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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

In March 1967, a Philadelphia confidential source advised that [redacted], former self-admitted member of the American Nazi Party (ANP), who is also, according to another source, the deposed Grand Dragon of the Pennsylvania Branch of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA, KKKK) told [redacted] that he had had some letters from a person named [redacted] concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY. [redacted] said that these letters were among the files which he had entrusted to [redacted] for safekeeping.

Characterizations of the ANP and UKA, KKKK are attached.

[redacted] according to the source, wanted the letters because he planned to send them to District Attorney GARRISON in New Orleans, who is conducting his investigation of the assassination. He did not explain who PAYNE was nor what connection the letters might have had with the assassination.

On May 16, 1967, the source advised that [redacted] asked [redacted] if he had been able to locate the letters. He said it was urgent that he recover the letters because he had been in touch with Mr. GARRISON and expected to be subpoenaed to appear in New Orleans.

[redacted] indicated that he had not located the letters but promised to search through the material as soon as possible.

[redacted] reportedly said he had given the letters either to [redacted] or [redacted] and he had contacted the latter who insisted he did not have them.

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The source later advised that [REDACTED] had reportedly searched the [REDACTED] material in his custody at length and was not able to find any letters from PAYNE, nor was he able to locate anything about PAYNE, the assassination, or GARRISON.

In May 1966, the second source advised that [REDACTED] appeared to be "cracking up" and acted like a person about to undergo a nervous breakdown.

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**NATIONAL SOCIALIST WHITE PEOPLE'S PARTY  
aka The American Nazi Party; American Nazis;  
The World Union of Free Enterprise National Socialists;  
The George Lincoln Rockwell Party**

In his book, "This Time The World", copyrighted in 1961, George Lincoln Rockwell identified himself as Commander, American Nazi Party of the World Union of Free Enterprise National Socialists (ANP-WUFENS), Arlington, Virginia.

The April 4, 1963 issue of "The Richmond News Leader", a Richmond, Va., daily newspaper, reported that George Lincoln Rockwell, had, on the previous day, again applied for the American Nazi Party to be chartered in the State of Virginia, but this request was turned down by the Virginia State Corporation Commission. This action was taken pursuant to an act of the 1962 Virginia Assembly which prohibits use of "Nazi" or "National Socialism" in a Virginia charter. This article further pointed out that Rockwell's Party is presently chartered in the State of Virginia as the George Lincoln Rockwell Party.

On August 14, 1964, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that ANP-WUFENS was organized by George Lincoln Rockwell at his residence in Arlington, Va., on February 26, 1956, as an international "National Socialist" movement based on the German Nazi Party headed by Adolf Hitler. He added that Rockwell is the dominant force and personality in this Party; that he is espousing a "line" of hatred against the Jews and Negroes; and that he is seeking, through speeches, distribution of literature and picketing, to establish a cohesive and dominant political party in the United States and in foreign countries.

According to the "Stormtrooper's Manual", an official publication of the ANP, the phases of ANP struggle for power are fourfold, namely, first "to make ourselves known to the masses"; second, "the dissemination of our program and truth about the Party"; third, "organizing the people who have been converted to our propaganda"; and fourth, "the attainment of power through the votes of the newly-won masses."

On August 19, 1966, the source advised that George Lincoln Rockwell presently believes that he has completed the first two phases in his struggle for power and is well into the third stage, to wit, "the organizing of the people who have been converted to our propaganda." The source added that Rockwell had previously believed that he would be elected Governor of Virginia in November, 1965, and when defeated, he made the statement that he was not ready for stage four.

(2)

On December 27, 1966, the source advised that Rockwell mailed a communication to all members of the ANP entitled, "National Directive from the Commander, Effective 1/1/67". This communication reflected that the formal name of the Party would be "National Socialist White People's Party" and they would still be known as the "American Nazi Party" and "American Nazis" for short.

(2)

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLANS)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, show that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961 at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, the Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is directed by Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard and is the dominant Klan group in the South with units in several southern states.

On August 14, 1961, the second source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The second source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted at the National Klavocation held July 6, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

Second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the Klaverns of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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