

F.B.I. Special Agent Who Smashed Klan Resuming Old Post

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JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 25— Roy Moore, the special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who is credited with smashing the Ku Klux Klan in Mississippi in the nineteen-sixties, is coming back from Chicago to head the bureau's big contingent in Mississippi, which is based here.

Mr. Moore was assigned to Chicago last year by the late J. Edgar Hoover, then director of the bureau. He is slated to return Jan. 15, at his request, to the post of special agent in charge of the Mississippi office. Elmer Linberg, who had served under Mr. Moore here for six years and became agent in charge when Mr. Moore left in October, 1971, is being transferred to the Los Angeles office as special agent in charge of the criminal division there.

Mr. Moore, 59 years old, was sent here in 1964 to head a greatly expanded F.B.I. office to solve the murders of three civil rights workers in Neshoba County. He headed several of the largest investigations of civil rights crimes ever conducted by the bureau. In the Neshoba case, seven were convicted and sent to Federal prisons.

Mr. Moore also headed the investigation into the 1966 slaying of a Hattiesburg Negro leader, Vernon Dahmer, that led to the conviction of five Klansmen.

The bureau contended that both the Neshoba and Hattiesburg slayings had been plotted by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, founded in Mississippi in 1964. At one time the bureau estimated the White Knights had as many as 5,000 members but by 1969 it was down to only a handful of members.