

Klan Leader Sues to Keep F.B.I. From Destroying Political Files

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 11 (AP)—A Ku Klux Klan leader has asked a Federal court for an injunction to prevent the Federal Bureau of Investigation from destroying its files on private citizens who have been involved in political activity.

He is Robert M. Shelton of Northport, Ala., who is the head of the United Klans of America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Inc. He filed the suit against the bureau's director, Clarence M. Kelley.

Mr. Kelley said last month that he was

asking the Justice Department and the Attorney General for permission to burn 6.5 million files on private citizens.

Mr. Shelton's suit said that he requested the bureau's files on himself last April under provisions of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act but had not received them. He asked the court to order that the files not be burned until he received his file and the time for appealing had expired.

His request for the injunction, filed Friday, is not expected to be heard until October.

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