

IS SEIZED BY FBI

Agents Raid Barn in
Washington Parish

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FRANKLINTON, La.—A cache of arms and ammunition was seized Thursday afternoon from a barn in a rural area of Washington Parish between Franklinton and Mount Hermon by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation assisted by Washington Parish Sheriff Willie J. Blair.

The raid, supervised by FBI agents, was held about 1:30 p. m. and it was believed that members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan had secreted the weapons and ammunition recovered from the barn.

FBI agents refused to identify the person on whose property the building was located but said that this person was not connected with the weapons and had been cleared. It was reported that the person gave officers permission to search the unoccupied barn after a search warrant signed by 22nd Judicial District Judge Hillary J. Crane was presented.

Recovered were two machine guns, one an Army type submachine gun reported stolen from the New Orleans Port of Embarkation in 1965, and a French style submachine gun. Other weapons recovered included 300 feet of a new type high-powered fuse explosive, primer caps, 14,000-15,000 rounds of 9 millimeter ammunition, two model fragmentation type hand grenades, three submachine gun clips and 2,000 rounds of ammunition for the American machine gun.

No arrests have been made, according to officers, but the investigation is continuing.

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Klan Weapon Cache Seized At Franklinton

FRANKLINTON, La. (AP) — Two submachine guns, a couple of hand grenades, some high explosive and ammunition were seized yesterday in a raid on a barn near here.

Sheriff Willie J. Blair and FBI agents confiscated the cache of weapons and explosives. No arrests were reported.

Officers said a Ku Klux Klan group hid the weapons in the barn, located in an isolated area of Washington Parish between here and Mount Hermon.

FBI agents declined to identify the owner of the property but said he was not involved in the case.

One weapon was an Army submachine gun reported stolen in New Orleans in 1965, officers said. The other was a French made submachine gun.