

2/10/11

Dear Jim,

Although I'm deeply immersed in the preparation of court papers, for which there is a close deadline, I answer your interesting 3/6 immediately. While I would not consider the Klan sophisticated enough for this kind of operation, anything in which they may have been involved would be of great interest. There is one that sounds like feedback and there is some that could be a perfect fit. Until I know more I can't evaluate. Those people also got information that was not always good. But it is exciting and provocative.

The name "Leander" can be two people, father (dead) and son, the father is eminently fitting the description. He was excommunicated for his racism.

I can understand part of your source's position, but there is another part: what is in his head only does no good. He has not contacted me. And if there is any hazard to him, in his estimation, it is diminished, not increased, by his not having knowledge others do not have.

God knows how many plots there were to kill the man. They didn't all succeed, but in learning which did, we have to know who was involved in all.

The other name you gave me is enough for a check, and I'll start.

I do hope your source will elect to let you/me know more because I am now in a position to do what I could not earlier. I have just returned from a very successful trip to Memphis, and I've many new leads and much solid fact.

I suppose that alman felt he was doing something constructive. However, it is the parallel/reverse of what the Minutemen did with Khrushchev.

Thanks,

HW

Dear Karole

From the top

I have been told by my source that an informant in the K.C. area reported a plot to kill King by the beginning of the 1968 political Conventions was being organized. The informant was given this information by two men from New Orleans who were members of the Louisiana Klan. These men from New Orleans on various occasions had run guns and other contraband to racist and right-wing groups throughout Dixie. The Klanner gun-runners told the informant that they were told this in Montgomery Ala. by a Mr. Lee-ANDER (phonetically) a Louisiana rich bitch who wheeled and dealt with anyone for power. The wealthy man and a Klanner were in Alabama to raise funds for Wallace's presidential campaign. Apparently large sums of money were involved in the operation and the gunrunners expressed the wish to the informant that they themselves could be involved.

My source has expressed the opinion that the information he told me was given the Bureau in late January 1968. I know that names and dates and more details are in my source's head. I respect his wish not to tell me anymore on this. I have suggested that he contact you directly on this. Perhaps he already has. At any rate, why he hasn't said anything is what he said would turn you around in our phone conversation. The subtle pressures and threats he has had to live with are a story in themselves.

I have only one name he told me much earlier and it refers to a Tenn. Klanner-murderer type. I don't know his relationship to the King case other than he was one of the "heavy dudes" in New Orleans. ARNOLD T-i-bi or Tybee or something close to T-B. accent on first letter. Apparently this man was killed before.

I will try to get you more and I'm hoping that this can dovetail with what you are working with.

From the very round-a-bout way my source talks about this it seems that the FBI knew something was up — why didn't they move on the assumption that their own informants don't lie.

Enclosed is a hand bill given to me by a airman from California. He told me he works in a classified print shop on a base "in the west." Very weird indeed. But I'm not surprised about anything anymore. When we eventually get you out here I'll give you details on this. I just am too paranoid to go into what this guy told me about his "base".

Jim

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