IN NEW YORK CITY A PASSPORT, NUMBER F2183361, FOR TRAVEL TO ENGLAND, HOLLAND, FRANCE, SWITZERLAND, DENMARK, AND SWEDEN. APPROXIMATE DATE OF DEPARTURE, GIVEN AS WITHIN ONE MONTH. PURPOSE OF TRIP WAS GIVEN AS PUBLIC RELATIONS.

ON THE PASSPORT APPLICATION MEANS GAVE HIS ADDRESS AS 777 UNITED NATIONS PLAZA, APARTMENT 10F, NEW YORK CITY, TELEPHONE NUMBER (212) 986-6000. EMPLOYMENT WAS GIVEN AS UNEMPLOYED.

THE PASSPORT OFFICE NEW YORK WILL FURNISH WFO A COPY OF THE APPLICATION, AND UPON RECEIPT WFO WILL REVIEW AND REPORT ANY ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION.

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FBI

Date: 11/24/75

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Precedence)

WRW/SJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)
FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-1460) (P)
SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
(OO: MINNEAPOLIS)

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Re WFO nitel to Bureau dated 11/19/75.

Enclosed for Bureau are eight copies of above dated and captioned LHM for possible dissemination. Additional copies are provided for Legats of London, Paris, and Bern, for lead purposes.

Enclosed for New York are two copies of above LHM for lead purposes.

Referenced teletype advised subject applied for United States Passport Number F2183361, while in New York City recently, for travel to several European countries, possibly in near future. MEANS on his passport application gave his address as 777 United Nations Plaza, Apartment 10F, New York City, telephone number 212-986-6000, and stated he was unemployed.

It is noted that MEANS is currently on trial in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on state charges stemming from a 4/30/74 American Indian Movement (AIM) riot which resulted in extensive damage to the Minnehaha County Court House, and a clash with the State Tactical Team in that city. The presiding judge, however, has placed no travel restrictions on MEANS and merely requires him to show up when required.

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- 2 - New York (Enc. 2) (RM)
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Approved: 127 WAM/W
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The identity of the Government agency referred to in the LHM is the Passport Office, United States Department of State.

The identity of MP T-1 is former

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Information previously provided by New York Division revealed that Apartment 10F, 777 United Nations Plaza, is occupied by members of the "International Treaty Council".

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NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Provide Minneapolis with pertinent information from MEANS' passport application.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

Minneapolis, Minnesota

November 24, 1975

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

A characterization of the American Indian Movement (AIM) is set forth in an appendix page attached hereto.

On November 17, 1975, records of another Government agency revealed that Russell Charles Means, a National Leader of AIM, is contemplating travel abroad, possibly to the countries of England, Holland, France, Switzerland, Denmark, and Sweden, in approximately one month for the purpose of "public relations".

Russell Means holds no office in AIM, but is a member of the organization's Central Committee, a decision-making body.

MP T-1
March 17, 1975

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Legats Bern, London, and Paris be alert for possible travel to countries set forth in LHM by Russell Means. Report activities.

FBI

Date: 12/2/75

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____ AIRMAIL _____
(Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)
FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-1460) (P)
SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
(OO: MINNEAPOLIS)

Re Minneapolis airtel dated 10/28/75.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Additional copy is for information of Legat, Paris.

Copy of this LHM will be disseminated to United States Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Newspaper article dated 9/28/75 appearing in the Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Sun was included in LHM in its entirety to convey exact meaning of subject's statements without taking them out of context.

Information concerning subject's purchase of rifles during 1974 disseminated to Special Agent [redacted] Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on 12/1/75 since MEANS was under Federal indictment during that period and may be in violation of Federal Firearms Statutes.

Minneapolis has no characterization for [redacted] or [redacted]

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MP 157-1460

MP T-1 is former [redacted]

MP T-2 is [redacted]

MP T-3 can be found on Non-Symbol Source Page.

The identity of the Special Agent who observed
subject in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on 10/10/75 was [redacted]

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MINNEAPOLIS

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Will maintain contact with Special Agent [redacted]
Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, re MEANS' possible Federal
Firearms violation.

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MP T-3 is
Sears Roebuck, Inc., St. Paul, Minnesota
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

December 2, 1975

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

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

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.

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

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

Enclosure(s) (1)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

Minneapolis, Minnesota

December 2, 1975

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

A characterization of the American Indian Movement (AIM) and Wounded Knee are set forth on appendix page attached hereto.

On September 28, 1975, an article entitled "We may be brothers after all, we shall see", appeared in the Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Sun, a newspaper of general circulation which is published daily, appeared as follows:

Sources whose identities are concealed herein have provided reliable information in the past except where otherwise noted.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency;

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'We may be brothers after all, we shall see.'

As Russell Means of the American Indian Movement (AIM) announced AIM's counter-offensive this week, the Sioux Falls Sun was able to interview Means about some of his philosophies.

Sun: What led you to become an AIM leader?

Means: I can't tell you, man. It's my grandfather, my grandmother. You have to understand between the time I entered white school and all through my education, through four years of college, I naturally believed in the personification of money, the dollar sign.

I don't know what led me up to AIM. I think it was kind of natural. I've been an Indian all my life.

I did want to point out this, I've never broken bread or never been invited into a white home until and after I joined the American Indian Movement.

Sun: What significance do you think that has?

Means: To me, it shows that unless the Indian stands up on his hind legs and asserts himself as an individual and as a human being and as an Indian, only then will the white man consider inviting you to whatever he's got.

Sun: Is this pretty much how you got involved in AIM?

Means: I was invited into AIM by Dennis Banks and Clyde Bellecourt. The first time I ever met AIM was at an urban-Indian conference in San Francisco, at the time I was living in Cleveland, Ohio, and I was opposed to them. And the next thing I heard they invited me to participate in one of their doings. What AIM has to say is what I believe in.

Sun: I'd like for you to comment on Leonard Crow Dog's influence on AIM and what this all means to the Indian people?

Means: Leonard Crow Dog from the Rosebud Sioux people, Green Grass community, is probably one of the finest individuals I've ever met in my life, because every word he speaks, in broken English, is the truth. I've never known him to lie. He definitely is a spiritual leader.

Sun: What is the significance of religion in the AIM movement?

Means: (The American Indian Movement and traditional Indian people,) which to me, are one in the same, do believe in the spiritual way of life, in fact, it dictates our political way of thought, our social way of thought and every other kind of thought that we have. First and foremost all our spiritual ways. Personally, I know of no other people, outside the Jewish, who put spiritually before themselves....

Sun: Could you explain the spirituality of the Indian people?

Means: I don't expect to explain over 40,000 years, according to the white man's calendar, of legend and belief in a couple of minutes. It would be an insult to my ancestors to even attempt to.

Suffice it to say, that we believe in all the good and sacred and holy things that our mother earth has brought to us. And when I see the rape of my mother...mother earth, I'll fight.

As I grew up and as I stand by right, now watching day go by, day go by, and another day go by, they're still raping my mother, our mother. All living things come from our mother and they're raping not only my mother, but they're raping all my relatives, the trees, rocks, things that crawl

and swim, things that fly, the green things. That's what the American Indian Movement is all about, respect for our mother and our right to save the rape of our mother. And I'll fight any rapist.

Sun: What affect does Leonard Crow Dog's arrest have on the movement?

Means: He's on probation and the dirty feds and the local law enforcement agencies have done to Leonard what they want to do to everyone of us--convict us, put us on probation, then bust us, get us off probation and put us all in the joint. The whole design is, either kill us or put us in the joint. The joint being of course prison.

Sun: How do you view death?

Means: Our views of death--there is no death, only the white man thinks there's death. To us there's only a change of worlds.

Christians do not believe, the way we believe we laugh at the fact about tornadoes, hurricanes, floods and what they call natural disasters. This is the spirit world attempting to alleviate the pain and the suffering of our mother earth and the spirits are trying to warn us, those who are raping from our mother....

We'll fight as long as it's necessary and after 500 years you white people have failed to turn me, our children and my ancestors into white people. We are, who we are, the most beautiful people in the western

hemisphere and we don't even have to prove it.

I'll tell you one thing, we are not going to turn the other cheek and bend over and get the other two kicked. That day is long gone.

You put us down, in the next 10 years, put us down, put us in jail, kill us, force us into Indian, allegedey Indian oriented programs, sponsored by the government, but in another 100 years from now, we'll be back, or maybe 30 years from now, or maybe 10, who knows, who cares except the white people.

Sun: Do you have anything else to add?

Means: Since I've joined the American Indian movement, I've traveled the country and I've spoken to many different colleges, to many different radio and TV stations, that reach the mass media. In '70, '71, I was saying, the young people are becoming angry and they're going to do something, listen. Nobody wanted to listen. Then after something happened, then they come up and say what's happening....I say listen, do you want a civil war in this country. another one.

People refuse to listen.

Let me say this in closing...This final statement is in the words of Chief Settle, who was a Squawmish Indian in what now is claimed as the state of Washington, and what he said to the generals and governors that came out after he was militarily defeated and forced him into one of our concentration camps, what the white man calls our reservations....

He said, "Wave follows wave, and nation follows nation. It's like the waves of the sea, it's the order of nature and regret is

Russell Means

useless. Your time of decay may be distant, but it will surely come, for even the white man's God who walks and talks with him, as friend with friend, could not escape the common distany. We may be brothers after all, we shall see."

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

Russell Charles Means holds no National Office in the American Indian Movement (AIM), but is a member of the AIM Central Committee, a decision-making body.

MP T-1 on
March 17, 1975

On October 1, 1975, Lieutenant [redacted], Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Police Department, advised that Russell Charles Means and 12 to 15 of his AIM followers were living at [redacted] Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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On October 10, 1975, a Special Agent of the FBI advised that three individuals identifying themselves as French television journalists had been staying at the Downtown Holiday Inn, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. This Agent advised that Russell Means was observed in the company of the following individuals:

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[redacted] Paris, France
[redacted] (possibly identical to [redacted])
[redacted] Paris, France

On October 14, 1975, MP T-2 provided the FBI with a copy of a September 24, 1975, press statement by Russell Means which in part read as follows:

"Today, the American Indian Movement announces the beginning of our counter-offensive. We will convene in Wagner, South Dakota, to demonstrate our disregard for the South Dakota system of justice and our support for our brothers.

Yesterday, the Federal government in conjunction with the government of South Dakota brought in 5 extra judges for the Federal courts in order to railroad 154 Indian people into the White Man's prisons.

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

I ask yesterday, today, and tomorrow why Indian people are continually being subjected to the very thing that brought about Custer--1973.

Included with these facts is the effort by politicians of South Dakota to replace the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for the State of South Dakota, and the only Indian within the state to effectively bring together every warring faction.

The American Indian Movement, which is on every Lakota Reservation and in the cities, once again offers the table before the gun.

The American Indian Movement acknowledges the fact that we are being harassed, killed, and imprisoned. The past ten days prove, unequivocally, that we are being busted, killed and maimed because of the racial fears that the red-necks of law enforcement have against the American Indian Movement.

Today we are announcing a counter-attack against these vile, sadistic strategies that the respective governments have been using to eradicate the Traditional Way of Life. Today, the American Indian Movement will inaugurate our plans for the White Man's 200th birthday celebration here in South Dakota."

Means also included in his statement the following quote allegedly derived from the words of the noted Indian Statesman Mahatma Gandhi:

"When the choice is set between cowardice and violence, I would advise violence because he who runs away commits moral violence; he has not the courage of facing death by killing. I would a thousand times prefer violence than the emasculation of a whole race. I prefer to use arms in the defense of honor than remain a vile witness of dishonor."

On October 17, 1975, MP T-3, a source with whom insufficient contact has been made to determine reliability, advised that Means during the 1974 Wounded Knee Leadership Trials, which took place in St. Paul, Minnesota, purchased several .22 caliber rifles with appropriate ammunition and a number of American flags from the Rice Street Store, Sears Roebuck Company, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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On October 30, 1975, Scottsbluff County Attorney Robert O. Hippe, Gering, Nebraska, advised that on October 28, 1975, he ordered a dismissal of charges pending against Russell Means. Hippe stated he based his request for dismissal due to the nearly three years that had passed since the charges were filed and the fact that certain necessary witnesses were no longer available.

Hippe also stated that in view of the continuing prosecutive action being taken against Means in South Dakota, there was no way for him to be even relatively certain that he could institute prosecutive action against Means in the near future.

On November 4, 1975, an article captioned "Prosecutor: Means started court melee" which appeared in the Minneapolis, Minnesota, Tribune, a published daily of general circulation, advised that the prosecutor for the State of South Dakota accused AIM Leader Means of planning and starting a courthouse melee for which Means went on trial in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, yesterday. The article advised that the prosecutor also accused Means of throwing the first punch.

The article noted that the prosecutor said that Means held a meeting of AIM supporters on April 29, 1974, to complain about a "lack of publicity" at hearings in the Minnehaha County Court House, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The article set forth that the prosecutor stated that he would prove that Means was standing in an east aisle toward the front of the courtroom with his arms crossed and as a policeman approached, Means struck him.

The article advised that the prosecutor said that the crowd then surged forward and the riot began. The article stated that the prosecutor advised that a chair was tossed through a window and almost immediately rocks were thrown through the window from a crowd gathered outside.

The article stated the prosecutor said that Means went to a second floor stairway and kicked out a window, and then went outside and broke windows of the County Treasurer's Office.

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According to the article, the prosecutor also contended that Means had planned the trouble the day before seeking publicity for a mis-trial for the Custer defendants and his own trial in St. Paul, Minnesota.

On November 4, 1975, an article captioned "Dahl Says AIM Leaders Plotted Melee", which appeared in the Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Argus Leader, a newspaper published daily of general circulation, advised that the State of South Dakota's chief witness in the trial of Russell Means, claimed AIM leaders plotted the 1974 disturbance in the Minnehaha County Court House.

The article advised that Kenny Dahl, defendant during the Custer County Court House trial, Sioux Falls, testified he attended two meetings prior to the April 30, 1975, disturbance where volunteers were chosen to serve as spectators in the courtroom.

The article set forth that Dahl stated that Russell Means and other AIM leaders agreed that the Wounded Knee occupation trials in St. Paul, Minnesota, and the Sioux Falls trials required "more publicity and mistrials".

The article advised that Dahl said Means told a group of approximately 75 to 100 people at a meeting in downtown Sioux Falls to sign up as volunteers calling for "13 to 15 of the toughest warriors they had".

The article stated that at a second meeting, according to Dahl, Means said to the ones not selected that "there would be other activities going on outside the courthouse".

The article said that Dahl stated that on the day of the disturbance the Sioux Falls Tactical Squad entered the courtroom and one of the men was struck by Means and "it just exploded".

The article advised that South Dakota Circuit Court Judge Joseph Bottum was also called as a prosecution witness and stated that during the selection of jurors for the defendants in the Custer, South Dakota, Court House riot trial, spectators had refused to rise when he entered the courtroom and had shouted profanity. The article advised that the Judge testified that he ordered his courtroom cleared and as soon as this was attempted, he heard from his chambers "breaking windows, yelling, and noise".

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On November 7, 1975, an article captioned "Member of Tactical Squad Accuses Means of Striking Him; AIM Leader Attacks Media", which appeared in Sioux Falls Argus Leader, mentioned above, advised that a member of the Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Tactical Squad accused AIM leader Means of striking him during the 1974 incident at the Minnehaha County Court House.

The article advised that Patrolman Richard Ideker stated that he was the third member of the tactical team to enter the courtroom and was attempting to edge by Means in the east aisle when he was hit by the AIM leader. The article stated that Ideker said "When Means struck me, he then grabbed the left part of my upper torso and another person came from the seating area and began striking me". Ideker continued that a third person pulled his riot baton away from him and he struck Means as he began to fall. The article advised that Ideker stated that a blow cracked his helmet and forced its chin strap around his throat cutting off his oxygen. The article set forth that Ideker said that things got fuzzy and he did not know what happened for a few seconds.

On November 21, 1975, an article captioned "2nd Means trial set for next week," which appeared in the Minneapolis, Minnesota, Tribune, mentioned above, advised that a judge had ordered that Russell Means must stand trial on Federal charges while a trial involving Means in South Dakota State Court is recessed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The article advised that Means and several other AIM members are accused of assaulting two off-duty policemen at the Mission, South Dakota, Country Club during June, 1974. The article stated they are also charged with robbery for allegedly taking a gun and a can of nace from the officers.

The article set forth that Means and his companions have said they went to the club to prove that an Indian would not be served food and beverages by the management. The article advised the club is on privately owned land on the Rosebud, South Dakota, Indian Reservation.

The article stated that the two officers reportedly arrived at the club after Means had ordered a hamburger. A fight, according to the article, subsequently broke out between the Indians and the officers.

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The article advised that Means said he will waive his right to have a jury trial.

On November 25, 1975, an article captioned "Means gives opening statement in riot trial", which appeared in the Minneapolis Tribune, advised that Russell Means, a leader of the AIM, gave his opening statement Monday in a case where he is on trial for riot and injuries to a public building.

The article set forth that Means said he was charged when he protested what he called a racist contempt citation against an attorney in another case.

The article advised that Means said "The only reason these charges were brought is because I'm a leader of the American Indian Movement and my name is Russell Means".

FBI

Date: 12/9/75

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-10938) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
(OO: MP)

ReMPairtel to the Bureau, dated 11/24/75, captioned as above.

Referenced airtel advised that captioned subject applied for United States Passport Number F2183361, while in New York City recently for travel to several European countries. MEANS furnished his address as 777 United Nations Plaza, Apartment 10F, New York City, telephone number (212) 986-6000.

On 11/24/75, Special Agent (SA) FRANK J. MEYERS advised that a review of the records of the New York Telephone Company reflected that telephone number (212) 986-6000 is subscribed to the United Methodist Office for the United Nations, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York City.

On 12/3/75, SA DAVID G. JENKINS advised that a review of the records of the United States Passport Office, New York City, reflected that no information other than the fact that the subject applied for a passport at New York City, is contained in the passport records at New York City. SA MEYERS advised that all information furnished by the subject when applying for United States Passport has been furnished to the United States Passport Office in Washington, D.C. Washington Field is requested to obtain the passport application of the subject and furnish Minneapolis with pertinent information from same.

- ② - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Minneapolis (157-1460) (INFO) (RM)
- 2 - Washington Field (RM)
- 1 - New York

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Approved: (7) [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-28313)
Attention:

DATE: December 11, 1975

FROM : Legat, Paris (157-311) (P)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM

Re: Minneapolis airtel and letterhead memorandum, November 24, 1975.

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On 12-11-75 dissemination was made of referenced LHM

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Remarks:

and have been alerted to the possible travel and requested to furnish information developed re subject.

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TO : Director, FBI (157-28313) DATE: 12/18/75

FROM : *wak/nd* Legal Attache, London (70-3) (P)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
(OO: MP)

Reference: MPairtel and LHM 11/24/75.

Dissemination, as outlined below, was made on dates indicated to foreign agencies listed.

One copies of MP LHM 11/24/75.

Pertinent information from MPairtel 11/24/75.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI ()
Attention:

FROM : Legat, Paris (157-311) (P)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM

DATE: 1/2/76

On 1/2/76 dissemination was made of Minneapolis LHM dated December 2, 1975

to:

On _____ the enclosed information was received from:

- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
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Remarks: [Redacted] and [Redacted] requested to furnish information developed re subject.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)

DATE: 1/19/76

FROM : SAC, WFO (157-5799)(RUC)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM-AIM
(OO:MP)

Re New York airtel to Bureau dated 12/9/75.

A review of subject's passport application at Passport Office, WDC reveals no additional pertinent information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-28313)

DATE: 2/9/76

FROM : Legat, London (70-3) (P)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
(OO: MINNEAPOLIS)

Re Minneapolis airtel and LHM 11/24/75.



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Investigation is still outstanding with other [redacted] and upon receipt of any pertinent information, Bureau and appropriate offices will be advised.

- 8 - Bureau
 - 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit
 - 3 - Minneapolis (2 - 157-1460)
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 - 2 - New York
 - 1 - London
- DRD:ejg
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : Legat, London (70-3) (P)
SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
(OO: MP)

DATE: 2/17/76

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Investigation is still outstanding in [redacted] and upon receipt of pertinent information Bureau and appropriate offices will be advised.

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FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-1460) (P)
SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
OO: MINNEAPOLIS

Re Minneapolis airtel, dated 12/2/75.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five (5) copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above. Two copies of an FD-376 are attached for the Bureau.

A copy of this letterhead memorandum is being disseminated to U.S. Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota, along with one copy of FD-376.

MP T-1 is [redacted]

The identity of the Special Agent of the FBI who interviewed Mr. [redacted] on 1/21/76 was [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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Director
United States Secret Service.
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20223

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-1460

RE: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EXTREMIST MATTER -
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Clarence M. Kelley
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (1) (RM)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Minneapolis, Minnesota

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RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

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The article advised that Means predicted that he would be killed in prison, but he promised to appear for sentencing, on December 31, 1975.

The article advised that Means, age 36, faced a possible sentence of two to ten years. The article pointed out that Means was found innocent, however, of injury to a public building in the April, 1974, clash between police and spectators in the Minnehaha County Court House in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The article advised that Means was allowed to remain free on \$2,000 bond until sentencing, after Russell Means stated, "I am not Dennis Banks." "I am Russell Means of South Dakota, Lakota Country, and absolutely no one is going to run me out of my country."

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RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

The article advised that Means claimed that a guard at the State Penitentiary had indicated he would be killed by someone in the institution within four hours after landing behind bars.

The article advised that Means called the verdict "political" and said it meant certain conviction for seven others still to be tried in the case.

The article advised the verdict was the first felony conviction handed down against Means, who faces eight more trials in several states.

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On December 31, 1975, article captioned "Means Asked to be Put on Probation, Not Jail," which appeared in the "Rapid City Journal," supra, advised that Means asked that he be put on probation rather than jail so he could continue his Indian work and fight several other pending Court battles.

The article advised that the State of South Dakota recommended a six-to eight-year term in the State Penitentiary but did not recommend the maximum of ten years because it was Means' first felony conviction.

The article advised that Means' lawyer asked the Court to allow him probation, "With the trust that he will achieve great things for his people and society."

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

The article advised that Means told the Court he was still a candidate for president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, although he was omitted from the ballot of the January 6, 1976, primary. Means stated, "Tribal legal remedies are being taken."

The article advised that Means pleaded to be allowed to stay with his family of four children, a mother, and wife.

The article advised that in a statement issued Tuesday Means said he would seek a restraining order in Federal Court against the Tribal presidential elections on the Pine Ridge Reservation. The article advised that Means, whose candidacy for the post had been denied by the Tribal Election Board, said Tuesday, "The Oglala people will not get a fair electoral process and a fair choice."

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RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

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[redacted] stated that Means paid for the camping equipment, which included a large number of tents and associated gear, with cash. He advised that the price of the objects meant relatively little to Means, and they appeared to have plenty of money.

On January 19, 1976, MP T-1, supra, advised that he had learned if Russell Means has to do jail time he intends to run. Source advised that he had learned that Means has a passport but does not know if it was issued in his true name or under an alias.

On February 17, 1976, article captioned "Means Serving Jail Term in Sioux Falls," appeared in the "Rapid City Journal," supra, and advised that AIM leader Means is in Minnehaha County Jail serving the remaining two weeks of a 30-day sentence.

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

The article advised that Means had been sentenced to 30 days for assault at the Mission, South Dakota, Country Club last year. The article advised that he began serving the time in Rapid City, South Dakota, but was taken to North Dakota for hearings on another case pending against him.

The article advised that next month Means faces a murder trial in Rapid City and that he is currently free on bond after being convicted of rioting at the Minnehaha County Court House in April, 1974.

APPENDIX

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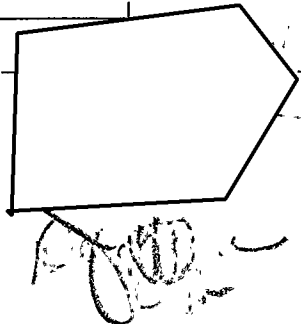
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Minneapolis will disseminate one copy of LHM to United States Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota, via FD-376.

The identity of MP T-1 is former [redacted]

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AT YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA

EX-115

As International Treaty Convention and caravan set forth in LHM materializes, follow and report.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 7, 1976

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20223

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U. S. Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Minneapolis, Minnesota

April 6, 1976

In Reply, Please Refer to
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RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

A characterization of the American Indian Movement (AIM) is set forth on Appendix Page attached hereto.

On March 15, 1976, MP T-1, a source who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that AIM leader Russell Charles Means appeared in Gordon, Nebraska, at the monthly meeting of the Nebraska Indian Commission. Source advised Means spoke to the group and announced that an "International Treaty Convention" will be held in Yankton, South Dakota, from June 10, 1976, through June 18, 1976. Source advised that Means stated this would be observed by a "United Nations Team".

Russell Means holds no national office, however, he is a member of the AIM Central Committee, a decision-making body.

MP T-2
March 17, 1975

Source advised that Means told the audience a Sundance would be held prior to the convention and at the conclusion of the meeting, a caravan would leave Yankton, South Dakota, traveling through Rosebud and Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and Gordon, Nebraska, terminating at the Little Big Horn River, Montana, on June 26, 1976, to "celebrate the 100-year anniversary of General Custer's Sensitivity Training". Source advised Means said the group planned to stay in Montana for three or four days.

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RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

Source advised that Means was very careful not to make any inflammatory remarks in his speech and continually emphasized that the Yankton Convention and the caravan to Montana were not connected with AIM. Source advised that Means adamantly stated that "nothing he was saying was to be taken as inflammatory or involved with AIM".

Source advised the Nebraska Indian Commission is a legitimate Indian organization and is officially recognized by the State of Nebraska.

Source advised that although Means continually stated he had nothing to do with AIM, there were several individuals present with him who were well known as AIM members.

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Means, Indian Leader, Injured; 4 Sought in Shooting Arrested

WAGNER, S.C., May 5 (AP)—Russell Means, leader of the American Indian Movement, and another member were shot early today at a housing area on an Indian reservation near here, Attorney General William Janklow said.

Mr. Means and John Thomas, the other victim, underwent surgery at Sacred Heart Hospital in nearby Yankton and both were listed in satisfactory condition.

The hospital administrator, Ron Morton, said Mr. Means suffered a single small-caliber bullet wound in the lower chest. Mr. Thomas underwent exploratory surgery for damage to the face and neck from a single shot, he said.

Four men wanted in connection with the shooting were taken into custody in Sioux City, Iowa, Mr. Janklow said. The four were identified as James Weddell, Michael Weston, Russell Turner and Terry Provost.

Mr. Weston and Mr. Weddell were charged in the Indian occupation last July of a pork plant here. Mr. Weddell, charged with assault and burglary, escaped and had remained at large. Mr. Weston was free on bond after his conviction on burglary charges in the incident.

Mr. Janklow said Mr. Means and Mr. Thomas were at the Yankton Sioux Reservation near the Nebraska border in southeastern South Dakota to



Associated Press
Russell Means

plan an AIM treaty conference scheduled for the reservation later this summer.

Mr. Means, a co-founder of the militant Indian organization, gained national attention when AIM members and supporters took over the village of Wounded Knee, S.D., on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in 1973.

Mr. Means was shot last year in North Dakota in an incident in which he was charged with interfering with a Bureau of Indian Affairs officer. He recovered and was acquitted.

He is appealing a conviction in connection with a riot at a county courthouse in Sioux Falls.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (70-3) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
(OO: MP)

Re Minneapolis airtel and LHM 11/24/75 and London letter 2/17/76.

A copy of referenced LHM was made available to the [redacted] with the request that they contact their sources in [redacted] in an effort to develop information concerning subject.

By letter dated 3/25/76, classified "SECRET," the [redacted] advised that the records of their sources contain no information identifiable with the subject.

This concludes investigation in London and this matter is being considered RUC.

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Enclosed for Portland are two (2) copies of above captioned LHM for information in the event that investigation determines a possible connection between DENNIS BANKS' statement on quitting the American Indian Movement (AIM), subject's criticisms of that statement, and the subsequent attempt on his life.

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MP 157-1460

The Native American Solidarity Committee (NASC)
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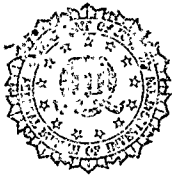
It is recommended this case be reassigned to
an Agent covering the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation
since Subject has established residence in that area.

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AT MARTY AND YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA

If International Treaty Convention materializes,
follow and report.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Minneapolis, Minnesota

May 11, 1976

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

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In the Volume 1 #3 Edition of the "NASC News", a newsletter of the "Native American Solidarity Committee in Sovereignty and Independence", which is published on a weekly basis at Post Office Box 3426, St. Paul, Minnesota, on Page 2, an article entitled "Happy Bicentennial" advised that Russell Charles Means and his Brother Ted, the national and state leaders of the South Dakota American Indian Movement (AIM) respectively, announced the Second Biennial International Indian Treaty Conference to be held May 28 through June 6, 1976 on the Yankton Sioux South Dakota Indian Reservation, or on the Pine Ridge, Sioux, South Dakota Indian Reservation. The article advised that the headquarters office and the International Indian Treaty Council expects 7,000 to 10,000 delegates from the western hemisphere.

On April 16, 1976 captioned article "AIM sponsoring July 4 demonstration at Mount Rushmore", which appeared in the Rapid City Journal, Rapid City, South Dakota, a published daily of general circulation, and advised that AIM leader Russell Means stated that his group had asked for a United Nations Observer Team to attend a demonstration July 4, 1976 at Mount Rushmore, South Dakota.

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The article advised that Means told an audience at Moorhead, Minnesota State University that AIM was sponsoring an International Treaty Convention which he said was expected to draw 7,000 Indians to the tourist site. The article advised that the AIM leader said he did not term the planned convention an anti-Bicentennial demonstration.

The article concluded by saying that Means stated the United Nations team would include Arabs.

On April 22, 1976 captioned article "Means Trial to Remain in Pennington County" which appeared in the Minneapolis, Minnesota Tribune, published daily of general circulation, and advised that the murder trial of Russell Means would remain in Rapid City, South Dakota, although on Monday the Judge had moved the trial to Pierre, South Dakota on a request by defense attorneys. The article advised that the attorneys had requested a specific county in its motion and would not accept an alternate site so the Judge denied the motion for a change of venue and ordered the trial to begin in Rapid City, South Dakota on May 3, 1976.

The article advised that Means is to stand trial as an accomplice in the 1975 shooting death of an Indian Man in a Scenic, South Dakota bar.

On May 4, 1976 captioned article "Banks Says He Will Quit Post if Not Extradited" which appeared in the Minneapolis, Minnesota Tribune, supra, and advised that AIM Leader Dennis Banks told the Oregon Governor that he would like to retire as the head of AIM and would teach if the Governor granted his request to refuse extradition to South Dakota.

The article advised that Banks, Age 39, was scheduled to stand trial in United States District Court, Portland, Oregon beginning on May 12, 1976 on federal firearms and explosives charges in connection with a shootout between Indians and State Police near Ontario, Oregon last fall. The article advised that another AIM Leader, Russell Means, publicly accused Banks of "selling out" after Banks made his comments. The article advised, that Means stated "If Mr. Banks is sincere about being a school teacher, then we invite him back to South Dakota to teach at the AIM Survival School, which is well and functioning in Rapid City".

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

The article advised that Means added "It is sad when the day comes that for a price someone would sell out a whole people and a whole movement for the limited glory that the White Man offers".

The article advised that Banks faces extradition to Custer, South Dakota for sentencing on a riot and assault conviction in a February, 1973 incident at the Custer County Court House.

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The article advised that a Sacret Heart Hospital Administrator in Yankton, South Dakota said neither man was in any serious danger but the hospital listed both in serious condition.

The article advised that the South Dakota State Attorney General said that Means and Thomas were at the reservation to plan an AIM Treaty Conference.

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The article advised that Means was shot in the abdomen and his companion was suffering from a gunshot wound in his neck.

The article advised that South Dakota State Attorney General said the shooting was allegedly committed by two (2) young Indians who were participants in the takeover of the Wagner, South Dakota Pork Plant in protest of the White management policies.

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

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The article advised that sources stated that the assailants forced Means and Thomas to kneel on their hands and knees before opening fire on them.

The article stated that Means and Thomas were removed from the Intensive Care Unit of the hospital and should recover from their wounds.

~~The article advised that two of the accused men, James Weddell, 19, a federal fugitive and Michael Weston, 18, were charged with two counts of Assault with Intent to Kill and their bond was set at \$25,000 each.~~

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
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 MINNEAPOLIS (157-1458)

FROM: ASAC, RAPID CITY (157-1458)
 AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM).

RC T-1 WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED ON JUNE 22, 1976, THAT RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, A RECOGNIZED AIM LEADER, WAS EXPERIENCING A SPLIT IN HIS OWN ORGANIZATION LED BY HIS BROTHER TED MEANS WHICH APPARENTLY OCCURRED DURING THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY CONFERENCE, GREENWOOD, SOUTH DAKOTA, WHICH ENDED ON JUNE 21, 1976. THE APPARENT SPLIT BETWEEN THE MEANS IS IN PART DUE TO AN ALLEGED VIOLENT DISAGREEMENT OVER THE HANDLING OF A CLERGY OBSERVER TEAM AT THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY CONFERENCE.

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,

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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 JUNE 22, 1976, RUSSELL MEANS HELD A PRESS
CONFERENCE IN RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, DISCUSSING
FUTURE PLANS OF AIM INDICATING HE WAS GOING TO
CUSTER BATTLEFIELD, HARDIN, MONTANA. PRIOR TO THIS
CONFERENCE, MEANS WAS DESCRIBED AS HAVING BEEN
DRINKING HEAVILY AND "VERY MEAN" DUE TO THE FACT
THAT ONLY 500 PEOPLE HAD ATTENDED THE INTERNATIONAL
TREATY CONFERENCE AND THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO RECEIVE
NATIONAL PRESS ATTENTION.

AT MEANS' PRESS CONFERENCE IN RAPID CITY, ONLY
TWO MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL PRESS SHOWED UP FOR HIS
CONFERENCE AND NO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL PRESS.

ACCORDING TO SOURCE, MEANS WAS OVERHEARD TO SAY
REFERRING TO THE SURRENDER OF LEONARD CROW ^{Do C.} DBG, AIM
SPIRITUAL LEADER, IN RAPID CITY ON JUNE 22, 1976,
THAT "WITH LEONARD COMING WE COULD HAVE IT RIGHT

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HERE (RAPID CITY) INSTEAD OF HARDIN." SOURCE WAS UNABLE TO CLARIFY WHAT WAS MEANT BY "COULD HAVE IT RIGHT HERE" BUT DID STATE THAT HAD HEARD PREVIOUS INFORMATION TO THIS EFFECT THAT SOMETHING "BIG" WAS TO HAPPEN AT HARDIN, MONTANA. SOURCE STATED NUMEROUS RUMORS, ALL UNCONFIRMED, HAVE REPORTED THAT MEANS' GROUP IS ARMED AND MAY POSSIBLY HAVE EXPLOSIVES.

AT APPROXIMATELY 2:00 PM, JUNE 22, 1976, A CARAVAN CONSISTING OF 17 VEHICLES LEFT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, WITH TENTATIVE PLANS TO CAMP OVERNIGHT AT BEAR BUTTE STATE PARK, STURGIS, SOUTH DAKOTA, CONTINUING ON ON JUNE 23, 1976, TO HARDIN, MONTANA. HOWEVER, THE CARAVAN BYPASSED BEAR BUTTE STATE PARK AND CROSSED INTO WYOMING ON ROUTE 212 APPARENTLY HEADED FOR CUSTER BATTLEFIELD, HARDIN, MONTANA, AT 6:30 PM, JUNE 22, 1976.

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RAPID CITY TELETYPE TO BUTTE JUNE 22, 1976, (I.O.).

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INVESTIGATION, SOUTH DAKOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE,
STURGIS, SOUTH DAKOTA, WHO REQUESTED HIS IDENTITY
BE PROTECTED IN ORDER TO FURTHER PROTECT HIS SOURCES.
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)

FROM : *✓* LEGAT, PARIS (157-311)(RUC)

SUBJECT: *○*
RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM

DATE: 6/11/76

Re Paris letter 1/2/76; *✓* Minneapolis LHM 12/2/75
and Minneapolis airtel 11/24/75. *✓*

Continued contact with logical sources in
 has developed no information concerning possible
travel by captioned subject to these countries subsequent to
referenced Minneapolis communication.

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No additional pertinent information has been developed
through contact with sources. All logical investigation
at this time has been completed and captioned matter is
being RUCd.

*0-100-111 MP 6-24-76
attached is one copy of 6-11-76 letter
for MP's file*

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- ④ - Bureau
 - (1 - Foreign Liaison Unit)
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 - 1 - Paris
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28313)

DATE: 8/6/76

FROM : *JEG* ASAC, RAPID CITY (157-1460) (C)

SUBJECT: *D* RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
EM - AIM
OO: MINNEAPOLIS

Re Minneapolis airtel to Bureau (Bufile 100-462483)
dated 6/17/76. ✓

A review of this file shows that RUSSELL MEANS, a well known and outspoken American Indian Movement (AIM) leader, has regularly criticized the U.S. Government but has in effect only exercised his First Amendment right to freedom of speech. For this reason, Minneapolis is closing this case. RUSSELL MEANS' activities should they involve extremist action which would advocate the violent overthrow of the U.S. Government, will be reported in Minneapolis file 157-1458, entitled, "American Indian Movement (AIM); EM - AIM".

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**Indian Leader Gets 30 Days
In South Dakota Court Riot**

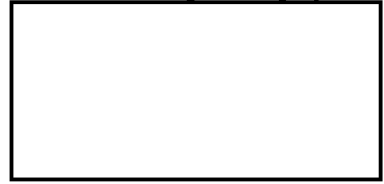
KENNEBEC, S.D., Sept. 1 (AP)—Russell Means, a leader of the American Indian Movement, has pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor assault charge stemming from a courthouse riot at Custer, S.D., on Feb. 6, 1973.

A Lyman County Circuit judge, John B. Jones, sentenced

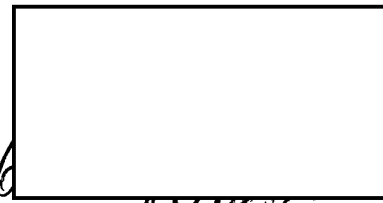
him yesterday to 30 days in the Custer County Jail and ordered him to pay a \$100 fine and court costs.

The jail term is scheduled to begin next Tuesday.

Judge Jones said that after the guilty plea the state dismissed all other pending charges against Mr. Means in the Custer incident.



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Date 8/6/87

1 TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI
 2 FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (157-2861)(RUC)
 3 RUSSELL MEANS;
 4 UNSUB;
 (AIM) CIVIL UNREST-CIVIL UNREST
 5 OO: Minneapolis

6 Re Oklahoma City telephone call to SA [redacted] Aberdeen Resident Agency, Minneapolis Division, on 7/22/87.

7 [redacted] (Protect), was contacted in the late
 8 evening on 7/22/87, and interviewed in regard to captioned
 9 matter and the basic details of that interview provided to
 SA [redacted] of the Minneapolis Division in the above re
 10 telephone call. Additional follow-up contact was made with
 [redacted] on the afternoon of 7/23/87, and the information
 11 essentially remained the same. Generally, the information
 provided by [redacted] is as follows:

12 At approximately 5:30 p.m. on 7/22/87, Mrs. [redacted]
 13 [redacted] received a telephone call at her residence (telephone
 number [redacted] from an individual who identified himself
 14 as RUSSELL MEANS, and requested to speak with [redacted]
 Mrs. [redacted] advised that her husband was not yet at home, and
 15 the caller inquired as to what time he would be there. In
 an effort to respond, Mrs. RIVAS inquired of the caller as
 16 to the exact time, and the caller spontaneously responded
 that it was 4:30 p.m. At the same time, Mrs. [redacted] noted
 17 that it was actually approximately 5:30 p.m. at Chickasha,
 Oklahoma. The individual indicated that he was calling from
 Spearfish, South Dakota. The caller indicated to Mrs. [redacted]
 18 that he would call back later.

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At approximately 7:30 p.m., [redacted] received a call, apparently from this same individual, inasmuch as the caller identified himself as RUSSELL MEANS. [redacted] stated that the conversation between he and caller lasted for approximately 30 minutes, but that it was somewhat vague and rambling, and he only recalls the general details. Generally, MEANS inquired of [redacted] about the possibility of [redacted] representing a group of Indians who were planning to "take over" the "whole town" of Aberdeen, South Dakota, "tomorrow". [redacted] took this to mean July 23, 1987. [redacted] stated that he did not know RUSSELL MEANS, nor had he ever personally met him or heard him talk, so he did not know if this was a joke or not. His initial impression was that it was a joke, and he tried to identify the caller. MEANS indicated to [redacted] that he had been referred by friends of his in Oklahoma to [redacted] noting that [redacted] was himself, an American Indian. [redacted] stated that the primary purpose that MEANS indicated the need for legal representation was as that of an "arbitrator", although the specifics of this were not disclosed. [redacted] stated that it was his definite impression that MEANS was referring to an armed takeover, and when questioned as to the number of followers he had, the reponse was "a swarm". At a point, [redacted] inquired as to the motive for the takeover, and MEANS responded, "Man, it is different up here." MEANS went on to cite problems associated with the Public Health Service, racism, and unemployment. Throughout the conversation, [redacted] remained skeptical as to the identity and intent of the caller, and when he expressed this skepticism, MEANS confided that they had considered contact with other attorneys, and to the best of his recollection, MEANS mentioned attorneys by the name of [redacted] and possibly one other, all of which were allegedly in Minneapolis.

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[redacted] stated that he generally talked with MEANS about what period of time he would be needed, where he would be required to go, and exactly what he would be desired to do. He stated that he got no specific answers to any of this, and no agreement was made, but that MEANS terminated the conversation by stating that he would, "probably get back to you."

In the latest contact, [redacted] stated that he has had no further contact with the individual identifying himself as MEANS, nor has he received any contact from any other individual which he thinks might be pertinent to the matter at hand. When questioned as to his feelings whether or not the caller was actually RUSSELL MEANS, [redacted] responded by stating that he believed there was a 50/50 chance.

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[redacted] pledged his cooperation to the Bureau in the event he received any further contact, and denied any further specific knowledge or information regarding the "takeover". It should be noted that the information provided by [redacted] borders on invasion of attorney/client relation and therefore, the information contained herein should be treated as singular in source and [redacted] identity protected.

Inasmuch as no additional investigation remains within the Oklahoma City Division, this matter is being considered RUC on this communication.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MINNEAPOLIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MINNEAPOLIS	DATE 10/30/73	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/15/73 - 10/14/73
TITLE OF CASE RUSSELL MEANS; BILL MEANS; TED MEANS; [REDACTED] CLYDE BELLECOURT; [REDACTED]		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY dlk
ET AL		CHARACTER OF CASE CIR - POSSIBLE LARCENY	

REFERENCE:

Memo of SA [REDACTED]

dated 10/1/73.

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LEAD:

MINNEAPOLIS

AT PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA

Will maintain contact with U. S. Attorney, Sioux Falls, to obtain final prosecutive opinion.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			
							PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

APPROVED [Signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency	1 - Director (RPA/ck/m) + 1 - Minneapolis (AM)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA

Report of: [REDACTED]
Date: OCTOBER 30, 1973

Office: MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

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Field Office File #: 70-8047

Bureau File #:

Title: RUSSELL MEANS;
BILL MEANS;
TED MEANS;

[REDACTED]
CLYDE BELLECOURT:

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~~Synopsis:~~ ET AL

Character: CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION -
POSSIBLE LARCENY

Synopsis:

Captioned individuals entered Farmers State Bank, Mission, South Dakota, on August 13, 1973, in the afternoon and demanded that the bank cash a check for \$1,500 drawn on the First National City Bank, Scarsdale, New York on the account of [REDACTED] Scarsdale, New York, made out to Treaty Council, in care of TED MEANS, Farmers State Bank, Mission, South Dakota, dated August 10, 1973. Check cashed by bank employees after realizing that refusal might cause an ugly confrontation. U. S. Attorney, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, contacted September 28, 1973, advised, desired to review report before making prosecutive decision.

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DETAILS:

Investigation in this case was instituted upon receipt of a complaint telephonically furnished to SA [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] Farmers State Bank, Winner, South Dakota, on August 15, 1973. [REDACTED] advised that on August 13, 1973, some 25 - 30 Indians entered the Mission, South Dakota ranch of Farmers State Bank, during business hours. They produced a check drawn on a New York bank in the amount of \$1,500. The Indians appeared to be intoxicated and some were wearing knives. They refused to leave the

bank until the check was cashed. [] said that a call was made to the bank on which the check was drawn and this bank advised that the check was negotiable at the moment, but no guarantee of payment could be given. [] stated that no local authorities were advised and he could furnish no further details. Farmers State Bank in Mission, South Dakota, is located in Todd County, South Dakota, within the exterior boundaries of the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

10/3/73

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[redacted] Farmers State Bank,
was interviewed and furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that on August 13, 1973, at about 2:30 PM, BILL and TED MEANS and one other unidentified Indian male came into the bank and demanded to cash a \$1,500 check. [redacted] stated that this check had come through the mail and had arrived at the bank on the same date. [redacted] told the MEANS brothers that he could not cash the check unless it was for collection only, since neither of them had an account at the bank. The three Indian males then left and a short time thereafter, five Indian males returned, including the above three. All five of the Indians then proceeded to enter into an argument with [redacted] using abusive language and threats. [redacted] advised that at no time did any of the Indians directly threaten to do anybody any harm. After a short while, BILL MEANS and one of the other Indians left and BILL told the remaining three, "we'll go get some help, you stay here." A short time later, about 18 Indians came into the bank and then shortly after that, about 14 or 15 more arrived. [redacted] stated that many of the Indians were wearing knives and many of them appeared to be intoxicated. He did not observe any other types of weapons.

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[redacted] stated that he recognized the following individuals in the bank at that time:

RUSSELL MEANS
BILL MEANS
TED MEANS

[redacted]
CLYDE BELLECOURT
[redacted]
[redacted]

He stated that the unknown Indian who accompanied BILL and TED MEANS when three Indians first came into the bank, did most of the talking and was most abusive.

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by SA [redacted] dlk Date dictated 9/27/73

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At one time, this Indian called [redacted] a "white son-of-a-bitch" and told him he had no business having a white bank on an Indian reservation. [redacted] stated that TED MEANS told him that "We are going to sit here until the check is cashed." [redacted] stated that he finally decided to cash the check since he feared that violence might take place if he did not. He stated that before he cashed the check, he called the First National Bank of Scarsdale, New York, which is the bank the check was drawn on to find out if there was enough money in the account to cover the check. He stated they told him that there was enough money at that time in the account to cover the check, but that they could not guarantee it. [redacted] again stated that the only reason he cashed the check was due to the explosive situation and in order to avoid an ugly confrontation.

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[redacted] Farmers State Bank, Mission, South Dakota, was interviewed and he stated that on August 13, 1973, he was in his office at 2:30 PM when three Indian males, BILL and TED MEANS and another unidentified Indian, came into the bank. He stated that he overheard them talking to [redacted] regarding a check which they wanted cashed. [redacted] told them that he could not cash it unless it was for collection, since none of the Indians had an account at the bank. [redacted] stated that they had received that check earlier in the same day in the mail, and he believed the check was mailed to the Treaty Council in care of TED MEANS, Farmers State Bank. [redacted] stated that he observed the three Indians leave the bank with the check in their possession and he overheard one of them state that they were going to go to the [redacted] store to see if [redacted] would cash it. A short time later, five Indian males came back into the bank including three that were there originally. [redacted] stated that they then got into an argument with [redacted] and one of them called [redacted] "a white son-of-a-bitch". Two Indians then left the bank and three stayed. BILL MEANS, one of the Indians that left, told the other two "You stay here, we'll go get some help." A short time later, [redacted] stated about 18 Indians came back and shortly after that about 15 more arrived. [redacted] stated that he recognized the following individuals:

RUSSELL MEANS
 BILL MEANS
 TED MEANS

[redacted]
 CLYDE BELLECOURT

[redacted] stated that he knew most of these individuals since he has gone to school with many of them and has lived in this area for quite some time. [redacted] stated that an argument ensued and that the tension in the bank was rising quickly. He stated that BELLECOURT made a statement that

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by SA [redacted] dlk Date dictated 9/27/73

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the individual who had written the check was the same person who put up the bond for several of the AIM leaders facing legal charges. When [redacted] was going to make a call to New York to verify the amount in the account from which the check was drawn, the unidentified Indian who first came into the bank stated "You don't have to call on that check, just get out to the cash drawer and cash it." TED MEANS made the statement "We're going to sit here until it's cashed." [redacted] stated that [redacted] finally cashed the check. [redacted] stated that the only reason [redacted] cashed the check was due to the explosive situation in the bank and to avoid any possible violence which might take place. [redacted] further stated that he knew RUSSELL MEANS fairly well and when he first saw him enter the bank, he motioned hello to him and MEANS yelled loudly "Don't say hello to me" in a belligerent way.

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[redacted] found a photograph of the above-mentioned check in bank records which revealed that the check was numbered 682 and was shown to be drawn on the First National City Bank, Scarsdale, New York, on Central Avenue. It was made out to Treaty Council, in care of TED MEANS, Farmers State Bank, Mission, South Dakota, for \$1,500 and was dated August 10, 1973. The name and address on the check was [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] Scarsdale, New York, and was signed by [redacted]

On September 28, 1973, SA [redacted] telephonically contacted the U. S. Attorney, WILLIAM CLAYTON Sioux Falls, South Dakota, concerning the above facts in order to obtain a prosecutive opinion. CLAYTON advised that he desired a report on the incident before making any prosecutive decision. However, he stated that this information would be valuable in any case when bond revocation hearings take place on any of the above-mentioned individuals.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (70-60488)

DATE: February 20, 1974

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-8047) (P)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL MEANS;
ET AL
CIR - POSSIBLE LARCENY

Reference Minneapolis report of SA [redacted]
dated 10/30/73 *ser*

Contact has been maintained with United States Attorney WILLIAM F. CLAYTON in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, regarding possible prosecution of the subjects in this case. CLAYTON was contacted on November 27, 1973, and again on December 18, 1973. On both occasions, United States Attorney CLAYTON advised that he did not want to make a prosecutive opinion on this case at this time but that he wanted to use the information contained in referenced report in any future motions made by the Offense/Defense Committee defending the subjects of the Wounded Knee takeover in the Wounded Knee trials.

CLAYTON advised that as a result of his intentions regarding the use of the information contained in the referenced report, he would hold off rendering a final prosecutive opinion until a future date.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MINNEAPOLIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MINNEAPOLIS	DATE 9/30/74	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/30 - 9/24/74
TITLE OF CASE RUSSELL MEANS; BILL MEANS; TED MEANS; [REDACTED] CLYDE BELLECOURT; [REDACTED] ET AL		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY pms
		CHARACTER OF CASE CIR - POSSIBLE LARCENY	

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REFERENCE: Minneapolis report of SA [REDACTED] 10/30/73.

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MINNEAPOLIS

AT PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA:

Will maintain contact with USA's Office, Sioux Falls, to obtain final prosecutive opinion in this case.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
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						PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: Minneapolis, Minnesota b6
Date: September 30, 1974 b7C

Field Office File #: 70-8047 Bureau File #: 70-60488

Title: RUSSELL MEANS;
BILL MEANS;
TED MEANS;
[REDACTED]
CLYDE BELLECOURT;
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Character

CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION - POSSIBLE LARCENY

Synopsis

USA's Office, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, advised that no decision has been made yet as to a prosecutive opinion in this case.

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DETAILS:

On March 20, 1974, SA [REDACTED] telephonically contacted United States Attorney WILLIAM F. CLAYTON, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, regarding his intentions concerning this case. Mr. CLAYTON advised that he desired to make no prosecutive opinion on the case at this time, but as he advised earlier to postpone making a decision until after the trials of MEANS and BANKS in St. Paul, Minnesota, are over. He stated that at that time he would then review the case, determine what further investigation needed to be done and give a prosecutive opinion where he could take into consideration the results of the St. Paul Wounded Knee trials.

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On September 24, 1974, [REDACTED], Assistant United States Attorney, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was contacted concerning this case and he advised that there has been no decision made as yet as to a prosecutive opinion in this case.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MINNEAPOLIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MINNEAPOLIS	DATE 11/25/74	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/13/74
TITLE OF CASE RUSSELL MEANS; BILL MEANS; TED MEANS.		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY AKW
[REDACTED]		CHARACTER OF CASE CIR - POSSIBLE LARCENY	

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REFERENCE

Minneapolis report of SA [REDACTED] 9/30/74.

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						PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
APPROVED [Signature]					SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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Date Fwd.	[Signature]							
How Fwd.	[Signature]							
By	[Signature]							

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Report of:

[Redacted]

Office: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Date:

November 25, 1974

Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #: 70-60488

Title:

RUSSELL MEANS;
BILL MEANS;
TED MEANS;

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CLYDE BELLECOURT;

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Character:

CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION -
POSSIBLE LARCENY

Synopsis:

USA's Office, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, declined prosecution in this case as they do not feel the facts of the case justify prosecution.

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DETAILS

By letter dated November 13, 1974, WILLIAM F. CLAYTON, United States Attorney, District of South Dakota, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, advised that they have reviewed the FBI reports in this case and feel that the facts of the case do not justify prosecution, and they are declining prosecution at this time.

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2:21PM IMMEDIATE 6/4/75 TOW

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR

PERSONAL ATTENTION

ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT FILES RE LEONARD
CROW DOG; STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP; CIR-ADW, WOUNDED
KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIAL, CEDAR, RAPIDS, IOWA.

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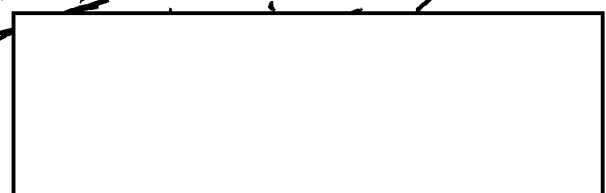
BY COURT ORDER DATED MAY 30, 1975, U. S. DISTRICT
JUDGE (USDJ) EDWARD J. MC MANUS, CEDAR RAPIDS, IN CAPTIONED
CASE, ISSUED AN ORDER SETTING FORTH IN PART AS FOLLOWS:

"THE FOUR GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS WHO RECEIVED THE WOUNDED
KNEE INFORMANT FILES IN CONNECTION WITH UNITED STATES V.
MEANS - BANKS FORTHWITH PROVIDE THE COURT WITH AN AFFIDAVIT
ATTESTING TO THE FOLLOWING: (1) DURING THE PERIOD FROM
JANUARY 1, 1973, TO MAY 31, 1975, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF
GOVERNMENT INFORMANTS UTILIZED DURING THE WOUNDED KNEE
AFFAIR AND IN CONNECTION WITH ALL PROSECUTIONS ARISING
THEREFROM; (2) THAT NO INFORMATION SECURED BY ANY OF
THESE INFORMANTS CONCERNING DEFENSE STRATEGY RELATING TO
THE PRESENT CASES OR PREVIOUS CASES INVOLVING THE SAME

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DEFENDANTS HAS BEEN PASSED ON TO THE INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY OR THE PROSECUTORS; (3) THAT THE INFORMANT FILES CONTAIN NEITHER INFORMATION INDICATING A ROLE AS AGENT PROVOCATEUR BY ANY INFORMANT NOR ANY OTHER EVIDENCE ARGUABLY EXCULPATORY TOWARDS THE INSTANT DEFENDANTS."

THE U. S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE STATES THEREFORE THIS MEANS ALL THE INFORMANT FILES PREVIOUSLY SENT TO MINNEAPOLIS IN MARCH, 1974, PURSUANT TO THE ORDER OF USDJ FRED J. NICHOL IN THE CASE ENTITLED "DENNIS JAMES BANKS; RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, CIR - BURGLARY." ALL OFFICES SHOULD NOTE THAT THEY PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS IN THE MEANS AND BANKS CASE BY BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SACS DATED MARCH 22, 1974. IN ADDITION, ALL FILES IN THE [REDACTED] CATEGORIES AND ANY OTHER CLASSIFICATIONS YOUR OFFICE MAY HAVE CONCERNING INFORMANTS WILL HAVE TO BE REVIEWED FROM JANUARY 1, 1973, TO MAY 31, 1975, AS TO CAPTIONED DEFENDANTS AND ALL INFO CONCERNING WK AFFAIR AND IN CONNECTION WITH ALL PROSECUTIONS ARISING THEREFROM. ALL INFORMANT FILES PENDING ON OR OPENED SINCE JANUARY, 1973, WILL HAVE TO BE REVIEWED. ONLY VOLUMES CONTAINING INFORMATION PERTINENT

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TO USDJ MC MANUS' ORDER ARE TO BE FORWARDED TO THE MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE. FOR EXAMPLE, IF AN INFORMANT HAS FIVE VOLUMES ONLY THE PERTINENT VOLUMES SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED.

WHERE AN INFORMANT HAS A FILE CONTAINING PERTINENT SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION AND A SEPARATE FILE CONTAINING JUST INFORMANT ADMINISTRATIVE MATERIAL, IT IS ONLY NECESSARY TO SEND THE SUBSTANTIVE FILE. IF AN INFORMANT ONLY HAS ONE FILE CONTAINING BOTH SUBSTANTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DATA, THEN, OF COURSE, THE FILE MUST BE SENT IN ITS ENTIRETY.

EACH OFFICE IS RESPONSIBLE TO MAKE SURE THAT NO MATERIAL SENT FOR THIS REVIEW WILL IDENTIFY THE INFORMANT EITHER BY NAME OR OTHER DATA THAT WOULD TEND TO PINPOINT OR IDENTIFY HIM. FOR EXAMPLE, SHOULD A SERIAL IDENTIFY AN INFORMANT BY NAME, THEN THE SERIAL SHOULD BE XEROXED COVERING UP THE INFORMANT'S NAME AND THE XEROXED COPY PLACED IN THE FILE BEING TRANSMITTED TO MINNEAPOLIS WITH THE TRANSMITTING OFFICE RETAINING THE ORIGINAL SERIAL. OTHER THAN MAKING THIS TYPE OF CHANGE, NO SERIALS ARE

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TO BE REMOVED FROM THE FILES.

WHEN PERTINENT INFORMANT FILES ARE TRANSMITTED TO MINNEAPOLIS, THEY MUST HAVE A COVER COMMUNICATION ON TOP OF EACH VOLUME INDICATING WHAT SERIALS IN THE VOLUME ARE PERTINENT TO THE ORDER FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING THE REVIEW BY THE GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS.

IT IS TO BE NOTED THE GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS FILED ON JUNE 2, 1975, A MOTION OPPOSING THIS REVIEW. ON JUNE 3, 1975, USDJ MC MANUS FILED AN ORDER GIVING GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS UNTIL 9 A.M., JUNE 9, 1975 TO FILE AFFIDAVIT RELATIVE TO THEIR REVIEW OF INFORMANT FILES. THE CHIEF PROSECUTOR, AUSA RICHARD D. HURD, HAS ADVISED IT WILL BE NECESSARY THAT THE PERTINENT INFORMANT FILES BE IMMEDIATELY BROUGHT TO THE MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE BY COURIER NO LATER THAN 8 A.M., FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 1975 FOR REVIEW BY GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS. EACH OFFICE SHOULD ALSO ADVISE WHETHER THEY INTEND TO HAVE COURIERS RETURN FILES WHEN REVIEW IS FINISHED OR WHETHER FILES CAN BE RETURNED TO THEIR DIVISION BY REGISTERED MAIL. ALL OFFICES ARE TO SUTEL MINNEAPOLIS WHETHER OR NOT A PARTICULAR OFFICE WILL SEND INFORMANT FILES BY COURIER, WHICH FILES ARE COVERED UNDER

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THE ORDER OF USDJ MC MANUS.

OKLAHOMA CITY SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY COGNIZANT OF THIS REVIEW SINCE TWO OF THE THREE DEFENDANTS ARE FROM THAT DIVISION.

EACH OFFICE SHOULD KEEP METICULOUS RECORDS OF HOW THIS PROJECT IS ADMINISTERED SO IF AN ISSUE IS EVER RAISED IN COURT AS TO THE HANDLING OF THE REVIEW IT CAN BE CLEARLY ATTESTED TO. IT IS FURTHER SUGGESTED EACH SAC APPOINT AN OVERALL COORDINATOR TO OVERSEE AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROJECT IN HIS OFFICE.

IT HAS BEEN CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD BETWEEN THE FBI AND THE GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS THAT NO INFORMATION WILL BE TURNED OVER TO GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS WHICH WOULD IDENTIFY THE INFORMANTS.

IN THE EVENT ANY QUESTION ARISES AS TO WHETHER THE FILES RELATE TO PROSECUTIONS ARISING FROM WOUNDED KNEE, IT SHOULD BE RESOLVED BY CALLING MINNEAPOLIS SUPERVISOR , NUMBER SEVEN SQUAD SUPERVISOR, TO DETERMINE ANSWER. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF MINNEAPOLIS SUPERVISOR ERNEST R. STRAWMAN,

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WHO IS COORDINATING THE PROJECT IN MINNEAPOLIS.

EACH OFFICE SHOULD TRANSMIT ALL THEIR FILES TO ARRIVE
IN MINNEAPOLIS AT THE SAME TIME. ANY OFFICE HAVING NO FILES
TO TRANSMIT SHOULD SUTEL MINNEAPOLIS TO THE ATTENTION OF
SUPERVISOR STRAWMAN.

KEEP FBIHQ AND MINNEAPOLIS ADVISED CONCERNING ANY
PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AS A RESULT OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

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File No. 70-6123 (Sub 1) 1A1

Date Received 7/20/68

From SA [redacted] (NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

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To Be Returned Yes No

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Memo to All Headquarters City Agents

San Antonio, Texas
(6/4/75)

**RE: ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT
FILES RE LEONARD CROW DOG;
STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP
CIR-ADW; WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIAL
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA**

(SAfile 70-6123-SUB 1)

By teletype 6/4/75, Bureau advised that pursuant to a Court Order dated 5/30/75, U. S. District Judge EDWARD J. McMANUS ordered the following:

"The four Government attorneys who received the Wounded Knee informant files in connection with United States V. Means - Banks forthwith provide the court with an affidavit attesting to the following: (1) during the period from January 1, 1973, to May 31, 1975, the total number of Government informants utilized during the Wounded Knee affair and in connection with all prosecutions arising therefrom; (2) that no information secured by any of these informants concerning defense strategy relating to the present cases or previous cases involving the same defendants has been passed on to the investigative agency or the prosecutors; (3) that the informant files contain neither information indicating a role as Agent provocateur by any informant nor any other evidence arguably exculpatory towards the instant defendants."

In view of the above, all files in the [redacted] categories and any other classifications concerning informants will have to be reviewed from 1/1/73 - 5/31/75, as to captioned defendants and all information concerning Wounded Knee affair and in connection with all prosecutions arising therefrom. All informant files pending on or opened since January, 1973, will have to be reviewed.

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To facilitate the above, each Agent is to review his respective pending informant files submitting a memorandum with the results of the review and identifying each file reviewed by file number. Any files containing information falling within the above guidelines are to be brought to the attention of SA [redacted]

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- ③ - Each Headquarters City Agent
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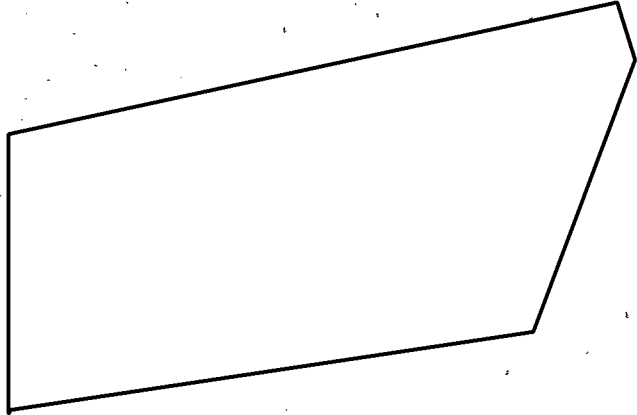
ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT FILES
RE LEONARD CROW DOG; STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP
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WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIAL
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

Re Bureau teletype to All SACs, 6/5/75; San Antonio telephone calls to Minneapolis, 6/5/75; and San Antonio teletype to Bureau, 6/5/75.

A review of San Antonio file [redacted] revealed serials [redacted] to contain information pertaining to captioned matter.

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San Antonio file [redacted] is attached for Minneapolis. It should be returned to San Antonio by registered mail after Minneapolis is finished with it.



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TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-6123-SUB-1)

DATE: 6/5/75

FROM : SA

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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT
FILES RE LEONARD CROW DOG;
STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP
CIR-ADW; WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIAL
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

Re SA memo of SA [Redacted], dated 6/4/75.

Reading On 6/5/75, SA [Redacted] personally reviewed the following files of the San Antonio Division assigned to the indicated Special Agents, and found them to contain no information relative to the captioned matter:

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
MINNEAPOLIS

FROM: SAN ANTONIO (70-6123 SUB 1)(P)

ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT FILES RE LEONARD CROW
DOG; STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP; CIR-ADW, WONDED KNEE
LEADERSHIP TRAIL, CEADER RAPIDS, IOWA.

RE BUREAU TELTYPE TO ALL SACS DATED JUNE 4, 1975, AND
SAN ANTONIO TELEPHONE CALLS TO MINNEAPOLIS, JUNE 5, 1975.

A REVIEW OF SAN ANTONIO INFIRMANT FILES REVEALED SAN
ANTONIO FILE [REDACTED] TO CONTAIN PERTINENT INFORMATION
CONCERNING INSTANT MATTER. THIS FILE WILL BE TRANSPORTED
BY COURIER TO MINNEAPOLIS.

SA [REDACTED] WILL ACT AS SAN ANTONIO'S
COURIER,

ARRIVING MINNEAPOLIS ON BRANIFF INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES FLIGHT
52, 9:22 PM JUNE 5, 1975.

UPON COMPLETION OF FILE REVIEW, SAN ANTONIO FILE

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Date: 6/5/75

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MINNEAPOLIS 2:40 DSC

FROM: SAN ANTONIO (70-6123--SUB 1) (P)

ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT FILES RE LEONARD CROW
DOG; STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP; CIR-ADW, WOUNDED KNEE
LEADERSHIP TRIAL, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SACS DATED JUNE 4, 1975, AND
SAN ANTONIO TELEPHONE CALLS TO MINNEAPOLIS, JUNE 5, 1975.

A REVIEW OF SAN ANTONIO INFORMANT FILES REVEALED SAN
ANTONIO FILE [redacted] TO CONTAIN PERTINENT INFORMATION CONCERNING
Instant matter.
SUBJECT. THIS FILE WILL BE TRANSPORTED BY COURIER TO
MINNEAPOLIS.

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SA [redacted] WILL ACT AS SAN ANTONIO'S COURIER,
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Special Agent in Charge

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TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-6123-Sub 1) DATE: 6/6/75

FROM : SA

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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT
FILES RE LEONARD CROW DOG;
STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP
CIR-ADW; WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIAL
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

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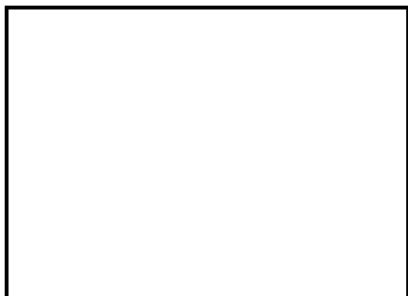
TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-6123 Sub 1) DATE: 6/6/75

FROM : SA HOWARD W. RILEY

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT
FILES RE LEONARD CROW DOG;
STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP
CIR-ADW; WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIAL
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

Re memo of 6/4/75.

On June 5, 1975, the following files were reviewed
in accordance with instructions in referenced memo and no
information pertaining to Wounded Knee was noted:



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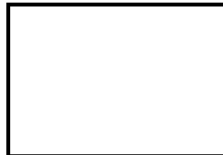
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FILES RE LEONARD CROW DOG;
STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP
CIR-ADW; WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRAIL
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

Re Memo to All Headquarters City Agents, 6/4/75.

I have reviewed the below listed pending informant files which are assigned to me and have determined that there is no information in any of these files which pertains in any way to captioned matter:



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TO : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (66-3626)

DATE: 6/6/75

FROM : SUP. ERNEST R. STRAWMAN

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT
FILES FROM OTHER FBI OFFICES RE
LEONARD CROW DOG, ET AL
CIR - BURGLARY

FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD BE OBTAINED FROM OUT OF
DIVISION AGENTS DELIVERING INFORMANT FILES TO MPLS. PER
ABOVE CASE. THIS FORM SHOULD BE FILLED OUT IN TRIPPLICATE
WITH ONE COPY BEING GIVEN TO THE DELIVERING AGENT.

NAME OF OFFICE DELIVERING FILE - *San Antonio*

DATE OF DELIVERY & TIME OF DELIVERY - *6/1/75 1:45*

NAME OF DELIVERING PERSONNEL

RECEIVING EMPLOYEE - *Frank Bydton*

FILE NUMBER OR NUMBERS DELIVERED, NUMBER OR NUMBERS OF VOLUMES
AND FIRST AND LAST SERIAL IN EACH VOLUME OR VOLUMES.

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ANY MISSING SERIALS (IF SO LIST SERIAL AND VOLUME) -

BE SURE A LIST OF THE PERTINENT SERIALS CONTAINING THE INFOR-
MATION REQUESTED HAS BEEN PLACED BY THE SENDING OFFICE ON TOP
OF EACH VOLUME.

WHEN SUP. STRAWMAN IS IN OFFICE, THE DELIVERING PERSONNEL SHOULD
BE BROUGHT TO HIM. IN HIS ABSENCE THE DUTY AGENT SHOULD BE SURE
THIS FORM IS COMPLETED. PUT ONE COPY ON DESK OF SUP. STRAWMAN
AND PLACE THE OTHER COPY ON TOP OF THE FILES AND STOP IN *70-16123-Sub 19*

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-6123-Sub 1) DATE: 6/9/75

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT
FILES RE LEONARD CROW DOG;
STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP
CIR-ADW; WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIAL
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

The following [redacted] files were viewed by SA [redacted]
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instant matter:

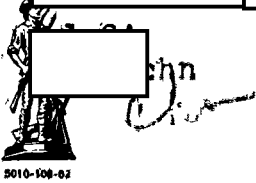
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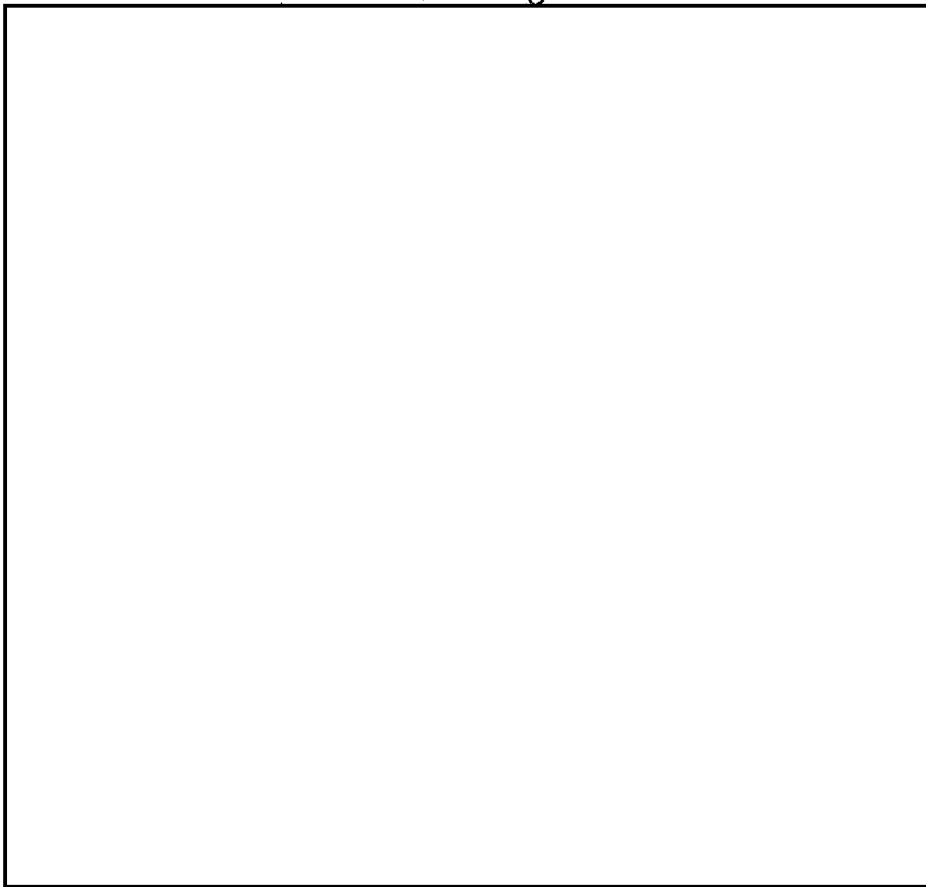
TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-6123-Sub 1) DATE: 6/9/75

FROM : SA JAMES EDWIN MA GEE

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT
FILES RE LEONARD CROW DOG;
STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP
CIR-ADW; WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIAL
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

Re memo to all Headquarters City Agents, 6/4/75.

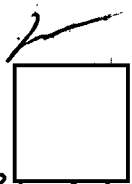
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In addition the following pending files, assigned to SA JAMES E. MA GEE were reviewed with negative results:



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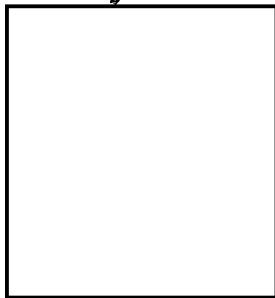
Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-6123 Sub 1) DATE: 6/6/75

FROM : SA

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT
FILES RE LEONARD CROW DOG; STANLEY
HOLDER; CARTER CAMP
CIR - ADW; WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP
TRIAL
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

The following informant files were reviewed on
6/4/75 and were found to contain no information regarding
captioned subjects or trial:



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-6123-Sub 1) DATE: 6/9/75

FROM : SA

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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT FILES RE
LEONARD CROW DOG; STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP
CIR-ADW; WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIAL
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

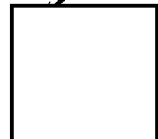
The following pending informant files were reviewed on 6/5/75, for the period 1/1/73-5/31/75, and no information was contained therein regarding captioned matter:



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-6123 Sub 1)

DATE: 6/11/75

FROM : SA

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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT
FILES RE LEONARD CROW DOG;
STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP
CIR-ADW; WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIAL
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

For information, my pending matters were reviewed with negative results as per information set forth in memo to all Agents dated 6/4/75. My pending files reviewed were as follows:

The following closed files were reviewed by the writer and found to contain no pertinent information relating to this matter:

70-6123 Sub 1-12

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-6123-Sub 1) DATE: 6/11/75

FROM : SA

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT FILES
RE LEONARD CROW DOG;
STANLEY HOLDER;
CARTER CAMP;
CIR-ADW;
WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIAL,
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

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ReSACmemo dated 6/4/75.

On 6/5/75, the following files were reviewed and found to contain no information regarding captioned subjects or trial:

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-6123 Sub 1) DATE: 6/11/75

FROM : SA

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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT
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CIR-ADW; WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIAL
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

On 6/5/75, the following files were reviewed and were found not to contain any information pertinent to captioned matter:

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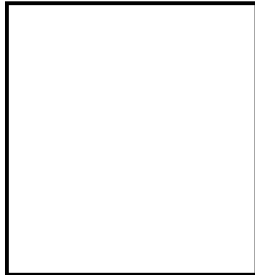
TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-6123 Sub 1) DATE: 6/11/75

FROM : SA CHARLES W. DENNY

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT
FILES RE LEONARD CROW DOG;
STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP
CIR-ADW; WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIAL
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

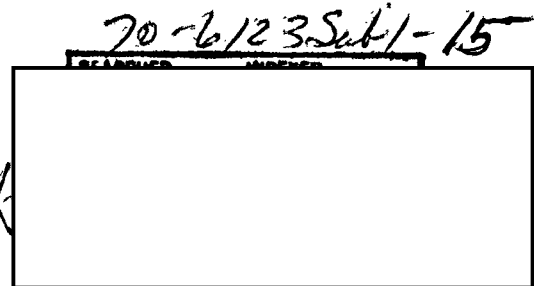
Re Memo to all Headquarters City Agents, 6/4/75.

The following files were reviewed with negative results concerning this matter:



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-6123) (Sub 1) DATE: 6/11/75

FROM : SA

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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT
FILES RE LEONARD CROW DOG;
STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP
CIR - ADW; WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIAL
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

Re memo to all Headquarters City Agents, 6/4/75.

A review of the following files failed to produce any information concerning captioned matter:

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

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-6123 Sub 1) DATE: 6/11/75

FROM : SA

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT
FILES RE LEONARD CROW DOG;
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CIR-ADW; WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIAL
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

The following listed pending files were reviewed
on 6/5/75, and no information concerning captioned matter
was noted:

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-6123 Sub 1) DATE: 6/11/75

FROM : SA

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT
FILES RE LEONARD CROW DOG;
STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP
CIR-ADW; WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIAL
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

The following closed files were reviewed on 6/5/75 and were found to contain no information pertaining to captioned matter:

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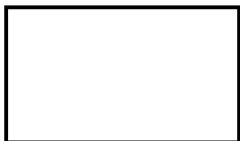
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In addition, the following pending cases assigned to writer were reviewed and found to contain no information re captioned matter:

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Date: 6/9/75

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, SAN ANTONIO
(PERSONAL ATTENTION: CHIEF CLERK)
FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (66-3626)
SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT
FILES FROM OTHER FBI OFFICES RE
LEONARD CROW DOG; ET AL; CIR - ADW

70-6123-Sub 1

Re Bureau teletype to all SAC's dated 6/4/75.

Enclosed for recipient office is one package containing one volume of informant files of your office submitted by your pursuant to referenced teletype and returned in accordance with your handling instructions.

On top of the package, you will find a copy of the inventory made by Minneapolis upon receipt of the files from your office.

② - San Antonio
(1 - Package) (AMSD) (RM) (RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED)
1 - Minneapolis
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*Rec'd 6/12/75
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Approved: *A.H. [Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-6123 Sub 1) DATE: 6/11/75

FROM : SA

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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT
FILES RE LEONARD CROW DOG;
STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP
CIR-ADW; WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIAL
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

The following pending informant files assigned to the writer were reviewed on 6/5/75, and no information pertaining to captioned matter was noted:



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-6123 Sub 1)

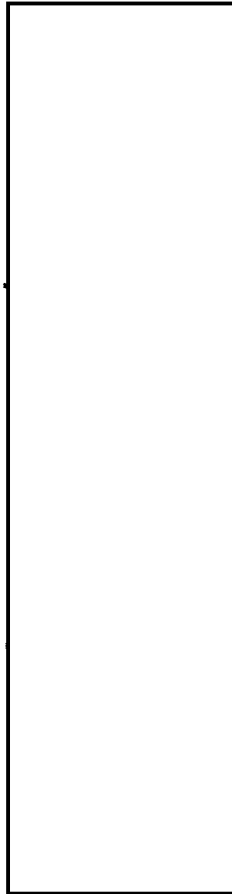
DATE: 6/11/75

FROM : SA JOHN M. KEMMY

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT FILES
OF LEONARD CROW DOG; STANLEY HOLDER;
CARTER CAMP
CIR-ADW; WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIAL
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA


Re memo to all headquarters city agents 6/4/75.

I reviewed the following files in accordance
with instructions set forth in referenced memo:

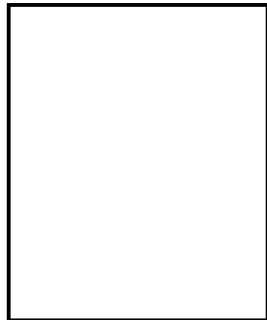


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(2) *CSW*

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-6123 Sub 1)(P) DATE: 6/12/75

FROM : SA

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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT
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STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP
CIR-ADW; WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIAL
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

Re all Headquarters City Agents, 6/4/75.

The following informant files assigned to writer
were reviewed and no information was found regarding the
Wounded Knee Affair:

70-6123 Sub 1-23

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (70-6123-SUB 1)

DATE: 6/16/75

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT
FILES RE LEONARD CROW DOG;
STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP
CIR-ADW; WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIAL
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

Re All Agents memo, 6/4/75

SAfile [REDACTED] reviewed and does not contain
information falling within the guidelines of referenced
communication.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-6123 Sub 1) DATE: 6/17/75


FROM : SA

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT
FILES RE LEONARD CROW DOG;
STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP
CIR-ADW; WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIAL
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

On 6/5/75, a check was made of the following closed files and revealed no information concerning above captioned matter:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-6123 Sub 1) DATE: 6/17/75

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT
FILES RE LEONARD CROW DOG;
STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP
CIR-ADW; WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIAL
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

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On 6/5/75, a check of all current criminal informant files assigned to writer, file numbers [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] was made and no information was found concerning above captioned matter.

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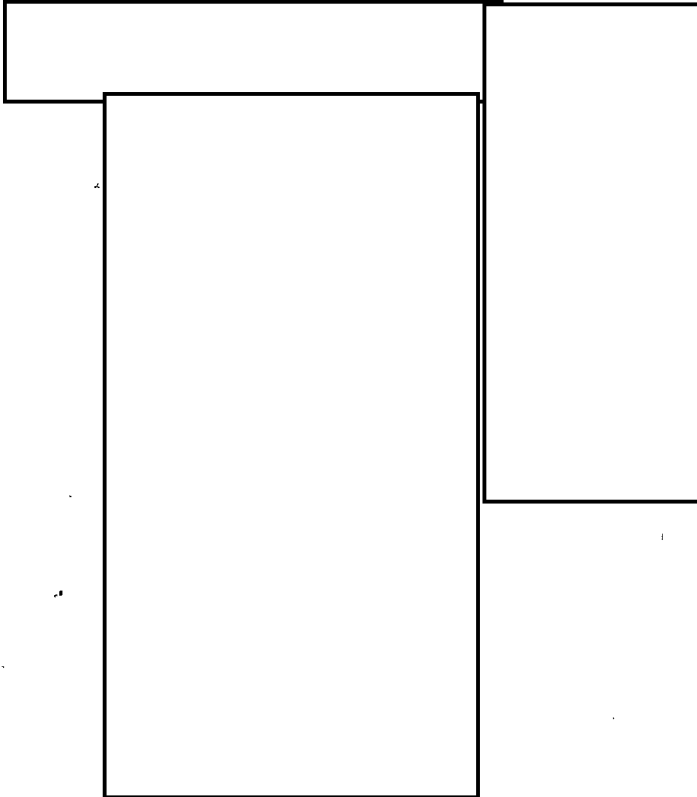
TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-6123 Sub 1) DATE: 6/16/75

FROM : SA JAMES E. KING

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF
INFORMANT FILES RE LEONARD CROW DOG;
STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP
CIR-ADW; WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP
TRIAL, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

Re Bureau teletype dated 6/4/75.

In accord with instructions contained in the re-
ferenced communication, the following informant files were
reviewed by Special Agent JAMES E. KING. No reference to
the Wounded Knee Affair was found during the course of the
review:



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① - San Antonio
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-~~6123~~) ^{6123 Sub 1}

DATE: 6/10/75

FROM : SA

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT
FILES RE LEONARD CROW DOG; STANLEY HOLDER;
CARTER CAMP;
CIR - ADW;
WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIAL
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

ReBuairtel 6/4/75 instructing review of all
and files from 1/1/73 - 5/31/75.

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The following files were reviewed with negative results by the writer on 6/5/75:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-6123 Sub 1)(C) DATE: 7/15/75

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF
INFORMANT FILES RE
LEONARD CROW DOG;
STANLEY HOLDER;
CARTER CAMP
CIR - ADW;
WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIAL,
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

A review of captioned revealed San Antonio file [redacted] which had been sent to Minneapolis, was returned to San Antonio on 6/12/75. A further review revealed all Agents effected by the Court Order of U. S. District Judge EDWARD J. MC MANUS, dated 5/30/75, have submitted the results of each of their files reviewed.

In view of the above, it is recommended this matter be closed administratively.

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Transmit in _____ Via Airtel

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To: SAC, Albany

7/10/75
(Date)

From: Director, FBI

ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF
INFORMANT FILES RE
LEONARD CROW DOG;
STANLEY HOLDER;
CARTER CAMP;
CIR - ADW
WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIAL,
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

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ReButel to all SACs dated 6/4/75.

Referenced communication requested field offices to review all informant files pending on or opened since January, 1973, regarding information furnished on captioned individuals and the Wounded Knee affair. Volumes containing information pertinent to U. S. District Judge (USDJ) Edward J. McManus' order of 5/30/75 were to be forwarded by courier to Minneapolis no later than 6/6/75.

All field offices are now being requested to prepare a cost analysis of the expense incurred in complying with USDJ McManus' order. This analysis should include cost of Agent time (both regular and overtime), cost of clerical time, cost of stenographic time, transportation costs, per diem, mail costs, cost of materials, such as Xerox paper, and any other costs pertinent to this project.

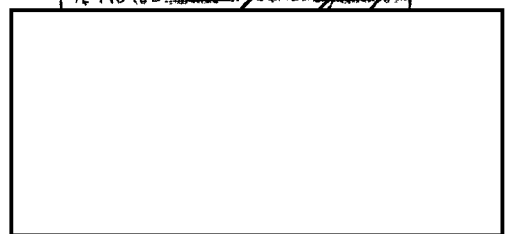
Each office was requested in referenced teletype to maintain administrative records on the informant project and these records should be utilized to facilitate the gathering of data for the cost analysis.

FBIHQ desires this overall cost analysis so that the Department of Justice can be advised as to the approximate

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2 - All Field Offices

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Airtel to SAC, Albany

RE: ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT FILES

financial expense incurred honoring such a request.

Results of your cost analysis are to reach FBIHQ no later than Monday, 8/4/75.

7/25/75

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-6123--Sub 1)

RE: ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF
 INFORMANT FILES RE
 LEONARD CROW DOG;
 STANLEY HOLDER;
 CARTER CAMP;
 CIR - ADW
 WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIAL,
 CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

Re Bureau airtel to Albany, 7/10/75.

A cost analysis of the expenses incurred by the San Antonio Division in complying with the order of USDJ EDWARD J. MC MANUS, as requested in the referenced communication, is as follows:

102 hours (including 10 overtime hours) of Agent and Supervisory time	\$1210
20 hours (including 1 overtime hour) of clerical time	95
Stenographic cost	32
Transportation cost (air)	192
Per diem	62
Motor vehicle cost	55
Telephone calls	6
Cost of materials, including Xerox	10

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BLIND NOTE: In view of fact all investigation completed within San Antonio Division, it is recommended this case -be closed administratively.

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FILES AND RECORDS DESTRUCTION ORDER

Date 7/25/75

TO: SAC, SAN ANTONIO

FROM: SA

RE: File No. SA 70-6123--SUB 1

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I have reviewed this file, and under the criteria set forth in Part II, Section 3, of Manual of Rules and Regulations, this file should be:

Destroyed

under the 120-day Rule 1-year Rule 5-year Rule 10-year Rule

Retained

Justification for Retention is as Follows:

**DO NOT DESTROY - PENDING
LITIGATION**

Case Agent's Initials

Supervisor's Initials

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