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CECIL R. TOMPKINS, Deputy Sheriff, Shelby County, Tenn., personally appeared at the Memphis Office of the FBI at approximately 11:00 a.m. 4/15/68 to disclose the identity of an individual he feels would be capable of committing captioned crime. He identified this person as [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] a native of Jamestown, Tenn. TOMPKINS was a law enforcement officer in Jamestown from 1949 through 1953 and recalled that in addition to WILLARD there were three other [REDACTED] brothers, [REDACTED] who is currently head of the [REDACTED] at Memphis; (FNU) [REDACTED] and a brother who was killed by a sheriff near Jamestown, Tenn., in a gun battle. Following this killing, the remaining [REDACTED] brothers ambushed the sheriff's wife, children and collie dog in their automobile, shot up the car and severely wounded the sheriff's wife. She survived the incident, and while he recalled that the brothers were arrested and that the circumstantial evidence against them was very good, they were never prosecuted for the crime.

He further recalled that either [REDACTED] or the brother whose first name he could not recall was a Merchant Seaman. The younger [REDACTED] brother would now be approximately 32 to 34 years of age. All of the brothers were "lovers of guns" and had an extensive gun collection. He recalled that the brothers on various occasions harassed law enforcement personnel in the Jamestown, Tenn., area, causing a number of these persons to resign. They also reportedly "treed the town" on a number of occasions with the use of dynamite and firearms and three times caused martial law to be invoked.

TOMPKINS does not have any real reason to suppose that the [REDACTED] brothers are connected with instant matter and has furnished this information for evaluation.

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