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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MINNEAPOLIS	MINNEAPOLIS	3/12/75	2/26 - 3/12/75

TITLE OF CASE

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS;
[redacted]
[redacted] (PHONETIC);
(CONTINUED)

REPORT MADE BY: SA JOHN E. MC CARTY — TYPED BY: pms

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE: Minneapolis tel to Bureau, 2/26/75.

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[redacted]

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☐ NONE

CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES	ACQUIT-TALS

CASE HAS BEEN:
PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO
PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☐ NO

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[redacted] - VICTIM;

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

An extra copy of this report was disseminated to Departmental Attorney [redacted] Civil Rights Division, Indian Section, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 604, Todd Building, Washington, D.C., at Rapid City, South Dakota.

An extra copy of this report was prepared for Minneapolis Division due to complicated nature of current interrelated investigations concerning a variety of incidents on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Departmental Attorney [redacted] advised a special Federal Grand Jury will be convened on [redacted] to [redacted]

LEAD:

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AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA:

1. Continue efforts to obtain weapons for ballistics comparison and submit bullet fragments to Laboratory.

2. Determine identity of registered owner of South Dakota license [redacted]

3. Determine feasibility of interviewing those subjects not yet contacted.

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Copy to: 1 - Departmental Attorney [redacted]
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Report of: SA JOHN E. MC CARTY
Date: March 12, 1975

Office: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Field Office File #: 70-9734

Bureau File #:

Title: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS;
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UNSUBS:
[redacted] - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM

Character: CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION - ASSAULT WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON

Synopsis: Victims advised vehicle occupied by them shot into near Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Indian Reservation airport 2/26/75. No injuries incurred. Subjects identified by victims or witnesses who observed shooting. Attorney will not allow interview of [redacted] refused interview. [redacted] denies participation in shooting incident. Bullet holes found in [redacted] vehicle which is property of Oglala Sioux Tribe. Lead fragments recovered. Van containing several subjects stopped near Wounded Knee, South Dakota subsequent to shooting but no arrests or charges made. Shell and shell casings found at airport. Numerous witnesses present at time of shooting incident. Weapons seized by local authorities not yet available for ballistic examination. [redacted] and [redacted] being held on local murder charges. [redacted] being held on charge of felony in possession of firearms. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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[redacted] contacted SA [redacted] and SA [redacted], at his home in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, as they were preparing to examine the tribal car assigned to [redacted] gave permission for Agents to conduct a crime scene investigation of the car and stated that the car received bullet holes on February 26, 1975, when it was shot up near the Pine Ridge airport.

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After the crime scene investigation of the car was completed [redacted] was advised that Agents wished to interview [redacted] concerning the incidents at the Pine Ridge Court House, a shooting of an airplane at the Pine Ridge Airport, and the shooting of [redacted] car near the airport, and assault on some American Indian Movement (AIM) attorneys at the Pine Ridge Airport all of which occurred on February 26, 1975.

[redacted] advised that he was very bitter about the fact that the AIM leaders, attorneys, and members could commit crimes on the reservation without being prosecuted. He stated that the AIM was a terroristic - Communist organization who the Justice Department did nothing about. [redacted] advised that he though the good people of the Pine Ridge Community would end up being the subjects of any investigation rather than the AIM persons who committed crimes. [redacted] did consent to interview.

[redacted] advised that sometime before noon on February 26, 1975, he heard that the AIM was going to come to Pine Ridge in a caravan. [redacted] heard that the caravan was going to disrupt Pine Ridge Council which was then meeting. [redacted] was listening to a citizens band radio and heard that RUSSELL MEANS and several other individuals were en route to Pine Ridge in a van. [redacted] drove to the Pine Ridge meeting in his tribal vehicle and after seeing that the meeting was proceeding as usual he began to cruise the town of Pine Ridge. As he was cruising he saw a group of people standing in front of the Pine Ridge Court House. He also saw a van parked near the court house. The van had a spare tire on the back. The spare tire was covered with a wheel cover and had a design of an Indian on it. There was a dark colored Pontiac and an

Interviewed on 2/28/75 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota File # MP 70-9729

SA [redacted]
by SA [redacted] pms Date dictated 3/6/75

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El Camino near the van. [redacted] advised that he was concerned for the safety of his wife [redacted] who works in the Court House. [redacted] drove to the area of the Court House and parked his car. [redacted] brother-in-law [redacted] stayed in the car. b6 b7C

[redacted] saw RUSSELL MEANS standing near the Court House in a leopard skin coat. [redacted] also saw a person he knows as [redacted] an ex-convict, standing near MEANS. [redacted] crossed the street and a [redacted] family member who had his arm in a sling said, "I bet I could tear you up". RUSSELL MEANS said something like, "How are you doing?" [redacted] answered, "Good til you got here. You had your fun for 71 days during Wounded Knee while the rest of the people on the reservation suffered". At this point [redacted] suggested that he and MEANS "bump heads" meaning they should fight. Police Chief SKI JACOBS came up to MEANS and [redacted] at this point and calmed the situation down and at the same time [redacted] arrived. [redacted] suggested to [redacted] they should go into the court room to see what was happening. [redacted] and [redacted] entered the Pine Ridge courthouse. In the reception or front area of the court house there was [redacted] and some women. [redacted] asked [redacted] something like, "How you bein doing". [redacted] said, "Well til we met. Would you like to bump heads". [redacted] said he would not like to fight.

[redacted] and [redacted] looked into the Pine Ridge Prosecutor's Office and saw a non-Indian male, lawyer - hippie type with long hair situated "talking at" [redacted]

[redacted] left the Court House and went outside where he was with [redacted] and [redacted] While he was outside he saw [redacted] (Phonetic) of Mission, South Dakota. [redacted] was calling [redacted] a big mouth and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police Officer [redacted] told [redacted] to back off. [redacted] kept "mouthing off". At about this time [redacted] hit somebody. [redacted] then moved towards RUSSELL MEANS and everyone including RUSSELL MEANS began to get in the van. When [redacted] was unable to get to MEANS he tried to reach [redacted] who was also getting in the van. [redacted] (Phonetic) of the Pine Ridge Probation Office, blocked [redacted] from getting to [redacted] stated that [redacted] is a friend of [redacted]

[redacted] saw [redacted] and [redacted] get in the van. b6 b7C
They got in through the open side door of the van. There was a blanket behind the door. When this blanket was pulled back to allow their entrance of the persons leaving the Court House [redacted] saw at least two men who were behind the driver in the back of the van. RUSSELL MEANS was seated in the front passenger swivel seat of the van. [redacted] pushed up to the front of the van and hit RUSSELL MEANS who was looking back on the left hand side of MEANS face. At this time MEANS was wearing sun glasses which flew from his head.

The van was being driven by [redacted]

The interview was discontinued at this point as [redacted] wife had indicated that his supper was ready. [redacted] advised he would continue the interview the next day even though the order had gone out to "clam up and make themselves scarce".

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The interview of [redacted] which began on February 28, 1975, was continued on March 1, 1975, at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Headquarters building.

[redacted] advised [redacted] was driving the van. The van containing RUSSELL MEANS and some other people went in an easterly direction out of Pine Ridge, South Dakota. He, [redacted] and [redacted] followed the van. He really did not know what his group was going to do if they caught up with the van. After they were proceeding east out of Pine Ridge, an El Camino pulled in front of him and kept going. b6 b7C

When the van and two cars with it reached the Pine Ridge Airport, the three vehicles pulled off into the airport approach and stopped. Several men jumped out and he noted three of them holding guns. One of the men was possibly [redacted] (phonetic), who was holding a rifle. He himself was driving his car and did not get a good look at the people in the van group, but he does believe that [redacted] and [redacted] also had shoulder weapons.

He kept going on past the airport and as he did, the three men with guns all turned and shot at his vehicle. His car was not struck at that time, however, at the first approach to the left past the airport, he pulled in and stopped. He could still hear shots being fired at that time.

About that time [redacted] pulled up and stopped his vehicle on the south side of the road. Several other vehicles arrived about that time and also stopped. He could hear bullets going over their heads.

The van then started driving east on the highway through a group of vehicles stopped near his. He backed

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by SA JOHN E. MC CARTY and SA [redacted] JEM/lec Date dictated 3/5/75

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his car out of the driveway to stop the van, however, suddenly a door on the van opened, shots were fired at him, and his back window was shot out. Because of this, he backed onto the approach on the other side of the road and the van kept going.

There were two cars following the van, one about a 1964 or 1965 dark Pontiac. He could not describe the second vehicle. Shots were fired at he and [redacted] as these two cars with the van went past. He believes his car was hit at this time. b6 b7C

He had no weapon with him at this time and he saw no weapon with any of the people in his group. After the van and car went on past, he and [redacted] again chased after them. At what is known as the East Dam the van and cars again pulled over and stopped and shots were fired in their direction from those vehicles. Because of this and before he reached the point where the van had stopped, he pulled off into the ditch. He and [redacted] were alone in his vehicle at this time. After going into the ditch, he got back onto the highway and headed back west. He could not estimate the number of shots that were fired at them only that there were a lot of them. Some were fired very rapidly and sounded to him like automatic weapon fire.

As he and [redacted] drove back toward Pine Ridge, they met [redacted] and quite a large group of people including, he believes, [redacted] Someone said to get their guns. At this time [redacted] appeared to have been just coming out from Pine Ridge. He told [redacted] what had occurred. The group then went back into Pine Ridge where at least some of the group, he is not sure just who, obtained weapons and then all just cruised around for a while. After this about 25 people including himself met at what is known as the East Gas Station.

[redacted], [redacted] and another [redacted] were in the group. They discussed what

action they should take for a while and some time later during the meeting RICHARD WILSON joined the group. After a while the group just decided to cruise around, so they disbursed.

He took his car back to the jail where the police photographed it, and then he and [redacted] continued cruising around. Sometime later he saw [redacted] talking to [redacted] and SIEVERT YOUNG BEAR in the BIA parking lot. At this point he was asked to furnish the times involved in the various incidents that took place. He stated he really cannot recall any of the times involved. b6 b7C

At this point he stated that some unknown salesman for the Colonial Products Co. told him on February 28, 1975, that he had been at the airport and had seen the entire incident. All he knows about this man is that he sells cleaning products to various agencies on the reservation.

At this point SA MC CARTY asked [redacted] if anything took place when he saw YOUNG BEAR and [redacted] then stated "here comes the assault." A statement of rights was then furnished to [redacted] and he read it. Upon completing it he stated he had read it and does understand it but that he wanted to talk to a lawyer before signing it. [redacted] was then asked if there was any information he would care to furnish concerning the allegation that RICHARD WILSON and a group of people, possibly involving himself, had been involved in an assault on some people at the Pine Ridge Airport or might have been involved in a shooting of an airplane at the airport. [redacted] then said "I'm not afraid, I'm an ex-cop and I know you need information. I'll sign it." He then proceeded to execute a waiver of rights.

He stated that he and [redacted] parked his car when they saw [redacted] YOUNG BEAR, and some authorities from Nebraska talking. He stopped beside them having decided to tell them what he thought of YOUNG BEAR and [redacted] He approached the group and stated to YOUNG BEAR and [redacted] something like, "I'll bet I could knock your heads off." [redacted] then got in between him and the others so he backed off and he and [redacted] left. He advised that [redacted] and [redacted] saw the whole deal and they saw that there was no physical assault at all at that time. YOUNG BEAR and [redacted] went on into the Tribal Jail. He, [redacted] and various other people just parked

on the street in front of a church about a half a block from the jail. He just talked to various people that came by. Somewhere around 6:00 p.m. he and [redacted] left the group. YOUNG BEAR and [redacted] were still in the jail when he left, as far as he knows. He then went home and stayed there the balance of the night, and there was no other problem that he was aware of. b6 b7C

Prior to the incident at the courthouse, he had heard a rumor that a caravan of people were coming in and that some with the American Indian Movement (AIM) were coming in by plane. He imagined that there probably were people that were watching for them. He had no idea personally as to who was in the plane and did not notice an airplane at the airport. He did not know until the next day that the plane had even been shot up, when he heard a rumor to that effect.

While at the East Filling Station making their plans, a message came over someone's citizens band radio that there was a carload of AIMers at the airport. He was talking to [redacted] and [redacted] at this time. Several carloads of his group did take off to go to the airport to check this out. He himself did not go out at all. He, [redacted] and [redacted] talked for maybe another ten minutes. [redacted] and [redacted] stayed with them. There were quite a few people around at the time. [redacted] told him the police wanted to check his car so he and [redacted] took the car to the police station. [redacted] came to the station a very short time after he and [redacted] arrived there. He cannot set a time as to how long after he arrived at the police station that [redacted] arrived saying "it was just a very few minutes." Later while parked on the street after the incident with [redacted] and YOUNG BEAR, someone told him that a Chicano had been beaten up.

SA MC CARTY then asked him if he had been at the airport when the people were beaten up. He said he does not want to answer that and that there is nothing else he can tell about the alleged beating at the airport. He then continued on to say he does know what happened and there were about 15 people involved. He said, however, he would

want to talk to a lawyer before furnishing any names of people involved.

[redacted] said there were three women and three men, that they were real obnoxious, and had their doors locked. He stated there were no women beaten up at all and that "we are not women beaters." He was then asked if there was anything he could tell regarding the incident to which he replied that things just happened, that he saw some of it and that the women covered the men. One person in the car was a long stringy haired white man that he had seen earlier in the day giving [redacted] a bad time in the courthouse at which time MEANS and [redacted] were in the courthouse. He stated then that his reason for being at the courthouse was because his wife works there and he wanted to protect her.

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[redacted] then stated that things happened too fast at the airport and he cannot give a play by play description of what happened, nor could he give any more information regarding the alleged beating. He stated he did not have a watch with him on that date. He then stated he wanted to talk to a lawyer before he signs any statement, that he wants to cooperate all he can, however, he feels he was a victim not a subject, but has to protect whatever rights he has.

The following description was obtained through personal observation and interview:

Sex:	Male
Race:	American Indian
Date of birth:	[redacted]
Place of birth:	Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Height:	6'
Weight:	185
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Hazel
Marital status:	Married

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Education: High school graduate plus [redacted] b6 b7C school.

Social Security No.: [redacted]
Scars and marks:

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[redacted] advised that during the incident at the Pine Ridge courthouse on February 26, 1975, [redacted] back-handed a person who had his arm in a sling.

[redacted] advised that this person with his arm in a sling even though small in status offered to knock [redacted] head off. [redacted] stated he was sure the sling contained a weapon.

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[redacted] was shown a photograph of [redacted] identified [redacted] as the person with his arm in a sling.

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SA [redacted] oms.

by Date dictated 3/4/75

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[redacted] was accidentally met at the entry way to the Tribal Office Building as Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) PHILIP F. ENLOW and SA JOHN E. MC CARTY were leaving that building. During a brief conversation with [redacted] he was told that difficulty was being experienced in getting witnesses who are reputed to be [redacted] followers to talk. [redacted] replied that he is disappointed in the whole deal, that the Pine Ridge Village is holding its first organizational meeting today. He said, "this is not tribal, just the village. They just aren't going to let this happen again." [redacted] then volunteered that he would announce at the meeting that the people in his group "can talk to the FBI or not, if they choose." [redacted] then advised that the dark blue Pontiac involved with the van in which MEANS rode had South Dakota license [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) building, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and of the identity of [redacted] a criminal investigator, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and of the purpose of the interview by SA [redacted] at which time he provided the following signed statement:

"Pine Ridge, SD
"3/1/75

"I, [redacted] also known as [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the FBI and [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Criminal Investigator for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). No threats or promises have been made. b6 b7C

"I am an Indian Male living with [redacted] on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. I was born [redacted] at Pine Ridge, SD. I currently work for the Oglala Sioux Indian Tribe for the Oglala Sioux Rangers.

"At approximately 2 pm on Wednesday, 2/26/74, I was at work at the Planning Center at the Pine Ridge Airport. I heard that someone telephoned the office and said a lot of members of the American Indian Movement (AIM) were on their way to Pine Ridge, SD. I do not know who the caller was. I left work and drove into town alone. I was in a 1969 Chevrolet stationwagon, green in color. I drove around Billy Mills Hall, and seeing nothing drove to the court house. There I saw 20 to 25 AIM members standing around harassing JOE JACOBS and [redacted] two BIA policemen. By harassing I mean pushing around. I heard both [redacted] and [redacted] yelling 'Pigs' and 'Fucking Pigs' to JACOBS and [redacted] I saw [redacted] or [redacted]

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[redacted] go up to JACOBS and grab JACOBS badge & shake it as he called JACOBS a Pig. I also saw a young Indian Male with his right arm in a white sling and he was yelling at everyone who was around.

"At this time someone, I don't know who, gave me an elbow blow to the left side. I back handed this person and he fell down.

"I saw the following other AIM people who I recognized: RUSS MEANS, [redacted] and [redacted] There were 20 to 25 people in 8 or 9 cars and a green van. I saw a blue Pontiac, Maroon Falcon, White Pickup, and a blue El Camero, that I recall. b6 b7C

"At this time MEANS started getting into the back of the van. There was a blanket, I believe a green army blanket, covering the back of the van. When MEANS lifted back the blanket I saw three Indian males, long haired, I'd say in their 20's, sitting on the floor each holding rifles. I could not identify any of these men or their rifles.

"I saw a couple of men wearing hunting knives in cases on their belts. [redacted] was one who was carrying a hunting knife. [redacted] also had a hunting knife. I don't recall any others with knives.

"MEANS was then sitting in the front of the van on a swinging chair and yelling out the side window to the BIA police officers. I couldn't hear what he was saying, however.

"JACOBS then said to me and about 20 or 25 of us to back off and let the AIM'ers go. We did back off and they left. The El Cameno and white pickup went north on highway 18 and the rest went east on highway 18. All vehicles were packed with people.

[redacted] brother-in-law, and I went east to go back to work. I left my car with my uncle in Pine Ridge and I was in [redacted] car as he

was giving me a Ridge. Duane has a 75 Chevrolet, red in color. As we started to slow down for the turn off into the Planning Center I saw the van, El Cameno, blue Pontica, and maybe two or three other cars including the red Falcon & white pickup. We were still moving and on the highway when I saw [redacted] and [redacted] standing along side of the van and someone inside the van, whom I can not identify, was handing out rifles. Each of the four above mentioned people were already armed with a couple .30 calibrr carbines and a couple more rifles which I am sure were automatics or semi automatics. We drove right by and we ducked as they started firing at us. I would estimate there were 25 rounds fired in an extremely short period of time. I saw [redacted] put his weapon to his shoulder and point it towards our car. I did not actually see a muzzle blast of [redacted] or the others as I was ducking. The bullets did not hit the car, to my knowledge, that time. b6 b7C

"We stopped at the turn off at [redacted] and [redacted] ran from the road to the house to call for help. I'm not sure who he called.

[redacted] & I stood by the car for about 5 minutes when about 10 more cars came from Pine Ridge, SD. These were Rangers and other people I consider friendly to me. These people were [redacted] and other I can not recall right now.

"The AIM Falcon then passed by us going fast and towards Wounded Knee, SD, with [redacted] driving and full of women. We didn't see them again that afternoon. At the samettime we could see the van going back towards the airport and turning around. It then drove onto the highway and drove towards us. I can not identify the driver. When the van was about 100 yards away we backed onto the highway to try to stop the van. At this time people inside the van were already firing at us from the window on the drivers side. About 75 shots were fired. There was also a car, I think the El Camero, in front of the van, the Pontiac and white pickup were behind the van. I also saw rifles point-

ing out of the El Cameno. They all drove by us firing. By this time we were on the south side of the highway where the other guys (Rangers, etc) were. No one in the Ranger group had guns and we did not have any weapons and no fire was returned. In the ditch on the south side were [redacted] b6 b7C and others I can not recall.

"At this time I'm sure [redacted] truck was hit this time. This time the car I was in, the red Chevy, was also hit in the hub cap. I'm not sure where else it was hit at that time.

"We checked to be sure no one was shot and were sure no one was. Then [redacted] I drove east to see the whereabouts of the AIM'ers. We were not chasing them. We were in the red Chevy. There were still no policemen in sight. As we came around the corner on the other side of east dam turnoff the van was parked there and four men were standing there. They were [redacted] and [redacted] with what appeared to be the same weapons. They started firing & we stopped and drove into the ditch on the right hand side of the road. We were about 150 yards from them. We jumped out and got on the right hand side of the car and stayed low. There must have been 30 to 40 rounds fired at us. One round hit the side left rear window and one the front window. We could also hear the rounds go over out head and hit the dirt around us.

"Each of the above four had their weapons pointed at us when we were driving down the road. We turned off the road so fast that I didn't see any muzzle fire. I was staying low. After about three or four minutes we backed out. I was now driving. I drove up the ditch about 50 yards, away from the van, then I drove onto the highway.

"We then went back to the turnoff by [redacted] and there were about 4 police cars there. I recognized [redacted] I think [redacted] and others I do not recall. We told them we were being shot at and they all drove towards where the van was. It must have been about 2:30 pm and 3:00 pm at this time.

"We then returned to Pine Ridge, SD.

"I have heard automatic weapons fire and I am sure we were fired at by automatic weapons.

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"I do not know anything of a beating at the Pine Ridge Airport. I did not see any whites in the vicinity of the airport while all this was going on.

"I [redacted] have read the 8 page statement and that it is true to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted] 3-1/75

"Witnessed: [redacted] Special Agent, FBI.

At the conclusion of preparing the statement NATHAN C. MERRICK left.

The following information was obtained from WILSON or noted during the interview:

Name	[redacted], also known as [redacted]
Address	Living with [redacted]
Telephone Number	[redacted]
Employer	Lakota Sand & Gravel Company Pine Ridge, SD
Position	Part owner - Lakot Sand & Gravel Company

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Race	Indian
Sex	Male
Height	5 feet 7 inches
Weight	140 pounds
Color Eyes	Brown
Color Hair	Black
Tattoos	[redacted] b6 b7C
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Social Security Account Number	[redacted]
Education	High school graduate
Military Service	None
Marital Status	Divorced
Arrests	None admitted

"March 3, 1975

"I, [redacted] also known as [redacted] have made the following statements to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and that they wanted to discuss the disturbance at the Court House on Wednesday, February 26, 1975, at approximately 2:00 PM and the shooting incident that occurred near the airport at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. I am an indian male D.O.B [redacted] place of birth, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, an American citizen, graduated from high school at Oglala Community School in 1973 and can read and understand the English language. b6 b7C

"On 2/26/75, at approximately 2:30 pm I was with [redacted] in [redacted] car, drove up to the Court House and parked near the stop sign. As I arrived at the Court House, I saw a green, I think a Dodge van with Iowa license plate. The van had a spare tire on the rear, and a cover was on it and the cover had an indian outline on the cover. The outline was of the indians face and shoulder. I also saw an El Comino, blue and white that belonged to [redacted] parked behind the van. I was sitting in the front seat in [redacted] car which was parked in the parking lot facing the Law and Order building. [redacted] then got out and walked over and stood on the sidewalk near [redacted] car. [redacted] was standing

there for a few minutes and then [redacted] walk over from the front of the Court House and began talking with [redacted] left and Russell Means, and two other male indians came walking up to [redacted] All three, including Means walked out of the Court House. They all talked with [redacted] for a few minutes. Means then came over to the car and talked with me for a few minutes as he is my cousin. Then I saw [redacted] drive up and then park in front of the van. [redacted] then talked with Means. I then saw [redacted] and [redacted] walk out of the Court House and start walking toward the street in front of the Court House. I then turned around and heard a lot of noise and then I turned around. As I turned around I saw Russell Means and his group going toward the van. I saw [redacted] at one time hold [redacted] back and then Ski Jacobs hold [redacted] back from the Means group. I think they wanted to fight but I didn't see any fight. Some girls then said, let's get the hell out of hear.

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"The van then drove off and drove through the "BIA parking lot and drive East toward the airport. I got back into [redacted] car along with [redacted] and [redacted] then drove off toward the airport after the van. [redacted] wanted to follow the van and was mad because of what happened in the court house.

"As we all approached the airport I was sitting in the right rear passenger seat in [redacted] car. As we approached the airport I saw the green van parked in the enterance driveway to the airport in front of the white house. The van was facing South. I saw some people outside the van. As we passed the van I saw [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] I believe [redacted] and others. At this time [redacted] shot at us in the car. I saw [redacted] is a shooting position like shooting a rifle, and heard a noise like someone was shooting a rifle. I saw a puff of smoke. At this time I yelled to [redacted] and [redacted] that they were shooting at us. I then dropped down down in my seat and then the floor. As I ducked down there was at least two more shots fired at me and the car.

"I believed I saw a long gun being held by [redacted] I saw at least three guns but don't know who the other person was holding the gun.

[redacted] then pulled into the [redacted] driveway down the road from the airport. After we pulled into the driveway we all "bailed out" of the car on the passanger side and hid behind the car. I was very scared and fear of my life. I stayed beside the car for a few minutes.

and then ran to the [redacted] house to call the police". [redacted] was there in the house and said "What's going on, I heard those gun shots". I couldn't get my breath and asked him to call the police. [redacted] and his wife along with [redacted] both drove up in their pick-ups. I was standing in the back of the house telling everyone what was going on. Suddenly I heard several shots being fired. This was just after I saw the van drive out of the driveway from the airport. I was on the porch when I heard several shots being fired. I ran into the house to see what was going on. I couldn't see anything as I looked out the window to the front door. I could see some cars in the same area near the spot that [redacted] car was when I got out. I ran back through the house and went to the back porch, looked over and saw the van driving east on the highway toward the Wounded Knee junction. I know it is the same van because I saw the same indian design and the green color. I also saw [redacted] El Comino and a white pickup following the van. I then got in [redacted] pick-up and drove out the drive way and turned west on the highway. I didn't see [redacted] car and drove on past and parked on a turn out, just before you get to the airport on the South side of the highway. Stayed there for a few minutes talking about twenty-minutes. This whole think took place between

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2:30 PM and 3:30 PM. After talking with [redacted] for awhile I then got into [redacted] pick-up and then drove into Pine Ridge, South Dakota. b6 b7C

"I have read this statement which consists of six pages. I have initialed all corrections and I now sign this statement which I gave freely and vollentarily. This statement is true and correct to best of my knowledge.

"/s [redacted]
3/3/75

Witnessed:

"/s/ [redacted], SA, FBI, Rapid City SD 3/3/75.

"/s/SA [redacted] FBI, Rapid City, S.D. 3/3/75.

"I, [redacted] hereby voluntarily furnish the following signed statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents for the FBI. No threats or promises have been made to me regarding this statement.

On 2/26/75 I was in Pine Ridge, SD, at approximately 1:30 pm or 2:00 pm. I was with my boss, [redacted] in [redacted] jeep. We were driving to my place of employment, the Ranger Station, Planning Center, Pine Ridge, SD, and observed four vehicles, described as follows, turn into the Planning Center:

A green van, white pickup, blue and white Chevy El Camino pickup, and a big car dark blue, possibly a Pontiac. These four vehicles drove to the fence in the planning center, about 150 yards from Highway 18, turned around, and parked at the entrance to the planning center. b6 b7C

I and [redacted] stopped at his residence, a trailer house near the planning center. This trailer house is about 300 yards from where the green van stopped.

All four vehicles were parked for about 15 minutes, then all 4 vehicles pulled out on highway 18 and drove east. I heard approximately 30 shots, fast, which shots appeared to come from these four vehicles. I did not see anybody get out of these four vehicles. These four vehicles had about 20 or 25 individuals in them, and appeared to be shooting at vehicles which were parked on the south side of highway 18. My pickup, a 1972 Ford, blue, was parked in the group of vehicles on the south side of highway 18. My pickup was shot in the right rear part of the cab.

I recognized RUSSELL MEANS, [redacted] and [redacted] as being part of RUSSELL MEANS' group. [redacted] owned the Chevrolet El Camino in this group of four vehicles.

After this shooting, RUSSELL MEANS and his crew headed east, and I drove to Pine Ridge in my pickup.

On 2/26/75, about 11:00 am, I observed a blue and white plane land at the Pine Ridge airport, and individuals from this plane got in a green convertible. A heavy set guy, looked like a negro, got out of this plane.

I don't know anything about any shooting of this plane.

I don't know anything about any beating of individuals at the Pine Ridge Planning Center on 2/26/75.

I observed the following people at the area of the planning center on 2/26/75: [redacted] b6 b7C

After the shooting about 50 people came to the scene to see what happened.

I was born 5/1/53, Pine Ridge, SD.

I [redacted] have read the above statement of 4 pages and now sign it, because it is true to the best of my knowledge."

"/s/ [redacted] "2-28-75"

"Witnessed: [redacted] Special Agent, FBI [redacted] SA, FBI, Rapid City, SD 2/28/75."

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THEODORE TIBBITTS, Chief Judge, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, upon interview furnished the following information:

TIBBITTS advised that at about 2:00 p.m. on February 26, 1975, a group of Indian males, led by RUSSELL MEANS, came into the courtroom and rudely disrupted the court offices. TIBBITTS advised that there was no court in session at the time and that he was in his offices toward the rear of the courtroom. TIBBITTS advised that the prosecutor's office and clerk's offices were open.

TIBBITTS stated that an Indian male, later identified to him as a [redacted], phonetic spelling, who is from Rosebud, South Dakota, and who appeared to be the most boisterous of the group, came to TIBBITTS' office door. According to TIBBITTS, this man appeared to be in an intoxicated condition and was demanding that I hold trial for [redacted]. TIBBITTS advised [redacted] that no trials were scheduled and asked the man to leave. TIBBITTS stated that he closed the door and before he could return to his desk the door was thrown open with such force that it "banged" against the wall making a loud noise. b6 b7C

TIBBITTS advised he went to the door and approached the man, [redacted] At this point he asked the man to leave the courtroom. TIBBITTS stated that as he was talking to this man at this point, he looked out into the courtroom and saw RUSSELL MEANS standing in the courtroom with four to five other male individuals. All of these men appeared to be shouting and hollering obscenities and all appeared to intoxicated. TIBBITTS advised that he then closed his office door and being concerned for the personnel in their offices, left the court building and went to the police department next door to get help.

TIBBITTS advised that the police arrived in about fifteen minutes. The police made no arrests, which TIBBITTS stated that they had every right to as the group was disturbing the peace and were intoxicated in public which are violations of the Oglala Sioux Tribal codes.

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by SA [redacted] and SA DONALD G. WILEY DGW/amj Date dictated 3/2/75

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TIBBITTS advised that after the police arrived the crowd, who had entered the court building, left and went outside. TIBBITTS stated that at this point he left the court building to keep other appointments.

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[redacted] Oglala Sioux Tribal Office, furnished the following information: b6 b7C

She worked on February 26, 1975, until about 3:30 p.m. She is not sure of the times involved, but stated it could not be much earlier or later than 3:30 p.m. She left work with [redacted] About 2:00 p.m. [redacted] had called in from the Planning Center stating the AIM was there. A little later [redacted] got on the phone and went to call the police. She seemed to be very excited. She said nothing regarding any shooting in the area and nothing about any aircraft. Up until that point this is the only thing [redacted] had heard to indicate to her that anything was wrong.

After leaving work she and [redacted] drove around a little bit, then went to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) parking lot because they saw a car there that had been shot up. She stopped there around 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

At the parking lot she saw [redacted] SIEVERT YOUNG BEAR, "SKI" JACOBS, [redacted] and [redacted] All were just standing around. She opened the door to her car and heard [redacted] furnishing some white guys who were in the group the names of other people in the group. She noted there were two white men with this group of people. [redacted] got out and stood by their car. She saw no trouble, no fights or arguments of any kind. After staying about ten minutes she and [redacted] left the area. The other people that she had previously met were still there when they left. She claimed she had heard nothing else said by anyone.

She and [redacted] drove around for a while, then parked in front of the pottery shop. They parked on the street and said they were just being snoopy. While there were cars constantly pulling in and out, she denied having talked to anyone at that scene. She saw [redacted], and

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[redacted] in the parking lot in the BIA building and that there were a lot of cars in the lot. She said she did not know who the occupants of these cars were or if they were with [redacted] and [redacted] or not. She did not see [redacted] and YOUNG BEAR at that time. They stayed there for about one hour and then said that [redacted] did come over and talk to them for a very short time. She cannot recall what [redacted] said, but remembers he was quite excited. She saw no weapons in the possession of anyone in the area. She also heard at that time that [redacted] and YOUNG BEAR were in the Tribal Jail, but does not know why they were there. She did not see them go into or come out of the Tribal Jail. b6 b7C

She then claimed that there was no crowd in the area and that she saw no occupants in the cars in the parking lot. She just saw a lot of traffic. After about an hour, [redacted] and [redacted] drove off, so she and [redacted] drove off. She at first said there was no one in the area when she and [redacted] left, then changed to state that there were cars parked on both sides of the street.

[redacted] advised she has lived here all her life and proclaimed she could not identify anyone that was in the area other than those two mentioned. She is sure there were no tribal officials at the scene as all were at the tribal session.

Tribal President DICK WILSON came to the Tribal Office about one hour after [redacted] had called in from the Planning Center. He was alone at the time. She told him that the girls who work in the Tribal Office were worried so he told them he would let them go home. She did not see any weapons in WILSON's possession, but did notice he was wearing faded jeans, and a blue windbreaker, and sunglasses at the time. He said nothing about any trouble. She assumed he had just come in from the Council meeting. He stayed in the office for about five minutes, then left. She was too busy trying to get out of the office to ask WILSON any questions.

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She and [redacted] were riding in [redacted] car that day. She also noted that during the afternoon while she was still at work she was in and out of the Tribal Office Building, and on one occasion prior to the time she left work, she saw [redacted] outside the building with his car. He told her it had been shot up. Just [redacted] was with [redacted] at this time. This was about one hour before DICK WILSON, SR., came back to the Tribal Office. She saw no weapon at that time. She did look into the car and heard [redacted] saying, "they shot at him." He also mentioned something about the van and an automatic weapon. She has no idea why he came back to the Tribal Office Building. Just [redacted] and the women from the Tribal Office who had gone out to look at the car were there at the time. [redacted] said she went back in and out of the Tribal Office Building frequently to check the telephone switchboard. She then said there was nothing else that she could furnish regarding this incident.

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At about 7:30 p.m [redacted] telephonically contacted SA MC CARTY. It was explained to [redacted] that information had been received that [redacted] (phonetic), RUSSELL MEANS, [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] were reportedly at the Pine Ridge Airport at approximately the time of the assault on [redacted] and his group. It was explained to [redacted] the FBI would like to interview these people as potential witnesses, and it was also explained to him that they are potential subjects in the shooting of a tribal vehicle. It was explained to him that that it was believed this might be a method best for all concerned if they could be interviewed in a neutral area, and it was assumed they would not want to come into Pine Ridge.

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[redacted] said that at that time he has no idea as to how to contact these people, but that he doubts very much that RUSSELL MEANS would talk to the FBI. He does represent [redacted] and stated [redacted] is not interested in talking to the FBI as he has another charge pending against him now. [redacted] stated he seriously doubts any of the group would talk to the FBI, but he would make an effort to contact them to see if they would be willing to be interviewed.

He then said that as a complainant he left MEANS and [redacted] at Wounded Knee prior to the assault on his group. He does not recall having seen [redacted] or [redacted] at that time. At Wounded Knee he also saw with MEANS and [redacted] some Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) people, some people from Nebraska, and some spectators. He saw the MEANS group leave going north and is sure they were not at the airport at the time of the assault on he and his group.

[redacted] then stated that when he was attacked he heard some goon say, "he was at the courthouse." He assumes that this comment was in reference to when he represented [redacted] there.

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He then wanted to know if the trunk lid on the car was open when the FBI found his car. He said the lock on the trunk lid had been punched out and the lid is locked and he has not as yet been able to get it open, so he does not know if anything is missing from the trunk or not. Nothing is missing from his car that he has been able to determine as yet and except for the trunk lid lock, nothing was changed in its condition from the time he left it until he again obtained custody of it.

[redacted] said he had found a leather headband with two strands on it with long light colored hair in it. He found this in his car, but said it belonged to no one who had been in his car that he knew of. He will make it available. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised he had determined that a potential witness concerning the assault against he and his group might be a school bus driver who was heading east, was stopped by the goon roadblock and saw the whole thing. This was about 3:45 p.m.

[redacted] then said it might take two or three days before he can tell the FBI that the persons earlier mentioned do not want to talk to the FBI. He then said that he did not want to represent that they would not talk to the FBI except for [redacted] until he has actually contacted them.

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At 2:02 p.m., March 6, 1975, [redacted], who advised he is [redacted] for the Wounded Knee Defense/Offense Committee in Rapid City, South Dakota, came into the Rapid City, South Dakota, Resident Agency.

Mr. [redacted] was asked if he represented RUSSELL MEANS. He advised he did not and when asked who was representing him, he stated that he did not know and that it would be resolved next week. He stated that he was to represent the Sioux Falls, South Dakota, court house defendants in approximately two weeks and therefore because of his committment to that trial he was not able to represent RUSSELL MEANS. He stated that the first time he saw RUSSELL MEANS on the reservation was out at Wounded Knee at the intersection of Big Foot Trial and Manderson Road. He said that he came upon a group of people there which included the Chief of Police SKEE JACOBS and that there was some question as to the ownership of the van. It was his intention to return to the Pine Ridge Police Station to clarify the ownership of the van. b6 b7C

He later stated that the van was owned by [redacted]. When asked if RUSSELL MEANS was riding in the van, he stated that he did not know. He did stated, however, that he did see and talk to MEANS outside the van. He stated that he did not know that MEANS was even on the reservation and was surprised to see him there at that intersection. He stated that to his knowledge MEANS and the people with him did not even know that he, [redacted] and the other individuals, who were investigating the [redacted] case were even in Pine Ridge.

He left the Resident Agency at 2:29 p.m.

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Credentials of the interviewing Agent were exhibited to RUSS MEANS at the Pennington County Jail, Rapid City, South Dakota, and the credentials of Deputy Sheriff [redacted] were also shown to him, at which time he said "see my attorney". The telephone number of the American Indian Movement (AIM) House was dialed for MEANS who talked to [redacted]

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Then [redacted] talked to Special Agent (SA) BRUCE G. ERICKSON and stated he did not want MEANS interviewed about anything for a period of a day or two or until after he had the chance to talk over several things with MEANS. The interview was then terminated.

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[redacted] who identified himself as being a brother of [redacted] furnished the following information:

At about 2:30 p.m. on February 26, 1975, he was walking back from the Road Shop when he saw RUSSELL MEANS across the street in the Tribal Courthouse. There were quite a few people around so he walked over to the area. There he saw [redacted] come out of the courthouse after about five minutes. He did not see MEANS go into the courthouse. His brother [redacted] was going in and out of the courthouse. Someone said that a kind of mouthy guy that was present was a [redacted] (phonetic), who was arguing with [redacted] and [redacted] was in a police uniform at that time. He personally saw no weapons and no physical trouble. He stood back and watched what was going on. b6 b7C

When [redacted] came out he saw MEANS get into a van. He is not sure who else got in, as he could not get a good look. He did not recognize the driver. MEANS was in the front seat. Someone told him [redacted] had punched MEANS, but he did not see this himself.

At that time MEANS was wearing sunglasses and a sort of suede type jacket, light brown with yellow and white on it. It sort of looked like a cowhide. MEANS had long hair, not in braids. He did not notice the trousers or shirt that he was wearing.

The van then left after "SKI" JACOBS and some police had broken up the gathering. Several cars left with the van and proceeded east. He thinks that [redacted] was with the MEANS group. Someone said, "let's follow them." He himself, however, just stayed around the area and has no idea as to who did follow the group. About five minutes later he, [redacted] and [redacted] went out past the airport. The tribal car driven by [redacted] and [redacted] in it, left the area about two or three minutes after MEANS.

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When he got to the airport he saw that the van was in the airport turnoff with several cars which were also at the airport. There were cars on both sides of the drive with room for just one car to get through. [redacted] b6 b7C was with the MEANS group. He saw a bunch of people around the van, but went on past them about between 40 and 50 miles per hour. He did not notice any guns with the group, but said his group never slowed down.

Past the airport he saw [redacted] in the ditch. [redacted] said, "get down they're shooting." He himself did not hear any shots at that time. [redacted] car was facing north in a turnoff leading to the north, the first one east of the Pine Ridge Airport. He himself pulled off into the ditch on the south side of the road across from what is known as the Herd Camp turnoff, which was where [redacted] was parked. There was another car there with a flat tire.

Some more cars then pulled in both in front and in back of him. Everyone hit the ditch, then the car with [redacted] went on by them and stopped by another car further east on a hill. Then the van and two cars came by. He heard several shots being fired, but has no idea as to the number of them. There seemed to be shots from the van and both cars. There were quick bursts of fire, then the group continued on. He himself ducked down and has no idea as to who actually shot.

Before the van and two cars came back, [redacted] had backed his car across the road so it was still facing north toward the road. [redacted] backed off onto the approach across from the Herd Camp. He saw no guns in the group that he was with. He did later hear a shot go off after the van and the group with it went by, but he has no idea as to who fired the shot. He does not believe it was fired at the van.

[redacted] pickup was parked near his car in the ditch. After the van went by, [redacted] and [redacted] took off and followed it, but returned in a very short time.

He did not hear any shots after that. It was about five minutes from the time he arrived until the van went by. [redacted] took off after the van one to two minutes after it went by. [redacted] was gone maybe three to five minutes and then came back. The police arrived just then. b6 b7C

Police Officers [redacted], and some other police officers took off heading east. After the group had told [redacted] what had happened, he said that was enough to arrest them.

[redacted] and DICK WILSON, SR., with [redacted] pulled in about that time. A lot of people showed up, and there was a lot of chatter for about five to fifteen minutes.

He did not notice any airplane at the airport.

He, [redacted] and [redacted] then returned to Pine Ridge. He noted then a big group of people by the old East Gas Station across from the Mocassin Factory.

He advised he had originally looked at [redacted] car at the airport area after [redacted] came back. When he, [redacted] returned to Pine Ridge, [redacted] went on to the police station. All of this happened in 20-30 minutes.

At the gas station everyone talked for about five to ten minutes, then he, [redacted] and [redacted] left. He went to the police station where he saw [redacted], DICK WILSON, SR., and [redacted] talking together.

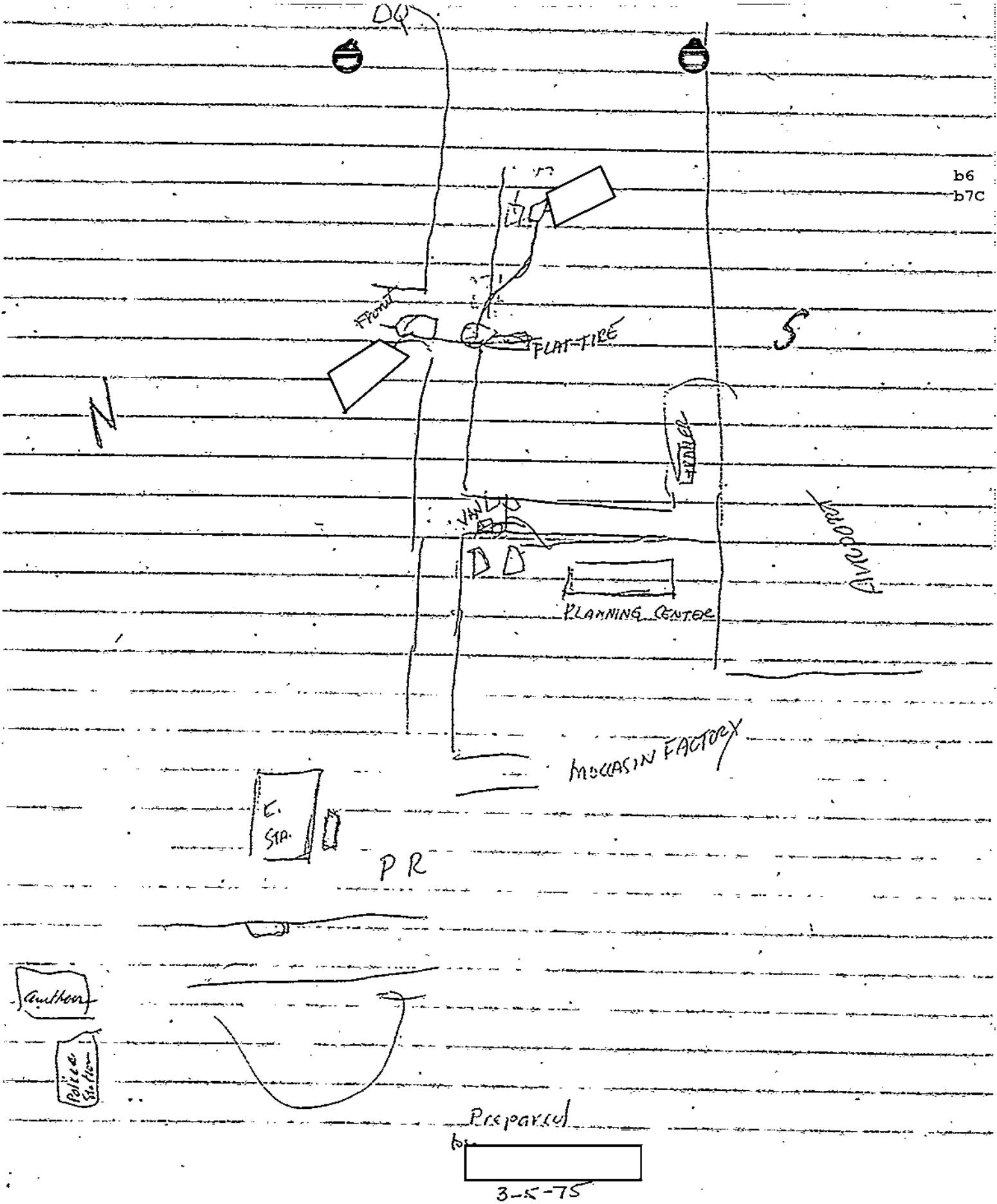
He had heard there was no more work taking place, so he just cruised around with [redacted] Nothing was going on so he parked down on the street by the Catholic church. This was around 4:00 p.m. He thought the police would be bringing the van back so he waited 15-20 minutes. Someone then said they had caught the van, but the police cars came in with no prisoners, so he just talked to various people in the area and then went on home.

At no time after he left the Herd Camp area after the shooting did he return to the airport. He was not involved in any fight at the airport and did not hear any talk about it. He does not know of anyone who did return to the airport after the shooting.

[redacted] said he would prefer not to sign any statement. He said that when he has to testify there are always more AIMs there, and the goons do not get any protection and they are the ones that get hassled around by AIM. b6 b7C

[redacted] then prepared a rough map of the airport area.

It was explained to him that whether or not he gave a signed statement would have no bearing on any possible subpoena to testify. He said he understands that but again said he does not want to give any signed statement.



Prepared by [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription March 10, 1975

In connection with an official investigation, [redacted] also known as [redacted], furnished the following information to Special Agent (SA) BRUCE G. ERICKSON and Deputy Sheriff [redacted] of the Pennington County Sheriff's Office. b6 b7C

He was advised he would only be asked questions by SA ERICKSON about the alleged assault on Wounded Knee Attorneys and also the incident at the Courthouse on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation to which he agreed.

He denied being at the airport or knowing anything about the shooting there on the airplane or the police car. He did not know anything about the assault on the Wounded Knee Attorneys.

On Wednesday, February 26, 1975, he was due to be tried for "DC" in tribal court at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. He went to the court with RUSS MEANS and [redacted] to see the prosecutor, [redacted] When he got into the Courtroom, [redacted] saw RUSS standing behind him, and got flustered and made a call to someone in the next room. [redacted] said the case was postponed and he would notify [redacted] when the case was rescheduled. They went outside and there was a lot of people milling around. He recognized [redacted], and [redacted] swung at RUSS MEANS and missed him. The second time he swung, he caught RUSS a glancing blow on the cheek. RUSS, [redacted] and himself then got into the green van and drove to [redacted] house in Porcupine, South Dakota. He stayed there until that night when he went to his home in Allen, South Dakota, where he stayed until Friday afternoon.

He furnished the following descriptive information about himself:

Race	Indian
Sex	Male
Height	5'9"
Weight	160 pounds
Date of Birth	[redacted]

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by SA BRUCE G. ERICKSON BGE/amj Date dictated 3/5/75

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Place of Birth	Julesberg, Colorado
Hair	Long, black hair
Eyes	Brown
Marital Status	Married to [redacted] b6 b7C One stepdaughter, age 6; One son, age 3.
Residence	Allen, South Dakota
Education	Graduate of Todd County High School, Mission, South Dakota.

Deputy Sheriff [redacted] then told him that he wished to know about the incident that happened at Scenic, South Dakota. [redacted] read to [redacted] his "Rights". After this, [redacted] said he wanted to call an "AIM Attorney". Attempts were made to call the "AIM House" in Rapid City, South Dakota, but apparently [redacted] had the wrong telephone number.

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On February 26, 1975, Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at approximately 2:25 p.m., observed a group of approximately 30 individuals milling around in front of the Courthouse, Pine Ridge, South Dakota. b6 b7C

[redacted] was observed standing in front of this Courthouse and [redacted] was observed standing on a sidewalk across the street from this Courthouse.

A green van was observed parked on the street in front of the Courthouse and several long haired Indian males were observed standing around this green van. None of these individuals were recognized.

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by SA [redacted] emj Date dictated 3/5/75

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At approximately 2:10 p.m., February 26, 1975, SA [redacted] accompanied by SA [redacted] was driving south on Highway 18, past the Tribal Court House in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and noticed a green van parked in front of the Court House. A number of people were observed milling around in front of the Court House. [redacted] was one of the individuals standing in front of the Court House. SA [redacted] advised SA JOHN E. MC CARTY by radio of the above. SA MC CARTY requested that we telephone him at the Rapid City Resident Agency. b6 b7C

SA [redacted] and [redacted] proceeded to White Clay, Nebraska, in order to telephone the Rapid City Resident Agency and were gone approximately 15 minutes. Upon returning to Pine Ridge, South Dakota, the green van and the people who were standing in front of the Court House were gone. SA [redacted] went inside the Court House and conducted a brief interview of Judge TIBBITT.

SA [redacted] then drove in a separate Bureau car east on Highway 18 toward the Pine Ridge Airport. Upon arriving at the airport turn-off, a group of vehicles, for instance, cars and pick-ups were parked in the ditch on the south side of Highway 18. SA [redacted] drove past the group of vehicles and noticed a number of Indian males standing outside of the vehicles. He was able to identify only [redacted] and noticed that [redacted] was carrying what appeared to be either an AR-15 or an M-16 rifle.

SAS [redacted] and [redacted] had proceeded to the airport in an attempt to determine whether any shots were fired as previously reported to them by the Pine Ridge Police Department dispatcher, [redacted]. At this point both SAS [redacted] and [redacted] went back to the Planning Center, entered the building and attempted to find anyone present. SA [redacted] saw an individual, who identified himself as [redacted] an Oglala Sioux Tribal Ranger, seated in the Ranger office. [redacted] advised that he had not heard any shots fired in the vicinity of the Planning Center or airport. It was approximately 3:10 p.m.

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by SA [redacted] /sb Date dictated 3/4/75

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At this time SAS [redacted] and [redacted] then drove east on Highway 18 toward Wounded Knee, South Dakota. At a point approximately four miles south of Wounded Knee, SA [redacted] noticed a car driving very fast behind him and this vehicle was flashing its lights on and off in an apparent attempt to stop SA [redacted]. This individual was Nebraska State Highway Patrol Investigator [redacted], and he engaged SAS [redacted] and [redacted] in conversation for approximately ten minutes. After which, [redacted] and [redacted] proceeded to drive north towards Rapid City, South Dakota.

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On the way back to Rapid City a green van which had been seen earlier was not seen at any time and no notice was made of any assaults or similar incidents.

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ORLIN WAYNE WILSON, also known as RICHARD WILSON, was furnished a statement of rights which he read. Upon completion if it, WILSON was advised that he was being contacted regarding an allegation that he and some of his followers had been involved in the beating of some Defense Committee people at the Pine Ridge Airport and also to determine his knowledge of the shooting of an airplane at the Pine Ridge Airport and the reported shooting of a tribal vehicle near the airport. WILSON stated he had read the statement of rights, that he understood it, and he then executed a Waiver of Rights. He then furnished the following information:

The Tribal Council met in session on February 26, 1975, and he presided over it. At this point WILSON was asked if he would be willing to furnish a signed statement regarding his knowledge of these incidents at the conclusion of the interview. WILSON said he could not give any signed statement as anything he knows is hearsay.

At 3:00 p.m. during a coffee break, his [redacted] came to him and told him "they told me AIM was here at the courthouse." He then told [redacted] to go check the incident. He continued the recess to find out what was going on. b6 b7C

About 3:30 p.m. [redacted] came in and said "they've just shot up the airport." He noted Mrs. [redacted] works as the [redacted] of the Planning Center at the airport. He then took the microphone and told the people that there was a shooting incident at the Planning Center and he was going to recess the Council meeting until further notice.

He was asked if anything out of the ordinary occurred at the Council meeting or if there were any persons there that he did not recognize on February 26, 1975. He said all he recalled was that there were two drunks at the meeting and

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by SA JOHN F. MC CARTY and SA [redacted] JEM/lec Date dictated 3/3/75

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that he personally escorted one of them outside. He thinks one of them was named [redacted] and one named [redacted] Nothing else out of the ordinary occurred, nor does he remember seeing any strangers at that session of the Tribal Council. After adjourning the meeting, he went to the Pine Ridge Airport in his car with Tribal Attorney [redacted]. No one else was in the car with him. As they approached the area at the entrance just east of the turn off into the airport, he saw a group of vehicles, maybe ten or fifteen. A couple were on the approach to the highway, and one Tribal vehicle was backed into one of the approaches. The other cars were just spread around. Some were on the edge of the highway, but were not blocking the road. b6 b7C

At the scene he talked to [redacted] the Director of the Tribal Highway Safety Program. He said the Tribal vehicle he had previously met was [redacted] car. [redacted] told him that RUSSELL MEANS, [redacted] and [redacted] had been in the van which left the Tribal Courthouse. [redacted] said that he and [redacted] had followed the van and the three or four vehicles which with it. [redacted] stated that at the airport the MEANS group pulled into the airport, pulled out guns, and fired at random. [redacted] then went on to the left turn off and stopped. MEANS and his group then drove out back onto the highway and went east. By then two other vehicles, one with [redacted] and the other with unknown people, had stopped by [redacted]

WILSON related that [redacted] told him that as the MEANS group went by, the sliding door of the van came open and [redacted] was fired upon. There were also shots fired at them from an accompanying vehicle. The Highway Safety car had been hit five or six times. [redacted] personal pickup was also hit. It is understood that [redacted] and [redacted] were both in the Safety car when it was hit.

WILSON stated that at the scene during the time he personally was there were [redacted] and [redacted] WILSON said he cannot recall the names of any others that were in a large group, maybe 100 people around, and that most arrived after he did.

At this point WILSON volunteered that while talking to [redacted] he said, "well, if they come back stomp their ass." and also said, "Why in the hell don't the cops do something about this?" He saw no police in the area at that time. b6 b7C

After talking to [redacted] he told him to take the Safety car back to the police station, and he and a large group started back toward Pine Ridge. In his car at that time were [redacted] and himself. He pulled out of the approach and got to a point about one mile west of the airport heading toward Pine Ridge when [redacted] who was behind him, blinked his lights. He then stopped and got out of his car. Just then JOE JACOBS drove up. [redacted] told JACOBS what had happened. JACOBS looked at the car and told them to take it to the police department so pictures could be taken. They all then proceeded on to the station where [redacted] took pictures of the car. He parked in the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) driveway. About that time Councilman [redacted] asked him to check to see if his son, a bus driver, had gotten back to Wanblee okay. He then went back to his office and closed it up. This was shortly after 4:00 p.m.

WILSON stated he was at the airport area for about 15 minutes. After he closed his office he went back toward the airport alone. As he approached the East Filling Station he saw [redacted] and a large group of people, so he stopped. They were pretty fired up so he tried to calm them down and told them to break it up. He then left and went home. He had a meeting at 5:00 p.m. with the Economics Development Agency. As he left his home to go to the meeting he saw a group gathered outside the courthouse. He stopped and asked [redacted] and [redacted] who were in the group, what was going on. It was a fairly large group and he believes that [redacted] was in the group plus quite a few others. He said there was "pretty much the same group as the other two gatherings. [redacted] told him SIEVERT YOUNG BEAR and [redacted] were at the courthouse. [redacted] said they were going to stick around and see if they got a police escort out of town. He thinks that at this time he

may again have said something about "stomping the hell out of them," referring to [redacted] and YOUNG BEAR. This was after 5:00 p.m. b6 b7C

He then went on to the Airport Planning Center to the meeting followed in another vehicle by an attorney [redacted] When he arrived at the Planning Center, no one was there and the meeting had been called off. He and [redacted] then went to his home and ate, and [redacted] left around 6:45 p.m. Around 7:15 p.m. he went to [redacted] house to tell him to get the group notified that they were going to Wounded Knee the next day. When asked what he meant by the word "group" he said "goons, I guess, that's what we're referred to." WILSON advised that the purpose in going to Wounded Knee was that his group was not going to allow any celebrations at Wounded Knee, the anniversary of the takeover. He left [redacted] about 7:45 p.m., went to his mother's home, talked to her for 15-20 minutes, then went home and stayed there the rest of the night.

WILSON advised there was no altercation of any kind while he was at the airport and he has no personal knowledge of any incident in which any people were beaten.

He advised that at the Council session on February 25, 1975, he saw a man and woman lawyer team at the Council session. He did not see them there on February 26, 1975. He does not know them, nor does he know who they are affiliated with. He said he could only describe them as "shaggy Hippies," and that someone, he has no idea who, told him they were lawyers. He said that anything else he knows is purely hearsay and "I won't even repeat it."

Up to this point nothing had been said to WILSON regarding the allegation that he had allegedly said words to the effect, "stomp them." References to that phrase had been furnished voluntarily by WILSON. At this point SA MC CARTY stated to him that there was a report that during the alleged assault on the people at the airport, he had pointed at a man and said, "stomp him," or words to that effect. WILSON replied, "my answer to that would be no."

He does not recall seeing any white people at the airport while he was there. He also said there were no weapons visible when he was with the group along the highway east of the airport.

WILSON volunteered that he wants no confrontations or problems. There have been no incidents this week in which he personally has been involved in which there was any physical violence. He then said he heard that MEANS and his group had taken a bunch of knives from a store in Batesland, South Dakota, on February 26, 1975. WILSON advised there is nothing else that he knows of or can offer in connection with this incident. He again stated he did not want to furnish this information in a form of a signed statement.

The following information was obtained from personal observation and interview:

Sex:	Male
Race:	American Indian
Date of birth:	April 29, 1934
Place of birth:	Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	220
Hair:	Black, collar length in back
Eyes:	Brown
Marital status:	Divorced
Education:	High school graduate
Tattoos:	"52W" back left hand; "DICK" back of fingers of left hand
Occupation:	Oglala Sioux Tribal President

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RICHARD WILSON, SR., was contacted at his office at which time he was told that the FBI is investigating various allegations of people on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation including the allegation that he and his group had allegedly beaten some people associated with the Wounded Knee legal Offense/Defense Committee. He was told that his followers obviously do not want to talk to the FBI and he was asked if he would be willing to tell his followers they could talk to us in the presence of Tribal Counsel if they chose.

WILSON said he understands the reluctance of his people to talk in that, "You don't swarm down here when there is any attack on me or my people but when the other side yells you come pouring in". He said there have been enough reports made but it does not do any good so why report anything anymore.

Mr. ENLOW then pointed out that the FBI is making an impartial investigation of the whole situation. WILSON said he hoped so but that it appears that everying is slanted for the American Indian Movement (AIM) and people that are for law and order have no civil rights any more. He said it appears to him the FBI is asking pointed questions directed only at his people and it appears to him the FBI is asking him to tell his people to talk. He said that he will not ask his people to talk to the FBI and that their confidence in investigative matters is absolutely zero inasfar as his group is concerned. WILSON stated most people just wanted to lead peaceful lives and that he is constantly trying to prevent violence on the reservation. He stated he knows the reservation is a powder keg and it could blow at any moment.

He was asked if he thought it would prevent trouble if the AIM was just ignored when it tried to have a dance or celebration on the reservation. WILSON replied that this is just "rubbing salt in our wounds" and said, "How do you ignore the load of stuff they had coming in here on Saturday? How can that be ignored? Alot of innocent people could be hurt from stuff like that". (It appears

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WILSON was referring to an incident in which several people were arrested by the Fall River County Sheriff's Office the previous Saturday.) At that point WILSON stated he had an important meeting to attend and the interview was terminated.

It is noted that WILSON now has hair which extends in the back to approximately collar length. He said he has been letting his hair grow for about eight months and had it cut and trimmed about eight months ago

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The following vehicle was observed at the Pine Ridge, South Dakota, airport:

Make	Ford
Model	Two-door custom pickup
Year	1972
Color	Light Blue
License plate number	[redacted] South Dakota, 1974
Identification numbers, driver's side door	[redacted]
Window vehicle identification number	None

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On the outside rear, passenger side, approximately 12 inches from the roof, 3 inches from the side and 3 inches from the rear window a 7/16-inch hole was noted protruding inward. On the passenger side, approximately 7 inches from the roof a dent, approximately 1/2-inch round, was noted protruding outward. The dent was in line with the hole. The paint was chipped approximately 1/2-inch around the hold and dent and the metal around both was not rusted.

A second dent, approximately 1/2-inch round, was noted approximately 12 ~~circles~~ below the hole at a point where the ourside rear of the truck meets the side. This dent protruded inward.

Photographs were taken by SA [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] of a 1974 Ford, blue van, South Dakota temporary plate [redacted] dated February 18, 1975, with Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) [redacted] in front of the Tribal Ambulance Service at Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

[redacted] of this vehicle: The following observations were made by SA

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1. One bullet hole in the right rear tail panel directly below the reflector.

2. One bullet hole located on the right rear side panel directly below the reflector.

3. One small piece of metal fragment located in the right rear storeage area directly below the two entry holes described above.

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On March 2, 1975, an examination of a 1974 Chevrolet, bronze in color, bearing no license plates, was made in the parking lot of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pine Ridge, South Dakota. The purpose of this examination was to determine if any spent bullets and or cartridges were in this auto.

Located on and in the dash of this automobile was a piece of metal which appeared to be a shaving from the metal shell of the automobile.

A piece of copper metal was located in the rear window and stuck in the paper dealer plate (a temporary license) which was glued to the rear window. This piece of metal appeared to be a shaving from a jacket type of bullet.

The upper right hand corner of the windshield was shattered and the chrome stripping next to the windshield contained a hole similar to that made by a bullet. From the indications of the smashed windshield and the bullet hole in the chrome stripping the bullet would have come from the left hand side and toward the front of the automobile.

In the center of the driver's seat, was located a hole through the back of the front seat. A coat hanger wire was placed through this hole. The path of this hole extended through the seat and entered the right rear corner of the rear seat. The path of the bullet appeared to have come through the driver's side window. There was no bullet hole in this window and and thus it would indicate that the driver's side window was rolled down at the time the bullet hit the front seat of the auto. The coat hanger wire was placed through the hole in the rear seat. The hole was observed to travel through the seat and just under the rear deck panel. By raising a corner of the rear seat and deck panel a bullet hole was observed through the metal of the automobile. The bullet making this hole would have dropped to the ground or shattered as daylight could be seen through this hole. An examination of the exterior right fender was made and in particular the underneath side however no bullet was located.

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The left rear triangular vent window was missing. Examination of this window frame and door frame determined a bullet hole in the metal of the automobile. There appeared to be a bullet hole clear through the metal however no exit bullet hole was found in the rear window or any other portion of the automobile. It would appear that the bullet making this hole would have disintegrated upon traveling through the metal frame of the automobile.

The left rear tire hub cap had two holes which appeared to have been made by a bullet or bullets. This hub camp was removed however no spent bullets were located inside the hub cap. The trunk area of the vehicle was examined and no bullet holes or spent bullets were found in the trunk.

A total of five bullet holes or impacts were found on this automobile. From the appearance of the entrance and exit holes it appears all bullets entered from the left hand side of the automobile and traveled in a direction to the right and rear side of the automobile.

The recovered pieces of metal have been made a part of this file.

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A 1974, rust-colored Chevrolet Impala four-door bearing South Dakota temporary dealer tag number [redacted] was processed in an attempt to locate any bullet fragments inside this vehicle. Photographs of this vehicle were taken by SA [redacted] This vehicle bears serial number [redacted] and is an Oglala Sioux Tribal vehicle assigned to [redacted]

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While this car was being processed, [redacted] arrived at the scene, which is in front of his residence, and he gave two lead fragments to SA [redacted] When he gave these fragments to SA [redacted] he said the larger of the two fragments was removed by him from the left rear hub cap. The smaller of the two was removed by him under the rear seat.

Visual observation of this vehicle determined there was a bullet hole on the right side, upper quadrant of the front windshield. The bullet also struck the rear, small window on the left (driver's) side causing most of the glass to be shattered and then passed through the door frame.

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[redacted] Criminal Investigator, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, furnished the following information regarding evidence he obtained relative to a shooting which occurred in the vicinity of the Pine Ridge Airport on February 26, 1975.

On February 28, 1975, at approximately 2:15 p.m., he and Criminal Investigator [redacted] went to the Pine Ridge Airport to check the crime scene regarding this shooting. He had been told by [redacted] where [redacted] had several shots fired at him from a green van on February 26, 1975. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he and [redacted] drove east on Highway 18 out of Pine Ridge, South Dakota, to a location one fourth of a mile east of the East Dam turnoff which is about three miles east of Pine Ridge on Highway 18. They got out of their vehicle and looked for shells which may have come from this shooting and they found three .30-.30 caliber casings, fired, and one mushroomed .30-.30 caliber slug on the ground on the south side of Highway 18. They then returned to Pine Ridge and then returned to the Pine Ridge Airport turnoff to look for additional shells.

They located a .30 caliber unfired cartridge, lying on the side on the south side of Highway 18 about 200 yards east of the Pine Ridge Airport turnoff.

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[redacted] date of birth [redacted] [redacted] bus driver from Oglala Community School, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, advised that on the afternoon of February 26, 1975, he was driving a school bus in an easterly direction on Highway 18 near Pine Ridge, South Dakota. As he approached the airport he noticed cars parked on both sides of the highway. [redacted] slowed down and put the bus in low gear in order to avoid hitting the cars which had left only a narrow passageway. As he drove between the parked cars a dark colored car turned in front of the bus and passed him. [redacted] stated he did not notice whether this car was damaged or who was in it as he was concentrating on not hitting cars with the bus. [redacted] indicated he may have seen people around the parked cars but that he was paying attention to his driving and could not identify anyone who was present. [redacted] indicated he did not stop the bus but drove east on Highway 18 to the junction of Big Foot Trail to his home in Manderson, South Dakota.

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[redacted] indicated he did not wish to be involved in an AIM - goon conflict and that he did not wish to testify regarding this matter.

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[redacted] school bus driver, for the Oglala Community School, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, advised that on the afternoon of Wednesday, February 26, 1975, he was driving a "mini-bus" east from Pine Ridge, South Dakota. He was following a full-size bus driven by [redacted] As [redacted] approached the airport he noticed cars parked on both sides of Highway 18 and onboth sides of the road leading to the airport. [redacted] bus slowed down to avoid hitting the parked cars. A dark colored car with a shattered windshield and a torn top pulled in front of the bus driven by [redacted] and drove west from the airport. There were six people in this car. They appeared to be white.

[redacted] noticed a group of "milling" people around the parked cars. [redacted] indicated he could not identify any of these persons as he only momentarily glanced towards these persons. [redacted] advised he was concerned with driving the bus through the conjested area without having an accident.

[redacted] indicated that he would not give a signed statement or give sworn testimony regarding this matter. [redacted] stated he, "wished the goons and the AIMs would annihilate each other so working people like myself could have peace".

[redacted] date of birth is [redacted]

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"March 1, 1975"

"I, JOSEPH LEROY JACOBS, Chief of Police, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pine Ridge, South Dakota have made the following statements to [redacted] and DONALD G. WILEY, who have identified themselves to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that they both wanted to discuss the disturbance at the tribal court house at Pine Ridge, South Dakota and the shooting incident near the airport at Pine Ridge, South Dakota on Wednesday, February 26, 1975 approximately 2:00 pm. I am an indian, male, DOB October 13, 1922 an American Citizen and can read and understand the English Language.

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On 2/26/75 I was on duty at the Police Department in Pine Ridge, South Dakota and received a telephone call at approximately 1:30 pm over the Police radio that "the van" was coming this way a couple of other cars. Officers [redacted] and [redacted] were following the cars and a white pick-up was leading being driven by [redacted]. These officers also stated that a couple of cars were also following the light green van, a '71 Chevrolet and phoned in the license plates.

I then left my office and went over to the Agency building across the street to tell everyone to secure the doors as "the van" was coming this way. After this I started walking back to my office and saw "the van" pull up in front of the court house being led by the pick-up and followed by a couple of cars. "The van" parked across the street, facing west with the passenger side of "the van" facing the Court House and the Police Department.

I saw people getting out of all these vehicles and didn't recognize anyone at this time. As I came closer to the office I saw RUSSELL MEANS walking up the front stairs that led into the Court House. There were already people inside the Court House. There was a small group of people standing around the front steps to the Court House.

I continued to go into the Police Department and to have my men secure the building and also secured the back door. I didn't see RUSSELL MEANS go into the Court House.

While inside on my way back to my office, I heard a knock on the door that I just locked and saw [redacted] walk out of his office and open the door. After he opened the door Judge TIBBITTS came in. Judge TIBBITTS told me "their over there" I asked him "what did they want" TIBBITTS said "they wanted to see some records". I then went into the main office and told officers [redacted] and

[redacted] to come with me. All of my men were on duty and in uniform except [redacted] was not wearing a uniform. b6 b7C

We all left the office walked outside and tried to enter the Court House by the side door, the door was locked. We then walked around to the front door and went in. I saw [redacted] and [redacted] and a few more inside the Court House. [redacted] and [redacted] were standing in front of the inside glass window of the Clerk's office, the rest of the group were back by the Prosecutors Office of [redacted] I saw [redacted] and Judge SWIFT BIRD in the Clerk's Office. I didn't talk with them. I then went to the court room and saw that no-one was in there and that the door to the Judge's Office was closed. My men went into [redacted] office and when I returned I also went into [redacted] office. I saw my officers and [redacted] and some other unknown people and asked [redacted] if everything was alright. [redacted] stated to me that they were all harrassing him when they came in there. I then left his office and walked into the front room to the Court House and saw [redacted] in the room making loud remarks to the girls in the Clerk's room.

I then stood at the front door in the room and began to look out the front door. I saw RUSSELL MEANS and [redacted] talking to each other in back of "the van" standing on the sidewalk. At this time [redacted] came over to me and touched my patch on my coat stating to [redacted] I said "Watch it boy". [redacted] said "I'm no boy, I'm a man now" [redacted] then walked away and went to the Clerk's office window and I didn't say anything else to him. I heard [redacted] tell the girls in the office that he wanted to make some complaints, Judge SWIFT BIRD then walked in and asked him what kind of complaint he wanted to make and I heard [redacted] mention the word "pigs" and then heard Judge SWIFT BIRD say, "Well if your going to talk that way, I'm not going to talk with you". SWIFT BIRD then walked back to the Court room.

I stayed for a little while and then walked out the door and went outside. When I went out the door I met [redacted] and asked him what brought this on and he said the trial case of [redacted]. While we were talking one of the "AIM" members came up to [redacted] and asked him "what the hell you doing talking to the Police" [redacted] stated that He JACOBS was asking me a question and that he was just answering it. I then walked off.

I then walked across the street and approached RUSSELL MEANS and [redacted] who were still talking to each other. I then said hello RUSSELL and shook his hand after MEANS said "hello; Hi". I then started talking to [redacted] and he was very upset. [redacted] was upset about what was going on in the Court House and his wife works in there. I heard [redacted] say that "my wife works in there, and if she's hurt in any way or any trouble starts in there, I am going to start knocking some heads". This was being

directed to RUSSELL MEANS. It was at this time I saw [redacted] and [redacted] come out the front door of the Court House. As [redacted] walked by us to get into her car [redacted] said "were you harrassed in any way in there or was anything said to her" I heard [redacted] say "yea, there is one mouthy one in there". [redacted] did not give his name but I knew who it was [redacted]

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I then decided to go back in the office after being told I was wanted on the phone and began to walk in. I saw [redacted] near "the van" and saw the men who were with me coming out of the Court House. All of these officers were standing out in front with a crowd that began to start forming, [redacted] was also in the vicinity of "the van". RUSSELL MEANS said a few kind words to [redacted] about about his weight before the crowd started forming, and [redacted] replied that it was from eating good.

I then went inside and took care of the call and then went back outside. I walked back over to "the van" and saw that everyone was inside "the van". I saw [redacted] slam the big sliding door and then someone from inside opened the door. I then saw [redacted] sitting at the door and RUSSELL MEANS was sitting in the front passenger seat facing to the back of the van. [redacted] was very upset and standing in front of the closed front passenger door. There were words being said by both [redacted] and MEANS and the window to the door was down. [redacted] was by the sliding door. At this time I helped [redacted] keep the door shut and reached around to do it. [redacted] was standing there and I was between [redacted] and MEANS who was in "the van". I didn't see any fighting between [redacted] and MEANS and if something happened it could have happened while I reached around and helped [redacted] keep the sliding door closed. I then grabbed [redacted] and told MEANS to get "the van" out of here. [redacted] said he told the driver to get out of here also. "The van" then drove off and I then came back in the office.

While in the office a radio call came in and said there was trouble out at the airport and needed officers out there. I left with [redacted] and [redacted] and started driving toward the airport. I heard on the radio that there was about fifteen shots fired and "the van" was headed East from the airport. As I continued East I saw several cars pass me West and as I passed the airport I didn't see anything going on. I drove all the way East almost to the Gordon junction. I got a call from the radio to return to my office as I was wanted to call [redacted] and [redacted] in Aberdeen right away. I heard on the radio that my officers had "the van" stopped at the Wounded Knee and Manderson junction.

As I continued west to return to my office I saw three cars stopped on the right shoulder of the road, facing west and I stopped. I saw [redacted] and [redacted] There were other's there but I didn't pay attention to them. It was approximately 3:30 pm or 3:45 pm. [redacted] told me that "the van" fired about fifteen shots at him and his car and that [redacted] and [redacted] were passengers at the time of the shooting. [redacted] said that his car was hit from the shots that was fired from "the van" and began to show me. I saw that there were approximately two holes in the front windshield. I then saw other bullet holes in the right rear passenger door and the right rear hub caps. Also the left rear side passenger vent window was broken. [redacted] said do you think we could have the car checked out and you said "yes" as the car would be taken to the Police station and would be checked and pictures taken. I then went to my office. When I pulled up to the Police Department I left [redacted] and [redacted] and began to walk over to the Law and Order office. As I walked across the parking lot I saw SEVERT YOUNG BEAR and [redacted] getting out of YOUNG BEAR's car. YOUNG BEAR came over to me and asked me what was going on. I told him what we knew of it and then [redacted] pulled up in his car with [redacted] started accusing YOUNG BEAR and [redacted] of being involved with what happened and wanted to fight about the whole thing. I then told them to stop it and get out of here. At this time [redacted] and MEANS and [redacted] left in his car and YOUNG BEAR and [redacted] walked toward the Police station. I then walked over to the Law and Order office and that was the last I saw of anyone that day. I have read this statement whitch consistes of 11 pages initled all corrections and signed it because it is true to the best of my knowledge. I have giving this statement free & voluntarily."

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"/s/ JOSEPH L. JACOBS"
"March 1-1975"

"Witnessed: [redacted], SA, FBI, Rapid City, SD 3/1/75".
"DONALD G. WILEY, Special Agent, F.B.I., Rapid City, S.D. 3/1/75".

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription March 7, 1975

[redacted], Patrolman, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), resident of Allen, South Dakota, subsequent to the identification of the interviewing Agents furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that on Wednesday, February 26, 1975, after completing an all night surveillance of the alleged stolen van, which was at the residence of [redacted] he, along with his partner [redacted] followed this van from Allen and eventually to Pine Ridge, South Dakota. b6 b7C

According to [redacted] his partner [redacted] told him that he counted thirteen individuals getting into the van and that he, [redacted] personally saw RUSSELL MEANS and [redacted] enter this same van. According to [redacted] there were several other cars accompanying the van from Allen to Pine Ridge which consisted of a red Chevrolet, a white over blue El Camino owned by [redacted] and a white pickup, 1964 or 1965, being driven by [redacted] and containing two other people, and a 1967 charcoal gray Buick. According to [redacted] the same cars that left with the van at Allen were with the van when it left Pine Ridge before the shooting at the airport.

[redacted] stated that he followed the van down the road from Allen and saw that the van stopped at the Mobil Station at Batesland, South Dakota. According to [redacted] the van stayed there for a few minutes and he later was told that the people in the van and the caravan helped themselves to food and knives without paying for these items at this Mobil Station.

[redacted] went on to state that they traveled behind the van and informed the dispatcher at Pine Ridge that the van and the caravan were en route and subsequently radioed the license plate number to the dispatcher. According to [redacted] the van was traveling at excessive speeds and by the time he caught up with the van at Pine Ridge it had already stopped in front of the courthouse along with the other cars and several of the people were either inside the courthouse or in front of the courthouse milling around.

[redacted] stated that he and his partner then went to the Police Department and that the doors to the Police Department

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by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] /amj Date dictated 3/6/75

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were subsequently locked. A few minutes later, according to [redacted] some of the Pine Ridge Police Officers went to the courthouse as there was some trouble in the courthouse. [redacted] advised that he watched from the Police Department and saw [redacted] out in front of the courthouse and also saw RUSSELL MEANS there also. [redacted] stated that Chief of Police SKEE JABOBS, [redacted], and possibly [redacted] were in the immediate vicinity of MEANS and [redacted]. According to [redacted] he saw [redacted] take a swing at RUSSELL MEANS and hit him. [redacted] described this punch as a punch that MEANS took and looked like he went with the punch, not causing any injury.

[redacted] stated that everyone got in the van and that the van and the caravan left and drove towards the airport, Pine Ridge, South Dakota. A few minutes later [redacted] stated that he had learned from other officers inside the Police Department that there had been a shooting at the airport, at which time he responded. According to [redacted] there were several other officers who responded to the shooting before he did which included the following police units containing the following officers: b6 b7C

1. [redacted] and his partner,
2. [redacted] and [redacted] (Last Name Unknown).
3. [redacted] and [redacted]
4. [redacted] and [redacted]

According to [redacted] he along with his partner [redacted] were the last to respond to the shooting and the last to arrive at the vicinity of the shooting at the airport. According to [redacted] when he arrived at the airport, the van was gone and saw [redacted] getting out of his car and crawling up the ditch. [redacted] stated that he continued towards the Wounded Knee Junction looking for the van and heard over the police radio that [redacted] had located the van traveling at a high rate of speed north on the Big Foot Trail heading towards Wounded Knee.

[redacted] stated that he continued on to Wounded Knee and saw the van stop on the Manderson Road north of the Wounded Knee - Manderson Junction. [redacted] stated that he saw several of these before mentioned police officers stop their vehicles and that several of the people from the caravan were getting out

of their van and accumulating in front of their vehicles. [redacted] said he saw the Police Officers form in a group a short distance from the gathering by the van and then he, along with his partner, accompanied the other Police Officers. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that he observed RUSSELL MEANS, [redacted] and [redacted] standing in front of the van and another Indian male, approximately 5'2" who had a sling on his arm, possibly his right arm, also standing there and heard someone in the crowd yell the name [redacted]. According to [redacted] most of the group had their hands in their pockets and it was [redacted] opinion that several of these people had guns concealed. [redacted] went on to state that upon observing [redacted] he thought that [redacted] had a gun in his pocket as it looked like the outline of a gun in his pocket. [redacted] stated that he saw an Indian male with long hair, who he thought he could identify at a later date, inside the van and as [redacted] looked into the driver's side window, he saw this individual reach down and pick up a funny looking gun alongside a box like structure in the van. [redacted] stated that this weapon looked like a military type weapon and a heavy caliber weapon to him. [redacted] stated that he could possibly identify this same gun at a later date.

According to [redacted] was in charge and it was [redacted] decision not to take any action as to the possibility of gunfire that might occur and cause injury to his men.

At this time, according to [redacted], he and his partner left and had no further contact with the van that day.

[redacted] declined to furnish a signed statement concerning the above information, as he was attempting to get sleep as during the last two days he had worked late in the evening and this was mainly the reason for declining to furnish a signed statement.

"March 1, 1975

"I, [redacted] Bureau of Indian Affairs Police Department, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, have made the following statements to [redacted] and DONALD G. WILEY, who have identified themselves to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that they both wanted to discuss the disturbance at the tribal Court House and the shooting incident near the airport at Pine Ridge, South Dakota on Wednesday, February 26, 1975 at approximately 2:00 PM. I am an Indian, male D.O.B. [redacted] an American citizen and can read and understand the English language.

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"On 2/26/75 sometime approximately 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM I was with my partner [redacted] on duty in Allen, South Dakota. I drove through the new housing and saw a olive green Chevrolet Van parked in front of house [redacted] I think. The Allen Police Officer said it was [redacted] house. I took the license number down and drove out. Some people were in it. I later saw the van parked at the CO-OP gas station at Batesland, South Dakota as [redacted] and [redacted] had followed it there. The van then drove into Pine Ridge, South Dakota. I arrived in Pine Ridge and saw the van parked across the street from the Court House. With the van was four cars, a white Chevolet pick-up, a white over blue El Comino, black Pontiac and a maroon Chevy II. When I got to the station it was somewhere around 2:00 PM or 3:00 PM. People were milling around these cars and in front of the Court House.

"I went inside and check in with SKI JACOBS, the Chief of Police. At this time Judge TIBBITTS came in the back door and said to JACOBS to the effect that 'they' were all over at the Court House and he wanted them out of there.

"Officers SKI JACOBS, myself, [redacted] went to the Court House. I went inside with the officers and saw [redacted] sitting in the lobby. [redacted] walking around and [redacted] inside [redacted] office. [redacted] was trying to get [redacted] to hold court and seemed to be the reason everyone was in the Court House. I stayed in [redacted] office for about one-half hour. I saw RUSSELL MEANS standing at [redacted] doorway and say to [redacted] 'Come on lets go they're starting to gather' At this time thy left.

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"I then walked out the front door of the Court House and saw the van again. I looked at the van and saw the people were in the van. I saw RUSSELL MEANS sitting in the right front passenger seat and the window was rolled half down. I saw SKI JACOBS, [redacted] and [redacted] beside the van. I hear [redacted] cusing MEANS out. I did not see any fighting. I then saw the van drive off in a westerly direction cut through the agency parking lot and go East on highway 18.

"I then went back into the office to do Business. It was almost 4:00 PM and I heard one of the dispatchers say, there was shooting out at the airport. I got up and ran out to the police car and drove to the airport. Other officers had already responded.

"I arrived at the airport enterance and saw [redacted] car, 1975 Chevrolet, rust color, parked partially in the ditch, facing a North West direction. I saw what appeared to be a bullet hole in the upper right hand corner of the windshield. [redacted] told me 'look what they did to me' what car did thy shoot out of and [redacted] said 'it come from that van.'

"I then left [redacted] and gave pursuit of the van. As I approached the Wounded Knee junction on highway 18, I was told via radio that the van was going toward Wounded Knee. b6 b7C

"As I arrived at the Wounded Knee - Manderson junction I saw the green van parked on the Manderson road facing North. There were several cars there with the van. I saw several officers present including [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] and myself and [redacted]

"I saw RUSSELL MEANS, [redacted] and [redacted] outside the van. There were others but I could not recognize them. I saw the sliding door open and an indian or Mexican standing in the doorway and then run to the back of the van.

[redacted] then brought RUSSELL MEANS over to me as I was parked on the Wounded Knee road, west of the Manderson road. MEANS wanted to know why all the officers were here, I told him that the van was reported to be stolen. At this time it was not definite if the van was stolen or not. MEANS said that owner of the van was a guy named [redacted] of the United Methodist church in Des Moines, Iowa. MEANS said that the van was turned over to he, MEANS, and you told MEANS that [redacted] was the one who reported the van stolen.

"I saw an attorney named [redacted] walk toward MEANS and I. MEANS said to [redacted] 'that God Damn [redacted] reported the van stolen. [redacted] then asked me where we got that information I told [redacted] that it came over the teletype. [redacted] said to me that 'I don't belive that' I said to [redacted] that you are welcome to come down to the Police Department and I'll show you the teletype. [redacted] said that he would be right down and then he and MEANS walked off. MEANS said before leaving that everyone was going to go down to [redacted]

[redacted] 'After you determine that the van is really stolen, it will be down at [redacted] if you want it' stated MEANS. b6 b7C

"MEANS and the group got into the van and [redacted] and his group drove off toward Pine Ridge. MEANS in the van drove off toward Porcupine.

[redacted] "I left about fifteen or twenty minutes after left. As I returned to Pine Ridge I did not see and his car anymore.

"I was told by [redacted] that he saw the indian male or Mexican in the van with a short rifle that looked like an auto-matic weapon.

"I have read this statement of severn pages and have given it Vulintarily and sign it as it is true to the best of my knowledge_

"/s [redacted]
"March 1, 1975

"Witnessed: [redacted], SA, FBI, Rapid City SD 3/1/75
DONALD G. WILEY, Special agent, F.B.I. Rapid City, S.D. 3/1/75"

"March 1, 1975"
"Pine Ridge, South Dakota"

"I, [redacted], make the following statement to [redacted] and DONALD G. WILEY who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by displaying to me their credential cards. I have been advised that the nature of this inquiry is in connection with an incident which happened on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation on February 26, 1975. I am willing to make this statement and or answer any questions. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me to obtain this statement. b6 b7C

I was born [redacted], at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. I am a policeman with the Pine Ridge Police Department.

On February 26, 1975, I was patrolling the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation with [redacted] Between 10:00 am and 11:00 am we observed an olive green van with a spare tire mounted on the rear outside covered with a can-canvas cover. There was a painted design on this cover having two feathers on each side of the design. This vehicle was parked in front of [redacted] residence in Allen, South Dakota. The vehicle had Iowa license plates on it. Officer [redacted] advised me that the Police Department had received a teletype that this vehicle had been reported stolen. We drove to Kyle, S. D. to our sub station to verify the theft of this vehicle. Our inquiries regarding the theft status determined that there was some question as to its theft. The F.B.I. Office in Rapid City, S.D. stated that the owner had loaned the vehicle to someone and that they were trying to determine the theft status.

[redacted] and I started back toward Allen, S.D. and were about 3 miles East of Batesland, S.D. when we spotted the van heading west toward Pine Ridge. It was about 1:30 to 2:00 pm when we saw the van. A maroon car was in front of the van and a white pick-up behind it. [redacted] was driving the maroon car. Behind the van was a blue camino driven by a [redacted] and I turned around our patrol car and followed these cars to Pine Ridge and stopped in front of the Tribal Court house building. [redacted], RUSSELL MEANS, and [redacted] were in the van and about 4 other people. One of these four others in the van was [redacted] from Mission, S.D. There was [redacted] a [redacted] girl in the group but I do not know which car she was in.

When the group arrived in front of the tribal court building I went home to put on my uniform. I then returned to the Police station at about 2:30 pm.

Upon my return the group was standing outside of the Courtroom building in the street. I saw RUSSELL MEANS, [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], The [redacted] girl, [redacted]. These people were just standing there. As I approached the group SKI JACOBS, The Chief of Police, was talking to [redacted] trying to "cool him off". Both sides were exchanging words. I told [redacted] and the group to get into the van and take off. They finally got into the van and I closed the door. Someone inside opened the van door and I closed it again. I saw nothing in the van like weapons or clubs. The window on the passenger side of the van was open. b6 RUSSELL MEANS was sitting in the middle and directly behind the b7C driver and the passenger. [redacted] threw a punch through the open window. I do not know if he hit anyone.

The van drove west turned into the BIA parking lot, drove out the East entrance turned toward the 4 way stop sign. At this stop sign they turned East on Highway 18. This was the last time I saw the van.

I came back into the Police Department and while listening to the Citizens Band radio I heard the rangers calling back and forth. I think [redacted] calling for other Rangers. He sounded hystrical. At this point the policemen in the office began getting into their cars and heading toward airport. I got into my personally owned car and drove out to the airport.

Upon arriving at the airport and about 1/8 of a mile east of the airport road turn off I saw [redacted] car on the shoulder of the highway. I stopped my car, got out and walked toward [redacted] car. I believe [redacted] told me that "they had shot at [redacted] car". The Police cars were driving toward the East and I saw SKI JACOBS car as the last car heading East. I followed SKI JACOBS to the Denby turn off. We both pulled over the side of the road. I asked SKI what happened and he said they were in Wounded Knee. SKI and I then returned to Pine Ridge and drove around town.

[redacted] accompanied me out to the airport in my car.

I have read this statement, consisting of four pages, & intialing the corrections their on, that is true & correct to the best of my knowledge,""/s/ [redacted]

"Witnessed:"

"DONALD G. WILEY, Special Agent, F.B.I., Rapid City, S.D. 3/1/75".
[redacted] SA, FBI, Rapid City, SD 3/1/75". b6 b7C

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Police Officer [redacted] was telephonically contacted as a result of the telephonic information previously furnished by [redacted] stated that SIEVERT YOUNG BEAR and [redacted] had come in to the Pine Ridge Jail, had asked for a police escort home, and that the police were, as a matter of fact, escorting them to their homes at that time and said they had not been arrested. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he had stopped the van near Wounded Knee, South Dakota, but there were so many people around it he was afraid there would be shooting so he let it go. He said one of his officers did get a peek inside it and saw a man inside holding a "funny shaped large weapon."

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by SA JOHN E. MC CARTY/lee Date dictated 3/5/75

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"Pine Ridge, SD
"3/3/75

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the F.B.I. No threats or promises have been made. b6 b7C

"I am an Indian Male born [redacted] at Pine Ridge, SD. I live at the Crazy Horse Ridge, Pine Ridge, SD. I am the [redacted] at the Planning Center, Pine Ridge Airport, SD.

"I was at work on Wednesday, 2/26/75. I left the planning center early in the afternoon, exact time not known. I was alone and driving a 61 Chevy pickup, green in color. I drove into Pine Ridge SD, and a friend told me [redacted] needed help. I drove to the Court House where [redacted] was suppose to be. I parked in the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) parking lot. There by the court house I saw [redacted], RUSS MEANS, [redacted] wife, and a group of American Indian Movement (AIM) people. I can not identify any other AIM'ers except [redacted] There were about 25 or so AIM'ers. I didn't see any guns at this time.

"About this time [redacted] and others I can not recall, arrived. JOE JACBOS and [redacted] were already there. JACOBS was saying 'there is no court today,' and that they might as well go home. [redacted] was arguing with someone telling one of the AIM'ers they had no right busting into our court, etc. I and [redacted] went into the court house. Inside was [redacted] and about four or five other AIM'ers I can't identify. I heard [redacted] swearing at [redacted] and one other policeman, I can't recall who, daring them to throw him out.

"We then went outside. [redacted] was then out there asking who the white man was pointing at [redacted]. He was swearing at [redacted] broke this up. b6 b7C

"Everybody then said let's go. [redacted] then said 'let's smoke these guys' meaning lets fist fight. [redacted] said 'we can whip them--so what if there are only 9 of us and 20 of them.' JACOBS then said 'don't start anything here.' ' I don't want any trouble here.' Then everybody started leaving.

"I saw the following pickups there: an old pickup, a van, green in color, and a Ranchero or El Cameno and a car load of girls, model of car not known. I saw [redacted] and [redacted] in that car. There were about five cars or more.

"I saw one gun when they were leaving. He was an indian male sitting in the back of the van. I have no idea how old he was. He had a rifle, model unknown. I didn't see any knives but I saw one guy who appeared to be a black with a scabbard; I don't know if he had a knife in it.

"The AIM'ers then left. I'm not sure of the direction.

"I then went back to work. I brought [redacted] I think, [redacted] back to the airport with me. I don't know what time it was a I don't have a watch.

"I got as far as the airport turnoff and saw the AIM'ers in the driveway. They had about three vehicles on each side of the road. I don't recall any of the vehicles except the van, El Cameno, a green car and a pickup. I recognized [redacted] with a rifle, model unknown, and RUSS MEANS. I saw a total of about four AIM'ers with rifles except one who had a pistol. The pistol was a revolver but I can't identify the rifles. I also saw about two shotguns. I saw a girl pass one rifle out of the old model green car.

"I drove on to the turnoff by [redacted] I drove to the right & parked in the ditch. I saw one car on the left. [redacted] was behind it any yelling 'get off the road--they're shooting.'

"Just before this I head a few 'pop' sounds. I got down and stayed out of sight. I didn't hear any more shots.

"We then got up and walked over to see [redacted] but didn't get over there. [redacted] was still yelling 'get off the road--they're shooting.'

"None of us had any guns. And someone yelled 'here they come.' The AIMers were going east on highway 18. b6 b7C

"Just before this I saw two cars circle the airport and I could hear some loud shots, about two, which appeared to be shotguns. I also heard about three small caliber shots.

"The girls drove through first and parked about 1/4 mile up the road. There was also another car up there to meet them. It was a light colored one, model unknown.

"Then the AIMers came through. I could hear the shots and bullets going over my head so I ducked down. I didn't see anyone while they were passing. I have heard the sound of an automatic weapon and I believe the AIMers were firing automatic weapons at us. There must have been a few hundred shots fired at us.

"They went up pass the other car. Then I heard one more shot from the car which was 1/4 mile down the road. I saw this hit about 14 feet away from me. It hit in the mud. It hit very near [redacted] and [redacted]

"The AIMers took off. I don't know whether anyone took off after them. I didn't see any of our people with guns.

"Five or ten minutes later the BIA police showed up. Two police cars showed up first & they waited around a few minutes. JOE JACOBS then showed up with about three police cars & they all took off after the AIMe'rs.

"I left a minute or two later and went home to Pine Ridge, SD. My pickup got stuck in the mud & a group helped me get out.

"I saw [redacted] parked about a mile west of the airport. [redacted] was in a Buick, brown with white top. [redacted] was pointed in the direction of Pine Ridge, SD & was in the car. I saw someone talking to him. I think it was [redacted]

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"I did not see any whites or a convertible that day.

"I have read this statement of six Pages and it is true to the best of my knowledge_

"/s/ [redacted]
"3/3/75

"Witnessed: [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, 3/3/75"

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[redacted] was contacted behind the Planning Center in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and advised of the identities of SAS WILEY and [redacted] furnished the following information after advising that he would prefer not to give a signed statement.

He advised that on Wednesday, February 25, 1975, at approximately 2:00 or 2:30 p.m., he and a bookkeepers for the Indian Action Team, Mr. [redacted] were in the Sioux Nation Market, while [redacted] cashed a check. They had planned to go out to Denby, South Dakota, in order for [redacted] to buy some hay from [redacted] uncle, [redacted] He said they were in a 1974 red and white Ford pickup owned by him and they drove to White Clay, Nebraska to get a six-pack of beer. They then drove toward Denby, South Dakota, on Highway 18 driving east. b6 b7C

At a point just west of the airport turn-off he saw "a bunch of cars" at the airport turn-off and he stopped and asked [redacted] what happened. [redacted] advised him that RUSSELL MEANS and his bunch shot at them. He then advised that the following individuals were some of the people at the airport turn-off:

[redacted]

He advised that he does not remember seeing [redacted] or [redacted] He did see [redacted] green pickup in a ditch on the south side of the road east of the airport, across from [redacted] place.

He said he saw [redacted] car with one bullet hole in the windshield and also saw a white car which he knew to belong to [redacted] parked on the left side of the road facing toward Pine Ridge and said that the car had been there most of the day.

Interviewed on 3/5/75 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota File # MP 70-9729

by SA DONALD C. WILEY
SA [redacted] sb Date dictated 3/7/75

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"Pine Ridge, SD 2/28/75"

"I, [redacted] hereby voluntarily furnish the following signed statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents for the FBI. No threats or promises have been made to me regarding this statement. b6 b7C

I was born [redacted] I am of the [redacted] race, or a native [redacted] I reside at House [redacted] Northridge, Pine Ridge, SD, and am employed by Probation and Parole, Pine Ridge, SD.

On 2/26/75, about 2:00 pm, I noticed a group of individuals milling in front of the court house, Pine Ridge, SD.

I tried to go into the jail where my office is, but the door was locked. I went in the south door to my office. [redacted] said the AIM was next door, which would be the court house. I went over to the court house and saw [redacted] and some others I didn't know.

I talked to [redacted] in front of the court house. I also saw [redacted] RUSSELL MEANS, [redacted] the wife of [redacted] This group told me [redacted] came in for a trial.

I told this group that they should keep it cool.

Then [redacted] came out of the court house. [redacted] was drunk and I talked to him.

Then [redacted] went in the court house and talked to the prosecutor.

Then [redacted] and several of his followers came into the court house. Then everybody went outside, and the AIM people started to head for their vehicles.

[redacted] challenged RUSSELL MEANS and [redacted] to a fight. [redacted] said "Come on RUSSELL, you and me - you to [redacted] I'll take both of you".

MEANS and [redacted] ignored [redacted] and got in a green van. [redacted] came up to the van and jerked the right rear door open and MEANS and [redacted] jerked the door closed again. Then [redacted] punched someone through the right front open window. [redacted] continually hollered insults at the people in the green van.

He then drove to Pine Ridge and cruised around town for a while and sometime before 4:00 p.m., he drove back out toward the airport and observed a green convertible with a broken windshield and ripped top going in the opposite direction (toward Pine Ridge).

Then the green van drove east on highway 18.

[redacted] said something like "let's go get them" and went and got in a 1975 4 door chevrolet car, orange color. [redacted] and [redacted] then followed the green van.

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When RUSSELL MEANS and [redacted] were walking to get in their van, I tried to restrain [redacted] from attacking them.

I drove out to the Pine Ridge Airport in my light green 1968 ford. I observed the green van to be parked at the entrance to the airport. I stopped and talked to [redacted] I told [redacted] to be careful. [redacted] was holding a rifle which had the barrell cut off and shortened to a pistol. RUSSELL MEANS was in the green van. [redacted] was in this van. [redacted] was driving the white pickup.

The van and its occupants then drove east on highway 18, and I got in my car and turned around. My wife got in the car with me.

I didn't hear or see any shooting.

I do not know anything about any plane being shot up at the Pine Ridge airport.

I do not know anything about any beatings of individuals outside of the Planning Center, Pine Ridge, SD, on 2/26/75.

On 2/26/75, around 4:30 pm, I was parked in the BIA parking lot, Pine Ridge, SD, when [redacted] walked up to me. I was talking to police officer [redacted] said you had no business stopping me from hitting RUSSELL MEANS. [redacted] said I should get out and get what RUSSELL was supposed to get. [redacted] had [redacted] and [redacted] with him.

[redacted] challenged me to fight the five of them and I refused.

[redacted] then hit me in the face through my open left front car window. This blow broke my nose and gave me a black eye, right eye. After [redacted] hit me, he continued to holler threats at me. [redacted] said I don't want to see no police

report, if you do, I'll kill you.

When [redacted] originally walked up to me, he asked the police officer, [redacted] if he was full time or part time. [redacted] told the police officer that that badge and gun don't mean a thing to me get the hell out of here. The police officer said "ok" and walked off. I have read the above statement of six (6) pages and now sign it because it is true to the best of my knowledge." b6 b7C

"/s/ [redacted] "2/28/75"

"Witnessed: [redacted] Special Agent - FBI 2/28/75".
[redacted] SA, FBI, Rapid City, SD 2/28/75".

"I, [redacted], hereby voluntarily furnish the following signed statement to [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent for the FBI. No threats or promises have been made to me regarding this statement.

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I am an Indian female, born 3/22/53, Pine Ridge, SD. I am employed as a Secretary at the Planning Center, Pine Ridge, SD.

On 2/26/75, there was a rumor in the Planning Center that AIM was coming.

About 3:00 pm, I observed a green van pull into the entrance to the Planning Center. I saw RUSSELL MEANS, [redacted] and about 3 others, get out of this van. [redacted] was carrying a rifle.

I observed my husband, [redacted], pull up beside this van. My husband was driving a 1968 ford, light green. I was afraid for my husband's safety, so I ran up to the van.

I talked to [redacted], who is my cousin. [redacted] was drunk. [redacted] shook my hand, said "There out to get me". RUSSELL MEANS got back in the van.

Everyone got in the van, the van returned to highway 18 and headed east. I got in my car with my husband and we turned around to go to Pine Ridge. I didn't hear any shots or see any shooting.

I went in the Planning Center and got my purse, then my husband and I drove to Pine Ridge.

I don't know anything about any shooting of an airplane at the Pine Ridge Airport on 2/26/75.

I don't know anything about any individuals being beaten up at the Planning Center on 2/26/75.

On 2/26/75, about 1:00 pm, I observed about 4 individuals get out of a blue and white airplane at the Pine Ridge airport.

A group of people at the Planning Center were hollering at this group of people that got out of the airplane. The group of people that got out of the airplane were met by two cars, one a green convertible.

I have read thee above statement of 3 pages and now sign it because it is true to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted]
"2/28/75

[redacted] SA, FBI, Rapid City, SD 2/28/75".

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"March 4, 1975
Pine Ridge, SD

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to John E. McCarty & Philip Enlow, who have identified themselves to me to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. b6 b7C

"I am aware I do not have to give this statement and that it may be used in court.

"I am counsel to the Oglala Sioux Tribe and a member of the South Dakota bar.

"On February 26, 1975 I was at a Tribal Council meeting at Pine Ridge, which was presided over by [redacted]

"Around one thirty to two P.M. [redacted] and someone took a note to [redacted] About the same time [redacted] brought me a note that said "Small AIM caravan spotted east of town, heading towards Pine Ridge" or words to that effect.

"The meeting continued for a time then about one half to one hour later we heard sirens [redacted] and I went out of the meeting. [redacted] then came over and said he had seen Russell Means and some others at the Courthouse and they were drunk. The council was then dismissed, although I was not in the meeting when it was adjourned. This was around three P.M.

[redacted] and I then got in [redacted] car and we drove to the airport to see what was going on. I remember seeing a plane at the airport as we went by, but I didn't see any group at the airport itself. b6 b7C

"Just past the turnoff into the airport I saw a white pickup in the ditch on the south side of the road, facing west. There was a group of people around it. I saw a bullet hole in the truck. I recall seeing [redacted] and several others whose names I don't remember, standing near the truck.

"There was just general talk. I gathered there had been an altercation at the Courthouse, that [redacted] had followed Means, and that Mean's group had shot up the pickup and [redacted] car. I don't recall seeing [redacted] car at the scene right then, but there were several vehicles around. I got the impression from the general conversation that there was gunfire only from the Mean's group toward the vehicles.

"I stayed at the scene maybe one half to one hour, then [redacted] and I started back for Pine Ridge. [redacted] and [redacted] followed us in [redacted] car. Near the Sundance grounds about four PM. Joe Jacobs approached us in a police car. We stopped. [redacted] showed Jacobs bullet holes in his car. [redacted] and I then drove on into Pine Ridge. I assume [redacted] and [redacted] followed us on in, although I don't recall actually seeing them behind us.

"In Pine Ridge I left [redacted] I think [redacted] b6 b7C was going to take [redacted] back to his place of employment.

"I went on to White Clay, Nebraska, then returned to my office in Pine Ridge. The Tribal office building was empty at that time.

"I then drove east out of Pine Ridge. Near the old filling station I saw several people maybe six or eight total. These included Dick Wilson, Sr. [redacted] and [redacted] that I recall.

"They said there had been another confrontation at the airport with long haired, hippie lawyers. No one said who had had the confrontation with them. Someone said the lawyers had been showing a film on Wounded Knee, and that they had got into it with them. I saw no weapons in possession of any of the group. This took place about five P.M.

"I then decided I had better get to my home near Porcupine to get my kids, so I drove on home and stayed there.

"I saw no gathering at the airport as I went past it this time, at least I don't recall seeing it.

"To go back, when I got to where I saw the pickup in the ditch, I don't recall seeing [redacted] vehicle at the scene, although it had to be there because it later followed us back to Pine Ridge. I saw no weapons in the possession of anyone in the group near the truck.

"While I was with the group by the gas station someone, I have no idea who, said that as Means group drove east, the group had shot at them and the bullets went into a plane. There was a lot of general conversation at the time, and I have no idea who made this this comment.

"No one indicated who the plane belonged to, although somewhere along the line I got the impression the plane belonged to someone associated with the Means group.

"No one, in my presence, ever indicated they were personally involved in any altercation. I personally never saw any altercations.

"I did see [redacted] and a short girl at The council meeting the morning of February 26th. I'm not at all sure they were there in the afternoon. I saw them handing papers to [redacted] and Sievert Young Bear at the meeting. b6 b7C

"I have read this statement contained in four pages and it is a true and correct statement to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted]

"/s/John E. McCarty, Special Agent, FBI Pine Ridge SD,3/4/75.

"/s/Philip F. Enlow, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, FBI Minneapolis,Minnesota, 3/4/75

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[redacted] a member of the South Dakota State Bar and a legal services attorney for the Oglala Sioux Tribe advised he was in a probate hearing on February 26, 1975, and at about 2:45 PM [redacted] came in and told the Judge that she had received word the building was to be cleared out. The probate Judge then recessed the hearing.

He talked to his clients briefly then returned to his office at about 3:00 PM. About 3:15 - 3:30 PM RICHARD WILSON, Tribal President, called upstairs to his office which is in the Tribal Building and asked everyone to leave so that the building could be closed. He then returned to his home.

About 4:00 PM his child woke up so after going to the store at around 4:30 PM he drove out to see what was going on. He saw some people stopped near the old drive-in. There were two or three people there he did not know, a [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), age about 55, and either [redacted] or [redacted], he is not sure which. There were also other people at the scene but he could not identify them stating he does not know many people by name in the area. He stayed with the group about 15 - 30 minutes then went home and stayed there.

During the time he was with the group no one left except that on one occasion [redacted] drove up, said he was worried about his children and then left. About the time [redacted] left he also left and went home.

[redacted] arrived about the time he was leaving. [redacted] did not have much to say and just stated that there had been some trouble at the airport. [redacted] left about the time that [redacted] did. He does not know where [redacted] came from but said [redacted] did state when he was leaving that he was going home.

[redacted] denied any personal knowledge of any trouble whatsoever.

3/4/75 Pine Ridge, South Dakota MP 70-9729

Interviewed on ____ at ____ File # ____

SA JOHN E. MC CARTY/JEM/pms 3/6/75

by ____ Date dictated ____

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"Pine Ridge, SD
"3/3/75

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the FBI. No threats or promises have been made. b6 b7C

"I am an Indian Male born [redacted] in the State of Wyoming. I am a registered Oglala Sioux at Pine Ridge, SD. I live in Pine Ridge, SD. I am an Oglala Sioux Ranger.

"I was in a Ranger pickup, green in color, on Wednesday, 3/3/75, with [redacted] also a Ranger. It was in the afternoon. I do not recall the time. We drove up to the Planning Center but we didn't drive in as we saw AIMers in the driveway by the stop sign. I saw a green van, a white pickup, and a car, color not recalled. I saw one Indian Male standing behind the van. I did not see any weapons.

"As we drove by I heard about 30 shots. I do not know what kind of weapons were being fired.

"We drove down to [redacted] house and drove off to the right into the ditch. There were many cars in the ditch. I don't know how many.

"We got out of the pickup and hit the ground. The AIM'ers drove by us. They were going east on highway 18. They were shooting when they went by. I didn't see any weapons, as I was on the ground.

"The AIM'ers drove up highway 18 on the hill about 1/4 mile away and they fired one more shot at us. The shot hit near a Ranger pickup. I saw it hit the dirt.

"We stood there for a while and then I returned to the Planning Center. I stayed in the Ceter and operated the radio. I went home at 4:30 pm.

About 3:30 or 4:00 pm I saw one white man with white hair and a black brief case. He was probably in his 50's. I saw him in the airport by airplane. There was a convertible, green on the bottom and with a black top. The convertible was not damaged at all at this time. I don't recall whether there were any people with him. I saw him through the window of a door on the east side of the building.

"Short time later I saw the convertible pulling out. I saw the convertible drive to about the stop sign at highway 18. I could not see who was inside of it. There were about three cars parked there. I don't recall seeing any people by the cars. I did not see anyone with weapons. A call came in about this time and I returned to the office.

"Earlier in the day I was in Pine Ridge, SD, in the Ranger pickup with [redacted] I don't recall the time. I don't have a watch. I saw about three men with red hankerchiefs on their head & with long hair. I did not see any weapons.

"I have read this statement of three pages and it is true to the best of knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C
"3/3/75

"Witnessed: [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, 3/3/75"

"February 28, 1975
"Pine Ridge, South Dakota

"I, [redacted] Clerk of Court, Oglala Sioux tribe, Pine Ridge, South Dakota have made the following statement to [redacted], and DONALD G. WILEY, who have indentified themselves to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that they both wanted to discuss the disrubtive incident that occurred at the tribal Court office on Wednesday, Frebruary 26, 1975 at approximately 1:55 pm. I am an indian female, D.O.B. [redacted] an American citizen and can read and understand the English language. b6 b7C

"At approximately 1:50 pm, I went to my house, across the street from the court house to check my children and make a telephone call and then returned to my office. As I returned and entered the front door which leads to my office I saw approximately 10 people. All of these people were making loud noises and some were using profane language. Of these people, I knew [redacted], RUSSELL MEANS, and [redacted] After seeing this, I didn't know what was going on and decided to go into my office. I saw an indian male with his back to me standing in front of the doorway that goes into my office. I said excuse me, he didn't move, so then I walked around him and entered my office. [redacted] was sitting at her desk when I entered. I then looked at the indian in the doorway who stood there with another indian and saw that he looked familiar. I asked [redacted] who he was and she said that it was RUSSELL MEANS and then I knew who it was.

"At this time both MEANS and the other indian left the office and walked down the hall to [redacted] office where a comotion was going on. After a few minutes during this comotion the police arrived at the front door and entered the office.

Amoung the Police officer's, who were in their uniforms, were known to me as the Chief of Police, SKI JACOBS, [redacted] and [redacted] was not wearing a uniform, but wearing a gun and a badge. I then saw all these Police officers walk past my office and go to [redacted] office. they all stood by [redacted] office for a few minutes and then I saw SKI JACOBS walk back into the front room and look out the front window of the door. SKI JACOBS was there alone for a few minutes and both [redacted] and myself were still in the office.

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"Suddenly a indian, male, who was acting crazy came into the front room. I was later told by [redacted] that his name was [redacted] or [redacted] I saw this person go up to JACOBS who still had his back turned and this person with his right hand took hold of JACOB'S coat. this person grabbed JACOB'S emblem, a patch, on his left shoulder, in his jacket and began to pull JACOB'S around. this person was saying something to JACOB's and laughing. This went on for about one-half a minute. As this was going on, I began to get scared and concerned and didn't know what was going to happen. I then saw this person let JACOB'S go and walked back to [redacted] office and asked [redacted] for a lite and said to [redacted] oh! your to young.

"At this time approximately six women came in the front door and asked to use the bathroom stating 'they' would not let them use the one at the jail. I knew [redacted] also known a [redacted] and [redacted] to be among the women. At this time both [redacted] and I, got our coats, shut the door to our office and walked out of the office outside. I walked through a crowd of people outside the front door and saw [redacted], [redacted] and [redacted] I saw a green van parked in front of the phone both and a blue and white El Comino pick-up with number eleven

South Dakota plates on it. I saw [redacted] and two [redacted] boys get into the El Comino. I saw [redacted] RUSSELL MEANS and [redacted] or [redacted] get into the green van. I saw both of these vehicles drive off and drove toward the airport.

"I then went over to the Police Department to conduct business.

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"I have read this statement of five pages and initialed all corrections and sign it because it is true.

"/s/ [redacted]
"2-28-75

"Witnessed: [redacted], SA FBI, Rapid City, SD 2/28/75.
DONALD G. WILEY, Special Agent, F.B.I. Rapid City, SD 2/28/75"

"Rapid City S.D.
Mar. 7, 1975

"I, [redacted] furnish the following voluntary statement to George D. O'Clock who has identified himself as a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I reside at [redacted] Dr. Rapid City, South Dakota and I am employed as the [redacted] for the Colonial Research Chemical Co of Norfolk Nebraska.

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"On Feb 26, 1975, at approximately 1:00 PM I was in Pine Ridge, South Dakota making some business contacts. Shortly after 1:00 PM I left Pine Ridge S.D. driving east on U.S. Highway 18 towards Martin S.D. about two miles out of Pine Ridge in the vicinity of the airport I noted a caravan of five vehicles driving west on US Highway 18 towards Pine Ridge, S.D. These vehicles were closely bunched and travelling at a high rate of speed possibly sixty or seventy miles an hour. The lead vehicle was a green van type vehicle possibly a ford which was the enclosed cargo type van, this vehicle had a vent near the top which was opened. The van was followed by a white vehicle possibly a convertable, a 70 or 71 dark Ford and two pickups.

"I turned around at the airport as I decided to make another business contact at the Pine Ridge Nursing Home upon driving past the Pine Ridge Court House, located adjacent to the Pine Ridge Police Dept. I noted the green van and the other four vehicles that I had previously seen east of Pine Ridge S.D. parked in front of the court house. I noted a group of people male and female near the enterance to the Court House in a semi circle and one male individual dark complexted wearing dark clothes standing on the Court House steps either making a speech or giving directions. I could not hear what was being said as I was just driving by the area towards the nursing home. I did note [redacted] who I personally know standing on the sidewalk across the street from the Court House. It appeared he was observing the activities of the group in the Court House area. b6 b7C

"I returned from the Nursing Home in approximately five minutes as my contact was not available and I noted the same group at the Court House and [redacted] was still across the street observing the group. I then drove around the block and parked approximately one block south of the Court House on U.S. Highway 18 where I could observe the activities at the Court House. Approximately five minutes later a large group of people who seemed to be coming from all the buildings in the immediate area

walked towards the Court House and the group that was still assembled there. The large groups of people by their mass movement forced the smaller groups towards their vehicles which they entered, without incident. I noted one unidentified individual pull back his arm like he was going to strike someone however I didn't see this individual strike anyone. I didn't see any individual with any type weapon in the vicinity of the Court House. The individuals in the van and four vehicles proceeded east on U.S. Highway 18 out of Pine Ridge S.D. towards Martin S.D. I noted the driver of the van appeared to be a white male who had long shoulder length light brown or blonde hair.

"The larger group of individuals at the Court House continued to mill around the area for approximately two or three minutes, they seemed confused. Then approximately five vehicles with individuals from the larger group also headed east on Highway 18 towards Martin S.D. I only saw one policeman in the group at the Court House. I noted that [redacted] did not become involved with either group at the Court House. b6 b7C

"I then proceeded east on Highway 18 towards Martin S.D. In the vicinity of the Pine Ridge airport I saw several cars parked along the highway with several people milling around. I did not see the van or anyone fighting.

I didn't hear any gunshots and didn't see any individual with any type weapon. I noted a Cherokee "6" Blue and white airplane parked near the airport fence however I didn't note any damage to the plane. I remained at the airport for approximately five minutes then drove back to Pine Ridge.

"I saw [redacted] driving a late model brown Chevrolet 4 door which he parked in front of the Tribal office. I asked [redacted] "What was going on?" [redacted] made some remark "Fun and games". I checked [redacted] car which appeared to have two bullet holes in the left rear hubcap, the left rear vent window was shattered and three or four bullet holes or what appeared to be bullet holes were noted in the back cushion. The bottom portion of the windshield was shattered which appeared it was hit with a rock or blunt instrument that did not penetrate the glass. I noted [redacted] was very nervous and shook up. [redacted] said "he pulled up along side of them and they opened up with a machine gun." He did not elaborate on who he meant by "they" or "them". I was only in contact with [redacted] for approximately one minute and then I drove to Martin, S.D.

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"I came back to Pine Ridge S.D. on Feb 28, 1975 at approximately noon. I noted a civil air patrol plane landing at the Pine Ridge airport and being a member of the Civil Air Patrol I wanted to find out what their mission was. I was advised they were searching for a lost girl in the Pine Ridge S.D. area. I then checked the Cherokee "6" Blue and white plane that was still parked in the same area where I had seen it on Wednesday Feb 26, 1975. I noted the fiber glass on the wing tip and the glass on the passenger side of the plane was shattered.

"On Feb 26, 1975 while driving towards Martin S.D. at approximately 2:30 PM I noted Richard Wilson the Tribal President on the highway about a half a mile east of Pine Ridge S.D. Wilson was in his car heading west on Highway 18 and would stop and talk to individuals from his car. I did not see Wilson who I personally know in the area of the Court House or at the Pine Ridge airport area on Feb 26, 1975.

"/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C
Mar 7, 1975

Witnesses:

"/s/George D. O'Clock, Special Agent F.B.I.,
Rapid City S.D."

"I, [redacted] hereby voluntarily furnish the following signed statement to [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent for the FBI, and to [redacted] Criminal Investigator, BIA, Cheyenne River Agency, BIA, SD. No threats or promises have been made to me regarding this statement.

I am an Indian male, born [redacted] Pine Ridge, SD. I am a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Pine Ridge, SD.

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On 2/26/75, I was attending an Oglala Sioux Tribal Council meeting at Billy Mills Hall, Pine Ridge, SD. At approximately 11:00 am, a lawyer for the Wounded Knee defendants came into this meeting. This lawyer is described as a white male, thin, long blond hair, and regularly attends meetings of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council. This lawyer handed a manila folder to [redacted] and handed a manila folder to SEVERT YOUNG BEAR. This lawyer said something to YOUNG BEAR and [redacted] Right after this lawyer left, a girl, short, long black hair, who I have regularly seen with this lawyer, came into this meeting. We recessed the meeting at noon and met again about 1:30 pm. This meeting was chaired by Oglala Sioux Tribal Chairman RICHARD WILSON. This meeting lasted until about 2:45 pm when we heard police sirens. The meeting was recessed because of a 10 minute coffee break.

At approximately 1:30 pm, Judge THEODORE TIBBITS told [redacted] the [redacted] of RICHARD WILSON, that a caravan of cars, lead by RUSSELL MEANS, was coming from the east. Chairman RICHARD WILSON told me to contact the Ranger Station, Planning Center, Pine Ridge airport, and inform them of this caravan, and to tell them to watch for this caravan and then inform WILSON if the caravan came into Pine Ridge because WILSON thought this caravan might disrupt the council meeting.

I relayed this information to the planning center.

At the coffee break at 2:45 pm, I was told by [redacted] that they were shooting up the Rangers out at the airport.

I went back inside and told RICHARD WILSON what was happening. I told him I was going to go see what was happening, and I grabbed my briefcase and went to the airport.

When I arrived at the airport, I observed several people on the south side of the highway in vehicles. They were on the edge of the road and in the ditch. These vehicles were about 50 yards east of the turnoff into the planning center.

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I talked to [redacted] and he showed me a bullet hole in his pickup, right back part of cab, where it had been shot. He [redacted] said they, meaning RUSSELL MEANS and his crew, shot at the vehicles in the ditch as they drove east out of Pine Ridge, SD.

[redacted] said [redacted] had attempted to stop RUSSELL MEANS and his crew, and the AIM guys shot up the car of [redacted]

Then my brother, [redacted] came up and said my dad wanted to go home, so I, [redacted] and [redacted] took my father to his Batesland residence. My father is [redacted]

We were gone about an hour and a half, when we returned to Pine Ridge, SD.

I was driving a green and white Chevrolet pickup, white topper.

I know nothing about any shooting of an airplane at the Pine Ridge airport.

I have no first hand knowledge of any beatings inflicted on individuals at the Pine Ridge Airport on 2/26/75.

I have read the above statement of 5 pages and now sign it because it is a true to the best of my knowledge."
"2/28/75"

"/s/ [redacted]

[redacted] SA, FBI, Rapid City, SD 2/28/75".
[redacted] ASO, Cheyenne River Agency, Eagle Butte, S.Dak, 2-28-75".

"I, THOMAS CONROY, SR., Tribal Land Manager, furnish the following voluntary statement to RONALD A. WILLIAMS who has identified himself to me as an Agent of the F.B.I. I was born on March 23, 1911 at Batesland, S.D. I have a complete high school education.

On 2-25-75, beginning at 9 AM I spent all day at the Billy Mills Hall making a report to the Tribal Council.

Between 2 and 3 PM DICK WILSON announced a recess because of a disturbance at the Planning Center. WILSON said RUSSELL MEANS and his gang had shot up the Planning Center. WILSON had been at the meeting up to that point and I do not know how he learned of the shooting.

I left the Hall and went directly to my office, picked up my briefcase, and went home east 24 miles from the Planning Center.

When I got to Planning Center I saw one Ranger pickup and one civilian pickup (blue or black) parked off US 18 immediately East of turn-off to Planning Center.

I noticed three boys by the pickups, recognizing only [redacted] a Tribal Ranger. This was as I was leaving. b6 b7C

When I arrived I saw no one inside or outside the building. I saw no evidence of disturbance. I was in the Planning Office Building for only a couple minutes.

I read the above statement consisting of this and one other page.

I have initialed each page and correction and signed it now because it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge."

"/s/ THOMAS CONROY"

"RONALD A. WILLIAMS, SA, FBI, 3-4-75 Pine Ridge, SD".

"Pine Ridge, SD
"3/2/75

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the FBI. No threats or promises have been made.

"I am an Indian Male born [redacted] at Pine Ridge, SD. I am the [redacted] of the Oglala Sioux Ranger program on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

"I was at work at the Planning Center at the Pine Ridge airport on Wednesday, 2/26/75, from approximately 8 am to 9 am. At about 9 am I flew to Scenic, SD, & remained there until about 11 am. I returned to the Planning Center until about noon. b6 b7C

"I returned to work about 1 pm after lunch at home. I recall seeing a blue & white Cessna aircraft land about 1:30 pm. I saw about 4 of 5 people get out of it. I appeared that all the people were white except for one who was darked skin. They were met by two cars, an older model convertible & a second car I fail to recall a description of. There were about three women & a man who met them, all whites. Those two cars drove off.

"Approximately 2:15 I went to Onap accounts which is located in Pine Ridge, SD. I was there 15 or 20 minutes. [redacted] met me at Onap's. Together we drove into the intersection of town. This was about 2:30 or 2:45 pm. At the intersection we saw a caravan of about 4 or 5 car and a van. The van was blue. The cars were as follows: a gray Buick, a white pickup truck, and others I don't recall. I recognized [redacted] driving the white pickup truck. I did not recognize anyone else in the other cars. Each car had 4 or 5 in each car. I saw at least 3 people in the pickup.

"I then circled Billy Mills Hall. I was driving my 72 Willys Jeep, blue in color. I drove to the Planning Center but saw the caravan parked there so I drived right by. I saw about 20 people standing around the cars. I saw one fellow, an Indian Male with long hair inbetween 20 & 25 years old, standing inbetween the van and a car parked behind the van; he was standing off to the right side. He was armed with a deer rifle. I did not see any other weapons. At this point I did not recognize anyone in the crowd.

"I drove home to my trailer which is located about 300 yards east of the Planning Center. At this time parked in the driveway which leads to my trailer was a red Buick, a newer model, with [redacted] inside and [redacted] standing outside on the drivers side. There was also an older pickup on the other side of the highway across from the driveway. [redacted] was inside driving with two Indian male passengers. I stopped by [redacted] and [redacted] said 'they're armed and they're shooting at us.' I did not see any weapons in or around the red Buick or the pickup. I told [redacted] I would drive to the trailer and telephone the police which I did. I was unable to contact the police as the phone was busy.

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"While I was in the trailer I heard inbetween 15 & 20 shots. I am a former Marine in the U.S. Marine Corp and have served in Viet Nam. I have heard automatic weapons fire. The 15 or 20 shots I heard were either small weapon semi-automatic or automatic. The firing was quite fast.

"I stepped outside the trailer and saw the van about 100 yards east of the trailer. The other cars, approximately four, were with the van. I also saw a white car, model unknown, parked down the highway about 500 or 600 yards east. I heard one shot at this time which I thought came from the white car. I did not see any weapons in the van or other four cars in the caravan.

"I got into my jeep and drove to highway 18 where my driveway comes in. The police were just arriving. There were four or five police cars arriving. I recognized JOE JACOBS, the chief of police, & [redacted]. I did not recognize any of the other policemen. One of the police officers said stay here and all the police cars drove towards the caravan. I did not hear any shooting after that. There were four or five cars here then including [redacted] I saw [redacted] at their car. b6 b7C

"I saw the winshield on the drivers side of [redacted] car was shattered. I also saw [redacted] pickup with a hole on the passengers side rear in the cab, about ten minutes later.

"I then followed [redacted] to Batesland taking highway 18 east. With me were [redacted]. [redacted] THOMAS CONROY, Sr. He was alone driving a 1973 Chevrolet 4 wheel drive pickup, red & white in color. Also with us was [redacted] driving a 1973 green & white Chevrolet pickup with a white camper on the back. [redacted] was with him. This was about 2:45 or 3pm. At this time there were 20 to 30 people at my driveway & highway 18. DICK WILSON, SR, [redacted] were all I can recall as being here at this time. I did not see any whites in this crowd. I did not see any whites or the previously mentioned gray convertible at the Planning Center either.

"I did not see the caravan or police cars in the drive east. [redacted] was in my driveway when I left. I heard no more shooting after this.

"I know nothing about any whites being roughed up or any aircraft being shot up.

"(I have read this statement consisting of five pages and it is true to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted]
"March 2, 1975)

"Witnessed: [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Rapid City, SD 3/2/75

[redacted] SA, FBI, Rapid City, SD. 3/2/75"

"Pine Ridge, SD
"3/4/75

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the F.B.I. No threats or promises have been made. b6 b7C

"I am an Indian Male born [redacted] at Pine Ridge, SD. I live at [redacted] Crazy Horse Housing. I am a construction worker and work for Ecoffey Maintenance.

"I was working on my car in Pine Ridge, SD, on Wednesday, 2/26/75, when I heard a policeman say a caravan was coming into town. I took him, [redacted] who is my brother, down to the jail, driving a 1960 GMC pickup, gray & white in color. This was after dinner in the afternoon, time unknown.

"I visited people I know in the jail for a while and then saw everyone heading out towards the airport. I saw RUSS MEANS, [redacted] and others, standing around at the Court House. I saw a van, blue in color and a ranchero, gray & black in color, there. There were 15 to 20 people in this crowd. Most looked Indian but there could have been some whites or part whites in the crowd. I did not see any weapons.

"After the police went out to the airport, I followed the police out. I arrived after everything happened. I was still driving the pickup. I recall now I took my pick-up back to my brother so this had to be before noon.

"I did not see anyone with weapons at the airport. The police had already left. I saw one pickup with a hole in the back by the window. Someone said 'they opened up on us and then hit their own airplane,' but I don't recall who

said that. I drove over to the airport & looked at the airplane. The airplane was a one engine aircraft, color not recalled. It was later in the day when I looked at the airplane and it had holes in the window. I did not see [redacted] out there. I did not see any whites out there except two guys in a car with an antenna. b6 b7C

"I have read this statement of 2 pages and it is True To The best of my knowledge_

"/s/ [redacted] 3/4/75

"Witnessed: [redacted] Special Agent, FBI
SA FBI Rapid City, SD 3/4/75"

"March 4, 1975"

"I, [redacted] have made the following statements to [redacted], who has identified themselves to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that these agents wanted to discuss the disturbance at the Court House on Wednesday, February 26, 1975 at approximately 2:00 pm and the later shooting incident involving her husband [redacted] at the airport at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. I am an indian, female, D.O.B. [redacted] an American Citizen and can read and understand the English Language.

On 2/26/75 at approximately 2:00 pm I was working in my office; the Clerk's office inside the Oglala Sioux Court House at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. I was alone and suddenly [redacted] came into Court House lobby. [redacted] asked [redacted] for a jury trail and [redacted] said that he couldn't have it because they couldn't pay a jury. Then I saw RUSSELL MEANS, [redacted] an unknown indian wearing a tan colored cap. These people came in with a group of approximately twenty people. I later saw [redacted] sitting in a chair in the lobby. There was some more people outside the Court House namely [redacted] and [redacted] with [redacted] All of these people wery being loud asking "where the Fucking Pigs were" Some of these people were pounding on the outside of the door that went to the jail. The people inside the Court House were disrubting the court as the court was conducting official business at the time of the disturbance as [redacted] also known as [redacted] was attempting to get a marriage license. b6 b7C

I saw [redacted] ask these people to leave and no one responded. [redacted] tried to call the Police at least two times. These people were inside the Court House at least ten minutes before the Police came in.

I saw SKI JACOBS, [redacted] and [redacted] All of these men were in uniform. These Police officers checked out the Court House and stood in the lobby. The Police stayed in the Court House for about five minutes. This group continued to swearing ad call the Police names while they were in the Court House.

All during this disturbance I was scared and afraid for the other people in the Court House. At this time I decided to leave my office and both [redacted] and I left the Court House.

As I walked out the front door of the Court House I saw my husband [redacted] standing across the street on the sidewalk near his car which was parked in the parking lot facing

South. I saw my brother [redacted] sitting in the front seat of the car on the passenger side. I saw [redacted] standing at this location talking with RUSSELL MEANS and the indian who was wearing the tan cap. I walked on by [redacted] and sat in the front driver's seat of [redacted] car.

I looked over toward the Court House and saw [redacted] my husband, the indian with the cap, RUSSELL MEANS, [redacted] and [redacted] and approximately ten others gathering near the front of the Court House. Many of "AIM" people were mouthing off and then I heard someone mouth off to [redacted] and then I saw [redacted] hit [redacted]

At this time after the punch by [redacted] everyone started to break up. I then saw everyone head toward the green van, with dark colored curtains on the back. I saw RUSSELL MEANS, and [redacted] walk toward the van. I did see [redacted] get into the van. I then saw the indian, male who was wearing the tan cap driving the van as it drove through the parking lot. I saw RUSSELL MEANS sitting in the front passenger seat with an unknown female indian. I then saw the van drive East on Highway 18 toward the airport. After all of this I then went back into the office. Everyone was still shook up and I decided to go home. b6 b7C

Before I went outside the Court House prior to the fight outside involving [redacted] came up to me inside my office and said "that [redacted] was jerking SKI around by his patch on his arm".

While at my house, [redacted] my husband, [redacted] came home driving his car. My husband said that [redacted] and [redacted] shot him up. I then looked at the car and saw bullet holes in the car. I saw bullet holes in the front windshield, and other bullet holes on the driver side of the car. I then heard [redacted] say that [redacted] and [redacted] shot at them while at the [redacted] residence out at the airport.

I have read this statement consisting of five pages and have initialed all corrections and have given this statement fully and voluntarily. I now sign it it is true."

"/s/ [redacted]

"WIT: [redacted] SA, FBI 3/4/75".
"SA [redacted] FBI, Rapid City, SD 3/4/75".

"March 5, 1975
Pine Ridge SD

"I, [redacted] make the following statement to John E. McCarty & Philip Enlow who have identified themselves to me to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I have been advised I do not have to make this statement, and that it may be used in Court.

"On February 26, 1975, I was at the Tribal Council meeting in Pine Ridge, where Dick Wilson was presiding. I arrived about two to two thirty PM. While I was there [redacted] came in and told me Russell Means and them were at the Courthouse. b6 b7C

"About half an hour after I got there I heard sirens going off. About ten minutes later Wilson recessed the meeting, so I went outside.

[redacted] was outside and she said, "They're shooting at the goons out by the airport".

"Dick Wilson, [redacted] and me then drove out to the airport. When we passed the airport I didn't see anything unusual, but just past the airport across from the herd camp I saw [redacted] pickup in the ditch.

"There were about fifteen to twenty people around the pickup. I saw [redacted] and [redacted] and several others there. I did not see [redacted] or [redacted] car there.

"Someone said there had been an argument at the Courthouse, but that the cops told them to take their fight someplace else out of town. They thought they were going out there to have a fight, and that they were waiting for Means, [redacted] and them to come out. b6 b7C

"They waited by their cars, but that a group of cars came out. There was a van, two white pickups and two or three older cars. When the van went by where they were waiting, the door on the van came open, and shots were fired at them from the van. One of the older cars wenton to a hill past them, there stopped and shot back at them. They all ducked behind their cars and no one said who did any of the shooting.

"I saw two or three shoulder weapons in the group, but I didn't notice who was holding them.

"I looked at the pickup and saw a bullet hole in it.

"After about five minutes Dick Wilson, [redacted] and me left and started back to Pine Ridge. Near the Sun Dance entryway we saw [redacted] and [redacted] coming towards us from the west. We all stopped and got out.

[redacted] talked to Dick and I looked at [redacted] car. I saw a vent window on the rear drivers side door was broken and so was the windshield. I didn't notice any bullet holes, but someone said there were bullet holes in the hubcaps. [redacted] said they were on the approach to the Herd camp when Mean's bunch shot their car.

"I saw no weapons with anyone at this time. b6 b7C

"Joe Jacobs came up and started to check the car, so Dick, [redacted] and me went on into Pine Ridge. [redacted] got out at Billy Mills Hall. Dick went into the Tribal Office and I went to my office in the B.I.A. building, but it was locked up. This was about 3 P.M.

[redacted] and [redacted] were still talking to Jacobs when we left. [redacted] was pretty upset, but Dick and [redacted] were pretty calm.

"When I saw the B.I.A. building was locked I went home for about fifteen minutes, then went up to the Post office. I sat with [redacted] for about five minutes listening to his C.B. radio. There was no unusual talk on it.

"After about five minutes I drove around, and saw a group in front of the pottery shop. They were just talking. I saw [redacted] and [redacted] on the street talking to someone, but I didn't talk to them. I did not see Sievert Young Bear or [redacted] at that time.

"After just a few minutes I drove on alone, and then went on home about 4:30 PM.

"I have no personal knowledge of any trouble that day. I never did hear anyone say who had done any of the shooting or who was involved in any fights.

"I have read this statement of four pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

"/s/John E. McCarty, Special Agent, F.B.I., Pine Ridge, SD 3/5/75

"/s/Philip F. Enow, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Mpls, Minn 3/5/75

"I, [redacted] hereby voluntarily furnish the following signed statement to [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent for the FBI. No threats or promises have been made to me regarding this statement. I was born [redacted], Pine Ridge, SD, and am employed as an agriculture specialist for the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge, SD. b6 b7C

"On 2/26/75, I was attending an Oglala Sioux Tribal council meeting, Pine Ridge, SD.

"On 2/26/75, around 3:00 PM, a person identity unknown, came into this council meeting and talked to Richard Wilson Oglala Sioux Tribal chairman. Then Richard Wilson told us "AIM is out at the Planning Center shooting"and the council meeting was adjourned. I then went to my residence in Pine Ridge, SD. I drove out to the Planning Center around 4:30 PM, and observed no activity other than a lot of cars driving up and down the road.

"I have no knowledge of any shooting at an airplane on 2/26/75, at the Pine Ridge airport and have no knowledge of any beating of individuals at the Planning Center, Pine Ridge, on 2/26/75.

"I have read the above statement of two pages and now sign it because it is true to the best of my knowledge.

"/s [redacted] b6 b7C
March 3, 1975

"/s [redacted] SA, FBI, Rapid City, SD 3/3/75"

"Gordon, Nebrask
"3/4/75

"I, [redacted], make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the F.B.I. No threats or promises have been made.

"I am an Indian Male born [redacted] at Pine Ridge, SD. I live at [redacted] St, Gordon, Nebraska. I am unemployed.

"I arrived in Pine Ridge, SD, last Wednesday, 2/26/75. I arrived at the Pine Ridge hospital about 2:15 pm. Right after we arrived someone said RUSS MEANS was in town. We had a flat tire to fix and on the way to the car, a Ford, maroon in color, we passed the Court House. My brother [redacted] and [redacted] were with me. At the Court House I saw a group of guys jumping in cars. I saw [redacted] another [redacted] and others I can not recall. b6 b7C

"Out car, a 65 Buick, white in color, with the flat tire, was parked on the south side of highway 18 in the ditch with a flat tire. We were headed that way and approaching the airport. At the airport we saw a van, light blue I believe, about 3 or 4 cars, I don't recall what kind, and a pickup, white in color I believe. These vehicles were parked in the Pine Ridge airport driveway. I saw 4 or 5 Indian Males standing around these cars, long haired. I did not see any weapons. No one shot at us.

"We went by our car with the flat tire which was about 1/4 mile further east across from [redacted] house. I saw [redacted] a guy named MEANS, [redacted] and about another 10 or 12 guys standing around. There were about three pickups and about four cars parked here.

"We drove right by this group and parked on the hill another 1/4 mile east on highway 18. We saw another car, maroon in color, small, model unknown, drive out of the airport. It stopped by us and parked. An indian girl, young 20 years old maybe, got out of the car. I think the car was a Ford Falcon. The car was full of 7, 8 or maybe 9 girls. The girl who came over to the car said there was trouble at the Court House. She said when they came out of the Court House there were all these guys from Pine Ridge around threatening them. She said [redacted] started trouble by punched RUSS MEANS. She was crying. She said it looks like there's going to be a shootout so they sent us away. Then one of the other women said 'hurry up - they're coming!' The girl then jumped in the car and they went east. b6 b7C

"Then the van and other cars drove out of the airport and headed towards us. I saw [redacted] car down by [redacted] back up trying to block the road, but it went too far. Just as the van got to them I heard shots. The firing sounded like an automatic weapon. I also heard what sounded like a shotgun. It looked to me like the firing was coming from the cars parked at the road block. I couldn't see whether any firing was coming from the van.

"The van & other cars, probably two, and the pickup, went around the roadblock and drove up the hill and drove up towards us. The shooting lasted around 30 seconds while the van was passing [redacted]

"The van and other cars did not stop by us but went right by. I heard no more shots. We were ducking down when the van went by. I could see the windshield of the van but I couldn't see any one in the van or other cars. The van had a cover over a spare tire on the back of the van with some sort of Indian design painted on.

"We then went down to [redacted] to our car with the flat tire. I saw [redacted] with some sort of new weapon. As we approached [redacted] pointed the weapon at us but someone said no they're all right. We changed the tire then. I did not see any other weapons. I have no idea of the time - 2:45 pm maybe.

"I saw one car leave with [redacted] and [redacted] take after the van. Everybody was saying 'those guys are leaving and going after the van and they don't even have any guns.'

"About this time the BIA police arrived and the car with [redacted] came back and [redacted] complained to the police about the bullet holes in his car. Then one police car went east after the van. Then a couple more police cars drove by after the van. b6 b7C

"Everybody was leaving then, going back to Pine Ridge. We fixed the tire and then went back ourselves. It was about 3 or a little before when we left. It was around 3 pm when we got back to the hospital.

"I didn't notice anyone at the airport when I went by. The only white person I saw was one about 45 years old, with glasses and a light blue suit, who was talking to [redacted] after [redacted] got back. This man was six foot tall or more. I saw no other white people. I saw no convertible.

"I have read this statement of 5 pages and it is true to the best of my knowledge_

"/s/ [redacted]
"3/4/75

"Witnessed: [redacted] Special Agent, FBI 3/4/75
SA, FBI Rapid City, SD 3/4/75"

"Rapid City, S.D.
3/3/75

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] who I know to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). I am an Indian female, born [redacted] at Pine Ridge, S.D. and I am 5'3½ tall, weight 123 pounds and have brown hair; green eyes. I hold Social Security Number [redacted] and I completed the 9th grade in school and have earned a GED equivalency diploma at Batesland, S.D.

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"I am employed by the Pine Ridge, S.D. Police Department as a police woman and on Wednesday, February 26, 1975 I went on duty at 7:30 AM and worked in a radio room as a dispatcher. At approximately 2:00 PM, I left the radio room to go outside the Pine Ridge jail building in order to notify Chief of Police Joe Jacobs that a green van was coming to Pine Ridge. I knew this van was supposed to have contained some American Indian Movement (AIM) members and the information that it was coming to Pine Ridge, S.D. was given to me over the Police radio by [redacted]. When I got outside the jail, I saw a green van parked across from the courthouse and this van had curtains on the side. I saw 5 or 6 people who apparently got out of this van (2 or 3 people were already outside and one or two (1 or 2) others were getting out of the van when I saw them). I know [redacted]

and I saw him and another man wearing a brown vest, go into the courthouse. I later found out the man in the brown vest was Russell Means. There were others who also went inside the courthouse but I did not know them. I did not see any weapons at this time.

"When I went outside to tell Chief of Police Jacobs about the van coming to Pine Ridge, S.D., he was just pulling up in front of the jail in his police unit. After seeing the van and telling Jacobs, I went back upstairs to the Radio Room. [redacted] came over to the radio room from the courthouse and asked me to check in the arrest book for the date [redacted] was supposed to appear in Tribal Court and to then call her with the answer. After I looked up the date, I called for [redacted] at the courthouse but found out she wasn't there. I yelled outside to ask Chief Jacobs if he saw [redacted] outside. I told Jacobs to tell [redacted] I had the information she requested on [redacted] At the mention of his name, [redacted] who was outside the radio room window, looked up at me. I then went back upstairs to the radio room and called the courthouse by telephone and gave the information to [redacted]

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"I looked out the window and saw [redacted] drive up across from the courthouse and stand in front of his car. While all of this was going on, I was also

answering the radio and the telephones. When I looked out the window, I saw the guys who I saw get out of the van earlier, getting back in the van. I also saw Chief Jacobs with his arm on [redacted] shoulder as if he was trying to get [redacted] out of there. I also saw the sliding door on the side of the van close once or twice. I did not see any pushing or shoving or punching in the parking lot outside the courthouse. When the van left, a white pick-up truck also left. I did not see which way they went after they turned around in the parking lot. b6 b7C

"After the whole crowd was gone, I'm not sure how long after, I heard [redacted] on the Citizen Bank (CB) radio calling for another unit but did not hear who he was trying to reach. I do know that [redacted] sounded "shook-up" and excited and seemed to be calling for help. I know it was [redacted] because he is my first cousin. He said something about "some rounds fired at the airport". I then hollered to some of the officers and they went out toward the airport. I told them there's shooting at the airport. When the officers got to the airport, they went 10-6, but never came back on the radio to give more information.

"Approximately ten (10) minutes later or maybe a little more, I went downstairs near the front door, where I told two (2) FBI Agents that I heard there were shots

fired at the airport. I then went back upstairs and answered telephones and the radio, but I did not hear any more about shots being fired. Shortly after that, [redacted] who works as a dispatcher from [redacted] PM to [redacted] came on duty. I stayed to type reports and work on radio logs. [redacted] was pretty scared and told me if there was any more trouble she was going to leave. I stayed and helped her until 11:45 PM that night.

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"I answered the telephone when some guy called in and reported that somebody stopped an old Convertible with a beat-up top and "fought" the driver. I don't have any idea of the time but I made up an incident report and it is on file at Pine Ridge Police Department. I asked the person who made the report if he recognized any of them and he said [redacted] and a tall-built guy with short cut hair and wearing sunglasses and, at first, said non-Indian and then said caucasian. He also said [redacted] and [redacted] were standing back and watching them. He didn't say how many people there were. He did say his address was Kyle, S.D.

"It was after this report was received that [redacted] [redacted] drove in front of the Police Department and pictures were taken of his car which had been shot up. I saw the car out front, but I didn't go out.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and 3 other pages, and now sign it because it is true and correct.

"/s [redacted]
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Witness:

"/s [redacted] SA, FBI, Rapid City, S.D.
3-5-75

"I, [redacted] hereby voluntarily furnish the following signed statement to [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent for the FBI. No threats or promises have been made to me regarding this statement. I am a white male, born [redacted] Rapid City, S.D. I am employed as an [redacted] for the state of South Dakota, and work out of the Planning Center, Pine Ridge, SD.

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On 2/26/75 about 2:00 PM, I looked out the window of the east door and observed several cars parked along the south side of the highway just east of the airport turnoff.

"I observed a green van parked at the airport entrance pointed south. Two cars and a white chevy pickup were parked behind this green van. I observed three male, long hair, Indian, standing outside this van, loading rifles. There were other individuals still in this van.

"I observed several individuals standing in a group by the cars parked along the south side of highway 18. I didn't see any weapons in this group.

"Then the guys got back in the green van and shut the sliding door on the right side of the van. The green van turned around, followed by the white chevy pickup and 2 other cars. The green van slowly pulled out on highway 18 and headed east followed by the 3 other vehicles close behind. Then the green van put on a burst of speed and individuals in the green van threw open the sliding door on the right side and started shooting.

"Individuals standing around the cars on the south side of the road dove for cover, and the van and the vehicles behind it proceeded on east at a high rate of speed.

"Then the individuals on the south side of the highway then came from the cars and stood on the highway. Then a white car, parked near the highway about 300 - 400 yards east on top of the hill had occupants which started to shoot at the individuals standing on the highway. Then the individuals standing on the highway all dove for cover again.

"I heard about 15 shots fired from the van which shots were fired fast. I heard about 5 or 6 shots fired from the white car on top of the hill. No shots were fired from the group of individuals on the south side of the road.

"Then several police cars pulled up and talked to the group of individuals on the south side of the highway then these police cars drove east.

"Then Dick Wilson pulled up, driving a brown buick, white top. Dick Wilson, the Oglala Sioux Tribal chairman talked to the group of individuals on the south side of the road. Then Dick Wilson got in his car and drove back towards Pine Ridge, followed by seveal other cars. Some cars returned to the Planning Center.

"About 10 minutes later a blue pontiac, black convertible top, drove into the airport and drove up to an airplane at the airport. Two guys and a girl out of this car. One of these guys was tall and had long dark hair, brown. One of these people walked around this airplane, shook his head, then they got something out of the baggage compartment then they all got back in this car.

"I then drove to Pine Ridge, and went to the Post Office. I mail a letter, and the time was shortly after 3:00 PM. I then drove back towards the airport and met the blue pontiac convertible driving towards Pine Ridge, SD. The guy driving this pontiac was big had bushy black hair, and was wearing sun glasses. The windshield of this pontiac was smashed and the convertible top was ripped. I didn't notice anything about the occupants of this car. I returned to the Planning

Center and the Planning Center was deserted. I observed nobody in front of the Planning Center and didn't see any cars around.

"I then returned to my residence in Pine Ridge, SD.

"I have no idea how the plane at the airport was shot on 2/26/75, and have no idea who assaulted individuals at the Planning Center on 2/26/75.

"I have read the above statement of 6 pages and now sign it because it is true to the best of my knowledge.

"/s [redacted] 3/3/75 b6 b7C

"/s [redacted] SA, FBI, Rapid City, SD 3/3/75 "

"I, [redacted] hereby voluntarily furnish the following signed statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents for the FBI. No threats or promises have been made to me regarding this statement.

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"I was born [redacted] Pine Ridge, SD. I am the [redacted] Executive Board, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine, Ridge, SD.

"On 2/26/75, I was at my office in Pine Ridge when I heard a rumor that AIM was coming into Pine Ridge, SD.

"On 2/26/75, middle afternoon or late afternoon, I got in my car, a 1969 Chrysler, light vinal top, purple bottom. I drove to the vicinity of the Pine Ridge jail and observed a green van parked in front of the jail. The green van had 2 or 3 people in it and about 6 to 10 people standing around the van. I recognized [redacted] Russell Means, [redacted] an unknown [redacted] boy, [redacted] plus other individuals who I can't remember. There was a blue and white El Camino that [redacted] was driving. There was a blue pontiac and a chevy pickup possibly white in front of the courthouse.

"I pulled up by myself and saw [redacted] who was standing on the sidewalk across the street from

the court house. Russell Means walked up to me and said "how are you doing, said I was getting a little fat". Means tried to shake my hand. I and [redacted] went in the court house and saw [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] in the Court House. The [redacted] and [redacted] said they came there because [redacted] was supposed to go to court.

"I walked back outside. Then Joe Jacobs, the Police Chief, came out from the Court House and told the group that court had been postponed to a later date. I walked over by the green van. The sliding door on the right side of the van was open. Russell Means pushed aside a blanket covering the sliding door and I observed 2 or 3 people siting there holding rifles.

"Then [redacted] Russell Means, [redacted] (driving), [redacted], got in the van. Then the green van, the El Camino, the white pickup, and the blue pontiac left Pine Ridge and drove east out of Pine Ridge. Then I and [redacted] and [redacted] got in a dark green chevy pickup and drove out to the Pine Ridge airport. We had no weapons with us. At the airport, we observed the green van pulled into the airport entrance facing south. The blue pontiac, the white chevy pickup, the blue and white El Camino were parked in the general

area of the green van. We drove by and parked on the south side of highway 18 about 100 or 200 yards east of the green van [redacted] was parked on the north side of highway 18, across the road from us right at the entrance to the residence of [redacted] was in a brown chevy, and [redacted] said they were shooting at us. All three of us got out and hid behind the pickup. Then the green van and the vehicles with it pulled out on to highway 18, headed east, drove by us, and fired several shots at us. I could not see who was doing the shooting. No one in our group had any weapons or fired any shots.

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"I stayed there about 10 or 15 minutes then went back to Pine Ridge, SD.

"I have no knowledge of any beatings at the Pine Ridge Planning Center on 2/26/75 and have no knowledge of any shooting of an arrplane at the Pine Ridge airport on 2/26/75.

"Russell Means was wearing his hair long and loose. Russell Means had a can of black mace in his left jacket pocket which stuck out about 2½ inches.

"I read this statement of 5 pages and it is true to the best of my knowledge _

(3-4-75) "/s [redacted] b6 b7C

Witnessed:

"/s [redacted] Special Agent, FBI

"/s [redacted] SA, FBI, Rapid City, SD 3/4/75"

"Pine Ridge, SD
"3/2/75

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the F.B.I. No threats or promises have been made. b6 b7C

"I am an Indian male born [redacted] at Pine Ridge, SD. I work at the Pine Ridge batch plant, Pine Ridge, SD.

"I was at the Pine Ridge court house Wednesday afternoon, 2/26/75, at some time in the afternoon, time not recalled. I recognized RUSS MEANS, [redacted] and [redacted] and 8 or 9 other members of the American Indian Movement (AIM). They had a green van, a blue & white El Camero, a maroon car, a white Chevy Pickup, and a few other cars I can't recall the models of.

"There was an Indian male, age about 25 or 26, who was wising off to [redacted] He call [redacted] a white man. I did not see any weapons down there.

"The AIM'ers drove out of town. I followed in a blue Ford pickup with [redacted]. We passed the Planning Center on highway 18 and saw the van and other cars parked there. I didn't notice who was there. We went straight through to [redacted] and parked down in the ditch on the south side of the road.

"We got out of the car & stood around for 2 or 3 minutes. Two cars left the AIM crowd, passed by us and drove about 300 or 400 yard_ east and parked on the approach. I believe these two cars were full of Indian women.

"I don't know the time. The van, El camelo and white pickup drove by and they shot at us. The van door, side, slid open and someone fired at us. Someone also fired from the pickup. I was ducking and did not see any weapons. I only heard the shots. I don't remember how many but there were a lot of them.

"I heard an automatic weapon when I was in the U.S. Army. I would say we were being fired at by automatic weapons.

"When they got to the other two cars another single shot was fired from them at us. I saw dirt kick up right in front of us. I was with [redacted] at the time.

"I did not see any whites at this time or later. I did not see a convertible in the area. There must have been 12 or 15 friendly people in our crowd at the time of the shooting.

"I do not know anything about the beating of some white people of or a shooting of an airplane.

"I have read This statement of 3 pages and is true to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C
"3-2-75

"WITNESSED: [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, 3/2/75"

"March 1, 1975"
"Pine Ridge, South Dakota"

"I, [redacted] make the following statement to [redacted] and DONALD G. WILEY who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by displaying to me their credential cards. I have been advised that the nature of this inquiry is in connection with an incident which happened on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation on February 26, 1975. I am willing to make this statement and or answer any questions. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me to obtain this statement. b6 b7C

I was born [redacted] at Pine Ridge, S.D. I am presently employed as a patrolman with the Pine Ridge, S.D. Police Department and have been since September of 1974.

On February 26, 1975, I was at home when I received Word one to report to the police station. I arrived at the Pine Ridge Police Station around 2:00 pm and was told to go into the court room next door to the Police Department. I went in the front door of the court room building. Near the front door were standing three Indian females who ask me where they could find a bathroom. I advised them to try next door at the jail.

I then proceeded down the hall to the doorway leading into the court room. A man, I later learned to be [redacted] was trying to get into the courtroom. I told him to wait in the lobby to which he replied to me that I was trying to harass him. At this same time I saw [redacted] talking to the [redacted] The Tribal Prosecutor in his office. At this point RUSSELL MEANS came into the area of the doorway of the Prosecutor's office. [redacted] was in the hallway looking for the bathroom. [redacted] came in and talked with the Prosecutor, Mr. [redacted] With [redacted] was [redacted] whose maiden name is [redacted] to me, appeared to be "high on something".

About 15 minutes after I arrived in the courtroom, RUSSELL MEANS who was at the prosecutor's door said "Hurry up they are coming". The group that was inside the court room left and went outside in front of the court building.

A green van was parked in the street in front of the court building and near the telephone booth located in the BIA parking lot. The Van was pointed to the west. When the group went outside, I saw RUSSELL MEANS, [redacted] get into the

van. I believe that [redacted] may have been the driver driving the van. As the people who were in the courtroom were getting into the van, [redacted] and others tried to hit the people in the van with their fists. RUSSELL MEANS may have been hit or was preventing from being hit as he covered his face with his hands. I got between the van and the group to prevent any fights. As I was trying to close the van's sliding doors, I observed blankets on the floor of the van covering something on the floor. b6 b7C

The van drove west down the street turned into the BIA Parking lot and came out the east side of the parking lot. The van then turned south and stopped at the four way stop sign. The van was being followed by a blue and white camino which I learned later was registered to a [redacted] of Batesland, S.D. [redacted] works at the Denby Store. [redacted] was driving the camino. There were about 10 people in the van and five people in the camino. As I was going into Police headquarters someone hollered, "The Van is going east".

I then got into a patrol car with [redacted] and drove up to the OCS School to pick up [redacted] On our way back to the Police station we received a radio call to go to the airport. We went to the airport. East of Pine Ridge and just beyond the airport road turn off we saw a white car changing a flat tire.

As we stopped near the white car, [redacted] pulled up in a Maroon Chevrolet. As he stopped I saw two bullet holes in his windshield. One was near the passenger side and one near the driver's side. [redacted] was in the car with [redacted] said "They shot at us - you cops won't do anything. the rest of you get your guns, we'll get them for this". [redacted] said the shooting had come from the van. [redacted] apparently had followed the van east of the airport as he came from the east when he stopped to tell us of the above shooting of his car.

About this time three other patrol cars and mine headed east to the Big Foot Trail and then north on Big Foot Trail. We were looking for the van.

About 2:45 or 3:00 pm 2/26/75, I saw a green convertible, the van, the camino and a white pick up stopped at the Junction of Big Foot Trail and the Manderson road in Wounded Knee, South Dakota. The green convertible had no damage such as a broken window or torn roof on it at this time. The people were out of the cars. A man dressed in a red shirt, tan work pants, long blonde hair, white, male and carrying a beaded pouch from his belt on the left side was talking to patrolman [redacted] This man said he was an attorney and was telling [redacted] the van

belong to A.I.M. in Iowa and that it was not stolen. This man said that he was going to Pine Ridge to make a telephone call to verify the van was not stolen.

Police Officer [redacted] may have looked in the van while it was stopped at Wounded Knee. Someone was in the van. I do not know who. As I tried to get into the van or open the doors 2 male strangers came up to me and told me to get away from the van. One of these men wore a snap brim billed cap white in color and dark sunglasses. He was Indian. There were about 50 people around the van when it was stopped at Wounded Knee. I saw [redacted] and [redacted] around the van.

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The camino was behind the van at Wounded Knee and a Red car like a Falcon having a South Dakota County 11- balance of plate number unknown on it. This car was being driven by [redacted] The white pick up was being driven by [redacted] as I saw him drive off the road aways to fix a flat tire.

I saw [redacted] turn the green van around so that it was heading south on the Manderson Road. [redacted] asked me if I remembered him as he raised his sunglasses up.

The group, the van, the camino, the red car, and the white pick-up then drove off toward Porcupine, S.D. Prior to leaving someone in the group said the van would be at [redacted] place.

We then came back to Pine Ridge and to the Police Station.

About 4:00 pm 2/26/75 I was sent to the airport as someone had reported a fight was going on. I drove to the airport and beyond but found no one fighting. The only thing I saw at the airport was a red and white pickup truck with a rack. I recognize this pick-up as belonging to [redacted] This pick up and another vehicle belonging to the Rangers was parked near the Ranger's office upon finding no fight I then returned to the Police Department.

I have read this statement consisting of this page and six others. I have iniatal the corrections there on and the statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge."

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witnessed: DONALD G. WILEY, Special Agent, FBI, Rapid City,

S.D., 3/1/75".

[redacted] SA, FBI, Rapid City, SD 3/1/75". b6 b7C

I, [redacted] Indian Action Team Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Date of Birth [redacted] make the following voluntary written statement to [redacted] and Ronald A. Williams who I know to be FBI agents.

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On the afternoon of 2/26/75, I was driving towards the BIA Equipment yard at Pine Ridge, S.D. I was driving my 1974 red and white Torino. As I passed the Pine Ridge Courthouse I noticed about 15 - 20 persons including Russel Means standing in front of the courthouse looking at it. I noticed a van with out of state plates and with a wheel cover carrying a design parked in front of the court house. I also noticed 2 pickups. I parked on the left hand side of the road west of the Pine Ridge jail and walked back to the courthouse.

As I arrived at the courthouse I saw Russel Means [redacted] and about 6 others come out of the front entrance of the courthouse with their arms linked. They were yelling, "No court today". They almost walked over [redacted] backhanded a short guy who was in the line. The persons with Means including Means appeared to be drunk or stoned.

At this time arguement started [redacted] and Russell Means. [redacted] told Means to get a job. [redacted] and [redacted] were present.

The AIM group (Mean's group) began to get in the van through the front and side doors. [redacted] and Russel Means got in the van. Russel got in front on the passanger side. [redacted] hit Means through the open window. Means had his head turned to the rear when the blow hit. He was hit on the left hand side of the face. At this point Ski Jacobs came out the jail and calmed [redacted] down. Ski stepped between [redacted] and Russel. Ski also grabbed [redacted] arm. b6 b7C

Shortly after this the van and at least 2 pickups left the courthouse left heading east. [redacted] and some others followed. I followed after the Pine Ridge drivers; however they were out of sight.

As I reached the airport I saw a group of cars and began to pull in thinking they were Pine Ridge people. I then saw the van and a group of men armed with shoulder weapons and pistols. The shoulder weapons were pointed directly at me. I drove past looking forward. I then drove to Indian Action Team Maintance Building which is west of the planning center. Enroute I saw one airplane parked at the airport. When arrived at the maintance building I talked to [redacted] I then drove back east of the planning center and stopped at this point the man and vehicles with it were turning east onto Hi-way 18. The right side door of the van was

was open and a person wearing a sweater of the same colors as Russel Means was wearing was standing in the side door. Mean's was wearing a white sweater with black and brown markings. There were a group of Pine Ridge people parked east of the airport at the Herd Camp turnoff. As the van passed these people, they quickly scattered jumping behind cars and into the ditch. One vehicle which was with the van stopped near the top of the hill east of the Pine Ridge People. After a couple of minutes this vehicle drove east. While this was happening the windows of my car were up and I heard no shots. After Mean's group left I drove to the Pine Ridge people. Present were [redacted] b6 b7C

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and others. They told they had been shot at but did not have any guns to return fire. I saw no guns. I saw bullet holes in [redacted] red car and in [redacted] pickup. A short time later the Pine Ridge Police arrived and then they proceeded east. I remained at the scene of the shooting for a while then drove alone to Pine Ridge college center where my office is. Later I drove around Pine Ridge checking to see what had happened.

I did not see any beating at the airport and was not involved in any beating.

I have read this statement consisting of this and four other pages. I now sign it because it is true & correct.

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] SA, FBI, 3/4/75

Ronald A. Williams, SA, FBI, 3-4-75 Pine Ridge, S.D.

I, [redacted], DOB [redacted] make following voluntary statement to [redacted] and Ron Williams who I know to be FBI agents.

On Wednesday, 2/26/75 I was driving my 1974 Ford pickup. My wife [redacted] was with me. We were going to Gordon, Neb. from my home. I stopped to get gas at Buckman's Husky station. While there I saw about 10 - 15 long haired male Indians go into the Pine Ridge courthouse. They came from a green van parked near the courthouse. I filled with gas and then drove south past the 4 - way stop and parked by the white catholic church. At this time I saw a group of people milling around. I did not see any fighting. The van and several other cars left together. The van was first. Other cars followed. I followed in my pickup. As I drove past the airport I saw the van parked at entrance to the airport facing south. The side door of the van was open and people were getting out. My wife said, "They've got guns". I saw 2 men with rifles. These 2 persons appeared to loading these rifles. I drove away from the area and turned into [redacted] ranch to get out the line of possible fire. I did not have a firearm . I took my wife into [redacted] home. As I started to come out of the house, I heard shots so I dropped to the floor of the porch. After the shots stopped I got up. I heard 15 - 20 shots. When I looked up I saw the tailend of cars with van going east.

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There were cars parked at the entranceway to [redacted] My wife and I got back in the pickup and left the [redacted] home. b6 b7C

As I passed the parked cars I saw [redacted] They told me that the people with the van shot a hole in [redacted] pickup. I saw a hole in the back part of the cab on the right hand side. They said they had no guns and I knew they did not carry guns. I drove back to Pine Ridge with my wife and stayed home until kids came home from school. I picked up my children about 5 pm at my mother's home.

I did take part in any assault at the Pine Ridge airport.

I read this statement and it is correct.

/s [redacted]

[redacted] SA, FBI, 3/5/75

Ronald A. Williams, SA, FBI, 3/5/75 Pine Ridge, SD

"Pine Ridge, S.D.
March 5, 1975

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). I am aware that I am being interviewed in regard to the incidents which occurred on February 26, 1975 at Pine Ridge, S.D. I am 27 years of age, having been born [redacted] at Pine Ridge, S.D. I have had 12 years of education. I can read and write the English language. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me.

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"Between 2PM and 3PM on Wednesday, February 26, 1975, I was driving a green Ranger pickup, 1974 Ford back to Pine Ridge, S.D. [redacted] was with me. I heard over the 2-way radio in the pickup that [redacted] was at the Court House alone and there were several American Indian Movement (AIM) guys there also. [redacted] was calling someone else with this message. I was just leaving the planning center when we heard this message.

"I drove to the BIA parking lot and parked directly across from a green van parked in the street facing west on the south side of the street. This van had a vent door on top which was open.

"When I arrived there were several people standing around. I recognized Russell Means, my cousin, Ski Jacobs, [redacted] standing around. My brother [redacted] sister, [redacted] were sitting in [redacted] car. [redacted] and I sat in the pickup.

"We sat in the parking lot about 15 minutes and left and went to the ONAP office. We were there a couple minutes and started back to the BIA parking lot. As we passed the tribal cafe, we met the same van that was previously parked by the court house. This van was headed east on hwy 18. I don't recall any of the vehicles following the van. b6 b7C

"I observed [redacted] following the van some distance behind the van. [redacted] and [redacted] were with [redacted] I turned around and followed everyone.

"When I approached the airport driveway off Hwy 18, I observed this same green van parked near the first house. The back doors were open and I observed approximately 20 to 25 people around the van and some 6 other cars in the area. I observed one individual, a foreign Indian male, with long hair with a rifle.

"I observed [redacted] car parked in the approach to [redacted] place. The car was backed in. [redacted] pickup was parked on the right hand shoulder.

[redacted] pickup, a light blue Ford, was parked in front of [redacted] pickup. I pulled into the ditch in the vicinity of these two pickups. We sat in our pickup for several minutes and then got out when [redacted] said they were coming. This meant the people in the van were coming our direction. I got out of my pickup and got behind [redacted] pickup, a green Chevrolet, which was also in the area.

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"The green van and about 5 or 6 other vehicles then came east on Hwy 18. There were approximately 15 rounds fired from 3 or 4 different guns. I was not hit and the pickup I was driving was not hit.

"I got in my pickup with [redacted] and we started back to Pine Ridge. Before leaving the area I had conversation with [redacted] and [redacted] about how close we came to getting hit. I got to the vicinity of the large fenced in area; heading toward Pine Ridge, to get some rifles. [redacted] also was with us. We didn't know where we were going to get the rifles so we turned around and went back to the airport. We parked in the ditch on the west side of the approach. I stood by the pickup and was listening to the 2-way radio.

"After about 20 minutes [redacted] and I went to Batesland in [redacted] blue jeep. [redacted] and [redacted] followed us. We were in Batesland about 10 minutes and started back to Pine Ridge. We met [redacted] at the Wounded Knee turnoff of Hwy 18. We asked [redacted]

about a roadblock at [redacted] and a road block at the Wounded Knee junction with the Manderson Road. [redacted] said there were no road blocks. [redacted] also told us about the airplane at the airport was shot up. We went to the airport and looked the airplane over. I did not see any bullet holes. [redacted] told me there were some in it though.

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[redacted] were at the planning center. I stayed at the Planning Center until 4:30 PM and then went home.

"I have read the above statements consisting of this page and four other pages. I have initialed any corrections. I have initaled each page. This statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s [redacted]

Witness:

"/s/ SA [redacted] FBI, Rapid City, S.D. 3/5/75

"/s [redacted] SA, FBI, Rapid City, SD 3/5/75.

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Date of transcription 3/10/75

[redacted] appeared at the Rapid City Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was advised of the identity of SA [redacted] then furnished the following information:

On Wednesday, February 26, 1975, at about 3:00 p.m. or perhaps a little later, he drove past the Court House in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, on Highway 18, heading north. He stated he did not see a large group of people in front of the Pine Ridge Court House. At the Husky Service Station he turned east towards East Ridge Housing to go to his mother-in-law's house, [redacted] He said he is certain it was after 3:00 p.m. because his little girl gets out of school at 3:00 and he had waited for her to get home. When he arrived at [redacted] and found out that his mother-in-law was not home he went back to BILLY MILLS Hall to open up the gym for the boxing team. He said the Tribal Council Meeting being held that day was over by the time he got there and the only council member he saw was [redacted] was looking up and when [redacted] asked him why, he replied he did not know. [redacted] told [redacted] that they were locking up because, "There was AIM trouble."

[redacted] went on to state that he then went home to "check on the kids" and to tell them to stay home. He then drove to the Planning Center near the airport, because his brother-in-law was suppose to fly in to deliver some trophies for the basketball team. [redacted] advised his brother-in-law did not arrive and he went into the Planning Center, found there was no one around and decided to lock up the offices. He said this was probably close to 4:00 p.m. While at the Planning Center, [redacted] arrived and both he and [redacted] were subpoenaed to appear in Rapid City, South Dakota, on March 2, 1975, for the trial of [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he had been at the airport earlier that day and did not see a dark Pontiac convertible at any time that day. He also stated he did not see [redacted] until later that same night. He did hear that a green van turned off into the airport access and that shots

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were fired. He does not know anything about a beating except what were heard from "some people."

[redacted] said that he remembers seeing a bunch of guys standing around and cars parked in front of the old filling station on the north side of Highway 18 when he was driving out to the Planning Center. He does not have a Citizen's Band (CB) in his vehicle but does have one at home which he only turns on at night. He stated he had no way to hear about accar loaded with AIM people at the airport.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted] was contacted at his place of employment, Pine Ridge Water Development Shop, a quanset building, east of Pine Ridge. [redacted] was apprised of the identity of interviewing agents and was told he was being interviewed concerning his knowledge of incidents which happened in Pine Ridge on February 26, 1975. These incidents included the shooting of an airplane and vehicles at the airport in Pine Ridge and the assault on several members of the Wounded Knee Defense/Offense Committee. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he was at the quanset across from the moccasin factory, east of Pine Ridge on the afternoon of February 26, 1975. [redacted] and [redacted] were at the quanset with him. [redacted] came by and told them there were eleven American Indian Movement (AIM) cars coming from the Wounded Knee Junction. A short time later [redacted] observed a green van and several other vehicles heading east on Highway 18 from Pine Ridge. [redacted] green Chevrolet pickup was in this group. [redacted] and [redacted] jumped into the tribal pickup, a Chevrolet, 1974, white over blue, bearing South Dakota license [redacted] They followed this group east on Highway 18.

As [redacted] approached the entrance to the airport, off Highway 18, he observed a green van, a white pickup, a blue and white El Camino and another car parked in the entrance to the airport facing north. These vehicles were in the vicinity of the first house off the airport entrance.

As [redacted] drove by this group of vehicles, he observed two or three Indian males with guns. He also observed two individuals grabbing an Indian male who was wearing a red jacket or vest and throw this individual into the van. After passing the airport entrance the van started to come out on to Highway 18. [redacted] pulled off the road and parked near [redacted] blue pickup. There were other vehicles parked off the road in this vicinity including [redacted] car.

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[redacted] got out of the pickup and laid down beside his pickup in the ditch. All five vehicles including the van which were previously parked in the airport entrance left and proceeded east on Highway 18. As these vehicles passed [redacted] heard several shots, some appearing to be from an automatic weapon. [redacted] advised he was scared and feared for his life. As the vehicles passed the white pickup drove up the hill east of [redacted] position. A shot was fired which knocked [redacted] red-orange cap and his glasses off and mud was spattered into his face. [redacted] was lying on the ground near [redacted] and the shot just missed him. b6 b7C

After the vehicles had left [redacted] got up and got into his pickup with [redacted] They drove back to the Water Development Shop. They looked the pickup over for bullet holes and found none. [redacted] commented, "Lucky I didn't get killed," to [redacted] then left the quanset and drove to their old office which is near the Road Department yard in downtown Pine Ridge. He returned to the quanset and observed [redacted] and [redacted] and possibly some other individuals parked near the quanset. [redacted] denied being involved with this group.

As [redacted] left work and headed home about 4:30 p.m., everyone that was meeting at the quanset also left.

[redacted] was questioned as to specific times and definite incidents which occurred on February 26, 1975, and he advised he could not recall anything more specific. [redacted] advised he did not want to get involved in these incidents as he feared for himself and his family. [redacted] also advised he would not furnish a signed statement concerning his knowledge of the incidents on February 26, 1975.

[redacted] advised his date of birth is [redacted] and he resides in the housing at Batesland, South Dakota.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription March 10, 1975

[redacted] was contacted at his residence, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, regarding any information he could furnish concerning a disruption in front of the Courthouse, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, on February 26, 1975; concerning a shooting in the vicinity of the Pine Ridge Airport on February 26, 1975; a shooting of an airplane at the Pine Ridge Airport on February 26, 1975; and a beating of several individuals in the vicinity of the Pine Ridge Planning Center on February 26, 1975.

[redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and subsequently furnished the following information: b6 b7C

On February 26, 1975, he went to the Pine Ridge Hospital at about 1:00 p.m. driving his personal automobile, a 1974 blue Thunderbird. He left the Pine Ridge Hospital at approximately 3:15 p.m. and drove to his place of employment, the Pine Ridge Planning Center. He noticed that he and [redacted] were the only males at the Pine Ridge Planning Center while there were several female secretaries,, including his wife, [redacted] at the Pine Ridge Planning Center. He was told by his wife, [redacted] that American Indian Movement (AIM) was in Pine Ridge so everybody had left the Planning Center and went to Pine Ridge. He advised he therefore drove to his residence in Pine Ridge and got his rifle, an AR-15 rifle, which is a semi-automatic rifle, and returned to the Pine Ridge Planning Center. He got this rifle to protect the employees of the Pine Ridge Planning Center from AIM. As he approached the Pine Ridge Planning Center, driving east on Highway 18, he noticed a 1965 white Mustang and a van pulling out onto Highway 18. Both this van and the Mustang were full of people but he couldn't identify these people. The van and the Mustang drove east.

He drove up behind the automobile of [redacted], who had pulled into the airport just ahead of him. When he stopped his car, his wife, [redacted] and [redacted] jumped out of the station wagon of [redacted] and got in his car. They told him what was happening so he decided to join a group of individuals parked on the south side of Highway 18 east of the airport. He pulled up to the group of people in this car.

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At this time the van and the white Mustang were approaching a hill about 300 yards east of where the cars were parked on the south side of the road. He was still in his car at this time and heard about three shots, possibly light caliber, fired from the green van. He got out of his car and joined the group parked on the far side of the highway carrying his rifle. One of the [redacted] boys, possibly [redacted] said "Don't shoot, [redacted] is following them, he is the last car". b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that they milled around and nobody else had any guns. No return shots were fired at this van.

His wife, [redacted] and [redacted], in his car, returned to Pine Ridge.

He advised he got in a gold Ford pickup with one of the [redacted] boys and returned to Pine Ridge. This [redacted] boy may be [redacted] and is described as an Indian male, 5'8" in height, 30 years of age, having short black hair. They drove to the [redacted] residence where this [redacted] ran in his residence and got a rifle and some shells. They then started to return to the vicinity of the airport when this [redacted] discovered he had the wrong ammunition for his rifle and they returned to the [redacted] residence and [redacted] got another rifle to match his ammunition. [redacted] advised he then went separate ways with this [redacted] and he accompanied [redacted] to Batesland, South Dakota, in order to escort TOM CONROY, SR. to Batesland, South Dakota, for protection.

He advised that he did not know anything about any beating of individuals in the vicinity of the Planning Center, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, on February 26, 1975, and did not know anything about any shooting of a plane at the Pine Ridge Airport on February 26, 1975.

[redacted] is described as follows:

Name	[redacted]
Race	Indian
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Height	6'1"
Weight	190 pounds
Hair	Black (short)
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium

[redacted] declined to furnish a signed statement on the above information.

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[redacted] born [redacted] Pine Ridge, South Dakota, was contacted at her residence in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, regarding any information she could furnish concerning a shooting in the vicinity of the Pine Ridge Airport on February 26, 1975; a shooting of a plane at the Pine Ridge Airport on February 26, 1975; a beating of individuals in the vicinity of the Planning Center, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, on February 26, 1975; and a disruption of the Pine Ridge Courthouse on February 26, 1975.

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[redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and furnished the following information:

On February 26, 1975, at approximately 1:30 p.m., she returned to the Pine Ridge Planning Center, where she is employed, from her lunch break. There was a rumor in the Pine Ridge Planning Center that RUSSELL MEANS and the American Indian Movement (AIM) were coming to Pine Ridge. [redacted] the [redacted] at the Pine Ridge Planning Center, heard this rumor plus they heard various rumors coming over the Pine Ridge Rangers radio which is in the Pine Ridge Planning Center.

She advised that at that time [redacted] was the only male at the Pine Ridge Planning Center and there were several secretaries, who were there, which secretaries became alarmed when the rumor started that AIM was coming to Pine Ridge. [redacted] locked the doors and said AIM was outside.

She advised she looked out and saw a green van, a blue and white Ranchero, a white Mustang, and a white pickup, all parked at the entrance to the Pine Ridge Airport. These vehicles had all turned in this entrance and were pointed north. Several individuals got out of these vehicles but she didn't recognize any of these individuals. She saw one of these individuals, who was tall, holding a rifle. The time was somewhere between 2:00 and 2:30 p.m. Then she and several of the secretaries in the Pine Ridge Planning Center became alarmed and left the Pine Ridge Planning Center and got in a green station wagon driven by [redacted] Five of these secretaries got in with [redacted] identified as follows:

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[redacted]

Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted] saw her husband pull up next to the green van so she became alarmed and ran up to this green van.

[redacted] advised at this time that [redacted] was also in this green station wagon. [redacted] then attempted to leave the Pine Ridge Planning Center and drove up behind the green van which was blocking their exit to Highway 18. b6 b7C

She advised that then her husband, [redacted] pulled up as he had come to Pine Ridge to get his guns to protect them from AIM. [redacted] pulled up a few feet away from this green van and when he did, the green van and the cars with it left the airport and drove east on Highway 18. She got in the car with her husband.

Several cars at this time were parked on the south side of Highway 18 east of the Airport. [redacted] asked us what was going on and then joined this group of individuals who were parked on the south side of Highway 18 east of the Airport. [redacted] had a rifle with him.

She advised she drove to Pine Ridge with [redacted] She didn't hear any shooting and didn't return to the Pine Ridge Planning Center that day. She advised that she knew nothing about any shooting of a plane at the Pine Ridge Airport on February 26, 1975, and knew nothing about any beating of individuals in the vicinity of the Pine Ridge Planning Center on February 26, 1975. She advised that she saw a blue and white plane land at the Pine Ridge Airport at approximately 1:30 p.m. and that two cars were waiting for this plane. Approximately five individuals got out of this plane and got in these cars and the cars left the Airport. One of these cars was a dark convertible.

[redacted] declined to furnish a signed statement on the above information.

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Date of transcription March 10, 1975

[redacted] was contacted at his residence, House [redacted], Northridge, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and any information he could furnish concerning a disruption at the Pine Ridge Courthouse on February 26, 1975; a shooting at the Pine Ridge Airport on February 26, 1975; a shooting of an airplane at the Pine Ridge Airport on February 26, 1975; and a beating of individuals in the vicinity of the Pine Ridge Planning Center on February 26, 1975.

[redacted] an Indian male, born [redacted] Pine Ridge, South Dakota, furnished the following information:

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On February 26, 1975, he saw a group of people in front of the Pine Ridge Courthouse sometime in the afternoon. He recognized RUSSELL MEANS as one of these people. He recognized [redacted] as one of these people and [redacted] was drunk and staggering around in front of the Courthouse. There was a green van parked in front of the courthouse and RUSSELL MEANS and [redacted] and several other long-haired Indian males got in this van and drove out of Pine Ridge east on Highway 18.

He got in a vehicle with [redacted] and they drove east out of Pine Ridge to see where this van went. They saw that this green van was stopped at the turnoff to the Pine Ridge Airport, pointed south. He observed a white Chevrolet pickup parked near this green van. He observed [redacted] and RUSSELL MEANS and several other individuals standing by this green van. He didn't stop but drove by and didn't see any weapons.

He saw a group of cars parked on the south side of Highway 18, approximately 100 yards east of the green van. He stopped and joined this group of cars and individuals.

There were several individuals in this group on the south side of Highway 18 but the only ones he could recall as being there were [redacted] and [redacted]

Then the green van, a white Chevrolet pickup and a blue and white El Camino, left the turnoff at the Pine Ridge Airport

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and headed east on Highway 18. These three vehicles drove by himself and the group of people with him, who were located on the south side of Highway 18. As the green van drove by, individuals in the green van started shooting at them but he couldn't see who was doing the shooting because he was ducked down to avoid the bullets. They fired several bullets from the green van, which bullets were fired fast. He advised that nobody in his group had a gun and, therefore, no return fire was made.

He advised at this time that before the green van went by, a 1963 Ford Fairlane, maroon in color, drove by them on Highway 18, headed east with a woman driving and some other people in the car. This maroon car pulled off the Highway about 350 yards east on the north side of the road. The occupants of this car fired a shot at them, which shot kicked up mud between the feet of [redacted] and [redacted] b6 b7C

He advised that after this shooting a group of them stayed there for about a half hour and they saw three or four police cars go east on Highway 18 after the shooting had occurred.

He then went back to Pine Ridge, South Dakota. He advised he knew nothing about any beatings at the Pine Ridge Planning Center on February 26, 1975, and had no idea who was responsible for shooting up an airplane at the Pine Ridge Airport on February 26, 1975.

He declined to furnish a signed statement.

"Feb. 27, 1975
Rapid City, SD

"I [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to JOHN E. MC CARTY who has identified himself to me to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised I do not have to give this statement if I don't want to and that this statement may be used in Court.

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"I am an Oglala Sioux Council representative from the Wappamni District on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

"The Tribal Council was in session at Pine Ridge on Feb. 26, 1975, and I was present.

"About two thirty P.M. Judge TIBBETTS came in and said something to [redacted] and Tribal President RICHARD WILSON. WILSON then told the Council "We'll recess until tomorrow. RUSSELL MEANS is in town and raising hell at the Court." The meeting then recessed.

[redacted] then asked me for a ride to Porcupine. The two of us then drove east. As we passed the airport we saw a road block of cars, but one lane was open. I saw a group of men around the cars and pickup trucks. I recognized [redacted], some MEANS kid, a [redacted] some [redacted] and possibly some other people. Some of the men were holding rifles. We drove through the group, but I think I saw a group of weapons stacked up in Military fashion. I was driving fairly slow.

"We went on toward Porcupine. Near Wounded Knee we saw a light colored green van, some Polce cars and some Nebraska authorities parked at the intersection. We saw [redacted] there. We stopped. I stayed for less then two minutes, and I left [redacted] there and went on alone.

"I wanted to get SIEVERT YOUNG BEAR, the chairman of the Law and Order Committee and for us to meet with the Reservation Superintendent and the authorities and to try to calm the situation.

"I met SIEVERT, and the two of us went back to Pine Ridge. Some guy from the Washington Star and another white guy and two Indians who had been talking to SIEVERT followed us for aways, but they left stopped enroute to talk to someone, then followed on into Pine Ridge. I don't know who they were.

"In Pine Ridge everything seemed quiet. We got there about three thirty P.M.

"We parked at the B.I.A. building, and sat there very briefly talking about where to go. We got out and stood for a minute, then saw JOE JACOBS of the B.I.A. police come out of the jail toward us.

"We asked JACOBS what was going on. JACOBS said nothing was going on when I saw two or three cars parked across the street. [redacted], a [redacted] girl and a guy I didn't know were in the cars watching us. b6 b7C

"SIEVERT and I had no weapons with us.

"Then both cars pulled up by us, with us in the middle. All of them got out, and [redacted] said to SIEVERT something like you're a tough guy huh, let's fight. JACOBS then told [redacted] to knock it off.

[redacted] said 'I'm an American citizen and you guys are Communists.' [redacted] also told JACOBS 'You give us one minute and I'll kill this guy' indicating SIEVERT, and then said 'We're going to get you guys. We'll kill both of you.' He also told us to leave the reservation, and that the world wasn't big enough for both of us. He cursed the B.I.A., the F.B.I. and TRIMBLE. He said they had enough people to handle their own investigations. No one struck any blows.

"JACOBS took [redacted] group off a ways, and I heard JACOBS tell them 'If you guys are going to do anything take them out of this B.I.A. parking lot.'

[redacted] then told SIEVERT and me that even if we had a police escort they would kill us, that 'It's a small reservation.'

[redacted]s group got in their cars and backed off onto the highway, and JACOBS walked off. We saw two criminal investigators from Nebraska walk over to [redacted] b6 b7C

"SIEVERT and I decided we should get an escort out of town because we were afraid we would get shot. We went to the jail to get an escort.

"As we got to the jail all the police came out and left. The only persons in the jail were the jailer, [redacted] and a radio dispatcher, [redacted] and a policeman, [redacted]

"We asked [redacted] and a policeman who came in [redacted] for an escort. They said something like wait and we'll see.

"We waited about three and a half hours. During that time various Policemen came in and left. We asked [redacted] for an escort and he said 'We'll see about it. We'd be glad to take you guys back.' We asked JACOBS after two or three hours waiting, when he came in, for an escort, and he agreed to give us one. This was three or three and a half hours after we had gone inside.

"During this time we could see [redacted] circling around, and about sixty or seventy people gathered sixty to seventy yards from the jail. Also [redacted] came in once and said 'How come you guy's aren't going home?' He also told us to go up and sit in the juvenile cells. After about five minutes he left.

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[redacted] come in just to see what was going on.

[redacted] was in the crowd, and I could see a pistol in his pocket. This is the only gun I saw there.

"Finally my wife, sister, and Grandma came looking for me. I told them what was going on, and that we had been threatened, and that they were going to kill us. We told the women to go tell some people what was going on.

"A little after this [redacted] and some other policemen told us they would escort us home. [redacted] told us to lay down in the cop car, so SIEVERT and I did. My wife drove SIEVERT's car back to Porcupine.

"Then the police took us to where my car was parked at Procupine and we got out.

"We were not held by the police or arrested. I could have left the jail if I had wanted to, but I was concerned about the group outside, I was afraid they would kill me.

"When we did leave the jail [redacted] and the fourth guy I didn't know were the only ones outside the jail. They didn't try to bother us at that time. There were cars circling around the area though.

"As I arrived here in Rapid City today two cars followed me around. [redacted] is the only one I recognized in the two cars.

"I have read this statement of 5 pages, it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted]

"JOHN E. MC CARTY, Special Agent F.B.I. Rapid City, SD 2/27/75"

"Pine Ridge, South Dakota"
"February 28, 1975"

"I [redacted] make the following statement to [redacted] and DONALD G. WILEY who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by the display of their credential cards. I have been advised the the nature of this investigation concerns an incident which happened in the Tribal Courtroom at Pine Ridge, S.D._ on February 26, 1975. I make this statement on my own free and voluntary will. No force threats or coercion has been made to me to obtain this statement.

I am presently the [redacted] of the Pine Ridge Tribal Court System.

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On February 26, 1975, at approximately 1:45 pm, I was in the court room studying for a case. I looked up to see a male individual whom I later was advised was a [redacted] 5'10" lanky long stringy hair and having only one tooth when he smiled, proceeding into Chief Judge THEODORE TIBBITTS office. This man said something to the Judge to which the Judge replied "You keep a civil tongue when you are in here". The Judges door was then closed. I then heard the door bang against the wall and looked up. I saw [redacted] RUSSELL MEANS, [redacted] and another Indian male, young in appearance with long hair and wearing a hat. RUSSELL MEANS came over and shook my hand and then went back toward the door of the court room. RUSSELL MEANS did not go into the Judges office, he did glance toward the Judge's door when [redacted] was talking to the Judge.

After the Judge had closed his office door a second time, [redacted], RUSSELL MEANS and the other man left the court room and went out into the lobby area. I went toward the lobby area and saw [redacted] in the Prosecutor's Office. There were about 4 or 5 girls trying to get into the bathroom area, which is for employees only. These girls were saying they tried to use the bathrooms in the jail area but were told they were out of order. The girls said the toilet in the courtroom corridor are probably out of order too.

From the Clerk of Courts window I observed a green mini type bus parked on the street in front of the Courtroom. There were several people gathered around this bus and area. I recognized [redacted] among the group. Someone was hanging on to him for what reason I do not know. Some of the police officers were standing among the group. [redacted] for Pine Ridge Police Department was also among the group. [redacted] appeared to be trying to close the doors of the mini bus.

When the group was in the Court room the Pine Ridge Police had been called to come to the court room. They responded.

after some delay however made no arrests. From my observation of the men in the courtroom, they appeared to have been drinking. [redacted] was to drunk to appear in court.

[redacted] was scheduled for court on February 26, 1975 however he demanded a jury trial. This he failed to indicate to me when I arraigned him almost a month earlier. Since he failed to indicate this during his assignment he was not to appear in court February 26, 1975. During his arraignment [redacted] was accompanied by a Mr. [redacted] and [redacted] appeared with [redacted] On 2/26/75 [redacted] was demanding his trial to be held but no trial would have been held because [redacted] was too drunk.

After the group left the court room I do not know where they went. b6 b7C

Later on in the day [redacted] and another young Indian male in his twenties came into the court lobby. I heard [redacted] say to one of the clerks [redacted] you should have seen me bite the dust". I assume from this statement he had been in a fight. The younger male said "they shot up the airport as they left town". [redacted] said one of my car windows was broken. I did look out the court room window saw [redacted] car and a window was broken in it.

I have read this statement consisting of four pages, initioling the corrections as I read.

And it is true & correct to the best of my knowledge."

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witnessed:
"DONALD G. WILEY Special Agent, FBI, Rapid City, S.D. 2/28/75".
[redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Rapid City, SD 2/28/75".

"I, [redacted] hereby voluntarily furnish the following signed statement to [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent for the FBI. No threats or promises have been made to me regarding this statement. I was born on [redacted] Rapid City, SD, and no reside in Pine Ridge, SD.

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"On 2/26/75, I was working as a [redacted] at the Planning Center, Pine Ridge, SD. On 2/26/75, around 2:00 PM, I heard that AIM was parked outside. I got my coat and got in a green station wagon driven by [redacted] were also in this station wagon. We pulled up behind a green van which van went east on highway 19. I saw one guy from this green van with a rifle. I didn't hear any shooting and didn't recognize any body in this green van.

"I then went to Pine Ridge, SD, with [redacted] and didn't return to the Planning Center.

"I have no knowledge of any shooting at a plane at the Pine Ridge airport on 2/26/75 and have no knowledge of any beating of individuals at the Pine Ridge Planning Center on 2/26/75.

"I have read the above statement of 2 pages and now sign it, because it is true to the best of my knowledge.

"/s [redacted]
March 3, 1975

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"/s [redacted] SA, FBI, Rapid City, SD
3/3/75"

"Pine Ridge, SD
"3/3/75

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the FBI. No threats or promises have been made.

"I am an Indian Female born [redacted] at Pine Ridge, SD. I live in the new housing, [redacted] Pine Ridge, SD. I work a [redacted] for Youth Development at the Planning Center, Pine Ridge airport.

"I was at work Wednesday, 2/26/75. At about two oclock or sometime around then someone said members of the American Indian Movement (AIM) were coming. I looked out the middle east door window and saw a green van parked crossways in the entrance of the droveway. I saw some other cars too but I don't know what they looked like. I saw at least one Indian Male, age unknown, with a rifle. I went back into the building. b6 b7C

"I got my coat on and ran out the back door. I got into [redacted] station wagon, model unknown, green in color, [redacted] was driving. With us were [redacted] and [redacted] little boy. We started to drive out. We saw Mr. & Mrs. [redacted] talking to the people in the van. The van drove out. It went east. There were cars with the van, number unknown, and they went east with the van. I think they were ahead of the van.

"I did not hear or see any shooting.

[redacted] & I saw [redacted] arrive from Pine Ridge, SD, in a Thunderbird, blue in color. We got in with [redacted] at this time. We drove down to my mother's house; [redacted] We stopped out in the road. The van had already gone through. [redacted] tayed there & [redacted] and I went back into Pine Ridge, SD.

"I did not see any white people nor did I see a convertible. b6 b7C

"I have read this statement of (2) pages and it is true to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted]
"3/3/75

"Witnessed: [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, 3/3/75"

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription March 3, 1975

[redacted] Branch of Roads, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, upon interview advised the following:

On February 26, 1975, at approximately 2:30 p.m. he was returning to Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and was east of Pine Ridge on Highway 18 between the airport and Pine Ridge. Between the airport and Pine Ridge he observed a van type vehicle heading East followed by several other vehicles. [redacted] advised that the only vehicle he observed which he recognized was that of [redacted]. He advised that he did not see any police cars in the group. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he continued on to the Road Shop in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and upon arrival there observed several police cars leaving the area of the police department. [redacted] said he went to his personally owned vehicle which is equipped with a citizen's band two-way radio and heard that there was some shooting at the airport. [redacted] stated that he drove out to the airport area about 2:30 to 3:00 p.m., however, did not see anyone around the area so he returned back to Pine Ridge.

[redacted] continued that about 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. his son came home and told him someone had been beaten up out at the airport. [redacted] said he got into his vehicle and drove out to the airport and again saw no one at the airport. He stated that he did observe what appeared to be pieces of canvas similar to that of a convertible car top lying on the ground along with an outside rearview mirror.

[redacted] advised that the only other things he can recall about the airport is that on his way in from the east and as he passed the airport, he observed a blue and white airplane parked near the planning building. He also observed an old green 1961 pickup truck backed off into the ditch on Highway 18. He could not recall if this was before he approached the airport turnoff or after he passed the turnoff.

[redacted] refused to give a signed statement.

Interviewed on 3/2/75 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota File # MP 70-9729

by SA [redacted] and SA DONALD G. WILEY DGW/amj Date dictated 3/3/75

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription March 7, 1975

[redacted], resident of Pine Ridge, South Dakota, subsequent to the identification of the interviewing Agent furnished the following information:

According to [redacted] on Wednesday, February 26, 1975, sometime around 2:00 p.m., he was driving a tribal vehicle, most specifically a 1974 Ford, blue, van bearing South Dakota temporary license plate [redacted] stated that [redacted] was the only passenger and that he was driving into Pine Ridge. As he drove the van into Pine Ridge, [redacted] saw a van with several other cars following heading towards the airport at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. [redacted] stated that he saw the green van being driven by a Mexican or Indian, approximately 25 years of age, with a full beard and that he could identify him at a later date. b6 b7C

According to [redacted] they were one of the last ones to arrive out at the airport. As they arrived out in the vicinity of the airport, he parked the van in a turnoff on the south side of the road across the street from the [redacted] residence.

According to [redacted] as he was standing alongside the front driver's door, the van came by headed towards the Wounded Knee Junction and as it went by his location, someone started shooting. [redacted] stated that he was scared and ducked down in front of the van, then saw the van and the caravan drive on out of town towards the Junction.

[redacted] stated that this was the last time he saw the van that day and later determined that the van in which he was driving had two bullet holes in the right rear portion of the van.

[redacted] declined to furnish a signed statement.

Interviewed on 3/5/75 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota File # MP 70-9729

by SA [redacted] amj Date dictated 3/6/75

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription March 7, 1975

[redacted], resident of Pine Ridge, South Dakota, subsequent to the identification of the interviewing Agent furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that on Wednesday, February 26, 1975, he was a passenger in the 1974 blue Ford van with South Dakota temporary license plate [redacted] which was being driven by [redacted] According to [redacted] both he and [redacted] drove into Pine Ridge and saw the van and caravan leaving the four corners in Pine Ridge driving east toward the airport. [redacted] stated that they turned around and then followed several other cars who were following the van and the caravan. b6 b7C

According to [redacted] they pulled up to the area directly south of the [redacted] residence and parked their van in the provided turnoff facing south. [redacted] stated that he got out of the van along with [redacted] and went to the front part of the van to see what was going on. Moments later, according to [redacted] he saw the van and the caravan heading towards his van driving east toward the Wounded Knee Junction. As the van approached his location, he heard shots, at which time he ducked down as he was scared and didn't realize until later that the van and the caravan were shooting at him. [redacted] stated that he did not see anyone in the van nor could he identify anyone from the van.

[redacted] stated that they later checked their van after learning of the shooting incident at the airport and discovered that there were two bullet holes in the right rear portion of the van. After seeing the bullet holes in the van, [redacted] went to the rear of the van, looked inside the rear storeage area to the van and found what he thought was a .45 caliber slug. [redacted] stated that he picked up the slug, put it in his pocket and when he went downtown later to show someone, he could not find it. [redacted] further stated that he believed that he had lost the slug but would check in his clothing at home to see if he still had it.

[redacted] declined to furnish a signed statement.

Interviewed on 3/5/75 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota File # MP 70-9729

by SA [redacted] amj Date dictated 3/6/75

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 3/10/75

[redacted] Number [redacted] Crazy Horse Housing area said she was at a welfare meeting all day on February 26, 1975. During the afternoon [redacted] came in and said that, "they just shot up the airport." About 3:00 p.m. when the welfare meeting was over, she went to the Tribal Office but found it was closed. She then saw [redacted] and asked [redacted] if she wanted to go riding with her.

She and [redacted] drove to the Pine Ridge Airport, but found no one there. She did not notice any airplane. They then drove back into Pine Ridge and saw [redacted] car in the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) parking lot. "SKI" JACOBS, [redacted] and SIEVERT YOUNG BEAR were also there. She saw no trouble of any kind take place at that time. b6 b7C

[redacted] came over to she and [redacted] and said that AIM had shot up their car and made some comment about a van. He did not name who had shot at them. She just glanced at the car.

She saw YOUNG BEAR and [redacted] going toward the jail so she and [redacted] left and parked in front of the Catholic Hall. While they were there a lot of people came by. They were just talking and after a while she and [redacted] left. She did not see [redacted] of YOUNG BEAR come out of the Tribal Jail. She then took [redacted] home and picked up her aunt. She has no idea as to what time this occurred.

She had seen DICK WILSON, SR., at the Tribal Council meeting at about 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. that date. She did not see him again on that date. She stated she saw no trouble of any kind on that date. She advised no one has indicated to her that she should not talk to the FBI. She said she just does not know anything. She also volunteered the comment that the problems on the Pine Ridge Reservation will never be solved.

Interviewed on 3/3/75 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota File # ~~MP 70-9729~~ MP 70-9734

by Assistant Special Agent in Charge PHILIP F. ENLOW and SA JOHN E. MC CARTY JEM/lec Date dictated 3/7/75

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription March 10, 1975

[redacted], born on [redacted] Pine Ridge, South Dakota, was contacted at his residence, the residence of [redacted] approximately 300 yards east of the Pine Ridge Airport, Pine Ridge, South Dakota. [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and was asked if he had any knowledge regarding a shooting in the vicinity of the Pine Ridge Airport on February 26, 1975, and a beating of individuals in the vicinity of the Pine Ridge Planning Center on February 26, 1975. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that on February 26, 1975, he was at his place of employment at the Pine Ridge Planning Center where he is employed as an artist. At approximately 3:00 p.m. [redacted] came up to him and as he wasn't feeling very good, he and [redacted] went to his residence at the [redacted] residence for a brief break.

They were sitting in the [redacted] residence, just the two of them when an unknown individual came banging on the door and said "Can I use your phone, the AIMs are shooting at us". This individual was tall, black hair, dark, approximately 26 years of age. This individual tried to make a phone call but couldn't get anybody, so he, [redacted] called the Pine Ridge Police Department. [redacted] then looked out the south door of this residence and saw three cars, two of which were station wagons. People were standing outside these vehicles and had guns. Then, six police cars drove by heading east.

[redacted] advised that he didn't hear any shooting and the house of [redacted] did not receive any gunfire. He advised that [redacted] was not around when this incident took place. He declined to furnish a signed statement on the above information.

Interviewed on 3/1/75 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota File # MP 70-9729

by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] /amj Date dictated 3/7/75

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"Pine Ridge, SD
"2/28/75

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the FBI. No threats or promises have been made.

"I was at work at the Planning Center, Pine Ridge, SD, airport on 2/26/75 from approximately 8 am until approximately 3 pm when I left for home because of a disturbance that was going on at the airport. I stayed inside the Planning Center building during the disturbance. b6 b7C

"At approximately 2:45 pm I looked out of the east window and saw a green van, model unknown, drive into the airport entrance road inbetween the first and second house. I observed an Indian head painted on a tire on the rear of the van. I saw about four Indian males get out of the van. I can not identify any of them. They were all young - in their 20's or 30's. I did not see any guns.

"I quickly ran into the interior of the building as I wanted to avoid whatever was to happen. I did not observe anything else. I did not hear any gun shots.

"I left about 3 pm to go home. Outside of the building I did not recognize anyone except employees and the husband of a co-worker, [redacted], who was there to pick up his wife.

"I have read this statement consisting of two pages, and it is true to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted]
"2-28-75

"Witnessed: [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, 2/28/75"

"Pine Ridge, SD
"3/4/75

"I, [redacted], make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the FBI. No threats or promises have been made.

"I am an Indian Male, born [redacted] at Pine Ridge, SD; I live [redacted] Crazy Horse Housing. I work for the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council. I go by the name [redacted]

"I was in Pine Ridge, SD, on Wednesday, 2/26/75. I was in a Tribal Council session from after lunch at 1:30 pm. We were in session for over an hour. An white girl ran in once & talked to [redacted] but nothing else unusual happened. b6 b7C

"I went to the quanset hut by the Moccasin factory and saw a car with holes in it. I went out to the airport later in the afternoon but did not see anyone there. I don't know what time it was.

"I did not see any white people out by the airport. I did not see a convertible. I did not see any AIM members in town. I saw [redacted] across the road from the moccasin factory. I saw him come up from the direction of the Tribal Office. I do not know which way [redacted] went after this. I did not see any weapons.

"I have read this statement of two pages and it is true to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted]
"3/4/75

[redacted], SA, FBI, Rapid City, SD 3/4/75
Special Agent, FBI, 3/4/75."

"I, [redacted] hereby voluntarily furnish the following signed statement to [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent for the FBI. No threats or promises have been made to me. b6 b7C

I am an Indian female, born [redacted], Pine Ridge, SD. I am employed at the Planning Center, Pine Ridge, SD, as a Community Health Representative.

On 2/26/75, I was at the Planning Center. [redacted], the [redacted], at about 2:45 PM, said there was an AIM van outside. I looked out and saw the van, a green van, parked at the stop sign to the entrance to the Planning Center. The van was pointed South.

Then I, [redacted] and some other girls unrecalled, got in a green station wagon and tried to leave. Some cars and a white pickup temporarily blocked the exit to highway 18, then these cars and the green van pulled out and went east. We drove west to Pine Ridge, SD. I didn't hear any shooting. I saw several cars on the south side of the highway east of the entrance to the airport.

I didn't recognize any individuals in the green van or the other cars. I have no knowledge of any shooting of an airplane on 2/26/75 or any beating of individuals on 2/26/75 in front of the Planning Center, Pine Ridge, SD.

I have read the above statement of 2 pages and now sign it because it is true to the best of my knowledge."

"/s/ [redacted] - 3-3-75"

[redacted] SA, FBI, Rapid City, SD 3/3/75".

"3-5-75"

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary signed statement to RONALD A. WILLIAMS who has identified himself to me as an FBI Agent. I am a BIA police officer and was born on [redacted] at Pine Ridge, SD. I completed 9th grade and the G.E.D.

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On the day the trouble occurred at the Courthouse and the shooting of the airplane and car took place at the airport I did not come into Pine Ridge from Oglala until 3 PM. I bought gas and went into the Pine Ridge Police Station. I saw about 12 people standing around the Courthouse and 2 Indian males in the Station. One was SEVERT YOUNG BEAR and a [redacted] They told me there had been some shooting but not where.

I went back to Oglala which is my patrol area. I did not go to the airport or involve myself in any police work related to the incident that day.

I have read the above statement consisting of this and one other page. I sign it now because it is true and correct."

"/s/ [redacted]

"RONALD A. WILLIAMS, SA, FBI, 3-5-75 Pine Ridge, SD".

"I, [redacted] hereby voluntarily furnish the following signed statement to [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent for the FBI. No threats or promises have been made to me regarding this statement.

I was born [redacted] Pine Ridge, SD, and am employed as an [redacted] Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge, SD.

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On 2/26/75, I was attending an Oglala Sioux Tribal Council meeting in Pine Ridge, SD. About 2:00 PM, this meeting had a 15 minute recess and during this recess word reached the council meeting that AIM was at the police station, Pine Ridge, SD. I then heard AIM was at the airport and people then started leaving the council meeting and heading for the Pine Ridge Airport.

I got in my car, a Toyota, gold, and drove out to the airport. I observed several cars on the south side of highway 18, about 50 yards east of the airport turnoff. I turned into the Planning Center, went into the Planning Center for a couple of minutes, then returned to Pine Ridge.

I didn't observe any shooting at the Pine Ridge Planning Center on 2/26/75, and didn't observe any beating of individuals at the Pine Ridge Planning Center on 2/26/75.

I have read the above statement of (2) pages and now sign it because it is true to the best of my knowledge."

[redacted] 3-3-75"

[redacted] SA, FBI, Rapid City, SD. 3/3/75".

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 3/6/75

[redacted] Johnson-O'Malley Program, was interviewed at his place of business, the Planning Center, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Airport, was told the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview, which was a shooting at the Pine Ridge, South Dakota, airport on February 26, 1975, and a disturbance at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, on the same date, at which time he provided the following information:

He preferred not to sign a statement. b6 b7C

He was in Gordon, Nebraska, the morning of Wednesday, February 26, 1975. He arrived back in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, about noon. He spent most of the afternoon at the Tribal Building. He was not at the Tribal Council meeting. He did not see any weapons or witness anything else unusual.

He returned to the Planning Center at approximately 3:30 or 3:45 p.m. He saw no weapons there nor did he see anything unusual. He saw no white people nor did he see a convertible.

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by SA [redacted] :b Date dictated 3/6/75

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 3/10/75

[redacted] advised she is [redacted] Tribal President RICHARD WILSON. She was at the Tribal Council meeting the afternoon of February 26, 1975, at which Mr. WILSON presided. Somewhere between about 2:00 and 2:30 p.m. WILSON announced that there was a disturbance at the airport and that the Council would meet again next week. She then took her property back to the office and went home. She claims she has no other knowledge of any trouble at all, and she did not deliver any message to WILSON or anyone else about any trouble. She did not pay much attention to who was at the session and could not say who was there.

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Interviewed on 3/4/75 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota File #

by Assistant Special Agent in Charge PHILIP F. ENLOW and SA JOHN E. MC CARTY JEM/lec Date dictated 3/7/75

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription March 10, 1975

[redacted] was contacted at his residence in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, for any information he could furnish concerning a disruption at the Pine Ridge Courthouse on February 26, 1975; a shooting in the vicinity of the Pine Ridge Airport on February 26, 1975; a shooting of an airplane at the Pine Ridge Airport on February 26, 1975; and a beating of individuals in the vicinity of the Pine Ridge Planning Center on February 26, 1975. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised he was not at the Pine Ridge Airport on February 26, 1975, and knew nothing about these incidents.

He declined to furnish a signed statement.

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by SA [redacted] /amj Date dictated 3/7/75

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I, [redacted] employment assistance office, BIA Pine Ridge, S.D. was in the BIA Building at Pine Ridge on the afternoon of 2/26/75 & did not leave until about 4:40 PM. I stayed as employees had sent home. I stayed to secure building.

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During the afternoon I saw a group of people and a van in front of the Pine Ridge Courthouse. I saw no fight. I did not see Russel Means and I saw nothing unusual. I saw the van from a window of the BIA building.

I have no direct knowlege of any shooting or beating.

The above is correct.

/ [redacted]

/s [redacted] SA, FBI, 3/4/75.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 3/6/75

[redacted] Economic Development Planning, was interviewed at his place of business, the Planning Center, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Airport, was told the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview, which was a shooting at the Pine Ridge, South Dakota, airport on February 26, 1975, and a disturbance at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, on the same date, at which time he provided the following information: b6 b7C

He was in Rapid City, South Dakota, all day Wednesday, February 26, 1975, and did not witness any happening at the Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Airport.

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by SA [redacted] /sb Date dictated 3/6/75

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Date of transcription 3/6/75

[redacted] Youth Development, was interviewed at the Planning Center, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, airport, was told the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview, which was a shooting at the Pine Ridge, South Dakota, airport on February 26, 1975, and a disturbance at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, on the same date, at which time she provided the following information:

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She is an employee at the Planning Center but was not at work on Wednesday, February 26, 1975. She was in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, during the day, however. But she witnessed nothing unusual nor did she see any weapons.

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Date of transcription 3/6/75

[redacted] Project Recovery, was interviewed at his place of business, the Planning Center, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, airport, was told the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview, which was a shooting at the Pine Ridge, South Dakota airport on February 26, 1975, and a disturbance at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, on the same date, at which time he provided the following information:

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He was in Martin, South Dakota, on Wednesday, February 26, 1975, from about 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. He was on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation previous to 9:00 a.m. and after 5:30 p.m. and witnessed nothing unusual nor did he see any weapons.

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by S[redacted]sb Date dictated 3/6/75

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription March 10, 1975

[redacted] was contacted at her residence which is a house near the Pine Ridge Planning Center at the Pine Ridge Airport, Pine Ridge, South Dakota. [redacted] was asked if she had any knowledge of the following incidents which occurred in the vicinity of the Pine Ridge Planning Center and the Pine Ridge Airport on February 26, 1975:

A shooting of several vehicles in that vicinity, a shooting of an airplane at the Pine Ridge Airport, and a beating of white individuals. She advised that on February 26, 1975, she was at work in Pine Ridge and knew nothing about these incidents. b6 b7C

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by SA [redacted] and [redacted] amj Date dictated 3/7/75

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On March 4, 1975, SA DONALD G. WILEY telephonically contacted Sheriffs MEL LARSON, Pennington County, and JOHN MANKE, Fall River County, regarding weapons which were seized by their offices in connection with arrests of RUSSELL MEANS and two companions at Scenic, South Dakota, and [redacted] and a group of companions near Hot Springs, South Dakota. b6 b7C

Both Sheriffs advised that weapons seized by their offices are needed for hearings to be conducted in their respective cases. Both agreed, however, the weapons would be made available for examination at such time as they are no longer needed for legal activities in their jurisdictions.

On March 10, 1975, Sheriff MEL LARSON advised [redacted], RUSSELL MEANS, and [redacted] are currently in custody of his office with [redacted] being held on a charge of Felon in Possession of a Firearm; MEANS charged with Aiding and Abetting Murder; and [redacted] charged with Murder.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 3/11/75

[redacted] was contacted at his place of employment, Pine Ridge Water Development Shop, a quanset building, east of Pine Ridge. [redacted] was apprised of the identity of interviewing agents and was told he was being interviewed concerning his knowledge of incidents which happened in Pine Ridge on February 26, 1975. These incidents included the shooting of an airplane and vehicles at the airport in Pine Ridge and the assault on several members of the Wounded Knee Defense/Offense Committee.

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[redacted] advised that he was at the quanset across from the moccasin factory, east of Pine Ridge on the afternoon of February 26, 1975. [redacted] and [redacted] were at the quanset with him. [redacted] came by and told them there were eleven American Indian Movement (AIM) cars coming from the Wounded Knee Junction. A short time later [redacted] observed a green van and several other vehicles heading east on Highway 18 from Pine Ridge. [redacted] green Chevrolet pickup was in this group. [redacted] and [redacted] jumped into the tribal pickup, a Chevrolet, 1974, white over blue, bearing South Dakota license [redacted] They followed this group east on Highway 18.

As [redacted] approached the entrance to the airport, off Highway 18, he observed a green van, a white pickup, a blue and white El Camino and another car parked in the entrance to the airport facing north. These vehicles were in the vicinity of the first house off the airport entrance.

As [redacted] drove by this group of vehicles, he observed two or three Indian males with guns. He also observed two individuals grabbing an Indian male who was wearing a red jacket or vest and throw this individual into the van. After passing the airport entrance the van started to come out on to Highway 18. [redacted] pulled off the road and parked near [redacted] blue pickup. There were other vehicles parked off the road in this vicinity including [redacted] car.

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by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] :sb Date dictated 3/7/75

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got out of the pick-up and laid down beside his pick-up in the ditch. All five vehicles including the van which were previously parked in the airport entrance left and proceeded east on Highway 18. As these vehicles passed hear several shots, some appearing to be from an automatic weapon. advised he was scared and felt for his life. As the vehicles passed the white pick-up drove up the hill east of position. A shot was fired which knocked red-orange cap and his glasses off and groundcwas spattered into his face. was lying on the ground near and the shot just missed him. b6 b7C

After the vehicles had left got up and got into his pick-up with They drove back to the Water Development Shop. They looked the pick-up over for bullet holes and found none. commented, "Lucky I didn't get killed," to then left the quanset and drove to their old office which is near the Road Department yard in downtown Pine Ridge. He returned to the quanset and observed and and possibly some other individuals parked near the quanset. denied being involved with this quanset.

As left work and headed home about 4:30 p.m., everyone that was meeting at the quanset also left.

was questioned as to specific times and definite incidents which appeared on February 26, 1975, and he advised he could not recall anything more specific. advised he did not want to get involved in these incidents as he feared for himself and his family. also advised he would not furnish a signed statement concerning his knowledge of the incidents on February 26, 1975.

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[redacted] advised his date of birth is [redacted] and he resides in the housing at Batesland, South Dakota. b6 b7C

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FBI

Date: 3/24/75

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On 3/[redacted]/75 [redacted] and [redacted] each underwent a [redacted]

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were presented before a Special Grand Jury at Rapid City on [redacted]

Both [redacted] and [redacted] each signed copies of forms FD-395 and FD-328 which will be maintained along with related charts and forms in the Minneapolis case file. b6 b7C

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MINNEAPOLIS	MINNEAPOLIS	3/19/75	2/27/75 - 3/19/75

TITLE OF CASE

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS;
[redacted]
[redacted] (PHONETIC)

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REPORT MADE BY: SA JOHN E. MC CARTY — TYPED BY: lec

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE: Minneapolis report of SA JOHN E. MC CARTY, 3/12/75.

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ADMINISTRATIVE: An extra copy of this report was disseminated to Departmental Attorney [redacted] Civil Rights Division, Indian Section, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 604, Todd Building, Washington, D.C., at Rapid City, South Dakota.

An extra copy of this report was prepared for Minneapolis Division due to complicated nature of current inter-related investigations concerning a variety of incidents on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Departmental Attorney [redacted] Federal Grand Jury will be convened on [redacted]

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☒ NONE					ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

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Copy to: 1 - Departmental Attorney [redacted]
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Report of: SA JOHN E. MC CARTY Office: MINNEAPOLIS
Date: MARCH 19, 1975

Field Office File #: 70-9734 Bureau File #:

Title: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS;
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[redacted] (PHONETIC);
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Character: CRIME ON AN INDIAN RESERVATION -
ASSAULT WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON.

Synopsis: [redacted] furnished information regarding recovery of van and test-firing of weapons from Gordon, Nebraska. [redacted] denied seeing guns in van. [redacted] denies having weapons in her vehicle, and claims to have heard no shots at airport. Special Federal Grand Jury convened at [redacted] ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date of transcription 3/4/75

[redacted] Criminal Investigator, Nebraska State Patrol (NSP), advised he had been called by the Gordon Police Department at approximately 1:40 a.m., on the morning of February 27, 1975, stating they had detained five individuals at Gordon, Nebraska, who had just brought down a woman from South Dakota with a knife sticking from her neck.

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He traveled to Gordon and interviewed the following persons who had been detained by the police officers: [redacted] born [redacted] listing address as [redacted] St. Paul, Minnesota; [redacted] born [redacted] listing address as Shoelace, New Mexico; [redacted] born [redacted] listing address as Pine Ridge, South Dakota; [redacted] (female), born [redacted] address listed as Pine Ridge, South Dakota; and [redacted] born [redacted] listing address as Rosebud, South Dakota.

He advised [redacted] admitted he had driven the 1971 Chevrolet van bearing Iowa license [redacted] down from Batesland, South Dakota, to Gordon, Nebraska, with the wounded woman identified as [redacted] (or [redacted] denied any knowledge that the van was stolen or any knowledge about the guns which were later found under the seat of the van.

He advised he interviewed the other individuals accompanying [redacted] but all refused to make any comment about the guns, the stolen van or who was responsible for the stabbing of [redacted] He stated [redacted] did advise him the stabbing incident had taken place at the [redacted] residence in Batesland, South Dakota, but would offer no additional information.

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by [redacted] Date dictated 2/28/75

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[redacted] advised the van had been presumed stolen by the Gordon Police Department based on a radio message on February 26, 1975, from Pine Ridge, South Dakota. However, he advised when the vehicle license number was checked on the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) it was not listed as stolen. He stated he then contacted [redacted] of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police Department at Pine Ridge and learned that the vehicle was registered to [redacted] Des Moines, Iowa, and had been reported stolen by [redacted] in the State of Wisconsin during the American Indian Movement (AIM) takeover of the monastery near Gresham, Wisconsin. The vehicle was apparently never entered in NCIC as the local sheriff, covering Gresham, became disgusted over the matter concerning the takeover and resigned before filing a stolen report.

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He advised he had received the blood-stained butcher knife from Dr. [redacted] who had removed it from the neck of the victim. This knife was made available by [redacted]

He advised the guns located in the van were a .22 caliber revolver with the serial numbers removed and a .30 - .30 caliber rifle. He stated all persons involved were released with the exception of [redacted] who was jailed and charged with being in possession of a firearm with serial numbers removed.

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[redacted] Criminal Investigator, Nebraska Highway Patrol, Chadron, Nebraska, was interviewed at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. [redacted] advised that although he does not have his notes or report with him, he believes that on March 1, 1975, he examined and photographed a green van which had brought a stabbing victim to the Gordon Hospital, Gordon, Nebraska. [redacted] stated that the reason he had examined and photographed this vehicle was that it was involved in a disturbance at the Gordon Hospital in which the glass front door of the hospital had been broken.

[redacted] also advised that this same van had earlier on February 26, 1975, been involved in a disturbance at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, in which gunfire had damaged an aircraft and an automobile. b6 b7C

[redacted] recalls that the Sheriff's Office at Rushville, Nebraska, had recovered a .22 caliber weapon with the serial number filed off and a large caliber rifle. [redacted] stated that he observed a bullet hole in the passenger door side of the vehicle. This bullet hole went through the door and struck a metal frame behind the passenger side of the front seat. [redacted] advised that the bullet hole looked new, however he was unable to locate any spent bullet in the van.

[redacted] advised he would make photographs available to the FBI upon their return from his laboratory.

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by SA DONALD G. WILEY/sb Date dictated 3/14/75

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[redacted] Investigator, Nebraska Highway Patrol, telephonically advised that when he examined the van at Gordon, Nebraska, which had been used to bring [redacted] to the hospital, he found a bullet hole in the right front door. In his opinion the hole would have been made by a rifle bigger than a .22 caliber. [redacted] said the bullet was definitely fired from the inside to the outside of the van. He found no shell casings or slugs in the van.

He will have the pistol and rifle which were recovered from the van test fired at Lincoln, Nebraska, and will forward the casings and slugs for comparison purposes to the FBI at Rapid City.

He stated that when he was at Wounded Knee on February 26, 1975, he could identify RUSSELL MEANS, [redacted] and [redacted] or [redacted] as being in the van. He could see the barrel of a rifle being held by someone inside the van. When he glanced through a van window he could not identify the person who had the weapon.

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[redacted] Criminal Investigator, Nebraska State Highway Patrol, advised that on March 18, 1975, he test fired and obtained .22 caliber slugs and shell casings from a weapon recovered by him from the van recovered at Gordon, Nebraska. He advised that on the same date and at the same time, Deputy Sheriff [redacted] had test fired the .30-.30 caliber rifle. [redacted] made available slugs and shell cashings from the two weapons.

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[redacted] was contacted at the Sheridan County Jail by [redacted] who identified himself as a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). It was stated by interviewing Agent that the purpose of the interview was to discuss [redacted] knowledge of a stolen 1971 Chevrolet van bearing Iowa license [redacted] and also his knowledge of a stabbing incident in which [redacted] was stabbed on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. He was advised of his rights as outlined on the "Waiver of Rights" form, but declined to sign this form. He furnished the following information:

He advised he was at an unknown person's residence in Batesland, South Dakota, on the evening of February 26, 1975, and was minding his business when [redacted] was stabbed in the neck with a knife. He did not see who stabbed her, but stated they decided to bring her down to Gordon, Nebraska, to the hospital as the wound looked serious.

Several of the persons in the house at the time had been drinking and were in no shape to drive, so they loaded [redacted] into a van which was sitting at the house with the key in it and he drove her to Gordon, Nebraska, where they put her in the hospital.

When they arrived in Gordon, the Gordon Police Officers arrested him stating the vehicle was stolen. He denied knowing the van was stolen stating he only saw it at the house where the incident took place and was concerned only about getting the victim to the hospital.

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by SA [redacted] dlk Date dictated 2/28/75

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He stated he did not know who had parked the van at the house and denied knowing about the vehicle being stolen or about the guns found under the seat of the vehicle by the police. He stated he had never seen the guns before and did not know who they belonged to.

When asked about others at the residence or if he knew [redacted] he advised he did not wish to continue the interview and the interview was terminated. b6 b7C

The following background information was obtained regarding [redacted] through questioning and observation:

Name	[redacted]
Date of birth	
Place of birth	Chicago, Illinois
Height	5' 11"
Weight	175 pounds
Hair	Long, black (shoulder length)
Eyes	Brown
Tattoos	[redacted]
Scars	
Address	General Delivery Rosebud, South Dakota
Next of kin	[redacted] Rosebud, South Dakota

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[redacted] was interviewed in room 210 of the Gordon Memorial Hospital by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] who identified himself as a SA of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). It was explained the purpose of the interview was to discuss the assault which had taken place in Batesland, South Dakota, on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, which had resulted in a knife wound in her neck. She furnished the following information:

She stated she traveled to Batesland, South Dakota, with [redacted] on the evening of February 26, 1975, and arrived at an unknown person's residence at approximately 6 p.m. She began drinking, as were several other persons who came and went during the course of the evening. She stated [redacted] who she had formerly dated up until approximately February 19, 1975, was at the house and several times during the evening kept making threats to her. On one occasion [redacted] told her he would slash her up if she did not come back to him. She advised she did not take the threat that seriously at the time. b6 b7C

Later that night she entered the kitchen area of the house, at which time [redacted] grabbed her and she started pulling away from him. He then grabbed a butcher knife and made a swing at her, hitting her in the left side of the neck.

She recalled seeing [redacted] then run from the room as she fell forward with the knife sticking in her neck. She stated [redacted] and [redacted] the brother of [redacted] loaded her into a van and brought her to the hospital in Gordon, Nebraska.

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by SA [redacted]dlk Date dictated 2/28/75

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She advised she was being transferred by ambulance from Gordon to the hospital at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, in the afternoon of February 27, 1975.

She stated she appeared to have no paralysis or nerve damage from the wound, but felt weak from the loss of blood and shock.

She stated she would definitely testify against [redacted] as she thought her life would be in danger as long as he was allowed to be free. b6 b7C

The following background information was obtained regarding [redacted]

Name	[redacted]
Address	Rapid City, South Dakota
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	Kyle, South Dakota
Race	Indian (not enrolled on any tribal records)
Arrest record	None

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[redacted] advised that on February 26, 1975, she rode from Porcupine to Pine Ridge, South Dakota, in her own 1963 red Nova, a four door car [redacted], who is the same as [redacted] drove the car for her. The van which had been with her group had left Porcupine and went to Pine Ridge ahead of them. Upon arriving at Pine Ridge they went to the home of [redacted] mother and then to the courthouse where they saw a fracas.

[redacted], whose last name she thinks is [redacted] (phonetic), [redacted] and some other women were in the car with she and [redacted].

At the Pine Ridge Airport the van, her car, and [redacted] pickup truck were all there. When her car pulled into the airport, [redacted] told the occupants of her car to get the hell out of there. She saw no plane at the airport and said she had heard no shots fired at all.

[redacted] said she will not sign any statement, that she does not want to talk about AIM, and does not want to have anything to do with any hearings. She said that this just is not relevant to the assault on her. She also said there were no weapons in her car whatsoever.

[redacted] advised that when her car left the Pine Ridge Airport they drove through a bunch of goons by a turn-off past the airport, drove onto the top of a hill and stopped to see what was happening. She saw a rust colored car back up out of a driveway and try to stop the van. She again said she heard no shots and saw nothing else, and her only concern was for her son.

[redacted] said the night before the stabbing she was at [redacted] house together with RUSSELL MEANS, [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] was also with the group. She does not know [redacted] or [redacted] (phonetic).

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Assistant Special Agent in Charge
PHILIP F. ENLOW and SA JOHN E. MC CARTY

by JEM/lec Date dictated 3/18/75

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She stated that when her car got back to Wounded Knee after leaving Pine Ridge, all she did was get out and check the oil in her car. She does not know anything about a white car which was with her group. She has no idea as to why the group even went to Pine Ridge. She herself went in just to wash some clothes. She said she has no idea as to how many cars went from [redacted] to Pine Ridge. She did not see anyone with guns.

She does not know what time the group went to Pine Ridge or who all went. Then she said that her car went to Pine Ridge long before the others left Porcupine. She does not know why the occupants of her car went to the Tribal Courthouse. [redacted] just went there. b6 b7C

At the courthouse she and [redacted] tried to use the bathroom, but could not get in so they went to the nearby jail. At the jail no one would let them use the bathroom there.

At this point [redacted] said she had a severe headache and asked to leave. She said she prefers not to talk to the FBI again. She stated that [redacted] is now living in Rosebud and she herself stays with her mother at [redacted] Lacota Homes in Rapid City.

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[redacted] Small Business Administration, advised he was in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, on business on February 26, 1975. He stated he was not, however, at either the Pine Ridge Airport or the Pine Ridge Courthouse.

[redacted] stated he had heard general talk that [redacted] and his bunch had been involved in some problems," but stated he has no personal knowledge of any of the incidents that allegedly occurred in the Pine Ridge area on that date. [redacted] also stated he could provide no names of anyone who might have any personal knowledge of the shootings or assaults.

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[redacted] of the Standard Station, Oelrichs, South Dakota made available the following receipt which was received from [redacted] on February 28,1975, for the vehicle belonging to [redacted]

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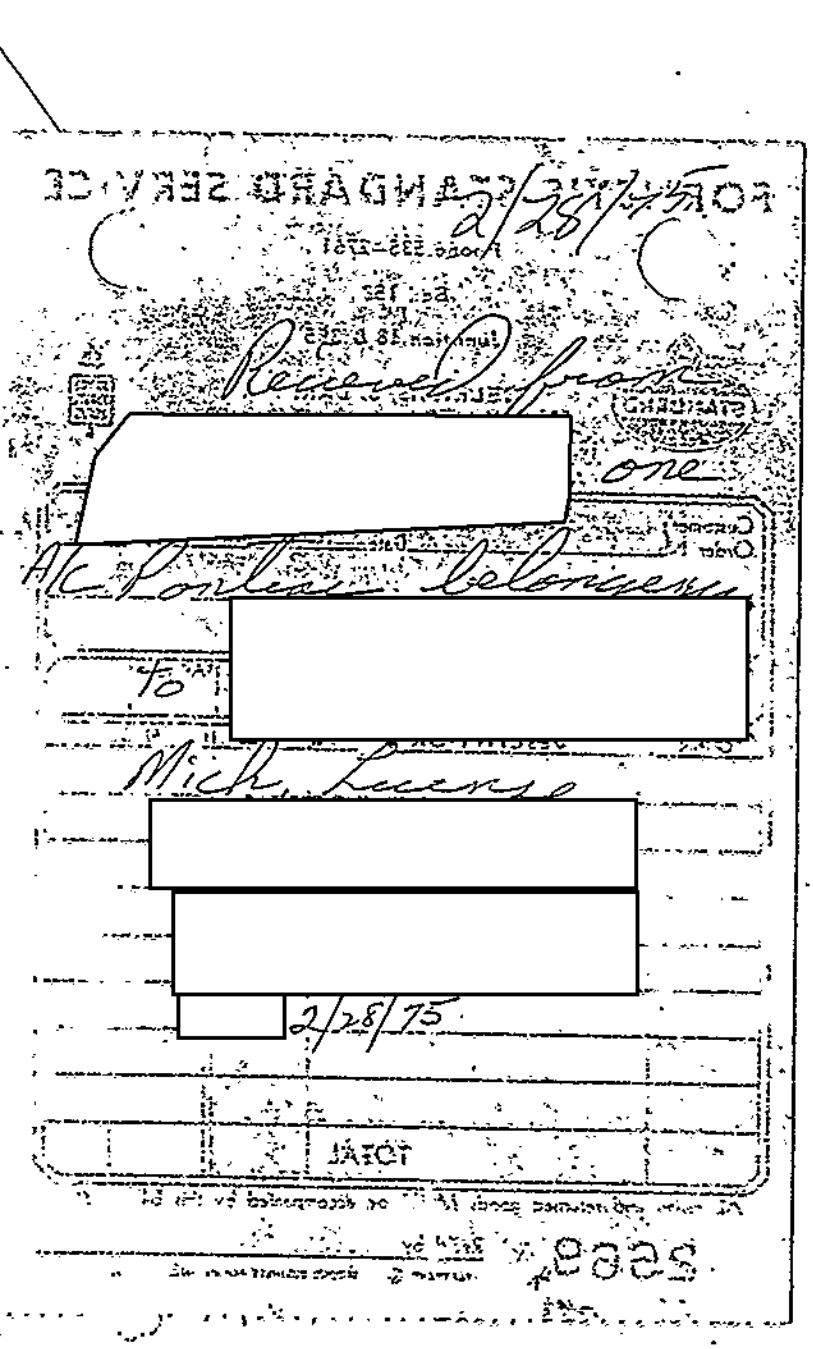

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On [redacted], a Special Federal Grand Jury, being conducted by the Office of the United States Attorney and Department of Justice attorneys convened [redacted]

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Memorandum

INSTRUCTIONS - Reverse side

TO: Director, FBI
Att: Special Investigative Division

DATE: 4/7/75

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-9734)

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- [ ] Supplements FD-65 dated _____
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SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
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Caution [X]	MKE		NAM	Sex SEX: Male	Race RAC: Am. Ind.
Place of Birth: Pine Ridge, South Dakota	POB	Birth Date DOB	Height HGT: 5'11"	Weight WGT: 175	
Eye Color EYE: Brown	Hair Color HAI: Black	FBI No. FBI	Skin Tone SKN		
Scars, Marks, Tattoos, etc. SMT					
NCIC Fingerprint Classification FPC	Other Identifying Number MNU: Enrollment Number [redacted]		Social Security # SOC		
Operator's License Number OLN	Operator's License State OLS		Year Expire OLY		
Offense Charged OFF: [redacted]					
U. S. Code, Title and Section					
Warrant Issued By: Clerk, USDC, Rapid City, SD on 4/4/75			DOW	F. O. File #: 70-9734	OCA
Date PBV or Bond Default Case Referred to Office					
Miscellaneous Including Bond Recommended MIS: $2500 bond 10% ARMED AND DANGEROUS.			Fingerprint Classification (Henry System)		

LICENSE PLATE AND VEHICLE INFORMATION

License Plate Number LIC	State RECVD	Year Expires LIY: 70 — 64787-4	License Plate Type LIT						
Vehicle Identification # VIN	Year VYR	Make VMA	Model EX-110	VMO	Style VSI	Color VCO			
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    - **MC** - Marine Corps Serial Number
    - **MP** - Royal Canadian Mounted Police Identification Number
    - **NS** - Navy Serial Number
    - **PP** - Passport Number
    - **PS** - Port Security Card Number
    - **SS** - Selective Service Number
    - **VA** - Veterans Administration Claim Number
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Caution MKE [X]	Name [redacted]			Sex SEX Male	Race RAC Am. Ind.
Place of Birth POB: Rosebud, South Dakota		Birth Date DOB	Height HGT: 511	Weight WGT: 170	
Eye Color EYE: BRO	Hair Color HAI: BLK	FBI No. FBI	Skin Tone SKN		
Scars, Marks, Tattoos, etc. SMT					
NCIC Fingerprint Classification FPC	Other Identifying Number MNU: Enrollment Number [redacted]		Social Security # SOC		
Operator's License Number OLN	Operator's License State OLS		Year Expire OLY		
Offense Charged OFF [redacted]					
U. S. Code, Title and Sec					
Warrant Issued By: Clerk, USDC, Rapid City, SD on 4/4/75			DOW	F. O. File # OCA: 70-9734	
Date PBV or Bond Default Case Referred to Office					

Miscellaneous Including Bond Recommended MIS:
$2500 bond 10%

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Fingerprint Classification (Henry System)

LICENSE PLATE AND VEHICLE INFORMATION

License Plate Number LIC	State LIS	Year Expires LIY: REG 75	License Plate Type LIT: 70-64787-5						
Vehicle Identification # VIN	Year VYR	Make VMA	Model VMO	Style VST	Color VCO				
Aliases	Additional Identifiers								

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

INSTRUCTIONS - Reverse side

TO : Director, FBI
Att: Special Investigative Division

DATE: 4/7/75

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-9734)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
ET AL.
[redacted] - VICTIM
ET AL.;
CIR - ADW

CR-MPN/T 4-9-75

- [X] Initial Submission
- [ ] Supplements FD-65 dated _____
- [ ] Photograph not needed

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Caution MKE [X]	Name			NAM	Sex SEX: Male; Race RAC: Am. Ind.
Place of Birth POB: Pine Ridge, South Dakota		Birth Date DOB	Height HGT: 6'0"	Weight WGT: 190	
Eye Color EYE: BRO	Hair Color HAI: BLK	FBI No. FBI	Skin Tone SKN		
Scars, Marks, Tattoos, etc. SMT					
NCIC Fingerprint Classification FPC	Other Identifying Number MNU: Enrollment Number		Social Security # SOC		
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Date PBV or Bond Default Case Referred to Office					
Miscellaneous, Including Bond Recommended MIS: $2500 bond 10% ARMED AND DANGEROUS. EX 104 REC-40 MCT-31				Fingerprint Classification (Henry System): 70 - 64787 - 6	

LICENSE PLATE AND VEHICLE INFORMATION

License Plate Number LIC	State LIS: CH 69	Year Expires LIY	License Plate Type LIT		
Vehicle Identification # VIN	Year VYR	Make VMA	Model VMO: 12 APR 10 1975	Style VST	Color VCO
Aliases		Additional Identifiers			

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NCIC # [redacted] NIC

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (70-9734)

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, ET AL.; [redacted] - VICTIM, ET AL.;

CIR - ADW.

RE MINNEAPOLIS FD-65S SUBMITTED TO BUREAU APRIL 7, 1975. b6 b7C

[redacted] AND [redacted] APPREHENDED ROSEBUD INDIAN RESERVATION.

BUREAU DISCONTINUE AS FUGITIVES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Minneapolis (70-9734) June 16, 1975

EX 103

From: Director, FBI FBI FILE NO. 70-64787-8

LAB. NO. PC-L7498 MT

Re: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS,
ET AL;
[redacted]
ET AL;
CIR - ADW

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[redacted]

Examination requested by: Minneapolis

Reference: Letter 4/4/75

Examination requested: Firearms - Fingerprint

Remarks:

Special Agent John E. McCarty, of the Rapid City Resident Agency, advised June 9, 1975, that none of the weapons in the possession of the Fall River County, South Dakota, Sheriff's Office would be comparable in caliber to specimens Q6 through Q9. Therefore, it will not be necessary to obtain test bullets and cartridge cases from the above weapons for submission to the FBI Laboratory.

You are being separately advised regarding the results of the requested latent fingerprint examinations.

All of the submitted specimens are being returned to your office under separate cover by Air Express.

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REPORT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Minneapolis

June 16, 1975

FBI FILE NO. 70-64787

LAB. NO. PC-L7498 MT

Re: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS,
ET AL;
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ET AL;
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Specimens received 4/11/75

Q1	Bullet fragment
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Q3	Metal fragment from [redacted] car
Q4	Metal fragment from rear seat of [redacted] car
Q5	Lead fragment from hubcap of [redacted] car
Q6-Q8	Three cartridge cases from first approach east of dam turnoff
Q9	Bullet from first approach east of dam turnoff
Q10	Cartridge from south side of the first approach east of airport turnoff
Q11	Lead fragment found by [redacted]
K1	Two bullets and two cartridge cases test fired in a .22 caliber Iver Johnson revolver, no serial number
K2	One bullet and two cartridge cases test fired in a .30-30 caliber rifle

Result of examination:

Specimen Q1 is a lead bullet fragment and specimen Q2 is a fragment of a bullet jacket from a jacketed bullet. Due to extensive fragmentation and mutilation, it is not possible to determine the caliber or calibers of Q1 and Q2. Further, it was not possible to determine the general rifling characteristics of the barrel or barrels from which they were fired and they bear no microscopic marks of value for identification purposes.

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Specimens Q3 and Q4 are magnetic metal fragments which do not appear to be bullet fragments.

Specimens Q5 and Q11 are lead fragments which are too mutilated to determine if they are bullet fragments and they bear no marks of value for identification purposes.

Specimen Q9 is a .38 Special caliber lead bullet which has been fired from a barrel rifled with five lands and grooves, right twist. Based on diferences in caliber, the Q9 bullet could not have been fired from the two weapons represented by specimens K1 and K2. Among the weapons producing rifling impressions like those present in the Q9 bullet are models of Smith and Wesson, I.N.A., Ruger and numerous Spanish-made revolvers. The Q9 bullet bears limited individual microscopic marks of value for comparison purposes should a suspect weapon be found.

Specimen Q10 is a .30 Carbine caliber cartridge which bears no marks which would indicate it had ever been loaded into a weapon.

The Q6 through Q8 cartridge cases were identified as having been fired in the same weapon. However, nothing was found to indicate that they had been fired in the weapon represented by K2 in that weapon's present condition.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

To: SAC, Minneapolis (70-9734)

FBI FILE NO. 70-64787-8

LAB. NO.

YOUR NO. PC-L7498 MT

Re: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, ET AL.;
[redacted] VICTIM, ET AL.;
CIR -ADW

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Examination by: [redacted]

Q6-Q8, Q10 via fam LEP Sq from [redacted] via personal hand
Disp by lab. rep ltrs. 4/16/75 [redacted] John McCarty
Rapid City RA
FTS 605-348-1246

Examination requested by: Minneapolis

Reference: Letter 4/4/75

Examination requested: Firearms- Fingerprint

Specimens received: 4/11/75 hw

Lab Rpt
[redacted] RRK
6/16/75

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SA John McCarty, Rapid City RA advised 6/9/75 that no weapons in possession of Fall River County S.O. of comparable cal. to any of above specimen.

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(marked Q1 π)

Q1 Bullet fragment - Lead

Unable to determine GRC's, Lump, or Gimp due to mutilation & stretching - Unable to determine caliber or mfg.

wt - 10.9 grains No marks of value for comparison purposes

(marked Q2 π)

Q2 Bullet jacket fragment from [redacted] car. b6 b7C

cu jacket fragment - too mutilated to determine caliber or mfg - Unable to determine GRC's

Lump - .065

wt - 3.4 grains Insufficient

(marked Q3 π)

Q3 Metal fragment from [redacted] car

No Bullet characteristics

Magnetic

wt - 14.1 grains

Paint?

(marked Q4 ✓)

Q4 Metal fragment from rear seat of [redacted] car b6 b7C

Magnetic - No bullet characteristics present

Wt - 3.8 grains

(marked Q5 ✓)

Q5 Lead fragment from hubcap of [redacted] car

No remaining bullet characteristics

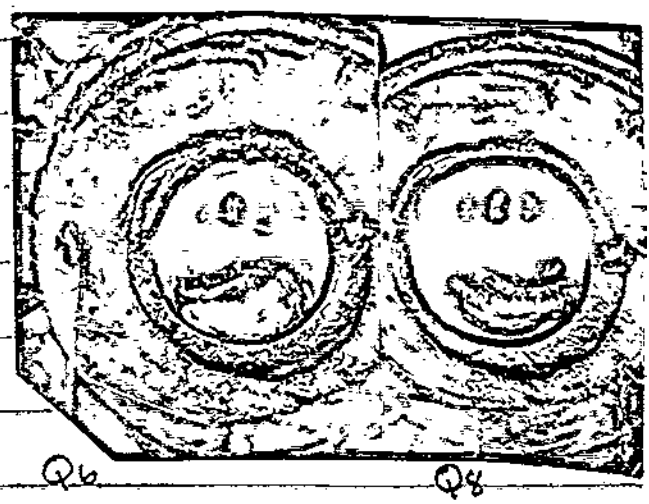
Wt - 61.2 grains

(All marked with respective Q's & ✓)

Q6 > Q8 Three cartridge cases from first approach east of dam turn off

all are .30-30 caliber of Winchester mfg

Breech face retains marks of value



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Q6 Q8

Q6 > Q8 Ident each other (see photo)

Q6 > Q8 Non Ident K2 in K2's present condition

(marked Q9 ☆)

Q9 Bullet from first approach east of dam turnoff

GRC's - 5/R .38 Special caliber - similar to Federal mfg.

Limp - .10

Gimp - .115

Wt → 148.4 grains

Q9 Non-Ident K1 } 3 different cal.
Q9 Non Ident K2

retains marks of value for comparison purposes

(marked Q10 ☆)

Q10 Cartridge from South side of the first approach east of airport turnoff - .30 carbine caliber of Hornady mfg loaded with 110gr soft point bullet

Q10 appears to have been run over - scratched up & Dented
No evidence indicating Q10 was ever loaded into and extracted from a weapon: It would not be possible to chamber and fire Q10 in the weapons represented by K1 & K2

(marked Q11 ☆)

Q11 Lead fragment found by [redacted] b6 b7C

No bullet characteristics present - glass embedded

Wt - 99.3 grains

(Marked K1 in)

K1 Two bullets and two cartridge cases test fired in a .22 caliber Iver Johnson revolver, no serial Number

GRC's - 6/R — Both test bullets are insuff due to mutilation occuring in recovery methods

Limp - .055 +

Gimp - .06

(marked K2 in)

K2 One bullet and two cartridge cases test fired in a .30-30 caliber rifle - no serial number

GRC's - 6/R — K2 bullet - Insufficient due to recovery methods

Limp - .06

Gimp - .10 - Q6 → Q8 were not fired in the weapon represented by K2, in this weapons present condition -

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

DATE: 4/4/75

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-9734) (P)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS,
ET AL.;
[redacted]
ET AL.;
CIR - ADW

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See FC L6649 MT

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Enclosed for the Bureau is one (1) envelope with ten (10) containers of shell casings and fragments.

On 2/26/75, vehicles being operated by [redacted] and others were fired at on the Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Indian Reservation. It is believed the shots were fired from vehicles occupied by MEANS and various other subjects.

On 2/26-27/75, a van was impounded at Gordon, Nebraska, and two weapons, a .22 caliber pistol and a 30.30 rifle were recovered. These weapons were test fired and the casings and slugs furnished to the FBI by the Nebraska Highway Patrol. They are enclosed in appropriately marked bottles.

A fragment from a second van, one of the vehicles shot, was recovered. This fragment, from a 1974 Ford van, is enclosed in appropriately marked envelope.

Fragments of metal recovered from the Tribal owned vehicle operated by [redacted] are enclosed in marked boxes.

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By communication dated 3/10/75, the Pennington County, South Dakota, Sheriff's Office forwarded to the FBI Laboratory one (1) .22 caliber pistol to be test fired.

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ENCLOSURE (ERM)

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2 - Minneapolis
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Lab Rpt [redacted] eek 6/16/75

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This gun was recovered from the vehicle in which MEANS was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on 3/1/75, for the murder of MARTIN MONTILEAU.

On 3/20/75, Criminal Investigator [redacted] Pine Ridge Police Department, made available three (3) envelopes, enclosed, which contain shell casings and slugs believed to have been involved in this case. b6 b7C

Weapons seized from a van by the Fall River County, South Dakota, Sheriff's Office in which a group of Indian militants, including [redacted] were arrested, are in the custody of the Sheriff's Office, and Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) Agents.

For Court purposes, these weapons are being retained by the Sheriff's Office; however, they will be test fired by ATF Agents, and slugs and casings will be forwarded to the Bureau.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to determine if legible latents can be found on those shell casings which are unknown in origin.

The Laboratory is requested to examine the recovered fragments to determine if identifiable characteristics are present, which could indicate they were fired from a particular weapon. If the characteristics are present, the Laboratory is requested to determine if they were fired from weapons from which the enclosed known specimens came, if they came from the weapon previously submitted by the Pennington County Sheriff's Office, and when samples from ATF are submitted, if they came from those weapons.

Results should be furnished to the Minneapolis Division.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 4/3/75

[redacted] Nebraska Highway Patrol Investigator, telephonically contacted about the apparent discrepancy in the interview of March 12, 1975, in which he stated a bullet hole in the passenger door side of the van recovered at Gordon, Nebraska, had struck a metal frame and the interview with him on March 14, 1975, in which he stated the bullet was fired from the inside of the van to the outside of the van.

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[redacted] stated he was in error on the first interview that he subsequently examined the vehicle and found only one bullet in it in the right front door and he is quite positive that this was fired from the inside to the outside of the van.

Interviewed on 3/31/75 at Rapid City, South Dakota File # MP 70-9734

by SA JOHN C. MC CARTY/sb Date dictated 3/31/75

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MP 70-9734

On April 3, 1975, [redacted] Law and Order Department, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, furnished the following descriptive data: b6 b7C

[redacted]
Date of Birth [redacted]
Enrollment number [redacted]

[redacted]
Date of Birth [redacted]
Enrollment number [redacted]

[redacted]
Date of Birth [redacted]
Enrollment number [redacted]

On April 3, 1975, the Probate and Census Office, Rosebud Reservation, South Dakota, furnished the following information:

[redacted]
Date of Birth [redacted]
Enrollment number [redacted]

Facts concerning this case were presented to a Special Federal Grand Jury at Rapid City, South Dakota, and on April 7, 1975, Departmental Clerk of U.S. District Court, BETTY BERRY, Rapid City, South Dakota, advised that on April 4, 1975, after Indictments were returned, warrants were issued for all subjects charging them with one count of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon in violation of Title 18, Section 1153, United States Code, for assaulting [redacted] In addition, a second count of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon was returned against THOMAS POOR BEAR for an assault on [redacted] $2,500 ten percent bond was recommended.

MP 70-9734

On April 7, 1975, Departmental U.S. Marshal [redacted] Rapid City, advised he has placed a detainer against [redacted] who is currently in custody of the Pennington County, South Dakota, Sheriff's Office, on a charge of murder.

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On April 8, 1975, both [redacted] and [redacted] were arrested on the Rosebud, South Dakota, Indian Reservation by Bureau of Indian Affairs Police Officers.

Mr. [redacted] advised that on April 9, 1975, the three appeared before U.S. Magistrate CLIFFORD PAY at Pierre, South Dakota. [redacted] and [redacted] were each released on $2,500 bond. [redacted] was remanded to the custody of his office in lieu of $2,500 bond.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT of the IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 70-9734

FBI FILE NO.

LATENT CASE NO. B-9680

May 1, 1975

TO: SAC, Minneapolis

RE: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
ET AL.;
[redacted] - VICTIM
ET AL.;
CIR - ADW

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REFERENCE: Letter 4-4-75
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Minneapolis
SPECIMENS: Three cartridge cases, Q6 through Q8
Cartridge, Q10

Specimens were examined, but no latent prints of value appear or were developed.

You will be advised in a separate Laboratory report of the disposition of the specimens.

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Clarence M. Kelley, Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LATENTS

Recorded 4-17-75 10:35 a.m. bjg Received 4-17-75

Laboratory Work Sheet

To: SAC, Minneapolis (70-9734)

FBI FILE NO. 70-64787-10

LAB. NO. 1

Re: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, ETAL; [redacted] ET AL.; CIR -ADW

YOUR NO. PC-L7498 MT LC# B-9680

Examination by: [redacted]

Q6-Q8, Q10 vis dam LFPS + proc [redacted] Disp by lab reports 4/16/75

Examination requested by: Minneapolis

Reference: Letter 4/4/75 Noted by: [redacted] b6 b7C

Examination requested: Firearms- Fingerprint

Specimens received: 4/11/75 hw

Q1	Bullet fragment
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K2	One bullet and two cartridge cases test fired in a .30-30 caliber rifle

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Ownership 4/11/75 Rec'd/Rel'd

Examination completed 12:25 4/25/75 hw Dictated 4/25/75 hw
Time Date Date

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
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TITLE OF CASE

[redacted] aka;
[redacted], aka - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM

REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
SA JOHN E. MC CARTY	amj

CHARACTER OF CASE

CIR - ADW

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REFERENCE

Minneapolis report of SA JOHN E. MC CARTY, 4/15/75.

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[redacted] One copy of this report designated for Departmental Attorney Civil Rights Division, Indian Section, U. S. Department of Justice, Room 604, Todd Building.

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AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

Follow and report prosecutive action.

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(1 - Departmental Attorney [redacted]
1 - USA Sioux Falls, South Dakota
2 - Minneapolis (70-9734)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA Sioux Falls, South Dakota
1 - Departmental Attorney [redacted] Civil Rights Division, Indian Section, U. S. Department of Justice, Room 604, Todd Building, Washington, D.C.

Report of: JOHN E. MC CARTY
Office: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Date: June 12, 1975

Field Office File #: 70-9734
Bureau File #:

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Title: [redacted]
[redacted] - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM;

Character: CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION - ASSAULT WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON

Synopsis: Identification Records of [redacted] and [redacted] set forth. No latent prints of value developed on items of evidence. Subjects arraigned 5/16/75, entered pleas of not guilty and released on bond. No date for further judicial proceedings yet set. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

At Rapid City, South Dakota

By communications received on May 2 - 12, 1975, the Bureau furnished the following identification records for [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted]

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By communication received on May 5, 1975, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Identification Division advised no latent prints of value appear or were developed on the cartridge and cartridge cases submitted for fingerprint examination.

On June 9, 1975, [redacted], Office of Clerk of United States District Court, advised her records show all subjects were arraigned before Judge ANDREW W. BOGUE on May 16, 1975. Each entered a plea of not guilty to the charges pending against them, and each was released on bond. No date was set for any further judicial proceedings in this matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MINNEAPOLIS	MINNEAPOLIS	9/16/75	6/9/75 - 9/16/75

TITLE OF CASE

[redacted] aka;
[redacted] aka - VICTIM;
[redacted] VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM

REPORT MADE BY: SA JOHN E. MC CARTY

TYPED BY: amj

CHARACTER OF CASE: CIR - ADW

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REFERENCE

Minneapolis report of SA JOHN E. MC CARTY, 6/12/75.

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AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

Follow and report prosecutive action.

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Report of: JOHN E. MC CARTY Office: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Date: September 16, 1975

Field Office File #: 70-9734 Bureau File #: 70-64787

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Title: [redacted] - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM;

Character: CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION - ASSAULT WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON

Synopsis: FBI Laboratory advised bullet fragments recovered in certain instances identifiable. Fall River County Sheriff's Office advised no weapons recovered by that office similar in caliber to weapons from which recovered fragments fired. AUSA advised prosecutive action still pending. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

At Rapid City, South Dakota

By communication received on June 18, 1975, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Laboratory advised as follows:

Specimen Q1 is a lead bullet fragment and specimen Q2 is a fragment of a bullet jacket from a jacketed bullet. Due to extensive fragmentation and mutilation, it is not possible to determine the caliber or calibers of Q1 and Q2. Further, it was not possible to determine the general rifling characteristics of the barrel or barrels from which they were fired and they bear no microscopic marks of value for identification purposes.

Specimens Q3 and Q4 are magnetic metal fragments which do not appear to be bullet fragments.

Specimens Q5 and Q11 are lead fragments which are too mutilated to determine if they are bullet fragments and they bear

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no marks of value for identification purposes.

Specimen Q9 is a .38 Special caliber lead bullet which has been fired from a barrel rifled with five lands and grooves, right twist. Based on differences in caliber, the Q9 bullet could not have been fired from the two weapons represented by specimens K1 and K2. Among the weapons producing rifling impressions like those present in the Q9 bullet are models of Smith and Wesson, I.N.A., Ruger and numerous Spanish-made revolvers. The Q9 bullet bears limited individual microscopic marks of value for comparison purposes should a suspect weapon be found.

Specimen Q10 is a .30 Carbine caliber cartridge which bears no marks which would indicate it had ever been loaded into a weapon.

The Q6 through Q8 cartridge cases were identified as having been fired in the same weapon. However, nothing was found to indicate that they had been fired in the weapon represented by K2 in that weapon's present condition.

On June 9, 1975, [redacted] Fall River County Sheriff's Office, advised that her department did not recover any weapons comparable in caliber to weapons from which the recovered bullet fragments had been fired. b6 b7C

On September 15, 1975, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] advised no further prosecutive action has taken place in this case and at this time no trial date has yet been set.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MINNEAPOLIS	MINNEAPOLIS	11/12/75	10/29/75 - 11/10/75

TITLE OF CASE

[redacted] aka;
[redacted] aka - VICTIM;
[redacted] VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM

REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
SA JOHN E. MC CARTY	amj

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CHARACTER OF CASE

CIR - ADW

REFERENCE

Minneapolis report of SA JOHN E. MC CARTY dated 9/16/75.

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Disposition sheets as to each subject have been forwarded to the Bureau.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☒ NONE					ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

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Report of: JOHN E. MC CARTY
Office: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Date: November 12, 1975

Field Office File #: 70-9734
Bureau File #: 70-624787

Title: [redacted] - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM;

Character: CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION - ASSAULT WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON

Synopsis: Indictment as to each defendent dismissed by court, 10/29/75, based on Government motion. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

At Rapid City, South Dakota

On October 29, 1975, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] advised that on that date the indictment as to each defendent in this case was dismissed by order of the court based on a motion made by him because of surprise. It was necessary to enter this motion as the first two Government witnesses who were essential to the case failed to testify as expected.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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DATE: 6/16/75

TO: SAC, Minneapolis (70-9734)

Re: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, ET AL;
[redacted] VICTIM, ET AL;
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM MINNEAPOLIS 70-NEW

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; [redacted] AKA, [redacted]

[redacted] CIR - ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GRIEVOUS BODY HARM, OO:

AT APPROXIMATELY 1:10AM MDST 6-6-75 IN THE CATTLEMAN'S BAR, R.R. M[redacted] LAUGHLIN, SOUTH DAKOTA, ON THE STANDING ROCK SIOUX INDIAN RESERVATION, [redacted], AKA, [redacted] AGE 23, DOB [redacted] WAS ASSAULTED WITH A POOL CUE BY AN INDIAN PERSON BELIEVED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, AIM LEADER. MEANS AND OTHERS FLED BAR AFTER ASSAULT AND ARE THOUGHT TO BE RESIDING IN BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA, AREA. INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED HAS DETERMINED IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO SHOW PHOTO SPREADS TO WITNESSES TO POSITIVELY IDENTIFY MEANS AS SUBJECT.

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Assault with intent to do grievous bodily Damage

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~~TO DIRECTOR, FBI~~

~~FROM MINNEAPOLIS 70 NEW~~

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; [redacted], AKA, [redacted]

[redacted] CIR - ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GRIEVOUS BODY HARM, OO: ~~MPLS~~

AT APPROXIMATELY 1:10AM MDST 6-6-75 IN THE CATTLEMAN'S BAR, R.R. MC-
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[redacted] AKA, [redacted] AGE 23, DOB [redacted]
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM MINNEAPOLIS 70-10082 (P)

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS - FUGITIVE; [redacted] AKA [redacted]

[redacted] CIR - ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GRIEVOUS BODILY

HARM; OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

RE MINNEAPOLIS NITEL TO BUREAU DATED JUNE 6, 1975.

[redacted] PRESENTED FGJ, [redacted]

[redacted] AND TRUE BILL INDICTMENT RETURNED ON JUNE 18, 1975.

WARRANT ISSUED BY CLERK, USDC, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, JUNE 19, 1975, CHARGING MEANS WITH ASSAULT WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON AND ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO SERIOUS BODILY INJURY RESULTING IN SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, BOTH VIOLATIONS OF TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 1153.

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ON JUNE 23, 1975, USM ARRESTED MEANS AT BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA. MEANS AFFORDED MAGISTRATE HEARING AND RELEASED. HE IS TO APPEAR JUNE 24, 1975, TO POST $5,000 OR TEN PERCENT CASH BOND.

ARRAIGNMENT SET USDC, JULY 1, 1975, ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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MINNEAPOLIS	MINNEAPOLIS	6/30/75	6/6/75 - 6/24/75

TITLE OF CASE

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; aka

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CHARACTER OF CASE

CIR - ADW; ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GREAT BODILY HARM

REFERENCES:

Minneapolis teletype to Bureau, 6/6/75.
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Enlarged photographs of the victim have been furnished directly to the U. S. Attorney's Office, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☒ NONE						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

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LEADS:

SAN DIEGO DIVISION

AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Will report results of contact with [redacted] b6 b7C who was in the company of MEANS on the night of the assault on [redacted]

MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

AT ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

Will follow and report results of subject's arraignment.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: MINNEAPOLIS b6 b7C
Date: June 30, 1975

Field Office File #: MP 70-10082 Bureau File #:

Title: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; [redacted]

Character: CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION - ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON; ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GREAT BODILY HARM

Synopsis: On 6/6/75 at the Cattlemen's Bar, near McLaughlin, South Dakota, within the exterior boundaries of the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation [redacted] also known as [redacted] age 23, date of birth [redacted] while playing pool with an Indian person, subsequently identified as RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, Indian, age 36, date of birth 11/10/39, was assaulted by MEANS who hit [redacted] over the head with a pool cue, breaking the cue and causing injuries to top of [redacted] head, eye and under right arm. Federal Grand Jury, District of South Dakota, Sioux Falls, on 6/18/75 returned True Bill of Indictment, wherein MEANS was charged in two counts with violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1153 (Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm). Clerk, U. S. District Court, on 6/19/75 caused warrant of arrest to be issued for MEANS, bond set at $5,000 or 10 percent cash. MEANS located by U. S. Marshal, District of North Dakota, near Bismarck, North Dakota, on 6/23/75. MEANS to be arraigned 7/1/75 U. S. District Court, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

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This investigation [redacted] information telephonically received from [redacted], Cattlemen's Bar, McLaughlin, South Dakota, who informed at 3:00 AM CDST on June 6, 1975, that RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, or someone believed to be MEANS and identified to him as MEANS, had assaulted [redacted] with a pool cue and that [redacted] was at that time receiving first aid at the McLaughlin Clinic. MEANS and others with him had left the area.

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AT ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA:

At 3:15 AM on June 6, 1975, SA [redacted] b6 b7C telephonically requested Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation Police Dispatcher [redacted] to immediately inform Agency Special Officer [redacted] of the above, [redacted] advised that Officers [redacted] and [redacted] were at that time on duty at McLaughlin and it was requested that those officers proceed immediately to the hospital and secure colored photographs of [redacted] and to check the area for any vehicle that might be operated by MEANS and his group, and to proceed to the Cattlemen's Bar and secure any physical evidence that might be at that location.

FD-302 (REV. 11-27-70)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

6/10/75

Date of transcription

[redacted] also known as [redacted], on interview informed SA [redacted] and Chief of Police CURT WIEDEMEIR of McLaughlin, South Dakota, as follows:

On the previous evening June 5, 1975, he had gone to the Cattlemen's Bar located on Highway US 12, approximately one mile southeast of McLaughlin, South Dakota. This bar is [redacted] He arrived at the bar around 10:00 - 10:30 PM MDST. As he went in he noticed a young man by the name of [redacted] from Selfridge, North Dakota, currently on leave from the armed forces, was shooting pool at one of the tables together with some other young men from Selfridge whose identities he does not know. Others who he knows and who were in the bar that night and during the incident hereafter described were [redacted] and his wife [redacted] who is employed by a block factory and cement plant at Mobridge, South Dakota, [redacted] a young Indian man who resides in the Indian housing area on the west side of McLaughlin, [redacted] girl friend, [redacted] wife, and some four or five Indian persons, whose identities he does not know, but who entered the bar around 11:00 PM. He understands that there was a meeting that night at the community room, by some of the Indian people, and the persons who walked in had been in attendance at that meeting.

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As the four or five Indian persons walked in around 11:00 PM they walked over to the table where [redacted] and his friends were shooting pool and asked them something to the affect, "Do you have treaty rights on that table?" [redacted] and his associates said nothing to this person and shortly thereafter [redacted] and his friends left the bar so he and [redacted] began shooting pool at that table and the Indian persons were using the other table that was available to them.

Interviewed on 6/6/75 at McLaughlin, South Dakota File # MP 70-10082

by SA [redacted] pms 4 Date dictated 6/7/75

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There seemed to be no difficulty or trouble for quite some time and after he and [redacted] had finished their game he [redacted] made the statement, "Who is the best pool shot in the house?" One of the Indian persons, who acted like the leader, and who was later his assailant said that he was, so they entered into a $5.00 bet over a game of "Eight Ball"; with each of them putting their bill on top of the florecent lamp over the table. As it turned out his opponent was a very good pool shot and had the game down to where there were only two balls and the eight ball left to shoot. Both of the balls were lying in a good position that they would be easy shots to make. The assailant then picked up the two bills and did not finish the game. [redacted] said that he then said to the man, "Would you please put the money back," indicating the money was not won until all the balls were gone. The assailant said something about "Look where the balls are," and kept the money and [redacted] asserts that he again asked the man to put the money back and he then "got mad and threw the money on the table". One of the bills went into the corner pocket and as he bent over the pocket to recover the bill, the person with whom he was shooting pool hit him over the head with his pool cue and then with the broken end, hit him again in the forehead, cutting or breaking his left eyebrow. His assailant then grabbed him by the hair and held him down in the corner. Somehow in the scuffle, a long sliver from the pool cue was driven into the area under his right arm and this was eventually removed by [redacted] and [redacted]

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The exact location of the fight took place at the southeast corner of the pool table with his assailant on the south end of the table, facing him when he struck him.

There was alot of confusion and it is his recollection that a friend of his assailant was trying to hit him too, possibly a brother, wearing a pony tail hair style.

A friend of his who was in the bar at the time of the assault, an Indian, [redacted] told him that the person who hit him with the pool cue was RUSSELL MEANS, the AIM leader. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that he had examined some newspaper clippings taken of an AIM convention held at the Chief Gall Inn, last July and he could not positively identify RUSSELL MEANS as his assailant from the newspaper clippings, but desired to examine recent photographs before making a positive identification of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS.

[redacted] described his assailant as an Indian male, 6', 6'2", approximately 200 pounds, big but not "pot bellied", was wearing a white leather type vest, with a colored design of some sort on the back, braids on each side of his head.

[redacted] informed that he had been treated and released from the McLaughlin Clinic by Dr. [redacted] M.D. He displayed a wound on the left side of his head which he said required stitches, a wound over his left eye and displayed the area in his right arm pit that had been struck with the sliver.

[redacted] is described as follows:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	23
Height	66½"
Weight	185 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	[redacted]

FD-302 (REV. 11-27-70)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

6/10/75

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[redacted] Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Police Officer, working the 12:01 to 8:00 AM shift at McLaughlin, on June 6, 1975, informed as follows: b6 b7C

He and officer [redacted] had been informed by the Police Dispatcher, Fort Yates to proceed to the McLaughlin Clinic and contacted [redacted] who had allegedly been assaulted by RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, one of the American Indian Movement (AIM) national leaders. [redacted] stated that he and [redacted] were accompanied by two officer trainees [redacted] and [redacted]

On arrival at the clinic they had interviewed [redacted] who informed him that he had been shooting pool at the Cattlemen's Bar with an Indian who the others referred to as RUSS. He was wearing a long vest type coat that came below his waist and on the front was the word "MEANS" and on the back was an embroidered Indian head. [redacted] and the other person, his assailant, made a $5.00 bet and then began to shoot a game of "eight ball". As the game was about over, only three balls remained on the table and [redacted] opponent picked up the $10.00 that was laying on a light over the table. [redacted] stated that he challenged him to finish shooting before taking the money, whereon his opponent became angry and threw both bills at the table, one of the bills going in a side pocket. As he, [redacted] leaned over to take the bill out of the pocket he was hit over the head, breaking the pool cue. His assailant then hit him again and grabbed him by the hair and pulled him into the corner of the bar and was going to beat him some more when [redacted] a local non-Indian, hit [redacted] also present with RUSSELL MEANS. The Indians then departed the bar. [redacted] said he and [redacted] had contacted the owners of the Cattlemen's Bar and obtained a list of names of persons who were in the bar at the time of the assault. Those names are:

[redacted] Indian

[redacted] Indian

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[redacted], Non-Indian
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There were about four - five Indian males in the MEANS group and about three Indian females, unknown to the other persons then present.

He and [redacted] had taken pictures of [redacted] and one photo in the bar, where the assault took place. [redacted] took possession of the pool cue from the [redacted]

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Mr. [redacted] Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police Officer informed as follows: b6 b7C

[redacted] who was present during the interview of Officer [redacted] advised that he concurred with all that [redacted] had related and that he was with him during the interviews related to by [redacted] Officer [redacted] then turned over to SA [redacted] a broken pool cue which he had received from [redacted] of the Cattlemen's bar.

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[redacted] informed SA [redacted] and Criminal Investigator [redacted] Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as follows:

At around midnight June 5, 1975, he and his wife [redacted] drove out to the Cattlemen's Bar on Highway 12, east of McLaughlin, South Dakota. There were not very many people in the bar when they went in but he did notice [redacted] and [redacted] to be in the bar. There were also some kids whose identities he does not know, playing pool at one of the tables. Shortly after he and his wife entered the bar it is his recollection that five Indian males, whose identities are not known to him and some Indian girls entered the bar. One of the Indian persons, who appeared to him to be the leader of the group and the one who later became involved with [redacted] went up to the pool table being used by the younger persons and said something to the affect that did they have treaty rights to that table. Another table was open so they used that table and there did not seem to be any more trouble at that particular moment.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] was wearing sandals and shorts and an open knit T-shirt and the Indian persons who came into the bar were commenting about his dress and one of them said he had some shorts and sandals too.

[redacted] said the next thing that he recalls is when he overheard [redacted] make a statement to theeffect, "I'll challenge anyone in here to a game of pool for $5.00." After that the person who was the apparent leader of the group of five Indian males, accepted the challenge and he and [redacted] did shoot the game of "Eight Ball". Both ment put a $5.00 bill on top of the light over the pool table. The Indian male was a good pool shot and the table had only three balls left to be shot in when the Indian male quite shooting and just picked the money off the top of the light. [redacted] overheard [redacted] make a statement to the effect that he, the Indian, should put the money back as the game was not over yet. About that time the Indian male became

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quite angry, threw the money toward the table and when [redacted] attempted to recover the money the Indian male hit [redacted] over the head, breaking the pool cue, then hit him again and grabbed [redacted] by the hair and held him down in the corner of the bar. About that time another Indian male in the group who was wearing a belt with the [redacted] inscribed on the belt tried to get at [redacted] so he, [redacted] entered into the fray and "popped him with my fist", keeping that person from attacking [redacted] too. Right after he hit this man, all the unknown Indian persons then left the bar and he does not know their method of travel. He had never seen these people in the bar before, had heard that the one who hit [redacted] was RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS the American Indian Movement (AIM) leader. [redacted] described this man as being tall, slender, with an earring and braids. He is certain that he and his wife will be able to positively identify this person were they to see him again.

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[redacted] Indian, Age 19, the son of [redacted] McLaughlin, South Dakota, informed SA [redacted] and Criminal Investigator [redacted] as follows:

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On the night of June 5 - 6, 1975, he had been in the company of [redacted] age 14, and his girl friend [redacted] who is an employee of the Public Health Service Clinic at McLaughlin. Earlier in the evening he was at a meeting held at the community room in McLaughlin in which some 40 - 50 Indian persons were in attendance to protest. Some of those whom he personally knows that were in attendance at that meeting to protest the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) closing of the subagency building at McLaughlin were RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS whom he knows to be a leader in the American Indian Movement (AIM) a person whom he knows as [redacted] RUSSELL MEANS, and a [redacted] a resident of Fort Yates and one who is known to be active in AIM activities and a close friend and associate of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS.

At 1:10 AM on June 6, 1975, he, his girl friend and [redacted] pulled up to the Cattlemen's bar. The reason that he is certain of the time is that he asked his girl friend what time it was as he wondered if the bar would still be open. He went into the bar at the time a fight was going on and he saw an Indian known to him as [redacted] hit [redacted] once and [redacted] was being held by the hair by another Indian whom he knows as RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS. He said that he did not see RUSSELL MEANS with a pool cue however that there was a busted pool cue on the floor when he came in and he saw a long sliver of wood sticking out from under [redacted] right arm pit. He said that RUSSELL MEANS arms were bloody and he felt that this was blood from [redacted] as [redacted] was bleeding very badly. He said the bar owner let him out to bring in the others waiting in his car and he stayed in the bar until it was quieted down. Shortly after he got in the RUSSELL MEANS group left the bar as [redacted] had hit [redacted] and [redacted] forced them to leave.

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Others whom he knows that were in the bar at the time and should be able to relate as to what happened prior to his entering the bar were a sister of his [redacted] who lives in Number [redacted] Housing Apartments, and [redacted] who was quite drunk. b6 b7C

[redacted] said he is certain that the person who was holding [redacted] and RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS the AIM leader.

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[redacted] Indian age 14, informed SA [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] and [redacted], Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Criminal Investigator as follows:

He was with [redacted] and [redacted] girl friend [redacted] on the night of June 5 - 6, 1975, and they had driven out to the Cattlemen's Bar, southeast of McLaughlin. He had remained inside the car and after a while a group of about five Indian males, whose identity he does not know, came out of the bar and got into a vehicle which he thought to be a little red colored sport car and quickly drove off in the direction of McLaughlin.

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[redacted] Indian, age 18, who resides in an apartment [redacted] McLaughlin, South Dakota, informed SA [redacted] and Criminal Investigator [redacted] of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as follows:

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She was with her boy friend [redacted] on the night of June 5 - 6, 1975, and together with him and [redacted] they had driven out to the Cattlemen's Bar near McLaughlin. It was shortly after 1:00 AM on June 6, 1975, they arrived at the bar as [redacted] had asked her what time it was and they wondered if they could get in. [redacted] went inside and shortly thereafter a group of five Indians came out the bar and left in a sports car. She could not further identify the car and was not certain what way they went when leaving. She did not know if she would be able to identify those leaving the bar or not.

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[redacted] then at Mobridge, South Dakota, a resident of McLaughlin, South Dakota, informed SA [redacted] and Criminal Investigator [redacted] as follows:

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[redacted] entered the bar known as the Cattlemen's Bar about [redacted] PM, having come from Mobridge. He met his friend [redacted] just as [redacted] was about to leave and enticed him to return to the bar and shoot some pool. There were some young fellows from Selfridge, North Dakota, using one of the two pool tables and the other table was open. About 11:00 PM a group of Indian persons, about five males and three females came in the bar. He does not know if the males and females were together, but they did enter the bar at about the same time. They seemed to know each other and they are not known to him as local Indian persons from the McLaughlin area. One of the persons who entered the bar, the one that he later saw hit [redacted] with a pool cue, walked up to the young people using the first table and asked them if they had "Treaty rights" on that table. Since the other table was not in use the Indian persons who entered then shot pool on the vacant table and after the young men from Selfridge quit shooting he and [redacted] used the table. The Indian who hit [redacted] had the word "MEANS" over a shirt pocket. He was wearing a vest type coat or jacket that had a figure of some kind on the back of it.

Finally [redacted] and the leader of the Indian group wearing the vest engaged in a game of pool and made a $5.00 bet, placing the money on a light over the table. Before all the balls were shot in, and in what appeared to be easy shots for the Indian, the Indian person picked up the two $5.00 bills and [redacted] asked him to put them back as the game was not yet over. Some other words were exchanged between the two and the Indian person then got mad and threw the bills at the table. As [redacted] bent over to pick up the bills the Indian person hit him with his pool cue, breaking the cue with the first blow and he then hit him again with a remaining portion of the cue, knocking

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[redacted] to his knees. He then grabbed him by the hair, and was holding him down on the floor and asking him if he had had enough. During the scuffle, the Indian had driven a long fire or six inch sliver of wood into the arm pit of [redacted], which was later removed by [redacted]. b6 b7C

As the one Indian had [redacted] down another Indian, wearing a belt with the name [redacted] tried to hit him too and at this point [redacted] hit him and the whole group suddenly left the bar and departed the area.

[redacted] stated that he will be able to positively identify [redacted] assailant were he to see him again. He can be contacted at his place of employment, Sackreiter Development Company, East Third Avenue and RR, Mobridge, South Dakota.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on June 6, 1975:

AT MC LAUGHLIN, SOUTH DAKOTA:

Efforts were made by Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police Officer [redacted] to locate [redacted] and it was determined that he was thought to be in the Mobridge area and was drinking at the time.

On June 6, 1975, efforts were made to locate and interview [redacted] and it was determined that she was not at her employment, the Tribal Office at Fort Yates, nor was she at the apartment at McLaughlin Number [redacted] housing project. b6 b7C

[redacted] Acting Criminal Investigator, BIA, informed that he was advised by KENNETH SNYDER, Sheriff, Sioux County, North Dakota, that at 7:30 PM on June 5, 1975, the following persons were in ED's Bar, Fort Yates, North Dakota; RUSSELL, BILL and [redacted] thought to be a local member of American Indian Movement (AIM), and one other whose identity was not determined by the Sheriff. These men were shooting pool and were looking for the [redacted] Brothers (Phonetic) who were apparently involved in some controversy. The [redacted] brothers are Indians and resided on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation. The men finally left the bar at Fort Yates, stating that they were going to McLaughlin to attend a meeting. The nature of the meeting was not known.

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[redacted] Cattlemen's Bar, US Highway Number 12, Southeast of McLaughlin, South Dakota, informed telephonically at 3:00 AM, CDST, June 6, 1975, as follows:

[redacted] Western Bar, McLaughlin, South Dakota, had at about 1:10 AM MDST been struck over the head with a pool cue by a person identified to [redacted] RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS. The incident grew out of an argument over a pool game. [redacted] was at that time being treated at the McLaughlin Community Hospital. He was hit twice on the head and hurt under the right arm. Those who were in the bar at the time of the incident and who can identify the assailant were [redacted] Indian; [redacted] a local Indian, [redacted] and [redacted] b6 b7C

There were five Indian persons who entered the bar at around mid-night. One of those who entered was wearing a belt with the words [redacted] on the belt. This person was hit by [redacted] when he too tried to hit [redacted] after he had been assaulted by a person who was identified to him as RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS the nationally known leader of the American Indian Movement (AIM). He said that when the group entered the bar he thought that one of them looked familiar and this one, the one that hit [redacted] with the pool cue and [redacted] told him that this person was RUSSELL MEANS. [redacted] informed that he had not informed the Tribal authorities of the incident and he had called the Sheriff at McIntosh who stated that he would respondlater that day. He said that [redacted] will be available for interview at his home in McLaughlin.

In a subsequent telephone interview at approximately 3:45 AM, [redacted] informed that the person who hit [redacted] with the pool cue was wearing a vest type jacket with the name MEANS on the front of it and a large Indian head embroidered on the back. Those that had entered the bar said that they had been at a meeting in

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McLaughlin before coming to the bar and at the time they entered he felt that they were there to start trouble based on the way they approached the table occupied by the shooters from Selfridge. They did not appear drunk.

Subsequently on June 6, 1975, [redacted] informed that he had given the broken pool cue and the splinter to officer [redacted] and [redacted] at the time they appeared at the bar during the early morning hours of June 6, 1975. b6 b7C

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[redacted] attlemen's Bar, informed as follows:

[redacted] at the time of the incidents that took place there around 1:10 AM on June 6, 1975. She was present at the time [redacted] was relating information telephonically to SA [redacted] and concurred with everything that he had related. She did not personally hear anyone address [redacted] assailant as RUSSELL MEANS, but was told by [redacted] a Tribal employee from Fort Yates, who alleged that she personally knows RUSSELL MEANS, that it was RUSSELL who had hit [redacted] with the pool cue. She said that this same person was wearing a long vest type coat that came below the waist and had an Indian head on the back of it and the name "MEANS" on the front. He wore his hair in braids, had a light colored shirt, maybe yellow, had alot of turquoise type jewelry, an earring and neat appearing. One of his companions was observed by her to wear a belt with the words [redacted] on it and this is the one who was hit by [redacted]

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There were three girls that walked into the bar at about the same time as MEANS and the others. She did not know if they came in the same vehicle or not, but they suddenly disappeared at the time the trouble started. [redacted] said she can identify [redacted] assailant were she to see him again or a photograph of him.

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[redacted] was contacted on his ranch near McLaughlin, South Dakota, and advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent. [redacted] was then requested to examine a group of photographs in an effort to determine if he could identify the individual who hit [redacted] over the head with a pool cue stick at the Cattlemen's Bar, McLaughlin, South Dakota, during the early morning hours of June 6, 1975.

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The photographs which make up the group of photographs shown are individually described as follows:

1. [redacted] Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) photograph, Fort Yates, North Dakota, dated June 8, 1975. b6 b7C

2. [redacted] BIA photograph, Fort Yates, North Dakota, dated June 8, 1975.

3. Unknown Subject, Aberdeen, South Dakota, Police Department, Number [redacted] dated July 6, 1973.

4. Unknown Subject, Aberdeen, South Dakota, Police Department, Number [redacted] dated July 24, 1972.

5. Unknown Subject, Aberdeen, South Dakota, Police Department, Number [redacted] dated June 17, 1974.

6. THEODORE LYLE MEANS, Pennington County, South Dakota, Sheriff's Office, Number 11060, dated February 10, 1973.

7. [redacted] BIA, Fort Yates, North Dakota, dated June 8, 1975.

8. Unknown Subject, Aberdeen, South Dakota, Police Department, Number [redacted] dated May 12, 1973.

9. RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, Pennington County, South Dakota, Sheriff's Office, Number 11048, dated February 6, 1973.

10. [redacted]

11. DENNIS JAMES BANKS, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Police Department, Number 47315, dated September 4, 1971.

12. WILLIAM ALLEN MEANS, Denver, Colorado, Police Department, Number 236480, dated March 2, 1975.

13. [redacted] BIA, Fort Yates, North Dakota, dated June 8, 1975.

14. [redacted] Grand Forks, North Dakota, Police Department, Number [redacted], dated January 30, 1972.

[redacted] after examining the above-described photographs, positively identified a photograph of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS as being the individual who struck [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] positively identified a photograph of [redacted] and advised that he was relatively certain that it was a photograph of the individual that was wearing the belt with [redacted] on it, and the individual that he hit.

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[redacted] Cattlemen's Bar and also known as the Cattlemen's Saloon, was contacted at his place of business and interviewed in the presence of Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police Officer [redacted] was requested to examine a group of photographs in an effort to determine if he could identify the individual who struck [redacted] over the head with a pool cue during the early morning hours of June 6, 1975, at the Cattlemen's Bar.

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[redacted] upon examining the above-described photographs, picked the photograph of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS and positively identified the photograph as being the individual who was wearing a yellow shirt, and a white vest, that had a large Indian chief embroidered on the back, and the word "MEANS" on the front breast pocket. [redacted] further advised that the individual depicted in this photograph was the individual who struck [redacted] over the head with a pool cue. b6 b7C

[redacted] picked the photograph of [redacted] as being the individual that was wearing a belt with the words [redacted] on it, and who had his fist back to hit [redacted] however, he was stopped from doing so by [redacted] advised that [redacted] hit this individual.

[redacted] picked out the photograph of [redacted] as being very familiar and was believed to have been at the Cattlemen's Bar during the incident.

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[redacted] was contacted at the Cattlemen's Bar, and she is the [redacted] was requested to examine a group of photographs in an effort to determine if she could identify the individual who struck [redacted] during a pool game at the Cattlemen's Bar during the early morning hours on June 6, 1975.

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[redacted] after examining the above-described photographs, positively identified a photograph of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS as the individual [redacted] was playing pool with and who struck [redacted] over the head with a pool cue. b6 b7C

[redacted] positively identified a photograph of [redacted] as being the individual wearing the belt with [redacted] on it.

[redacted] positively identified a photograph of [redacted] as being with RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS and wearing a cowboy hat.

[redacted] advised that the photographs of THEODORE LYLE MEANS and WILLIAM ALLEN MEANS look familiar; however, she stated that she did not know where she has seen them before.

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[redacted] Housing Number [redacted] McLaughlin, South Dakota, was interviewed at the place of her employment, Standing Rock Tribal Office, McLaughlin, South Dakota. [redacted] was interviewed in the presence of Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police Officer [redacted] was advised that the nature of the interview concerned the incident at the Cattlemen's Bar during the early morning hours on June 6, 1975. [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that she arrived at the Cattlemen's Bar at about 1:30 a.m., Central Standard Time, on June 6, 1975. At the Cattlemen's Bar, when she arrived, was RUSSELL MEANS, and the following individuals were with RUSSELL MEANS:

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[redacted] (Last Name Unknown)

[redacted] further advised that the following individuals were also at the Cattlemen's Bar when she was there:

[redacted] and his wife

[redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted] was with an Indian male whom she did not know.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] made a remark that he wanted to play pool with the best in the house. [redacted] advised that there was a $5.00 bet on the pool game. RUSSELL MEANS took [redacted] on, and both [redacted] and RUSSELL MEANS placed a $5.00 bill on top of the lamp over the pool table.

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[redacted] advised that she was sitting off to the side of the pool table where RUSSELL MEANS and [redacted] were playing, talking to [redacted] next to the door. At about 2:00 a.m., Central Standard Time, a fight started next to the pool table, and she observed RUSSELL MEANS hit [redacted] twice. [redacted] advised that [redacted] was close by the fight; however, she did not see [redacted] hit [redacted] stated that she turned and got over into a corner as the fight started. [redacted] stated that she observed [redacted] start toward the fight with a club; however, the fight broke up before he got to them.

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[redacted] stated that RUSSELL and [redacted] and [redacted] were at the meeting at the Housing Center in McLaughlin, South Dakota, a little after 8:00 p.m., Central Standard Time. [redacted] stated that she used to work with [redacted]

[redacted] furnished the following descriptive information concerning the following individuals:

RUSSELL MEANS, an Indian male, 5'11", skinny build, long black hair which was pulled back, in his early 30's, wearing a yellow shirt, dark blue pants, cowboy boots, cream colored vest with stitching of an Indian's head wearing a war bonnet on the back. The vest also had Indian art work design on the pockets.

[redacted] an Indian male, 5'11", heavy build, long black hair, which was pulled back, age in his 30's, wearing a dark shirt which appeared to be of different colors and dark blue pants.

[redacted] an Indian male, 5'11", skinny build, [redacted] hair, age in mid 20's, wearing light colored clothing.

[redacted] an Indian male, 5'7", heavy build, long black hair, wearing in a pony tail style, and about 27 years of age.

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[redacted] was requested to examine a group of photographs b6 b7C
in an effort to determine if she could identify RUSSELL MEANS, [redacted] and [redacted] Last Name Unknown), of whom she had made reference to above.

[redacted], upon examining the above-described photographs positively identified the photograph of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS as being RUSSELL MEANS and hitting [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] positively identified a photograph of [redacted] and stated that this was an individual known to her only as [redacted] and being with RUSSELL MEANS, as mentioned above.

[redacted] positively identified a photograph of [redacted] as being [redacted] referred to above.

[redacted] picked the photograph of [redacted] and advised that this photograph is very similar to [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), referred to above.

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[redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent as an Agent with the FBI and was requested to examine a group of photographs. The purpose of examining the photographs was to determine if [redacted] could identify the individual who struck him over the head with a pool cue at the Cattlemen's Bar in McLaughlin, South Dakota, during the early morning hours of June 6, 1975.

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[redacted] picked the photograph of [redacted] and advised that the photograph was very similar to the guy that was at the Cattlemen's Bar, and whom he talked to about playing pool. [redacted] stated that this individual was believed to have been wearing a brown cowboy hat, a jacket, and cowboy boots.

[redacted] picked out the photograph of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS as being very similar to the individual he was playing pool with, and as the individual who struck him with the pool cue. b6 b7C

[redacted] also picked out the photograph of [redacted] as being very similar to the individual who tried to jump him the same time he was getting hit by the individual he was playing pool with.

[redacted] furnished the following personal information concerning himself:

Date of Birth [redacted]
Place of Birth Mobridge, South Dakota
Social Security Number [redacted]
Address [redacted]
McLaughlin, South Dakota

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[redacted] Ed's Cowboy Bar, Fort Yates, North Dakota, was contacted at his place of business. [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and that the nature of the interview was to determine if a group of individuals had gathered at his bar on Thursday, June 5, 1975, and left for a meeting at McLaughlin, South Dakota. [redacted] advised as follows:

Between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 5, 1975, the following individuals were present at his bar:

RUSSELL MEANS

[redacted]

[redacted] stated that there was another Indian male of whom he did not know.

[redacted] advised that around 7:30 p.m., [redacted] advised him that they were going to a meeting in McLaughlin, South Dakota. [redacted] advised that they were all very nice and did not cause any trouble. [redacted] furnished the following descriptive information concerning the following individuals:

RUSSELL MEANS, an Indian male, 5'11", 175 pounds, long black hair that was not in braids, wearing dark glasses, and a white or grey jacket with an Indian head wearing a war bonnet embroidered on the back.

[redacted], an Indian male, shorter and huskier than RUSSELL MEANS, black hair worn in a pony tail style.

[redacted] an Indian male, 6', 180 pounds, [redacted] hair, and was wearing a white cowboy hat.

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[redacted] an Indian male, 5'10", 195 pounds, husky build, black hair worn in a pony tail style and wore glasses. b6 b7C

[redacted] was requested to examine a group of photographs in an effort to determine if he could identify the photographs of RUSSELL MEANS, [redacted] and [redacted] as being the individuals he had mentioned above.

[redacted], after examining the above photographs, positively identified the photograph of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS as being the individual known to him as RUSSELL MEANS. b6 b7C

[redacted] positively identified the photograph of [redacted] as being the individual known to him only as [redacted]

[redacted] positively identified the photograph of [redacted] as being an individual known to him as [redacted]

[redacted] positively identified a photograph of [redacted] as being the individual known to him as [redacted]

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[redacted], was interviewed in the presence of Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Investigator [redacted] was requested to examine a group of photographs in an effort to determine if he could identify the individual who was fighting with [redacted] on the early morning hours of June 6, 1975.

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[redacted], upon examining the above-described photographs, positively identified a photograph of [redacted] as being the individual who let him into the door of the Cattlemen's Bar. b6 b7C

[redacted] positively identified a photograph of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS as being the individual he saw as he entered the Cattlemen's Bar and fighting with [redacted]

[redacted] picked the photograph of [redacted] and advised the photograph is similar to [redacted] who tried to throw a punch at [redacted] remarked that the photograph was a bad photograph, for [redacted] has a bad complexion. [redacted] further advised that the photograph of [redacted] was another photograph of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS.

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[redacted] was interviewed at the Wrangler Motel and requested to examine a group of photographs in an effort to determine if he could identify the individual who struck [redacted] over the head with a pool cue at the Cattlemen's Bar, McLaughlin, South Dakota, during the early morning hours on June 6, 1975. b6 b7C

Interviewed on June 12, 1975 at Mobridge, South Dakota File # MINNEAPOLIS 70-10082

by SA [redacted] :kh 46 Date dictated June 17, 1975

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[redacted], upon examining the above-described photographs, picked out the photographs of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS and [redacted] as being similar to the individual who struck [redacted] further advised that the photographs of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS and [redacted] are both similar to the individual who was wearing the belt with the words [redacted] on it.

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[redacted] was interviewed in the presence of Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police Officer [redacted] was requested to examine a group of photographs in an effort to determine if he could identify any of the individuals depicted thereon as being at the Cattlemen's Bar in McLaughlin, South Dakota, during the early morning hours on June 6, 1975.

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by SA [redacted] :kh 49 Date dictated June 18, 1975

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[redacted] after viewing the above-described photographs, was unable to identify any of them. b6 b7C

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[redacted] was interviewed in the presence of Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police Officer [redacted] was requested to examine a group of photographs in an effort to determine if she could identify any of the individuals depicted thereon as being at the Cattlemen's Bar, McLaughlin, South Dakota, during the early morning hours on June 6, 1975.

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by SA [redacted] kh 52 Date dictated June 17, 1975

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[redacted] after viewing the above-described photographs, was unable to identify any of them. b6 b7C

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Mrs. [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent as an Agent with the FBI and that the nature of the interview concerned the incident which occurred at the Cattlemen's Bar during the early morning hours on June 6, 1975. [redacted] advised as follows:

[redacted] stated that she and her husband, [redacted] arrived at the Cattlemen's Bar near McLaughlin, South Dakota, at about 12:00 A.M., MDST, on Thursday evening, June 5, 1975. When they arrived there were four kids shooting pool at the first pool table by the door, and one of the kids was (First Name Unknown) [redacted] stated that [redacted] and [redacted] were also there. [redacted] stated that she could not recall if [redacted] and [redacted] were already there or if they came in just after she and her husband arrived.

[redacted] stated that after about 15 or 20 minutes later, five Indian males, and shortly thereafter two Indian females, entered the bar. One of the Indian males went up to the pool table and stated, "We want this table, you don't have any treaty rights." Nothing was said by the kids playing pool. [redacted] and his friends finished their game of pool and then left the bar.

[redacted] then advised that [redacted] and [redacted] then started shooting pool at the first pool table. The same individual who asked earlier about treaty rights to the pool table started giving [redacted] a hard time about [redacted] cutoff shorts and sandals that [redacted] was wearing.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] and [redacted] finished playing their game of pool and then [redacted] made a remark something to the effect, if there was a man that wanted to shoot a game of pool for $5.00. The same individual who was harassing [redacted] about his shorts and sandals challenged [redacted] to the pool game and both of them placed a $5.00 bill on top of the lamp over the pool table. After the pool game was started, a few shots were made, the individual reached up and took both $5.00 bills off the lamp without [redacted] knowing it. [redacted] advised that there were a lot of

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pool balls on the table when [redacted] opponent took the money. Later in the game [redacted] noticed the money missing and asked who took it. [redacted] opponent stated that he did as he patted his pocket. [redacted] insisted that the individual place the money back until the game was over. The individual then placed the money on the pool table and one of the $5.00 bills fell on the floor. [redacted] then requested that the individual place the money on the lamp over the pool table until the game was over. [redacted] then stated it was at this point she observed the individual that [redacted] was playing pool with strike[redacted] over the head with a pool cue and when he did so the pool cue broke. The individual hit [redacted] several more times with the pool cue, then grabbed [redacted] by the hair, pulling [redacted] head toward the floor. This individual then asked [redacted] if he had enough.

[redacted] advised as [redacted] got up to walk away, another Indian male who was wearing a belt with the name [redacted] on it tried to hit [redacted] advised that her husband hit this individual in order to keep him from hitting [redacted] stated that the individual who hit [redacted] the individual with the [redacted] belt, and their friends left immediately.

[redacted] furnished the following description of the individual [redacted] was playing pool with and who struck [redacted] with the pool cue:

Indian male, 5'11½" tall, 175 pounds, average build, long black hair worn in a pony tail, wearing an earring, and about 35 to 37 years of age, wearing a yellow shirt, a vest type jacket with Indian art work on the vest.

[redacted] furnished the following descriptive information concerning the individual wearing the [redacted] belt:

Indian male, 5'10" tall, 165 pounds, long black hair worn in a pony tail.

[redacted] was then requested to examine a group of photographs in an effort to determine if she could identify the aforementioned individuals.

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[redacted] after examining the above-described photographs, picked the photograph of [redacted] as being very similar to the individual who hit [redacted] with the pool cue. [redacted] advised that she could recognize the individual if she could see him in person. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that the individual who hit [redacted] over the head with the pool cue had a smoother complexion than the individual wearing the belt with [redacted] on it.

[redacted] was unable to comment on any of the other photographs.

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[redacted], McLaughlin Hospital District, Post Office Box 310, McLaughlin, South Dakota, made available the attached copy of an out-patient report concerning treatment given to [redacted] on June 6, 1975, by [redacted] M. D. b6 b7C

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by SA [redacted] kh 59 Date dictated June 16, 1975

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[redacted] M. D., Medical Clinic, McLaughlin Hospital District advised the following information concerning [redacted]: b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that [redacted] was [redacted] mother worked for the hospital, and he knew he could keep close contact on [redacted] developments through his mother.

[redacted] advised that he completed a medical report of the treatment given to [redacted] which would also set forth the description of [redacted] wounds. [redacted] advised that this report could be made available to the FBI upon request.

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AT ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

On June 6, 1975, [redacted] as then known, were presented to Mr. [redacted] Assistant United States Attorney, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Mr. [redacted] stated that in view of the circumstances, it was his intention [redacted] Federal Grand Jury [redacted]

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AT SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA

On [redacted] presented to a Federal Grand Jury then sitting at [redacted] by Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] On June 19, 1975, the Grand Jury returned a true bill of indictment wherein RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS was charged with two counts with a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1153.

AT ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

On June 24, 1975, [redacted] Deputy United States Attorney, Aberdeen, South Dakota, informed that the Clerk, United States District Court, had on June 19, 1975, caused a warrant of arrest to be issued for MEANS. Bond was set at $5,000 cash or 10 percent cash.

[redacted] informed that he had determined that as of June 23, 1975, MEANS was not on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation and contact with tribal authorities there determined that MEANS was last seen on Friday night, June 20, 1975, en route to Rapid City and was thought to possibly be on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota.

The following is a physical description of RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS:

Race	Indian
Sex	Male
Hair	Black, parted in the middle, braided and with a couple of feathers in his hair
Date of birth	11/10/39
Height	Approximately 5'10" to 6'
Weight	185 pounds

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AT BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS was arrested on June 23, 1975, by U. S. Marshal [redacted] MEANS was released on $500 cash bond at a hearing before U. S. Magistrate HARRY J. PEARCE and was assigned U. S. Magistrate Number 03351.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (70-10082) (P)

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; [redacted] AKA - [redacted] CIR-ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GRIEVOUS BODILY HARM, OO: MINNEAPOLIS. b6 b7C

MEANS' ATTORNEY HAD BEEN GRANTED A CONTINUANCE FROM JULY 1, 1975, BY USDJ FRED J. NICHOL; HOWEVER, MEANS APPEARED ANYWAY IN USDC AT ABERDEEN JULY 1, 1975, AND WITHOUT COUNCIL, ENTERED PLEA OF NOT GUILTY TO THE INDICTMENT RETURNED BY THE FGJ, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, ON JUNE 18, 1975. MEANS WAS CONTINUED ON $5,000.00, 10 PERCENT BOND WHICH HAD BEEN POSTED BEFORE US MAGISTRATE IN BISMARCK AND WAS GIVEN 30 DAYS TO FILE ANY MOTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INDICTMENT.

MEANS WAS IN THE COMPANY OF FOUR OTHER INDIAN PERSONS AND WAS OBSERVED TO BE IN A 1963 GREEN PONTIAC BEARING NORTH DAKOTA LICENSE [redacted] WHICH IS REGISTERED TO A BROTHER, [redacted] OF BISMARCK.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (70-65558) DATE: 11/4/75

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-10082) (P)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, [redacted] aka

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CIR - ADW;
ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GREAT BODILY HARM

Re report of SA [redacted] dated 4/10/75 at Minneapolis and Bulet 0-1 (MP 10/10/75).

The U. S. Supreme Court, in a decision rendered in March, 1975, ruled that Federal jurisdiction on the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Reservation should be limited to those offenses involving Indian persons when the offense occurs on trust or Indian owned lands. The decision stated the State of South Dakota has jurisdiction over those offenses which occurred on former reservation lands that were opened to settlement.

Based on the aforementioned decision, the defense in this case has moved to dismiss the Federal prosecution for lack of jurisdiction. Inasmuch as the offense did not occur on trust or tribal land on the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation, the issue is being argued before U. S. District Judge FRED J. NICHOL. Companion issue before the court at this time which complicates the jurisdictional issue is a pending dispute over the authority of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe to demand liquor operators on that reservation to purchase a tribal license in addition to the State licenses.

Judge NICHOL, in a letter dated 10/16/75, directed the defense to submit their briefs to him by 11/15/75 and further ordered the U. S. Attorney's Office would be granted 30 days from 11/15/75 to answer with the final briefs to be submitted to him by 1/1/76.

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In view of the above, this case will not be adjudicated until a ruling concerning jurisdiction has been set down by the court and, thereafter, appeals are expected to the 8th Circuit.

Minneapolis will continue to follow this and advise.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MINNEAPOLIS	MINNEAPOLIS	11/28/75	6/10 - 10/28/75

TITLE OF CASE

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS;
[redacted] aka
[redacted]

REPORT MADE BY [redacted]

TYPED BY jmj

CHARACTER OF CASE

CIR - ADW; ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GREAT BODILY HARM

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REFERENCE: Minneapolis teletype to Bureau, 6/6/75.
Minneapolis airtel to San Diego, 6/19/75.
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LEADS

MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

AT ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

Will follow and report results of prosecutive action to be brought against RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS.

AT BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

Will locate and interview [redacted] and [redacted] individuals who were allegedly in the company of RUSSELL MEANS at McLaughlin, South Dakota, on the night of the offense 6/6/75.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☐ NONE					ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐YES ☐NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐YES ☐NO

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - U.S. ATTORNEY, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA
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Report of: [redacted] Office: Minneapolis Minnesota

Date: November 28, 1975

Field Office File #: 70-10082 Bureau File #: 70-65558

Title: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; [redacted]

Character: CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION - ASSAULT WITH DANGEROUS WEAPON; ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GREAT BODILY HARM

Synopsis: On 7/1/75, RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, entered a plea of not guilty to the indictment returned 6/18/75 charging violations T18, USC, Section 1153 and S.B.C.L. 22-18-11 and 22-18-12, assault with dangerous weapon, assault resulting in serious bodily injury. Bond was continued. Additional witnesses identified and interviewed. Jurisdiction on non-trust land, Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation, within South Dakota being challenged.

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DETAILS:

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at Fort Yates, North Dakota: b6 b7C

On June 10, 1975, [redacted] Investigator, for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Yates, North Dakota, advised that he has determined through the interview of [redacted] that the following two Indian females were with RUSSELL MEANS at the Cattleman's Bar located in Mc Laughlin, South Dakota, at which time RUSSELL MEANS was alleged to have assaulted [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] and [redacted] both reside in Bismarck, North Dakota, and both are employed at the United Tribes Center in Bismarck, North Dakota. [redacted] further advised that [redacted] has a 1973 dark green Vega that has no license plate registered and is believed to be the vehicle that RUSSELL MEANS and others utilized on the night of June 5, 1975, to travel to Mc Laughlin, South Dakota, to attend a meeting in Mc Laughlin, [redacted] vehicle was also believed to have been utilized by RUSSELL MEANS and others to travel to the Cattleman's Bar located east of Mc Laughlin, South Dakota, on the same evening.

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AT ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

On July 1, 1975, RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS appeared in the U.S. District Court at Aberdeen, South Dakota, without counsel and on the advice of the court then sitting FRED J. NICHOL a plea of not guilty was entered for MEANS to the indictment which had been returned on June 18, 1975, wherein MEANS was charged with two counts of violations of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1153 and South Dakota Compiled Laws Section 22-18-11 and 12, assault with dangerous weapon, assault resulting in serious bodily injury. Judge NICHOL on July 1, 1975, continued the bond for MEANS.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription July 9, 1975

[redacted] (no middle name) [redacted] Sergeant, U.S. Marine Corps, Camp Pendleton, California, Social Security Account Number [redacted], was interviewed at the Office of HMS 16 Detachment, Building 1431, Camp Pendleton, California, and furnished the following information:

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[redacted] advised that he is a close friend of the victim in this investigation and has known him for several years and also that he was at the Cattlemen's Bar in Mc Laughlin, South Dakota, during the evening that his friend was injured in a fight with RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS.

[redacted] stated that on June 6, 1975, he was on military leave and was visiting his sister, [redacted] and her husband at Mc Laughlin, South Dakota. He stated he was accompanied to Mc Laughlin from Selfridge, North Dakota, by his brothers, [redacted] and [redacted] and a friend named [redacted]. He indicated there are no street addresses in Selfridge so his brothers and [redacted] can be contacted at Selfridge simply by inquiring of the local residents concerning their residence location.

[redacted] stated that after they visited with his sister and brother-in-law, the four of them went to the Cattlemen's Bar in Mc Laughlin and were playing pool. He stated that he recalls [redacted] was at the Cattlemen's Bar when they arrived and a few minutes later, [redacted] another friend from Mc Laughlin, arrived at the bar. Also in the bar at that time were [redacted] and his wife, residents of Mc Laughlin, as well as [redacted]

[redacted] said that after they had been in the Cattlemen's Bar for a while a group of Indians came into the bar which included RUSSELL MEANS, [redacted] and one other [redacted] There were also four or five other Indians including two females and they all acted quite belligerent and displayed a hostile attitude towards [redacted] and his friends while they were playing pool. [redacted] said that he recognized RUSSELL MEANS from having seen him several times in the past

Interviewed on 7/2/75 at Camp Pendleton, California File # SD 70-6988

by SA [redacted] jam Date dictated 7/8/75

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and is positive that it was RUSSELL who was leading the group. He said he thought he recognized [redacted] but that he was not sure until his brother told him [redacted] was one of the other Indians. Also he noted [redacted] had a belt with his name on it for further identification.

[redacted] advised that he and his group were playing pool at one of the pool tables and the other table was empty. He said no one in the group had been drinking to excess and as he recalls no one in the bar appeared drunk. He stated during the game he was playing RUSSELL MEANS walked over to the table and asked if "We had tribal rights to that table." [redacted] said he told MEANS, "Yes, I do. I pay taxes." He said MEANS then gave him a dirty look, said something under his breath and walked off. [redacted] said they continued to play their game and [redacted] came over to the table and put a quarter down on the table to challenge the winners of the game when it was completed.

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[redacted] stated that his brother, [redacted], told him that they should leave since the atmosphere in the bar was not too comfortable with the MEANS group there. He said they then told [redacted] that they did not want to play another game because of the Indian group in the bar and decided to leave the area. When they were leaving, [redacted] noticed that the quarter was still sitting on the edge of the table which [redacted] had placed there to challenge the game.

[redacted] said that the next day he had returned to Mc Laughlin to visit with his sister and brother-in-law. His sister then told him that [redacted] had been injured in a fight at the bar and had been taken to the hospital for medical treatment. He said he went over to visit [redacted] and [redacted] told him that following [redacted] leaving the bar, RUSSELL MEANS had walked over to the table and taken the quarter which belonged to [redacted] said that he told MEANS the quarter belonged to him, so MEANS threw the quarter down on the floor. When [redacted] bent over to pick the quarter up off the floor, MEANS hit him in the back of the head with a pool stick and as [redacted] was getting up from the floor, MEANS hit him across the forehead with the pool stick. At this time, the pool stick broke and poked [redacted] in the back, causing an injury to his back. [redacted] was then held down on the floor and MEANS walked up and took the pool stick, which was broken in half, and shoved the stick into his body under his arm.

[redacted] stated that the individual known to him as RUSSELL MEANS was described as a male Indian, approximately 5' 11" to 6' tall, weighing 195 pounds, and was wearing his hair braided with leather thongs on the braids. He stated that MEANS was wearing a light colored leather vest with the name MEANS on the vest and possibly on the belt. He also had an Indian chief headress on the back of the vest and was wearing a beaded necklace and a wide turquoise and silver Indian bracelet.

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[redacted] Apartment [redacted] 3904 University Avenue, Grand Forks, North Dakota, advised as follows:

He is attending the summer session at the University of North Dakota. He plans to return to Little Eagle, South Dakota, after the summer session. He was at the Cattlemen's Bar near McLaughlin, South Dakota, on or about June 6, 1975. As he recalls it was a Thursday. He has known [redacted] for quite some time. [redacted] was there with [redacted] who is from Little Eagle, South Dakota.

RUSSELL MEANS and [redacted] were playing pool as partners against [redacted] and [redacted] said he would challenge anyone there for $5.00 in a game of pool. After they finished their game RUSSELL MEANS and [redacted] played as RUSSELL MEANS apparently accepted the challenge from [redacted] After [redacted] finished the pool game he went over and was playing "foosball" with a friend of his, [redacted] This was about 12:30 AM. The bar was going to close in about one-half hour. [redacted] was not playing close attention to the pool game. He heard something and when he looked up he saw RUSSELL MEANS and [redacted] struggling. RUSSELL MEANS had [redacted] on the floor. MEANS was standing over [redacted] and holding him by the hair on the floor. It all happened quite suddenly. MEANS was saying something to [redacted] about "Do you give up?" or something like that. [redacted] knows when he looked up the pool cue was broken but he cannot remember if he saw the parts of the pool cue laying there or whether MEANS had part of it in his hand. [redacted] was watching [redacted] He had blood all over his head and it was coming down his left side onto his shirt. [redacted] was not unconscious. Shortly thereafter they took [redacted] away.

Interviewed on 7/7/75 at Grand Forks, North Dakota File # MP 70-10082

by SA MERLE E. NELSON:mjs Date dictated 7/11/75

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He had just met RUSSELL MEANS that night but could not say whether or not he had been drinking as he does not know him. He did not know who was in MEANS' party. He had gone to high school with [redacted]. He does not know if she was traveling with MEANS, or vice versa. He does not know [redacted]. b6 b7C

Concerning [redacted] he said he might have had a little too much to drink; however, he did not appear to be intoxicated and both RUSSELL MEANS and [redacted] seemed to be able to handle themselves all right. He said [redacted] was a boxer and ordinarily he would be able to handle himself well.

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On June 30, 1975, South Dakota Highway Patrolman [redacted] then at Sisseton, South Dakota, but stationed at Winner, South Dakota, advised Special Agent [redacted] he had heard a rumor to the effect that MEANS was going to claim that he was in Winner on the Rosebud Reservation at the time of the offense at McLaughlin, South Dakota, on June 6, 1975. b6 b7C

AT WINNER, SOUTH DAKOTA

On September 17, 1975, Mr. DARRELL MINER, Sheriff of Tripp and Todd Counties, whose offices are at Winner, informed Special Agent [redacted] that he had no personal knowledge of the fact that MEANS had been at Rosebud or Winner on June 6, 1975. He stated that he checked with all of his deputies and none of those deputies were aware of MEANS presence at Winner or Rosebud on the date of June 6, 1975.

AT SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA

On October 28, 1975, Assistant U.S. Attorney [redacted] advised that the Federal Government's Jurisdiction on non-trust land within the exterior boundaries of the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation is being challenged in the U.S. District Court of FRED J. NICHOL at this particular time. Judge NICHOL in all those cases in which the locale of the offense is other than on tribe or trust land has directed letters dated October 16, 1975, to all other defendants and their counsel, this includes RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, in which he orders them to reply to the jurisdictional problem by November 15, 1975, and thereafter the U.S. Attorneys have thirty days to present their argument concerning the jurisdictional issue on that reservation. The final reply must be in the U.S. District Court at Sioux Falls by January 1, 1976, and will be orally argued at a date to be set subsequent to that time. He stated that because of the jurisdictional problem, no further action in the way of prosecution within the federal court will be taken until the matter of jurisdiction has been resolved, inasmuch as the offense involving RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS did not occur on trust or tribal land.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MINNEAPOLIS	MINNEAPOLIS	3/3/76	1/5 - 3/1/76

TITLE OF CASE

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; [redacted] aka [redacted]

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] TYPED BY kam

CHARACTER OF CASE

CIR - ADW; ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GREAT BODILY HARM

REFERENCE:

Minneapolis report of SA [redacted] dated 11/28/75.
Minneapolis airtel to the Director, dated 11/4/75.

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AT ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

Will follow and report the results of final prosecutive action against MEANS in relation to this particular offense.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☒ NONE						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☒ YES ☐ NO

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Report of: [redacted] Office: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Date: March 2, 1976

Field Office File #: MP 70-10082 Bureau File #: 70-65558

Title: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS;
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Character: CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION - ASSAULT WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON; ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GREAT BODILY HARM

Synopsis: [redacted] St. Francis, South Dakota, and [redacted] of Bismarck, North Dakota, additional witnesses to the offense located and interviewed. Jurisdictional issue on non-trust land, Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation, not yet resolved by USDC, Sioux Falls.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at Bismarck, North Dakota:

On January 5, 1976, a review of the Bismarck Credit Bulletin under Change of Address, revealed that [redacted] moved from Fort Yates, North Dakota, to 1103 West Capital, number [redacted] Bismarck, employed at United Tribes Employment Training Center, Bismarck.

On January 6, 1976, [redacted] United Tribes Employment Training Center (UTETC), advised that [redacted] is not employed at UTETC.

On January 8, 1976, [redacted] Park West Gardens, Bismarck, advised [redacted] resides at Apartment [redacted] and lists employment with UTETC. [redacted] stated she was not at home, but a car she has been using was parked in front of her apartment. The vehicle was a green Chevrolet Vega, Pennsylvania license [redacted]

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On January 9, 1976, the North Dakota State Communications Department, Bismarck, advised that license [redacted] is registered to [redacted] Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

On January 12, 1976, an attempt to contact [redacted] at Park West Gardens was negative, but a Ford station wagon bearing Washington, D.C. plates [redacted] was observed in front of the apartment along with the Vega.

On the above date, Captain [redacted] Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Fort Yates, North Dakota, advised that [redacted] did move from Fort Yates to Bismarck some time ago. b6 b7C

On the above date, Mrs. [redacted] Probation Officer, Fort Yates, stated her daughter, [redacted] is not at Fort Yates, but lives in St. Francis, South Dakota, with [redacted]

On January 13, 1976, an attempt to locate [redacted] at Park West Gardens was negative.

On January 14, 1976, the switchboard operator at UTETC advised [redacted] is neither a student or employee at UTETC.

On the above date, the North Dakota State Communications Department advised that Washington, D.C. license [redacted] is not currently on file.

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Date of transcription January 29, 1976

[redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the matter to be discussed concerning an incident which took place at a bar outside of Mc Laughlin, South Dakota, on June 6, 1975, and then provided the following information:

[redacted] stated she, along with [redacted] had left Mc Laughlin, South Dakota, where she had been asked to come along to a meeting by [redacted] according to [redacted] was asked to this meeting by another individual.

[redacted] stated that she and [redacted] left this meeting in a separate car while RUSSELL MEANS, [redacted] and [redacted] left in another vehicle.

They arrived at the Cattlemen's Corral outside of Mc Laughlin near Mobridge, South Dakota, around midnight on June 6, 1975. b6 b7C

All of the occupants of both vehicles went into the bar and MEANS and one of the other individuals began playing pool at the bar. [redacted] advised that she remembers another individual in the bar by the name of [redacted] and saw a white male individual at the bar but does not know his name. [redacted] advised she did not see anyone in uniform or resembling a police officer in the bar.

[redacted] advised that she remembers leaving the bar with [redacted] as she did not like the 3-2 beer that was served there. She went out to her car and then [redacted] went back into the bar while she stayed in her vehicle. The other individuals, including RUSSELL, [redacted] and [redacted] remained in the bar as far as she could tell.

While waiting in the car and drinking a beer she heard some commotion in the bar and saw a group crowded around the bar entrance so she could not get into the bar.

Interviewed on 1/22/76 at St. Francis, South Dakota File # MP 70-10082

by SA [redacted] SA arw Date dictated 1/26/76

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According to [redacted] she was waiting for [redacted] to come out of the bar.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] came out of the bar and told her that RUSSELL MEANS was in a fight with someone. [redacted] got in the car and as they were leaving, according to [redacted] she saw RUSSELL MEANS and [redacted] and the rest of the individuals that came with them come out of the bar.

[redacted] stated she was not a witness to any incident which occurred in the bar as she was outside in the vehicle.

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Date of transcription 2/5/76

[redacted], Park West Gardens Apartments, Apartment [redacted] 1110 West Capitol Street, Bismarck, North Dakota, furnished the following information:

She is currently enrolled at Mary College, Bismarck, North Dakota, in a two year social worker program. She just completed an internship at United Tribes Employment Training Center (UTETC), Bismarck, in alcohol abuse, and will receive her Associate Arts Degree in Social Work in 1977. She is from Fort Yates, North Dakota, where her mother, Mrs. [redacted] is a nurse at the Public Health Service Hospital, and her brother, [redacted] is on the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police Force. b6 b7C

On June 6, 1975, she drove in her car, a green 1972 Chevrolet Vega, with [redacted] from Fort Yates to Mc Laughlin, South Dakota. It was after dark when she arrived and met [redacted] and another girl, whom she does not recall, who stated that they were going to the Cattleman's Bar, in Mc Laughlin. [redacted] drove with [redacted] to the bar in [redacted] car. [redacted] arrived at the bar in another car about the same time as [redacted] and [redacted] RUSSELL MEANS, [redacted] and [redacted] were in the bar when she arrived. They had driven to Mc Laughlin in a UTETC car. She knows all four men since having met [redacted] about four years ago at UTETC when her ex-husband, [redacted] was employed at UTETC as a Security Officer. She and [redacted] lived close to [redacted] and through him she met RUSSELL and [redacted] and through RUSSELL she met [redacted]. She denies ever having been a member of the American Indian Movement (AIM), but she was a follower of RUSSELL MEANS from around April, 1975, when she first met him, to July, 1975. She went to several powwows with him, and was friends with the girlfriends of [redacted] and [redacted]

When she entered the bar, RUSSELL MEANS, [redacted] and [redacted] were playing pool at one table, and [redacted] and [redacted] were playing pool at the other table. and [redacted] sat down on a bench near where [redacted] was playing pool and began talking. When [redacted] finished the game he was playing, he said, "I'll play the best pool player in the place for $5.00." RUSSELL MEANS accepted

Interviewed on 1/30/76 at Bismarck, North Dakota File # MP 70-10082

by SA [redacted] /jmf Date dictated 2/3/76

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the challenge, and he and [redacted] began to play. [redacted] a high school friend of [redacted] came into the bar, and asked [redacted] if she wanted to play foosball. They started to play foosball, and [redacted] was facing the wall away from the pool table where MEANS and [redacted] were playing pool. She heard someone say, "There's a fight." The bartender came around the end of the bar with a baseball bat telling everyone to get out of the bar.

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[redacted] and [redacted] left the bar. [redacted] who had been watching the pool game between MEANS and [redacted] left the bar after [redacted] but only a couple of minutes later. [redacted] and [redacted] got into [redacted] car and drove back to Fort Yates. They did not stop anywhere in Mc Laughlin, but came directly back from the Cattleman's Bar to Fort Yates.

[redacted] estimates that she was in the bar about a half hour altogether, on the evening of June 6, 1975. When the fight started, RUSSELL MEANS and [redacted] were in a corner of the bar. Other people were standing around watching the fight. She recalls that both MEANS and [redacted] had pool sticks in their hands. Each had his own stick with both hands like they were jousting. She did not see either MEANS or [redacted] strike the other. Before she drove away from the bar in her car with [redacted], she saw RUSSELL MEANS, [redacted] and [redacted] standing outside of the Cattleman's Bar by the front door.

She recalls that RUSSELL MEANS was wearing a tan vest that had Indian designs on it. She cannot recall what else he was wearing, or how his hair was fixed. She cannot recall what [redacted] or [redacted] were wearing at that time.

[redacted] was not traveling with RUSSELL MEANS at the time of the incident at the Cattleman's Bar, and she met him or saw him at the bar only accidentally. She did not talk with him that night, and saw him at the bar for no more than a half an hour. She did not see him anymore that night.

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AT ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

On March 1, 1976, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] Sioux Falls, South Dakota, advised that Judge NICHOL has not yet ruled on the jurisdictional issue on the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation concerning those offenses which have occurred on non-trust land. This particular offense involving MEANS and [redacted] occurred on non-trust, or deeded, land, but within the exterior boundaries of the reservation. It is anticipated that Judge NICHOL will rule sometime in March, 1976, on the jurisdictional issue.

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After this has been resolved, a trial date will be set if the court rules the Federal Government has jurisdiction over the offense. If not, the evidence as collected will be made available to the prosecutor for Corson County at Mc Intosh, South Dakota.

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[redacted] - VICTIM

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OO: MINNEAPOLIS
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Re Minneapolis reports, dated 2/26/76 and 4/10/75; and Minneapolis letter to the Director, dated 11/3/75.

[redacted] VICTIM;

[redacted] nee [redacted] - VICTIM

CIR - ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GREAT BODILY HARM
OO: MINNEAPOLIS
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Additional cases were declined by Mr. [redacted] on 4/9/76 because they occurred on unallotted land. As indicated above, copies of investigative reports and/or FD-302s in those cases where report has not been prepared will be furnished the local prosecutor.

[redacted] aka;
THEFT OF GOVERNMENT; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY;
CIR - BURGLARY
OO: MINNEAPOLIS
BUFILE 52-10165
MP FILE 52-4071

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Re Minneapolis reports, dated 1/6/76 and 4/7/76.

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS;
[redacted] aka - [redacted]
CIR - ADW; ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GREAT BODILY HARM
OO: MINNEAPOLIS
BUFILE 70-65558
MP FILE 70-10082

Re Minneapolis reports of SA [redacted] dated 6/30/75 and 3/3/76.

[redacted]
CIR - BURGLARY; JDA
OO: MINNEAPOLIS
BUFILE 70-10743
MP FILE 70-67119

[redacted] - VICTIM
CIR - ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON; ASSAULT RESULTING IN SERIOUS BODILY INJURY
OO: MINNEAPOLIS
BUFILE 70-65338
MP FILE 70-9990

Re Minneapolis reports, dated 5/21/75 and 7/10/75; and Minneapolis letter to the Bureau, 11/5/75.

MP 70-9718

[redacted] aka; [redacted] b6 b7C

CIR - ADW
OO: MINNEAPOLIS
BUFILE 70-65499
MP FILE 70-9991

Re Minneapolis reports, dated 6/3/75 and 7/2/75; and Minneapolis letter to the Bureau, 11/3/75.

[redacted] aka;
[redacted] aka;
[redacted] - VICTIM;
CIR - ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON;
ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GRIEVOUS BODILY HARM
OO: MINNEAPOLIS
BUFILE 70-65499
MP FILE 70-9992

Re Minneapolis teletype, dated 4/13/76.

There are transmitted herewith six Xerox copies of a Memorandum Decision signed 4/8/76, by the Honorable FRED J. NICHOL, Judge, U.S. District Court, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for each of the captioned cases, based on motions filed challenging jurisdiction on unallotted land within the exterior boundaries of the eastern 1/2 of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation within the State of South Dakota. The Court in its decision, stated "It is the holding of this court that the Act of February 14, 1913, c.54 37 Stat. 675, terminated and returned to public domain all unallotted land embraced within the eastern portion of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. Plaintiff retained no jurisdiction for the offenses charged and defendants' motions to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction are granted. Counsel for the defendants are directed to prepare appropriate orders."

MP 70-9718

AUSA [redacted] Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on 4/9/76, informed that the Court on 4/13/76 will be sitting at Aberdeen and at that time orders for dismissal will be signed. The Office of the U.S. Attorney requested a review of other cases currently pending and recommends that copies of FBI investigative reports be made available to the state authorities. Also where necessary, Agent testimony will be made available, UACB this will be done.

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OO: MINNEAPOLIS
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UNSUB;
[redacted]
CIR - ASSAULT
OO: MINNEAPOLIS
MP FILE 70-10640

[redacted] aka;
CIR - BURGLARY
OO: MINNEAPOLIS
MP FILE 70-10868

Re report of SA [redacted] dated 4/7/76 at Minneapolis.

[redacted] - VICTIM;
CIR - ASSAULT
OO: MINNEAPOLIS
MP FILE 70-10998

MP 70-9718

CLUB 121, aka AMERICAN LEGION CLUB
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OO: MINNEAPOLIS
MP FILE 143-165

As regards the AFO case in 70-9718, Mr. [redacted] informed he will await results of local prosecution before dismissing those charges. b6 b7C

Other pending cases in the area affected by this decision being reviewed to determine who has jurisdiction.

On 4/13/76, Mr. [redacted] informed the Attorney General's Office for the State of South Dakota is anxious to secure investigative reports and/or physical evidence in those cases being referred and is desirous of having them by 4/19/76.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MINNEAPOLIS	MINNEAPOLIS	4/30/76	4/8/76 - 4/23/76

TITLE OF CASE

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; [redacted] aka [redacted]

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] TYPED BY jmj

CHARACTER OF CASE

CIR - ADW; ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GREAT BODILY HARM

REFERENCE: Minneapolis report of SA [redacted] dated 3/3/76.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

R-84 submitted.

In compliance with instructions received from U.S. Attorney's Office, copies of Minneapolis investigative reports dated 6/30/75; 11/28/75 and 3/3/76 were furnished to the South Dakota Attorney General WILLIAM JANKLOW by letter dated 4/16/76. The Minneapolis Division by teletype dated 4/13/76 on a UACB basis, secured Bureau authority to produce the reports and to testify when subpoenaed by local authorities; and additionally, physical evidence will be made available to the local authorities.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☒ NONE						ACQUITTALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

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Report of: [redacted] Office: MINNEAPOLIS

Date: APRIL 30, 1976

Field Office File #: 70-10082 Bureau File #: 70-65558

Title: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS;
[redacted]

Character: CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION - ASSAULT WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON; ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GREAT BODILY HARM

Synopsis:

On 4/8/76, USDC, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, ruled no Federal jurisdiction on east half of Standing Rock Indian Reservation on nonallotted or trust land. Indictment returned against MEANS 6/18/75 charging violation of T. 18, USC, 1153 (assault) dismissed 4/12/76 for lack of jurisdiction.

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DETAILS:

AT SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA

[redacted], 1976, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] informed the court had on that date issued a memorandum decision in the case of [redacted] ET AL, in which the Federal Government's jurisdiction over the eastern half of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation had been challenged. Judge FRED J. NICHOL, in his memorandum decision of April 8, 1976, in reference to the [redacted] case and others, ruled that the act of February 14, 1913, had terminated and returned to public domain all unallotted land embraced within the eastern portion of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. The plaintiff had retained no jurisdiction over the offenses charged and defendant's motions to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction were granted. Counsel for the defendants is directed for preparing of the appropriate orders.

Mr. [redacted] stated that in view of this memorandun decision he was moving to cause the indictment outstanding against RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS to be dismissed. Mr. [redacted]

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stated further that copies of the investigative reports prepared and all physical evidence secured in this case will in all probability be turned over to the Attorney General for the State of South Dakota for his use in purusing further prosecution of MEANS for this offense.

On April 14, 1976, at Aberdeen, South Dakota, AUSA [redacted], Supra, and an Assistant Attorney General for the State of South Dakota, [redacted] in conference at Aberdeen, agreed that all FBI investigative reports should be directed to the Attorney General for the State of South Dakota WILLIAM JANKLOW as the Attorney General's Office was assuming responsibility for all those cases that were affected by the memorandum decision. b6 b7C

Mr. [redacted] informed that he would make copies of the indictment dismissal available at a later date.

By letter dated April 23, 1976. Mr. [redacted] enclosed a copy of the motion letter to dismiss the indictment outstanding against RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS which was signed April 12, 1976, by U.S. District Judge FRED J. NICHOL.

392 Federal Building U.S. Court House
110 South Fourth Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401
November 1, 1974

Honorable William F. Clayton
United States Attorney
Federal Building
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57102

Attention: AUSA [redacted]

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Re: [redacted] -RUSSELL MEANS-
VICTIM; TED MEANS-VICTIM;
[redacted] -VICTIM;
CRIME ON AN INDIAN RESERVATION-
ASSAULT WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm a conversation held between Mr. Hiaring of your office and Special Agent [redacted] of this office on October 19, 1974.

Special Agent [redacted] advised Mr. [redacted] that on October 19, 1974, he received a call from [redacted] Agency Special Officer, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Cheyenne Indian Reservation, Eagle Butte, South Dakota, who advised that during the early morning hours of October 19, 1974, the victims in this case went to [redacted] residence at Eagle Butte, South Dakota, attempting to purchase two cases of beer. Mr. [redacted] advised Special Agent [redacted] that [redacted] wanted $24 for these cases, however, the victims in the case wanted to pay less. [redacted] advised Special Agent [redacted] that the three of the victims had been drinking, however, they were not drunk. Mr. [redacted] also advised that the wife of [redacted] requested that the three victims leave at which time [redacted] went to another room and came back with a gun and fired three shots into the ceiling over the head of the victims. Mr. [redacted] advised that the ceilings in the residence were nine foot ceilings.

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Mr. [redacted] further advised that there were no injuries involved. b6 b7C

Mr. [redacted] advised that he would decline prosecution in this matter in view of the fact that the facts in this matter as known indicate a simple assault and he would decline in favor of tribal prosecution.

In view of the above opinion, no further action is being taken by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph H. Trimbach
Special Agent in Charge

NR071 WA PLAIN

737PM I M M E D I A T E 3-27-73 LNG

TO ALL SACS

FROM ACTING DIRECTOR 3P

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

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

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

FAA HEADQUATERS IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF A HIJACKING BY SUBJECTS. AIRPORTS BEI G ADVISED BY FAA.

SUBJECTS ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, AMERICAN INDIAN; SEX MALE; HEIGHT 71 INCHES; WEIGHT 160 POUNDS; HAIR BLACK; EYES BROWN; DOB 4-12-37, AT FEDERAL DAM, MINNESOTA; SCARS AND MARKS, TATTOOS, DAGGER RIGHT FOREARM, "JAPAN" 54-57 RIGHT UPPER ARM, ROSE BANNER W/502-28-0630 LEFT FOREARM, ACE OF SPADES LEFT UPPER ARM, 4 INCH CUT SCAR LEFT SHIN; ADDRESS 2743 FIRST AVENUE SOUTH, MINNEAPOLIS, IN 1971; FBI NUMBER 1-18417D.

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

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

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

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-~~NEW~~ 6123) (P) DATE: 3/28/73

FROM : SA CLAY ZACHRY, JR.

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS, aka
Dennis J. Banks -
FUGITIVE;
RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, aka
Russell C. Means -
FUGITIVE
CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION,
ANTI-RIOT LAWS,
CRIMES ABOARD AIRCRAFT MATTER

ReButel to all SACs 3/27/73; and telcal to writer from [redacted] evening of 3/27/73.

The only two commercial airports in Cameron County are at Brownsville and Harlingen, Texas. Braniff Airways is the only line serving Brownsville; and Texas International Airways is the only one serving Harlingen.

Information contained in retel furnished the evening of 3/27/73 by the writer to [redacted] with Braniff in Brownsville.

The morning of 3/28/73, information in reButel furnished by SA [redacted] to [redacted], Ticket Agent, Texas International Airways, Harlingen, Texas. b6 b7C

The morning of 3/28/73, information furnished to [redacted] Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). It should be noted that this notification has no practical value as no border service or agency has any jurisdiction or interest in persons leaving the U.S. to enter Mexico. Therefore, no effective stops can be placed at border with any agency.

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RE: Butel 3/27/73.

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☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

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

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SAC JOSEPH H. TRIMBACH

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Negotiations Off at Wounded Knee

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WOUNDED KNEE, S.D. (AP) — Negotiations that looked hopeful for ending the siege at Wounded Knee apparently fell flat Wednesday amid a government claim of a power struggle among the occupying Indians and their attorney's statement that the report was a fabrication.

Meanwhile, Aaron DeSersa, an American Indian Movement member, said Marlon Brando was on his way here. Brando turned down a Motion Picture Academy award for best actor Tuesday to protest the treatment of Indians in motion pictures.

There were two negotiating sessions scheduled, but at the first in Rapid City AIM attorney Ramon Roubideaux told newsmen that it would not be a meeting to negotiate, but simply a meeting to inform the government of the occupation force's demands.

There was no indication of any new demands.

The second negotiating session, scheduled for just outside of Wounded Knee, was postponed for what a civil rights leader said would be "a few days."

Kent Frizzell, assistant U.S. attornez general, said earlier that he had learned that a civil rights group within the village claimed the leadership role, but had it taken away at gunpoint by the militant American Indian Movement.

Roubideaux said the report was false, that he had received word from the village early Wednesday there was no confrontation. "There was no confrontation last night," said the attorney. "It simply is not true."

"There'll be no negotiating session this afternoon," he said. "I received a message from Dennis Banks that no negotiating sessions will be held outside Wounded Knee. We think it's the government's move. I'm representing AIM and the civil rights group and we are insisting that the federal court order issued Sunday be upheld and that we be allowed to enter Wounded Knee."

Marvin Franklin, assistant secretary of Interior in charge of Indian affairs, said that as far as he knew the civil rights group was in control of the village, that AIM had been ousted from leadership roles.

Frizzell said he had learned from a reliable source inside the village that AIM leaders Dennis Banks and Russell Means, who had left Wounded Knee Monday night, returned Tuesday evening and challenged the civil rights organization's claim to power.

"It began as a heated discussion and then they pointed guns at each other," Frizzell said. "Then, the AIM guards came down from the bunkers and joined with Banks and Means and they were back in firm control."

The government spokesman said Leonard Crow Dog, spiritual leader for the occupation force, had sent word out of the village that he wants to lead about 100 persons from Wounded Knee. "That," said Frizzell, "would leave only about 50 or 60 in the village. Those remaining might want to create a confrontation.

"We don't want to move in. We would prefer to be the peacemakers, rather than the aggressors."

DeSersa, a reservation newspaper editor who asked for a negotiating session with the government on behalf of the civil rights group, said from Rapid City that he knew of no such power struggle, but that he had not been in

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contact with village occupants since Tuesday afternoon.

DeSersa said he had talked with Frizzell and with Franklin, of the Interior, about a list of five demands and that they had agreed verbally on principles of four. "The hangup is on the legal and arrest provision," DeSersa said. "We are asking for complete amnesty for one of our people and for a guarantee there will be no arrests whatsoever on the Pine Ridge Reservation."

DeSersa said his group is asking amnesty for Pedro Bisonnette, vice president of the civil rights group. Bisonnette, along with Banks, Means and two other AIM leaders, Carter Camp of Ponca City, Okla., and Clyde Bellecourt, Minneapolis, have already been charged with felonies in the takeover of the village.

Roubideaux' access to Wounded Knee has been blocked by Indians allied with Oglala Sioux Tribal Council President Richard Wilson. Wilson allies have roadblocks outside the federal blockades and are permitting only marshals and FBI agents through

Pass Through Site At Wounded Knee

A car carrying New York la... other members of the W... Defense-Offense group fo... through a roadblock set up

...ountry and Central Texas, ...rought heavy rains and hail to ...arts of the state Wednesday.

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Kimble County had more ...an two to three inches of rain, ...nd hail measuring half an ...ch fell in Stonewall Coun... One severe storm raged 15 ...iles west of Kerrville, bring...g rain and hail.

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500PM URGENT 4/10/73 MBT

TO ALL SACS

FROM ACTING DIRECTOR 1P

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

REBUTEL 3/27/73.

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

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

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-6123) (C) DATE: 5/31/73

FROM : SA JAMES EDWIN MA GEE

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS, aka. -
FUGITIVE;
RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, aka.
CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION,
ANTI-RIOT LAWS, CAA MATTER

Re Bureau teletypes dated 3/27 and 4/10/73.

It should be noted that captioned subjects have been arrested and that the Wounded Knee incident has dissipated. Previously set leads for airport in San Antonio Division have been handled.

In view of the fact all logical investigation in the San Antonio Division is complete, it is recommended this matter be ~~closed~~ RUC'd administratively.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM ACTING DIRECTOR (70-58411) 1P

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, AKA - FUGITIVE, CIR - BURGLARY,

ET AL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE 4-10-73.

DISCONTINUE FUGITIVE INVESTIGATION ONLY AND REMOVE ALL STOPS AS SUBJECT SURRENDERED TO FBI AND U. S. MARSHAL, RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, 6-25-73.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (88-6431) (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS - FUGITIVE
UFAP - ASSAULT; ARSON; BURGLARY;
RIOT; CONSPIRACY

OO: MINNEAPOLIS

Re Minneapolis Tel Call to the Bureau 9/26/73 and Minneapolis Teletype to the Bureau 9/25/73.

On 9/25/73, Federal warrant was issued for subject in Rapid City, South Dakota. The complaint charging BANKS with Title 18, Section 1073, was filed before U. S. Magistrate JAMES H. WILSON, Rapid City, South Dakota by SA BRUCE G. ERICKSON. USA WILLIAM F. CLAYTON, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, recommended bond at $5000 Surety.

This UFAP charge is based on indictments returned by the Custer County, South Dakota Grand Jury on 8/30/73 charging BANKS with assault, arson, burglary, riot and conspiracy; all of which allegedly occurred at Custer, South Dakota on or about 2/6/73.

BANKS is currently under federal indictment and free on $105,000 bond in connection with the Wounded Knee, South Dakota takeover.

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BANKS is described as:

Sex	Male
Race	Indian
Date of Birth	April 12, 1937
Place of Birth	Federal Dam, Minnesota
Height	5'11"
Weight	160 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black, shoulder length
FBI#	118 417 D
Scars and Marks - Tattoos	"Japan 54-57" - right upper arm
	Dagger - right forearm
	"502-28-0630" and Spade - left arm
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All offices conduct appropriate investigation and contact logical sources to determine BANKS' whereabouts.

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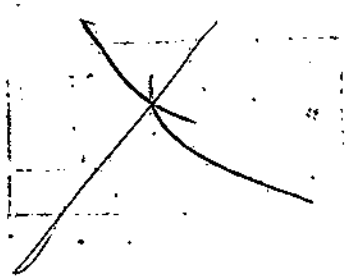

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4:38PM NITEL 10/10/73 RXH

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS, AKA - UFAP - BURGLARY; ARSON;

ASSAULT; RIOT - CONSPIRACY, OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

RE MINNEAPOLIS AIRTEL DATED 9/26/73.

DISCONTINUE FUGITIVE INVESTIGATION RE BANKS.

BANKS SURRENDERED TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, 10/9/73.

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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM DIRECTOR 2P

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

WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIAL, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

TODAY DEFENSE ATTORNEYS INFORMED UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FRED J. NICHOL IN HIS CHAMBERS THEY WERE PREPARING A MOTION FOR THE DISMISSAL OF CAPTIONED CASE ON THE GROUNDS OF ILLEGAL WIRETAP. DEFENSE ATTORNEYS ALLEGE THAT UNITED STATES MARSHAL [redacted] WHILE ASSIGNED TO WOUNDED KNEE CASE AT PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA, CONTACTED [redacted] (PH), BISON STATE TELEPHONE, PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND TOLD [redacted] THAT HE WANTED A TELEPHONE EXTENSION, REFERRED TO BY DEFENSE ATTORNEYS AS "BUG" PLACED ON TELEPHONE LINE LEADING OUT OF WOUNDED KNEE FOR TELEPHONE IN WOUNDED KNEE TRADING POST. THIS WAS THE ONLY TELEPHONE LINE OPERATIVE OUT OF WOUNDED KNEE DURING THE OCCUPATION. DEFENSE ALLEGES THAT THIS EXTENSION TELEPHONE WAS MONITORED BY FBI AGENTS DURING ENTIRE OCCUPATION WHICH WOULD BE A WIRETAP VIOLATION. JUDGE NICHOL STATED HE WANTS THIS MATTER EXPLORED IN DETAIL AND THAT APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BE CONTACTED. IT SHOULD BE

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NOTED THAT FOLLOWING SACS WERE AT PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA, DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME IN QUESTION:

SAC HERBERT HOXIE, MILWAUKEE DIVISION; SAC ROBERT EVANS, BUTTE DIVISION; SAC ROY K. MOORE, JACKSONVILLE DIVISION; SAC RICHARD G. HELD, CHICAGO DIVISION; SAC WILBUR DE BRULER, OKLAHOMA CITY DIV.; VERN S. LOETTERLE, LAS VEGAS DIV. IN ADDITION, ALL SPECIAL AGENTS WHO WERE ASSIGNED TO WOUNDED KNEE SPECIAL AT PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA, SHOULD BE POLLED AND ASKED: (1) IF THEY SERVED ON ROADBLOCK ONE ; (2) IF THEY DID SERVE ON ROADBLOCK ONE THEY SHOULD BE ASKED IF THEY WERE AWARE OF PARTY LINE TELEPHONE AT THE ROADBLOCK; (3) AND IF THEY EVER UTILIZED THIS TELEPHONE AND IF SO FOR WHAT PURPOSE; (4) IF THEY EVER HEARD OR INTERCEPTED CONVERSATION ON THIS TELEPHONE. IF SO, FURNISH COMPLETE DETAILS. SHOULD BE NOTED BY SAS THAT INTERCEPT COULD BE GROUNDS FOR MOTION OF DISMISSAL.

ALL OFFICES REQUESTED TO SUTEL RESULTS TO MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION WITHIN 24 HOURS.

SACS, MILWAUKEE, BUTTE, LAS VEGAS, OKLAHOMA CITY, JACKSONVILLE AND CHICAGO REQUESTED TO ADVISE OF POSITIVE RECOLLECTION CONCERNING THIS TELEPHONE.

WASHINGTON FIELD IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW U.S. MARSHAL [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] AND DIRECTOR USM SERVICE WAYNE COLBURN.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (70-58411) 8 QQP GHS

SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (88-6431) 10 4P A GL

FROM: SAN ANTONIO (70-6123) (RUC)

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

RE BUREAU TELETYPE MARCH 13, 1974.

SAN ANTONIO HAD NO SPECIAL AGENT PERSONNEL ASSIGNED WOUNDED KNEE SPECIAL; HOWEVER, RADIO MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] OF THIS DIVISION WAS ASSIGNED FROM APRIL 19, 1973 TO MAY 14, 1973.

ALTHOUGH RMT [redacted] SPENT A CONSIDERABLE PART OF THIS TIME AT ROADBLOCK NO. 1, HIS DUTIES WERE RADIO RELATED AND HE STATED HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY SUCH TELEPHONE.

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TO ALL SACS EXCEPT ANCHORAGE AND HONOLULU

FROM DIRECTOR 2P

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

WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIALS, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

157-540 157-860

ON MARCH 21, 1974, AUSA RICHARD D. HURD ADVISED IT WAS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING TELEPHONE INSTALLATION AT ROADBLOCK ONE, OUTSIDE OF WOUNDED KNEE, SOUTH DAKOTA, DURING THE OCCUPATION, WHICH LASTED FEBRUARY 27 - MAY 8, 1973.

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES IMMEDIATELY POLL AGENTS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED YOUR OFFICE TO (1) DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF AGENTS IN YOUR OFFICE WHO WERE ASSIGNED TO WOUNDED KNEE DURING THE OCCUPATION FEBRUARY 27 - MAY 8, 1973. (2) THE NUMBER OF AGENTS WHO SERVED ON ROADBLOCK ONE (3) THE NUMBER OF AGENTS WHO KNEW OF TELEPHONE INSTALLATION (4) NUMBER OF AGENTS WHO USED THE TELEPHONE FOR ANY PURPOSE. IF POSITIVE, GIVE PARTICULARS.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO CONTACT ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES AND SAN JUAN.

SUTEL MINNEAPOLIS BY 1:30 PM CDT, THIS DATE.

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ADMINISTRATIVE: FOR INFORMATION, TELETYPES SENT IN RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE COURT AND THE DEFENSE. THIS WILL NOT THEREFORE BE CONSIDERED AN INTERNAL DOCUMENT. SUBMIT IN FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION TO COURT, ANY ADMINISTRATIVE DATA SHOULD BE ON SEPARATE LAST PAGE.

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FBI

Date: 3/21/74

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (70-58411) 2 P STG
SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (88-6431) 1 SIH
FROM: SAN ANTONIO (70-6123) (RUC)

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; DENNIS JAMES BANKS; CIR - BURGLARY - ET AL. WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIALS, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, MARCH 21, 1974.

SAN ANTONIO HAD NO SPECIAL AGENT PERSONNEL ASSIGNED WOUNDED KNEE SPECIAL; HOWEVER, RADIO MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] OF THIS DIVISION WAS ASSIGNED FROM APRIL 19, 1973 TO MAY 14, 1973.

ALTHOUGH RMT [redacted] SPENT A CONSIDERABLE PART OF THIS TIME AT ROADBLOCK NO. 1, HIS DUTIES WERE RADIO-RELATED AND HE STATED HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY SUCH TELEPHONE.

END.

[redacted] -6123

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Approved: _____ Sent 1 M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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SENT 12:30AM 3-23-74

PM IMMEDIATE 3-22-74 FLC

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 3P

157-1540
70-6123*

DENNIS JAMES BANKS; RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; CIA - BURGLARY, ETC.

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM SAC, MINNEAPOLIS BY TELETYPE MARCH 22, 1974:

"RE BUREAU TELCALL FROM SECTION CHIEF RICHARD BATES, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, TO SAC, MINNEAPOLIS, THIS DATE.

BY COURT ORDER DATED MARCH 21, 1974, IN INSTANT CASE, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE FRED J. NICHOL AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, INSTRUCTED IN PART THAT "AUSA N. D. ROND PERSONALLY EXAMINE THE FILES OF THE FBI INVOLVING INFORMER CONTACTS RELATIVE TO THE WOUNDED KNEE INCIDENT".

REFERENCED BUREAU TELCALL INSTRUCTED MINNEAPOLIS TO SUBMIT INSTANT TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES WITH INSTRUCTIONS THAT UPON RECEIPT OF THIS TELETYPE SATURDAY MARCH 23, 1974, A.M., WHEN OFFICE OPENS, ALL INFORMANTS FILES OF ANY TYPE, CRIMINAL, SECURITY, OR EXTREMIST, BE REVIEWED BY RECEIVING OFFICES FOR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING WOUNDED KNEE.

IF SUCH INFORMATION IS LOCATED, THEN THE ENTIRE VOLUME

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CONTAINING THAT INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO MINNEAPOLIS BY THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED. IF INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN MORE THAN ONE VOLUME, FOR EXAMPLE, IN THREE SEPARATE VOLUMES, THEN ALL THREE VOLUMES MUST BE SUBMITTED IN THEIR ENTIRETY. DO NOT SEND JUST THE PERTINENT SERIALS. SEND THE ENTIRE FILE INCLUDING FILE COVER (FD-245) AND BACK. IF, IN SECURITY TYPE INFORMANTS, THE ADMINISTRATIVE VOLUME COVERING THE TIME PERIOD OF THE SUBSTANTIVE FILE MUST BE ALSO SENT. FOR EXAMPLE, IF THE SUBSTANTIVE FILE REFLECTS INFORMATION IN FEBRUARY AND AUGUST, 1973, THE ADMINISTRATIVE VOLUMES INCLUDING THAT PERIOD OF TIME MUST ALSO BE SUBMITTED.

WHEN THE FILES ARE TRANSMITTED TO MINNEAPOLIS, THEY MUST HAVE A COVER COMMUNICATION ON TOP OF EACH VOLUME INDICATING WHAT SERIALS IN THE VOLUME ARE THE PERTINENT ONES.

ANY OFFICES HAVING NO SUCH INFORMATION IN THEIR INFORMANT FILES SHOULD SUTEL TO MINNEAPOLIS THAT THEIR FILES HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND ARE NEGATIVE.

END PAGE TWO

IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED TO ALL OFFICES THAT THE DECISION AS TO THE EXTENT AUSA HURD CAN REVIEW THESE FILES IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BY FBI HEADQUARTERS AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS IN REGARD TO INSTANT PROJECT SHOULD BE SENT ATTENTION SUPERVISOR STRAUMAN."

END

DLC SA FBI CKR

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216 PM IMMEDIATE 03-25-74 MRF

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

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

REBUTEL MARCH 22, 1974.

PRIOR TO SHIPMENT OF INFORMANT FILES, IDENTITY OF PERSON WHO IS INFORMANT SHOULD BE REMOVED.

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FBI

Date: 3/25/74

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (70-58411) 4 3P FLC
SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (88-6431) 4 3P ~~FLC~~ DSC

FROM: SAN ANTONIO (70-6123)

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

RE BUREAU TELETYPES MARCH 22 AND MARCH 23, 1974.

BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY REGISTERED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, SAN ANTONIO IS FORWARDING FILE [redacted] BUFILE [redacted] AND THE RELATED FILE [redacted] TO MINNEAPOLIS. [redacted] OF SAN ANTONIO FILE [redacted] IS AN AIRTEL DATED MAY 4, 1973 CAPTIONED WOUNDED KNEE, DIRECTED TO DIRECTOR, FBI, MINNEAPOLIS, DENVER, DALLAS, AND OKLAHOMA CITY AND RELATES TO A MEETING OF THE NEW AMERICAN MOVEMENT (NAM) ON NIGHT OF MAY 3, 1973 WHERE MICHAEL STEPHEN HANEY, AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) WAS PRESENT AND SPOKE REGARDING K-47 RIFLES TO PAWNEE, OKLAHOMA, FROM WHERE THEY WERE TO BE TRANSPORTED TO

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WOUNDED KNEE, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND IN GENERAL REFERENCES TO BREAKING INTO ARMORIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING RIFLES AND AMMUNITION. ALSO THAT THEY WERE TRYING TO OBTAIN GAS MASKS BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THE U. S. GOVERNMENT WILL USE GAS CANNISTERS ON THEM ON MAY 5, 1973, ETC.

A REVIEW OF INFORMANT FILES, CRIMINAL, SECURITY AND EXTREMIST, DISCLOSED ONLY THE ABOVE REFERENCE TO WOUNDED KNEE AND/OR THE SUBJECTS.

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Special Agent in Charge

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (88-6431) DATE: 3/25/74
ATTENTION: SUPERVISOR STRAWMAN

FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (70-6123)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS;
RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
CIR - BURGLARY

OO: MINNEAPOLIS

ReButels, 3/22/74 and 3/23/74, relating to review of all informant files of all types, criminal, security, and extremist, by receiving offices for any information concerning Wounded Knee.

Enclosed are San Antonio files [redacted] and [redacted] b7D
Serials identifying the informant have been removed from [redacted] and are in a sealed envelope attached to file [redacted]

The pertinent serial is [redacted] of San Antonio file [redacted] and is an airtel dated 5/4/73 to the Bureau, Minneapolis, Denver, Dallas, Oklahoma City, relating to a meeting on the night of 5/3/73 in Austin, Texas. Minneapolis is in possession of this communication.

The remainder of our informant files of all types are negative concerning any references to Wounded Knee and/or the subjects in this matter.

2-Minneapolis (Enc. 2) (AMSD) (REG. RRR)
3-San Antonio
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NRØØS WA PLAIN 5:45AM 4-74 LNG

P 4 WITEL APRIL 3, 1974 DSC SENT 3:20 AM 4/4/74 KG

TO ALBUQUERQUE CHARLOTTE CINCINNATI
INDIANAPOLIS KANSAS CITY KNOXVILLE
MEMPHIS MIAMI NEW YORK
OKLAHOMA CITY PHILADELPHIA PHOENIX
PITTSBURGH SAN ANTONIO SAN DIEGO
SEATTLE SPRINGFIELD

////////////////// ALL OFFICES VIA WASHINGTON //////////////////

FROM MINNEAPOLIS 66-3541 P ONE PAGE

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ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF INFORMANT FILES RE DENNIS JAMES BANKS; RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; CIR - BURGLARY, ETC.

RE BUTEL TO ALL SACS MARCH 22, 1974, CAPTIONED "DENNIS JAMES BANKS; RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; CIR - BURGLARY, ETC".

RETEL INSTRUCTED ALL OFFICES TO FORWARD INFORMANT FILES CONTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT WOUNDED KNEE TO MP FOR REVIEW BY THE AUSA.

THE REVIEW HAS BEEN COMPLETED, AND NO IDENTITIES OF INFORMANTS WERE REQUESTED BY THE AUSA.

OFFICES TO WHOM COPIES OF THIS COMMUNICATION ARE DIRECTED, SUBMITTED THEIR FILES BY MAIL. MINNEAPOLIS WILL PROMPTLY START RETURNING THESE FILES BY AIRMAIL, SPECIAL DELIVERY, REGISTERED MAIL, b7D RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, PERSONAL ATTENTION: CHIEF CLERK.

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CC J. Smith

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FBI

Date: 4/25/74

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6861) (P)

SUBJECT: [redacted] aka;
ET AL
CIR - BURGLARY, LARCENY

WOUNDED KNEE NON-LEADERSHIP TRIALS,
SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA
(OO: MINNEAPOLIS)

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Re Minneapolis teletype to all Continental Offices dated 3/21/74 captioned "RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; DENNIS JAMES BANKS; CIR - BURGLARY, ETC.; WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIALS, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA".

Enclosed herewith are two xeroxed copies each of Minneapolis letter to the Laboratory dated 3/19/73 and Bureau letter to Minneapolis dated 4/12/73, both captioned "[redacted] aka; ET AL; CIR - BURGLARY; LARCENY".

2 - Birmingham (Enc. 4)
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2 - Charlotte (enc. 4)
2 - Chicago (Enc. 4)
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Special Agent in Charge

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The [redacted] case is being prepared for trial and Minneapolis is unable to locate the enclosures described in enclosed Bureau letter of 4/12/73. b6 b7C

All personnel of the offices receiving this airtel who were assigned to the Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Command Post from the period after 4/12/73 should be contacted to determine if they have any recollection of seeing the instamatic cartridges, the negatives, or the developed prints described in the Bureau letter. The Minneapolis Office has no idea as to the subject matter of these photographs.

Reference is made to the teletype on the MEANS case to assist all offices in determining who should be contacted regarding this matter as this was done in connection with that teletype.

Any positive information should be communicated immediately to Minneapolis by teletype. Negative replies are not necessary.

3-534 (Rev. 7-18-63)
OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27
5010-106

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Minneapolis (70-6832) DATE: April 12, 1973

FROM : Director, FBI (Acting)

SUBJECT: [redacted], aka;
ET AL
CIR - BURGLARY: LARCENY
OO: Minneapolis

See 70-6832-1536

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Reference is made to your communication dated 3/19/73 transmitting ☐ negative(s) ☒ film ☐ photograph(s) ☐ document(s) ☐ pertaining to the above-captioned matter.

In accordance with your request ☒ film has been developed
☒ enlargement(s) made
☐ positive copy made
☐ print(s) made
☐ slide(s) made
☐ negative(s) made
☐ Photostats made

The above is ☒ attached
☐ being sent under separate cover, via ☐ registered mail
☐ REA Express

One roll of Kodachrome film was processed and found to be blank. Prints were not made of the roll of 110 Ektachrome film as this is positive film not negative. If prints are necessary, return the Ektachrome film as prints could be made.

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APR 29 1974
FBI - MINNEAPOLIS

[redacted]

Enc. 136

ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI
Attention: FBI LABORATORY

March 19, 1973

SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6832)

[redacted] aka;
ET AL.
CIR - BURGLARY: LARCENY
OO: Minneapolis

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Enclosed for the Laboratory are eight film packs which were found in an International Travell-All bearing 1973 Washington plates MBB416. This vehicle was occupied by TONI ACKERMAN and two other females who were arrested February 27, 1973, as they were leaving Wounded Knee, South Dakota. Also found in the vehicle were firearms, ammunition, and merchandise which may have been taken from the Wounded Knee Trading Post, Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

The Laboratory is requested to develop and print enclosed film and to assure that film marked Pine Ridge and Rapid, Pine Ridge and Rapid City, remain with prints as Minneapolis at this point does not know significance of these notations on film packs.

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NR056 WA PLAIN

8:12PM URGENT 5-7-74 DLM

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 3P

PERSONAL ATTENTION

70-6123*
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69-111*

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; DENNIS JAMES BANKS; CIR - BURGLARY, ET AL, WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIALS, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

THIS PERTAINS TO THE PROSECUTION OF THE LEADERSHIP AND NON-LEADERSHIP TRIALS INVOLVING THE ARMED OCCUPATION OF WOUNDED KNEE, SOUTH DAKOTA, BY MILITANT MEMBERS OF AIM FROM FEBRUARY 27 - MAY 8, 1973.

THE SAC, MINNEAPOLIS, WAS ADVISED USDC FRED J. NICHOL, SOUTH DAKOTA, STATED IN USDC, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, IN THE LEADERSHIP TRIAL OF RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS AND DENNIS JAMES BANKS THAT HE IS REQUIRING THE FBI TO TURN OVER TO THE DEFENSE ALL FD302S PERTAINING TO A POTENTIAL WITNESS' TESTIMONY AT LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE THE WITNESS IS CALLED TO TESTIFY. THIS

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WOULD INCLUDE ALL FD-302S MENTIONING POSSIBLE TESTIMONY OF THIS WITNESS WHICH CONTAINED DATA REGARDING EVENTS AT WOUNDED KNEE REGARDLESS OF THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE FD302S. THESE FD-302S WOULD PERTAIN TO ANY INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THE POSSIBLE WITNESS RELATING TO EVENTS BEFORE, DURING, OR AFTER THE OCCUPATION OF WOUNDED KNEE. THE BUREAU REALIZES IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE AT THIS TIME WHETHER OR NOT AN INDIVIDUAL MAY BECOME A POTENTIAL WITNESS IN ANY OF THE WOUNDED KNEE RELATED CASES.

SO THAT THE FBI CAN FULLY COMPLY WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF USDJ NICHOL, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR ALL OFFICES HAVING SUCH FD-302S TO FURNISH ALL OF THE ORIGINALS OF THESE FD-302S RELATING TO WOUNDED KNEE CASES TO THE MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE WHERE THE ORIGINAL FD-302S WILL BE MAINTAINED TOGETHER AND INDEXED FOR ANY RETRIEVAL.

EACH OFFICE SHOULD REVIEW THEIR WOUNDED KNEE RELATED FILES IN ALL CLASSIFICATIONS (EXCEPT INFORMANT FILES) FOR ANY AND ALL OF THE ORIGINAL FD-302S RELATING TO WOUNDED KNEE. THIS REVIEW SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE A CHECK OF THE 1-A SECTIONS OF THE FILES; AND IN THE EVENT PHOTO DISPLAYS OR SIGNED STATEMENTS ARE INCLUDED THEREIN, THE ORIGINALS OF THE PHOTO DISPLAYS AND SIGNED STATEMENTS SHOULD ACCOMPANY THE PERTINENT

ORIGINAL FD-302. THE PHOTO DISPLAYS AND SIGNED STATEMENTS CAN BE XEROXED AND MAINTAINED IN THE FILE OF THE FURNISHING OFFICE WITH APPROPRIATE NOTATIONS MADE THEREON. ALL DOCUMENTS FORWARDED TO MINNEAPOLIS SHOULD BE SENT VIA AIRMAIL, SPECIAL DELIVERY, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, AND THIS REVIEW SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY COB MAY 10, 1974.

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FBI

Date: MAY 8, 1974

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Via NITEL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR 6-28/e KLQ

MINNEAPOLIS 7-24/e DCW

FROM: SAN ANTONIO (70-6123) (RUC)

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; DENNIS JAMES BANKS; CIR - BURGLARY, ET AL, WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIALS, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

REVIEW OF CAPTIONED FILE REFLECTS NEGATIVELY REGARDING ANY FD-302.

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7:35PM URGENT JUNE 24, 1975 AGL

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

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ALBUQUERQUE

SAN ANTONIO

SACRAMENTO

70-6123 Sub 1

FROM MINNEAPOLIS 70-6869

LEONARD CROW DOG; STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP; CIR - ADW; WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIALS, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

ON JUNE 24, 1975, BIA OFFICIALS, ROSEBUD, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND MISSION, SOUTH DAKOTA, POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS STATED 18 CARS LEFT MISSION IN A CARAVAN ON JUNE 22, 1975, EN ROUTE TO CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA. AT LAKE ANDES, SOUTH DAKOTA, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS OBSERVED ONLY 12 CARS IN THIS CARAVAN.

THE FOLLOWING LICENSE NUNBERS WERE RECORDED BY ABOVE OFFICIALS WHILE CARS LOADING FOR TRAVEL AT MISSION:

TEXAS LICENSES : [redacted]

CALIFORNIA LICENSE: [redacted]

NEW MEXICO LICENSE:

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THE FOLLOWING NORTH DAKOTA AND SOUTH DAKOT LICENSES WERE OBTAINED AND RESULT OF CHECK WITH MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAUS IN THESE STATES FOR THE

70-6123 Sub 1

[redacted]

RESPECTIVE LICENSES ARE SET FORTH AFTER EACH LICENSE NUMBER:

NORTH DAKOTA LICENSE [redacted] (PLATE NOT ISSUED TO DATE); b6 b7C

NORTH DAKOTA LICENSE [redacted] LISTED TO 1965 PONTIAC OWNED BY [redacted] ROAD, BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA. NCIC NEGATIVE RE NAME AND VIN. MINNEAPOLIS INDICES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH A [redacted]

NORTH DAKOTA LICENSE [redacted] LISTED FOR 1973 VOLKSWAGEN OWNED BY [redacted] NEWTOWN, NORTH DAKOTA. NCIC NEGATIVE RE VIN AND OWNER AND MINNEAPOLIS INDICES NEGATIVE RE [redacted]

SOUTH DAKOTA LICENSE [redacted] (NOT ON FILE AT MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU);

NORTH DAKOTA LICENSE [redacted] LISTED TO A 1972 FORD OWNED BY [redacted] EAGLE BUTTE, SOUTH DAKOTA. MINNEAPOLIS INDICES NEGATIVE RE [redacted]

ADMINISTRATIVE

RE OMAHA TELETYPE TO BUREAU JUNE 23, 1975.

RECEIVING OFFICES REQUESTED TO DETERMINE REGISTRATION TO LICENSE NUMBERS THEIR DIVISION, CHECK INDICES RE REGISTERED OWNERS AND ADVISE OMAHA.

RE TEL REQUESTED RECEIVING OFFICES TO SUTEL RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION IMMEDIATELY, AS MEETING OF ALL LOCAL AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IS TO BE HELD 8AM JUNE 25, 1975, RE DEMONSTRATION

PLANNED BY AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS AT CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, ON OR ABOUT JUNE 27, 1975, IN CONNECTION WITH FORTHCOMING SENTENCING OF SUBJECTS IN USDC THERE.

MINNEAPOLIS WILL KEEP FBIHQ AND OMAHA ADVISED ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THIS MATTER.

END.

FBISA LPR

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CLR

AZAT 7779 19.50 AZZD 0063
19.50 05/24/75

ATTN LPP

MVD

MX2972066,75 LIC [redacted] PREV-LIC [redacted], EXT 2700, CNT 0000
[redacted] ISSUED 05/22/74
67 CHEV 4D3
[redacted] ST, EAGLE PASS, TEX 78852
04/29/74, EAGLE USED CARS, BROWN AND FLORENCE, E PASS, TEX 78852

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REG 75 [redacted]
NO RECORD IN MVD FILE

[redacted] - DPS-Austin

MVBur. 452-8111-Austin. x211 to 215.
Supplemental Allotment to Unk. County.

Call 452-8111 - after 8:00 am - Ask for Information Center
to find county where [redacted] issued.

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CO 14 06/04/75
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INQUIRE[redacted]

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None in Eagle Pass.

AZAX
[redacted]. CPL 6530152, JCN
[redacted]. CPL 5026541, JCN
[redacted]. CPL 4047404, JCN

AZAX 355S CO 10 AZ2D 0065
CO 10 06/04/75
[redacted] 19995
STATION OW [redacted] 502 JCN

[redacted] 5-08 145 BLACK BROWN CLEAR
[redacted] ST DELRIO 78840
DL [redacted] REST A COMM 123076
[redacted]
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SEARCH ON [redacted] FOR JCH
[redacted] 5-02 125 BLACK BROWN CLEAR
[redacted] 79742
DL [redacted] REST COMM 060776
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SEARCH ON [redacted] FOR JCH
[redacted] 5-09 167 BLACK BROWN CLEAR
[redacted] ST HARLINGEN 78550
DL [redacted] REST ORER 110676
[redacted]

NR031 SC PLAIN

9:55AM URGENT 6/25/75 CLB

TO OMAHA

SAN ANTONIO

FROM SACRAMENTO (70-2353) (RUC) 70-6123-Sub 1

LEONARD CROW DOG; STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP; CIR - ADW;
WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIALS, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE 24, 1975.

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, LISTS CALIFORNIA LICENSE [redacted] AS REGISTERED TO [redacted], POST OFFICE [redacted] EAGLE PASS, TEXAS, FOR A 1963 DODGE SEDAN, VIN [redacted]

SACRAMENTO INDICES ON [redacted]

SAN ANTONIO CHECK INDICES RE REGISTERED OWNER AND ADVISE OMAHA.

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NR 005 SA PLAIN

3:10 PM URGENT JUNE 25, 1975 DTI

TO: MINNEAPOLIS (70-6869)

OMAHA

FROM: SAN ANTONIO (70-6123 SUB 2)(P)

LEONARD CROW DOG; STANLEY HOLDER; CARTER CAMP; CIR -ADW;

WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIALS, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

RE MINNEAPOLIS AND SACRAMENTO NITELS, JUNE 24,

AND JUNE 25, 1975, RESPECTIVELY.

FOR INFORMATION OF OMAHA, SAN ANTONIO INDICES NEGATIVE

CONCERNING [redacted] b6 b7C

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WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP TRIALS, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

RE MINNEAPOLIS AND SACRAMENTO NITELS, JUNE 24 and JUNE 25, 1975, RESPECTIVELY.

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FROM: SA JOHN M. KEMMY

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CITE: ~~//3630:3545//~~

SUBJECT: RUSSELL MEANS; INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE TEL TO PHOENIX DIVISION, NOVEMBER 3, 1989.

ON NOVEMBER 7, 1989, THE GALLUP RA, GALLUP, NEW MEXICO, TELEPHONICALLY RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING RUSSELL MEANS:

[redacted] CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR, NAVAJO DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY, WINDOW ROCK DIVISION, WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA, STATED THAT HE AND/OR HIS SOURCES HAD NOT SEEN RUSSELL MEANS IN OR AROUND THE WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA, AREA SINCE OCTOBER 24, 1989. [redacted] FURTHER

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STATED THAT HE AND/OR HIS SOURCES DO NOT HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF MEANS' CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.

ON NOVEMBER 7, 1989, [redacted] CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR, NAVAJO DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY, WINDOW ROCK DISTRICT, WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE GALLUP RESIDENT AGENCY AND ADVISED THAT HE AND/OR HIS SOURCES HAVE NOT SEEN MEANS ON OR AROUND THE NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION SINCE OCTOBER 24, 1989. b6 b7C

[redacted] STATED THAT HE AND/OR HIS SOURCES DO NOT HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF MEANS' CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.

ON NOVEMBER 8, 1989, [redacted] CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR, NAVAJO DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY, CHINLE, ARIZONA, PERSONALLY ADVISED THAT HE AND/OR HIS SOURCES HAVE NOT SEEN MEANS ON THE NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION OR IN THE VICINITY OF HIS RESIDENCE WHICH IS LOCATED IN CHINLE, ARIZONA, SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 1989. [redacted] FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE AND/OR HIS SOURCES DO NOT HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF MEANS' CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.

ON NOVEMBER 8, 1989, [redacted] CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR, NAVAJO DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY, CHINLE, ARIZONA, PERSONALLY ADVISED THE GALLUP RA THAT HE USUALLY SEES MEANS ON THE NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION ABOUT TWO TO THREE TIMES PER WEEK. HOWEVER,

[redacted] ADVISED THAT MEANS HAS NOT BEEN SEEN BY HIMSELF OR ANY OF HIS SOURCES SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 1989. [redacted] BELIEVES THAT MEANS IS PRESENTLY SOMEWHERE OFF OF THE NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION.

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ALL OF THE ABOVE CONTACTED SOURCES HAD INDICATED THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF MEANS BEING "KICK OFF" THE NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION.

BASED ON THE ABOVE INFORMATION GATHERED, IT IS BELIEVED THAT MEANS IS NO LONGER ON THE NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION.

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Mr. Montgomery

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SUBJECT: RUSSELL MEANS; UNSUBS; POTENTIAL VIOLENCE AT WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA ON THE NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION; 8/24/89; CIR; OO: PHOENIX.

ON 8/23/89, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) OFFICIALS FROM ROSEBUD, SOUTH DAKOTA, ADVISED THE PHOENIX FBI AND BIA OFFICIALS AT WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA, THAT 25 SIOUX INDIANS LEFT ROSEBUD,

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SOUTH DAKOTA TO PARTICIPATE IN A DEMONSTRATION AT WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA, WITH RUSSELL MEANS ON 8/24/89.

JAMES STEVENS, AREA DIRECTOR OF THE BIA AT WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA, ADVISED THE PHOENIX FBI ON 8/23/89, THAT HE HEARD FROM THE NAVAJO POLICE THAT RUSSELL MEANS HAD TELEPHONED THE NAVAJO POLICE, NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (NDPS) ON 8/23/89, AND TOLD THEM THAT HE WAS PLANNING A DEMONSTRATION AND MARCH TO WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA ON 8/24/89, BETWEEN 11:00 A.M. AND 2:00 P.M. MEANS ALSO TOLD THE UNIDENTIFIED POLICE OFFICER THAT HE WAS PLANNING A PEACEFUL MARCH, BUT COULD NOT RULE OUT VIOLENCE ON THE PART OF DEMONSTRATORS.

ON 8/23/89, SA [redacted] GALLUP, NEW MEXICO RESIDENT AGENT, PHOENIX DIVISION, ATTENDED A MEETING IN WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA, REGARDING PREPARATIONS FOR THE PLANNED DEMONSTRATION. ATTENDING, WERE MAJOR GEORGE JOHN, ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE, NDPS, JAMES STEVENS, BIA, AND NUMEROUS OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES. [redacted] NAVAJO TRIBAL COUNCILMAN FROM FORT DEFIANCE, ARIZONA, ADVISED THAT HE IS A LOCAL AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) MEMBER, BUT DOES NOT SUPPORT MEANS OR HIS VIOLENT METHODS. HE SAID MEANS WOULD RECEIVE NO LOCAL AIM SUPPORT. MAJOR JOHN ADVISED THAT HE HAS EVERY AVAILABLE POLICE OFFICER ON SCHEDULED DUTY FOR 8/24/89,

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AND WILL CLOSELY MONITOR THE DEMONSTRATION. TRIBAL ATTORNEYS ADVISED THAT MEANS WAS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN NAVAJO TRIBAL COURT ON 8/24/89, FOR THE JULY ASSAULT ON JAMES STEVENS, BUT THE APPEARANCE HAS BEEN CONTINUED.

MAJOR JOHN WAS ADVISED BY SA WAGNER THAT NO FBI AGENTS WILL BE PRESENT TO WITNESS THE DEMONSTRATION, BUT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO INVESTIGATE ANY CRIMES WITHIN FBI JURISDICTION.

LEADS:

MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION AT ROSEBUD, SOUTH DAKOTA:

WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY THE 25 ABOVE-MENTIONED SIOUX INDIANS WHO TRAVELLED TO ARIZONA TO DETERMINE THEIR KNOWN POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE.

PHOENIX DIVISION AT GALLUP, NEW MEXICO:

WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH TRIBAL POLICE AND BIA OFFICIALS AND WILL KEEP FBIHQ UPDATED ON ACTIVITIES. A COPY OF THIS IS DIRECTED TO ALBUQUERQUE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES.

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