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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-266)

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (157-61)

BOMBING MATTERS,
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE,
JULY-AUGUST 1960
BOMBING MATTERS

Re Miami Airtel to Bureau 4/18/61.

CONF. INFO.

Knoxville Division strongly recommends that Bureau permission be granted for [redacted] to visit [redacted] KKKK, Inc., Chattanooga, Tenn., in very near future to obtain all possible information concerning captioned case, any other acts of violence participated in by [redacted] and members of [redacted] KKKK, Inc., any information re future plans of [redacted] KKKK, Inc., and their close associates, and all possible information re new type explosives reportedly in their possession.

It is noted all information actually naming [redacted] and others as members of a "Den" who are responsible for violations captioned case has been received from [redacted] who was a former informant for detectives of the Chattanooga PD. Continual efforts have been made by Knoxville Division to verify this information re actual participation but investigation to date has met with negative results. Information furnished by [redacted] not relating to actual violence but relating to activities of [redacted] KKKK, Inc., has been verified by [redacted]

- ③ - Bureau (2-157-266; 1-66-16458) (RM)
- 3 - Miami (2-157-241; 1-137-363) (RM)
- 6 - Knoxville (2-157-61; 1-157-13; 1-100-3301; 1-157-117; 1-137-2020)

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Airtel to Director

The most logical way to verify information furnished by [REDACTED] and other members of [REDACTED] KKKK, Inc., being responsible for captioned violations is through informants. Knoxville Division has attempted and is continually trying to develop one of the reported ten members of the "Den" or the two reported alternates to verify information received from [REDACTED]. It is believed the money spent in sending [REDACTED] to Chattanooga, Tenn., would be well worthwhile and at the present time is one of the few methods of verifying information previously received by Knoxville which has been basis for the concentration of investigation this case [REDACTED] and his associates.

SINCE UNSUBS UTILIZED EXPLOSIVES, THEY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (66-16458)

DATE: May 15, 1961

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FROM : SAC, Miami (137-363)

SUBJECT: CONF. INET
[REDACTED]

Re Miami letter to Bureau 1/16/61.

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

1. Recommendation

I recommend that authority be granted to increase payments to the above informant up to \$60.00 per week for services, plus up to \$25.00 per week for expenses actually incurred, for a period of four months, effective May 27, 1961.

was \$50 and \$15 per week

2. Residence and Employment

No change.

3. Current Membership in Subversive Organizations

CI is a member of the Northern League, Florida States Rights Party, Inc., Honorary Member of the Association of South Carolina Klans, Temporary Adjutant of the National Ku Klux Klan (NKKK), a member of the Citizens Council of New Orleans, Louisiana, for the year 1961, and has also been assigned as the head of the Anti-Communist Klan of Miami. The Anti-Communist Klan was assigned to CI by leaders of the NKKK in order that CI could regularly attend meetings of the NKKK. Although there is no such Klan in Miami, it provides status for CI and he can select up to three delegates to attend meetings of the NKKK.

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

January 11, 1961

Informant made available a copy of the "Putnam Sun," which he received from [REDACTED] in reference to the "Freedom Fighters."

January 13, 1961

Re: [REDACTED]

This case was opened by Miami December 2, 1960, based on information furnished by informant concerning stolen blank American Express Company Money Orders. During the rating period, informant furnished additional information concerning this case on January 13 and 16, 1961, and February 1 and 2, 1961. Details of this information is set forth in Miami report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated February 27, 1961.

[REDACTED] Numerous subjects and suspects have been developed, and this matter is under investigation by the Miami Office.

January 15, 1961

Informant was in contact with [REDACTED] Florida Ku Klux Klan (FKKK), [REDACTED] Florida, regarding description of Klan posters, postponement of KKK meeting in Texarkana, Texas, and comments concerning [REDACTED] FKKK (dissemination memo prepared).

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January 18, 1961

Informant obtained information from [REDACTED] potential bombing suspect, regarding [REDACTED] (NSRP) and the Christian Knights of the KKK (dissemination memo prepared). Informant received telegram from [REDACTED] AAK, postponing NKKK meeting (dissemination memo prepared).

January 19, 1961

[REDACTED] FKKK, advised CI Louisiana meeting of NKKK postponed in view of scheduled "street walk" in Atlanta, Georgia, January 28, 1961. [REDACTED] requested to meet with CI in Atlanta on January 27, 1961.

Informant departed Miami by train en route to Jackson, Mississippi, to develop information regarding the "Hidden Hand, aka. Racial Matters."

While in Jackson, Mississippi, CI contacted [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] developing information regarding the "Hidden Hand." CI then proceeded to New Orleans, Louisiana, and contacted two individuals concerning the same matter, and then returned to Jackson and recontacted [REDACTED]

CI departed Jackson, Mississippi, on January 25, 1961, and arrived at Atlanta, Georgia, January 26, 1961, where he conferred with [REDACTED] of the U.S. Klans. They discussed integration at the University of Athens and what should be done. They also discussed the six Klansmen that were jailed as a result of trying to stop integration at the University of Georgia. (This matter was set forth in a report entitled, "School Desegregation, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. Obstruction of Court Order").

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On January 28, 1961, informant [redacted] drove about the city of Atlanta, Georgia, watching the "street walk." That evening informant attended the open Klan meeting held at the Tower Theater. After the meeting, approximately 20 Klan officials met on the stage of the theater and discussed the forthcoming meeting of the NKKK and other Klan matters. (Information furnished interested offices). Informant also had private conversation with [redacted] Dixie Klan, who furnished confidential information with reference to the Klan activities in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

February 4, 1961

Informant furnished information regarding possible WSTA violation. A new case was opened and later closed when no Federal violation developed.

February 5, 1961

CI met with [redacted] admitted he and [redacted] had set off dynamite on a vacant lot in South Bay, Florida, on January 14, 1961. (Information disseminated to appropriate authorities). Two new potential bombing suspect files opened on [redacted]

[redacted] furnished CI a copy of a two page letter addressed to [redacted] This letter contained [redacted] views on segregation and related matters, listing the names of several individuals involved to some degree in segregation. [redacted] also made available to CI a two page letter [redacted] Copies of both letters were furnished to interested offices.

[redacted] furnished informant information concerning the Anti-Communist Association of America. [redacted] who has had little success in his efforts to organize.

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February 6, 1961

Informant contacted [redacted] potential bombing suspect, Miami, and referenced a letter received from [redacted] and the Christian Knights of the KKK.

February 8, 1961

CI received letter from [redacted] Dixie Klan, KKK, Chattanooga, Tennessee, announcing the next meeting of the NKKK for February 11 - 12, 1961, at Shreveport, Louisiana. (Information furnished to interested offices).

February 11 - 12, 1961

CI attended the NKKK meeting at Shreveport, Louisiana, and Texarkana, Texas. He made a full report on the activities and identities of those present. (Dissemination memo prepared for Bureau and interested offices).

February 14, 1961

Upon returning to Miami from NKKK meeting, CI contacted [redacted] Atlanta, Georgia, and accompanied [redacted]

CI also contacted [redacted] regarding integration of University of Georgia at Athens. CI reported considerable unrest among U.S. Klan Officials and reported a strategy meeting was set for February 18, 1961, at College Park, Georgia. (Information furnished to interested offices).

February 23, 1961

Informant telephonically contacted [redacted] College Park, Georgia, concerning the split of the U.S. Klan. [redacted] also advised that those involved in the Athens incident expected to be contacted by the Federal authorities. (Appropriate dissemination made).

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February 24, 1961

Informant contacted [REDACTED]
EKKK concerning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In this
connection informant contacted [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and all advised they had been contacted by [REDACTED]
regarding [REDACTED] the Klan's position in this matter.
(Dissemination memo prepared for Bureau and interested
offices).

February 28, 1961

Informant made available a letter received
from the National Executive Council of the Association
of Klans and addressed to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This letter concerned a cross burning at the home
of [REDACTED] (Appropriate dissemination memo prepared for
Bureau and interested offices).

Informant furnished background information
regarding [REDACTED] who is under investigation
by the Houston Division.

March 2, 1961

Informant furnished identity and background
information regarding various individuals associated with
the labor unions in Miami.

CI was contacted in reference to the [REDACTED]
case, Kansas City origin, at which time he furnished
background information regarding possible suspects.

March 5, 1961

Informant contacted [REDACTED] and obtained
information regarding [REDACTED] association with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the SKKK.

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March 6, 1961

Background information obtained from CI concerning [REDACTED] potential bombing suspect, Tampa Division.

March 7, 1961

Informant was recontacted concerning [REDACTED] case and information obtained regarding background concerning suspect and [REDACTED]

Informant made available a letter he received from [REDACTED] U.S. Klans, in which [REDACTED] invited informant and other Klan representative to a meeting March 12, 1961, College Park, Georgia.

March 12, 1961

Informant attended meeting at College Park, Georgia, and furnished detailed report regarding splitting of U.S. Klans.

March 16, 1961

Informant contacted [REDACTED] potential bombing suspect, regarding [REDACTED] the Christian Knights of the KKK. #

March 17, 1961

Informant made available a letter received from [REDACTED] potential bombing suspect. [REDACTED] This letter set forth the history, purpose, and legal authority of this organization.

March 20, 1961

Informant contacted [REDACTED] potential bombing suspect, Miami, regarding [REDACTED] activities and his future plans.

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March 23 - 24, 1961

CI telephonically contacted [REDACTED] Atlanta, Georgia, and obtained information regarding [REDACTED] trip to [REDACTED] Louisiana, [REDACTED]

March 24, 1961

Informant furnished information regarding [REDACTED] subject of Miami file 76-1889, closed. [REDACTED] passed two local checks using the name [REDACTED] (Information disseminated to appropriate local authorities and U.S. Probation Office).

March 26, 1961

Informant contacted [REDACTED] of St. Louis, Missouri, and obtained information regarding the "Hidden Hand, aka. Racial Matters." (Information furnished to Bureau and interested offices).

Informant conferred with [REDACTED] regarding [REDACTED] contact with Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY and also obtained information concerning [REDACTED] the Teamsters residing in St. Louis.

[REDACTED] contacted CI and stated [REDACTED] will head the FKKK Klavern in that area.

March 28, 1961

CI made available a letter from the Dixie Klan, Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee, setting forth the minutes of the NKKK meeting held February 12, 1961, at Shreveport, Louisiana, and Texarkana, Texas. (Dissemination memo prepared).

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March 30, 1961

Informant contacted [redacted] Florida, and obtained details concerning their activities. Two new 157 cases were opened on these individuals to determine if they should be placed on the potential bombing suspect list of the Miami Office.

April 3, 1961

Informant contacted [redacted] and obtained information that [redacted] intends to join [redacted] FKKK, and will help [redacted] organize the Klan in Belle Glade, Florida.

April 4, 1961

Informant received a letter from [redacted] FKKK, Winter Park, Florida, setting forth date and place of next meeting of the NKKK. (Dissemination memo prepared for Bureau and interested offices).

April 6 - 10, 1961

CI was in Fort Pierce, Florida. [redacted] and developed information regarding Klan activities in Fort pierce area.

April 12, 1961

[redacted] FKKK, visited CI in Miami. [redacted] furnished information regarding organizing the FKKK in [redacted] Florida.

April 13, 1961

CI furnished background information concerning officials of Painters Local No. 365, Miami.

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April 15 - 16, 1961

CI attended NKKK meeting at Wakulla Springs, Florida, located near Tallahassee, Florida. He furnished identities of those present and details of the meeting. In addition, CI had private conversation with [REDACTED] Dixie Klan, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

[REDACTED] discussed problems in his area and invited CI to meet with him to obtain information relative to explosives.

CI also had private conversation [REDACTED] in reference to \$1,000.00 [REDACTED] received from the FKKK [REDACTED] (Appropriate dissemination made of the above information).

April 17, 1961

Informant furnished information regarding four individuals possibly involved in ITSP. New 87 case opened. Additional information regarding this matter furnished by CI on April 20, 1961.

April 20-23, 1961

Based on information that [REDACTED] Bond Default, and [REDACTED] Fugitive, Bond Default, [REDACTED] Florida, CI spent considerable time in effort to locate these individuals with negative results.

His services were utilized in view of his contacts with the hoodlum element on Miami Beach. During this period, informant furnished a number of automobile licenses of vehicles believed to belong to the hoodlum element. These numbers are presently being checked out.

April 24, 1961

Informant was telephonically contacted by [REDACTED] United Klans, Fernandina Beach, Florida, and requested CI to meet him there and discuss legislative matters.

April 28 - 29, 1961

Informant met [redacted] Florida, and they discussed Klan legislation regarding teaching of anti-Communism in Florida schools. On April 29, 1961, CI met with [redacted]

It is believed CI was instrumental in clearing the air regarding the teaching of anti-Communism in Florida schools and stopped possible violence on the part of the Klan.

May 1, 1961

Informant attended the weekly meeting of the Florida States Rights Party. He identified several persons in attendance and furnished the principal topics of discussion.

May 2, 1961

CI made available a Klan bulletin [redacted] United Klans, which set forth proposed meetings of this Klan. (Appropriate dissemination made).

May 5, 1961

CI was in contact with [redacted] FKKK, [redacted] Florida. [redacted] furnished information relative to himself and Freedom Fighters headed by [redacted]

5. Amount Paid for Services and Expenses

The following is a breakdown of payments to this informant, showing amounts paid for services, expenses, and special trips from January 10, 1961, to May 9, 1961:

<u>Services</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Date</u>
\$45.00	1/17/61	\$15.00	1/17/61
50.00	1/25/61	15.00	1/25/61

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<u>Services</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Date</u>
\$ 50.00	2/6/61	---	---
50.00	2/6/61	---	---
50.00	2/15/61	\$15.00	2/15/61
50.00	2/21/61	---	---
50.00	2/28/61	15.00	2/28/61
50.00	3/7/61	15.00	3/7/61
50.00	3/14/61	15.00	3/14/61
45.00	3/21/61	12.04	3/21/61
100.00	3/24/61	(Over and above regular payment)	
40.00	3/28/61	9.66	3/28/61
45.00	4/3/61	15.00	4/3/61
50.00	4/11/61	15.00	4/11/61
50.00	4/18/61	15.00	4/18/61
50.00	4/25/61	15.00	4/25/61
50.00	5/2/61	15.00	5/2/61
<u>50.00</u>	5/9/61	<u>15.00</u>	5/11/61

Special Trips

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Date</u>
Trip to Jackson, Mississippi	\$200.00	1/19/61
Trip to Atlanta, Georgia	79.18	2/2/61
Trip to Louisiana and Texarkana, Texas	150.00	2/8/61
Trip to College Park, Georgia	100.00	3/17/61
Trip to Tallahassee, Florida	75.00	4/18/61
Trip to Fernandina Beach, Florida	<u>50.00</u>	4/28/61
Total:	\$925.00 \$855.88	

It is noted that the actual expenses incurred by the informant on all trips, except the trip to Atlanta, Georgia, February 2, 1961, were slightly in excess of the amount authorized by the Bureau. This informant has advised that since the amounts are negligible, he did not wish to be reimbursed for these minor additional expenses. It is also noted that in many cases, this informant has been paid the maximum of \$15.00 per week for expenses actually incurred. He has been advised that except in extraordinary circumstances, any expenses exceeding the \$15.00 limit would not be reimbursed to him and that he should try to keep his expenses within the \$15.00 limit.

6. Type and Number of Meetings Attended,
and Other Activity

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Informant attended two meetings of the NKKK, one in Texas and one in Florida.

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Informant personally contacted several people in Jackson, Mississippi, and New Orleans, Louisiana, concerning the "Hidden Hand, aka." Informant attended "street walk" and Klan rally in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 28, 1961.

Informant attended meeting of U.S. Klans, Inc., College Park, Georgia, March 12, 1961, and attended meetings in Fort Pierce, Florida, regarding FKKK on March 30 and 31, 1961.

CI held conference in Fort Pierce, Florida, with two new possible bombing suspects on April 6 - 10, 1961.

Informant attended meeting [redacted] regarding Klan sponsored legislature April 28 - 29, 1961.

CI attended meeting of Florida States Rights Party on May 1, 1961.

7. Number of Written and Oral Reports Submitted

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Written reports - none; although CI furnished no written reports, he made available 10 letters and pamphlets which were appropriately disseminated and are not included as oral reports.

Oral reports - 49.

8. Information Furnished of Unusual Value

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

under the NKKK. He provides coverage at some of these meetings at the request of other officers, where the coverage is deemed inadequate. He is now a member of this organization and firmly entrenched with the Klan leadership.

Informant also attended Klan meetings in Atlanta and College Park, Georgia, and Tallahassee, Florida, at the request of other divisions.

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

a. Furnishes partial coverage on approximately ten Klan leaders throughout the State of Florida, and approximately eight Klan leaders residing outside the State of Florida.

b. Furnishes coverage of four potential bombing suspects residing in Miami, Florida, and two residing in Belle Glade, Florida.

c. Furnishes coverage of approximately ten individuals, who are not members of any Klan, but are individuals opposed to integration.

10. Informant's Potential for Advancement

Informant's potential is very good. He has a strong position in the new NKKK, which has strengthened his effectiveness in Florida. As a result of the informant's strength within the Klan and using his position with the United Southern Employees' Association (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.

It is believed that this informant can also be utilized in developing intelligence information in the

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labor movement and hoodlum activities in Miami and Miami Beach. It is noted that CI is a personal friend of

[REDACTED] Informant is also a personal friend of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Informant also knows [REDACTED]

Miami is aware that this informant does not attend Klan meetings on a regular basis as is the case of most Klan informants; however, this informant is one of the few Klan informants that possesses the ability, availability, incentive, and appropriate cover to go anywhere in the southeast section of the United States concerning Bureau matters. He is also personally acquainted with a large number of various political figures throughout the southeast part of the United States, as well as a large number of Klansmen and hoodlums.

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.

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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 has been picking up additional information regarding criminal matters, and it is believed with increased expense money, he will be able to substantially increase his activities and productivities in Miami and Miami Beach. It is expected he will be in a position to furnish considerable anti-racketeering information. This, of course, will be in addition to his work in the racial field.

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URGENT 5-22-61 4-05 PM EST PS

TO DIRECTOR /105-65374/ /100-13453/ AND SACS ATLANTA /105-773/ [redacted]
BIRMINGHAM /105-540/, KNOXVILLE /100-3301, MEMPHIS AND MOBILE
FROM SAC, MIAMI /157-358/ I & CONF. INFO
DIXIE KLANS, KKKK, INC., RM. [redacted]

[redacted] USING PRETEXT THAT HE SHOULD BE IN TALLAHASSEE, FLA., MAY
TWENTYFOUR NEXT, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED [redacted], D. K.,
KKK, CHATTANOOGA, TENN. [redacted] SAID THE MAN FROM DOWN SOUTH [redacted]

[redacted] WAS AT HIS PLACE YESTERDAY. [redacted] STATED THAT
IN A FEW DAYS, A MASS MEETING WILL BE HELD OF ALL KLANS IN ORDER TO
ORGANIZE AND JOIN FORCES, OR THE KLAN WOULD FACE DESTRUCTION [redacted]

[redacted] INDICATED THIS QUOTE
SOMETHING UNQUOTE WAS ON THE GA. SIDE. [redacted] INVITED INFORMANT TO ATTEND
MASS MEETING, SAYING HE WOULD FURNISH DETAILS LATER. ATLANTA AND

KNOXVILLE ALERT INFORMANTS IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE WHAT [redacted] IS QUOTE
SITTING ON UNQUOTE. ALL OFFICES ALERT INFORMANTS FOR INFO RE MASS
MEETING. BUREAU AUTHORITY REQUESTED FOR MIAMI TO PAY [redacted]

[redacted] UP TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS EXPENSE
MONEY TO ATTEND PROPOSED MEETING OF KLANS. CHARLOTTE, JACKSONVILLE
SAVANNAH, AND TAMPA ADVISED AM.

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FROM DIRECTOR 1P

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TO: SAC, MIAMI

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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NOTE:

Informant is William Somerset, a very active Miami racial informant. He recently visited Klan leaders in Chattanooga, Tennessee, at their request. Has now been telephonically advised by one of them that mass Klan meeting would be held in a few days and informant invited to attend, further details to be furnished later. No other information received by Bureau to date indicating such a meeting contemplated.

Send by urgent teletype if radio contact missed.

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Miss Gandy	_____

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URGENT 5-30-61 11-40 PM EST TD
TO DIRECTOR, FBI /66-16458/, SAC-S ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHARLOTTE,
JACKSONVILLE, KNOXVILLE, MEMPHIS, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, LITTLE
ROCK, TAMPA, AND SAVANNAH

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[REDACTED] REBUTEL MAY
TWENTYTHREE, LAST TO MIAMI, AND MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, MAY
TWENTY LAST, CAPTIONED DIXIE KLAN KKKK, AKA, RACIAL MATTERS.
INFORMANT TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ASSOCIATION S. C. KLAN, COLUMBIA, MAY TWENTYNINE, LAST
[REDACTED] SUGGESTED AN IMMEDIATE MEETING OF KLAN LEADERS OF NKKK.

INFORMANT THEN CONTACTED [REDACTED] DK, KKK,
CHATANOOGA, TENN. [REDACTED] STATED HE WAS CALLING SPECIAL
MEETING OF NKKK LEADERS FOR SUN. NEXT AT TWO FIVE TWO THREE

GLASS ST., CHATTANOOGA. NO DELEGATES INVITED. INFORMANT
TO NOTIFY [REDACTED] FKKK, [REDACTED] TO NOTIFY OTHER KLAN
LEADERS. [REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED] TO MAKE REPORT ON
BIRMINGHAM AND ANNISTON, ALA. [REDACTED] RELATED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VS KLAN, ASSISTED THEM SAT. NIGHT UP HERE PAREN

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CHATTANOOGA, PAREN, BUT DID NOT ELABORATE. [REDACTED] BEING
INVITED. INFORMANT CONTACTED [REDACTED] TODAY AND [REDACTED] INVITED
CI TO GO TO CHATTANOOGA VIA [REDACTED] INFORMANT WILL
DEPART MIAMI NINE AM JUNE TWO NEXT VIA FLA. EAST COAST
RAILWAY, AND WILL JOIN [REDACTED] AT NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FLA. ON
ARRIVAL CHATTANOOGA, WILL REGISTER AT PATTON HOTEL AND
INFORMANT WILL TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT SAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOR ANY LAST MINUTE INSTRUCTIONS AND AGAIN
AFTER MEETING ON SUN. TO MAKE AVAILABLE PERTINENT INFO
DEVELOPED REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ACTION. KNOXVILLE TO NOTIFY
BUREAU AND MIAMI OF ANY CHANGES AFFECTING INFORMANT-S RETURN.
ANY OFFICE HAVING INFORMANTS IN POSITION TO ATTEND MEETING
NOTIFY BUREAU AND KNOXVILLE AS ADDITIONAL COVERAGE BELIEVED
ADVISABLE. DISSEMINATION OF ABOVE INFO NOT RECOMMENDED.

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Date: 5/19/61

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (66-16458)

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

ReBuairtel to Miami and Knoxville dated 5/2/61, captioned "BOMBING MATTERS, CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, JULY - AUGUST, 1960, BOMBING MATTERS".

On 5/17/61, [redacted] returned to Miami from Chattanooga, Tenn. Total expenses for this trip amounted to \$234.47 including \$95.00 paid to [redacted] DK, KKK, for the formula, material and information regarding an explosive device. Other expenses included \$63.95 for transportation, \$56.20 for food, and \$19.30 for lodging. Since the amount authorized is \$9.47 less than the actual cost, Bureau authority is requested for Miami to pay [redacted] additional cost of \$9.47.

For the information of Knoxville, Miami, by authority dated 2/1/61, is presently paying [redacted] up to \$50.00 per week for services. Since this amount does not appear adequate for the services rendered by informant for the week of May 9 through May 16, 1961, Knoxville is requested to review and evaluate the information developed by CI while in Chattanooga. Will, thereafter, request Bureau authority for Miami to pay CI an amount commensurate with his services keeping in mind the risk involved and the informant's time consumed.

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- 3 - Bureau (AM)(RM)(1 -157-266)
- 2 - Knoxville (AM)(RM)
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Approved: [Signature] Sent _____ M Per _____

MAIL ROOM Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-55089)

DATE:

May 25, 1961

FROM :

SAC, MIAMI (157-263)

SUBJECT:

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka
National Ku Klux Klan, National Knights
of the Ku Klux Klan; Consolidated Meeting
of Florida Klans Prior to Next National Meeting
RACIAL MATTERS

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Re Miami letter to Bureau, 4/25/61, setting forth results of the NKKK meeting held in Tallahassee, Fla., 4/15-16/61.

CONFIDENTIAL [redacted] advised 5/23/61, that he has not received any information concerning a meeting of all Florida Klans prior to the next NKKK meeting to be held in Alabama.

It is noted that at the Tallahassee meeting of the NKKK, it was suggested that all heads of each state meet prior to the next NKKK meeting in order to prepare strategy.

[redacted] stated that if such a meeting is held, it will be in Orlando, Florida, [redacted]

[redacted] will maintain contact with their racial informants for information regarding a meeting of all Florida Klans prior to the next NKKK meeting. If such a meeting is called and if necessary to have informant coverage through [redacted] Bureau authority should be requested for Miami to pay [redacted] up to \$50.00 expense money to attend this meeting.

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Date: 5/26/61

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Via AIR-TEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (66-16458)
FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (137-2093)
SUBJECT: CONF. INET
[REDACTED]

Re Miami air-tel to Bureau 5/19/61.

The information obtained by [REDACTED] during his visit with [REDACTED] Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee, was extremely valuable and has confirmed to some extent information previously furnished by other informants.

It is felt that the services of this informant in this trip, considering the risk taken by this informant, would be worth \$100 in addition to the amount paid. It is noted that some information obtained by this informant has not previously been available to Knoxville.

Consideration should be given to keeping this informant satisfied with the idea that in the future it may be desirable to have him again visit [REDACTED] Chattanooga for the purpose of again obtaining information.

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- 2 - Miami (137-363) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 1 - Knoxville

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J. Johnson

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Special Agent in Charge

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RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the risk taken by this informant, the value of the information obtained, the limited source of such information, and the fact that the Bureau may, in the future, want this informant to make an additional trip to Chattanooga, it is recommended that an additional \$100.00 be paid to this informant for his services in connection with his trip to Chattanooga.

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Date: JUN 16 1961

Transmit the following in AIRTEL
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66233)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-1438)

NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Miami airtel to Director, 6/15/61.

CONF. INFO.

On 6/15/61, [redacted] advised that he was with [redacted] from 4:00 PM to 11:00 P.M. on 6/14/61. Most of this time was spent in his (CI's) office where [redacted] typed several letters to individuals residing outside the State of Fla. The letters were typed on stationery of the Christian Knights of the KKK, no copies were made by [redacted]

[redacted] explained to informant that [redacted] the men involved in the bombing of the Greyhound bus at Anniston, Ala. [redacted] invited informant to sit with him [redacted] when this case is tried in Federal Court.

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- 2 - Atlanta (105-763) (RM) (AM)
- 3 - Birmingham { 2 - 105-477 } (RM) (AM)
 { 1 - 149-16 } (RM) (AM)
- 1 - Little Rock (105-187) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Mobile (105-339) (Info) (RM)
- 2 - Tampa { 1 - 157-45 } (RM) (AM)
 { 1 - 157-208 } (RM) (AM)
- 5 - Miami { 2 - 105-1438 } (1 - 157-363 Sub A)
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[redacted] furnished telephone number [redacted]
Miami [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]
On 6/16/61, [redacted] advised that he was with [redacted] on 6/15/61, from about 5:30 PM to 12:30 AM, 6/16/61. From about 6:00 PM to 9:45 PM they were in CI's office where [redacted] typed several letters, [redacted]

[redacted] said he will meet with [redacted] Miami, Fla., 6/16/61.

On 6/15/61, informant telephonically contacted [redacted] Miami potential bombing suspect, Belle Glade, Fla., and arranged a meeting for 4:00 PM, 6/18/61, in Belle Glade. [redacted] will accompany informant to this meeting.

The purpose of this meeting is to afford informant an opportunity to be with [redacted] on Sunday; to determine if [redacted] has any connections with [redacted]. Also to afford informant an opportunity to determine from [redacted] if he is still considering a bombing job in Tampa, Fla. (On 2/5/61, [redacted] indicated to informant that he had a bombing job coming up in Tampa in 3 or 4 months.)

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While talking with [REDACTED] on the phone
[REDACTED] advised CI that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] allegedly conferred with Klan officials as well as
[REDACTED] is presently being
considered as a possible potential bombing suspect of
the Miami Division)

Miami will continue to follow [REDACTED]
activities in Miami and will keep the Bureau and
interested offices advised.

6/22/61

Airtel

To: SAC, Miami (137-363)

From: Director, FBI (66-16458)

CONFIDENTIAL

Reurairtel 6/16/61 captioned, "National States Rights Party, Racial Matters." According to reairtel, [redacted] has invited captioned informant to sit [redacted] with [redacted] when the case involving the burning of a Greyhound Bus in Anniston, Alabama, is tried in Federal court.

The informant, of course, should not participate in such activity and should prepare a plausible reason for not attending the trial. It is possible that his employment with the United Southern Employees Association, Incorporated, may provide him with a logical reason in this regard.

NOTE:

[redacted], who is temporarily in the Miami area has been in contact with Miami informant and has stated [redacted]

[redacted] according to the informant, said he would like the informant to be present [redacted]

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To: SAC, Miami (137-363)
From: Director, FBI (66-16458)

Re Birmingham let 6/9/61 and Miami airtel 6/14/61
in the matter entitled [redacted]
Racial Matters; Destruction of Aircraft or Motor Vehicles;
Civil Rights."

Bureau agrees that in view of the indication that [redacted] plans to remain in Florida for the next two or three weeks it is desirable that captioned informant not leave the Miami area during that time unless absolutely necessary. It is noted he is in contact with [redacted] and appears to be obtaining information of value from him. In this connection, if you have not already done so, you should promptly submit in letterhead memorandum form under the [redacted] caption, information attributed to [redacted] which is set forth in re Miami airtel.

Since it also appears desirable to have captioned informant make contact with [redacted] authority is granted for him to travel to Alabama for that purpose during the first week of July as outlined in re Miami airtel. In view of the fact that if he is invited to attend the next National Ku Klux Klan meeting he may have to remain in Alabama over the week end of July 8 and 9, 1961, authority is granted to pay him up to \$225 for expenses actually incurred during such a trip. This is over and above the usual expense authorization and payments from this amount must be supported by an itemized statement of expenditures from the informant.

- 1 - Birmingham (For information)
- 1 - J. S. Johnson

NOTE: While informant was in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on an assignment in connection with the bombing cases there and prior to the freedom rider violence in Alabama on 5/14/61, the informant was contacted by [redacted]

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would like informant to see him. It appears desirable that such a trip be made in order to obtain any information possible relative to the violence in Alabama in connection with the freedom riders. However, [REDACTED] is presently in Miami and in contact with the informant. In view of [REDACTED] background [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] it appears desirable that informant temporarily remain in Miami.

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Date: JUN 23 1961

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Via AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66233)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-1438)
SUBJECT: NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Bureau airtels to Miami 6/9/ and 20/61,
and Miami airtels to Bureau 6/15/ and 16/61.

CONF. INFL.

The following information was furnished by
[redacted] on a daily basis regarding the activities
of [redacted] in Miami, Florida:

Dissemination of this information is not
recommended in view of the relationship between informant

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 - (3) - 105-66233
 - (1) - 66-16458
- 2 - Atlanta (105-763) (RM - AM)
- 2 - Birmingham (105-477) (RM - AM)
- 1 - Cincinnati [redacted] (Info) (RM - AM)
- 1 - Jacksonville (105-60) (Info) (RM - AM)
- 2 - Little Rock (105-187) (RM - AM)
- 1 - Memphis (105-320) (Info) (RM - AM)
- 1 - Mobile (105-339) (Info) (RM - AM)
- 1 - New Orleans (105-339) (Info) (RM - AM)
- 1 - Savannah (Info) (RM - AM)
- 1 - Tampa (157-45) (Info) (RM - AM)
- 4 - Miami
 - (2 - 105-1438)
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and [REDACTED] With regards to dissemination is is noted that the following individuals were advised on 6/21/61, that [REDACTED] is presently in Miami, Fla:

[REDACTED]

6/16/61

At 5:00 PM, [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] to advise that he was calling on [REDACTED] and would not meet CI until later in the evening.

At 10:30 PM, [REDACTED] recontacted CI by telephone to advise he was having car trouble and would be unable to meet informant.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

6/17/61

[REDACTED] and CI were together from 4:00 PM to midnight. Most of the day was spent in the sun at Miami Beach and eating and drinking at various places in Miami. [REDACTED] related that he hoped there would be no publicity regarding [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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6/18/61

[redacted] and informant departed Miami, Fla., at 12:30 PM [redacted] they visited [redacted] related that he is not presently connected with any group and is more or less working on his own. [redacted] is going to assist the Florida Ku Klux Klan in organizing the Klan in Belle Glade, Fla., area.

[redacted] advised [redacted] that if the FBI or any other authority should pick him up for questioning he should not tell them anything and should take the 5th Amendment.

[redacted] exhibited a letter he had received from [redacted] pointed out to [redacted] and informant that it appeared the letter had been opened prior to the time he had received it. [redacted] also pointed out that [redacted] advised in his letter that [redacted] would be in Miami, Fla. [redacted] and furnished the address.

[redacted] was very upset over the fact that [redacted] furnished [redacted] with his plans to be in Miami, Fla., and where he would reside. [redacted] said information of this sort should never have been furnished to anyone.

At about 11:30 PM, the informant and [redacted] returned to Miami, Fla.

6/19/61

At 12:30 PM, [redacted] telephonically contacted informant and advised he had received a letter from [redacted] He said [redacted] related in his letter that [redacted] is trying to give him [redacted] and the NSRP a hard time.

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At 6:00 PM informant met with [REDACTED] and that evening they attended the Florida States Rights Party meeting at 5318 NW 17th Ave., Miami, Fla.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In addition to criticizing the FBI's handling of the Little Rock Bombing Case, [REDACTED] also criticized Director HOOVER and described him as a puppet of the Communist. He said the FBI is no longer an organization as the people are lead to believe, but it is a Communist controlled organization.

In private conversation, [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that the FBI is trying to tap all telephones of patriotic organizations as well as opening the mail of these organizations. He said there is one thing the FBI

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has overlooked in this matter. The item overlooked by the FBI is the fact that patriotic organizations have just as good telephone and electrician men as the FBI. He said it might be possible that the patriotic organizations are listening in on conversations of the FBI Office the same as the FBI is doing to the patriotic organizations.

6/20/61

Informant was with [redacted] from about 3:30 PM to 11:30 PM. Early in the day, [redacted]

[redacted]

Informant advised that [redacted] continues to talk about organizations and underground groups of teenagers, but has taken no positive steps to date.

Information copies of this airtel are furnished to listed offices in view of their interest in [redacted] activities.

[redacted]

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Miami will continue to follow ██████████ activities and will keep the Bureau and interested offices advised.

FBI

Date: 6/26/61

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

AIRMAIL

Via (Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (66-16458)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (137-363)

[Redacted]

CONF. INFO

Re Bureau airtel to Miami, 6/20/61, and Miami airtel to Bureau, 6/14/61, captioned, [Redacted] Burning of Greyhound Bus, Anniston, Alabama, 5/14/61, carrying Members of Freedom Ride, 1961 CORE; RM; DMV; CR."

[Redacted] telephonically contacted [Redacted] at Anniston, Ala., 6/26/61, and initiated an invitation from [Redacted] to meet in Anniston after the 4th of July and prior to the week end of July 8 and 9, 1961 (for security reasons exact date not furnished to [Redacted])

Informant told [Redacted] he was going to Birmingham to contact [Redacted] the United Southern Employees Association and would thereafter contact [Redacted]

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- (3) - Bureau (AM)
- 2 - Birmingham (149-16)(RM)
- 1 - Atlanta (Info)
- 2 - Mobile (AM)
- 1 - Knoxville (Info)
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Informant advised his [REDACTED] in Birmingham is [REDACTED] who was formerly a klansman and should be in a position to furnish pertinent info regarding klan activities in the Birmingham Area.

Informant will depart Miami, Fla., aboard the "Southwind" Florida East Coast Railroad at 11:30 am, 7/4/61 and is scheduled to arrive at Birmingham at 4:30 am on 7/5/61. Prior to contacting [REDACTED] the informant will telephonically contact the Birmingham Office at 8:15 am, 7/5/61, and identify himself as "99".

The Birmingham Office is requested to arrange for Agents to meet CI and furnish appropriate background info and make any specific assignments necessary. Arrangements should be made to recontact informant for pertinent info developed and to further direct his activities.

It is noted that the National Ku Klux Klan meeting is scheduled for July 8 and 9, 1961, in Alabama, and CI has been invited to attend this meeting. All contacts with CI are to be most circumspect.

A copy of the information furnished by CI should be designated for Miami File 137-363 Sub A.

Informant is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	50
Height	5'10"
Weight	200 lbs.
Build	Heavy
Hair	Salt and pepper
Characteristics	Walks straight; stomach protrudes.

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He is very enthusiastic in doing all he can to assist the Bureau and has been a CI for approximately 13 years, having worked with Agents in Charlotte, New Orleans, and Miami.

In the event informant's services are needed in excess of one week, Bureau authority should be obtained as well as authority to pay any additional expenses involved.

Since informant may go to cities other than Birmingham and Anniston, Mobile is requested to alert Agents assigned to Montgomery, Selma, Resident Agencies of informant's trip to meet with [REDACTED] at Anniston, Alabama.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SACS BIRMINGHAM AND MOBILE

FROM SAC MIAMI 031520

RE MIAMI AIRTEL JUNE 26 LAST TO DIRECTOR.
 FOR SECURITY REASONS, CI-S ARRIVAL BIRMINGHAM CHANGED.
 INFORMANT WILL LEAVE TRAIN MONTGOMERY, ALA; 2:30 AM CHECK
 IN LOCAL HOTEL, AND TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT MONTGOMERY RA 10 AM,
 JULY 5 NEXT AS "99." BIRMINGHAM, HAVE AGENT MEET CI IN
 MONTGOMERY. MOBILE MAY DESIRE AGENT MEET WITH INFORMANT ON
 ORIGINAL BRIEFING.

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Date: 7/6/61

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66233)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-1438)

NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Miami airtel to Bureau, 6/29/61.

CONFIDENTIAL The following information was furnished by
[redacted] on a daily basis, regarding the activities
of [redacted] in Miami, Fla.: (Dissemination of this
information is not recommended, in view of the relation-
ship between informant and [redacted])

6/28/61

At 1:35 P.M., informant telephonically contacted
[redacted] at which time [redacted]

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- 2 - Atlanta (105-763) (AM) (RM)
- 2 - Birmingham (105-477) (AM) (RM)
- 3 - Miami (1 - 105-1438)
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[REDACTED] was fined \$50.00 and \$5.00 costs on the assault and battery charge

[REDACTED] requested to borrow CI's typewriter, as he had a number of things he wanted to type.

At 6:35 P.M. [REDACTED] contacted informant and picked up informant's typewriter.

6/29/61

At 10:05 A.M. [REDACTED] telephonically contacted CI and arranged for a meeting during the evening.

At 6:00 P.M., [REDACTED] met with informant, at which time [REDACTED] advised he planned to leave Miami 7/4/61 or shortly thereafter, his departure [REDACTED] said he will be going to Birmingham, Ala., and may accompany CI, if not, he plans to leave for Birmingham shortly after CI's departure on 7/4/61. [REDACTED] asked informant to register at the Hilman Hotel in Birmingham, as he [REDACTED] planned to stay there upon his arrival in Birmingham. [REDACTED] instructed informant to telephonically contact [REDACTED] and to deliver mail to [REDACTED] of Anniston, Ala. He said he preferred not to send the mail through the post office, as the FBI would probably open it.

[REDACTED] did not indicate to informant that he planned to stop in Atlanta, Ga., en route to Birmingham.

6/30/61

[REDACTED] was telephonically contacted by informant at 3:10 P.M., at which time [REDACTED] related he had been busy typing and had a great deal more to type during the evening.

7/1/61

Informant was with [REDACTED] from 6:30 P.M. to midnight. Most of the time was spent eating and drinking. [REDACTED] referred to an article appearing in the local Miami, Fla., newspapers concerning an unexploded bomb found in Washington, D. C. He hoped that there were no fingerprints left on the bomb and said they could not pin this bomb or the other explosions in Washington on him, as he has good alibis

7/2/61

Informant telephonically contacted [REDACTED] at 10:00 A.M. and [REDACTED] telephonically contacted informant at 9:30 P.M. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] telephonically contacted CI at 10:15 A.M. to advise that he would meet with CI in the afternoon.

At 2:05 P.M., [REDACTED] contacted informant and returned informant's typewriter. At this time, [REDACTED] advised he was leaving Miami by bus 7/4/61 and planned to make stops along the way to Birmingham, Ala. He said he would contact CI at Birmingham and if not there, will meet CI in Anniston, Ala., 7/8/61, for the meeting of the National KKK.

[REDACTED] said that since he was leaving for Alabama on the same day as the informant, he had no mail or messages to deliver, as previously discussed.

7/5/61

[REDACTED] All unknown lady advised that [REDACTED] had left for Alabama.

FBI

Date: 7/13/61

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL (Type in plain text or code)

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

Via

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (66-16458)

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

Re Bureau airtel to Miami, 6/20/61, authorizing informant's trip to Anniston, Ala.

On 7/12/61, [REDACTED] returned to Miami, Fla., from Anniston, Ala., where he attended the National Ku Klux Klan meeting on 7/8 - 9/61, and attempted to develop info re the case entitled, [REDACTED] RACIAL MATTERS; DESTRUCTION OF AIRCRAFT OR MOTOR VEHICLES; CIVIL RIGHTS."

For the information of Birmingham, Miami, by authority dated 5/26/61, is presently paying up to \$60.00 per week for services. Since this amount does not appear adequate for the services rendered by informant for the period 7/4 - 12/61, Birmingham is requested to review and evaluate info developed by CI while in Birmingham and Anniston, Ala. Will thereafter, request Bureau authority for Miami to pay informant an amount commensurate with his services, keeping in mind the risk involved and the time consumed.

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

SAC, Miami (137-363)

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Director, FBI (66-16453) 311

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EX 104

Re BHairtel, 7/18/61, BUairtel, 6/20/61, your airtel, 7/13/61, and BHlet, 7/13/61, captioned "Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Incorporated, aka National Ku Klux Klan, National Meeting at Anniston, Alabama, July 8, 1961, Racial Matters."

Authority is granted to pay [redacted] the sum of \$150 for his services for the period 7/4-12/61, while informant was in the Birmingham Division and en route from and to Miami. This amount is not being paid informant for the risk involved and time consumed, but is based upon the value of the information which he elicited during this time, and the service he rendered.

Informant is presently authorized \$60 per week for services and \$25 per week for expenses actually incurred. In addition the Bureau by airtel 6/20/61 authorized an amount of \$225 for expenses actually incurred during this trip. That amount was over and above the usual expenses authorized and payments have to be supported by an itemized statement of expenditures from the informant.

This present authorization is actually only a \$90 addition to the \$60 he is ordinarily authorized.

1 - J. S. Johnson

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NOTE:

[redacted] is William Sommerset, a very active and productive MM Racial informant. A national meeting of the Knights of Ku Klux Klan was held in Anniston, Alabama, 7/8-9/61, and delegates from seven major Klans attended.

- Tolson _____
- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- Callahan _____
- Conrad _____
- DeLoach _____
- Evans _____
- Malone _____
- Rosen _____
- Sullivan _____
- Tavel _____
- Trotter _____
- Tele. Room _____
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RE: MM 607-C(RAC)

Three informants had been authorized by the Bureau to attend this meeting including [REDACTED]. The other two informants [REDACTED] failed to attend. [REDACTED] furnished valuable information concerning the Bus Burning incident at Anniston, Alabama, which occurred 5/14/61; Klan talk to kill Martin Luther King, a prominent Negro minister and information concerning [REDACTED]