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Date: 8/22/60

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Via AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (66-16458)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (137-363)

RE: 

The Bureau is requested to authorize \$125.00 expenses for informant to attend the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan meetings scheduled for Labor Day weekend at Stone Mountain, Georgia.

If request authorized, informant will depart Miami, Florida, 9/1/60, via train and return 9/5/60. The following are approximate amounts the informant will need for expenses:

Train Fare	\$41.00
Hotel	\$25.00 (3 days)
Meals	\$30.00 (5 days)
Cab Fare	\$ 3.00
Drinks (for treating Klan members)	\$20.00

Informants position among National Klan leaders remains strong and he is in an excellent position to obtain information of value relating to Klan activities on a national basis.

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To: SACs, Atlanta
Miami

From: Director, FBI (66-16458) - 275

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Re Miami airtel to Bureau 8/22/60.

Atlanta is requested to advise what coverage is contemplated for the Ku Klux Klan meetings scheduled for Labor Day weekend at Stone Mountain, Georgia. Atlanta advise promptly if services of captioned informant are desired.

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NOTE: Miami by reairtel requested authorization for \$125 expenses for informant to attend the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan meetings scheduled for Labor Day weekend at Stone Mountain, Georgia.

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO Director, FBI (66-16458)
FROM SAC, Atlanta (157-60)
RE [REDACTED]

Re Bureau airtel 8/25/60.

All Atlanta Klan informants remained with U. S. KLANS [REDACTED] of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., rather than join [REDACTED] SPLINTER GROUP, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, at request of this office.

[REDACTED] advised he heard [REDACTED] Group had invited the DIXIE KLANS, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., aka, Knoxville OO, to meet with them for annual public affair at Stone Mountain over Labor Day weekend. He stated that he heard that [REDACTED] Group had not secured a definite place to meet at Stone Mountain and that they were attempting to get permission from the State of Georgia to use State property.

Atlanta recommends and requests the services of captioned informant at this affair, if it materializes.

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- 1 - Knoxville (AM RM)
- 1 - Atlanta

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Ant. to AG, Miami - #158-30-60
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To: SACs, Miami (137-363)
Atlanta (157-60)

From: Director, FBI (66-16458) - 276

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Re Miami airtel to Bureau 8/22/60 and Atlanta airtel to Bureau 8/26/60.

Authority is granted to have [redacted] attend National Memorial Klan Day 9/3-4/60 at Atlanta. Authority is granted to pay informant up to \$125 for expenses actually incurred.

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NOTE: [redacted] is William Somerset, criminal and racial informant. Knights of KKK, Inc., are meeting at Atlanta 9/3-4/60. Miami wants to send informant and Atlanta desires his services. Authority to pay expenses of \$125 has been requested.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (66-16458)

DATE: 9/14/60

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (137-363)

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Re Bureau letter, 5/26/60, authorizing payments to this informant of up to \$50.00 per week for services, plus up to \$15.00 per week for expenses actually incurred, for a period of four months, June 2, 1960, to October 2, 1960; also, Miami letter to Bureau dated 5/31/60, requesting instant date of authority be considered May 31, 1960, since payments to this informant are on a weekly basis.

The following information is submitted for justification of continuance of payment of this informant in accordance with Section 107 N of Manual of Instructions.

1. Recommendation

I recommend that authority be granted to continue payments to the above informant up to \$50.00 per week for services, plus up to \$15.00 per week for expenses actually incurred, for a period of four months, effective September 27, 1960.

Same

2. Residence and Employment

Informant resides at 1336 North Miami Avenue, Apartment 39, Miami, Florida, telephone FR 1-1031.

Informant works as supervisor and general office employee of the United Southern Employee's Union in the Union Office at the Dolphin Hotel, 937 N. E. 1st Avenue, Miami, Florida.

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In connection with informant's employment, it is noted that on August 4, 1960, the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) ended hearings in Miami, Florida, in which attorneys for the NLRB won an agreement from fifteen Miami electrical contractors to break their ties with United Southern Employees Association (USEA), accused of operating for employers' benefit. The agreement also included a provision that USEA in Miami will be disbanded. The above agreements, which have not been approved to date, are subject to approval by the NLRB and the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

3. Current Membership in Subversive Organizations

He is a member of the Northern League, National States Rights Party, and an honorary member of the Association of South Carolina Klans. He is also temporary National Adjutant of the National Ku Klux Klan.

4. Summary of Information Furnished and/or Services Rendered During Pertinent Period

Since the submission of Miami letter of May 12, 1960, informant has continued to be in close association and contact with the segregation and Klan leaders in Miami and South Florida. His close associates include

[REDACTED]

Informant has reported on the activities of all of these individuals and secured literature distributed by them. In addition, through informant's association with [REDACTED] informant has attended three meetings of all Klan leaders in southeastern United States. These meetings were held in Atlanta, Georgia, on May 22, 1960, in Orlando, Florida, on July 17, 1960, and in Stone Mountain, Georgia, on September 3 and 4, 1960. Informant

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has been able to report in detail on the activities of these meetings, wherein the Klan has established a national Ku Klux Klan group which has been meeting every two or three months. Informant is temporary National Adjutant of this organization and has been invited to attend their next meeting, scheduled for October 23, 1960, in Savannah, Georgia.

5. Amount Paid for Services and Expenses by Month.

The following is a breakdown of payments to this informant, showing amount paid for services, amount paid for expenses, amount paid for three special trips, (with Bureau authorization) from May 3, 1960, to September 7, 1960:

Services	Date	Expenses	Date
\$50.00	5/3/60	\$15.00	5/3/60
50.00	5/10/60	12.88	5/10/60
50.00	5/17/60	12.22	5/17/60
50.00	5/24/60	13.63	5/24/60
50.00	5/31/60	5.24	5/31/60
50.00	6/7/60	13.58	6/7/60
50.00	6/14/60	15.00	6/14/60
50.00	6/21/60	13.71	6/21/60
50.00	6/28/60	13.60	6/28/60
50.00	7/5/60	13.08	7/5/60
50.00	7/12/60	13.78	7/12/60
50.00	7/19/60	13.67	7/19/60
50.00	7/27/60	4.32	7/27/60
50.00	8/4/60	13.33	8/4/60

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<u>Services</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Date</u>
\$50.00	8/13/60	\$13.87	8/13/60
50.00	8/23/60	13.86	8/23/60
50.00	8/29/60	12.91	8/29/60
50.00	9/7/60	13.86	9/7/60
		100.00	5/20/60 (Atlanta trip)
		65.00	7/15/60 (Orlando trip)
		125.00	9/1/60 (Stone Mountain, Georgia trip)
<u>\$900.00</u>		<u>\$517.54</u>	

It is noted that the actual expenses incurred by the informant on the above three trips were, in each case, slightly in excess of the amount authorized by the Bureau. The informant has advised that since the amounts were negligible, he did not wish to be reimbursed for this additional expense, above that authorized by the Bureau.

6. Type and Number of Meetings Attended and Other Activity

In addition to the activity and the meetings referred to, informant attends weekly, every Monday night, meetings of the Florida States Rights, Inc., a group dedicated to oppose integration. During this period, the informant has attended meetings with the following individuals:

May 17, 1960, at Fort Lauderdale, Florida - [REDACTED]

May 30, 1960, at Miami, Florida - [REDACTED]

June 2, 1960, at Fort Pierce, Florida -
[REDACTED]

June 10, 1960, at Miami, Florida -
[REDACTED]

June 11, 1960, at Miami, Florida -
[REDACTED]

June 12-13, 1960, at Miami, Florida -
[REDACTED]

June 24, 1960, at New Smyrna Beach, Florida -
[REDACTED]

June 24, 1960, at Miami, Florida
[REDACTED]

July 19, 1960, at Miami, Florida
[REDACTED]

During a recent school conducted by the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) in Miami, Florida, informant obtained pertinent information concerning the activities of this organization while in Miami.

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7. Number of Written and Oral Reports Submitted

Informant furnishes oral information almost daily, either by telephone or personal contact with an Agent. Proper security precautions are taken in each contact.

8. Information Furnished of Unusual Value

Informant secured detailed information on the efforts of the various Klan leaders to consolidate under

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a national Ku Klux Klan, in the meetings mentioned hereinbefore in Atlanta, Orlando and Stone Mountain. He provided coverage at some of these meetings at the request of other offices, where their coverage was deemed inadequate. He is now a member of this organization and firmly entrenched with the Klan leadership.

9. Approximate Number of Persons on Whom Informant Furnished Coverage and Their Importance

See 4, supra, for this information.

10. Informant's Potential for Advancement

Informant's potential is very good. He has a strong position in the new National Ku Klux Klan, which has strengthened his effectiveness in Florida. As a result of the informant's strength within the Klan and using his position with the USEA, he is in a position to go to any one of several southeastern states and obtain pertinent and confidential information of value to the Bureau.

11. Stability and Reliability

He has not demonstrated or displayed any personal weaknesses, emotional instability, untrustworthiness or unreliability. He has no domestic or personal problems that would cause embarrassment to the Bureau.

12. Indoctrination Against Disclosure

Every opportunity has been taken to properly indoctrinate this informant against making any disclosure of the relationship between him and the Bureau through any media. He is well aware of this.

13. All Necessary Action Taken on Information Furnished

Information furnished by this informant is given prompt and necessary action and dissemination by the Miami Office.

14. Miscellaneous

Informant also picks up occasional bits of criminal information. This is incidental to his work in racial field.

SAC, Miami (137-363)

9/26/60

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Reurlet 9/14/60.

Based on your recommendation, authority is hereby granted to pay captioned informant up to \$50 per week for services plus up to \$15 per week for expenses actually incurred for a period of four months, effective 9/27/60. A review of captioned informant's file discloses that despite prior expressions of disapproval by the Bureau as to paying the informant the full amount authorized each week you continue to regularly pay him \$50 weekly for services rendered. As you know, payments to informants are to be made on a strict C.O.D. or expense basis and are to be commensurate with the worth of the information furnished or service rendered by the informant. It does not seem logical that an informant will furnish information or render services week in and week out which can be regularly valued at an equal amount.

You are reminded that it is your responsibility as SAC to make certain the Bureau receives full value for all monies paid to this informant and that his payments have not become a mere habitual rendering of \$50 each week without due regard to the value of his activities in our behalf.

The Bureau observes that item number seven of your payment letters, the paragraph relating to the number of reports submitted by the informant, does not set forth the information called for. The statement that the informant furnishes oral information almost daily is not responsive and the Bureau desires to know the actual number of reports submitted by him during the period.

In the future submit only the first page of the third copy of correspondence relating to payments in accordance with the FBI Handbook, Part I, page 20c.

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1 - J. S. Johnson

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NOTE: [REDACTED] is William Somerset who is a member of the Northern League; the National States Rights Party; an honorary member of the Association of South Carolina Klans and temporary national Adjutant of a newly organized federation of various Klan groups throughout the South. During the past period he attended approximately 28 meetings of various types dealing with segregation and has been in frequent contact with segregation and Klan leaders in southern Florida. Effective 5/31/60, and for four additional months Bureau authorized up to \$50 per week for services plus up to \$15 per week for expenses. For the period 5/3/60, through 9/7/60, informant was paid a total of \$900 for services and \$517.54 for expenses. Latter includes three special trips for which separate expense authorizations were granted. By letter 1/27/60, Bureau cautioned Miami against making regular service payments in the full amount authorized. By letter 5/26/60, Bureau cautioned Miami to be certain apparent high expense payments to informant for special trips taken by him were justified and could be supported by appropriate expense statements.

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Date: 9/28/60

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-263)
RE: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka.
National Ku Klux Klan
RACIAL MATTERS
OO - Atlanta

Re Savannah letter to Bureau, 9/13/60.

CONF. INFO

[redacted] advised on 9/27/60, that he has known [redacted] the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK) for approximately one year, and first met them when they attended the first consolidated meeting held by the Klan.

CI stated his association with the Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan would be limited. [redacted] have both advised CI that they have been to Tennessee and South Carolina on request from the Dixie Klan to make speeches and participate in "car caravans." CI stated that it is his understanding [redacted] were formerly connected with the U.S. Klan in Georgia.

CI related that during the last meeting of the National Ku Klux Klan held at Stone Mountain, Ga., on Labor Day week-end,

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 - 5 - Bureau (AM) (RM)
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 - 2 - Atlanta (157-60) (AM) (RM)
 - 4 - Savannah (1 - 157-new) (AM) (RM)
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 - 3 - Miami (2 - 157-263) (1 - 137-363 Sub-A)
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[REDACTED] invited CI to attend a meeting and fish fry of the AGK scheduled for Friday, 10/21/60, prior to the consolidated meeting scheduled for 10/23/60.

Savannah is requested to immediately advise the Bureau and Miami if they desire [REDACTED] to attend the above scheduled meetings. If so desired, the Bureau is requested to authorize \$100.00 expense money for CI to attend the Savannah meetings.

It is noted that the possibility exists that CI may not be able to attend; if so, Savannah will be advised.

SAC, Miami (137-363)

10/4/60

Director, FBI (66-16458)

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Re your airtels 9/22/60 and 9/28/60.

Authority is granted to pay captioned informant up to \$200 to cover expenses he may incur in connection with a proposed meeting of "The Hidden Hand" at Jackson, Mississippi, in the near future. Such funds should be used only if the informant's expenses are not paid by [REDACTED] who are connected with this organization. If Bureau authorized funds are used to reimburse informant for his expenses, you should be certain to obtain an itemized statement of expenses from him.

1 - J. S. Johnson

NOTE: "The Hidden Hand" is an alleged organization being formed to oppose the activities of the Congress of Racial Equality and an organizational meeting is to take place in Jackson, Mississippi, in the near future. Informant has been invited to attend. Informant is William Somerset, a regularly paid Miami racial informant. Investigation of "The Hidden Hand" has been instituted to determine if it is a hate organization. [REDACTED] who is alleged to be involved in the formation of this group.

* It is noted that referenced airtels were captioned "Congress of Racial Equality, aka, Racial Matters."

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Date: 9/20/60

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Via AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (66-16458)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (137-363)

[REDACTED]

The Miami Office is presently attempting to develop Racial Informants in the areas of Fort Pierce, Okeechobee and Stuart, Fla., where there is some Klan activity known to exist. Sources in the areas have furnished information on a fringe basis concerning the activities of the Klan; however, the intermost working of the Klan has not been developed since it has been difficult to get informant coverage due to the limited population and the fact that most of the individuals known to be in the Klan areas, radical, irrational, unstable individuals with a lack of responsibility.

On 7/17/60, [REDACTED], while attending the National Ku Klux Klan meeting in Orlando, Fla., was invited by [REDACTED] to come to Fort Pierce and to assist in further developing the Klan. In addition, [REDACTED] Fla. Knights in the Ku Klux Klan, New Smyrna Beach, Fla., has also requested [REDACTED] to attend some Klan meetings in the Fort Pierce and Okeechobee areas and that he will meet with CI and introduce him to the various leaders.

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CI has advised he can go to Fort Pierce area at any time and if so requested, can spend several days in the area. He related that if anyone should question his reason for being there he can advise that he is selling ads for the United Southern Employees Association Newsletter. In addition, he stated that they will make some contacts for this reason as he has received inquiries from the Fort Pierce area concerning ads for the newsletter.

The informant is in an excellent position to obtain considerable information of value and the Bureau is requested to authorize \$150.00 expense money in order that CI can remain in the Ft. Pierce area for a period of 2 weeks.

If request authorized, it is anticipated the CI will proceed to Fort Pierce immediately unless his services are more urgently needed by the Bureau elsewhere.

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Date: 9/22/60

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Via AIRMAIL (Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-225892)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-83)
SUBJECT: CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY, aka CORE RACIAL MATTERS

ReBuairtel 9/16/60, and Miami airtels 8/25, 31/60.

CONF [redacted] advised 9/20/60 that [redacted] from St. Louis, Missouri, had been in Miami several days for business reasons, and had attempted to contact CI with negative results, due to downed telephone lines. [redacted] contacted [redacted] in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and requested [redacted] to have CI contact him [redacted] by telephone.

CI stated he contacted [redacted] on 9/19/60, and was advised that he [redacted]

[redacted] would recontact CI to arrange a meeting in Miss. [redacted] did not elaborate on this meeting.

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2 - San Antonio (Info)
4 - Miami (2cc 157-83; 2cc 157-363; lcc 157-363-Sub A)
2 - Mobile (Info)
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CI stated that when he contacted [REDACTED] on 9/19/60, [REDACTED] stated that he probably would not be in a position to go to Miss. with CI. [REDACTED] also did not elaborate on this meeting, but did say that any future attempts by the CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY (CORE) to force integration in Miss. and La. would result in serious injury to those participating.

CI was again questioned concerning his previous contact with [REDACTED] in Jackson, Miss. during the latter part of 1959. CI stated that although this meeting was supposed to be for the purpose of considering organizing a United Southern Employees Association (USEA) in Jackson, Miss., it is now believed by CI to have been two-fold, in that it afforded [REDACTED] an opportunity to obtain firsthand from CI his views on integration. CI stated that both [REDACTED] questioned him at length in this regard.

CI related that during one of his meetings with [REDACTED]

CI related that on one occasion while he was in [REDACTED]

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CI stated that in addition to [REDACTED] a third individual - [REDACTED] was also present and is closely associated with them.

[REDACTED]

CI advised that when he first arrived in Jackson, Miss., he learned that his hotel reservation had been made for him by [REDACTED] at the King Edwards Hotel. All of his expenses, including meals and lodging were paid for by [REDACTED]. In addition, at the conclusion of the meeting in Jackson, Miss., [REDACTED] gave CI a check for \$150.00. CI stated he did not ask for any money and that he assumed this payment was for transportation costs and for his time in Jackson.

CI said that it is his opinion that [REDACTED] intend to use USEA as a front in their efforts to stop integration.

CI related that [REDACTED] serves as campaign manager for [REDACTED] was to receive an appointment as Industrial Commissioner for the State of Miss [REDACTED]

For the information of all offices, the Bureau advised, as follows:

[REDACTED]

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It is noted that [REDACTED] has been a CI for approximately 12 years and has worked out of New Orleans [REDACTED] and Charlotte [REDACTED] Offices. Therefore, the possibility exists that one or more agents in the Jackson RA may know CI on sight. In the event this is the case, CI should be completely ignored if seen in Jackson, Miss.

The Bureau is requested to authorize \$200.00 expense money for CI to attend any future meetings arranged by [REDACTED] in Jackson, Miss. It is not known if the expenses of such a meeting will be paid for by [REDACTED] however, CI intends to request expense money from BENDER, as not to do so may reflect suspicion on the part of CI. Any expense money not used by CI will be returned to the Bureau.

New Orleans should ascertain the identity of [REDACTED] and furnish same to the Bureau and listed offices.

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Date: 10/4/60

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (66-16458)
FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (157-210)
SUBJECT: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,
aka National Ku Klux Klan;
RACIAL MATTERS

(OO: AT)

Re Miami airtel to Bureau, 9/28/60.

CONFIDENTIAL

The Savannah Office desires that [redacted] attend the meeting of captioned organization in Savannah on 10/23/60. It would also be highly desirable, if possible, to have informant attend the meeting and fish fry of the AGK scheduled in Savannah for 10/21/60 prior to the meeting of captioned organization, in order that informant may obtain additional information concerning the activities of the AGK.

- 3-Bureau (RM)
- 1-Atlanta (157-60)(RM)
- 3-Miami (2 - 157-263)(1 - 137-363A)(RM)
- 2-Savannah (1 - 157-158)

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To: SAC, Miami (137-363) (1 - 157-263)

From: Director, FBI
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Reurairtel 9/28/60, and Savannah airtel 10/4/60, both captioned "Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., aka National Ku Klux Klan, Racial Matters."

Authority is granted for captioned informant to attend Association of Georgia Klans functions at Savannah on 10/21/60 and 10/23/60, in accordance with the desire of the Savannah Office and depending upon informant's ability to make suitable arrangements.

You are authorized to reimburse the informant in amounts up to \$100 for expenses actually incurred by him in connection with the above functions should he attend them. Such expenditures should be supported by an itemized statement of expenses from the informant.

2 - Savannah (1 - 157-210) (1 - 157-158)
1 - J. S. Johnson

NOTE: [REDACTED] is William Sommerset. During recent meeting of National Klan Leaders in Georgia informant was invited by [REDACTED] the Association of Georgia Klans, to attend a fish fry and a consolidation meeting to be held by that organization in Savannah on 10/21/60 and 10/23/60. Savannah desires informant attend both functions and Miami requested \$100 for expenses if informant attends. It is noted Association of Georgia Klans is a newly formed splinter group which formerly belonged to U. S. Klans and Savannah has not yet developed informant coverage within the organization although one Savannah informant provides some information concerning the group.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (66-16458)

DATE: November 2, 1960

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (137-363)

SUBJECT: 

Re Bureau letter dated 9/26/60; and Miami letter to Bureau dated 9/14/60,

In order that payments to this informant can be made commensurate with the worth of the information furnished and services rendered, I recommend that authority be granted to increase payments to the above informant up to \$100.00 per week for services, plus up to \$25.00 per week for expenses actually incurred for a period of 4 months effective November 15, 1960.

The request to pay this informant up to \$50.00 per week for services, plus up to \$15.00 per week for expenses actually incurred for the period of 4 months effective September 27, 1960, will be considered cancelled if the above request is authorized.

This new request is being made in view of the increased activity on the part of the informant and the volume of pertinent and valuable information being furnished by him. It is also anticipated that this informant will be used, during the coming winter season in Miami, to develop information in other than racial matters, primarily White Slave Traffic Act cases.

Except for items #5, #7, and #10, as set forth in Miami letter to the Bureau dated September 14, 1960, no changes are noted and for this reason, are not being repeated.

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#5. Amount Paid For Services And Expenses By Month

The following is a continuation of the expenses as listed under #5 in Miami letter dated September 14, 1960.

<u>Services</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Date</u>
\$50.00	9/13/60	\$13.71	9/13/60
\$50.00	9/20/60	\$14.37	9/20/60
\$50.00	9/27/60	\$13.88	9/27/60
\$45.00	10/4/60	\$14.00	10/4/60
\$50.00	10/11/60	-----	-----
\$50.00	10/18/60	-----	-----
\$50.00	10/25/60	-----	-----
		\$150.00	10/4/60 (trip to Fort Pierce, Florida)
		\$100.00	10/18/60 (trip to Savannah, Georgia)

#7. Number of Written and Oral Reports Submitted

(From September 1, 1960 through October 25, 1960)

September 1, 3, 1960 Was in contact with [REDACTED] Florida. New Case opened on Anti-Communist Association of America.

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September 3 -
5, 1960

Attended National Ku Klux Klan (NKKK) meeting
Stone Mountain, Georgia, September 3, 1960.

Attended closed meeting Henry Grady Hotel,
Atlanta, September 4, 1960. Furnished detailed
report on these meetings.

Also furnished information regarding bombing
matters, Chattanooga, Tennessee, July and
August, 1960.

Developed information regarding [REDACTED]
potential bombing suspect, Tampa Office.

September 6,
1960

Furnished information regarding CORE, Miami,
Florida.

September 9,
1960

Was in contact with Florida Ku Klux Klan (FKKK),
Jacksonville, Florida.

Attended a meeting at Jacksonville and Orlando,
Florida, and furnished report on explosive sit-
in demonstrations at Orlando, Florida.

September 13, 1960

Was in contact with [REDACTED] potential
bombing suspect, Miami Division, regarding
[REDACTED] American Nazi Party.

September 15,
1960

Was in contact with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] potential bombing suspects, Miami
Division, and furnished information regarding
[REDACTED] potential bombing suspect,
Miami Division.

September 19,
1960

Contacted [REDACTED], Fort Lauderdale, Florida,
and furnished information regarding [REDACTED] St.
Louis, Missouri, concerning the "flying squad"
and/or "Hidden Hand."

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CI is in an excellent position to furnish highly confidential information in this regard.

September 25,
1960

Was in contact with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] FKKK, and Klansman [REDACTED] Tallahassee, Florida, and furnished report regarding NAACP and CORE.

September 27,
1960

Contacted [REDACTED], Fort Lauderdale, Florida, regarding [REDACTED] and furnished information regarding future meeting of "Flying Squad."

Furnished information regarding [REDACTED] Association of Georgia Klans, Savannah, Georgia.

Attended Florida States Rights Party, Miami, and furnished report.

Furnished information regarding picketing scheduled by the Florida States Rights Party.

Furnished information regarding status of Miami potential bombing suspects [REDACTED]

October 3, 1960

Attended meeting Florida States Rights Party, and furnished report.

October 4, 1960

Furnished information regarding [REDACTED] which information was furnished to Post Office Department, Miami, who are interested in this individual.

Furnished a report on a meeting of the Klan and America First held October 1, 1960, at Chiefland, Florida.

Furnished a report on a meeting of the White Citizens Council held October 2, 1960, at Umatilla, Florida.

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October 5, 1960 Identified four individuals as former members of the Klan, who are presently active in the Junior Order of United American Mechanics

October 6 - 16, 1960 Informant spent 10 days in the vicinity of Fort Pierce, Florida, where he developed considerable information on Klan activities which are on the increase in that area and identified 25 persons as being active in the Klan.

Furnished information on gambling and whiskey violations in the Fort Pierce Area.

This information to be disseminated after a suitable time.

October 18, 1960 Furnished information regarding possible bombing suspect, Miami Division. New case opened.

October 20 - 24, 1960 Attended and furnished reports on three meetings held in Savannah, Georgia, by the Association of Georgia Klans.

Obtained and made available three photographs taken of Klan officials who attended Labor Day week end meeting of the NKKK, Atlanta, Georgia, and Stone Mountain, Georgia.

#10. INFORMANT'S POTENTIAL FOR ADVANCEMENT

Informant's potential has increased considerably as a result of the meeting of the NKKK held in Savannah, Georgia, October 23, 1960. He was appointed to a committee of three to develop and institute a financial program for this organization.

In addition, he was given "a Klan" to head which will be known as the Anti-Communist Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (on paper only).

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This was a maneuver by Klan officials inasmuch as every individual attending the NKKK meetings must be a delegate or a leader in charge of a Klan. CI has been attending these meetings as a delegate of the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. [REDACTED] has been banned from future meetings inasmuch as he recently openly supported [REDACTED] for President.

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Date: 11/14/60

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL, REGISTERED
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (66-16,458)

FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (105-89)
CONF. INFT.

RE: [REDACTED]

Re Miami airtel to Bureau, 11/7/60, concerning the possible attendance of captioned informant at the meeting of the National Ku Klux Klan at Texarkana, Arkansas, December 11, 1960.

For the information of the Bureau, Little Rock informants [REDACTED] are expected to attend the scheduled meeting. The Little Rock and Dallas Offices have previously recommended to the Bureau the attendance of [REDACTED] at this meeting.

In view of the fact that [REDACTED] has been appointed to the finance committee [REDACTED] representing the Association of Arkansas Klans, it is believed that the attendance of this informant would be of substantial benefit.

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 - 3 - Bureau (AIR MAIL, REGISTERED)
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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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Airtel

To: SACs, Miami (137-363)
Little Rock (105-89)
New Orleans

From: Director, FBI (66-16458) - 284

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11/14/60. Re Miami airtel 11/7/60 and Little Rock airtel

Authority is hereby granted for captioned informant to attend consolidation meeting of National Ku Klux Klan scheduled to be held at Texarkana, Arkansas, on the weekend of December 10, 1960. Authority is also granted for Miami to reimburse informant up to \$200 for reasonable expenses actually incurred by him should he make this trip. Such expenditures must be based upon an itemized statement of expenses submitted by the informant to your office. This amount is over and above informant's regular expense authorization.

Inasmuch as informant is presently on an assignment in New Orleans in connection with the school integration situation there, SAC New Orleans will use his discretion in determining when informant's services are no longer necessary relative thereto.

1 - J. S. Johnson

NOTE: [redacted] is William Sommerset, who is a member of the National States Rights Party, and the newly organized National Ku Klux Klan. He has been appointed to the Financial Committee of latter organization.

[redacted] Finance Committee is to meet 12/10/60 to map out financial report to be presented as well as one Dallas informant. None of these are familiar with Klan personalities from East. A Charlotte informant who is well known throughout Southeast will attend. It is recommended captioned informant attend since he is an officer and since he can provide additional coverage due to his knowledge of Klan members throughout Southeast. It is noted this informant is presently on two week assignment in New Orleans to cover school situation there; however, this should be completed by 11/28/60.

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Date: 11/7/60

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Via AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (66-16458)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (137-363)
CONF. INFT.

RE: [REDACTED]

The next meeting of the National Ku Klux Klan, aka., Consolidated Meeting of the Ku Klux Klan, is scheduled for 12/11/60, at Texarkana, Ark. Two committees, one to draw up a Constitution and one to work out finances, are to meet at 8:00 AM on 12/10/60 in order to have their reports ready for the meeting on 12/11/60.

CI was appointed to the finance committee [REDACTED]

Little Rock is requested to immediately advise the Bureau if they desire [REDACTED] to attend this meeting. If so, the Bureau is requested to authorize \$200.00 expense money for [REDACTED] to make this trip.

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cc: Wick

Approved: [Signature] Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 11/28/60

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (66-16458)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (137-147)
CONF. INFO
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Informant departed New Orleans, La., 5:00 PM, 11/28/60.
Will arrive Miami, Fla., approximately 4:30 PM, 11/29/60.

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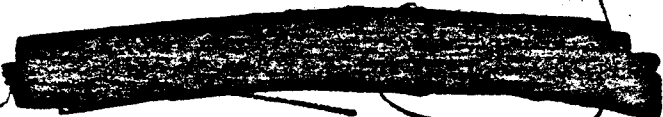
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-263)

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,
aka., National Ku Klux Klan,
Majority Citizens League,
National Klonklave Meeting,
Texarkana, Arkansas, Texas
12/10, 11/60
RACIAL MATTERS

CONF. INFO. 

The following is furnished to Bureau and listed Offices for information.

- 4-Bureau (AM) (RM)
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On 11/30/60, [REDACTED] made available a letter with an enclosure which he received 11/29/60, from [REDACTED] Texarkana, Texas.

This letter is quoted as follows:

"ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS KLANS

"KU KLUX KLAN

"TEXARKANA, U.S.A.

"November 26, 1960

"Esteemed Klansman:

"You are reminded that at our last regular Klonklave of the National Ku Klux Klan in Savannah, Georgia it was agreed that the delegates from the various Klans would hold a National Klonklave in the name of Majority Citizens League in Texarkana, Arkansas, Texas in December on Sturrrday and Sunday, December 10th and 11th., and you are reminded of this meeting and please be sure and see that your group is represented by as many members as possible. The Grim Hotel is our leading hotel and it is suggested that you immediatly contact the Grim Hotel for the number of reservations that you will want for your delegates.

"We are honored and privileged to have this meeting and look forward to extending to you the hospitality of Arkansas and of discussing the important business that we have to transact.

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"In event you need any further information, please contact the undersigned who is Acting Secretary or George Edwardes, 427 State National Bank Building Texarkana, Arkansas or Dr. Jame Taliaferro, 1212 Main St., Pine Bluff, Ark., who are serving as co-chairmen of this meeting.

"I will appreciate it if you will confirm receipt of this letter and also the number of delegates and the names of the delegates, if possible, who will attend this meeting.

"We will welcome you to bring any number of klansmen you wish to associate with our members during this convention.

"I T S U B



The enclosure to this letter is quoted as follows:

Program

"Dec. 10th.

"6:00 P.M. Food & Refreshments

"8:00 P.M. Committee Meetings.
1. By-laws committee-Kls.

[REDACTED]
2. Resolution committee-Kls.

[REDACTED]
3. Finance committee-Kls
[REDACTED]

"10:30 Caucus of all delegates and members.

"Dec. 11th.

"09:00 A.M. Delegates meeting.

"09:00 Non-delegates and local members
tour local points of interest.

Adjourn when meeting completed."

[REDACTED] On 11/30/60, CI confirmed, by telephone with [REDACTED] the receipt of instant letter and requested reservation at the Grim Hotel. [REDACTED] stated all Klans except the group from Ala., had informed him of their desire to attend the Texarkana meeting. In addition, according to [REDACTED] a group with the U. S. Klan, Dallas, Texas, have requested to attend captioned meeting.

It is noted that none of the previous meetings of captioned group have been attended by members of the U. S. Klan.

CI stated he questioned [REDACTED] concerning the time table set forth in the program. [REDACTED] advised that there is an error and that the committee meetings are scheduled for Saturday morning.

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For the information of all Offices, the identity of the individuals assigned to the three committees set forth in the program are as follows:

- (1) [REDACTED] Association of Fla. Klans, [REDACTED]
- (2) [REDACTED] Association of Fla. Klans, [REDACTED]
- (3) [REDACTED] Association of S. C. Klans, [REDACTED]
- (4) [REDACTED] Association of Ga. Klans, [REDACTED]
- (5) [REDACTED] Association of Fla. Klans, [REDACTED]
- (6) [REDACTED] Association of S. C. Klans, [REDACTED]
- (7) [REDACTED] Association of S. C. Klans, [REDACTED]
- (8) [REDACTED] Association of S. C. Klans, [REDACTED]
- (9) [REDACTED] Association of Arkansas Klans, [REDACTED]
- (10) W. A. SOMERSETT (L), Anti-Communist Klans, 1336 N.
Miami Ave.
Miami, Fla.

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(11) [REDACTED] Association of Arkansas Klans, [REDACTED]

(12) [REDACTED] Association of Arkansas Klans, [REDACTED]

Autostats of the above letter and program are being retained in Miami file 157-263. The originals are being returned to [REDACTED]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (66-16458)

DATE: 12/7/60

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (137-147)

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CONF. INFT.

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

The above captioned informant arrived at New Orleans from Miami at 8:30 a.m., 11/15/60. Living accommodations were secured at the Dixie Tourist Court, 1800 Jefferson Avenue, Jefferson Parish, La., and arrangements made for daily contact with SA [REDACTED] New Orleans Office.

INTEGRATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ORLEANS PARISH, LOUISIANA
RACIAL MATTERS
New Orleans file 44-1131

Informant was instructed his primary purpose in New Orleans was to determine if any potentially dangerous individuals who are members of the KKK or other organizations advocating violence were coming to New Orleans for the purpose of violence. He was instructed to maintain contact with the leaders of the KKK to determine if they were planning to come to New Orleans and instructed to furnish any individuals he contacted that the matter was being handled adequately by local people and the help was not needed and under no circumstances should anyone be encouraged to come to New Orleans.

Informant maintained contact by telephone with [REDACTED]

New Orleans.

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Through contact with these individuals, informant received no information that any of these leaders of the KKK or their followers were coming to New Orleans.

Informant advised that he knew of no units of the KKK operating in New Orleans, La., although he knew [redacted] as a leader of the KKK of Miss. who attended an Atlanta convention, and he also advised there was a klan group operating in the vicinity of Shreveport whom he did not know.

Informant advised that [redacted] was in New Orleans according to information received from [redacted]. Informant advised that he personally knew [redacted] as well as [redacted] and a man named [redacted] who were bombing suspects in Atlanta, and if they were in New Orleans, he believed he could locate them.

On 11/17/60 informant sent a telegram to [redacted] and received an air mail special delivery letter containing a copy of the Thunderbolt and instructions to contact [redacted].

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Informant advised that he talked to [redacted] the Southern Knights of the KKK in Clearwater, Fla., 11/13/60 before leaving Fla. and his organization was standing by for instructions to come to New Orleans. Informant advised that [redacted] is a big talker and may have been talking for his benefit and informant did not put much stock in his comments.

Informant departed New Orleans, La., 11/28/60 at 5 p.m.; and he advised that to his knowledge he received no information to indicate that the KKK had sent representatives to New Orleans. Informant advised that he will be in contact with the members of the KKK and in the event there is future indication that they are sending representatives to the New Orleans area he will immediately furnish this information to SA [redacted] or to the nearest FBI office.

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NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY

Informant was instructed on 11/15/60 to develop all information possible regarding the activities of [redacted] the National States Rights Party and determine if he was in New Orleans, La. On 11/17/60 he wired [redacted] and on 11/18/60 a letter was received which informant believes came from [redacted] personally as the letter was signed by [redacted] although informant advised he does not recognize [redacted] handwriting. Informant kept handwritten note as a means of introduction to [redacted] but made available the New Orleans edition of the Thunderbolt and the envelope addressed to informant postmarked Birmingham, Ala., 11/18/60. NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Informant on night of 11/19/60 contacted [redacted]

New Orleans.

Informant advised that he learned from [redacted] that [redacted]

[redacted] the States Rights Party, New Orleans, and gives orders to [redacted]. Informant advised that [redacted] has not personally met [redacted] although he has corresponded with him and spoken to him on the phone. Informant advised that [redacted] told him that [redacted] did not come to New Orleans but only to Denham Springs. Informant advised that [redacted] claimed to be working with the kids of this area and was giving instructions to kids selected to be the leaders. Informant indicated [redacted] claimed he was working with a man from St. Bernard Parish. Informant was not able to identify this man but said it was his impression that it was the Deputy Sheriff of St. Bernard that was arrested by the New Orleans PD. Informant also advised that [redacted] told him that he was working most of

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the day of 11/19/60 assisting in the organization of private schools and [redacted] said that the man who was interviewed on television regarding the organization of private schools was a friend of his. While with [redacted] on 11/19/60, [redacted] told him that the KKK was marching that night and that the whole South was behind New Orleans in this integration fight. He said that the integration fight will not be lost in New Orleans and that if it is the whole South is gone. Informant also advised that [redacted] told him that there was to be a meeting with President-Elect KENNEDY by a committee of the La. State Legislature in Palm Beach to obtain KENNEDY's opinion on the Federal Court's taking over the states and if President-Elect KENNEDY is unco-operative with the states then the South will start a drive to obtain a delegate switch to throw the election into the House of Representatives. Informant advised that [redacted] obtained this information from [redacted]

Informant advised that [redacted] was not advocating violence and wanted to avoid any trouble with the U. S. Marshals. He advised that [redacted] indicated he had no intentions at this time to take any action except to pitch in and help any movement that is being organized. Informant advised that [redacted] claimed that he had signed up 45 men in the National States Rights Party and sent in \$5 for each man. Informant advised that [redacted] told him there was to be a meeting of the Citizens Council at Monroe, 11/22. He advised that [redacted] said the Citizens Council collected \$42,200 at the Citizens Council Rally held at New Orleans Municipal Auditorium, 11/15/60. Informant advised that [redacted] told him that the National States Rights Party would have a strategy meeting at Chattanooga, Tenn., 11/25/60.

On 11/24/60 informant advised that he went with [redacted] to Denham Springs to contact [redacted] [redacted] was out of the city.

Informant advised that [redacted] received a letter inviting him to the meeting at Chattanooga and there learned that the meeting was to be conducted in the hall owned by the Dixie Klan and one of the Dixie Klan leaders was to act as chairman of the meeting.

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He advised that [redacted] was very much concerned that the National States Rights Party and the Dixie Klan were so closely identified particularly after informant told him that the Dixie Klan had been suspected to be involved in a series of bombings in Tenn. Informant advised that both [redacted] are very much concerned that they will be drawn into some illegal activities and were also very much concerned over the type of literature being published [redacted] the Thunderbolt, particularly some of the attacks against the FBI.

On 11/28/60 informant advised he met again with [redacted] on 11/27 and was introduced by [redacted] to a [redacted] the Consolidated Independent Democrats of New Orleans, La., 3801 Magazine Street, telephone No. Twinbrook 1-8257 which is a States Rights Segregation Group. Informant advised that in talking with [redacted] this is apparently a local group who believes in segregation; however, he did not obtain any literature or additional information regarding their aim.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

CITIZENS COUNCIL, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Informant on 11/16/60 advised that he attended the Citizens Council meeting at the auditorium on the night of 11/15/60. He advised that at the rally he met and talked with [redacted]. He advised that he talked with him off and on for a two-hour period and [redacted] in his conversation recommended that the schools be boycotted. He stated that "they" were not going to allow schools to be integrated and "they" were going to boycott the schools. Informant advised that [redacted] stated that "they" intended to use every legal means to keep the schools open and segregated and if they fail then--"the works." Informant advised that "they" was the Citizens Council and he assumed that [redacted] meant by "the works" that violence might be resorted to. [redacted] told the informant that "they" had the backing of every patriotic organization in the country and that [redacted] could have 500,000 people to help in the battle. [redacted] remarked that they would have to go down fighting in New Orleans or the Communist Party and the Negroes would take over. Informant advised that "they" were going to use the teenagers and mothers to disrupt the community. Informant advised that during the period of time that he was there at the meeting he

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saw [redacted] talking to a group of teenagers and a speaker from the stand was encouraging the teenagers to organize and demonstrate. Informant advised that [redacted] said his "old man" would keep the deputy sheriff that was arrested by the New Orleans Police on the job even though the Sheriff of St. Bernard Parish was very angry because he was arrested.

Informant advised that [redacted] remarked that "they" had the Governor behind them and if they got in trouble they would be tried by a local jury who would not convict them and even though convicted of the crime the Governor would be available to pardon them. He said that [redacted] remarked that under no circumstances should a federal officer be interfered with as that would bring them within the scope of the federal courts.

Informant advised that he met [redacted] who spoke to him briefly and was told by [redacted] that he, [redacted] would be in Baton Rouge on 11/15/60 but planned to inspect the school area before going to Baton Rouge. He advised that [redacted] remarked that "they" had to go all the way and no stone should be left unturned. Informant advised that as an introduction to [redacted] he mentioned that he was a friend of [redacted] Fort Lauderdale, Fla. [redacted] the White Sentinel. Informant advised that [redacted] stated that he had heard from [redacted] last week. Informant advised that [redacted] said that "they" had the backing of Miss., Tex., Fla., and S. C. Informant advised that [redacted] in his speech was advocating violence. He advised that there was so much noise in the auditorium that he could not actually, completely hear what [redacted] was saying but tenor of the speech was encouraging violence. Informant advised that a number of young teenagers were welcomed on the stage and [redacted] went off with these teenagers. He heard some of these teenagers remark that "tomorrow we'll give them hell. We'll take the schools and take [redacted]"

While at the auditorium, informant advised that he heard talk from people in the group, whose identity he does not know, to the effect that the

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Governor might by use of troops take the operation of the city away from the Mayor and put the operation of the Police Department and Sheriff's Office under the Adjutant General. Informant advised that this was talked at the meeting and could not attribute a source for it.

On 11/28/60 informant advised that he contacted [REDACTED] at the office of the Citizens Council of Greater New Orleans, 323 Balter Building, New Orleans, and [REDACTED] identified himself as [REDACTED] of this organization. Informant advised that the Citizens Council of Greater New Orleans does not have letterhead paper but put a stamp on their letters and do not have any literature to give out in the office. [REDACTED] personally wrote his name on a small slip of paper and also the name [REDACTED] and identified him as [REDACTED] of the Citizens Council of Greater New Orleans.

On 11/17/60 informant made available a reprint of an article regarding the stepped-up aims of the NAACP that was handed out at the Citizens Council Rally, 11/15.

On 11/28/60 informant made available blank copies of a petition of impeachment against Judge J. SKELLY WRIGHT which he obtained at the Citizens Council Office, Balter Building, as well as a copy of a letter addressed to Governor JAMES H. DAVIS, Baton Rouge, commending Governor DAVIS on his integration stand. This is a prepared letter needing only a signature. Informant also made available a receipt reflecting his application for membership in the Citizens Council of Greater New Orleans.

[REDACTED]

Informant was contacted 11/21/60 regarding the possible presence of [REDACTED] Ala. Knights of the KKK. Informant advised that [REDACTED] was known to him but had not contacted him. As information was received indicating that [REDACTED] had

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departed from New Orleans on 11/20/60. Informant was instructed to make no contacts to attempt to locate him at New Orleans. Informant advised that at the next meeting he believes he will be able to obtain the purpose of [REDACTED] trip to New Orleans.

JUSTIFICATIONS

It is believed that this informant served a useful purpose in coming to New Orleans, La. in that he was in a position to advise this office of any possible influx of members of the KKK to New Orleans. In view of informant's presence in New Orleans and his contacts with leaders of the KKK in areas outside of the State of La. and his furnishing them information that the situation was being handled in New Orleans, it is possible that he prevented a number of this group from coming to New Orleans and causing trouble. The informant has developed valuable information regarding the National States Rights Party which will be useful for future investigations and it is believed that the fact that he was in New Orleans during the beginning of the school crisis he will be in a much better position to obtain future information regarding the activities of the KKK and possible future plans to come to New Orleans.

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Date: 12/2/60

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (66-16458)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (137-363)

CONF. INFT. [REDACTED]

ReBuairtel to Miami, 11/18/60.

[REDACTED] will depart Miami, 11:25 AM, 12/8/60, on Fla. East Coast Railroad. Will change trains at Jacksonville and Memphis and is scheduled to arrive Texarkana, Ark., 3:25 AM, 12/10/60.

Since Miami has not received authorization to pay [REDACTED] more than up to \$50.00 per week for services, the Bureau is requested to authorize Miami to pay a lump sum of \$100.00 to CI upon his return to Miami from the Texarkana meeting of the National Ku Klux Klan. \$100.00 will be considered over and above the weekly payments of up to \$50.00 per week for services. CI is expected to return to Miami on 12/13/60.

In considering the above request, the Bureau should note that approximately six days of the informant's

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time, including travel time, will be involved. It is pointed out that the value of this informant is not only in the information furnished by him but also in his availability to the Bureau to go to any location in the Southeast section of the U. S., at a moment's notice. In addition, CI has a vast number of contacts throughout the Southeast, including some state officials. [REDACTED] is dedicated in his service to the Bureau and has never refused to carry out assignments, even at the expense of his own inconvenience and risk.

The loyalty of [REDACTED] is unquestionable and during the past seven months, while under the direct supervision of SA [REDACTED] he has never complained about the amount of money the Bureau paid him.

SAC, Miami (137-363)

12/8/60

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[REDACTED]

Reurairtel 12/2/60.

Authority is hereby granted to pay captioned informant up to \$100 for services in connection with his attendance at the National Ku Klux Klan meeting in Texarkana, Arkansas, on week end of 12/10/60. Monies should be paid from this sum based solely upon the value of information furnished or services rendered by the informant in connection with this trip.

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NOTE:

[REDACTED] is William Sommerset, who is a member of the National States Rights Party and the newly organized National Ku Klux Klan.

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