

3/23/64

**A I R T E L - REGISTERED**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI**

**FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-986) (P)**

**RACIAL MATTERS**

Re Miami teletype, 3/16/64; Jacksonville summary report, 12/26/63, captioned [REDACTED] RM; and Bureau airtel to Miami, 3/18/64.

Referenced airtel requested Miami to conduct discreet investigation to establish whether [REDACTED] mentioned in Miami teletype is identical to [REDACTED] mentioned in above-referenced summary report.

It is noted that the description of [REDACTED] furnished by WILLIAM SOMERSETT fits the description of [REDACTED] including residence, except for the age and height of [REDACTED] as set forth in summary report.

SOMERSETT advised on 3/16/64, that when in Jacksonville on 3/14/64, he conferred with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In addition, he had a private conversation with [REDACTED] on the evening of 3/14/64.

- 4 - Bureau (1 - 66-16458)
- 3 - Jacksonville (2 - 157-665)  
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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
Re: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

Bureau files reveal Joseph Adams Milteer is a 65-year-old wealthy bachelor, who inherited an estimated \$200,000 from his father's estate. He has been described as an eccentric who has associated with hate-type organizations and formed his own "Constitutional American Parties of the United States," which is a paper organization having no membership. This information and complete background regarding Milteer have previously been furnished to U. S. Secret Service.

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William Somerset telephonically contacted the Miami Office on 1/26/67. He advised he was contacted by [redacted] who requested Somerset's permission to release information recorded between himself and J. A. Milteer on 11/9/63. Somerset agreed to the release as long as his identity was concealed. Subsequently, he was contacted by Bill Barry, reporter for the "Miami News," regarding his conversation with Milteer. Somerset determined Barry is writing a story for a magazine that was not identified. Barry feels Secret Service failed to do their job, and the information furnished to them regarding Milteer confirms his views. According to Somerset, Barry advised that Robert Kennedy, who was Attorney General at the time the information from Milteer was received, failed to properly carry out his duties to help protect the President. Barry noted when President Kennedy was in Miami prior to his Dallas trip, his security was extremely tight, and if the same security had been afforded him in Dallas, he would be alive today. Somerset said Barry made no derogatory remarks concerning the Bureau but related the story will be critical of Secret Service and Robert Kennedy.

At the conclusion of Somerset's comments, it was forcefully pointed out to him by the Miami Office the confidential nature of his former association with the Bureau, and he said he was fully aware of this. Somerset was a criminal and racial informant who was active from late 1949 until 11/13/61. He has furnished both reliable and unreliable information in the past and was discontinued because of his unreliability.

It is to be noted that during the investigation of the assassination it was determined J. A. Milteer was in Quitman, Georgia, on 11/22/63, the date of the assassination.

ACTION:

Attached for approval are letters to the Criminal Division of the Department and the U. S. Secret Service furnishing information concerning this proposed article.

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Date: 7/15/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

WILLIAM SOMERSETT, formerly [redacted] who is no longer being contacted by the Miami Office and who is characterized as having furnished reliable information in the past, and in addition has furnished information which cannot be verified or corroborated, telephonically advised on 7/12/68 as follows:

Since the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., he has made trips to Atlanta, Ga. and Memphis, Tenn. at the request and expense of the Florida State Attorney's Office and the Miami, Florida Police Department. He indicated the purpose of these trips was to try and develop information relative to the assassination of Doctor KING and other information relating to the National States Rights Party. He did not elaborate on his assignments nor did he indicate he had developed any unusual or pertinent information. He reportedly was in contact with witnesses involved in the KING case and based on information heard on the "street," it was said that the chauffeur of Doctor KING was suspected of "setting up Doctor KING for the assassination." SOMERSETT was unable to identify source of this information.

It is not known why the Florida State Attorney's Office or the Miami Police Department would have SOMERSETT

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  - 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)
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# Informant Tells of Kennedy Murder Plan

Miami, Feb. 2 (AP) — A man who said he was assigned in Miami to a police building where it could be done. The man was not mentioned in the newspaper story.

The man discovered a rifle in an office building, reassembled it and then used for murder. He said officers would leave no stone unturned to find the killer. "They will pick up somebody within two years afterward... just to throw the public off," he said.

**Conversation Taped**

The conversation, on November 3, 1963, was taped and is now in the files of the Miami Police Department. Its existence was revealed today in a story in the Miami News. Police then played the tape for reporters.

An assassination attempt was not discussed in specific terms such as dates, times or places. Police would not identify the informant or the man described as the possibilities, who spoke dispassionately in a soft, level accent about slayings in Alabama and Georgia and attempts to kill the President.

"The man who described the assassination possibilities did name one person he said was trying to kill Mr. Kennedy," he said. "... (he) is just as likely to get him as anybody... he tried to get Martin Luther King... He followed him for miles and miles, and couldn't get close enough to him."

The potential assassin was described as a hard-core underground with a taste for former communist.

The newspaper story, written by Bill Barry, said the man was described as a possible assassin in the tape was picked up by the FBI file. The writer said President Kennedy was killed in Dallas, and questioned...

**No Comment**

The Secret Service and the FBI in Miami would not comment.

Barry said the informant had told police that, as he attended meetings throughout the country, he had never reported talk about an assassination attempt.

Because of this talk and because President Kennedy was due in Miami November 13, police asked the informant to lure this man to Miami so his conversation could be recorded. Barry said.

This conversation was on the tape:

Man: "Well, we are going to have to get nasty. We have got to be ready. We have just got to be sitting on go. Count down and they move in on you. Count down is all right for a slow, prepared operation. But in an emergency operation you have got to be sitting on go."

Informant: "I think Kennedy is coming here on the 16th, or something like that, to make some kind of speech... He will have a thousand bodyguards."

Man: "The more bodyguards he has, the easier it is to get him."

Informant: "What?"

Man: "The more bodyguards he has, the more easier it is to get him."

**High Powered Rifle**

Informant: "Well, how in the hell do you figure would be the best way to get him?"

Man: "From an office building with a high-powered rifle."

Later, the man said, "... take it (the rifle) up, more un-assembled and assembled it and..."

But later, there was this conversation:

Informant: "Boy, if that Kennedy gets shot, we got to know where we are at. Because you know that will be a real shake if they do that."

Man: "They wouldn't let a stone unturned there no way. They will pick up somebody within an hour afterwards... just to throw the public off."

President Kennedy did come to Miami, November 13. Police said they dissuaded him from motorcading through down Miami. Instead, he took a helicopter.

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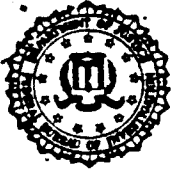
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Atlanta, Georgia  
November 29, 1963

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

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JOSEPH ADAMS MILTEER, Quitman, Georgia, was interviewed November 27, 1963. MILTEER advised that during April, 1963, he attended a national meeting of the Congress of Freedom, New Orleans, Louisiana. He described this organization as one that believed in Americanism and he attended this meeting as the result of an invitation by a Mr. THOMAS, Chairman of the organization, Omaha, Nebraska. He stated during this meeting neither he nor anyone in his presence discussed the assassination of President KENNEDY.

MILTEER stated further that in June, 1963, he went to Dallas, Texas, to attempt to persuade DAN SMOOT, author of the "Dan Smoot Report" to run as Vice-President on the Constitution Party ticket in the election in November, 1964. He stated he had no other business in Dallas.

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MILTEER further stated that on October 18-20, 1963, he traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana, with BILL SOMERSETT of Miami, Florida, and LEE MC CLOUD of Atlanta, Georgia. They attended the National Convention of the Constitution Party. He stated he attended this meeting as the result of an invitation by CURTIS B. DALL, former son-in-law of the late President FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

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MILTEER described himself as a non-dues-paying member of the White Citizens Council of Atlanta, Georgia, The Congress of Freedom and the Constitution Party.

MILTEER emphatically denies ever making threats to assassinate President KENNEDY or participating in any such assassination. He stated he has never heard anyone make such threats. He also denied making threats against anyone subsequent to the assassination of President KENNEDY. He stated he does not know, nor has he ever been in the presence of LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY to his knowledge.

MILTEER denied any knowledge of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, on November 15, 1963.

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Via AIRMAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-900) (P)  
RE: CHANGED  
JOSEPH ADAMS MILTEER  
RACIAL MATTERS  
(OO - Atlanta)

Title CHANGED to reflect MILTEER's full name, previously carried as J. A. MILTEER.

Re Atlanta airtel and LHM to the Bureau, dated 11/29/63, captioned "ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS, AFO" and "JOSEPH ADAMS MILTEER, RM." This communication set forth Atlanta interview of MILTEER on 11/27/63. Also reference Miami airtel and LHM to the Bureau, dated 12/3/63, captioned "CONSTITUTIONAL AMERICAN PARTIES OF THE U.S. (CAP) RM."

- 5 - Bureau (3 - 157-JAMES ADAMS MILTEER) (Encls. - 2) (AM-RM)  
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Via \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (89-45)

RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY  
11/22/63  
DALLAS, TEXAS  
AFO

Secret Service  
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JOSEPH ADAMS MILTEER  
RM  
Atlanta 157-608

Remytel 11/28/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine (9) copies of Letterhead Memorandum, suitable for dissemination. Copies are also being submitted for Dallas, Birmingham, New Orleans and Miami.

LEADS:

MIAMI

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

Will determine the subscriber to telephone # 371-1031, check office indices and make agency checks.

ATLANTA

AT VALDOSTA, GEORGIA

Will check records of Southern Bell Telephone Company after 12/7/63 for toll calls from the residence of Mrs. C. C. COFIELD, Valdosta, Ga.

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DENIES KNOWING OR EVER BEING IN THE PRESENCE OF LEE HARVEY  
OSWALD OR JACK RUBY.

MILTEER DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OR BAPBOMB CASE.

MILTEER HAS NO TELEPHONE AT RESIDENCE QUITMAN, GA. CHECK  
OF TOLL CALLS MADE FROM PHONE OF MRS. C. C. COFIELD VALDOSTA,  
GA., KNOWN PROSTITUTE WITH WHOM MILTEER RESIDES PART TIME  
REFLECTS THREE CALLS TO MIAMI, FLA., TWO TO WILLIAM SOMERSETT  
AND ONE TO UNKNOWN NUMBER WHICH WILL BE CHECKED. TOLL SLIPS FOR  
PERIOD NOV. SEVEN THRU DEC. SIX SIXTYTHREE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE  
TILL DEC. SEVEN SIXTYTHREE. AT THAT TIME THESE WILL BE CHECKED  
FOR CALLS TO NEW ORLEANS AND DALLAS.

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LETTERHEAD FOLLOWS.

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BH 11-52 PM OK FBI BH HEP

DL ~~I GARBLED ON THREE YOU WILL HAVE DISC. OTHERS AND RPT.~~

~~PAGE THREE~~ TO DL

OK FBI WA AND BH DISC OK VTETWIDMQK V FV

FBI DL ARE YOU STILL THERE

YES OK MIN PLS

PLS DONT SEND TIL I SAY GO AHEAD OK OK

OK GO AHEAD

11-56pm CCT OK FBI DL VRG



APPENDIX

ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA KLANS  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (ASCK)

A source advised on September 24, 1956, that the Association of South Carolina Klans (ASCK) was organized in the Fall of 1955 and is patterned after the Association of Carolina Klans (ACK). This source said ASCK is a new organization and not a rebirth of ACK, although all high-ranking officials of ASCK had been members of ACK. The source stated announced purposes of this organization are to promote white supremacy and combat integration of the races; however, the use of violence is disavowed.

A second source advised on September 2, 1950, that ACK was composed of groups formerly members of the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK) and although ACK severed all connections with AGK on November 14, 1949, the ideals, purposes and policies of the two organizations remained identical. ACK became defunct after conviction and imprisonment of its highest official and other members in 1952.

A third source advised on April 16, 1962, that ASCK continues to operate for the purpose of promoting white supremacy and combating integration by peaceful means by public speaking and propaganda.

This third source said that ASCK, using the name Majority Citizens League of South Carolina, published a monthly newspaper, "Southland Standard," from August through December, 1961, and dropped it due to lack of financial support.

ACK has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

RE: CONSTITUTIONAL AMERICAN PARTIES  
OF THE UNITED STATES

"Give us liberty or we'll give you death.

"International Underground"

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" MILTEER attended the Convention of the Constitution Party of the U.S. in Indiana on Oct. 18 through 20, 1963. In a closed session of the national committee of the Constitution Party on Oct. 20, 1963, MILTEER was advised that he was not entitled to use the designation as the regional director of the Southeastern States of the Constitution Party of the U. S. as such a title does not exist in the party.

" MILTEER described as follows. Name JOSEPH ADAMS MILTEER. Born Feb. 26, 1902, Quitman, Ga., white male, five feet four, one hundred sixty lbs., blue eyes, ruddy complexion, hair partially thinning and gray, wears glasses with metal frame, heavy waisted, small round shouldered, nearly always unshaven, short gray stubble with about two days growth, shabby dresser, wears old fashioned clothes, hunting type cap, tan in color, is short legged, most of height from waist upwards. Graduate of Quitman High School, no known relatives, drives sixty two Volvo, bearing sixty three Ga. tag 61-D-226, gray or tan in color. Also drives unknown year Volkswagen, bearing sixty three Ga. tag 11D2762,

Subject arrested in fifty five Valdosta, Ga., for suspicion of burglary and released. Valdosta PD has fingerprint card which undoubtedly never sent to Bureau. This card being sent under separate cover to Identification Div., and should be returned to Valdosta, PD.

" Only photo of MILTEER obtained taken Christmas forty three. Is good likeness of facial characteristics but hair is much grayer and thin. Photo being forwarded Birmingham and Dallas under separate cover."

**ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY**  
**NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS TEXAS**

Records of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company reflect MILTEER has no telephone at his residence in Quitman, Georgia. A check of toll calls made from the telephone of Mrs. C. C. SOFIELD, Valdosta, Georgia, with whom MILTEER resides part time reflects from the period August 26 - November 6, 1963, three calls were made to Miami, Florida. Two to WILLIAM SOMERSET and one to telephone number 371-1031. Toll slips for period November 7 - December 6, 1963, will not be available until after December 7, 1963.

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In addition, he noted that State Attorney RICHARD GERSTEIN had been most pleased with SOMERSETT's work and has credited SOMERSETT with the excellent results obtained in this bombing case. GERSTEIN noted that this was one of the first bombing cases ever solved in the State of Florida.

This second source also advised on January 9, 1963, that [redacted] Florida, indicated on January 8, 1963, that making speeches is all right, but the only way to obtain results is to use carbines "to knock off the Eskimos".

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obtained from [REDACTED] and therefore he [REDACTED]  
wants to include [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] further advised SOMMERSETT he was  
staying with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is presently  
carried on the Potential Bombing Suspect List at the  
Miami Office). The above information is furnished in  
order that [REDACTED] whereabouts will be known to the  
Bureau and listed offices.

In the event Miami develops any additional  
information regarding [REDACTED] this information will be  
immediately furnished to interested offices.

letter to [redacted] which letter he gave to SOMMERSETT to mail. According to [redacted] this letter was not mailed by SOMMERSETT, but was turned over to the FBI who photographed the letter and then mailed it to [redacted]. [redacted] related that the FBI then questioned [redacted] regarding this letter at which time [redacted] turned the letter over to the FBI. According to [redacted] this is why [redacted] knew the FBI had the letter. [redacted] both advised SOMMERSETT that they do not believe [redacted] and that they still hold the highest regard for SOMMERSETT. They said they have requested [redacted] to obtain the original letter from the FBI since the postmark on the envelope will definitely establish where and when the letter was mailed. [redacted] said that [redacted] now claim they are unable to get the letter from the FBI.

SOMMERSETT advised [redacted] that he has no knowledge of the letter to which they refer and does not know why [redacted] would want to put out false info.

[redacted] went on to say that [redacted] is "On the spot" re the stories he has put out about SOMMERSETT as well as [redacted] who they believe is working for [redacted]. [redacted] said they had heard from an individual (who they did not identify), in the Fla. Klan that in 12/60, [redacted] through [redacted] ASCK, was trying to get [redacted] on the Grand Council of the ASCK in order that [redacted] could obtain the books and records of the ASCK through [redacted]. [redacted] stated that they believe [redacted] are FBI informants and that they plan to discontinue using [redacted] as a delegate for the National Ku Klux Klan (NKKK). [redacted] said the next NKKK meeting is scheduled to be held in Alabama in the near future. He said that he does not plan to attend this meeting and that he will instruct the delegate from the ASCK to make a motion to the effect that the NKKK should meet only once a year. [redacted] related that the NKKK has accomplished nothing and it now appears that [redacted] United Klans of America, Tuscaloosa, Ala., is trying to take over and run everything for his own political benefits. [redacted] said that the ASCK will pull out of the NKKK unless the meetings are scheduled for once a year.

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The above is furnished to the Bureau and listed offices for information in accordance with Bureau instructions regarding Security of Racial Informants.

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One copy is being furnished Baltimore in view of MILTEER's references to a man who heads his own underground in Delaware. One copy to Birmingham in view of the reference to [REDACTED] BAPBOMB case. Copy to Denver in view of reference made by MILTEER to [REDACTED] the Denver Division. Copy to Jacksonville in view of remark by MILTEER (not recorded on tape) that MILTEER was planning to contact [REDACTED] Jacksonville, Fla. Copy to Knoxville in view of references to [REDACTED] Copy to Savannah in view of MILTEER's close proximity to the Savannah Division. Copy to Washington Field in view of MILTEER's reference to the Supreme Court and his working there 3½ years.

The individual referred to by the informant on Pages 5 and 6, relating to demolition, is [REDACTED] presently residing in Miami, Fla., and reportedly from Chattanooga, Tenn.

Information relating to the threat on President JOHN F. KENNEDY has been disseminated by the Bureau to Secret Service Headquarters, Washington, D. C., and on a local level by [REDACTED] It is noted that [REDACTED] made available the entire transcript between SOMERSETT and MILTEER.

For information all Offices, MILTEER's visit to Miami was for the alleged purpose of discussing plans to organize the "American Constitutional Party" (ACP) as opposed to the Republican and Democratic Parties. At the present time and according to SOMERSETT, ACP is only a suggested name for this organization. This organization allegedly will have a "hard core underground" and will probably include [REDACTED]

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SOMERSETT advised that when MILTEER left Miami, he planned to attend a political rally for Senator GOLDWATER in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., on the evening of 11/9/63, and then return to his home in Valdosta, Ga. In addition, MILTEER stated he would contact [REDACTED] in Jacksonville, Fla., regarding [REDACTED] his new organization.

All Offices are requested to be alert for additional information regarding MILTEER's plans and to keep the Bureau and interested Offices advised.

Based on the information available, Miami will prepare a letterhead memorandum regarding the proposed plan by MILTEER to organize the ACP.

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Date:

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Via \_\_\_\_\_

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For the information of Birmingham and St. Louis, SOMERSETT is no longer a Bureau informant, but has been a paid informant for the Miami PD since 2/62. He has been very active in developing information for the Miami PD and was instrumental in solving one bombing case in Miami which resulted in two men being sent to prison. The Bureau has instructed Miami not to contact SOMERSETT, but to accept any info he furnishes and disseminate it where appropriate.

The above is furnished for information and it is requested the complaint agents and supervisors in Birmingham and St. Louis be alerted to SOMERSETT's plans and the fact that he may telephonically contact the offices.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Regarding his visit to Columbia, South Carolina, SOMERSETT stated he met [REDACTED] about noon on 11/28/63. [REDACTED] telephonically contacted [REDACTED] of the ASCK and arranged a meeting. [REDACTED] instructed SOMERSETT not to say anything while in the automobile or office for security reasons.

SOMERSETT related that [REDACTED] drove 7 or 8 miles south of Columbia, South Carolina, where they met [REDACTED]. They left their cars parked at the side of the road and standing several yards away discussed the assassination of President KENNEDY, Constitutional American Parties of the United States (CAP), J. A. MILTEER and BAPBOMB.

[REDACTED] said they regretted the assassination of President KENNEDY and then proceeded to question SOMERSETT as to whether MILTEER could have been involved. [REDACTED] indicated that he was very concerned in view of the statement made by MILTEER that the "right wing" has nothing to worry about. In addition, [REDACTED] questioned SOMERSETT as to the relationship between MILTEER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] According to SOMERSETT, [REDACTED] was primarily concerned as to whether MILTEER had actually formed an underground group unknown to the Klan.

Regarding the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, MILTEER and [REDACTED] stated they agreed to join with MILTEER in a campaign to blame the President's death on the "Jews." They also indicated they would assist MILTEER in forming the CAP.

SOMERSETT related that in conversation with [REDACTED] as well as many citizens who have no connection with the Klan, are saying the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and MARTIN LUTHER KING are responsible for the assassination of President KENNEDY. SOMERSETT noted this is strictly his opinion and future meetings of the NAACP and meetings conducted by MARTIN LUTHER KING could possibly result in violence.

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He advised that he was in receipt of an airmail letter, postmarked 9:30 PM. 11/26/63 at Valdosta, Georgia, containing a notice captioned, "Wake Up - - Christians", and signed "International Underground". SOMERSETT made available this notice on 12/1/63 and it was returned to him on 12/2/63 in order that he might turn it over to the Miami Police Department. The contents of this notice are set forth in the enclosed letterhead memorandum.

United States (CAP). It should be noted much of the information contained in this report are the opinions of SOMERSETT. The word "Confidential" was placed on the first page of this report [REDACTED] who requested that none of the information be made public. [REDACTED] advised that a copy of this entire report has been furnished to the U. S. Secret Service, Miami, Florida.

It should also be noted that pertinent information set forth in this report was furnished to the Bureau and interested offices November 26, 1963, by teletype and letterhead memorandums were prepared.

All offices should be alert for any information regarding CAP and pertinent information received should be furnished to the Bureau, Atlanta, and interested offices.

Atlanta should consider preparing a report and a characterization for CAP at an early date.

Baltimore's attention is called to the last paragraph, page 9, regarding a possible contact of MILTEER in Delaware or Maryland. With this regard, Baltimore should refer to Miami airtel, 11/13/63, captioned J. A. MILTEER, RM, enclosing a tape recorded interview between SOMERSETT and MILTEER, noting that MILTEER indicated he had a contact in Delaware who was interested in the U. S. Supreme Court Building. In this regard, it should be noted, that during the past several months "right wing" groups throughout the country have advocated and circulated petitions to impeach U. S. Supreme Court Justice EARL WARREN.

MM 157-905

Regarding the recent bombings in Birmingham, Alabama, [redacted] informed SOMERSETT as follows:

He stated that during a meeting of the National KKK in Biloxi, Mississippi, which took place several months ago, a sum of money was donated by the various Klan Organizations. (This was not on an individual basis). The money collected was turned over to a delegate at the Biloxi meeting, who was instructed to give this money to [redacted]

[redacted] According to [redacted] the money was donated by the various Klans for the defense of Birmingham, Alabama, to stop integration in that city. [redacted] did not state that [redacted] was responsible for the Birmingham bombings, however, he noted that various Klans looked to [redacted] to engineer violence, if and when necessary.

Regarding the above meeting at Biloxi, Mississippi, reference is made to Savannah's airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 4/12/63, regarding the National KKK meeting at Biloxi, Mississippi 4/6/63 and 4/7/63, Bureau file 157-168, Savannah file 157-310, Birmingham file 105-469.

It should be noted by the Bureau that SOMERSETT was not aware of the meeting in Biloxi, Mississippi, and would have been unable to refer to this meeting had it been furnished to him by [redacted]

In order that all offices will be fully aware of the background concerning J. A. MILTEER, the following is set forth, based on Atlanta's teletype to the Director dated 11/26/63, captioned, "ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963".

" J. A. MILTEER resides Quitman, Ga. Investigation has indicated MILTEER was in Quitman on Nov. 21, 1963. MILTEER is regarded by local authorities Quitman, Ga., as being very eccentric. He has no close associates and very few people have anything to do with him. He is 'Against everything' and is regarded as being an agitator. MILTEER resides with a known prostitute in Valdosta, Ga., in addition to his residence in Quitman.



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- 1 - Charlotte (RM) (AM) (157-CAP) (Enc. 1)
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CONF. INFO.

This report is a transcript of a tape recorded interview between ██████████ and WILLIAM SOMERSETT, formerly ██████████. This report concerns a meeting between J. A. MILTEER, SOMERSETT, and members of the Association of South Carolina Klan held in Columbia, South Carolina, 11/24/63. The principal discussion in this report concerns the assassination of President KENNEDY and the organization of the Constitutional American Parties of the

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J. A. MILTEER telephonically contacted him from Valdosta, Georgia, on 11/19/63 and arranged to meet at the Union Train Station, Jacksonville, Florida, at 3:45 PM. on 11/23/63. From there they travel by automobile to Columbia, South Carolina to meet the, "man" (source believes this to be [redacted] at the Wade Hampton Hotel at 10:00 AM. on 11/24/63.

Source stated he believes this trip will be for the purpose of making contacts and to develop interests in the Constitutional American Parties of the United States (CAP). Source noted that it is possible MILTEER will want to contact [redacted]

[redacted] Source advised that if MILTEER contacts [redacted] he will not join MILTEER in this contact in view of his recent meeting with [redacted]

Source stated that [redacted] conversation between the source and MILTEER, has requested that SOMERSETT meet MILTEER in Jacksonville, Florida. According to [redacted] made this request and will pay SOMERSETT for some of his expenses. [redacted] also informed SOMERSETT that he [redacted] feels the expense money for this trip is being provided by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), Miami, Florida. [redacted] noted that [redacted] is reportedly closely associated with ADL.

SOMERSETT advised that he will be alert for any information regarding the Birmingham, Alabama, bombings and if pertinent information developed, he will telephonically contact the Miami or Birmingham Offices, using the code name BILL SOUTHPORT.

In addition, SOMERSETT noted that if he and MILTEER go to Atlanta, Georgia, and if the opportunity presents itself, he will telephonically contact SA [redacted] of the Atlanta Office.

Copies of this airtel are being furnished to the listed offices in order that they will be aware of the future plans and travel by MILTEER AND SOMERSETT.

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY

Milteer also allegedly said he contacted Robert Shelton, Klan leader, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on the evening before the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham. He expressed the opinion Shelton could not be depended upon as Shelton is against violence.

Milteer was further alleged by Somerset to have said that Martin Luther King and Attorney General Kennedy are now unimportant but the next move would be against the "Big Jew." He alleged that at this time there is a communist conspiracy by Jews to overthrow the United States.

On 11/24/63 at Columbia, South Carolina, Milteer indicated to Somerset he may have made a long-distance call and said that they did not have to worry about Oswald getting caught because Oswald knew nothing and the right-wing was in the clear. He added that the "patriots" outsmarted the communists by infiltrating their group in order that the communists would execute the plan without involving the right-wingers. Also at Columbia, South Carolina, Milteer reportedly prepared notes prior to the arrival of members of the Constitutional American Parties of the United States. He captioned his notes "Notice to all Christians" and wrote "The Zionist Jews killed Christ 2,000 years ago and on November 22, 1963, they killed President Kennedy. You Jews killed the President. We are going to kill you." Milteer allegedly signed his notes as "International Underground."

Atlanta has advised that investigation indicates there is no truth in the information furnished by Somerset and that Milteer was in Quitman, Georgia, on 11/22/63. In addition, it has been reliably reported in the past that Jack Brown has furnished deliberately false information to persons he suspects of being informants for the purpose of trapping them if the information is repeated. In connection with the investigation of the Birmingham bombings, Somerset furnished information bordering on the fantastic, which investigation failed to corroborate.

ACTION:

Secret Service is being advised and the Atlanta Office is checking into whether Milteer may have made any long-distance calls during pertinent period, will check out his activities during the pertinent period, and will interview him. Activities of Brown are also being checked during pertinent period.

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

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Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of a report concerning information furnished to the Miami Police Department by WILLIAM SOMERSETT on 12/2/63. This information concerns SOMERSETT's contacts with BELTON MDS at Columbia, S.C., on 11/26/63. Pertinent information in this report was furnished to the Bureau and interested offices in Miami airtel and LHM of 12/3/63. Listed offices are being furnished copies of this enclosure as listed on first page of this communication.

Savannah's attention is called to paragraph 2 of this enclosure as it contains information concerning BELTON MDS' girlfriend. Savannah should also note the reference made to one Dr. COX as noted on Page 2. Listed offices are being furnished copies of this enclosure as it reflects in detail the information furnished by SOMERSETT to the Miami Police Department.

On 12/3/63, WILLIAM SOMERSETT, formerly [REDACTED] telephonically contacted the Miami Office. SOMERSETT stated that he telephoned J. A. MILTEER in Valdosta, Ga., on the evening of 12/2/63. MILTEER immediately relayed to SOMERSETT the interview he had had with the FBI on 11/27/63. SOMERSETT noted that MILTEER was unusually nervous and upset regarding the interview by the FBI. MILTEER informed SOMERSETT that he had furnished SOMERSETT's name to the FBI regarding their visit to Indianapolis, Indiana, several weeks ago. SOMERSETT said he told MILTEER that he had just been interviewed by the FBI and that apparently the FBI had gotten his name from MILTEER.

SOMERSETT noted that MILTEER said he was going to take it easy regarding CAP as a result of the FBI interview. He also informed SOMERSETT that he had not

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made any copies of the notice which he had previously furnished SOMERSETT. This notice is captioned "Wake up - Christians" and was signed "International Underground." Regarding the notice, MILTEER said that he was not going to put any of these notices out in his area, but that he would perhaps mail copies of this notice to other sections of the United States and suggested that SOMERSETT do likewise.

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MILTEER confirms his views. BARRY advised that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY, who was Attorney General at the time the information was obtained from MILTEER, failed to properly carry out his duties since he did not request FBI assistance to help protect the President. BARRY noted that when President KENNEDY came to Miami, Florida, a few days prior to his trip to Dallas, Texas, the security of the President was extremely tight and had the same security been afforded the President in Dallas, he would be alive today.

SOMERSETT said that BARRY contacted him on 1/26/67, to advise that he was preparing his story for a magazine (not identified) and would have it finished within a week.

SOMERSETT said based on his conversation with BARRY this story will be very critical of the Secret Service and Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. BARRY made no remarks derogatory of the FBI.

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Miami took this contact by SOMERSETT as an opportunity to again forcefully point out to him the confidential nature of his former association with this Bureau. SOMERSETT said he was fully aware of the confidential nature of his past associated with the FBI.

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According to SOMERSETT, the ANP in Jacksonville is a poorly knit group and is making little progress. [REDACTED] indicated the ANP would like to expand their operation in Florida but have no definite plans for expansion or any plans including Dade County, Florida. SOMERSETT stated he suggested to the individuals present that they should stay out of Dade County, Florida, as local authorities in Dade County will not tolerate the ANP.

Based on possible sources within the ANP, the Jacksonville Office is requested advise the Bureau and Miami whether [REDACTED] is identical to [REDACTED] as set forth in Jacksonville summary report, 12/26/63. If Jacksonville is unable to make positive identification, will furnish Miami a photo of [REDACTED] Jacksonville file 157-665, and request Bureau authority for Miami to exhibit photo to SOMERSETT.

For the information of Jacksonville, SOMERSETT is former [REDACTED] and is presently an informant for the Miami Police Department. SOMERSETT is not contacted without Bureau authority.

Memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan  
RE: WILLIAM SOMERSETT

66-10000 [REDACTED]

the SAC, Miami, that personnel of the Miami Office who have handled this informant were not in any way responsible either directly or indirectly for Somerset's action in informing Collins of his relationship with this Bureau, some four years after being discontinued as an informant. He stated no administrative action is warranted and none was recommended.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Domestic Intelligence Division, after review of all circumstances pertaining to this situation and considering the background of Somerset, agrees with the recommendation of the SAC, Miami, that no administrative action should be taken.

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a member only to obtain information for the FBI, the publicity would not be as detrimental to him.

[REDACTED] advised that he would like to know if SOMERSETT was, in fact, an informant of the FBI. The confidential nature of the files of the FBI were explained to [REDACTED] and as such, no information of any kind could be furnished to him.

It would appear from [REDACTED] inquiry that SOMERSETT has indicated to [REDACTED] that he was an informant for the FBI and reported on Klan matters. It is noted that approximately five years ago SOMERSETT was arrested in Miami by local authorities at which time he had in his possession a Klan membership card and that information was brought out in the local press.

As set forth in referenced communication, SOMERSETT has reportedly been cautioned not to disclose his former confidential relationship with the Bureau.

[REDACTED]

No information regarding SOMERSETT was furnished to [REDACTED]. The above is furnished to Bureau for information purposes.

It should further be noted that SOMERSETT was discontinued as an informant on the instructions of the Bureau and in accordance to the existing regulations. No contact has been instituted with SOMERSETT since his being discontinued without specific Bureau authority. Information has been accepted from him on occasions wherein he has telephonically contacted the Miami Office to furnish information.

Memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan  
RE: WILLIAM SOMERSETT

[REDACTED]

matter. The Domestic Intelligence Division agreed with the SAC, Miami, that no administrative action was warranted and none was recommended. Review of Somerset's file revealed that he never advised the Bureau at the time he was furnishing information on a confidential basis that it was causing him antagonism and serious problems.

Somerset, however, has advised the Bureau that his union, the National Federation of Labor, is experiencing some difficulties with the National Labor Relations Board, which Somerset feels are unjust and are involved in the question of fair labor practices in connection with employment of Negro mechanics in the Miami area. According to our Miami Office, Somerset has strong feelings in this regard, and this was the motivating force that led him to contact Collins.

RECOMMENDATION:

That approval be granted for the attached letter to Mr. LeRoy Collins, Community Relations Service, United States Department of Commerce, advising him of Somerset's previous relationship with the Bureau, that he was discontinued because of unreliability, that our prior memorandum was strictly for Collins' information and that any action Collins may take concerning Somerset's allegation of unfair labor practices will not hinder any operation of this Bureau.

Handwritten notes and signatures: "wgs", "OK", "H", "V", "S", "D", "A".

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SOMERSETT and arranged to cover all meetings between SOMERSETT and [REDACTED]. Meetings between SOMERSETT and [REDACTED] took place on 9/6, 9/7 and 9/8/66. On the evening of 9/8/66, [REDACTED] contacted SOMERSETT and they proceeded to a pre-arranged drop area where [REDACTED] was arrested as he unloaded two cases of dynamite from his auto. As the police closed in to arrest [REDACTED] SOMERSETT escaped on foot.

The arrest of [REDACTED] and the recovery of the portion of the dynamite is directly attributed to the high regard SOMERSETT has for the Bureau. SOMERSETT has always preferred to furnish information, coming to his attention, to the FBI because of the many years he worked as a Bureau informant and his lack of confidence in local authorities.

Since being discontinued as a Bureau informant, SOMERSETT has, from time to time, furnished information to the Miami Office for which he was not compensated. The furnishing of information about [REDACTED] was on SOMERSETT's own volition and not intended for the purpose of being paid. The Miami PD and the Dade County SO have advised that their respective departments do not have funds to pay SOMERSETT for the information he furnished in this matter.

The very nature of this investigation is of the utmost importance to the local community, local and Federal authorities and it is therefore recommended that SOMERSETT be paid for his cooperation in this matter. The Miami Office has made no promises to SOMERSETT or to the local authorities regarding any payment to SOMERSETT. It is felt by the Miami Office that SOMERSETT could be paid without future embarrassment to the Bureau.

Bureau authority is therefore requested to pay SOMERSETT \$100.00.

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this Bureau and he is not to be contacted without the specific authority of the Bureau. However, any information he furnishes should be accepted and appropriately disseminated to interested offices and agencies. In the past SOMERSETT has furnished considerable information and at times has embellished on information furnished. On any information disseminated, SOMERSETT is characterized as having furnished reliable information in the past and in addition has furnished information which could not be corroborated or verified.

For the information of all offices [REDACTED] is a close associate of [REDACTED] a Klan member from the JACKSON, Mississippi, area, who has been involved in numerous acts of violence.

The above is being furnished to the Bureau and all offices for information.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach *DV*

DATE: February 6, 1967

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
 JOHN F. KENNEDY  
 NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
 DALLAS, TEXAS

The Baltimore newspaper, "The Sun," dated 2-3-67, printed an article, "Police Informer Made Tape of Kennedy Murder."

*Bopt*  
 This matter concerns a tape recording made by the Miami, Florida, Police Department on 11-10-63, during a conversation between Joseph Adams Milteer and William Somerset who at that time was acting as an informant for the Miami Police. The information in the tape recording revealed a statement by Milteer that plans were in the making to kill President Kennedy at some future date and he indicated the job could be done from an office or hotel in the vicinity of the White House using a high-powered rifle.

The 2-3-67, newspaper story indicated the man who described a possible assassination on the tape was picked up by the FBI five days after President Kennedy was killed in Dallas and questioned.

Bureau files show that during 1962 and 1964 Joseph Adams Milteer was the subject of a "racial matters" investigation due to his association with hate-type organizations and the fact he had formed his own "Constitutional American Parties of the United States" as a front to form a hard-core underground for possible violence in combating integration. This was a paper organization having no membership. Investigation determined that Milteer is very eccentric, has no close associates, and is regarded as an agitator.

*2* ENCLOSURE The information concerning the threat to the President which Milteer made to William Somerset was telephonically furnished to Secret Service at 12:15 a.m., 11-11-63, and was followed by a letterhead memorandum furnished to Secret Service Headquarters on 11-18-63.

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*2* ENCLOSURE  
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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

Following the assassination of President Kennedy on 11-22-63, Milteer, because of his known association with hate-type organizations and his previous threat regarding President Kennedy, was immediately considered a suspect. However, our investigation determined he was in Quitman, Georgia, his home, on 11-22-63.

Milteer was interviewed on 11-27-63, which was five days following the assassination of President Kennedy. He was not arrested or detained. At that time he was questioned regarding his travels and association with various organizations. He admitted being a non-dues paying member of the White Citizens Council, the Congress of Freedom, and the Constitutional Party—all right-wing organizations.

In addition, he was questioned concerning whether he ever made any threats to assassinate President Kennedy. At that time, Milteer emphatically denied ever making threats to assassinate President Kennedy or participating in any such assassination.

All information in our possession regarding the threat to President Kennedy and Milteer's activities with various hate-type organizations has been furnished to U. S. Secret Service and to the Department.

The information concerning the proposed article by Bill Barry was the subject of an A. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach memorandum dated 2-2-67, which is attached.

ACTION:

This is submitted for information.

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make trips to Atlanta, Ga. and Memphis, Tenn. except for possibly some sensational information that would afford them nationwide publicity.

The above is being furnished to the Bureau, Atlanta and Memphis for information and to be aware of the fact that SOMERSETT has been in Atlanta and Memphis regarding the KING case.

NOTE:

William Somerset, [redacted] was discontinued as an informant when he was indiscreet in attempting to pinpoint another Klan member as an FBI informant. The person [redacted]

Some of the information received from Somerset is not subject to corroboration and is fantastic in nature. The information sometimes has a grain of truth in it and it is believed that Somerset is embellishing information in order to appear that he is well aware of Klan and Hate group activities in the country. Birmingham has recommended that Somerset accompany [redacted] on a trip to Alabama to obtain information. [redacted] is supposedly an associate of [redacted] a subject in California who is attempting to form a hate group.



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Date: 11/27/63

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**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION)**

**FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-905) (P)**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMERICAN PARTIES  
OF THE UNITED STATES  
RACIAL MATTERS  
(OO: Atlanta)**

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**CARBON COPY**

*p. 2/10, 3*  
*Lee*

Re Miami airtel and letterhead memorandum to the Bureau dated 11/26/63, captioned as above; Miami teletype dated 11/26/63, captioned Assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, Dallas, Texas, 11/22/63, and J. A. MILTEER, RM, OO, Atlanta; Miami airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 11/9/63, captioned Threat to Kill President KENNEDY by J. A. MILTEER, Miami, Florida, 11/9/63; and Miami airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 11/27/63, captioned Threat to Kill President KENNEDY by J. A. MILTEER, Miami, Florida, 11/9/63, and Assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11/22/63, Dallas, Texas.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a report made available 11/27/63.

Listed offices are being furnished copies as indicated below.

- 5 - Bureau (RM) (AM) (2 - 157-CAP) (Enc. 5) *66-1645-8*
- (2) - 89-Assassination of President KENNEDY
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Approved: **60 DEC 6 1963**  
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM SAC, MIAMI (157-905) (P)

RE CONSTITUTIONAL AMERICAN PARTIES  
OF THE UNITED STATES  
RACIAL MATTERS

OO: Atlanta

Re Miami airtel to Director dated 11/27/63 which  
contained a tape recorded conversation between WILLIAM  
SOMERSETT, [REDACTED]

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of a letter-  
head memorandum regarding captioned matter. Listed  
offices are being furnished copies of the same enclosure  
as listed below.

At the request of [REDACTED]  
Miami, Florida, WILLIAM SOMERSETT returned to Columbia,  
South Carolina, 11/28/63 to contact [REDACTED]  
Association of South Carolina Klans (ASCK). On 12/1/63  
WILLIAM SOMERSETT telephonically advised the Miami FBI  
Office as follows:

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- 1 - 66-16458)

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Special Agent in Charge

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**AIRTEL**

**AIRMAIL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-681)**  
**FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-571) (P)**  
**RE: [REDACTED]**

UNSUB;  
BOMBING OF DONALD C. SHOEMAKER  
RESIDENCE, Miami, Florida,  
2/18/62  
BOMBING MATTER - AR  
(OO: Miami)

Re Miami teletype to Bureau, 4/8/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as above.

For the confidential info of the Bureau, it should be noted that the Miami Office was responsible for furnishing to local authorities the identity of [REDACTED] as the individuals responsible for the SHOEMAKER bombing.

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Sources used to characterize the Council for Statehood are [REDACTED] and WILLIAM SOMERSETT, formerly [REDACTED]

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COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD, AKA FREEMEN

A source advised on December 4, 1962, that a meeting was held on December 4, 1962, by a group using the name "Freemen" at West Palm Beach, Florida. The source stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] indicated the group intended to have a good status in the public eye, but would be an action group with connections elsewhere in the State of Florida, which connections could be called upon to take any necessary local action involving violence.

A second source on December 12, 1962, stated that a meeting was held on December 11, 1962, by the above group and they had now selected the name "Council for Statehood". The organization was to meet on Tuesday nights at different places. This second source stated that in order to join the organization an applicant must be recommended by two or more people as an "A-1 patriot" and pay a fee of \$5 for which no receipt would be given. The general purpose of the organization, according to the source, is to eliminate, by force if necessary, all Jewish people who hold high positions in business and Government and eliminate all Jews who are Communists.

The second source advised on January 9, 1963, that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] indicated on January 8, 1963, that the word "zekimo" will be used when referring to Jewish personalities in the future. This same source advised that according to [REDACTED] certain members of the Council for Statehood have a supply of carbines and a target range is reportedly being set up in an area near West Palm Beach, Florida.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-681)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-571) (P)

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
BOMBING OF DONALD C. SHOEMAKER  
RESIDENCE, Miami, Florida,  
2/18/63  
BOMBING MATTER - AR  
OO Miami

On 3/16/63, WILLIAM SOMERSETT telephonically advised that on 3/15/63 he received the \$5,000 reward which had been offered in the SHOEMAKER bombing by the "Miami Herald". Present at the time the reward was made were Sgt. CHARLES SAPP, Intelligence Division, Miami, Fla. Police Department; a representative of the Florida State Attorney's Office; and a representative of the "Miami Herald".

On 3/19/63, Sgt. SAPP confirmed that SOMERSETT received the full \$5,000 reward in the SHOEMAKER bombing. He advised that the State Attorney's Office and the "Miami Herald" paid the highest of compliments to SOMERSETT.

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May 14, 1963

Director, FBI (157-5-29)

KLAN ORGANIZATIONS, HATE  
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Somerset is in the same category as any other citizen who desires to furnish information on a voluntary basis to your office. There is no objection to accepting such information.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: February 2, 1967

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. Wick

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY  
11/22/63  
DALLAS, TEXAS

PURPOSE:

To advise the Miami Office has been contacted by a news reporter from the "Miami News" inquiring about a "tape" which was made two or three weeks prior to the assassination of President Kennedy predicting the President's assassination.

BACKGROUND:

Miami advised Dill Barry, news reporter, "Miami News" telephonically contacted the Miami Office and inquired whether the FBI has a "tape" which was made two or three weeks prior to the assassination of President Kennedy predicting President Kennedy's assassination. He was advised the Bureau did not have such a tape and could make no comment regarding the matter.

Bureau files reveal that a former racial informant of the Miami Office, William Somerset, was visited by J. A. Milteer of Quitman, Georgia, on 11/9/63. At that time the conversation between Somerset and Milteer was tape recorded by the Miami, Florida, Police Department Intelligence Unit. The recording contained a statement by Milteer in which Milteer advised that plans were in the making to kill President Kennedy at some future date and he indicated the job could be done from an office or hotel in the vicinity of the White House using a high-powered rifle.

The information contained in the tape recording was furnished to U. S. Secret Service by the Miami, Florida, Police Department, date unknown. However, this information was telephonically furnished to U. S. Secret Service Headquarters by the Bureau at 12:15 a.m. 11/11/63. We received Xerox copies of the transcript of the recording and the information regarding the threat to President Kennedy was set forth in a letterhead memorandum furnished to U. S. Secret Service Headquarters through liaison on 11/13/63.

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## APPENDIX

NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN, also known as  
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.,  
National Grand Council of the Knights  
of the Ku Klux Klan, National Knights  
of the Ku Klux Klan, Majority Citizens  
League

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A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the klans unity of effort and activities, to establish a National Fund and a National Secretary and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, North Carolina; Association of South Carolina Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Hyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their name be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

This source also advised that at a consolidation meeting at Savannah, Georgia, October 3, 1960, it was resolved and passed that in any future meetings of this group the name "Majority Citizens League" was to be used.

A second source advised that at a national klonklave meeting at Texarkana, Texas, on February 11-12, 1961, a motion was carried that there were to be at least six national meetings a year to be held any time from one week to twelve weeks after the last meeting. The time and meeting place were to be decided by the newly elected chairman. This second source also advised that at each meeting a new chairman and acting secretary were to be elected to serve at the next meeting. A national secretary had not been appointed.

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### ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA KLANS KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (ASCK)

A source advised on September 24, 1956, that the Association of South Carolina Klans (ASCK) was organized in the Fall of 1955 and is patterned after the Association of Carolina Klans (ACK). This source said ASCK is a new organization and not a rebirth of ACK, although all high-ranking officials of ASCK had been members of ACK. The source stated announced purposes of this organization are to promote white supremacy and combat integration of the races; however, the use of violence is disavowed.

A second source advised on September 2, 1950, that ASCK was composed of groups formerly members of the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK) and although ACK severed all connections with AGK on November 14, 1959, the ideals, purposes and policies of the two organizations remained identical. ACK became defunct after conviction and imprisonment of its highest official and other members in 1952.

A third source advised on September 16, 1962, that ASCK continues to operate for the purpose of promoting white supremacy and combating integration by peaceful means by public speaking and propaganda.

This third source said that ASCK, using the name Majority Citizens League of South Carolina, published a monthly newspaper, "Southland Standard," from August through December, 1961, and dropped it due to lack of financial support.

ASCK has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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