

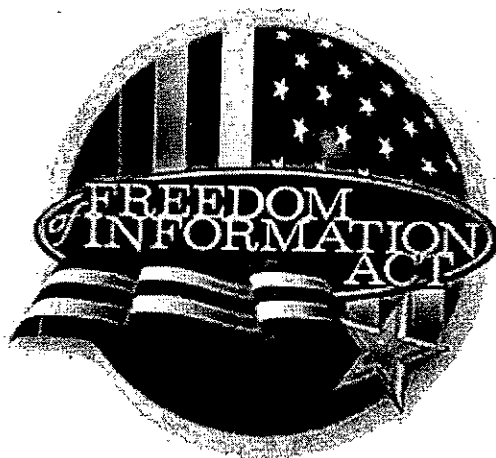
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SUBJECT: (COINTELPRO)

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INCORPORATED)

ReBulet 9/2/64.

The leaders of several small Klan organizations in 1963 formed a group called the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated (NKKKK) which meets several times a year. The purpose of this organization is to attempt to unite the various Klan groups to gain strength and to improve cooperation between the various Klans. To date this organization has not been effective, mainly because of disagreements between various leaders as to whom would lead the NKKKK. James R. Venable, an Atlanta attorney, is allegedly the national chairman or Imperial Wizard of the organization. Venable and his supporters have designated Tucker, Georgia, as headquarters for the new group.

It is imperative that counterintelligence steps be taken to preclude any unification or consolidation of Klan organizations. You are instructed to promptly furnish to the Bureau an analysis of the present status of the NKKKK. Include recommendations for counterintelligence action to expose and discredit this organization. You should specifically concentrate upon any known antagonisms existing among the leaders of the NKKKK within their own organizations and also with leaders of other Klans. Consider means to capitalize for counterintelligence purposes upon any existing antagonisms.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-Main)

DATE: 9/16/64

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)

ReBulet 9/2/64.

In 1960, a comparatively small group of Klansmen pulled out of U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., and formed a new Klan group called Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

The [redacted] of this new group was [redacted] of Jonesboro, Georgia. In the Summer of 1961, following a meeting between [redacted] and officials of United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (United Klans), the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., were merged into United Klans and [redacted] was given the position of [redacted] of United Klans held at Birmingham, Alabama, 9/2-6/64.

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He asked [redacted] to join with him in an effort to get [redacted] removed as [redacted] for Georgia. [redacted] did not commit himself but told [redacted] he would think it over and notify him when he had reached a decision.

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This situation appears to offer an opportunity to capitalize upon the personal conflict of two Klan leaders. We propose the following action:

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The Bureau is requested to authorize the above action.

SAC, Atlanta (157-826)

September 29, 1964

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DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.)

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
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Advise the Bureau of any positive results of this effort and be alert to submit follow-up counterintelligence recommendations.

1 - Atlanta [redacted]

NOTE:

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Director, FBI (157-9-2)

1 - Mr. Gray
1 - Mr. Ryan

**COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(JAMES M. VENABLE)**

ReBulet 9/2/64 and Bulet 9/15/64 (National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated) relating to this program.

Relet dated 9/15/64 pointed out the leaders of several small Klan organizations in 1963 formed a group ^{USA} called the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated, (NKKKK) which meets several times a year. The purpose of the NKKKK is to unite the various Klan groups and to improve cooperation between the Klans. To date the organization's intention has not been effective, mainly because of disagreements between various leaders as to who would lead the NKKKK. James M. Venable, an attorney is allegedly the National Chairman or Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK. Venable and his supporters have designated Tucker, Georgia, as headquarters for the new group.

Bulet 9/15/64 requested you consider counterintelligence techniques for the purpose of frustrating the objectives of the NKKKK.

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The Bureau also desires that you immediately afford counterintelligence attention to James M. Venable, who is also the Legal Counsel of the United Klans of America, Incorporated. You should consider all possible exposure, disruptive, neutralizing and embarrassing tactics for application against Venable. Submit your comments and specific counterintelligence recommendations to the Bureau for authorization prior to initiating action.

1 - Atlanta (157-370) DE-B
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NOTE:

Venable, born 1/15/05 in Georgia, resides on VFW Drive, Stone Mountain, Georgia, and is an attorney with offices at 100 1/2 Hunter Street, Southwest Atlanta, Georgia; he is known to suffer from high blood pressure.

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To: SAC, Atlanta (157-826)

From: -Director, FBI (157-9-2)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(PUBLICITY)

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Enclosed are the original and one copy of counter-intelligence material regarding the Klan prepared by the Bureau. The original of this document is for passage to [redacted]. The copy should be retained in your files. You should advise [redacted] that when he gives this material to [redacted] for possible use in the "Saturday Evening Post" article, the Bureau must not be revealed as the source. [redacted] should understand that under no circumstances can sources be revealed or made available to substantiate the information this document contains.

It should be tactfully suggested to [redacted] that he may find any of the material not actually used by [redacted] helpful in connection with his syndicated newspaper column.

The Bureau appreciates your alertness and interest in suggesting this counterintelligence operation. Advise the Bureau of positive results of your action and be alert to submit follow-up counterintelligence recommendations.

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NOTE:

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THE KU KLUX KLAN TODAY

There is a current revival of the Ku Klux Klan in the United States. In early September, 1964, the largest Klan organization in the Nation, the ~~United~~ Klans of America, held its National Klonvokation at the Dinkler-Tutwiler Hotel in Birmingham, Alabama. This is the largest and one of the best hotels in that city. A feature of the Klonvokation was a banquet attended by some 600 men and women from every state in the Deep South. Robert M. Shelton, the Imperial Wizard, or head, of the United Klans, was re-elected at this Klonvokation. NO LOCALITY

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This current revival of the Klan is undoubtedly attributable to two events in particular. The first was the Supreme Court decision of May 17, 1954, which held that segregation in public schools is unlawful. The second was the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. While the vast majority of the people in the South accept the law of the land, there are, in a frustrated fringe, some who are willing to condone violence and some who are willing to commit violence, in an effort to prevent integration.

Thus, the Klan tradition of advocating "white supremacy" still lives in many parts of the South. The Klan's main hate target is, of course, the Negro. A secondary hate target in the Klan's opposition to integration is Jews. Equating Jews with communists, the Klan has contrived a "Jewish-communist conspiracy" to which it attributes a plot to use the colored races as a pawn in order to "mongrelize" the

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white race everywhere. The conspirators would, in this Klan-conceived plot, take over the world after the rest of the white race has been degraded by desegregation.
(157-168-254)

Other Klan targets are Roman Catholics and the foreign born. Thus, despite sanctimonious claims to worthy aims, superpatriotism, and the promotion of the best interest of the community, state, and nation, the Klan is based on bigotry. Its real aims and purposes are to subjugate, in one way or another, all those in the United States who are not white, native-born Protestants. In an effort to accomplish this objective, it promotes segregation, anti-Semitism, anti-Catholicism, and a limitation on immigration. Thus, the traditional Klan intolerance remains unchanged--antagonism toward Negroes, Jews, Catholics, and the foreign born.
(Pamphlet, "Is the KKK Guilty of Patriotism")

The current revival of the Klan has brought its membership to a total somewhat less than 10,000. Even so, it is far from its peak of the 1920's, when it numbered four million. The actual total is also far from the claims of its leaders. In June, 1964, for example, Robert Shelton stated that the Klan membership in Alabama alone was in the "neighborhood" of 65,000. About the same time, a Klan leader in Mississippi claimed that Klan membership in that state totaled nearly 100,000. ("NY Times," 7/6/64, Mag. Sect., p. 8; "The National Observer," 7/27/64, p. 5)

From 1915, when William Joseph Simmons formed the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan as a revival of the original Klan of the Reconstruction Period, until 1944, the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan virtually dominated all Klan activities. After this organization suspended operations in 1944, because of United States Government claims for delinquent taxes totaling nearly \$700,000, the Klan splintered into a number of independent organizations. (KKK monograph, Section, II, p. 2)

Although 17 Klan organizations are currently in existence, only one was formed more than ten years ago. The closest to an extensive, unified Klan organization is Shelton's United Klans. With an approximate membership of 4,625 in seven states, United Klans accounts for approximately half of the national Klan membership. Other leading Klans include the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, United Florida Ku Klux Klan, Association of South Carolina Klans, Dixie Klans, Association of Arkansas Klans, and U. S. Klans. (157-370, 105-71801, 157-1552, 157-395, 105-38068, 157-92, 157-470)

From time to time, since 1944, working agreements have been reached between the heads of various Klans looking toward a consolidation of Klans. The most recent steps to unite the Klans have been taken by the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, headed by James Venable of Stone Mountain, Georgia. Up to now, however, all attempts to establish a national union of Klan organizations under a single leadership have been unsuccessful, because of the inability of the leaders to agree on a single leader for such a group. Shelton has indicated, for example, that he already has the largest Klan in the Nation and he can see no reason to turn it over to Venable.

(157-168-259, p. 4)

Actually, Klan leaders are ambitious, opportunistic, ruthless promoters and publicity seekers who are constantly vying with each other for control of the various Klans. Each Klan organization is virtually a one-man dictatorship.

Klan sources of income are many. One source is the initiation fee, or Klektoken. The Klektoken for one Klan is \$15 for men and \$10 for women, and

65 per cent of the Klektoken must be forwarded to the Klan headquarters. Another source is membership dues. The Louisiana realm of the United Klans, for example, transmits 25 cents per member each month to Robert Shelton. The Imperial Dragon of another Klan receives between \$1,900 and \$2,500 per month from the klaverns. Of this amount, he pays his wife \$200 per month to handle the Klan's correspondence. (157-168-159, p. 6; 157-370-33-47; 105-71801-238)

Revenue from the sale of robes enhances the treasuries of most klaverns. In most instances, the robes sell for \$10, from which a substantial profit is derived, especially if the robes are made by the wife of a Klan member. An official of one klavern incurred the displeasure of his members by making too fat a profit. He bought the robes for \$5 and sold them for \$15. Not satisfied with this, he also sold the members small Confederate flags, at \$1 each, to be sewn on the sleeves of the robes. (157-370-8-168, p. 10)

Shelton's United Klans has launched a new fund-raising scheme. It has established a corporation known as Heritage Enterprises, Incorporated. Principal subsidiary of this corporation is the Heritage Insurance Agency of Bessemer, Alabama. United Klans owns 51 per cent of this insurance agency and certain Alabama financial backers own the remaining 49 per cent. Shelton has stated that each Klansman will be a salesman for this agency, which sells a complete line of insurance, such as casualty, life, hospitalization, disability, income, accident, and group. (157-370-2-183, 194; 157-370-8-77; 157-370-61, 66)

Another source of Klan funds is rallies which present an opportunity for "passing the hat." Recently, a Klan held a public rally during which the collection

filled several buckets. When the rally was over, one of the filled buckets was missing.

(157-370-8-168, p. 30)

Misappropriation of funds by Klan officers and members is commonplace and has frequently caused dissension within klaverns, and even their disintegration. One klavern was in a state of consternation when it was learned, following the Exalted Cyclops' departure from the area for the summer, that the treasury had been depleted and the financial records were missing. More than one Klan has been the victim of misappropriation of funds. Several years ago, the morale of a Klan suffered a severe setback when a member, who happened to be a minister, absconded with some funds. (157-395-295, p. 1; 105-65374-283, p. 27)

The mental aberrations of many Klan members are exemplified in a recent incident involving the Kennedy half dollars now in circulation. Members of a klavern were told that whenever they received such a coin, they should drill a hole in Kennedy's head and put the half dollar back in circulation. The purpose for so doing, of course, is to force the United States Government to recall all of the Kennedy half dollars. (157-92-327, p. 4)

Just what type of person does the Klan attract? Most Klansmen have mediocre backgrounds, limited educations, and extremely narrow, fanatical outlooks and interests. Except for the Negro, they are usually at or near the bottom of the social ladder. This lack of social status may well account for their insecurity,

frustration, discontent, and longing for revenge. Thus, recognition from fellow Klansmen following participation in Klan activity acts as a substitute for the recognition withheld by society. (157-370-8-100; 100-7801-4509, pp. 932-934; 157-1522-73)

In the case of many Klansmen, their stability of mind is questionable, their integrity suspect, and their morality and personal conduct deplorable. A former patient of New York City's Bellevue Hospital, where he was confined following a nervous breakdown, is the head of a small Klan group. The head of an "Inner-terror" group was discharged from the United States Army for mental instability. He has a past arrest record for soliciting for prostitution, for fighting, and for manslaughter. (157-219-36, p. 13; 157-1480)

An Imperial Wizard became an alcoholic and a drug addict and misappropriated all the funds in the treasury of his Klan. One Exalted Cyclops is a moral reprobate who was divorced by his first wife because he struck her and further abused her; his second wife also left him for similar reasons. It is alleged that he will not have a girl work in his office unless she is willing to submit to his advances. He, together with two other men, reportedly photographed a woman in the nude. He is also said to have performed an abortion on her. (157-168-22; 157-92-5)

A lawyer who has devoted his entire life to the Klan movement is James R. Venable, head of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Venable is also President of the NO LOCALITY Defensive Legion of Registered Americans, a Klan front

organization which produces phonograph records of a viciously anti-Negro and anti-Semitic nature. Several years ago, Venable declared that the time had come to hang a few people--both white and Negro--in order to let people know that the Klan meant business. Venable has also advocated hanging some Negroes on college campuses. Separated from his wife, Venable shared his home in Stone Mountain, Georgia, with a close associate, [REDACTED] until NY FA recently, when he requested [REDACTED] to leave because of the latter's drinking. (157-1628-1) D. APPROX 1901

bnc [REDACTED] aged 63, has had a serious drinking problem for years, although he is said to have joined Alcoholics Anonymous at one time.

Prior to and following World War II [REDACTED] was well known and made considerable money as a radio and television announcer in New York City and Philadelphia. However, he "blew it all in," took to drink, and eventually lost his professional standing and connections. (157-560-2, 9, 13, etc.)

NO SECURITY Making full use of his fine speaking voice, [REDACTED] has narrated recordings produced by the ~~Defensive Legion of Registered Americans~~, of which he is Secretary. These recordings are bitterly denunciatory of Negroes, Jews, and Catholics, even to the extent of advocating violent action by whites to protect their way of life against Negro encroachment. (157-560-14, 16, 17, 19, etc.)

Klansmen live in a make-believe world of their own with its peculiar titles, mystic ceremony, terrorist activities, shared hatred, and hoods which

act to conceal their identities. Klan activities are associated in the minds of most with threats, terror, shotguns, mutilations, and tar and feathers. While Klan leaders may now say that they are opposed to the use of violence, they also make inflammatory statements which incite Klansmen and promote violence on their part. (157-1522-73)

Of even greater potential danger to society than the resort to violence by individual Klansmen, with or without the authorization of their leaders, is the existence within the Klan of so-called "action groups." Known variously as "Holy Terrors," "Knock Off Groups," and "Killer Squads," these secret "action groups" consist of three to ten Klansmen in a klavern who do the illegal work of the Klan. (157-168-281)

At a Klan demonstration of how to dispose of an interloper, several uniformed armed guards shot three times in the direction of the pretending intruder, who fell to the ground as the guards closed in. One ripped open the "victim's" shirt with a knife, simulating slashing open his stomach, then the guards threw the man into a creek. (100-7801-49-55)

Robert Creel, Alabama Grand Dragon of the United Klans, told members in one klavern that "if you don't want to get out and 'bust-ass' and kill 'Niggers,' get out of the organization." (157-370-4-152 p. 7)

Floggings head the list of Klan incidents of violence. One particularly brutal case took place in the Spring of 1961 in Alabama. Late one evening, a

group of white men went to the home of a white couple. Their 14-year-old son admitted the men into the house. The husband was blackjacked; the telephone torn from the wall; and both the husband and wife taken from their home in their night clothing to a wooded area, stripped, and severely beaten with a leather whip. They were left alone in the woods.

The assailants told the couple that they had been beaten because they had allegedly permitted their son to be whipped by a Negro for a crime he had committed. Seven men were arrested and convicted for this crime. All of them admitted membership in the Klan, but none would admit that this incident was at the instigation or direction of any Klan organization. (LHM re [REDACTED])

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In April, 1964, [REDACTED] a reporter for a television station in New Orleans, was seized by armed Klansmen as he attempted to film a meeting of the Klan in a heavily wooded area near Jackson, Mississippi. His camera was seized, and he was forced to remove his trousers and lie in a poison ivy patch, where he was whipped about 20 times with a "holster belt." He was then forced to crawl into a small enclosure in the back of a pickup truck. After he had been in the truck for five minutes, he was ordered out and struck another nine or ten times. When he was freed, the Klansmen told him that if he reported the incident to anyone they would kill him within 24 hours. (105-71801-247, 248, 256; "State Times," Baton Rouge, La., 4/20/64, p. 1)

In one instance, an act of violence involving Klansmen backfired. A group of Klansmen, armed with pistols and shotguns and wearing silk stockings

over their faces, went to the home of a Negro. Only his wife and daughter were at home. When their demand for entry into the home was refused, a shot was fired into the door and the door was forced open. The daughter, armed with a .22 caliber revolver, opened fire and killed one of the Klansmen instantly. The Klansmen were charged with assault with intent to murder. The daughter was released without charge. (157-664)

The Klan has shown an interest in having its members take military and other special training. One Grand Dragon issued instructions that each klavern in his state was to arrange for its members to have military drill at least one hour a week. Several Klan groups have held weekly jujitsu sessions, and some have had karate instruction. (Atlanta Airtel, 9/11/63, Youth Legions, Klan Organizations, RM: 157-395-238 p. 10, [REDACTED] 157-395-65 p. 8)

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A few years ago, on an isolated Georgia farm, the Klan reportedly held an explosives school, attended by several Klansmen. There they received instructions and demonstrations in setting booby traps, rigging explosive charges to allow getaway time, burning automobiles and buildings, destroying automobiles with easily obtained materials, and using certain types of fertilizer as explosives. (157-1532-1)

It is known that Klansmen continually urge all members to secure guns and ammunition. Much time is spent discussing the subject. Demonstrations have been given at klavern meetings on how to dismantle a rifle, grease it, and bury it in the ground where it will not likely be found and confiscated by law

enforcement officers. During the Summer of 1964, one Klan leader reportedly

ordered some six dozen Italian-made rifles for resale to other members.
(157-92-242, pp. 10, 11; 105-71801-263; 157-370-8-55 p. 17)

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(PUBLICITY)

DATE: September 25, 1964

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. R. W. Smith
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Ryan
- 1 - Mr. Gray

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Re memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan 9-21-64, same caption, which approved the preparation of counterintelligence material regarding the Klan. This material, after the Director's approval, was to be submitted to Atlanta for passage to

██████████ is to make it available to his staff writer, ██████████ for possible use in an article regarding the Klan which ██████████ is preparing for the "Saturday Evening Post." ██████████ of course, will not know the source of this material.

Appropriate counterintelligence material has been prepared by the Research Unit of the Research-Satellite Section. ██████████ will be furnished this material for use by ██████████ under the conditions that ██████████ not reveal the Bureau as its source and with the understanding that no sources can be revealed or made available to substantiate the information this document contains.

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Moreover, since ██████████ is a staunch and proven friend of the Bureau, it will be tactfully suggested to him that any material not actually used by ██████████ might be useful to ██████████ in his nationally syndicated newspaper column.

RECOMMENDATION:

That approval be granted for attached airtel to Atlanta transmitting the counterintelligence material for appropriate handling with ██████████

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: September 28, 1964

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.)

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At a meeting of the United Klans of America, Incorporated, Knights of the Klu Klux Klan (UKA) held at Birmingham 9/5-6/64, [redacted] a former Georgia Klan leader, was defeated in his effort to be elected Imperial Klokard (lecturer) of the UKA. His defeat resulted from the influence and support given the opposition candidate by [redacted] of the Georgia UKA. [redacted] is extremely bitter, particularly at [redacted] over his defeat and he has asked [redacted] to join him in an effort to oust [redacted]. To capitalize upon the personal conflict of two Klan leaders for the purpose of disrupting and splitting the UKA in Georgia, [redacted]

We concur with this information. There is no risk involved, [redacted] and [redacted] have a considerable Klan following in Georgia. There is a strong probability [redacted] with the cooperation of [redacted] would inspire dissension within the UKA that could split and immobilize the membership of this leading Klan organization.

RECOMMENDATION:

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-826)
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

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ReBulet 9/2/64.

[REDACTED]

He advised on 9/16/64 that [REDACTED] a staff writer for the "Atlanta Constitution" and correspondent for the "Saturday Evening Post", is currently writing an article for the "Saturday Evening Post" on the Ku Klux Klan.

We believe this situation offers the possibility of exposing the Klan's viciousness and duplicity to a nation-wide audience.

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We recommend that the Bureau prepare appropriate material on the nation-wide activities of the Klan to be furnished [REDACTED] through [REDACTED]. This would be preferred since the "Saturday Evening Post" article would receive nation wide circulation. In the event it is not feasible for the Bureau to prepare this material, we recommend that Atlanta be authorized to prepare and furnish material on the Klan in Georgia for transmittal to [REDACTED] through [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED] has long been a proven and staunch friend of the Bureau. We are sure he would not betray our confidence. [REDACTED] of course, would not know the true source of the material.

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Expedite consideration of this matter is requested as [REDACTED] article is presently being prepared.

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Director, FBI (157-9-2)

1 - Mr. Gray
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**COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(IMPROVED ORDER OF THE U.S. KLANS
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.)**

ReATlet dated 9/29/64.

Relet set out that Karl E. George, Imperial Wizard, Improved Order of the U.S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated, is disgusted with his organization and is considering a merger with the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated. USA

Obviously any such merger could result in the strengthening of the Klan organization in Georgia and a probable increase of Klan membership and activities. The Bureau believes counterintelligence action should be promptly initiated to preclude such a merger. This could possibly be accomplished by inspiring antagonism between officials of the two Klan groups through the anonymous circulation of critical documents, the planting of rumors by informants or by other counterintelligence techniques.

The comments and recommendations of the Atlanta Office are solicited. No counterintelligence action should be initiated without specific Bureau authority.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-Main)

DATE: 10/14/64

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

ReBulet, 9/2/64.

The following Klan organizations mentioned in reBulet are currently active within the Atlanta Division and are currently under active investigation:

1. Improved Order of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

This is a small Klan group headed by Imperial Wizard EARL E. GEORGE of Lithonia, Ga. It has two Klaverns within the Atlanta Division. From available information, neither of these Klaverns is currently active. Imperial Wizard GEORGE is an elderly man in his 70's. He has had one heart attack and is currently able to be active only on a limited basis. It appears that this organization will soon go out of existence due to the inability of Imperial Wizard GEORGE to meet with and lead the two Klaverns. GEORGE has recently been meeting with the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., headed by JAMES R. VENABLE. He and VENABLE are old friends. It is believed that GEORGE will take his organization into the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., before he will permit it to pass completely out of existence.

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At the present time, there is very little counterintelligence action we can take against this dying organization.

2. National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. USA

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This organization is headed by JAMES R. VENABLE, an Atlanta attorney and long-time Klan leader. VENABLE has been described as psychotic by [REDACTED]

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VENABLE loves publicity and never misses a chance to comment on radio, television or in the press. When the Democratic Party platform containing a repudiation of the Ku Klux Klan was adopted at the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, N. J., VENABLE's comments were widely quoted by radio, television and the press.

The Atlanta Office has considered for many years ways and means to get VENABLE disbarred. However, under Georgia law, this is virtually impossible unless there is evidence of personal dishonesty in his relationship with his clients. There is no evidence of this and VENABLE's association with the Klan does not appear to hurt his law practice.

As the Bureau is aware, ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, has refused to bring his organization into VENABLE's National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and as a result VENABLE is bitter toward SHELTON and United Klan leaders. There appears to be at this time very little chance that United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, will ever join with VENABLE in the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

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The Atlanta Office has already furnished upon Bureau authorization certain material pertaining to VENABLE to [REDACTED]

Atlanta recommends the following tactics regarding VENABLE and the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.:

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A. It is recommended that JAMES R. VENABLE be interviewed by BuAgents. During this interview, it would be pointed out to VENABLE that various other Klan leaders are using him. In particular, [REDACTED] who lived with VENABLE over a period of several months. Atlanta feels that an interview with VENABLE at this time might possibly have the effect of neutralizing his activity at least to a degree. SA

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B. VENABLE has set up headquarters for the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., on the second floor of a rather large building located in Tucker, Ga. VENABLE has leased the second floor of this building for a term of 15 years. The [REDACTED] a long-time friend of VENABLE's. We recommend that pressure be brought on [REDACTED] to cancel VENABLE's lease. SA

C. The headquarters of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan has sleeping quarters built into it. It also has facilities for cooking. Since the building does not have a fire escape, there is a technical violation of the Building Code. Atlanta recommends that DeKalb Fire Department authorities be apprised of this situation and an effort be made to get the fire inspector to inspect the building for violations of fire and safety laws.

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D. We recommend that material concerning VENABLE be made available to [REDACTED] for possible inclusion in one or two of [REDACTED] syndicated columns.

B. United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (United Klans) USA

This is the largest Klan organization presently in existence and it is also the largest Klan group active within the Atlanta Division.

By letter dated 9/16/64 the Atlanta Office recommended a counterintelligence tactic against this organization using [REDACTED]. By letter dated 9/29/64 the Bureau approved this tactic in an effort to cause dissension with and split the membership of United Klans in Ga.

This organization appears to offer the best target for counterintelligence tactics at this time. This is due to two primary reasons--(1) There is already considerable dissension within the organization caused by [REDACTED] who is the head of a ladies' Klan organization in Ga. This dissension came to a head at the recent Imperial Klonvocation in Birmingham, Alabama, and resulted in several Ga. Klansmen walking out of the Klonvocation. (2) There is considerable dissatisfaction with the [REDACTED] who is the

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[redacted] for United Klans for Ga. At the present time, we are not making any recommendation for specific counterintelligence tactics against United Klans until we see how our effort concerning [redacted] turns out. We are, however, remaining alert to any counterintelligence opportunity and if such an opportunity presents itself we will immediately secure Bureau authorization.

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4. U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

This is a small Klan group which meets at College Park, Ga. It has one unit composed of 30 to 40 members. The [redacted] This organization has held no public meetings, issued no literature, made no effort to secure new members. This has made it extremely difficult for us to penetrate the organization. We have at the present time one or two prospects, however, as of yet we have not been able to penetrate this organization. Therefore, we do not know enough about it to make any specific counterintelligence suggestions at this time.

SAC, Atlanta (157-826)

10/29/64

Director, FBI (157-9-2) - 9

1 - Mr. Gray
2 - Mr. Ryan

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(JAMES R. VENABLE)
(NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN, INCORPORATED)

ReATlet 10/14/64.

Authority is granted to interview James R. Venable, National Chairman or Imperial Wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, (NKKKK) to indicate to him that he is being used by other Klan leaders and in anticipation the interview will have a neutralizing effect on his activities.

Inasmuch as Venable is a practicing attorney and he has been described as psychotic, this interview should be conducted in a public area away from his residence and employment, and while he is alone. Two Agents experienced in racial investigations should be utilized and if determined advisable, the interview should be observed by a third Agent. Advise the Bureau of the results of this interview promptly upon its completion and consider follow-up counterintelligence recommendations.

Before the Bureau can authorize you to bring pressure to cause cancellation of the lease of the headquarters of the NKKKK at Tucker, Georgia, it will be necessary for you to advise in detail the nature of the action you desire to take and the identities of any individuals you intend to contact together with pertinent comments regarding their discretion.

Similarly before the Bureau can authorize you to alert appropriate officials regarding violations of fire and safety laws at NKKKK headquarters, it will be necessary for you to advise the means by which you intend to alert the officials and to furnish assurances that they will not reveal the Bureau's interest.

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RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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Also, prior to confidentially making available information to [REDACTED] relating to Venable, you should furnish to the Bureau a summary of such material.

NOTE:

See memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan, 10/29/64, same caption, DR:lat.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)

DATE: 10/19/64

FROM : *J. L. [unclear]* SAC, ATLANTA (157-826)

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10/19/64

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(IMPROVED ORDER OF THE U. S. KLANS,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.)

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ReBulet, 10/15/64.

The Improved Order of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., is a very small Klan group headed by Imperial Wizard EARL E. GEORGE of Lithonia, Ga. It has two Klaverns within the Atlanta Division. From information available, neither of these Klaverns is currently active. The last meeting of Williams Klavern #57, the Klavern located in DeKalb County, had 5 members present. Imperial Wizard GEORGE is an elderly man in his 70's. He has suffered one heart attack and is currently active only on a very limited basis. Imperial Wizard GEORGE has recently met with the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., headed by JAMES R. VENABLE. He has also spent some time with VENABLE at the latter's home. He and VENABLE are friends of many years' standing. It appears that the Improved Order of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., will soon go out of existence due to the physical inability of GEORGE to meet with and lead the two Klaverns. GEORGE has made overtures to JAMES R. VENABLE about merging his organization into the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., and it is believed he will do this rather than see the organization die completely.



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In view of the above, the Atlanta Office recommends that no counterintelligence action be undertaken to discourage the merger of the Improved Order of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., into the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

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TO : Mr. W.C. Sullivan

DATE: 10/29/64

FROM : F.J. Baumgardner

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Gray
- 1 - Mr. Ryan

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(JAMES R. VENABLE)
(NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INCORPORATED)

James R. Venable, an Atlanta attorney, is the National Chairman or Imperial Wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK). He has been described as psychotic. Venable loves publicity and takes every opportunity to comment on radio, television, or in the press. We believe an effort should be made to disrupt or neutralize the extensive Klan activities of Venable.

The Atlanta Office has recommended, and we concur, that Venable should be interviewed at this time by Bureau Agents. During the interview it would be pointed out to him that various other Klan leaders are using him for their own purposes. Venable in the past lived with a Klan leader over a period of seven months. Atlanta will endeavor to imply that is conducting antagonistic activities in opposition to Venable. Atlanta believes an interview of this leader at this time could have the effect of neutralizing Venable's activities.

Because of the background of Venable, we are instructing Atlanta that this interview should be conducted in a public area away from Venable residence and employment and while he is alone. Two Agents, experienced in racial investigations, should be utilized and, if determined advisable, the interview should be observed by a third Agent.

We have underway other counterintelligence plans to neutralize Venable and the NKKKK that will be undertaken, with Bureau authority, when we have complete facts available to us.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be sent to the Atlanta Office authorizing that office to conduct a secure-type interview with James R. Venable National Chairman or Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK and soliciting further data from the office relating to other counterintelligence activities being considered.

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1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Gray
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Date: November 9, 1964

To: Assistant Administrator for Management
and Evaluation
Office of Management and Evaluation
Veterans Administration
Washington, D.C. 20420

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: [REDACTED]
RACIAL MATTERS

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Attached is one copy each of the following
investigative reports relating to [REDACTED]
of [REDACTED] who is assigned Veterans
Administration Claim Number [REDACTED]

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated
January 31, 1964, at Charlotte, North Carolina.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated
March 27, 1964, at Charlotte, North Carolina.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated
May 28, 1964, at Charlotte, North Carolina.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated
July 29, 1964, at Charlotte, North Carolina.

As is set out in the attached reports
was identified in late 1963 as [REDACTED]

from his residence, [REDACTED]

His verified income in the Fall of
[REDACTED] was [REDACTED] dollars per month. As of
[REDACTED] was receiving a monthly check for
[REDACTED] dollars as a [REDACTED]

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2 - Charlotte (105-991) (157-281) (See note page 2)

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**Assistant Administrator for Management
and Evaluation**

Investigation set out in the attached reports
Identifies [REDACTED]
of the United Klans of America, Incorporated, Knights
of the Ku Klux Klan.

This matter is referred to you for your
information.

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Enclosures - 4

ATTENTION SAC, CHARLOTTE:

Refer to your letter to Director dated 10/12/64
captioned, "Counterintelligence Program, Internal Security,
Disruption of Hate Groups," wherein you suggested information
relating to the subject be referred to the Veterans Administration
at the Seat of Government. In your future investigation of
[REDACTED], you should be alert for any information relating
to his status of health as well as his alleged disability.
Periodically you should cause a review to be made of pertinent
Veterans Administration records to determine any change in the
status of his disability or his disability pension. These
matters should be clearly set out in future reports together
with information relating to his Klan and other racial activity.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)

DATE: 1/7/65

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826)

SUBJECT: *YML*
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

ReBulet, 9/2/64.

(1) Potential Counterintelligence Action

A state klonvocation has been very recently held in Georgia and new state officers elected.

[REDACTED]

b2b These informants have been alerted to immediately advise the Atlanta Office of any information coming to their attention indicating personal weaknesses and idiosyncrasies [REDACTED] which can be exploited for counterintelligence purposes. Informants have also been alerted to immediately furnish any information regarding disagreements or controversial issues among the state klan leaders so that informants can be instructed to take position on these issues, commensurate with security, that would tend to deepen any splits and cause disruption in the overall klan leadership.

It is the intention of the Atlanta Office to be circumspect and judicious in any proposed counterintelligence activity within the immediate future because of the current intensified drive for extensive informant coverage. It has been the experience of Agents handling klan matters that many disruptive tactics applied to the klan immediately commences a hunt for informants and a tightening up of klan security matters which causes extreme difficulty in inserting new informants within klan ranks.

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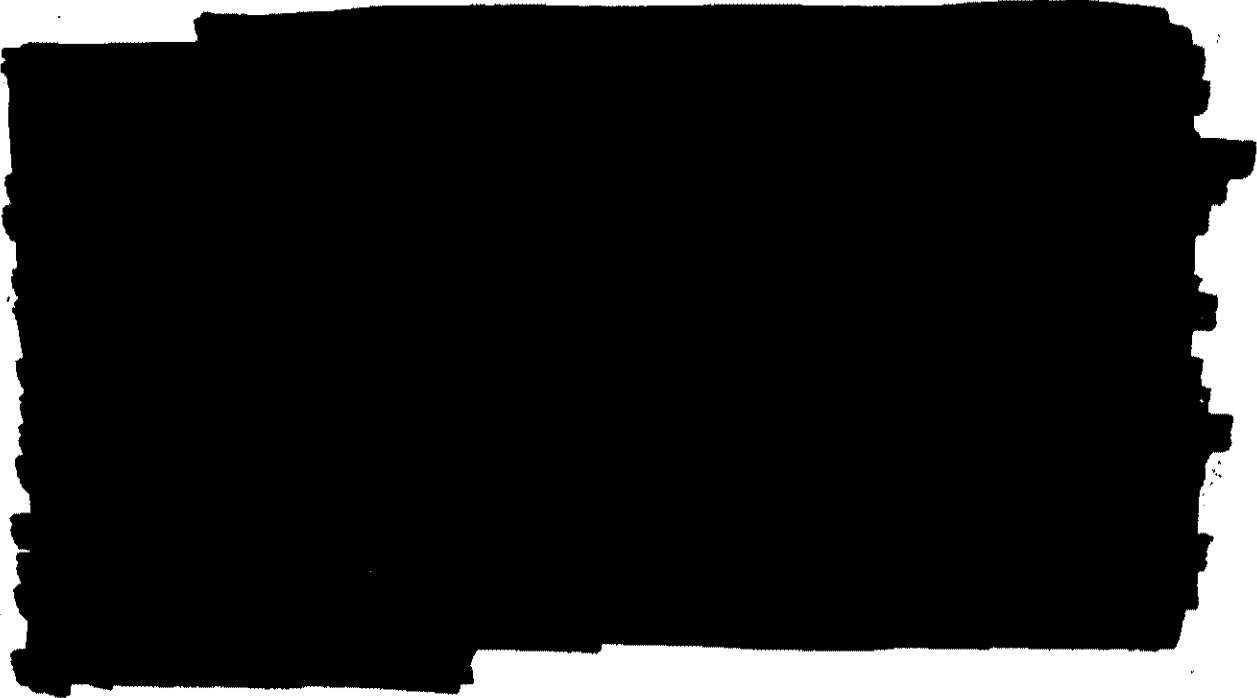
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(2) Pending Counterintelligence Action



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By letter dated 9/17/64, the Atlanta Office recommended that certain written material be furnished to [redacted] of the "Atlanta Constitution" who in turn would pass on this material without disclosing source to [redacted] for utilization in an article to appear in the "Saturday Evening Post." This article was to pertain to the klans in general and intended to expose and ridicule the klans in the South. Bureau approval was secured and material was furnished to [redacted] and this article is scheduled to appear in the mid January, 1965, issue of the "Saturday Evening Post."

Atlanta letter to the Bureau dated 10/14/64 recommended that JAMES R. VENABLE, the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., be interviewed in an attempt to neutralize him

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and remove him from the scene. Bureau authority has been received to interview VENABLE and this interview is pending.

Consideration was given to interviewing the owner of the property where the National Knights rent meeting rooms; however, further investigation has disclosed that the owner of this property is a close friend and possible relative to JAMES R. VENABLE. Consideration was given also to advising the DeKalb County authorities that the National Knights were intending to utilize some sleeping rooms in their klan headquarters in Tucker, Georgia in violation of county fire regulations; however, as a result of the recent elections, established sources in the Public Safety Department of DeKalb County have been let out and the reliability of the replacements has not yet been completely assessed.

(3) Tangible Results

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As a result of the material on the klan furnished to [redacted] of the "Atlanta Constitution" for transmittal to writer [redacted] of the "Saturday Evening Post," [redacted] utilized certain portions of this material for articles which appeared in the "Atlanta Constitution" newspaper. This newspaper has wide circularization throughout Atlanta area and Georgia. While it is known that the article created much unfavorable publicity for the klan among the general public, it is difficult to assess any tangible results or effects this article had among members or sympathizers of the klan. It has been experienced in the past that some klan people merely enjoy the publicity whether it be good or bad.

The Atlanta Office will remain alert for any possibilities to exploit personal problems of klan leaders and cleavages among leaders for counterintelligence purposes. The Bureau will be advised by separate letter of any proposed counterintelligence activity.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr

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RALPH MCGILL

The Klans Are Profitable

How big is the 1954-1964 Klan revival? Not very. In 1944 the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, which had been revived 23 years earlier by William Joseph Simmons suspended operations and surrendered their charter largely because of delinquent tax claims totaling nearly a million dollars. The over-all record of those 23 years was a national rebuke and disgrace.

At its peak in the 1920s the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan had perhaps 4,000,000 members. Many millionaires were made and millions were corruptly acquired and spent.

In 1944 at the time of surrender the Knights were but a bedraggled remnant. Today there are an estimated 17 "Klans" in existence.

Their total dues-paid membership is probably less than 15,000. Although claims of huge totals are common. The largest of the 17 has about 5,000 paid up members in seven states.



Income Sources

Klan sources of income are many. One is the initiation fee called "kletoken." For men the charge is \$15. (In the 1920s it was \$10.) Women may buy into the "auxiliary" for \$10. Sixty-five per cent of each kletoken goes to headquarters. Another source is dues. One Klan sends 25 cents per member each month to its grand dragon. In other Klan groups the ruling dragons reportedly draw from \$1,900 to \$2,500 per month as dues from the klavern. Smaller dragons, of course, receive less. Nonetheless, the dragons in general live in luxury unknown to their membership. Just how many wives and children are deprived of clothing and shoes to keep those dragons in such luxury is a question. Sale of robes is profitable. The going price is \$10.

One of the larger Klan splinters is also in the insurance business. Each member buys a policy and is urged to become an agent. Passing the hat is another favorite money raiser. At all rallies there are fervent appeals for money to carry on the great work of saving the white race.

The Klan mentality contains aberrations which frequently come to public notice in ways other than violence and the inflammatory anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic, anti-foreign, anti-Negro content of their literature. When the Kennedy half dollars first went into circulation, for example, members of some klaverns were urged to drill a hole through Kennedy's head and then put the coin back in circulation. The purpose was, of course, to cause withdrawal of the Kennedy half dollars.

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Date: 12/9/64
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Editor: EUGENE PATTERSON
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Studies of Klan membership across the years from the 1920s, and, indeed, from the 1868 period, by sociologists and other agencies report that while a few intelligent men are attracted—usually to the money-making or promotional end—Klan members are, for the most part, below the average level in backgrounds and education.

Margaret Mead, the noted anthropologist, suggests that such lack of social status may well account for a sense of insecurity and efforts to maintain supremacy by terror or violence. The make-believe, mumbo-jumbo klavern meetings with words, robes, and the absurd titles—wizards, dragons, nighthawks, and so on—provide an excitement and a sense of belonging.

Many Klans have "action groups" that are unknown to general members. They are selected for their willingness to commit violence. In recent arrests of Klansmen in Mississippi and other Southern states, arms and explosives have been found in great quantity. Training in the use of weapons and explosives has been a part of instructions at some klaverns.

The "revival" is not large. As American people, especially those in states and areas now heavily infested with Klan groups, turn more and more to the processes of law, the Klans will fade out again.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: SAC, Atlanta (Your file 157-826 DATE: 12/15/64)

FROM: Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 157-9-2-)

Room No. 812 RB

SUBJECT: COINTELPRO
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(JAMES R. VENABEE)
(NKKKK, INC.)

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not available until after first of year. Presently out of town on business. Interview will be conducted as soon as possible upon return.

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Memorandum

TO: SAC, ATLANTA (Your file 157-826) DATE: Jan. 12, 1965

FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 157-9-2)

Room No. 812 RB

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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RALPH Mc GILL

Gen. Forrest Said It First

A growing belief that a Klan plot, involving perhaps as many as 50 men, was responsible for the murder of three young men in Philadelphia, Mississippi, is reported from that area. In other localities the word "Klan" or the phrase "Ku Klux Klan" appears in the news of court trials and arrests.



Nothing has changed the conclusion of Nathan Bedford Forrest, the Confederate cavalry leader who served as grand wizard of the "invisible empire" in the period of its greatest activity in 1868-1870.

"The Klan, secret, robed and masked," General Forrest said, "has become the refuge of scoundrels."

The distinguished Southern historian, E. Merton Coulter, wrote in "The South During Reconstruction": "Grand Wizard Forrest attempted to disband the Klan, and the responsible element of Southerners who had widely joined the order now withdrew, but a whirlwind had been started. . . the Klan organization continued in the hands of cutthroats and riffraff for private gain and vengeance."

Same Result

The Klan revival in the 1920s ultimately produced the same result: It became the refuge for scoundrels and worse.

In Indiana, for example, the grand dragon was sent to prison following the rape and death of his young secretary. Violence, corruption of local politicians and defiance of the processes of law were widespread.

Since the Supreme Court school decision in 1954 there have been a number of efforts to revive the Klan. The Civil Rights Act, preceded by the long filibuster against its passage, stirred organizers to greater activity. (The Klan can be very lucrative to its directors.)

The field for revival in 1954-1964 was, however, restricted. The majority of the Southern people accepted the decision—some with anger and some with great reluctance, but they were not willing to commit violence to defy it. The revival, then, has depended chiefly on a fringe group—but by no means exclusively—in Mississippi and Alabama. This group includes, as the record shows, those willing to commit and condone violence and opposition to law.

The Klan's main target is, of course, the Negro. The Klan also equated Jews with Communists. Klan groups are brainwashed by speakers and pamphlets about a wholly imaginary "Jewish-Communist conspiracy which is using the colored race of the United States and the world as pawns to mongrelize the white race everywhere." Other Klan targets are Roman Catholics and the foreign born.

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The Atlanta
Constitution,
Atlanta, Georgia

Date: 12/8/64

Edition: Morning

Author: RALPH McGILL

Editor: EUGENE PATTERSON

Title: UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.

Character: RM
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Submitting Office: Atlanta

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Based on Bigotry

Despite the sanctimonious Klan's patriotism, piety, and purity of Southern womanhood, it is, as before, based on bigotry and discrimination. It still profanes the Christian cross by burning it in demonstrations of prejudice and violence.

The Klan, in general, would like to subjugate all but native born white Protestants, but here again, there are shadings. It is against even those "liberal" Protestants who do not share its traditional antagonism toward Negroes, Jews, Catholics and foreign born. Reporters investigating the vicious murders of three young men in Mississippi report Klan sympathizers there as saying, for example, that they "don't see why so much fuss is being made over two Jews and a nigger."

The Klan revival is not large, despite the grandiose claims of its organizers who make a tidy sum out of fees, dues, sale of robes, emblems, and so on. Because of the jealousy of organizers and the profits to be made, there are a number of "Klans" that still provide, as before, refuge for the more violent persons, and they are most effective in communities where local sentiment favors their objectives.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)

DATE: 2/25/65

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(JAMES R. VENABLE)
(NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN, INC.)

ReBulet to Atlanta, 10/29/64.

On 2/11/65, JAMES R. VENABLE, Chairman of the National knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., was interviewed by SAs [redacted] on the street approximately one block from his office. This interview was conducted while VENABLE was alone. VENABLE was explained the jurisdiction of the FBI and responsibilities of the FBI in connection with violence stemming from racial matters.

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VENABLE stated he feels he is aware of the general responsibilities of the FBI and said he, himself, is opposed to violence and said he, as leader of a Klan organization, is opposed to Klan participation in violent or illegal actions. As an example, he stated he has completely broken all connections or association with [redacted] and [redacted] whom he described as potentially violent individuals.

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It was indicated to VENABLE that other Klan groups are probably using him by capitalizing on his Klan organization. He stated that while admittedly United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, is a larger organization than his at the present time, he anticipates his organization will eventually become larger. He indicated a strong dislike for [redacted] but felt [redacted] would lose support as people became better acquainted with him.

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AT 157-826.

In view of the fact that VENABLE's organization, National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., does not appear to be growing or increasing in membership or prestige, no further recommendation concerning counterintelligence is being made at this time.

SAC, Atlanta (157-826)

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Director, FBI (157-9-2) ¹³⁴ 13

1 - Mr. Grey
1 - Mr. Walsh

**COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(JAMES R. VENABLE)
(NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN, INC.)**

ReBulet dnted 10/29/64, and Atlanta letter of 2/25/65.

The Bureau does not agree with you that inasmuch as personnel of your office interviewed James R. Venable, National Chairman of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK), on 2/11/65, and you feel that his organization does not appear to be growing or increasing in membership or prestige, no further recommendation for counterintelligence is being made by your office at this time.

The purpose of the Counterintelligence Program as it relates to the disruption of hate groups, is to constantly disrupt and neutralize them. It matters not how large or small the particular group is. The important thing to remember is to never let up. Anything we can devise to place obstacles in their way is desirable. Of course, we must always be extremely careful to insure the identity of the Bureau is not revealed as the organization behind the counterintelligence techniques utilized.

Your attention is directed to your letter of 10/14/64. In this letter, you proposed bringing pressure to cause cancellation of the lease of the Headquarters of the NKKKK at Tucker, Georgia. You also considered alerting appropriate officials regarding violation of fire and safety laws at NKKKK Headquarters.

The Bureau by reBulet, requested that you advise the details by which these counterintelligence techniques can be brought about, and to furnish assurance that they would not reveal the Bureau's interest.

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Letter to SAC, Atlanta
Re: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(JAMES M. VENABLE)
(NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN, INC.)
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You were likewise requested to furnish the Bureau a summary of material you proposed to confidentially make available to [REDACTED] relating to Venable.

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You are again requested to pursue this Program diligently and to submit to the Bureau the information mentioned above, in a concerted effort to get moving on this Program as it relates to Venable and the NKKKK. It is also suggested that you look into the possibility of using Venable's dislike for [REDACTED] United Klans of America, Inc.; Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard; United Klans of America, Inc. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who Venable described to the interviewing Special Agents as potentially violent individuals, as a possible fertile field for the use of anonymous letters in furthering the disruption of Venable's group and others.

NOTE:

Atlanta, with Bureau approval, interviewed Venable and now feels that no further recommendations concerning counterintelligence should be made at this time. Atlanta completely dropped counterintelligence plans which they had previously suggested. It is felt that if the Counterintelligence Program is to be successful, continued counterintelligence techniques should be attempted.

AT 157-826

The Atlanta Office is remaining alert for any possibility to exploit weaknesses in the various Klan organizations and the Bureau will be advised by separate letter of proposed counterintelligence activity in this regard.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: SAC, ATLANTA (Your file 157-826 DATE: April 13, 1965

FROM: *[Signature]* Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 157-9-2-

Room No. 815 RB

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

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ReATlet 1/7/65, Quarterly Status letter due 4/1/65

2. Date airtel letter submitted
 report letterhead memo will be submitted 4/26/65

3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted _____

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-MAIB)

DATE: 6/3/65

FROM : *JKP* SAC, ATLANTA (157-826)

SUBJECT: *Wm* COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

John J. [unclear]

ReBulet to Atlanta, 4/29/65.

Relet states the Bureau desires to develop compromise-type data concerning leaders of KKK and ANP relating to immorality, dishonesty, and devious tactics employed by leaders of these organizations. Following are the results of such information relating to leaders in the Atlanta Division as specified in referenced letter.

[REDACTED] UNITED
PLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KKKK

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Informants advised they are not aware of any information indicating immorality on the part of [REDACTED]. Neither is there indication of dishonesty or unethical tactics. [REDACTED] primary weakness is desire for publicity and to gain political office through Klan leadership. [REDACTED] has no drinking problem and has not run around with any women according to information in Atlanta files.

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JAMES H. VENABLE, CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL KNIGHTS
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

VENABLE formerly drank excessively, however, he quit drinking several years ago and is today a teetotaler. VENABLE was married several years ago but is either divorced or deserted.

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CARL E. GEORGE, IMPERIAL WIZARD, IMPROVED ORDER
OF THE U. S. KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

GEORGE is an old man in extremely poor health and lacking any element of leadership qualities. He is a bachelor and a self styled preacher and a barber by trade.

[REDACTED]

GEORGE appears to be completely honest and has not used any devious or unethical tactics in his Klan or personal dealings according to knowledge of informants or results of investigation.

[REDACTED] U. S. KLANS, KKKK

[REDACTED] is an alcoholic and has been treated as such on several occasions. On April 13, 1955, preparations were made by the Clayton County, Georgia Police Department to take [REDACTED] to the [REDACTED] State Hospital on papers taken out by [REDACTED] wife. However, on that date, [REDACTED] declined to sign the necessary command papers and [REDACTED] was not taken to Milledgeville.

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[redacted] has been in the U. S. Army under [redacted] and from [redacted]. He was discharged from each period of service under other than honorable conditions. When last discharged, he was diagnosed as psychopathic personality with pathologic emotionalism (alcoholism). Since his last discharge, he has frequently been treated in hospitals for alcoholism, and in [redacted] admitted to VA Hospital doctors that he was taking Demoral and Demorol. Following his enlistment in [redacted] physical examination reflected he had gonorrhea which was contracted prior to his enlistment. [redacted] has a long arrest record beginning in [redacted]. He has been arrested and convicted for crimes of burglary, larceny of an auto and attempted safe robbery, carrying a concealed weapon, cheating and swindling, theft and use of worthless checks, and drunk on public highway.

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On [redacted] and he has been sued on debts. He is known in the files of the [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] when [redacted] held office of [redacted] U. S. House, in 1933, and [redacted] was successful in [redacted] fighting [redacted] and have [redacted] U. S. House. [redacted] employed usual political type methods such as obtaining friends who were loyal to him and obtaining a majority vote with a minimum number of voting delegates present. Since then, the U. S. House under the [redacted] has flourished and is today practically non-existent.

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The Bureau's attention is called to report of SA [redacted] dated 4/20/35 at Atlanta in case entitled [redacted] aka., RM - ELAN."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-Main)

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

DATE: 6/9/65

The June 19, 1965 edition of "The Saturday Evening Post" contains, beginning on page 86, a story entitled "Murder: The Klan on Trial." This is the story of the murder of Lieutenant Colonel LEMUEL PENN near Athens, Georgia, on 7/11/64, and the story rather graphically shows what can happen to a town which has a unit of the Klan.

Atlanta proposes the following counterintelligence action:

That we obtain 13 copies of the June 19, 1965 issue of "The Saturday Evening Post" and tear out the four pages containing the above mentioned story. We propose to anonymously mail the story to the Mayors of 13 towns in the Atlanta Division who have Klan groups operating in or just outside their towns. We propose to mail with the magazine story a short note reading as follows:

"Dear Mayor:

I saw the enclosed story in "The Saturday Evening Post" and wanted to call it to your attention. You know this could happen in our town as we have a Klan here. They meet (here insert local meeting place). I understand the local leader is (here insert name of local leader).

"A concerned citizen."

The 13 Mayors to whom we propose to send this material are Mayors of the following towns:

Buford, Canton, Cleveland, Winder, Monroe, Lawrenceville, Jonesboro, Covington, Doraville, Lithonia, Jackson, Barnesville and College Park.

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All these towns have a Klan group located in the town or just outside the town.

We further propose to mail the letters in such a way that they will be postmarked with the name of the town to whose Mayor they are addressed.

SAC, Atlanta (157-826)

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Director, FBI (157-9-2) *✓16*

1 - Mr. Rosack.
1 - Mr. Ryan

**COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS**

ReATlet 6/9/65.

Authority is granted for you to anonymously mail the letter set out in relet, enclosing copies of the "Saturday Evening Post" article relating to the Penn murder, to 13 mayors of towns within your field office territory where there is known Klan activity. The individual letter will anonymously set forth the identity of the local Klan leader and the local Klan meeting place.

Take the usual precautions to insure these mailings cannot be associated with the FBI and post the individual letters in the towns where the respective mayors hold office.

Advise the Bureau of any tangible results and be alert to recommend follow-up action.

NOTE:

The anonymous letters which will be directed to 13 mayors will be signed "A concerned citizen," and will individually list the name of the Klan leader and Klan meeting place in the local area. This action is of an exposure and disruptive nature and there is no security factor involved.

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (Your file 157-826) DATE: 7/22/65

FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 157-9-2-14)
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ReBHlet 4/23/65, quarterly status letter.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)

DATE: 4/23/65

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT: *um* COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Atlanta letter to Bureau 1/7/65.

(1) Potential Counterintelligence Action

Recently a Birmingham, Alabama, informant, who has knowledge of activities in United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, advised he knows that [redacted] wife has been running around with some other men, though he does not know the identities of these men. [redacted]

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[redacted] United Klans in Georgia. It is felt this information offers some basis for possibly disrupting the activities of [redacted] in connection with this organization. Atlanta recognizes such information and further use of it should be very circumspect. Upon further consideration of this matter, recommendations may be made to the Bureau concerning possible use of it in the field of counterintelligence.

As previously noted, JAMES R. VENABLE, Chairman of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, may be in violation of fire regulations in the Klan headquarters at Tucker, Georgia. [redacted]

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Certain proposed cartoons have been furnished the Atlanta Office by the Bureau which tend to cast ridicule upon the activities of Klan organizations and Atlanta feels that at least one of the cartoons offers excellent potential for causing further embarrassment to the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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(2). Pending Counterintelligence Action

In connection with the possible violation of fire regulations at the headquarters of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Tucker, Georgia, Atlanta is attempting to obtain more definite information concerning the reliability of officials of the Public Safety Department of DeKalb County, Georgia, in which Tucker, Georgia, is located. This is being done with the idea of possibly having the headquarters of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan closed.

The cartoons furnished by the Bureau to Atlanta are being considered and at least one will be furnished to the Bureau with a suggested change and suggestions for use.

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(3) Tangible Results

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On February 11, 1965, JAMES R. VENABLE, Chairman of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, was interviewed by Special Agents and it was indicated to VENABLE that other Klan groups are probably using him by capitalizing on his organization and it was suggested to him that other Klan leaders are antagonistic toward him and by use of organizations with larger memberships may attempt to take his members from him. At that time VENABLE indicated a strong dislike for [REDACTED] but felt [REDACTED] would lose support as he became better known.

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TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)

DATE:

8/2/65

FROM :

SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT:

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Atlanta letter to Bureau, 4/23/65.

(1) Potential Counterintelligence Action

Atlanta feels a possible course of action in the area of counterintelligence would be an investigation into the funds and payment of taxes by Internal Revenue Service. It has been determined that IRS is presently interviewing [redacted] of U.S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, concerning finances and tax payments of that organization when he was Imperial Wizard. Similar inquiries by IRS into other klan organizations, particularly the United Klans of America, Inc., could possibly have a disrupting effect on these organizations. A recommendation concerning this possible course of action will be made by separate letter.

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Atlanta has determined that at the State Klono- cation of United Klans of America held in Savannah, Georgia, in July, 1965, [redacted] was placed on a salary of [redacted] per week by UKA. It is felt this full time salary basis could be used to bring suspicion upon [redacted] in that he may be using the organization as a money making venture. A separate recommendation will be made in this regard.

In connection with National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, proposed cartoons submitted to Atlanta by the Bureau offer potential disruptive tactics. Such cartoons would require revision in wording and a separate recommendation will be made.

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(2) Pending Counterintelligence Action

Upon Bureau approval anonymous letters were prepared and mailed to the mayors of thirteen Georgia towns in which there are units of United Klans of America. The letters enclosed copies of a "Saturday Evening Post" article relating to the murder of LEMUEL PENN in Athens, Georgia, by members of UKA.

(3) Tangible Results

To date, the effect of the mailing of the anonymous letters mentioned above is not known. However, it is felt the receipt of the letters by the mayors of the thirteen towns will have a salutary effect in that the mayors will be on notice as to the potential danger of a klan organization in their area.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)

FROM : SAO, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

DATE: 8/18/65

[REDACTED] became a member of United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. He became a very active member and was recently elected [REDACTED] of Province number 4 of United Klans of America, Inc. He is a frequent speaker at Klan rallies and has traveled to such places as Americus, Georgia; Macon, Georgia; Rome, Georgia; and other distant cities to speak at Klan rallies. He is a [REDACTED] and usually quotes extensively from the Bible in his speeches. USA

Our investigation of [REDACTED] reflected that he resided at [REDACTED] for a period of several years and moved from that town about a year ago. A check of the [REDACTED] reflected that he skipped out leaving numerous unpaid bills behind. These bills totaled several hundred dollars. The records reflect extensive efforts to locate him, which were unsuccessful. b7c

Atlanta proposes that [REDACTED] current address and employment be furnished to the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has moved about fifty miles from Monroe and presently resides in [REDACTED] Georgia.

We feel that if [REDACTED] can locate [REDACTED] and pressure him to pay his bills, he will have much less money to travel around the state speaking at Klan rallies. Any action taken by his creditors would undoubtedly come to the attention of other Klansmen and his hypocritical behavior would greatly lessen his effectiveness as a Klan leader.

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Director, FBI (157-9-2)-/8

1 - Mr. Walsh

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INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS**

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ReATlet 8/18/65.

Authority to furnish the current address and employment of [redacted] to [redacted] Georgia, is denied. Authority is granted, however, to furnish this information to [redacted] in an anonymous letter.

The letter should be handwritten on commercially purchased stationery and a representative number of grammatical or spelling errors should be included. Make certain that this letter cannot be traced back to the FBI. For your information, Bufiles do not contain any identifiable information regarding [redacted]

Your interest in submitting this counterintelligence request is appreciated.

Advise the Bureau of any tangible results and be alert to recommend follow-up counterintelligence action.

NOTE:

Atlanta, as a counterintelligence measure, suggested that the current address and employment of [redacted] be furnished to [redacted] is an active Klansman who formerly resided at [redacted]. He skipped town leaving numerous unpaid bills behind. These bills total several hundred dollars. Atlanta feels that if [redacted] is pressured to pay his bills he will have less money to travel around the state speaking at Klan rallies. [redacted] unsuccessfully attempted to ascertain current whereabouts of [redacted]. Our investigation has revealed that [redacted] now resides in [redacted] Georgia. We believe the same result would be achieved by means of an anonymous letter.

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(CALVIN FRED CRAIG)
(JAMES R. VENABLE)
(U.S. KLANS)

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Attached are Xerox copies of Federal income tax returns filed by [REDACTED] for the years 1959-63 inclusive; James R. Venable, for the years 1959-63 inclusive; and U.S. Klans for the years 1961-63 inclusive.

You should carefully review these returns and conduct any necessary investigation. These tax returns are to be used for lead purposes only and information contained therein may not be disseminated outside the Bureau.

You should bear in mind that we cannot, under any circumstances, reveal our access to these tax returns.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2) DATE: 9/13/65

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.)

Re San Francisco letter to Atlanta dated 8/10/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one photostat copy of an undated letter signed by JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, which letter certifies that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Also enclosed is a letter dated [REDACTED] signed by JAMES R. VENABLE.

Referenced San Francisco letter states as follows:

[REDACTED] they have sent him no money but have received the following literature from him, as well as a number of application blanks which they have given to their friends as jokes:

1. Letter from JAMES R. VENABLE naming [REDACTED]
2. Letter dated [REDACTED] from VENABLE to [REDACTED]
3. Mimeographed information sheet from VENABLE concerning the KKK.

VENABLE misunderstood their names over the phone and has them listed as [REDACTED]

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 2- San Francisco (105-407) (RM)
 2- Atlanta (157-829)
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] have no interest in the KKK and have no intention of recruiting members.

Atlanta recommends this information be furnished to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Atlanta believes a GFI representative could contact and interview [REDACTED] conduct incidental investigation and appropriately prepare a news article indicating the manner in which [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It would be pointed out that the Bureau should not be identified as the original source of the information. Such an article would most certainly have the effect of bringing ridicule upon VENABLE and the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in the same manner as a previously published report that VENABLE had appointed an Idaho Negro as a Titan in his klan organization.

Bureau permission is requested to furnish this information to [REDACTED] and any other views of the Bureau in this matter are solicited. If San Francisco feels for any reason the above action should not be taken, please advise the Bureau and Atlanta.

JAMES R. VENABLE
ATTORNEY AT LAW

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
It was indeed a pleasure to talk with you by telephone today.

As you know there are 43 separate and distinct Klan organizations operating in the United States today. Some are Clansdestine and others are splinter groups, and the Bobby Shelton group, known as The United Klans, are the ones that have caused all of our troubles and caused the Un-American Activity Committee to investigate all the Klans.

I am the Imperial Wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and Chairman of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in America which have 14 States that are members of same.

I wish that [REDACTED] would get busy and get enough men and women organized and have them sign the applications and pay the initiation fees whereby we could go there and initiate them with the K-UNO degree. You understand that the initiation fees are necessary for expenses for the degree team to travel there. There are 4 degrees in the Klan but we must get them initiated in the first step.

The Klan is the only organization that has all the ingredients to save this Country from the Blacks and the Communists and it is the only patriotic organization which requires that the members be native born whites of the protestant faith.

Enclosed you will find appliations, literature and a book on the Klan written by Mr. Jones who died some years ago and was not a Klansman.

This is a secret organization and the only members known to the outside world are the officers. (That is officers of the Imperial Board, such as the Imperial Wizard) After applications are received and approved they are distroyed. After a member is initiated he or she is given a secret pass-word and assigned a secret number.

Please keep me advised of your progress.

Yours very truly,

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James R. Venable

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Most Sublime Lineage in All History
Commemorating and Perpetuating as it is
the Most Dauntless Organization Known to Man



Tucker, Georgia

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

Imperial Office
Invisible Empire

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The

Ku Klux Klan and as such has the right to solicit members, create Klaverns and accept and pass on applications.

She is not to violate any local, State or Federal laws and if guilty of same this commission becomes null and void.

All acts and doings are to be reported to me.

Given under my hand and official signature this the 12th day of May, 1965.

James R. Venable
James R. Venable
Imperial Wizard
Knights of The Ku Klux Klan



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1 - Mr. Rosack
1 - Mr. Walsh

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.)

ReAtlet 9/13/65.



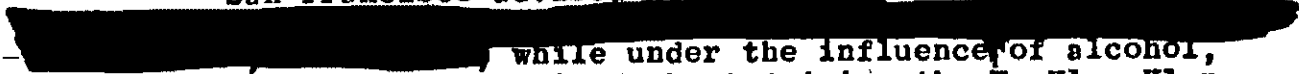
You should endeavor, through [redacted] to have a United Press International representative contact [redacted] conduct incidental investigation and, if agreeable to [redacted] appropriately prepare a news article including photographs, indicating the circumstances under which the phone call to Venable was made, the subsequent appointments received, and if possible, refer to the character of [redacted]

Be certain that [redacted] agrees not to identify the FBI as the original source of the information.

- 2 - Atlanta (157-829)
- 2 - San Francisco (105-407)

NOTE:

San Francisco advised Atlanta that in May, 1965, [redacted]



[redacted] while under the influence of alcohol, telephoned Venable and inquired about joining the Ku Klux Klan.

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RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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An appropriate news article would certainly have the effect of bringing ridicule upon Venable and the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in the same manner as a previously published report that Venable had appointed an Idaho Negro as a Titan in his Klan organization.

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Date: 9/16/65

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) and (174-15)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS,
(NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
AND UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)

[REDACTED]
BOMBING MATTERS
(OO: Cincinnati)

Rerep of SA [REDACTED] 8/26/65 at Cincinnati,
Bureau airtel to Cincinnati 8/31/65, Atlanta airtel to
Bureau 9/3/65, Cincinnati airtel to Bureau 9/10/65,
Atlanta airtel to Bureau 9/10/65, and Atlanta airtel to
Bureau 9/15/65, all captioned [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]; BOMBING MATTERS.

Atlanta feels this case offers most excellent potential from a counterintelligence standpoint, and the following observations are being made to the Bureau in that connection:

- (4 - Bureau (2 - 157-9-2) (COUNTERINTELLIGENCE) (RM)
(2 - [REDACTED] BOMBING MATTERS)
- 3 - Cincinnati (157-640) (RM)
- 1 - Cleveland (157-431) (Info) (RM)
- 5 - Atlanta (2 - 157-826)
(2 - 174-15)
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Special Agent in Charge

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in the transportation of a large quantity of dynamite from an unknown location in Georgia to Columbus, Ohio. Further investigation indicated that the purpose of the dynamite may have been to blow up the headquarters of the NAACP in Columbus. Although [REDACTED] denied knowing the places he and [REDACTED] visited in Georgia or the persons contacted by [REDACTED] in Georgia, he furnished sufficient descriptive data to enable Atlanta Agents to develop suspects in Georgia who aided in the acquisition and transportation of the dynamite.

2. Five men in Tucker and Athens, Georgia were contacted by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] as four of the five men. By airtel dated 9/15/65, Atlanta furnished Cincinnati a photograph of [REDACTED] an associate of [REDACTED] who is probably the fifth man involved. Atlanta has also furnished photographs of headquarters of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) and the surrounding area at Tucker, Georgia. All of these photographs will be exhibited to [REDACTED] to further identify the pertinent places and people involved.

3. [REDACTED], members of United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA) were indicted by a local grand jury in Athens, Georgia in the Fall of 1964 for the murder of Colonel LEMUEL A. PENN, a Negro, who was brutally murdered on a Georgia highway near Athens, Georgia, 7/11/64, while en route from military training at Ft. Benning, Georgia to his home in the Washington, D. C. area. After submission of evidence developed by the FBI in the trial of [REDACTED] and the presentation of what would normally constitute an airtight case, the jury acquitted [REDACTED]

4. Since that trial, [REDACTED] have resumed their Klan activities and are in the unique position of being members of both the UKA and NKKKK. In some quarters they were and are looked upon as local heroes. They have become quite arrogant and feel they are beyond the hands of the law. They appear to have resumed their night riding activities which resulted in the murder of Colonel PENN.

5. [REDACTED] helped in the organization of a group in the Barnesville, Georgia area known as the Vigilantes. [REDACTED] have since joined with JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard, in the formation of a new unit of the NKKKK and they have been used by VENABLE as part of a degree team for the NKKKK. [REDACTED] openly advocate violence and have become close associates with [REDACTED] since the acquittal of [REDACTED]

6. Atlanta feels it is merely a matter of time before these four and other associates will again be the source of another murder or other act of violence.

7. It is realized that further evidence must be developed in this case, particularly with reference to the intended use for the dynamite which was transported to Columbus, Ohio in July, 1965. [REDACTED] is presently on parole and under the supervision of the Ohio Parole Board until March, 1966. [REDACTED] has denied knowledge of or participation in the transportation of the dynamite; however, this was prior to identification of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It is suggested that [REDACTED] may be fearful of possible revocation of his parole. In this regard, it may be that the Ohio Parole Board could exert some influence on [REDACTED] Other distinct possibilities for furnishing information concerning the intended use of the dynamite are [REDACTED] who moved part of the dynamite after it reached Ohio, and

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[redacted] an associate of [redacted] both at
Columbus, Ohio.

[redacted]
[redacted]
Atlanta feels [redacted] would be the most logical person
to interview since past experience with [redacted]
[redacted] indicate there would be practically
no chance of their admitting anything and would most
likely call upon VENABLE immediately for legal assistance.
[redacted] is new to the group and would offer better potential
for furnishing information.

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[redacted]

It is also suggested that if latent impressions
were taken from recovered dynamite they be compared with
fingerprints of all persons involved including those in
Georgia.

8. Atlanta feels that since the Klan is just
getting organized in Ohio, it is an excellent time to
discredit it with Federal prosecution of some of its
members. It would also be an extremely disruptive
measure for the Klan and its potentially dangerous
members in Georgia. A Federal Grand Jury indictment
in Ohio including [redacted] and
the fifth man as subjects and the attendant publicity
resulting in a large scale arrest of Klansmen in Georgia
and Ohio would undoubtedly have a most salutary effect
against NKKKK and the UKA.

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Accordingly, the Bureau is requested to consider the above observations and discuss this matter with the Department, bearing in mind that arrests and publicity would attain the desired effect regardless of the outcome of prosecution. It is noted, however, that successful prosecution would be more likely in Ohio than in Georgia.

9/28/65

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1 - Mr. Rosack
1 - Mr. Walsh

TO SAC ATLANTA (157-826)
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-9-2)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, INTERNAL SECURITY,
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS, (NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,
INC.). USA

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AUTHORITY TO FURNISH [REDACTED] ATLANTA, INFORMATION
REGARDING [REDACTED] BEING CONTACTED BY
KU KLUX KLAN CANCELLED. IF INFORMATION ALREADY GIVEN [REDACTED]
RECONTACT HIM AND INSURE HE WILL NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES,
ARRANGE CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] OR PREPARE NEWS ARTICLE. COPY SENT
SAN FRANCISCO AIRMAIL.

1 - San Francisco (105-407)

NOTE:

Authority was previously granted to have [REDACTED] contacted
by a representative of the press in order to prepare a news article
which would ridicule Venable and the Klan. We have received
information that [REDACTED] fearful and do not desire that their
contact with the Klan become known. Teletype utilized to insure
authority previously granted is promptly cancelled.

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Date: 9/28/65

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)
FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.)

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Re Bureau letter to Atlanta, 9/21/65, and San Francisco letter to Bureau, 9/22/65.

[REDACTED]

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In view of the contents of the San Francisco letter, Atlanta will not furnish this information to [REDACTED] unless the Bureau directs Atlanta to do so.

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- 1 - San Francisco (105-407) (Info)
- 2 - Atlanta

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)

DATE: 10/21/65

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Atlanta letter to Bureau 8/2/65.

1. Potential Counterintelligence Action

Atlanta feels a likely course of action concerning counterintelligence regarding the Klan is a program designed to create suspicion among members concerning misuse of Klan funds. It is noted that hearings conducted by the HCUA have brought out information concerning the use of Klan funds which could be exploited in a manner to cast suspicion upon the higher ranking officers of the Klan. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, recently went to work full time in an organizing capacity and is on a salary of [REDACTED] per week. It is felt this full time salary basis might be used to cast suspicion upon [REDACTED] by using the organization as a money making venture, it being noted that he gave up work as a heavy equipment operator which ordinarily entails a high wage rate.

Atlanta continues to feel that the most far reaching and long lasting effect against the Klan as far as the general public is concerned is the publicity which might be directed against the Klan as a whole as a result of actions of violence by its individual members. Although individual Klan members frequently commit acts of violence and violations of the laws without actual sanction of higher Klan authorities, the

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publicity should be used to exploit the Klan as an organization.

2. Pending Counterintelligence Action

The Bureau approved the mailing of an anonymous letter to the [REDACTED] furnishing the current address and employment of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], about a year ago leaving numerous unpaid bills behind. Extensive efforts to locate [REDACTED] were unsuccessful. The anonymous letter as approved by the Bureau was mailed to the [REDACTED]

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Atlanta and Cincinnati are currently investigating a case entitled [REDACTED] BOMBING MATTERS. This investigation concerns the transportation of dynamite from Georgia to Ohio with the apparent intent to blow up the NAACP Headquarters. Individuals involved in the transportation of the dynamite are members of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and United Klans of America, Inc. If these individuals can be prosecuted, it is expected the publicity resulting therefrom would have a most salutary effect against all Klan organizations.

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3. Tangible Results

It has been determined that the mailing of the anonymous letter to the Credit Bureau at Monroe, Ga., was received; however, it is not known what results have occurred by receipt of that letter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)

DATE: 12/6/65

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(CALVIN FRED CRAIG)
(JAMES R. VENABLE)
(U. S. KLANS)

Re Bulet to Atlanta, 8/23/65.

Atlanta has reviewed the Federal Income Tax Returns of CRAIG, VENABLE and the U. S. Klans, in detail and it does not appear they contain any information not already in the possession of Atlanta.

From a counterintelligence standpoint, it is not felt the material contained in the returns offers potential for counterintelligence action at this time. It is noted, the U. S. Klans is dead at the present time and that E. E. GEORGE, former Imperial Wizard of U. S. Klans is now Imperial Wizard of the Improved Order of U. S. Klans, having broken away from U. S. Klans during a dispute. The information furnished by VENABLE and [redacted] does not appear to indicate any possible course of action at this time, however, if any further results of investigation concerning these individuals should suggest a course of action when considered in the light of information contained in the Income Tax Returns, such suggestion will be furnished to the Bureau for consideration.

Information contained in the Income Tax Returns will not be disseminated outside the Bureau and under no circumstances will our access to these records be revealed.

DACB the Zerox copies of the Tax Returns furnished in relet will be retained by Atlanta.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-87)

DATE: 12/7/65

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SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

[REDACTED] NO. 100-1111

Re Bureau airtel dated 11/2/65 and Philadelphia airtel dated 11/1/65, to Bureau.

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Atlanta feels that the proposal furnished by Philadelphia and expanded upon by the Bureau has considerable merit. Atlanta believes such a plan would work to cause more dissention in the UKA and would destroy or limit the effectiveness of **[REDACTED]**. It is believed this plan would serve at least to cast suspicion upon ROBERT SHELTON. It is noted that recent HCUA hearings have raised the possibility of suspicion being cast on SHELTON in the handling and management of Klan funds. It appears at this point that Klansmen seem to accept the belief that SHELTON has not mis-appropriated Klan funds or has used them for any selfish gain. It is believed this apparent blind faith in SHELTON comes from a desire on the part of Klan members to feel secure in their organization and its leaders. However, it is felt that a tactic of the sort recommended by Philadelphia and the Bureau would create further suspicion of SHELTON and his associates and would serve a very useful purpose.

Regarding the proposed anonymous letter as suggested by Philadelphia on page 5 of referenced Philadelphia airtel, Atlanta feels it is a good letter with the possible exception that it may be too anti-Jewish in content. Although the Klan is anti-Jewish and anti-Catholic, it has not placed great emphasis on anti-Jewish or anti-Catholic propaganda. United Klans is more openly critical of the Negro race and Atlanta believes that strong emphasis on anti-Jewish standings might be open to suspicion by individuals receiving the letter.

Atlanta is in contact with informants in an effort to obtain sufficient samples of SHELTON's handwriting and

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the Bureau will be separately advised if such handwriting is obtained. Atlanta suggests that the anonymous letter as suggested by Philadelphia be furnished to the following individuals:

[REDACTED]

Atlanta, Georgia

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Director, FBI (157-9-87)

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION-OF HATE GROUPS

BUDED: 1/15/66

RePHairtel 11/1/65, BUairtel 11/22/65, BHairtel 12/2/65, and ATlet 12/7/65.

Referenced Birmingham and Atlanta communications have been reviewed.

Referenced Atlanta letter suggests that the anonymous letter from a former klansman, as proposed by Philadelphia, may be too anti-Jewish in content, inasmuch as the United Klans is more openly critical of the Negro race. Atlanta further advised that strong emphasis on anti-Jewish standings might be open to suspicion by individuals receiving the letter.

While it is apparent that some anti-Jewish comments, as submitted by Philadelphia, must be included in view of [redacted] association with Jewish organizations, the comments of Atlanta bear serious consideration.

Atlanta is requested to promptly submit a revised version of the anti-Jewish portion of the proposed letter and also a portion which will be critical of the Negro race which could be added to the letter.

Philadelphia, Atlanta, and Birmingham are requested to submit samples of the handwriting of Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton to the Bureau on or before 1/15/66.

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- 2 - Birmingham (157-835)

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Letter to Philadelphia
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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As a counterintelligence technique, which is aimed at causing disruption to the Klan and the expulsion from the United Klans of America (UKA) of [REDACTED] who is the [REDACTED] we are USA preparing a letter in the simulated handwriting of "Imperial Wizard," Robert Shelton, of the UKA. This letter will allegedly have been sent by Shelton to Tabbutt, and will be made available to leaders of various Klan and hate groups. Philadelphia submitted a proposed version of the letter. Birmingham is in complete agreement with the letter as proposed by Philadelphia. Atlanta felt the proposed letter might be too anti-Jewish in content, inasmuch as the UKA, while definitely anti-Catholic and anti-Jewish, has not placed great emphasis on anti-Catholic and anti-Jewish propaganda. Atlanta pointed out that the UKA is more openly critical of the Negro race and Atlanta believes that strong emphasis on anti-Jewish standings might be open to suspicion by individuals who receive the letter. We have placed a deadline on the submission of samples of the handwriting of the Imperial Wizard Shelton in order to give the FBI Laboratory sufficient time in which to prepare the letter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)

DATE: 1/25/66

FROM : *JBP*
SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT: *um*
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Atlanta letter to Bureau, 10/21/65.

1. Potential Counterintelligence Action

JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard, National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., has testified in executive session before the HCUA and has indicated he will testify in public hearings before the HCUA. It is realized that any testimony in executive session cannot be revealed; however, if he does testify in public sessions, it is likely that possibilities for exploiting such testimony will become apparent. VENABLE will very likely furnish information causing embarrassment to his own organization as well as other Klan organizations. It is believed that such situations can be used to prepare anonymous letters charging VENABLE with failure to live up to the Klan oath of secrecy by revealing Klan secrets or membership. It is also possible that at that time, VENABLE can be pictured as an opportunist, seeking favor with government officials and one who is willing to use the Klan for such purposes.

Also, the fact that the HCUA has requested the U. S. House of Representatives to charge leaders of the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA) with contempt of Congress. By refusing to make available records of that organization raises the possibility of charges by Klan members that their leaders, through such actions, have discredited the members of UKA. Such charges could consist of charging the leaders with actually conspiring with Communists to use the Klan for destruction of Klan beliefs.

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Prior to making such recommendations, it is believed there should be further developments in the HCUA hearings.

2. Pending Counterintelligence Action

Atlanta has submitted a revised, suggested anonymous letter charging [REDACTED] KBI, UKA, Inc., with being an informant. Such letter was prepared as a result of a proposed similar letter by Philadelphia in the same matter. The Bureau's decision in this matter is pending.

As noted in referenced letter, the case entitled, [REDACTED] ETAL, BOMBING MATTERS" is pending and it is possible this case may be presented to an appropriate federal grand jury. This case involved the transportation of dynamite from Georgia to Ohio by members of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

3. Tangible Results

There are no further tangible results to be noted at this time.

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Date: 3/8/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-820) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

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ReBuairtel to Atlanta 3/7/68.

Re airtel requested the approximate total number of individual klansmen for whom the office has business or residence address. Atlanta has the name and address of approximately 350 klansmen in all klan groups within the Atlanta Division.

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(~~USA CHARTER~~)

DATE: 4/25/66

Re Atlanta letter to Bureau dated 1/25/66.

(1) Potential Counterintelligence Action

A current potential course of counterintelligence action against United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, is that of bringing about a revocation of the charter of that organization, which is on file in the Office of Secretary of State, Atlanta, Georgia. Revocation of that charter would remove the legal basis for the operation of that organization in Georgia, as well as in other states. A suggestion in that regard has been furnished to the Bureau.

Another possible course of counterintelligence action in regard to Klan organizations being considered is that of the preparation of a play on words to be put to an already well-known song and the possible recording and publication of that song. Consideration in that regard is being made presently in Atlanta and the proposed words and tune will be submitted to the Bureau in the near future.

(2) Pending Counterintelligence Action

By letter dated 4/20/66, the Bureau furnished Atlanta 20 copies of a news letter prepared under the letterhead of "The National Committee for Domestic Tranquility" (NCDT). Atlanta currently is preparing a

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list of Klan members to whom the news letters will be mailed and they will be mailed in accordance with the instructions contained in the Bureau letter. The results of these mailings as noted will be furnished to the Bureau.

b7c [REDACTED] Atlanta has submitted a proposal for contact of [REDACTED] concerning suggestions or proposals for bringing about the revocation of the charter of UKA. Bureau permission has been requested to contact [REDACTED] in that regard.

(3) Tangible Results

There are no further tangible results noted at this time.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UKA CHARTER)

DATE: 4/25/66

RECEIVED 4/26/66 DEPT. OF JUSTICE USA

ReBulet to Charlotte dated 4/8/66, and Birmingham letter to Bureau dated 4/22/66.

ReBulet noted that disruption of the UKA must be delivered via existing laws of the several states, the authority of the executive branch of the several states, and prevailing Federal statutes. Therefore, thought is being given to a manner in which revocation of the existing charter in Atlanta, Georgia, can be effected.

Atlanta feels that revocation of the charter of UKA in Atlanta might entail some legal entanglements and that a study of existing laws will be necessary prior to contact of any officials who might be responsible for bringing about a revocation of that charter.

has for a number of years been an out-spoken enemy of the Klan and has publicly stated that Klan operations should be made illegal by the State of Georgia. is considered an excellent attorney, and judging from public statements, apparently has knowledge of any legal requirements pertaining to a revocation of that charter.

is considered reliable and has aided the Atlanta Office in other matters within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI.

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- 1 - Birmingham (157-835)
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Atlanta proposes that contact be made with [REDACTED] to determine what would be involved in the state's revoking the charter of UKA and what possible legal entanglements the state might be involved in if that charter was revoked. Depending upon the advice of [REDACTED] and the results of any studies he may have made in this regard, Atlanta would propose that contact be made with the Secretary of the State of Georgia, whose office issues charters to corporations and organizations, and with Governor CARL E. SANDERS by the SAC, after contacting [REDACTED]. Bureau authority is requested to make such contact.

SAC, Atlanta (157-336)

5/5/66

Director, FBI (157-9-2)

- 1 - Mr. Herington
- 1 - Mr. Martin
- 1 - Mr. McGuire

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
 INTERNAL SECURITY
 DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
 (UKA CHARTER)

Re: ATlat 4/25/66.

Advise Bureau if [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] can be contacted regarding the possible revocation of the United Klans of America, Inc. Charter with certainty that the FBI interest in this matter will not be revealed to others.

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In the event your determination is affirmative, also advise whether or not you feel that [REDACTED] is capable of fronting for a counterintelligence drive to revoke the previously-mentioned charter.

Other proposals suggested by you in referenced letter are not authorized at this time. Take no action, other than specifically stated in this communication, without prior Bureau authority.

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NOTE:

Bureau has initiated study of possibility that UKA Charter can be revoked thereby preventing UKA from filing statement of non-liability for tax purposes. Atlanta suggested that certain Georgia officials be interviewed regarding this. Atlanta not authorized to conduct those interviews this time but requested to furnish further observations.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)
SUBJ: COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY, DISRUPTION
OF HATE GROUPS
(APPEARANCE OF CALVIN F. CRAIG
ON RADIO STATION WQXI)

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[redacted] furnished a bulletin issued by [redacted] Georgia, United Klans of America, Inc. Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. This bulletin is dated 5/2/66, and contains the following item: USA

"May 15, Atlanta radio station WQXI, Open Line Program Grand Dragon will be on and ask that Atlanta area members listen and call in and ask questions favorable to the Klan. Do not say that you are a member of the klan, 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. in the morning".

Radio station WQXI is a local Atlanta station with very good local coverage.

Atlanta proposes the following counter intelligence action:

1. That an agent of the Atlanta Office call to the program using an assumed name and ask CRAIG embarrassing questions about the handling of klan money. He will undoubtedly refuse to answer these questions and will give the impression to the public and to the klansmen listening that perhaps he has something to hide regarding his handling of klan monies.

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2. That another agent of the Atlanta Office using an assumed name call in posing as a former klan member and ask CRAIG whether or not it is true that CRAIG and Imperial Wizard ROBERT M. SHELTON were present at an explosives school held near Macon, Georgia, in 1961.

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3. That still another agent of the Atlanta Office using an assumed name call in and ask CRAIG whether [REDACTED] the murderers of Colonel LEMUEL A. PENN, were members of the United Klans of America and whether United Klans raised money for the legal defense of [REDACTED]

The WQXI Open Line Program operates the same way that many similar programs are operated around the country. A controversial figure is secured as a guest and he spends the time answering questions telephoned in from listeners.

If the Bureau approves the above proposal, agents who are natives of the South and who have never talked to CRAIG will be used to make the calls.

1 - Mr. Wick

5/11/66

1 - Mr. Martin

1 - Mr. McGuire

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To: SAC, Atlanta (157-826)

From: Director, FBI (157-9-2) - 34
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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(APPEARANCE OF CALVIN F. CRAIG
ON RADIO STATION WQXI)

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ReATAirtel 5/5/66.

Authorization is granted for three Special Agents, your office, to telephonically contact radio station WQXI, Atlanta, May 15, 1966, for the purpose of posing the following questions to Calvin F. Craig, Grand Dragon, United Klans of America, Inc., State of Georgia, who will receive inquiries from the public as a guest of the radio presentation "Open Line Program:"

1. Are Klan funds being used to defend the likes of Howard Sims, a United Klans of America member who shot his wife in the face?
2. If the United Klans of America is a religious-type organization, why did Grand Dragon Kornegay in Virginia condemn the Baptist religion?
3. What is a Klan "wrecking crew," and why did you, Mr. Craig, and Imperial Wizard Shelton, attend an explosives school in 1961 near Macon, Georgia?

Insure that the Special Agent personnel who are utilized in this effort, assume false identities, do not unnecessarily exceed the scope of the questions stated herein, and present their inquiries at respectable intervals during the previously-mentioned program.

The questions you proposed in reairtel have been slightly changed so as to enlarge the counterintelligence possibilities offered.

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Airtel to SAC, Atlanta
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
157-9-2

Afford maximum protection to the interests of the
FBI, and keep the Bureau informed of tangible results noted.

NOTE:

The questions authorized will embarrass Craig and
UKA; also to embarrass Shelton, expose Sims' connection with
UKA, and publicly define "wrecking crew," a Klan type of
enforcement group charged to commit violence.

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Date: 5/17/66

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT : COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(APPEARANCE OF CALVIN F. CRAIG
ON RADIO STATION WQXI)

Remyairtel 5/5/66 and Buairtel to Atlanta 5/11/66.

The Program "Open Line" scheduled for 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., 5/15/66 did not begin until 8:00 a.m. The regular moderator for the program was ill, and a substitute was handling the program. He asked CRAIG a great deal of questions, and it was not possible for many of the callers to get questions in. None of the Agents designated to ask questions was able to get into the station by telephone, although each one of the Agents spent most of the time dialing and trying to get a line. However, the moderator did ask CRAIG questions concerning his association with HOWARD SIMS and about his attendance at an explosives school in 1961 near Macon, Ga. CRAIG stated in answer that SIMS had been suspended from the United Klans after his alleged shooting of LEMUEL PENN, but that he still thought SIMS to be innocent. He did admit being at a school near Macon where they practiced firearms training and Judo. However, he was very evasive concerning explosives and stated that he does not believe

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that this school is in existence now. It is felt that CRAIG made a very poor impression. His grammar was atrocious and he was evasive on answering some of his questions.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (REGISTERED)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
[REDACTED]

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ReBuairtel to Atlanta, 5/16/66.

Investigation at Atlanta reflects that [REDACTED] were married in Atlanta, Ga., on [REDACTED]. This marriage is reflected under Fulton Co., Ga., marriage license [REDACTED]. They were married by [REDACTED].

The application for the marriage license reflects [REDACTED] lists his residence as [REDACTED]. He listed DOB as [REDACTED].

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Reason for divorce incompatibility. He listed his father's name as [REDACTED] residence [REDACTED] and mother as [REDACTED] deceased. He reflected their nationality as [REDACTED].

The application reflected [REDACTED] resided at [REDACTED] was previously married and divorced in 1937 at Fulton County, Ga. divorce based on desertion. Her parents were listed as [REDACTED] father, and [REDACTED] mother, both deceased. She reflected their nationality as American.

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Deed records, Fulton County Clerk of Court's Office, Atlanta, reflect [REDACTED] sold a piece of property on [REDACTED] Atlanta, to [REDACTED] purchased the same piece of land from [REDACTED]

The deed reflected sale of property to [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] and contained notary statement reflecting that [REDACTED] was then residing at Tucson, Arizona. The deed did not reflect [REDACTED] address, but it was witnessed by [REDACTED]

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Birth records were not maintained in the State of Ga. during time [REDACTED] was born and review of death records reflected no record of death of [REDACTED]

It is noted the area in which [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] formerly resided has now become a completely Negro neighborhood and further efforts through pretext interviews to determine former owners during the period 1949-1952 not successful due to fact that most property has changed hands several times.

Further efforts to determine the ethnic background of [REDACTED] being left to discretion of Miami Office.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)

DATE: 6/24/66

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UKA CHARTER)

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ReBulet to Atlanta 5/5/65.

Relet requests Atlanta to advise if [redacted], can be contacted with certainty that the FBI interest in this matter will not be revealed to others, and also whether Atlanta feels that [redacted] is capable of fronting for a counterintelligence drive to revoke the UKA charter.

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Since submission of Atlanta letter dated 4/25/66, recommending [redacted] be contacted in this regard, he has announced his candidacy for [redacted]

From all indications [redacted] will have a very difficult primary election campaign. There is a very bitter gubernatorial election campaign going on at present in which candidates for lesser offices such as [redacted] could become involved. Although Atlanta still feels that [redacted] could be discreetly approached on this matter, it is felt that during the election campaign that in order to protect the Bureau's interest that such approach should not be made in order that a repetition of the indiscretion of former Governor TERRY SANDERS of North Carolina will not occur.

For the Bureau's additional information, one of the candidates for Governor of Georgia, and considered to be a front runner in the campaign is former Georgia Governor ELLIS ARNALL. As the Bureau is aware, during his previous term as Governor (1942-46) ARNALL ordered the Attorney General of the State to move on the Klan. The State of Georgia revoked the Klan charter on the grounds that the Klan's objectives

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were not what was stated in the charter. Should ARNALL again become Governor, Atlanta feels that a direct approach could be made to him with full security.

Atlanta will proceed to explore other avenues in this matter. We are aware of the importance of this matter, and wish to take an aggressive approach in connection with it. However, the Bureau's interest is paramount in our mind, and our reluctance to proceed on previously recommended paths is occasioned by our desire to prevent any embarrassment to the Bureau.

FBI

Date: 7/7/66

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-61)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR
DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY)

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By [unclear]
H. [unclear]

[redacted] furnished a copy of the monthly newsletter issued by the Imperial Office of United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, at Tuscaloosa, Ala. The newsletter is signed by ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard. It contains the following paragraph pertinent to captioned matter:

"Inquiries have been made to this office in regards to cartoons, postcards, and letters that various members, as well as other segregationist have been receiving in the mail. This is a hit or miss proposition under the direction of the Anti Defamation League acquiring the information from various sources and working in conjunction with the Justice department and some liberal state officials in various states. One calls itself the National Committee for Domestic Tranquility, signed by Harmon Blennerhasset, the executive director, who died in 1880. This particular letter is asking Klansmen to quit the Klan and back our boys in Viet Nam and also their claim against myself and Grand Dragons as perverting and duping the members and misappropriating funds and bringing turmoll to the communities. The next Fiery Cross newspaper will have a complete exposal of the activities of the Anti Defamation League and the part they play in this conspiracy with certain individuals on the

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House Un-American Activities Committee in furnishing smear files to the Committee. This type of proding of our members by the Justice Department, Anti-Defamation League and the Communist can be expected in the future, but this is something for the Klan to consider as a victory. For if we were not accomplishing anything this would not be happening. Therefore it is a clear indication that we have been and it is evident that we still are creating stumbling blocks which are successful or the Pinco element would not be concerned. So you can understand the part they are playing in order to create turmoil, friction and animosity in hopes of dividing our created efforts. Now is the time for all dedicated sincere God fearing Klansmen to unite themselves more than ever before. UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL. Let us not fall under the manipulations of our enemy."

Above for information.

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)

DATE: 7/19/66

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

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Re Atlanta letter to Bureau 4/25/66.

(1) POTENTIAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

Potential courses of counterintelligence action against Klan organizations generally include the possibility of revocation of Klan charters. Specifically, consideration is being given to a method or manner in which revocation of the UKA charter might be made.

It has been noted recently that Klan leaders have been conducting interviews by radio. That is, consenting to be interviewed by radio. A possible course of counterintelligence action in this regard is to arrange for embarrassing questions to be posed to the Klan interviewee.

(2) PENDING COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

On 5/15/66, CALVIN F. CRAIG, Grand Dragon, UKA, Inc., was a guest on the radio presentation "Open Line Program". The Bureau authorized three questions of an embarrassing nature to be asked of CRAIG. The program was held as scheduled and CRAIG was interviewed. Efforts by Agents designated to call in the questions authorized by the Bureau were unsuccessful inasmuch as it was not possible to find a line which was not tied up, therefore, the questions were not asked.

Letters of the National Committee for Domestic Tranquility have been sent to selected Klan members. The information received from informants following the mailing of these letters reflects that those who received the letters became very upset and the letters became the subjects of discussion in various Klan meetings.

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Postcards of Klan cartoons have been and are in the process of being mailed to various Klan members.

Concerning the possibility of effecting the revocation of the UKA charter, Atlanta suggested contacting [REDACTED] in this regard, inasmuch as he is known as a long time enemy of the Klan [REDACTED]

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This election promises to be a difficult election and in order to protect the Bureau's interest in the heat of an election campaign, Atlanta has since suggested that [REDACTED] not be contacted at this time. Consideration is being given to other avenues of bringing about the revocation of that charter and recommendations in that regard will be made to the Bureau.

(3) TANGIBLE RESULTS

It has been noted that individuals who have received letters from the NCDT have become very upset and showed the letters to numerous other Klan associates. It was the feeling of most of those who received the letters that they were prepared and mailed by either the FBI or the ADL.

As a result of the receipt of cartoon postcards, Klan members have become somewhat angry and upset and do not seem to know who may have sent the postcards. Some suspect the FBI and others suspect the ADL, and others suspect pranksters.

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Date: 7/18/66

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-61)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUP
(THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE
FOR DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY)

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Remyairtel 7/7/66 in which a paragraph from a news letter issued by ROBERT M. SHELTON is set forth. SHELTON is Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. In the paragraph in re airtel, it is stated that the next issue of "The Fiery Cross" will have an expose of the activities of the Anti-Defamation League.

AP [redacted] furnished the July issue of "The Fiery Cross". This issue contains a long article entitled, "Is the Justice Department & Anti-Defamation League of Final Birth Conspiring Against White Patriots?". The article contains a reproduction of a letter and a post card used in connection with captioned program. *F*

The July, 1966, issue of "The Fiery Cross" is enclosed herewith for the information of the Bureau.

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Special Agent in Charge

Letter to SAC, Atlanta
Re: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
157-0-2

Our objective in counterintelligence is to reduce membership in Klan and hate organizations and to prevent potential violence. Insure that Special Agent personnel handling this area of counterintelligence afford our objectives continued and enthusiastic attention.

The Bureau is closely following the performance of each office in Klan and hate organization counterintelligence.

NOTE:

It has been noted that some offices do not fully identify the established sources they wish to utilize in counterintelligence proposals. As we must decide each proposal based on its merit, we must require that established sources to be utilized are fully identified. Some offices have been deviating from the Counterintelligence Program caption, and this letter is to serve to bring the field in under the proper caption. These instructions will facilitate administrative handling of Counterintelligence Program at the Bureau and in the field.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: September 14, 1966

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. D. M. Wells
- 2 - Mr. McGuire

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

The Atlanta Office has advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is writing an article attacking Jesse B. Stoner and Conrad Lynch, noted hatemongers of the National States Rights Party, and George Lincoln Rockwell of the American Nazi Party. [REDACTED] is interested in obtaining information concerning these individuals which he can utilize in his pending article with the assurance that the FBI will not be revealed as a source.

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[REDACTED] and has been very cooperative with the Bureau. Atlanta advised that [REDACTED] has written many favorable articles concerning the work of the Bureau, especially in the racial field. There is no information in the Atlanta and Bureau files of a derogatory nature identifiable with [REDACTED]

We feel that [REDACTED] proposed article could be very beneficial in further disrupting the activities of the previously-mentioned hatemongers and possibly help to turn public opinion against them.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authority be granted for the Atlanta Office to furnish [REDACTED] public source data only regarding Stoner, Lynch and Rockwell, to be utilized by [REDACTED] in an article attacking these individuals.

1 - Crime Records Division (Route through for review)

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This is Guthman's paper, but believe public source data OK.

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Date: 8/31/66

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)
FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) P
SUBJECT : COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY;
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

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[redacted] advised he is writing an article on the activities of individuals such as JESSE B. STONER, CONRAD LYNCH, and GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL in areas of racial unrest. He intends to do an article putting forth the activities of these individuals in a very bad light. He stated he was interested in obtaining as much information as possible about the activities of these individuals which he stated he would use without revealing the FBI as a source.

No commitments were made to [redacted] however Atlanta recommends that the Bureau consider furnishing information to the Atlanta Office if possible concerning ROCKWELL, LYNCH and STONER that the Bureau would consider to be suitable for dissemination to [redacted] on a confidential basis. Atlanta feels that this article could be very beneficial in further disrupting the activities of these well known hate group figures and possibly help to turn public opinion against them.

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Bureau. He has written many favorable articles concerning the work of the Bureau, especially in the racial field, and wrote very favorably concerning the work of the Bureau in the [redacted] case. There is no information in Atlanta files of a derogatory nature against [redacted]

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Special Agent in Charge

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1 - Mr. Kelly
2 - Mr. McGuire

To: REC 30 SAC, Atlanta (157-826)

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INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

ReATairtel 8/31/66 captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith for the Atlanta Office are several xerox copies of newspaper clippings on unwatermarked paper relating to the activities of Connie Lynch, Jesse B. Stoner, and George Lincoln Rockwell, noted hatemongers.

You are authorized to give these articles to

[redacted] which he may feel free to use for lead purposes in developing his proposed article attacking the above-mentioned hatemongers.

You may advise [redacted] that he may obtain additional public source information by writing to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

You must insure that [redacted] understands that the information we have made available is public source information only, and that he should not at any cost reveal the FBI as the source of this information.

Furnish the Bureau a copy of [redacted] proposed article when same is published.

Enclosures

JFM:dsm
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NOTE: Re Baumgardner to Sullivan memorandum 9/14/66 captioned as above and approved by the Director. [redacted] being furnished public source information only.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)^{2.}

DATE: 9/30/66

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA
NATIONAL KLONVOCATION)

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F. [unclear]

ReBulet to Birmingham, 9/27/66.

It is suggested that the Bureau and Birmingham consider the fact that in the event UKA is forced into holding a National Klonvocation that all offices would be up for election.

[REDACTED]

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Atlanta is giving further consideration to the proposal of Birmingham as endorsed by the Bureau, and additional recommendations will be made; however, Atlanta suggests that the Bureau consider the possibility mentioned above which we believe would be of an adverse nature.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Birmingham (157-835) (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta

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FBI

Date: 9/30/66

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-3020)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-912)

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ReBuairtel to Atlanta, 9/3/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of LHM concerning the arrest of subject. Two copies of LHM are also enclosed for Mobile since that office is origin in Improved Order of U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

as 157-3020. [redacted] Buairtel reflected Bureau file number [redacted] as 157-3020. [redacted] was previously in receipt of information that the [redacted] file number is 157-3020.

[redacted] has learned that [redacted] reporter for the Atlanta Newspapers, Inc., received information concerning the arrest of the subject. He stated that he considered it [redacted] into the arrest but was not permitted to publicize the arrest since it is the policy of the Atlanta Newspaper to not print sensational articles involving sexual matters. [redacted] consideration is being given to possible counterintelligence recommendations in this regard and such recommendations will be furnished under the counterintelligence caption.

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BY: [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Atlanta, Georgia
September 30, 1966

[REDACTED]
IMPERIAL WIZARD,
IMPROVED ORDER OF U. S. KLANS,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

On September 21, 1966, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised
[REDACTED] members of the [REDACTED] arrested
[REDACTED] on the night of September 20, 1966, on a
charge of sodomy. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED]
Department had obtained signed statements from two teenage
boys implicating [REDACTED]. He advised that at the time [REDACTED]
was arrested at his home a search was conducted and a sawed-
off shotgun was found under [REDACTED] bed.

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On September 21, 1966, [REDACTED], Alcohol,
Tobacco, Tax Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Atlanta,
Georgia, advised that Agency has placed a detainer with the
DeKalb County Police Department for [REDACTED]. He stated the
Alcohol, Tobacco, Tax Unit will charge and prosecute [REDACTED]
for possession of an unregistered firearm in violation of
the National Firearms Act. [REDACTED] stated the shotgun
was sawed off to a length of 11 1/2 inches.

The characterization of the Improved Order of U.
S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., is attached
hereto.

This document contains neither recommendations nor
conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and
is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to
be distributed outside your agency.

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IMPROVED ORDER OF THE U. S. KLANS,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
(IMPROVED ORDER OF THE U. S. KLANS)

Improved Order of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., was chartered in DeKalb County, Georgia, on November 7, 1963, as a "patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order." A source advised on October 28, 1963, that the organization was formed as a result of a split in the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. The source reported that the new organization is headed by Imperial Wizard Earl E. George, who was formerly the Imperial Wizard of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. The same source advised in May and July, 1965, that the Improved Order of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., has only two units, both of which are located in Alabama.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-~~X~~)

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA
NATIONAL KLONVOCATION)

DATE: 10/31/66

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ReBulet to Birmingham 9/27/66 and Atlanta letter to Bureau 9/30/66.

Referenced Bureau letter requests recipient offices to submit recommendations concerning carrying out of proposal to force ROBERT SHELTON to call a National Klonvocation.

Not a priority

If the Bureau desires to carry out this program, Atlanta suggests the best avenue of attack would be through those states representing the most rapid rate of Klan growth. It appears that North Carolina and Virginia have experienced the most rapid growth of UKA and this appears due primarily to the leadership qualities of [redacted] in North Carolina and [redacted] in Virginia. The success they have experienced should logically cause one or both of them to feel they should be considered as candidates for the office of Imperial Wizard.

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Atlanta feels that suggestions made to them by members and close associates of theirs should be instrumental in further developing interest by them in ascending to the leadership of the entire organization. Informants in the offices covering North Carolina and Virginia could also be used to openly express opinions backing those potential candidates and to point out embarrassment brought against the Klan by SHELTON's handling of the HCUA investigation.

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Further, anonymous or fictitious letters directed to other lesser but influential Klan members in other states could further create thinking along those lines and consideration by others to depose SHELTON.

At the proper time, such as when members are giving some serious consideration to removing SHELTON, various backers of SHELTON should be encouraged to openly support SHELTON and criticize "opportunists" who would attempt to take over SHELTON's position. It is felt that the matter could be of such interest and urgency in the various Klavern meetings that a great amount of dissension would be created and might possibly lead to a compromised candidate being elected to the office of Imperial Wizard.

Atlanta believes that such dissension could cause lasting hard feelings and disappointment among members which would ultimately result in the loss of membership in the UKA.

SAC, Atlanta (157-826)

November 15, 1966

Director, FBI (157-9-2) - 46

1 - Mr. McGuire

**COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA
NATIONAL KLONVOCATION)**

ReATlet 10-31-66.

Your comments set forth in relet concerning the possibilities offered by a National Klonvocation within the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA), are appreciated.

You will be advised of the Bureau's final determination in this matter. Take no additional action without prior Bureau authority.

JFM:ekw
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NOTE:

We are considering the feasibility of attempting to cause a National Klonvocation within the UKA for the purpose of disruption. We are currently receiving the thoughts of the major offices handling Klan Counterintelligence relative to this matter, and upon completion of our survey, the field will be advised of the Bureau's decision. This communication to serve as acknowledgement to Atlanta's comments.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)

FROM : *DKP* SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) P

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

DATE: 11/9/66

ReATlet to Bureau, 7/19/66.

(1) POTENTIAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

A potential course of counterintelligence action against Klan activities and organizations generally might include a general summary of the results of Klan terrorism and hate as has occurred over the past several years. Atlanta is preparing a proposal to enumerate and forcefully dramatize the commission of acts of violence by Klansmen over the past several years, including the murder of Colonel LEMUEL A. PENN, the murder of VIOLA LIUZZO, church burnings and bombings. Consideration is also being given to including information concerning the recent arrest of [redacted] Imperial Wizard of Improved Order of U. S. Klans, on a charge of sodomy.

Another possible course of counterintelligence action is to bring public attention to the possible connections between the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) and the American Nazi Party (ANP), as evidenced by the fact that a member of the ANP traveled to Stone Mountain, Ga., in September, 1966, to speak before a Klan rally sponsored by the NKKKK.

By letter dated 10/20/66, under above caption, the Bureau requested Atlanta to give consideration to possibly creating pressure against [redacted]

Such pressure would be based upon [redacted] employment by the [redacted] Atlanta will submit its recommendations in that regard.

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(2) PENDING COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

By communication dated 9/22/66, the Bureau furnished numerous Xerox copies of clippings to Atlanta relating to the activities of CONNIE LYNCH, JESSE B. STONER, and GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, noted hatemongers. With permission of the Bureau, the clippings were given to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for his aid in preparing an article in attacking the above-mentioned hatemongers.

Following a suggestion by the Birmingham Office to force the UKA to hold a National Klonvocation designed to oust ROBERT SHELTON as Imperial Wizard, Atlanta has offered the suggestion that efforts be exerted through ROBERT JONES, Grand Dragon for North Carolina, and MARSHALL KORNEGAY, Grand Dragon of Virginia, to induce them to try for the Office of Imperial Wizard and thereby create dissention throughout the UKA. The Bureau has requested suggestions through numerous offices in this regard and such suggestions are now pending at the Bureau.

Concerning the arrest of [REDACTED] on a charge of sodomy on [REDACTED] in DeKalb County, Ga., Atlanta learned that [REDACTED] reporter for Atlanta Newspapers, Inc., was aware of the arrest. He stated he conducted an inquiry into the arrest but due to policy of the Atlanta newspapers was not permitted to publicize the arrest since it involved a matter concerning sensational sexual matters.

(3) TANGIBLE RESULTS

No significant results have been noted recently with the exception that membership in Klan organizations in the Atlanta Division has not increased and there has been a noted decrease. The members of Klan organizations are known to be upset as a result of anonymous mailings of the NCDT and postcards.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)

DATE: 11/10/66

FROM : *Jkl* SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT: *emo* COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

~~(KLAN)~~

USA

Enclosed for the Bureau are 2 copies of a proposed anonymous letter.

It is suggested the proposed letter, if adopted in its present form or amended, be sent to numerous members of all Klan organizations. It is felt that an appeal to rank and file Klan members in the spirit outlined in the proposed letter may serve to cause some bit of soul-searching among Klansmen throughout the country. As a result, some members may resign or stop attending meetings.

Undoubtedly many of the letters will be seen by wives of Klansmen and may cause them to exert pressure on their husbands to drop their Klan affiliations. As a second step, it is suggested that a follow-up letter, purportedly from the wife of the sender of the first letter, be sent to the wives of those receiving the letter from the former Klansman. The letter from the wife should set forth the unhappy family life she and her husband experienced while he was a Klansman. It should set forth in detail the fact that their home life was impaired, that he stopped attending church, mistreated their children, lost interest in his work, and how their marriage nearly ended in divorce.

Since the letters would purportedly come from one family, a former Klansman, all letters should be mailed from one city, preferably one in which there has been some degree of turnover in Klan membership.

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A proposed second letter, from the wife, will be submitted if the Bureau agrees with the general theory of the above overall counterintelligence action. If the Bureau agrees with this proposal, it is suggested the Bureau may wish to furnish the proposed letter to other field offices for their comments or suggestions for changes in wording of the letter.

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Proposed Anonymous Letter

Dear Klansman,

This letter comes to you in the spirit of sincere honesty, asking you to search your soul and evaluate the path you have chosen.

I have no doubt you joined the Ku Klux Klan sincerely believing it to be an organization dedicated to Christianity and Americanism. Surely you joined believing the Klan to be the last bulwark against encroaching Federal Government control over your life and property. If you did not join in this spirit and instead have become one of the hierarchy parasites in the Klan, then this letter was mistakenly directed to you. As a former Klansman and believing I was right, I allowed myself to be led by those who used me for selfish purposes. As a result I contributed too much money my family needed for a cause motivated by greed, selfishness, and hate.

One day I sat back and counted the incidents of violence perpetrated by Klan members while I was a member. I lost count but these are some of the things I recall.

In the Summer of 1964, a Negro Army officer was killed on a highway in Georgia while traveling to his home in Maryland. This Negro was not a demonstrator, he was not sitting in at a lunch counter, and he was not with a white woman. Negro or not, he was serving our country. But he was killed by men who took the same oath I took. Those men were convicted of that murder but before one of those men was tried, he shot his wife in the face. That man was one of my fraternal brothers, dedicated to Christianity and Americanism.

In March, 1965, a white woman was killed in her car near Selma, Alabama. She was killed by men who took the same oath I took. Yes, she was a demonstrator and she was riding with a Negro demonstrator. You and I believe that to be morally wrong but even if it is wrong, no one has the right to take the life of another person. The men who took that woman's life and left five children motherless were my fraternal brothers.

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In Anniston, Alabama, in the Summer of 1968, a Negro boy named Willie Brewster was shot and killed. This Brewster boy was not a demonstrator. He was young and helpless and was never considered by white or black to be un-American or un-Christian. His killer was convicted. That killer took the same oath I took. He was my fraternal brother. I recently read that killer was killed himself in a public brawl. One of your fraternal brothers is now gone.

These are only a few of the acts committed by those calling themselves Christians and Americans. There have been many bombings and burnings of churches and homes. Many were done by my fraternal brothers.

I am a Christian and an American. Because of that, I had to renounce my Klan oath. I renounced it to myself and to my wife. I did not renounce it to my children because I never had the courage to tell them why I kept a robe in my closet. I pray they will never know I was a Klansman. Many of you are my friends and I wish I could call you my fraternal brothers today but if I ever can, it must be in some really Christian and American organization. I send you this letter because I want you to learn from my experience. I was almost involved in an act like those mentioned above but the Good Lord stopped me.

Before it is too late give up your association with killers of women, children, and those who seek to serve our country. Most of you are good men, you have good wives and good children. Give up your fraternal allegiance with those who kill on highways of America but who refuse to fight Communists in Vietnam. America can be saved only through true Christianity. The Klan is not Christian or American.

I wish I could sign this letter but I am afraid to. As a Klansman, you know what could happen to me.

SAC, Atlanta (157-826)

11/22/66

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Director, FBI (157-9-2) - 48

1 - Mr. Martin
1 - Mr. McGuire

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

ReATlet 11/10/66.

The counterintelligence proposal set forth in relet has merit.

USA

The Bureau is of the opinion that your suggested anonymous communication should be directed to a limited number of United Klans of America, Inc., members within the State of Georgia. If there is a favorable reaction to a limited mailing, then the Bureau will give consideration to expanding the use of same. However, it is believed that your proposed communication should be prepared at the Bureau on commercially purchased colored paper in order to stylize same. It is also believed that your proposed communication should not be mailed to more than twenty selected klansmen who you feel may be affected significantly by the substance of your proposal.

Advise the Bureau of your concurrence in this matter. Upon receipt of this advice, the proposed communication will be prepared at the Bureau and transmitted to your office for mailing within the State of Georgia. Take no additional action in this matter, other than that specifically requested, without prior Bureau authority.

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NOTE:

The Atlanta Office has submitted a proposed anonymous communication which seeks to bring sanity to the thinking of some klansmen by expertly pointing out some of the violent and immoral activities undertaken by klansmen. The proposal is sound, and we desire to stylize the communication at the Bureau so as to give it a legitimate appearance.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)

FROM : *com* SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

DATE: 1/13/67

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ReBulet to Atlanta, 11/22/66.

Atlanta concurs with the Bureau's opinion that the anonymous letter referred to in relet should be prepared at the Bureau on commercially purchased colored paper and that it should be mailed to a limited number of Klansmen. Atlanta suggests the letter should be mailed to Klan members who have not been previously interviewed by Special Agents.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-41) DATE: 2/17/67

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(KLANZI PARTY)

Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta, 11/8/66.

Atlanta feels that inasmuch as information relating to [redacted] was obtained through [redacted] and is a matter of public record, that use of that information in a public disclosure would not jeopardize any Atlanta sources.

Atlanta feels that the views of the Bureau, as related in referenced airtel, are excellent and would probably have a disrupting influence on Klan organizations generally.

For information of the Bureau, [redacted] has not yet been tried on the charge of [redacted]. Although the matter was presented to a DeKalb County Grand Jury, no action was taken and local officers expect the charge to be presented again in an effort to obtain an indictment.

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SAC, Atlanta (157-822)

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Director, FBI (157-9-²4)

1 - Mr. Walsh

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(Klanzi Party)

ReBuairtel 11/8/66.

Recipient offices have been in receipt of numerous communications and have submitted suggestions under above caption. The suggestions submitted by recipient offices are appreciated and will be considered in our overall effort in attempting to create the impression that the Klan and the USA American Nazi Party (ANP) have joined forces in the formation of The Klanzi Party.

You will be advised if and when proposed counter-intelligence action will be taken.

Atlanta advise the Bureau in the event the local charge of [redacted] against [redacted] is again presented to the DeKalb County Grand Jury in an effort to obtain an indictment.

- 1 - Baltimore (157-865)
- 1 - Birmingham (157-835)
- 1 - Los Angeles (157-1448)
- 1 - Mobile (157-582)
- 1 - Richmond (157-846)

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NOTE:

As a counterintelligence activity, we were attempting to create the impression that the immoral elements of the Klan and the ANP have joined in the formation of the Klanzi Party. The suggestions submitted by recipient offices have been considered but are not presently deemed appropriate for our counterintelligence needs.

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 Mr. Tele. Room _____
 Mr. Holmes _____
 Miss Gandy _____

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-41)

DATE: 3/22/67

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(KLANZI PARTY)

ReBulet to Birmingham, 3/2/67, and Bulet to Atlanta, 3/15/67.

Concerning the local charge of [redacted] against [redacted] in DeKalb County, Ga., [redacted] advised that this matter was presented to a DeKalb County Grand Jury. The Grand Jury took no action either way on the presentation of the charges and [redacted] stated he learned subsequent to the presentation that one of the Solicitors for DeKalb County alleged that the charges against [redacted] were politically motivated and indicated that [redacted] was framed by the DeKalb County police for political reasons. [redacted] stated that such charges are unfounded and ridiculous since to their knowledge [redacted] does not wield any political power in the county. [redacted] feels that since [redacted] is a special deputy sheriff an indictment against [redacted] on a sodomy charge would be highly embarrassing to the sheriff of DeKalb County and, therefore, pressure is apparently being exerted to prevent his being indicted on that charge. [redacted] stated that since the case has never resulted in an indictment or a no bill that it may be represented, however, he noted that with the apparent present attitude of the Solicitor's Office it is unlikely that it will be presented again.

The fact remains that [redacted] has been arrested on the charge though prosecution does not appear eminent and since the arrest is a matter of public record there appears to be no objection to utilizing that information if the Bureau cannot be identified as the source of information.

Atlanta is maintaining contact with [redacted] and will advise the Bureau if the matter is again presented to the DeKalb County Grand Jury.

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- 2 - Birmingham (157-835) RM
- 2 - Atlanta

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SAC, Atlanta (157-826)

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Director, FBI (157-9-2)

1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh

**COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS**

ReBulet 11/22/66 and Atlanta letter dated 1/13/67.

The proposed anonymous letter referred to in relets has considerable merit as a counterintelligence technique.

It has been decided, however, in the interest of not "flooding the mail" with anonymous letters directed against members of the United Klans of America, Inc., it will not now be utilized.

USA

If and when it is deemed desirable to be used, you will be advised.

JVW:dsm
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NOTE:

The Atlanta Office had proposed an anonymous communication which would seek to bring sanity to the thinking of klansmen by pointing out some of the violent and immoral activities undertaken by the Klan. While the proposal is sound, it is felt that due to the fact that several anonymous letters have been mailed to klansmen in the recent past, we should not now utilize this technique.

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Date: 6/16/67

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA,
INC., NORTH CAROLINA)

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RE: NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE COM-
MITTEE OF UNITED KLANS OF
AMERICA, INC., (NIC)

[Redacted] furnished a press release dated 6/14/67 from ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The press release contains copy of memorandum allegedly prepared by Klan attorney turning letters received from NIC over to FBI and Postal authorities.

Two copies of the press release are enclosed herewith for the Bureau and one copy each for the information of Charlotte and Birmingham.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 2) ENCLOSURE
- 2 - Birmingham (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 2 - Charlotte (157-281) (Enc. 1) (RM) REC 27
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UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
IMPERIAL OFFICE

IMPERIAL WIZARD
ROBERT M. SHELTON

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PRESS RELEASE

June 14, 1967

FROM ROBERT M. SHELTON

P. O. BOX 2369
TUSCALOOSA,
ALABAMA 35401

Our attorney and officers of the National Office of the United Klans of America, Inc. have met for discussions and points of law in regards to previous activities of certain individuals of whom are no longer connected in any way with the United Klans of America, Inc.

We are convinced and have produced evidence that indicates not only fraud but also of using the mail to implement a conspiracy.

I believe the following which is a memorandum submitted by our attorney to the F.B.I. and to Postal authorities is self-explanatory.

MEMORANDUM FOR F.B.I. AND POSTAL AUTHORITIES

SUBJECT: Possible use of mails to defraud

(1) At some time prior to April 18, 1967 Honorable Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc., discovered that one James A. Cole had been recommended for Klan membership and inducted through the efforts of the National Chaplain of the United Klans of America, Inc., George Dorsett, and one Clyde A. Webster. Cole had prior to that time been indicted for inciting the Cherokee Indians in the State of North Carolina to riot, and both Dorsett and Webster knew that he was ineligible for membership in the United Klans of America, Inc. because of this and other conduct in his background.

(2) On April 18, 1967, by action of Honorable Robert M. Shelton, the said George Dorsett, Clyde A. Webster, and James A. Cole ceased to be members of the United Klans of America, Inc. and the office of Chaplain held up to that time by the said George Dorsett was vacated, (Exhibit 1), all pursuant to rules, regulations and By Laws of the United Klans of America, Inc.

(3) Subsequent to said date of April 18, 1967 and with full knowledge that they were no longer members of the United Klans of America, Inc., the said Dorsett and Webster conspired to defraud the Klan of its dues and did use the mails of the United States for the purpose of perpetrating this fraud by posing as authorized representatives of the United Klans of America, Inc. and requesting all units of that organization to send its dues to one Kenneth Murrell rather than to National Headquarters as provided under the rules, regulations and By Laws of the said United Klans of America, Inc. (Exhibit 2).

(4) On June 5, 1967 there was mailed an unsigned three page letter purportedly authorized by United Klans of America, Inc. further perpetrating the fraud of the April 26th letter by stating that Mr. Shelton, the Imperial Wizard, had been deposed, thereby indicating further justification not to mail any more dues to National Headquarters. Said letter purported to come from the "National Intelligence Committee" of the United Klans of America, Inc. which such committee does not now and has never existed (Exhibit 3).

(5) Since the termination of the said George Dorsett's membership in the Klan, he has apparently attempted to operate in the name of the Klan, with the hope that unauthorized dues would be forwarded to him or his designee. Copies of such letters that have gone through the mail are enclosed as Exhibits 4 and 5;

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that a complete investigation of this matter be made to the end of the prosecution of any person or persons found to have violated federal laws pertaining to fraudulent use of the mails. In this connection it is believed that it would be quite simple to trace the seal and rubber stamp used in the preparation of Exhibit 3.

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ENCLOSURE

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Date: 6/8/67

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
NORTH CAROLINA)

Handwritten notes:
11/11/67
VJ
W. J. [unclear]

Re: NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
COMMITTEE OF UKA, INC.
(NIC)
Handwritten: CA

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3-Bureau (RM)
2-Charlotte (157-281) (RM)
4-Atlanta (2-157-826)

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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SHELTON wants all the letters sent to him immediately, including the envelopes in which they were mailed so that he can turn them over to the Post Office Department and allege mail fraud. SHELTON feels that [REDACTED] and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) are responsible for the NIC letters and were also responsible for the letters circulated by the National Committee for Domestic Tranquillity. SHELTON is concerned over the affect the letters might have on the membership of UKA, but is more concerned over the possibility that [REDACTED] will bring legal action against UKA in the Atlanta, Ga. courts. SHELTON has issued instructions that all letters sent out by the NIC are to be forwarded to him immediately. SHELTON is considering a change in the date of the planned Imperial Klonvocation from September, 1967 to October, 1967, inasmuch as the NIC letter set a deadline of September 1967. SHELTON does not feel the membership of UKA will be fooled by the NIC letters because anyone who has been in the klan for any length of time will know there is no such thing as the NIC. SHELTON is puzzled over [REDACTED] finances. He believes someone, possibly ADL, is furnishing considerable sums of money to [REDACTED]. He said [REDACTED] has not worked in some time and recently gave COLE his Mustang, and he is now driving a new Camaro. SHELTON said he was suspicious of [REDACTED] during the HCUA hearing, but was not in a position to say anything at the time. He said [REDACTED] indictment for Contempt of Congress was "phony" as he could never be convicted inasmuch as he had no records to produce.

SHELTON said he expects to receive a report from IRS in about two weeks concerning the recent check by Internal Revenue Service (IRS) of the records at the Imperial Office.

[REDACTED] stated it is his opinion that [REDACTED] life is in jeopardy. He said he does not think that SHELTON or [REDACTED] will order violence against [REDACTED] because they would be immediate suspects if anything happens to [REDACTED]. He said, however, that SHELTON and [REDACTED] both believe [REDACTED] to be behind all their troubles in UKA. Informant believes this feeling will be communicated to UKA members in North Carolina and some rabid klansman may take it upon himself to commit physical violence on [REDACTED].

Any further reaction to the NIC letters will be reported to the Bureau and Charlotte immediately upon receipt.

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Date: 6/30/67

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
NORTH CAROLINA)

Handwritten initials and signature

Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta and Charlotte,
6/29/67, and Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 6/27/67.

Information requested in referenced Bureau
airtel contained in referenced Atlanta airtel.

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2-Atlanta
ORH:day
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CO. V...

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Approved: JVH Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.)
(GEORGIA)

DATE: 7/31/67

Re Atlanta letter to Bureau, 11/9/66.

1. Potential Counterintelligence Action

The State Headquarters of United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), has recently installed the use of recordings which play when an individual dials the telephone numbers for the state headquarters. These records make propoganda-type statements some of which are rather lengthy, following which the speaker asks the caller to leave his name and address, etc.

In addition, a recent development regarding UKA is that the Clayton County Number 52 Unit of that organization recently broke away from UKA and is attempting to start its own Klan organization. Clayton #52 until that time had been one of the largest and most active units in Georgia. It is believed that both of the above-mentioned situations could cause disruption and internal dissension. The recordings could possibly be used to plant wrong information and could be used to further the disagreement between UKA State Headquarters and the renegades from Clayton 52.

In addition, there has recently been information received that the National Klonvocation of UKA is tentatively set for September, 1967, at Tuscaloosa, Ala. It is believed that further National Intelligence Committee (NIC) mailings prior to that date could create increased dissension in the higher ranks of UKA.

2. Pending Counterintelligence Action

Atlanta is participating in distribution of letters to UKA officers by the NIC.

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AT 157-826

Atlanta prepared a proposed anonymous letter during November, 1966, pointing out specific acts of violence perpetrated by Klan members over a period of time. The letter was directed toward a soul searching on the part of recipient Klansmen. By letter dated 11/22/66, the Bureau approved use of the letter in a limited-type mailing and suggested preparing the letters at the Bureau. However, by letter dated 4/14/67, the Bureau stated in the interest of not flooding the mail with anonymous letters directed against members of the UKA it would not be utilized at this time.

3. Tangible Results.

The NIC letters have had an excellent effect against the UKA leadership generally. Leaders have become confused, and in doubt as to the origin of the letters and appear to possibly wonder if such a committee is actually in existence. It is felt that further such mailings will greatly increase the doubt and frustration on the part of UKA leadership and further disrupt that organization.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)

DATE: 9-12-67

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) P

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(KU KLUX KLAN)

Re LAlet to Bureau 8-30-67.

For the information of the Bureau, WILLIAM VIRGIL FOWLER has recently arrived in the Atlanta area, having arrived during the first part of August, 1967, and since that time has engaged in a Klan rally at Baton Rouge, La., which was given nation-wide press and has recently spoken before a National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan rally at Stone Mountain, Georgia, in which he delivered a strong "blood and guts" type speech to a group of approximately 500 Klan supporters on 8/30/67.

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It is noted that VENABLE is the Imperial Wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. It should also be noted that VENABLE is presently experiencing financial difficulties and it is felt that the recommendation submitted by the Los Angeles Division in regard to a letter submitted to VENABLE'S creditors authorizing him to pay FOWLER'S Calif. debts would be a most advantageous means of causing disruption of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Georgia. The above request it is hoped would also cause an obvious association between FOWLER and VENABLE.

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- 2 Bureau (RM)
- 3 Los Angeles (RM) (2- 157-833)
(1- 157-1509)
- 3 Atlanta (2- 157-826)
(1- 157-2727)

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SAC, Los Angeles (157-1449)

9/22/67

1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh

Director, FBI (157-9-25) - 33

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~~INTERNAL SECURITY~~
~~MEMBERSHIP OF HATE GROUPS~~
~~(NO KKK KLAN)~~

ATLANTA

Re LAlet 8/30/67 and ATlet 9/12/67.

Authority is granted for the Los Angeles Office to prepare the letter from Fowler as set out in referenced Los Angeles letter to be sent to his various creditors in the Los Angeles area. After preparation, these letters should be forwarded to Atlanta for mailing from that area.

Prepare same on commercially-purchased stationery and insure that Bureau interests are protected. Los Angeles and Atlanta advise of tangible results and be alert for follow-up counterintelligence measures.

2 - Atlanta (157-825)

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~~EXEMPT~~

~~William Virgil Fowler, former state chairman and honorary state Cyclops of the California Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (CKKK), recently departed the Los Angeles area and is presently residing with his family in a cottage on the property of James P. Venable, Imperial Wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, at Stone Mountain, Georgia. When Fowler left the Los Angeles area he owed considerable money for such things as house rental, gasoline bill, dairy bill, gas bill, and other incidental monthly expenses. As a counterintelligence measure, Los Angeles suggested and the Atlanta Office concurred that the following letter, over Fowler's signature, would cause disruption in the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Georgia, with whom Fowler has recently become associated, and would also cause an obvious alienation between Fowler and Venable, on whose property he now resides. The letter will read as follows:~~

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- To: Mr. _____
- Mr. DeLoach _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Bishop _____
- Mr. Casper _____
- Mr. Callahan _____
- Mr. Conrad _____
- Mr. Felt _____
- Mr. Gale _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Sullivan _____
- Mr. Tavel _____
- Mr. Trotter _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Holmes _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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Letter to Los Angeles
Counterintelligence Program
157-8-26

NOTE CONTINUED:

Dear Sir,

Due to my recent departure from the Los Angeles area, I was unable to pay the bill that is owed you. Now I am settled in this area, and I would like to clear up all of the bills owed by me. Prior to my departure, I resided at [REDACTED] California.

Will you please send a statement to my attorney, JAMES H. VERABLE, Walter Brown Building, Atlanta, Georgia, as he has been authorized by me to pay my bills.

In Christ Name,

Rev. William V. Fowler

The Los Angeles Office advises that a sample of Fowler's handwriting is available to them and can be easily duplicated by that office.

FBI

Date: 10/20/67

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2171)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM VIRGIL FOWLER GA 11 CA
RM (KLAN)
AT 157-2727

M.
D. Bishop

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
AT 157-826

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 10/13/67, and
Bureau airtel to Los Angeles, same date.



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 - 4 - Los Angeles (2 - 157-863) (RM)
(2 - 157-1443)
 - 2 - Jacksonville (RM)
 - 1 - Miami (Info) (RM)
 - 1 - Tampa (Info) (RM)
 - 5 - Atlanta (2 - 157-826)
- Bishop

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AT 157-826

[REDACTED]

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In view of the above information, the Bureau is requested to authorize the Los Angeles Division to submit a credit letter on appropriate stationary to [REDACTED] in Ocala, Florida, similar to that letter requested by Los Angeles in regard to FOWLER's debts in California.

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JACKSONVILLE

AT OCALA, FLA.

(1) Will, through appropriate sources, attempt to verify FOWLER's residence and employment at Ocala.

(2) Attempt to determine FOWLER's activities and intentions in his association with [REDACTED]

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10/31/67

AIRTEL

To: SACS, Atlanta (157-826)
Jacksonville
Los Angeles

- 1 - Mr. G.C. Moore (Field Guidance)
- 1 - Mr. J.J. Dunn (Field Guidance)
- 1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh

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From: Director, FBI (157-9-2)-59

**COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(WILLIAM VIRGIL FOWLER)**

ReATAirtel 10/20/67 captioned "William Virgil Fowler, RM (Klan); Counterintelligence Program, IS - Disruption of Hate Groups."

Before the Bureau will authorize the letter to Fowler's creditors as a counterintelligence measure, as suggested in reATAirtel, it will be necessary for Atlanta to ascertain the names and addresses of Fowler's creditors in the Atlanta area. It will also be necessary for Jacksonville to verify and furnish to the Bureau Fowler's residence address in Ocala, Florida, and the fact that he has associated himself with [REDACTED]

The Atlanta and Jacksonville Offices are instructed to ascertain the information set out above and to advise the Bureau and recipient offices.

Upon receipt of same, if feasible, the Los Angeles Office will be instructed by the Bureau to prepare a letter similar to the letter already prepared when Fowler departed the

- 1 - Atlanta (157-2727)
- 1 - Miami
- 1 - Tampa
- 1 - 157-2171

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Airtel to SAC, Atlanta
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(WILLIAM VIRGIL FOWLER)
157-2-2

Los Angeles area. Copies of this letter will then be sent to Fowler's creditors in the Atlanta area instructing them to communicate with [REDACTED] in order to receive payment.

NOTE:

William Virgil Fowler, former State Chairman of the California Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, recently departed the Los Angeles area and attempted to reside with James R. Venable, Imperial Wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, at Stone Mountain, Georgia. When Fowler left the Los Angeles area, he owed numerous bills. As a counterintelligence measure, the Bureau authorized Los Angeles to prepare letters to Fowler's creditors in California, which letters were mailed from the Atlanta area instructing the creditors to contact Venable who had been authorized to pay Fowler's bills. This counterintelligence measure was successful and resulted in Fowler and Venable having a "falling out" which resulted in Fowler's leaving Georgia and going to Florida. He is now attempting to align himself with the [REDACTED] in Ocala, Florida. [REDACTED] is the [REDACTED] for the National States Rights Party and [REDACTED] "National Christian News," an anti-administration, anti-communist, anti-Semitic, anti-integration newspaper at St. Petersburg, Florida. Atlanta has prematurely requested authority to send a similar letter to Fowler's creditors in Georgia. Before this can be authorized, we must know the names and addresses of the creditors and be certain that Fowler is living with or associated with [REDACTED] in Florida.

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Date: 11/1/67

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)
FROM SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(WILLIAM VIRGIL FOWLER)

Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta, 10/31/67.

[REDACTED]

It is requested that the Bureau disregard authorizing a letter to be sent from FOWLER's creditors regarding his debts in the Atlanta area in that FOWLER and VENABLE are at this time on friendly terms

[REDACTED]

C. C. Bishop

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 3 - Jacksonville (RM)
- 4 - Savannah (RM)
- 4 - Atlanta (157-826)
- 2 - Los Angeles (RM)
- 1 - Miami (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Tampa (Info) (RM)

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ICC/Klan Unit

Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

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[REDACTED]

SAVANNAH

SAVANNAH, GA.

W. J. POWLER is [REDACTED] in any way with National
S. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)

DATE: 12/13/67

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(KU KLUX KLAN)
(GEORGIA)

Re Atlanta letter to Bureau, 7/31/67; and Atlanta letter to Bureau, 10/11/67, entitled UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (RM - KLAN).

1. Potential Counterintelligence Action

By referenced communication dated 10/11/67, the Atlanta Office advised that on 10/6/67, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], telephonically contacted the Atlanta Division and requested verification of information received that ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), had indicated intentions of administering sodium pentothal to suspected Klan informants.

[REDACTED] was advised that no comment could be made by the Atlanta Division concerning this information.

Subsequent to [REDACTED] contact, he published a story which set forth SHELTON's contemplated utilization of sodium pentothal and a lie detector for ferreting out informants in his Klan organization.

It is believed that [REDACTED] interview of a prominent Klan official such as JAMES VENABLE, Imperial Wizard, National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, who is more temperate in his outlook than SHELTON, concerning SHELTON's use of sodium pentothal and a lie detector could produce possible embarrassment toward UKA.

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2 - Atlanta
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Date: 12/14/67

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
(Priority)

WCS/PA

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

G. [unclear]
DE [unclear]
[unclear]

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.)

Re Bureau airtel and teletype to Miami, 12/6/67.

Investigation of Seaway Engineering Company by Florida Securities Commission is continuing. The hearing as previously scheduled got under way and several members of Klavern 6, UKA, were called to testify.

[redacted] No testimony has been taken from key witnesses, including [redacted] and [redacted] both members of Klavern 6. The hearings have been postponed and will resume at a later date.

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Channel 7, WCKT-TV covered the first day of the hearing, which was closed to the public, and klansman [redacted] Klavern 6 member, threatened to strike a cameraman for Channel 7, because the reporter was taking his photograph. [redacted] told [redacted] he was placing him under citizen's arrest, but then quickly rescinded this remark. The threat by [redacted] was reported on the evening news by WCKT-TV.

This matter is being followed closely and the Bureau will be advised of additional tangible results.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Miami
- LCP:jth
- (5)

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-919) DATE: 3/29/68

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
- DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA
AND "MINUTEMEN")

USA

[redacted] is currently [redacted] of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), Realm of Georgia. According to information in possession of Atlanta [redacted] received mail from "Minutemen" about August, 1964, at which time he resided at Michigan City, Indiana, and the mail referred to him by number rather than by name. This correspondence congratulated him for his drive and ability.

In October, 1967, the St. Louis Office advised that [redacted] Long Beach, Indiana, was a member of a "Minutemen" Network and furnished an alternate address for him in Sacramento, California.

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By airtel dated 4/21/66, captioned "Minutemen, Information Concerning (INTERNAL SECURITY)" The Bureau was advised of an interview of [redacted] by a local newspaper reporter linking [redacted] with ultra-conservative activities and "Minutemen". In the article, [redacted] admitted knowledge of "Minutemen" activities, but denied membership. The article was subsequently published in the "Atlanta Constitution", daily Atlanta newspaper. Atlanta has submitted non-prosecutive summary reports on both [redacted] setting forth their activities.

The UKA in Georgia has recently established the "Legion of Valor" which is designed to act as a military type organization of the UKA. The members of that group meet weekly and engage in calisthenics, drills, exercises, etc. The idea of the Legion of Valor was apparently originally conceived and headed by [redacted] and [redacted]

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
 - 1 - Birmingham (RM)
 - 2 - Atlanta
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according to a member informant, has the potential of being an armed group. Such eventuality could, of course, present a threat of violence and added problems in riotous situations.

..Atlanta feels that in view of [REDACTED] background and his leadership ability, he could exploit such a group to further confuse local authorities who would be attempting to settle a potential riot, or could exploit it to set rioting in motion.

[REDACTED] The fact that [REDACTED] have both had "Minutemen" connections and the Legion of Valor is an instrument of the largest Klan group in Ga. (UKA), tends to indicate the possibility that the two organizations may use the tactics and leadership of each other.

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In that connection, Atlanta has pointed out to the Bureau previously that a monograph published by "Minutemen" concerning surveillances was read to members of an Atlanta Unit of UKA, and was retyped with a typewriter bearing the same script type as that used by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] followed by properly written article indicating the possible link between "Minutemen" and UKA. Atlanta feels that such an article would bring the public's attention to the existence of the Legion of Valor and to [REDACTED] who holds considerable undesirable leadership qualities. It is felt that such publicity would disrupt or render ineffective the Legion of Valor and would serve to again remind the public of the potential danger existing in the Klan and "Minutemen."

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Atlanta will take no action in this matter without specific Bureau approval.

One copy of this letter is being furnished to Birmingham, as Office of Origin in UKA.

SAC, Atlanta (157-826)

4/12/68

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Director, FBI (157-9-2) - 63

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. AND MINUTEMEN)

ReATlet 3/29/68.

The suggestion as proposed in referenced letter by Atlanta is well thought out and appreciated. It is felt that the racial situation in Atlanta and other parts of the country is such that news articles of this type could inflame racial feelings. The Bureau is, therefore, not granting authority to Atlanta to undertake this proposal. Atlanta should reconsider this situation and resubmit at a later date.

For the information of Birmingham and Atlanta the Bureau is of the opinion that newspaper articles tending to make fun of and pointing out the ludicrous nature of these groups would have a better effect at this time than evidence of arming and physical training. In your continuing counterintelligence, this suggestion should be considered.

1 - Birmingham (105-722)

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NOTE:

Atlanta has submitted a counterintelligence proposal which suggests that a friendly newspaper reporter in Atlanta be given information pointing out that members of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and Minutemen meet weekly, engage in calisthenics, drills, and exercises as well as having the potential of being an armed

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Letter to SAC, Atlanta
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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group. It is felt that due to the racial situation at this time, this information if published, could provoke racial resentment rather than disrupt the activities of the groups. We are turning down the suggestion at this time and pointing out that suggestions which poke fun at and point out the ludicrous nature of these groups should be considered.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-41)

DATE: 5/31/68

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.)

USA

ReBulet to Birmingham 3/28/68.

In accordance with instructions in relet, 9 names of Klan members in Georgia, all in the metropolitan area, are being set forth. The letter as submitted by the Bureau will be sent to those individuals as well as individuals whose names and addresses have been submitted by other offices.

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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 - 2 - Birmingham (157-835) (RM)
 - 2 - Atlanta
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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-41)

DATE: 11/29/68

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) P

SUBJECT:

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.) USA

Re Atlanta letter to Bureau, 5/13/68, captioned as above.

Re letter contains the names of 9 individuals to whom Atlanta proposed sending the anonymous letter as outlined in Bureau letter to Birmingham, 3/28/68.

The names of individuals to whom the same letter should be sent were submitted to Atlanta by Charlotte, Jackson, Miami, and Richmond.

Due to a stenographic shortage at Atlanta, numerous specials, and urgent assignments of greater priority, the letters have not as yet been sent to the proposed recipients. Due to the nature of this matter, it will be necessary to type each letter individually on commercially purchased stationery which will be a time consuming project for one or two stenographers.

The situation in Atlanta now makes it possible for the letters to be prepared and sent, and it is anticipated the project will be completed early in December, 1968.

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2-Atlanta
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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-41)

DATE: 2/28/69

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.)

Re Atlanta letter to Bureau dated 11/29/68.

The project concerning preparation of anonymous letters to individuals whose names have been furnished to Atlanta has been nearly completed. It is expected the letters will be mailed during March of 1969. The Bureau and interested offices will be advised when this has been completed.

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Date: 4/29/69

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-41)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION
IDENTIFICATION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.) USA

Re Bureau letter to Birmingham dated 2/28/68, and Atlanta letter to Bureau dated 2/28/69.

The preparation of the anonymous letters as outlined in re Bureau letter has been completed by Atlanta. Atlanta intends to mail the letters on 5/14/69, within the City Limits of Atlanta.

The Bureau and recipient offices should review the list of persons whose names were submitted them and if for any reason any persons should not now receive the letters, advise Atlanta prior to 5/14/69.

- 2-Bureau (RM)
- 2-Birmingham (157-835) (RM)
- 2-Charlotte (157-201) (RM)
- 2-Jackson (157-640) (RM)
- 2-Miami (157-1114) (RM)
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- 2-Atlanta
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Date: **May 28, 1969**

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-41)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-826)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.) USA

[Handwritten signature]

Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau dated 4/30/69
and Jackson letter to Atlanta dated 5/6/69.

The anonymous mailing referred to in
referenced airtel was sent 5/16/69 from Atlanta, Georgia. W

For the information of the Jackson Division,
the anonymous mailing was sent to the following individuals
in the Jackson Division:

[REDACTED]

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- 2-Bureau
- 2-Birmingham (157-835)
- 2-Charlotte (157-281)
- 2-Jackson (157-640)
- 2-Miami (157-1114)
- 2-Richmond (157-846)
- 2-Atlanta
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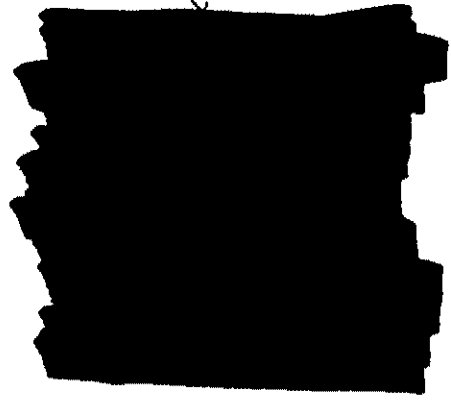
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Date: 7/29/69

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4²)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION
~~DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS~~
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.) USA

[REDACTED] have reported that a very strained relationship exists between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Apparently, [REDACTED] feels that [REDACTED] is trying to take over UKA. He also is bitter toward [REDACTED] because he believes [REDACTED] is bleeding UKA. [REDACTED] supposedly receives about [REDACTED] per week, [REDACTED] of this amount is from the Imperial Office and the remainder consists of donations at rallies which would normally go to the Imperial Office. [REDACTED]

However, it is apparent that there is bitterness between these two UKA leaders which could be exploited in order to speed up the demise of UKA, particularly in Alabama, where [REDACTED] enjoys considerable support.

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- 2-Birmingham (157-835) (RM)
- 2-Atlanta

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Atlanta suggests that Birmingham consider ways in which the split between [REDACTED] could be exploited and submit recommendations to the Bureau. It is believed that Birmingham is in a better position to make recommendations, inasmuch as Birmingham has greater knowledge of the two personalities involved.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)

DATE: 4/21/70

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY -
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN) - USA

Re Charlotte letter to the Bureau, dated 11/4/69,
and Atlanta letters to Charlotte, dated 11/24/69 and 2/18/70
(Interoffice).

1. Potential Counterintelligence Action

At the present time, Atlanta has no potential
counterintelligence measures planned against Klan or white
hate groups in the Atlanta Division. However, with the UKA's
Imperial Klonvocation set for 6/27-28/70 in Salisbury, North
Carolina, [REDACTED]
have been alerted to advise of any signs of factionalism or
dissension in the UKA which could be exploited.

2. Pending Counterintelligence Action

Referenced communications deal with the letter sent
out by [REDACTED], UKA,
North Carolina, which had caused dissent and dissatisfaction
among UKA members in that State. The letter was therefore
sent to ranking UKA members in other states, including
[REDACTED] To date
the letter has caused no apparent dissension or dissatisfaction
in the Realm of Georgia, UKA, according to these informants.

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As indicated in the previous paragraph, the [REDACTED] letter apparently has had no effect in Georgia due to its unavailability to the membership. Charlotte may wish to consider utilizing the letter so as to get a wider distribution. Or Charlotte, from a review of its file in this matter, may decide that the [REDACTED] letter has not had the effect in other States as it had in North Carolina, or has become out-dated as a source of dissension and dissatisfaction in the UKA.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)

DATE: 7/16/70

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT: *FBI/enc*
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(DONALSONVILLE # 3, UKA)
(NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY)

Re Atlanta letter to the Bureau dated 4/21/70.

1. Potential Counterintelligence Action

By separate communication the Atlanta Office is requesting Bureau authorization to put Donalsonville # 3 Klavern, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA) out of existence.

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Savannah may wish to give the following information some consideration under captioned program:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- 2-Bureau Rm
- 2-Savannah (157-629) Rm
- 3-Atlanta
 - (1- 157-826)
 - (1- 157-1386)
 - (1- [REDACTED])

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It is possible that letters to "The Thunderbolt" may exploit a possible split in the NSRP by forcing a spelling-out of their proposals for dealing with minorities. With J. B. STONER running for governor of Georgia, the NSRP may not want to alienate any of its extremists at this point (including STONER on the basis of his remarks at the convention) and [REDACTED] may have to go along with the exterminators. This could then be exploited at the expense of the NSRP.

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2. Pending Counterintelligence Action

Atlanta has no pending counterintelligence actions [REDACTED] This will not only eliminate another klan unit but also free the informant to join one of the more active UKA klaverns. The Bureau will be advised before any action is taken in this matter.

3. Tangible Results

There are no tangible results of counterintelligence measures to be reported at this time by the Atlanta Office. But it is to be pointed out that Klan activity in the Atlanta Division has been quiescent. At a time when Klan activity is usually stimulated by outdoor rallies and cross burnings, Atlanta, at mid-July, has had only one public rally by the UKA and one by the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. If Klan activity does increase, Atlanta will be alert for possible counterintelligence measures.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)

DATE: 10/14/70

FROM : SA, ATLANTA (157-106) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE -
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(JOHN B. GORDON # 01, UKA)

Attendance at meetings of JOHN B. GORDON of Klavern, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA) had gradually fallen off and, when the State Headquarters Building was sold, the Klavern no longer had a meeting place.

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2-Atlanta (157-106)
(1-157-106) (JOHN B. GORDON # 01)

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)

DATE: 10/14/70

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-228) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM -
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE -
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(DONALSONVILLE # 3 KLAVERN UKA)
(JOHN B. GORDON # 91, UKA)
(EAGLE # 441, UKA)

Re Atlanta letters to Bureau dated 7/16/70 and 8/10/70, and Bulet to Atlanta dated 7/24/70.

1. Potential Counterintelligence Action

By separate communication the Atlanta Office is requesting authorization to put JOHN B. GORDON # 91 Klavern, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA) out of existence.

2. Pending Counterintelligence Action

Referenced Atlanta letter of 9/16/70 advised the Bureau of the status of the counterintelligence move to put Donaldsonville # 3, UKA, out of existence.

3. Tangible Results

Although Bureau authority is needed for any counter-intelligence measures, the following action was taken by Atlanta in an emergency situation:

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Eagle # 441 Klavern, UKA, was to stage a rally and cross burning in Dalton, Georgia, on 9/11/70. The city experienced racial violence over the Labor Day weekend. On 9/8/70, therefore, the Resident Agent covering the territory was advised that the UKA rally could lead to further racial violence.

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3-Atlanta (2-157-228)

(1-157-182) (EAGLE # 441)

(1-157-182) (DONALSONVILLE # 3)

(JOHN B. GORDON # 91)



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The Resident Agent conferred with the police chief, the sheriff, and the local Agent of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. The Agent had these offices contact various local Klansmen (including the one who owned the rally site) to persuade the Klansmen to cancel the rally in the interests of public peace and safety.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2) [REDACTED]

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)
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SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE -
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(DONALSONVILLE #3 KLAVERN, UKA)
(JOHN B. GORDON #91, KLAVERN, UKA)
(FIERY CROSS #113 KLAVERN, UKA)

DATE: 4/15/71

Re Atlanta letter to the Bureau dated 1/13/71.

1. Potential Counterintelligence Action

Atlanta has no potential counterintelligence actions under consideration at the present time except for the consideration of PRI possibilities where there has been some indication that efforts are being made to reactivate old klaverns.

If it can be done without jeopardizing an informant, Atlanta is going to consider the possibility of a number of interviews with members of any newly activated klavern to ascertain if such action would be sufficient to deactivate the klavern. The Bureau, of course, will be advised of any such plan in order to obtain Bureau approval.

2. Pending Counterintelligence Action

A. Atlanta is still trying to put Donalsonville #3 Klavern, UKA, out of existence [REDACTED]

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 - (1 - 157-826)
 - (1 - 157-193) (UKA)
 - (1 - 157-1386) (DONALSONVILLE #3)
 - (1 - 157-1538) (J. B. GORDON #91)
 - (1 - 157-24) (FIERY CROSS #113)

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B. Fiery Cross #113 has held no meetings since 11/10/70.

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Fiery Cross #113 will continue to exist only as a UKA charter but, for all intents and purposes, it is inactive.

3. Tangible Results

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