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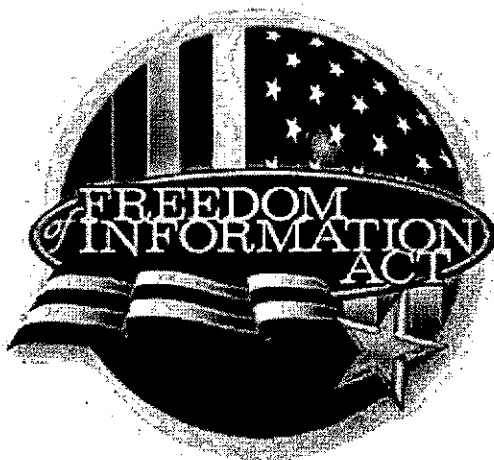
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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9/18/64

Director, FBI (157-9-4)

1 - Mr. Gray
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**COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON)**

ReBulet 9/2/64.

Robert Marvin Shelton, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Incorporated, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), is probably the most well-known Klansman in America. You are instructed to promptly review your files and make any necessary discreet inquiries to determine the background of Shelton, with emphasis upon any personal or organizational weaknesses he may possess that may be capitalized upon to discredit and disrupt organized Klan activities. Thereafter submit your recommendations for specific counterintelligence action.

Your inquiries should determine if Shelton is employed full time by the UKA and the nature of his duties. His sources of income should be developed and you should be alert for any information indicating he has misappropriated Klan funds or otherwise taken advantage of his Klan association. Set out appropriate leads to have Shelton's Air Force Service Record reviewed for data of possible counterintelligence value.

The "Birmingham News" edition of 4/30/60 carried an article entitled, "Shelton Ousted from Klan Post." This article quoted one E.L. Edwards, a Klansman at Atlanta, Georgia, as stating to reporters that Shelton was replaced as Grand Dragon and agent of the Klan in Alabama "for conduct unbecoming a Klansman and attempting to use the organization for selfish purposes." Advise the Bureau of full details concerning this episode.

The Ku Klux Klan has attempted to depict desegregation efforts as a communist inspired plot. Similarly, the Communist Party, USA, endeavors to propagandize the

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RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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activities of the Klan as symbolic of the alleged Fascist climate in the United States. In fact, the agitational activities of both the Klan and the Communist Party benefit from the activities of their opposite group. The Bureau is considering a long-range program with the objective of embarrassing both groups by implying through a variety of deceptive techniques the dependence upon and the possible sympathy of one group for the other. For example, we could enter subscriptions to communist publications in the name of Robert Harvin Shelton or we could circulate documents implying he is in sympathy with or actually working to benefit the communist cause. In a similar manner, it might be feasible to associate Northern communist leaders with the activities or interests of the Klan. Your comments and suggestions in this regard will be appreciated.

Afford this matter your prompt attention.

NOTE:

Shelton, [REDACTED], married, 2 children, resides at [REDACTED] Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and is reported to be employed by the UKA with offices at Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa. He served in the United States Air Force from 6/48 to 9/51 and received an honorable discharge. He was married [REDACTED]. As of 12/63 he drove a 1963 white Grand Prix Pontiac. His sources of income have not been fully explored. [REDACTED]

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TO: Director, FBI (157-370)
FROM: SAC, Birmingham (105-722) (P)
SUBJECT: UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
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INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

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[REDACTED] was a member of Eastview Klavern #13, United Klans of America, Incorporated, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA-KKKK) for 12 years and most recently was considered a leader of Eastview Klavern #13. However, in approximately August of this year, he was expelled from the UKA-KKKK for "conduct unbecoming a Klansman." His circle of acquaintances are all members of the Klan or United Americans for Conservative Government (UACG) and are ardent segregationists. [REDACTED] claims he desires to achieve segregation by peaceful means, but is known to carry a .28 caliber pistol and offered to shoot [REDACTED] when he was scheduled to visit Birmingham in 1962.

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[REDACTED] has also been a member of the UKA-KKKK as well as a member of the UACG. However, he was expelled from the UKA-KKKK with [REDACTED] for "conduct unbecoming a Klansman."

[REDACTED]

You are requested to review your files and make any discreet inquiries to determine the backgrounds of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] with emphasis upon the facts concerning their expulsion from the UKA-KKKK that may be capitalized upon to discredit and disrupt organized Klan activities. Hereafter, submit your recommendations for specific counterintelligence action.

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- Miss Gandy _____

[REDACTED] he was released the same day. Circumstances concerning this arrest should be developed for possible counterintelligence value.

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Letter to Birmingham
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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Do not initiate any counterintelligence activity
without Bureau authority. Afford this matter your prompt
attention.

NOTE:

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 10/13/64

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Bulet. to Atlanta 9/2/64, 9/18/64, and 10/7/64.

The Klan-type and hate organizations operating in Birmingham territory and which are potential objects of a counterintelligence program are the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and the National States Rights Party.

[REDACTED] Klan activity in Mississippi and felt the story could not have been prepared without FBI cooperation. He was impressed with this and has indicated a strong interest in similar material for the [REDACTED]

He promised to protect the Bureau's interest in any such endeavor. He is a well known civic leader in Birmingham. A review of the files in the Birmingham Office is being made for suitable information in this connection.

Bureau instructed in referenced letter that specific mention be made of "Action Groups" in Klan organizations. At the present time the weekly meetings of Eastview Klavern No. 13, which has been the leading Klavern in United Klans of America, Inc., in this territory, have been poorly attended. The principal members of the "Action Group"

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in this Klavern are [REDACTED]

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Investigation is being conducted concerning ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON. The Atlanta Office has been requested to ascertain why E. L. EDWARDS, now deceased, ousted SHELTON from his then position of Grand Dragon of the U. S. Klans. A copy of the article appearing in the "Birmingham News" for April 30, 1960, entitled "SHELTON ousted from Klan Post," has been obtained. The article did not disclose the exact nature of the charges against SHELTON. Records of the Alabama Secretary of State reflect that SHELTON was dropped as the Klan's authorized agent and was replaced by Rev. ALVIN HORN of Talladega, Alabama. E. L. EDWARDS, Imperial Wizard, U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, was quoted as saying "We had to have a grand dragon in Alabama and we didn't have one in ROBERT M. SHELTON." He told reporters that SHELTON was replaced as grand dragon and agent of the "Klan" in Alabama "for conduct unbecoming a Klansman and attempting to use the organization for selfish purposes." The article said EDWARDS did not elaborate on what is considered conduct unbecoming a Klansman.

Informants are being contacted for any information of a derogatory nature concerning SHELTON. Discreet inquiries are being made in Tuscaloosa concerning his financial status. In view of recent information from the Bureau no request is being made for a mail cover on Shelton or the United Klans.

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As the Bureau is aware, some few months ago several individuals, who had been active officials and/or dedicated members of the National States Rights Party (NSRP), left the NSRP. They are trying to form and make a going party of the American States Rights Party (ASRP) with its headquarters in Birmingham.

Since the group pulled out of the NSRP, both the ASRP and NSRP leaders have been belittling, berating and making extremely derogatory remarks concerning each other. Both groups are using the same mailing list, (the NSRP's list), which the ASRP group obtained before pulling out of the NSRP, and they disseminate their derogatory remarks in the literature they distribute.

The Bureau has also been advised that GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, American Nazi Party (ANP) leader has recently filed a \$550,000.00 libel suit in the U. S. District Court, Birmingham, Alabama, against Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS, Information Director of the NSRP, and others connected with the NSRP.

Birmingham contemplates furnishing certain items, on a confidential basis to a few trusted, reliable newsmen (established SAC contacts), concerning the NSRP, the ASRP and the ANP for the purpose of possibly causing further disruption of any unified actions or working arrangements between these groups. Such newsmen may be used to contact the leaders of one group to inquire about or confirm something of a derogatory nature reportedly made by some leader of one of the other groups.

Birmingham also contemplates working closely with other law enforcement agencies to see that any activity of such groups are known, covered and where considered desirable, the group will be made cognizant that their activity is known.

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Birmingham also is considering having some racial informants drop remarks to or for the benefit of the leaders of the NSRP, etc., that will tend to cause the leaders of one group to retaliate in like manner against the other groups.

If the Bureau has any material on disruptive tactics or results of efforts, which is not already in all field offices, Birmingham would be glad to receive it.

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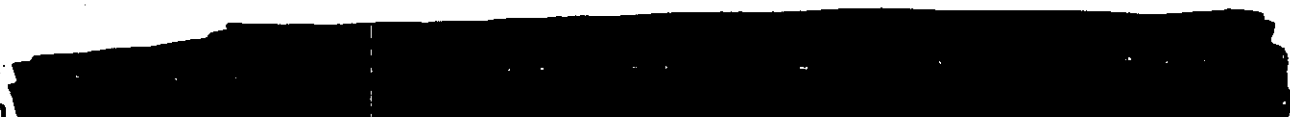
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**COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS**

ReBulet 10/13/64.

The Bureau desires you afford counterintelligence attention to capitalize upon the bickering between leaders of the National States Rights Party (NSRP) and the American States Rights Party (ASRP) which recently split from the former organization. Consider such disruptive techniques as anonymous telephone calls, circulation of anonymous letters and documents, furnishing information to cooperative news media sources, etc. Insure you obtain Bureau authority before initiating any counterintelligence action.

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relating to the American Nazi Party (ANP), the NSRP and the ASRP, you must obtain Bureau authority. Requests for this type of action must contain assurances the individual to be furnished data will not reveal the Bureau's interest or betray the Bureau's confidence. Also it will be necessary for you to furnish to the Bureau a detailed summary of the information you desire to furnish to news media sources.

Keep the Bureau advised of all pertinent information relating to the \$550,000 libel suit filed in the United States District Court, Birmingham, by ANP leader George Lincoln Rockwell against Dr. Edward R. Fields, Information Director, NSRP, and others connected with the NSRP. It would appear this dispute between the leaders of two hate organizations will afford unique counterintelligence opportunities.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 10/21/64

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Racial informants have advised recently that [redacted] UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. (UKA), was overheard to speak out against ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of UKA at the Alabama State Fair. [redacted]

[redacted] has never been known to criticize SHELTON and has always been quick to come to SHELTON's defense. In the past there has been some discontent about SHELTON's alleged inactivity and reluctance to do anything. [redacted] there is some jealousy toward SHELTON on the part of [redacted]

Bureau authority is requested to prepare an anonymous communication to SHELTON exploiting this situation.

A suggested letter is as follows:

"Birmingham, Alabama

"Dear Klansman Shelton:

"I am not in a position to become involved between Klansmen, but I hate to see anyone knifed in the back. You may think [redacted] is your friend, but he is far from it. He is out to get you if he can. He wants your job, that's what's eating on him.

"I.T.S.V.B."

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

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Authority is granted to anonymously mail a letter to Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, setting forth information indicating [redacted] United Klans of America is endeavoring to use the [redacted] individual, in the manner set out in relet.

Take the usual precautions to insure your mailing cannot be associated with the FBI. Use commercially purchased stationery and mail the letter in the area of Robert Crook's activity.

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

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 10-29-64

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Bulets 9-2-64; 9-18-64; and 10-17-64.

[REDACTED] no information or knowledge that ROBERT M. SHELTON uses intoxicating beverages in any degree. [REDACTED] no information that SHELTON has engaged in any immoral activities. [REDACTED] SHELTON does not engage in sports of any type and [REDACTED] SHELTON spends most of his time engaged in Klan work at his office.

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The Birmingham News for April 30, 1960, carried an article entitled "SHELTON Ousted From Klan Post". The Atlanta Office was requested to contact informants concerning this matter. On 10-19-64, the Atlanta Office furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] met with Klan officials in Birmingham, Alabama. During this meeting ROBERT SHELTON asked [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It appeared that [REDACTED] did not know the reason for his removal. The true reason for SHELTON's removal [REDACTED] was SHELTON's failure to send in quarterly reports to the Imperial Office in Atlanta

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and also the fact that Klan attendance in Alabama had fallen off almost 50 percent. Another factor in SHELTON's removal was that he had allegedly given [redacted] the run-around in a report on Klan conditions in Alabama. [redacted]

[redacted] stated that ROBERT SHELTON had promised to get things straightened out in Alabama but that he had not kept his promise and had not kept the Imperial Wizard informed of events occurring within the Klan in Alabama. At that time [redacted] stated that if SHELTON did not get the Alabama Klan straightened out soon, he [redacted] was going to make a press release to the effect that all charters of U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, in Alabama would be cancelled and that SHELTON would be banished from the Klan and removed as Grand Dragon. Atlanta further advised that their files do not reflect any particular weakness or misconduct on the part of SHELTON which caused him to be released in addition to the information set out above.

[redacted] SHELTON is a man of good moral character who does not use intoxicating beverages in any way and engages in no criminal activity as far as [redacted] knows. [redacted] had never heard anything derogatory along this line concerning SHELTON.

The St. Louis Office was asked on 10-7-64 to review SHELTON's record in the United States Air Force with particular reference to any derogatory information which might appear therein. St. Louis has not furnished this information as yet. It is noted that a photostat of SHELTON's Army discharge on file in the Probate Office at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, reflects that he received an honorable discharge on July 19, 1951, and also that he received a medal for the Berlin Airlift Service and the good conduct medal.

[redacted] ROBERT M. SHELTON does not drink and he does not spend a great deal of time on recreation. [redacted] stated he spends most of his

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time, in fact, practically all of his time in connection with his work with the UKA, INC., KKKK. [REDACTED] this is a full-time job for SHELTON and he travels a great deal in connection with his position as Imperial Wizard of this group.

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has been known to "stretch the truth" [REDACTED] he is not completely truthful or reliable. [REDACTED] that although the members are aware of this side of SHELTON's personality, he continues to maintain his position as the Imperial Wizard of this organization. [REDACTED] SHELTON, although he travels a great deal, generally returns to his home the same night.

Further discreet inquiries will be made concerning SHELTON's personal activities, etc. Particular emphasis will be placed upon attempting to secure information that SHELTON could be stealing money from the UKA and misappropriating it or that SHELTON's character is not good and that he is not a moral man.

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[REDACTED] has attended the last two meetings of [REDACTED] view

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Klavern #13 and has apparently been reinstated in the Klavern. [redacted] was expelled for "conduct unbecoming a Klansman" is trying to rejoin Klavern #13, but several of the Klavern members are opposing this. Further investigation is being conducted concerning [redacted] to secure information of counterintelligence value.

In contacts with ROBERT SHELTON in the past, he has mentioned that he receives copies of Communist publications. It is not specifically known that he is on the mailing list of these publications. It is also noted that the UKA publicly states it is fighting Communism. The Bureau is requested to give consideration to subscribing to "The Worker" in the name of ROBERT M. SHELTON and have it mailed to Headquarters of the UKA in the Alson Building at Tuscaloosa.

SAC, Birmingham (157-235)

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Director, FBI (157-9-4) - 5

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**COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(ROBERT SHELTON)**

ReBulet 10/29/64.

The Bureau does not believe the entering of a subscription to "The Worker" in the name of Robert Shelton, to be mailed to him at the offices of the United Klans of America, in itself would tend to compromise or embarrass Shelton. It is believed this action if combined with other counterintelligence techniques could implicate Shelton as being in sympathy with the communists. Before authorizing a subscription in the name of Shelton, the Bureau desires you develop a plan whereby Shelton may be progressively associated with or identified as in sympathy with the communists.

Continue to afford attention to possible counter-intelligence action calculated to discredit or neutralize Shelton.

1 - Birmingham (105-560)

NOTE:

Shelton is the Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., and is probably the most well-known Klansman in America. We have been considering a variety of approaches calculated to neutralize Shelton's activities. One technique under consideration is to imply association or sympathy with the communists on the part of Shelton.

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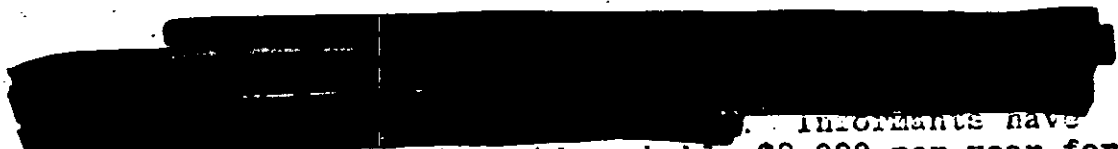
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DATE: 11-7-64

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

The Bureau is requested to consider securing copies of income tax returns for the UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN; ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, 1708 - 15th Street, East, Tuscaloosa, Ala., or the ALABAMA RESCUE SERVICE, a name by which the UKA is sometimes known.



Informants have advised that SHELTON is paid probably \$8,000 per year for his work as Imperial Wizard. This money is sent in monthly to UKA headquarters in Tuscaloosa by the individual Klaverns and presumably put in some bank.

An examination of pertinent income tax returns might furnish information concerning the financial standing of SHELTON and UKA which could be used in this program.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 11-7-64

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

ReBulet 11-2-64.

The anonymous letter has been mailed to ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, in accordance with instructions set forth in reBulet. Bureau will be advised of any tangible results of this action.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 11/18/64

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
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- 1 - Mr. Gray
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Ryan

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

Robert Marvin Shelton is a full-time paid employee of the United Klans of America, Incorporated (UKA), Knights of the Ku Klux Klan with the title Imperial Wizard. He is probably the most influential and well-known Klansman in the United States. We are endeavoring as a counterintelligence technique to develop information discrediting Shelton or embarrassing to the UKA.

Through analysis of the income tax returns we may be able to determine secret sources of Shelton's income or depository used by him for the Klan organization. There is a possibility that he is misappropriating funds. We also have information Shelton has been on the payroll of a Mobile, Alabama, engineering firm as a public relations man.

In the event we determine such information we will consider exposing Shelton within the Klan organization, publicly or by furnishing information to the Internal Revenue Service.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Liaison Section obtain from the Internal Revenue Service two uncertified copies each of the Federal tax returns filed by Shelton and the UKA for the past five years. Attached is a memorandum for the use of the Liaison Section.

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ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

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

Robert Marvin Shelton, born June 12, 1929, married, two children, resides at 1708-15th Street, East, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He is presently employed with the title Imperial Wizard by the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, at a reported annual salary of eight thousand dollars. The United Klans of America, Inc., is sometimes known as the Alabama Rescue Service.

It is requested two uncertified copies each of the Federal tax returns filed by Shelton and the United Klans of America, Inc., for the past five years be made available.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-4)

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-835)(P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

DATE: 12/17/64

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G. J. [unclear]

Re Bureau letters dated 10/7/64 and 11/2/64.

Since the mailing of the anonymous letter to ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, concerning the possibility that [redacted], UKA, KKKK, was endeavoring to usurp SHELTON's position, [redacted]

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is some sentiment to remove [redacted] from his position of Grand Dragon due to the fact that he has been favoring the northern Alabama klaverns over the other klaverns in the state. ROBERT SHELTON is in favor of replacing [redacted] as [redacted] according to [redacted] KKKK, is being prominently mentioned as a candidate for the position of [redacted] for the State of Alabama.

With reference to Bureau letter of 10/7/64, investigation thus far concerning the arrest [redacted]

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has failed to reflect the circumstances surrounding this arrest. [redacted]

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[REDACTED], such as a check of the current City Directory, Credit Bureau, etc., have failed thus far to locate this individual.

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It should be noted that racial informants of the Birmingham Office have advised that [REDACTED] re-entered Eastview Klavern #13, UKA, KKKK, in Birmingham and has been attending meetings recently. [REDACTED] has not been readmitted to this Klavern or any other klavern of the UKA in Alabama, as far as can be determined. Consideration is being given as to how this situation may fit in with the Counterintelligence Program.

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 12-24-64

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-835)(P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

ReBulet to Atlanta, 9-2-64.

Following is status letter covering previous three-months' period:

1. Potential Counterintelligence Action

This office has been trying to lay the groundwork for this program. Several things have been done which will be set forth hereinafter. Potential counterintelligence action is the disruption of the Klan and hate groups in this territory which has been started. One specific potential is the anonymous mailing of documents, leaflets, etc., to these groups which is being studied at this time for ideas.

2. Pending Counterintelligence Action

Files are being reviewed for information to incorporate into an article which would tend to disrupt the UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KKKK, and which would be of such nature that a newspaper would be willing to publish it.

Investigation is being conducted in order to secure information concerning ROBERT M. SHELTON which could be used in a disruptive fashion.

Bureau has been requested to secure copies of income tax returns of ROBERT M. SHELTON or the UKA, KKKK, for use in this program.

Bureau approval is being sought to send out anonymously copies of a cartoon which indicates that the FBI has infiltrated the various Klan groups.

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3. Tangible Results

b7c On 11-7-64, an anonymous letter was mailed to ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, KKKK, telling him that [REDACTED] is trying to usurp SHELTON's authority. Information was thereafter received from a racial informant that sentiment was developing to remove [REDACTED] from his job; however, at a recent election despite this sentiment [REDACTED] was reelected [REDACTED]

FBI

Date: 12/22/64

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
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 (157-9-4)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Enclosed to the Bureau is a Zerox copy of a cartoon which appeared in the BIRMINGHAM NEWS on 12/8/64, concerning infiltration of the KKK by the FBI. The original cartoon has been obtained, has been autographed by the cartoonist, and will be forwarded to the Director in the next few days.

KRU KLUX KLAN USA

It is suggested that the original of this cartoon be photographed when it is received at the Bureau and consideration be given for the FBI Laboratory to print possibly 1000 copies or more of this cartoon on throwaway leaflet size paper and these copies furnished all offices involved in instant counterintelligence program. Consideration should be given to deleting the name of the cartoonist and the BIRMINGHAM NEWS from the bottom of the cartoon before the prints are made, if this proposal is adopted. It is believed these copies can be anonymously mailed or given to members of Klan groups as a disruptive tactic.

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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If the Bureau is receptive to the use of this cartoon in the proposed manner, contact will be made on a discreet basis with [REDACTED]

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**'Fred, Don't That Burn You Up?!
Fred . . . That You, Fred?'**



(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

10 BIRMINGHAM NEWS
BIRMINGHAM, ALA
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Date: 12-8-64
Edition: LATE FINAL
Author:
Editor: JOHN W. BLOOMER
Title: KU KLUX KLAN

Character: KKK
or
Classification: #105-722
Submitting Office: BIRMINGHAM
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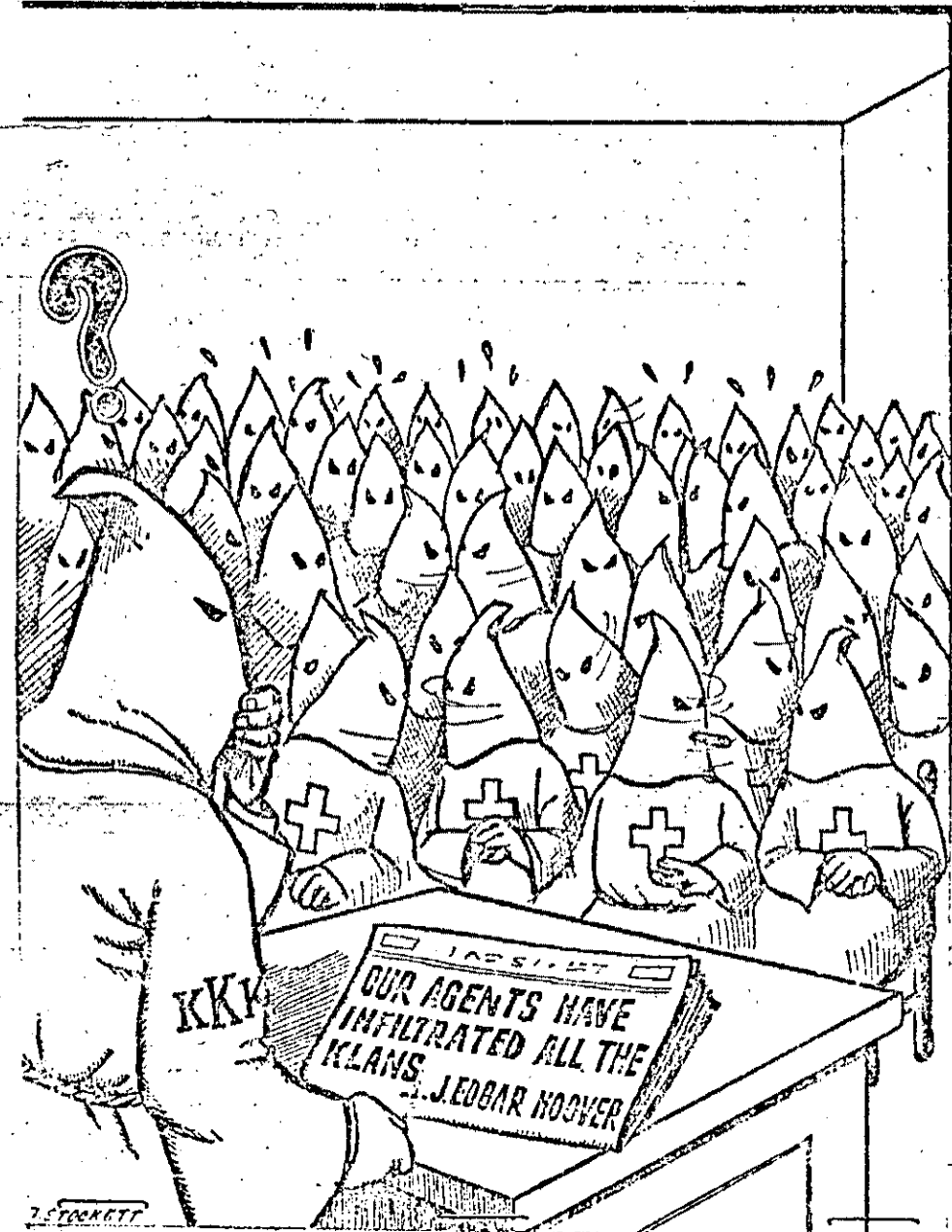
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Mr. Callahan	
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Miss Gandy	

Will The Real Kluxers Please Stand?



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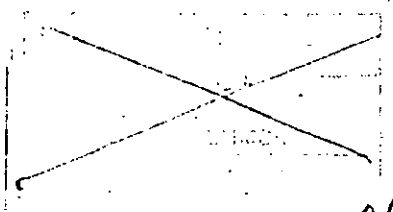
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- THE EVENING SUN
- THE SUNDAY SUN
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- THE AMERICAN
- BALTIMORE, MD.

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Editor:
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Character:
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Submitting Office: BALTIMORE
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SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

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Director, FBI (157-9-0) //

2 - Mr. Ryan

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(CARTOONS AND CARICATURES)

ReBHairtel 12/22/64 recommending that an enclosed cartoon depicting the Klan as heavily penetrated by FBI informants be reproduced and thereafter disseminated for disruptive purposes.

The Bureau is considering preparing an original cartoon depicting the same theme for anonymous mailing by all pertinent offices to Klan members in areas presenting the most potential for disruption.

The Bureau appreciates your interest in forwarding this suggestion and you will be advised when the cartoon is available for anonymous mailing.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 1/8/65

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Issue No. 63 of "The Thunderbolt" the official publication of the National States Rights Party (NSRP) dated December - January 1965, on page seven carries a caption "NSRP Elects New Officers". The article under this caption stated that the NSRP held its convention in Mobile, Alabama, on November 28, (1964), and a slate of officers were elected to serve for four years. This article stated that the NSRP National Executive Committee had as one of its members "CARL W. RIDOUT, Treasurer" and DR. EDWARD R. FIELDS, Director. CARL RIDOUT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] company is dependent on Negro patronage for a very substantial portion of its business.

Bureau authority is requested to prepare an anonymous communication to some Negro groups in Birmingham, Alabama, or elsewhere such as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) or to the Anti-Defamation League, Atlanta, Georgia, in order to exploit this situation.

A suggested letter is as follows:

"Birmingham, Alabama,
(Or some other city)

"To whom it may concern:

"Issue No. 63 of "The Thunderbolt" which describes itself as the official White Racial Organ of the National States Rights Party (NSRP) dated December - January 1965,

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on page seven shows a heading "NSRP Elects New Officers". The article on that page states the NSRP held a convention in Mobile, Alabama, on November 28, (1964), at which a slate of officers were elected for four years. The article said the NSRP National Executive Committee had as two of its members "CARL W. RIDOUT, Treasurer; DR. EDWARD R. FIELDS, Director".

"CARL RIDOUT

b7c [REDACTED] which is dependent on Negro patronage for a very substantial portion of its business. Is the NSRP or CARL RIDOUT, its Treasurer, interested in the betterment, the health, or the general welfare of Negroes?

"J. D."

SAC, Birmingham (157-335)

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Director, FBI (157-9-4) - 12

1 - Mr. Gray
1 - Mr. Ryan

**COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY)**

ReEHlet 1/8/65.

Authority is granted to direct copies of the anonymous letter set out in relet to Negro groups or active antisegregation groups (including Negro churches in Birmingham) in an effort to expose the fact that Carl Ridout, [redacted] is a member of the National Executive Committee of the National States Rights Party (NSRP). It is noted the [redacted] is dependent upon Negro patronage for a substantial portion of its business.

Copies of this anonymous letter should be prepared on commercially purchased stationery and if a typewriter is used, it should be of the manual type. Include a representative number of typographical and/or spelling errors in your letters. There is no objection to your preparing carbon copies of the letters for this mailing. Take the usual precautions to insure this mailing cannot be associated with the FBI.

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

NOTE:

The publication of the NSRP, a basic hate group, identifies Ridout as Treasurer and a member of the Executive Committee. Ridout [redacted]

[redacted] a company dependent upon Negro patronage. By directing anonymous letters to Negro and antisegregation groups in the Birmingham area the results of economic pressure may force Ridout to curtail his hate activities or may cause embarrassment to the NSRP.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 1/8/65

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

L. R. [unclear]

As the Bureau is aware during the early part of 1964, [redacted], who were then officials in the National States Rights Party (NSRP), in Birmingham, Alabama, left the NSRP because of disagreements and friction between them and DR. EDWARD R. FIELDS, Information Director of the NSRP. [redacted] and a few others have been attempting to form a similar hate type group under the name of American States Rights Party (ASRP) with its headquarters in Birmingham, Alabama.

[Large redacted block]

Bureau authority is requested to prepare an anonymous communication to [redacted] in an attempt to exploit this situation or to raise doubt in the mind of [redacted]

[Redacted block]

A suggested letter is as follows:

"Birmingham, Alabama,

"Dear [redacted]

"I wish I was in a position to actually talk with you about what I have heard concerning [redacted]. I hate to see anyone stoop so low as to take advantage of a friend who [redacted]

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[REDACTED] I know you and [REDACTED] are fighting for the same
cause but even though you think [REDACTED] is your frier
if the information I have is right he is far from it. All
I will say now is that whenever [REDACTED]

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"O. L. H."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 1/8/65

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

[REDACTED] former National States Rights Party
[REDACTED] officials,

Both [REDACTED] have left the
employment of the NSRP and [REDACTED] and a few others have been
engaged in attempting to form a group with headquarters in
Birmingham called the American States Rights Party (ASRP).

[REDACTED] stated that FIELDS was "on his way out" and that

[REDACTED] DR. EDWARD R.
FIELDS is the Information Director of the NSRP with head-
quarters in Birmingham. According to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has stated that he feels
that there is a great deal of enmity between [REDACTED] and
DR. FIELDS.

Bureau authority is requested to prepare an
anonymous communication to NED DUPES, National Chairman
of the NSRP, who resides in Knoxville, Tennessee, and also
a similar communication to GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, head of
the American Nazi Party, of Arlington, Virginia, who at
present has a libel suit filed against DR. EDWARD R. FIELDS
and other officials of the NSRP and this suit is pending in
the U. S. District Court in Birmingham, Alabama. It is felt
that this situation may be exploited sending such a communication
to these above mentioned individuals and possibly certain others
and/or some organizations such as the Anti-Defamation League.

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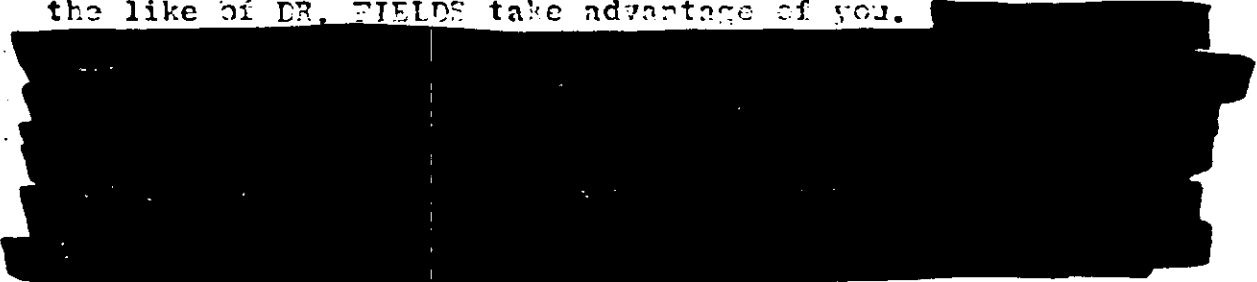
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A suggested letter is as follows:

"Birmingham, Alabama,
(Or some other city)

"Dear Mr. DUPES:
(Or some other person)

"I am not in the position to openly become involved between you and DR. EDWARD FIELDS but I hate to see you or anyone else so dedicated to your cause being misled or having the like of DR. FIELDS take advantage of you.

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FIELDS had used money coming into the NLRB for such personal expenses.

"J. P. T." ;

SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

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Director, FBI (157-94) — 14

1 - Mr. Gray
3 - Mr. Ryan

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**COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(AMERICAN STATES RIGHTS PARTY)**

Re Memphis 1/8/65, one relating to an anonymous letter to be sent to [redacted], and the second to be sent to the National Chairman of the National States Rights Party and to George Lincoln Rockwell of the American Nazi Party for the purpose of compounding antagonism among these leaders of hate-type groups for disruptive purposes.

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The Bureau has afforded careful consideration to your recommendations and it has been decided in this instance it will not be feasible to initiate the action recommended. Your interest in forwarding this suggestion is appreciated.

NOTE:

[redacted] a former official of the National States Rights Party (NSRP) and [redacted] also formerly of the NSRP are endeavoring to form a similar type hate group under the name of American States Rights Party.

Birmingham recommended an anonymous letter to capitalize upon these rumors for the purpose of causing friction and distrust between [redacted] and frustrating efforts to organize the American States Rights Party.

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Dr. Edward R. Fields, the Information Director of the NSRP [redacted]

Birmingham desired to direct an anonymous communication to NSRP headquarters in order to discredit Fields and thereby

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RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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weaken the organization of this hate group. Recommendations were also made to send this anonymous letter to Rockwell, of the American Nazi Party, who is known to be antagonistic with Fields in anticipation the action would compound the conflict between the NSRP and the ANP.

It has been decided neither of these actions would be proper.

SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

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Director, FBI (157-9-4)

1 - Mr. Gray
2 - Mr. Ryan

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF KATE GROUPS
(UNITED KINGS OF AMERICA, INC.)
(ROBERT HARVEY SHELTON)

ReMlet 11/7/64.

Attached are Xerox copies of Federal income tax returns filed by Robert M. and Betty Lou Shelton for the years 1959-63 inclusive. Also attached are Xerox copies of United States corporation tax returns filed by Robert M. Shelton as a corporate officer of the United Kings of America, Inc. (UKA), for the years 1961 (year ending 6/30/62) and 1963 (year ending 6/30/64) as well as a statement of no tax liability for the year ending 6/30/63. Information set forth in these tax returns is for lead purposes only and should not be set forth in the details of any investigative report.

The following comments and investigative instructions are noted in connection with these tax returns:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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- 1 - 157-552 (Shelton)
- 1 - 157-370 (UKA)

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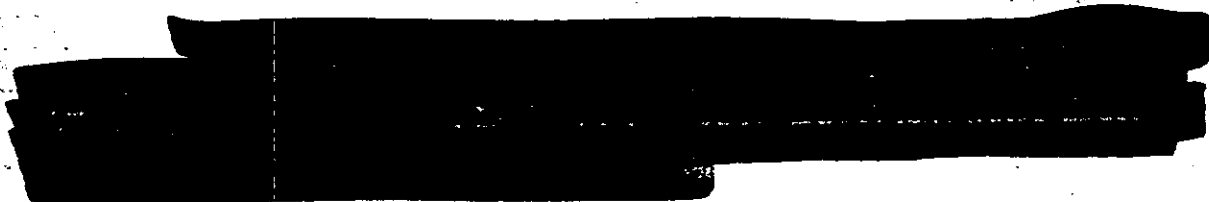
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This investigation should be afforded prompt and continuing attention and the Bureau must be advised of all pertinent developments.

When all possible leads have been developed a blind memorandum should be prepared setting forth Shelton's background and current position with the Klan and all data probative of a possible violation of Internal Revenue laws. The Bureau will make this information available to appropriate Internal Revenue Service officials at the Seat of Government.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-4)

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-835)(P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

DATE: 2/19/65

ReBulet, 1/21/65, and Birmingham letter, 1/8/65.

ReBulet authorized the sending of an anonymous letter to Negro groups or active anti-segregation groups (including Negro churches in Birmingham) in an effort to expose the fact that CARL RIDOUT is a member of the National Executive Committee of the National States Rights Party (NSRP). RIDOUT was [REDACTED]

Copies of the above-mentioned anonymous letter were prepared. On 1/27/65, copies were sent to 15 Negro churches and/or anti-segregation groups in Birmingham. Five letters were mailed at each of three corner U. S. Mail Boxes in different sections of Birmingham.

Information has been received in early February, 1965, and the information verified, to the effect that CARL RIDOUT [REDACTED]

Both offices reportedly have the same ownership.

In view of the above, Bureau authority is requested for Birmingham to prepare a follow-up anonymous communication to the same Negro groups (15) to whom the original letter was sent. A suggested letter is as follows:

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"Birmingham, Alabama"

"To Whom It May Concern:

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It sure tickled me when I found out that Carl
Ridout [redacted] in
Birmingham, Ala., any longer.
[redacted]

You are to be thanked if you helped get Carl
Ridout transferred and maybe you can use your
influence concerning his present job. It hurts
to know he can manage a company which is dependent
on Negro patronage for a very substantial portion
of its business and also serve as Treasurer of the
National Executive Committee of the National States
Rights Party.

Hope you can spread the word."

"J.D."

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SAC, Birmingham (157-935)

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Director, FBI (157-9-4)

(1 - Mr. Gray
1 - Mr. Walsh)

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**COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY)**

ReBulet 1/21/65 and Birmingham letter 2/10/65.

Authority is granted to direct copies of the anonymous letter set out in ReBulet to the same 15 Negro churches and/or antisegregation groups in Birmingham to whom the original letter was sent on 1/27/65. This letter will serve as a means to continue to expose the fact that Carl Ridout

is a member of the National Executive Committee of the National States Rights Party.

You should follow the instructions set out in referenced Bureau letter in the preparation and mailing of this anonymous letter.

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

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NOTE:

Carl Ridout

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is a company dependent upon Negro patronage. By directing an anonymous letter to Negro and antisegregation groups in the Birmingham area on 1/27/65, we were successful in having Ridout transferred to the Fairfield Finance Company in another section of Birmingham. By directing a second anonymous letter, we hope to curtail his hate activities or cause embarrassment to the National States Rights Party.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-4)

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

DATE: 3/24/65

ReBulet 10-29-64.

Referenced letter pointed out the need to capitalize upon the bickering between leaders of the National States Rights Party (NSRP) and the American States Rights Party (ASRP), which split from the NSRP during 1964.

Recently, the ASRP published the March, 1965, issue of its monthly newspaper, "The White American." This issue was dated March, 1965, and on page 4 carried an article captioned "With Deep Regret." This article also carried a sub-caption, "The Secret Wife of Dr. Fields."

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the article above-mentioned, including the two captions as set out. These have been mounted on a sheet of paper.

Bureau authority is herewith requested for the Birmingham Office to be allowed to Xerox copies of the enclosed heading and article, as mounted, and to send anonymous mailings of these Xerox copies to various persons, organizations and individuals in an effort to disrupt or cause further disagreement in the ASRP and NSRP. If the Bureau should authorize such an anonymous mailing, the copies will be placed on commercial paper which cannot be identified with the FBI or the United States Government in any manner.

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ENCLOSURE

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With Deep Regret

The Secret Wife Of Dr. Fields

It is with deep regret that we are forced to print the facts contained in this article. We have searched our minds and hearts to know if what we do is right. We cannot live with our guilt if we did not let the wonderful people who have supported the NSRP and Dr. Fields know the true story behind the April 28, split in the ranks of the NSRP. To date five top national party leaders have resigned from the NSRP as well as eight state leaders which comprise the only active units in the NSRP. Today the NSRP is steadily crumbling under the weight of the truth. The reason for this is the draining of party funds by Dr. Fields for his personal interests. These funds are sent in by the average White American, the dollars represent sacrifice and dedication from the persons who send them. Yet they are not all used for party activities. Recently Dr. Fields sent out a family portrait of himself, his beautiful and devoted wife Dolores, and their two sons, Allan and Keith. The purpose of the photograph was to build the family-man image of himself with the people of the NSRP. The picture he failed to send out was a picture of himself, his other wife, Mildred and their daughter Marty. DR. FIELDS HAS TWO FAMILIES. Mildred Fields is the mysterious woman who disappeared from Louisville, Kentucky when Dr. Fields and the NSRP was based in Louisville. She disappeared when rumor circulated that she was pregnant with Fields' child. Little is known of Mildred Fields except that she is a slender, dark-haired, mild mannered, rather attractive woman. While she

and Fields romped together in Louisville, Dolores Fields gave birth to Dr. Fields' first child, Allan. Later Fields fled the gossip of Louisville to the haven of Birmingham. As Ruth in the Bible, Mildred followed Dr. Fields to Birmingham where she obtained a job as a registered nurse in the West End Baptist Hospital in Birmingham. This is the same profession she maintained in Louisville, Ky. She rented a duplex apartment at 1334 Princeton Ave.; about a mile from Dr. Fields and Dolores' home on Mims St.

By this time Mildred had already had a child whom she called Marty. By Mildred Fields' own admission the child is that of Dr. Edward R. Fields. Dr. Fields, we know helped pay support of Marty. Later Dr. Fields' first family was expecting an addition. Dolores was pregnant again. While Dolores Fields was in the hospital bearing Dr. Fields his second son, Dr. Fields was out on the town with Mildred, as he preferred to call her. For Christmas of 1963 Dr. Fields bought Mildred Fields a Television Set with a party check with party funds. The purchase was made at National Discount Sales Co. of Birmingham. The record of the purchase is filed with the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. Dr. Fields paid \$25.00 for a doll for Marty. The T.V. was later taken to NSRP H.Q. on Bessemer Rd. when the FBI threatened to investigate the NSRP books. In exchange for the new Television, Dr. Fields gave Mildred a used

T.V. which belonged to James K. Warner, then associated editor of the Thunderbolt. Dr. Fields paid Mr. Warner \$40 for the used set he gave Mildred in exchange for the new one. In March of 1964, Mildred Fields left West End Baptist Hospital and Birmingham for Mobile, Alabama where she is employed as a registered nurse at the Mobile Infirmary. She left Birmingham in the white, 1959 Ford which once belonged to Dr. Edward R. Fields and is reproduced on this page. Also reproduced on this page is the telephone listing for Mildred Fields taken from the Birmingham Telephone Directory, page 139. Dolores Fields is a good, clean, midwestern woman and we mean her no harm by this expose of Dr. Fields. Dolores knows and disapproves of Mildred Fields, known to her as Mildred Hinson, but we are sure that she does not even suspect that Mildred followed her happy family from Louisville or that Mildred claims that Dr. Fields is also married to her. We deeply regret the hardships which the publication of this article will bring to the innocent victims of this sordid affair. But with a burdened heart and a concern for the good of the cause we deemed it our duty to print the truth.

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Birmingham (157-835)

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1 - Mr. Martin
1 - Mr. Walsh

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

ReBulet 10/29/64, BHlet 3/24/65 and BHairtel
4/6/65.

Authority is granted to anonymously mail Xerox copies of the article entitled "With Deep Regret" which appeared in the 3/65 edition of "The White America" as set out in reBHlet.

Your office is instructed to prepare the Xerox copies on inexpensive commercially purchased stationery. The letters should be posted in an area that will not make the Bureau suspect. All other precautionary measures should be taken to insure the Bureau cannot be associated with this mailing.

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

NOTE:

"The White America" is the monthly publication of the American States Rights Party (ASRP). The ASRP split from the National States Rights Party (NSRP) in 1964 and they have been in disagreement since that time. The article deals with the immorality of Dr. Edward R. Fields, Information Director of the NSRP. We are authorizing the anonymous mailing of this article because it appeared in the publication of the ASRP and will therefore cause further disagreement between these two groups. It is noted Xerox copies are being authorized inasmuch as these machines are being used by large industries and are available to much of the general public for a nominal fee for each copy.

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Date: 3/25/65

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835)(P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

[Handwritten signatures and initials]

Re Birmingham airtel, 12/22/64, and Bulet, 1/13/65.

Enclosed is a Xerox copy of a cartoon which reportedly appeared in some issue of the Afro-American newspaper. This cartoon appears satirical of Klan and hate groups.

Referenced airtel submitted a cartoon under similar circumstances. Referenced Bulet advised that the Bureau was considering preparing an original cartoon depicting the same theme for anonymous mailing by all pertinent offices to Klan members in areas presenting the most potential for disruption.

It is requested that the enclosed cartoon be given the same consideration as the cartoon mentioned in referenced communications and that appropriate wording be placed in the cartoon.

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Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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Why Can't Them Savages In The
Congo Act Civilized Like Us?



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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4/6/65

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)

TO: Director, FBI (157-9-4)
FROM: SAC, Birmingham (157-335) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Bureau letter to Atlanta, 9/2/64; and
Birmingham letter to Bureau, 12/24/64.

Following is status letter covering previous three
months' period:

1. Potential Counterintelligence Action

This office has been trying to lay the ground-
work for this program. Several things have been done which
will be set forth hereinafter. Potential counterintelligence
action is the disruption of the Klan and hate groups in this
territory which has been started. One specific potential is
the anonymous mailing of documents, leaflets, etc., to these
groups which is being studied at this time for ideas.

2. Pending Counterintelligence Action

Investigation is presently being conducted by
the Birmingham Office in order to secure details concerning
the actual sources of and income of ROBERT M. SHELTON,

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Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), and the sources of all income of the UKA itself. Copies of the income tax returns of ROBERT M. SHELTON and returns filed by him as a corporate officer of the UKA are being used in the above mentioned investigation. These copies were furnished the Birmingham Office by the Bureau, under date of February 23, 1965.

By letter dated March 5, 1965, the Bureau authorized the mailing of anonymous letters by the Birmingham Office in an effort to expose the fact that CARL RIDEOUT

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Birmingham, Alabama, was a member of the National Executive Committee of the National States Rights Party (NSRP).

On March 12, 1965, fifteen of these anonymous letters were mailed to fifteen Negro churches and/or anti-segregation groups in Birmingham.

By letter dated March 24, 1965, Bureau authority was requested for the Birmingham Office to be allowed to mail Xerox copies of an article published by the American States Rights Party (ASRP), in its March, 1965, issue of its monthly newspaper, "The White American," to various persons and organizations, in an effort to disrupt the NSRP. The article concerned Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS, Director of the NSRP, and reportedly gave an account of certain extramarital activities of FIELDS, including the naming of a person described as the second wife of Dr. FIELDS.

By letter dated March 25, 1965, a Xerox copy of a cartoon satirizing the Klan and hate groups was furnished the Bureau for its consideration in regard to the preparing of an original cartoon satirizing the Klan and such other hate-type organizations.

-3. Tangible Results

Bureau authority was granted, under date of January 21, 1965, for the Birmingham Office to send out anonymous letters concerning CARL RIDEOUT, and fifteen of such anonymous letters were mailed by the Birmingham Office on January 27, 1965.

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A few days thereafter, an informant of the Birmingham Office advised that he had learned that CARL RIDFOUT, above described, [REDACTED]

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On April 2, 1965, an informant of the Birmingham Office also advised that on March 31, 1965, CARL RIDFOUT reportedly had been "fired" by the [REDACTED] of which he had been the [REDACTED] until that time. This informant did not know the cause of RIDFOUT being "fired", but stated he would attempt to learn same.

Memorandum

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

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-935) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(CARTOONS AND CARICATURES)

DATE: 4-20-65

ReBulet, 4/15/65.

Referenced letter enclosed five numbered Xerox copies of rough sketched cartoons.

Birmingham has reviewed the above-mentioned cartoons as directed. It is felt that one of the main purposes for the use of such cartoons would be to disrupt and/or harass the various Klan or hate groups. It is now felt that in view of the recent charges of President JOHNSON made on National television and also the many charges leveled against the Klan and other hate groups by local press, they are now or have been harassed almost to the breaking point. It is felt that any further steps, such as the mailing out of the above-mentioned cartoons, at the present time might force them into desperate acts of violence.

In view of the above, it is not felt by Birmingham that an anonymous mailing of any of these cartoons would be in the best interest of the Bureau at this time and that such a mailing would probably even have a very adverse effect upon the success of the Informant Development Program of the Birmingham Office.

Birmingham feels that there will probably be an appropriate time for an anonymous mailing of such cartoons and for that reason Birmingham would like for the Bureau to prepare and furnish the Birmingham Office with twenty-five copies of

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each of the cartoons numbered "4" and "5" for possible use in the future. Before any use of such cartoons is made, the Bureau will be advised of the anticipated anonymous mailing and Bureau authority will be requested for such action.

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Director, FBI (157-9-101) *4-21*
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- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Gery
- 1 - Mr. Walsh

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISSEMINATION OF KKKE GROUPS
(CARTOONS AND CARICATURES)

ReBulet 4/29/68.

In accordance with your request, there are enclosed herewith 50 copies each of the two cartoons requested in referenced letter.

These are being sent to you for possible future anonymous mailing at an appropriate time as determined by your office.

You are reminded that Bureau approval must be requested prior to the anonymous mailing of these cartoons.

The interest of your office in this program is appreciated.

Enclosures (50)

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NOTE:

Memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan, 1/29/68, was approved authorizing us to prepare and make available to the field copies of the above type to disrupt the Klan.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 4/29/65

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)
(ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON)

ReBulet to Birmingham dated 2/23/65.

With reference to paragraph numbered 4 on page 2 and paragraph numbered 6 on page 2, appropriate leads have been set forth for the Memphis Office to conduct investigation at Nashville, Tennessee, as to other income reported by ROBERT M. and BETTY LOU SHELTON as received

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A similar lead has been set forth for the Mobile Division to conduct investigation concerning other income reported by ROBERT M. and BETTY L. SHELTON

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will be contacted and payments to SHELTON verified.

The Bureau is requested to advise as to whether or not efforts should be made to secure a subpoena duces tecum to be issued to the First National Bank of Tuscaloosa to produce for examination the personal account of ROBERT M. SHELTON and that of the Alabama Rescue Service for examination.

Upon completion of this investigation, pertinent portions of the above information will be appropriately set forth as instructed in a blind memorandum, setting forth SHELTON's background and current position with the Klan and all data indicative of a possible violation of Internal Revenue laws.

5/14/65

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Gray
2 - Mr. Walsh

Airtel

To: SACs, Birmingham (157-835)
Memphis (157-576)
Mobile (157-582)

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From: Director, FBI (157-9-4) - 22

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

DElet 4/29/65 advised the Bureau leads have been set out by Memphis and Mobile to conduct investigation relating to income received by Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc., as was indicated on his income tax returns that were confidentially furnished to the Bureau by the Internal Revenue Service.

Inasmuch as Shelton's income tax returns were received on an extremely confidential basis, the Bureau does not desire that any inquiries be made of individuals or firms who were indicated by Shelton as employers or sources of income. Such inquiries very likely could reveal that the Bureau has access to copies of Shelton's income tax returns especially if the sources of income were only listed on the returns by Shelton to conceal true income received by him from the Klan.

Birmingham, Memphis and Mobile should expeditiously furnish the Bureau names, addresses and any background information appearing in their respective files relating to the sources of income listed by Shelton on his income tax returns.

Birmingham should make no further attempt at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to review the personal bank account of Shelton or the account in the name of the Alabama Revenue Service,

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the title probably being used by the United Klans of America. The Bureau does not desire, at this time, to issue a subpoena duces tecum to the First National Bank of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to produce for examination these records.

Upon receipt from Birmingham, Memphis and Mobile of the complete identities of individuals and firms reported by Shelton as sources of income, the Bureau will make further inquiries of the Internal Revenue Service at the Seat of Government to determine if tax records of these individuals and firms substantiate Shelton's claimed employments.

NOTE:

Shelton is reported by our informants to be employed full time by the United Klans of America, Inc. His income tax returns and the returns of the United Klans of America do not indicate he has received, or has been paid any funds by the Klan. It is probable he is using a number of firms and individuals listed on his returns as employers, to conceal his Klan salary. We are not making direct inquiries with his alleged employers because of the possibility they will alert Shelton and thereby reveal that we have access to his tax returns.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

FROM : *gkw* SAC, MEMPHIS (157-576) (RUC)

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

DATE: 6/5/65

Re Birmingham letter to Memphis (interoffice)
5/4/65 and Bureau airtel to Birmingham, Memphis, and
Mobile 5/14/65.

The only known source of income for ROBERT M.
SHELTON from any Tennessee firms was listed

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Memphis interprets instructions in reBuairtel
as precluding interviews with anyone at the above Wrestling
Enterprise.

A review of all references to SHELTON fails to
indicate any other possible sources of Tennessee originated
income for SHELTON.

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1 - Birmingham (157-835)
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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(ROBERT MELVIN SHELTON)

1 - Mr. Rosack
1 - Mr. Ryan

ReMElet 6/5/65 advising that Memphis was conducting no inquiries relating to the [redacted] at Nashville, it being noted this firm was listed by Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., as a source of income.

Although the Bureau does not desire inquiries to be made at the firm relating to its employment of Shelton, Memphis should advise if individuals associated with the firm have had any previous association with the Klan. Inasmuch as Shelton admits employment by the firm in the past, pertinent inquiries should be made by pretext if necessary, and public records should be reviewed to determine the background and identities of individuals associated with the firm.

NOTE:

Although Memphis was instructed not to make any inquiries at the [redacted] because such might reveal the fact the Bureau has access to Shelton's tax returns, Memphis was instructed to determine the identities and background of individuals associated with the firm. We are endeavoring to determine if Shelton is using firms as a cover for his income from the Klan and Klan activity.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-4)

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(" THE FIERY CROSS")

DATE: 6/26/65

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau dated 6/16/65.

The information being set forth in this letter is submitted in order to supplement the data set out in referenced communication.

On 6/22/65 [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that single copies of "The Fiery Cross" could be ordered. The orders for copies or subscriptions should be addressed to United Klans of America, Inc., 401 Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The price for a one-year subscription to "The Fiery Cross" is \$3.00. [redacted] stated he did not know of any instance in which a subscription for a three-month or six-month period had been requested or obtained and did not know the specific price for a single issue of the Klan paper.

[redacted] stated he did not know of any particular language which should be used in requesting copies of the Klan paper so long as the terminology was that of "a patriot" who was interested in the cause of segregation. [redacted] also stated that on occasion copies of the Klan paper have been stapled at the time they were mailed and on other occasions the papers had been sent as third-class mail in a wrapper. [redacted] stated it was his understanding that the Klan had its own printing press in Tuscaloosa or in the Tuscaloosa, Alabama, area and that when the paper is published and mailed, it is mailed from Tuscaloosa and/or Holt, Alabama, which is adjacent to Tuscaloosa.

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[REDACTED] he did not have any information in regard to when the next issue of "The Fiery Cross" would be published.

Birmingham is continuing its efforts to get a more current list of subscribers to "The Fiery Cross" than the list as mentioned in referenced letter.

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Date: 6/15/65

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

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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Handwritten initials and signatures, including a large signature that appears to be "J.P. [unclear]" and a circled "1".

Enclosed is a Xerox copy of a cartoon which reportedly appeared in some newspaper; however, the name of the cartoonist has been blocked out and the names of Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS and ROBERT M. CREEL have been typed in on the cartoon.

FIELDS is Director of the National States Rights Party (NSRP) and CREEL is Grand Dragon of Alabama for the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA).

Bureau authority is requested to anonymously mail Xerox copies of the enclosed cartoon to various NSRP and UKA leaders and other individuals as a disruptive tactic. Should the Bureau authorize such an anonymous mailing, the cartoons will be prepared on inexpensive commercially purchased stationery.

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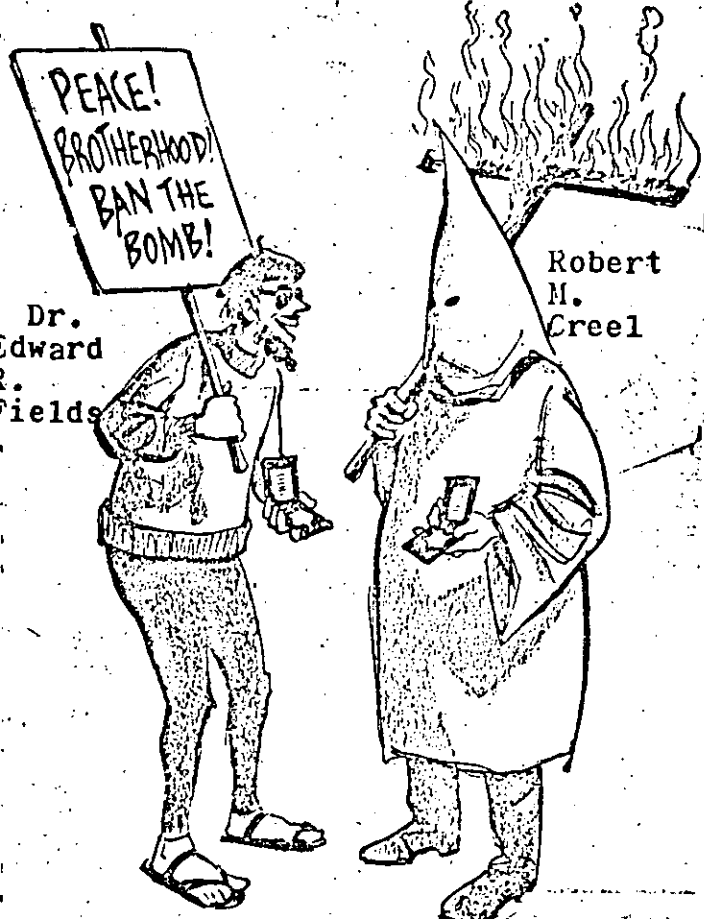
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Dr.
Edward
R.
Fields

Robert
M.
Creel

'Well, I'll Be Damned! I'm With the FBI Myself!'

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SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

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Director, FBI (157-9-4)

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1 - Mr. Walsh

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(CARTOONS AND CARICATURES)

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ReBHairtel of 6/15/65.

Authority is granted you to anonymously mail Xerox copies of the cartoon submitted with relet to various National States Rights Party and United Klans of America, Inc., leaders and other individuals as a disruptive technique.

It is suggested that for added impact the titles of both men be typed along with their names i.e. Dr. Edward R. Fields, Director, National States Rights Party and Robert M. Creel, Alabama Grand Dragon, United Klans of America, Inc.

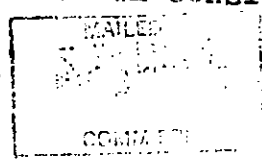
The cartoons should be prepared on inexpensive commercially purchased stationery. Take the usual precautions to insure that the mailings cannot be traced to the FBI. Advise the Bureau of any tangible results.

NOTE:

The original cartoon depicts two individuals, one dressed as a beatnik carrying a sign which reads "Peace! Botherhood! Ban the Bomb." the other dressed in Klan hood and robe carrying a fiery cross, unexpectedly meeting each other and one exclaiming to the other as they exhibit their credentials "Well, I'll Be Damned! I'm With the FBI Myself!" The Birmingham Office has suggested utilizing the cartoon as a disruptive counterintelligence technique by typing the names of the individuals (Fields and Creel) beside the respective figures. It is felt we can add to the impact by also showing their titles. This is a good technique as it shows that the FBI has infiltrated both organizations, each of which already has shown considerable animosity toward the other.

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- Gandy _____

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (Your file 157-835) DATE: 6/23/65

FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 157-9-4)

Room No. 815 RB

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SUBJECT : COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON)

1. Bufiles indicate this case is delinquent. Give specific reason for delinquency.

ReBulet to AT 4/29/65 cc to BH

2. DATE airtel report letterhead memo submitted
 letter 90-day progress letter will be submitted 7-5-65

Reporting employee _____

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

4. Status of Appeal Inquiry Investigation Prosecution
 airtel letterhead memo

5. Submit report letter 90-day progress letter by _____

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FBI - BIRMINGHAM
Carroll

(Place reply hereon and return to Bureau. Note receipt and acknowledgment on top serial in case file.)

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Date: 7-1-65

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

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 4-6-65.

The following is a status letter covering the previous three months' period:

1. Potential Counterintelligence Action

This office is presently considering the distribution of Bureau-approved cartoons satirizing the Klan and hate groups. The anonymous mailing of copies of the newspaper of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), to certain selected persons, is being considered. The sending of "change of address" cards regarding Klan and/or other hate type subscriptions is also being considered. The anonymous mailing of various documents, leaflets, as well as the making of anonymous telephone calls, etc., to these groups is being studied at this time.

2. Pending Counterintelligence Action

By letter dated May 25, 1965, a Xerox copy of a cartoon satirizing the Klan and hate-type groups was furnished the Bureau for its consideration in regard to the preparing of an original cartoon satirizing

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the Klan and also other hate-type organizations.

By letter dated 4-15-65, the Bureau made available to the Birmingham Office five cartoons for consideration under this program. Birmingham selected two of these cartoons and requested 25 copies of each cartoon. Under date of 5-11-65, the Bureau furnished the Birmingham Office with 25 copies of each of the two cartoons which are now being held for possible future anonymous mailing at an appropriate time.

Birmingham is still attempting to obtain information regarding sources of income, actions of misconduct, immorality, etc., of ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, and similar data regarding other officials of hate-type organizations, as well as the sources of income of these hate-type organizations.

In accordance with instruction set out in Bureau letter of 5-13-65, Birmingham mailed out Xerox copies of an article entitled "With Deep Regret", which concerns Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS, Director of the National States Rights Party (NSRP) and which appeared in the March, 1965 edition of "The White American", the American States Rights Party" (ASRP) publications. Copies of this article were mailed to 18 individuals whom it was believed would be most directly affected by or concerned with the information contained in the article.

In accordance with the instructions set out in Bureau letter of 6-24-65, Birmingham mailed a Xerox copy of a cartoon lampooning Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS, above described, and ROBERT M. CREEL, Grand Dragon of Alabama, UKA. These copies of the cartoon were mailed to 19 individuals believed to be most interested in this situation and most likely to be in a position to take action which would disrupt any cooperation between NSRP and the UKA.

By letter dated 6-30-65, the Birmingham Office requested Bureau authority to send out Xerox copies of

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an undated and unsigned three-paragraph letter. This letter stated that ~~DR. EDWARD R. FIELDS~~ was a Catholic and it also pointed out that the leaders of the UKA reportedly stated that all Catholics owe their allegiance to the "Pope", and for that reason a Catholic would not be taken into the UKA. Bureau authority was requested to send this anonymous letter to various UKA leaders as a disruptive tactic, in order to prevent any cooperation or joint activity between the UKA and the NSRP leaders.

3. Tangible Results

Referenced letter set forth information concerning apparent results of anonymous letters sent out regarding CARL RIDOUT, JR., National Treasurer, NSRP.

This is to advise that CARL RIDOUT, JR., reportedly remains at the NSRP National Headquarters in Birmingham, Alabama, during the regular daylight hours from Monday through Friday and apparently has no outside employment. It is believed that the disruptive tactics taken concerning RIDOUT, as above mentioned, resulted in his being transferred from one job to another and then being "fired" as previously pointed out to the Bureau. It is also believed that his employment at the NSRP Headquarters probably is due to the fact that he was unable to obtain other suitable employment and/or the NSRP had been unable to recruit or obtain office help necessary to carry on their regular office functions at NSRP headquarters in Birmingham.

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (Your file 157-835) DATE: 6/23/65

FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 157-9-4 -)
Room No. 815 RB

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SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON)

1. Bufiles indicate this case is delinquent. Give specific reason for delinquency.

ReBulet 2/23/65, BHlet 4/29/65 and Buairtel 5/12/65

2. DATE airtel letterhead memo submitted
 report 90-day progress letter will be submitted 7/5/65
 letter

Reporting employee _____

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

4. Status of Appeal Inquiry Investigation Prosecution
 airtel letterhead memo

5. Submit report 90-day progress letter by _____
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Robert [Signature]

(Place reply hereon and return to Bureau. Note receipt and acknowledgment on top serial in case file.)

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Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 7/9/65

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FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON)

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Re Bureau letter to Birmingham, 5/27/65, referring to the Tuscaloosa News edition of September 12, 1964, page 4, containing an article indicating SHELTON was on the payroll of a Mobile engineering firm as a public relations man.

The Bureau instructed that efforts should be made through inquiries at the Tuscaloosa "News" through confidential sources if possible to determine whether the publication had knowledge of the identity of the "engineering firm" mentioned in the September 12, 1964, editorial.

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If the Bureau desires further discreet inquiry made concerning SHELTON's relationship with the Dixie Engineering Company at Mobile, Alabama, it is requested that the Bureau so instruct the Mobile Division to make this inquiry as to SHELTON's association with that company in 1963. It is again pointed out that the U. S. Individual Income Tax Return for 1963 for ROBERT M. and BETTY L. SHELTON,

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With reference to Bureau letter to Atlanta, dated April 29, 1965, investigation by the Birmingham Division has failed to disclose any information as to immoral acts on the part of ROBERT M. SHELTON.

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The Bureau will be advised as to any information developed as to the immorality, dishonesty, or devious tactics on the part of SHELTON.

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Date: 6/30/65

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835)(P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

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Enclosed is a Xerox copy of an undated and unsigned three paragraph letter. This letter states Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS is a Catholic. The leaders of the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA) reportedly state that all Catholics owe their allegiance to the "Pope" and that for that reason a Catholic will not be taken into the UKA.

Bureau authority is requested to anonymously mail Xerox copies of the enclosed letter to various UKA leaders as a disruptive tactic. Should the Bureau authorize such an anonymous mailing, the letters will be prepared on inexpensive, commercially purchased stationery.

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DR. EDWARD R. FIELDS, Director of the National States Rights Party (NSRP), with headquarters in Birmingham, Ala., is a Catholic and [REDACTED]

In May of 1965 FIELDS was a speaker at a public rally sponsored by the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA), in Anniston, Ala. Several UKA Leaders also spoke at this rally. Fields has been seen at other UKA public affairs.

Since Fields is a Catholic, why do the UKA leaders associate with him or allow him to take part in such affairs?

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Airtel

1 - Mr. Martin
1 - Mr. Walsh

To: SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

From: Director, FBI (157-9-4)

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INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(DR. EDWARD R. FIELDS)

ReBHairtel 6/30/65.

Re airtel requested authority to anonymously mail Xerox copies of a letter regarding Fields to various United Klans of America leaders as disruptive technique. Authority is denied.

Bufiles have been reviewed, and they do not contain any information that shows Fields to be a practicing Catholic. It appears that Fields is probably not a practicing Catholic, and this fact may be well-known in which event a letter such as you proposed would have little effect as a counterintelligence technique.

It is suggested that you give further consideration to this in an effort to develop a more sophisticated technique, which would have greater potential value as a disruptive measure regarding Fields.

If you presently have or can produce any specific information which would show that Fields is actually a practicing Catholic (attending church, etc.) you should submit same to the Bureau for consideration in connection with Counterintelligence Program.

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- Holmes _____
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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 7/19/65

FROM: *[Handwritten initials]* SAC, Birmingham (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

ReBulet, 5/11/65, and mylet, 4/20/65.

Bureau authority is requested to anonymously mail the cartoons furnished by the Bureau as enclosures to referenced Bureau letter.

If authorized to do so, Birmingham will send copies of the cartoons to various UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHT OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, leaders, and other individuals upon whom the cartoons may have a disruptive effect or serve a similar purpose.

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1 - Mr. Walsh

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INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(CARTOONS AND CARICATURES)

ReBHlet 7/19/65 and Bulet 5/11/65.

Authority is granted for you to anonymously mail copies of the cartoons to various United Klans of America leaders and members for disruptive purposes.

Take precautions to insure the mailing cannot be connected with the FBI. Advise the Bureau of any tangible results and be alert to submit follow-up counterintelligence action.

NOTE:

Memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan, dated 1/19/65, was approved authorizing the Document Section of the Laboratory to prepare cartoons depicting the theme that the FBI has heavily penetrated the Klan and that this paradox portrays the Klan organization and members as ridiculous. We were also authorized to make these cartoons available to the field for their anonymous dissemination in areas where ridicule will be most demoralizing and disruptive.

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Date: 7/22/65

Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Mohr	_____
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Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(DR. EDWARD R. FIELDS) *AL*

W. J. ...
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Re Birmingham airtel, 6/30/65, and Bureau airtel, 7/15/65.

Referenced Birmingham airtel requested authority for the Birmingham Office to anonymously mail Xerox copies of a letter regarding FIELDS to various United Klans of America leaders as a disruptive technique. This anonymous letter would contain a statement to the effect that FIELDS was a Catholic. Referenced Bureau airtel denied authority for the mailing of such an anonymous letter.

Referenced Bureau airtel pointed out that Bureau files do not show that FIELDS is a practicing Catholic. It was also stated that it appeared that FIELDS was probably not a practicing Catholic and this fact might be well known in which event a letter such as the Birmingham Office proposed would have little effect as a counterintelligence technique.

It is requested that the Bureau give consideration to the request of the Birmingham Office to mail such an anonymous letter based on the additional information set forth hereinafter. As a matter of interest, the

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Birmingham Agent suggesting the possibility of such an anonymous letter is a practicing Catholic. The Agent to whom captioned case is assigned is a Methodist by profession. These two Agents are of the opinion that the mere fact that the Klansmen think there is a possibility that FIELDS is a Catholic would bring about the desired results. It is also to be noted that the Klan reportedly does not allow Klan membership of any person of the Catholic faith. It is also believed that the mere thought or rumor that FIELDS is a Catholic or comes from a Catholic family would serve in this situation as a disruptive force.

Referenced Bureau airtel also suggests that a more sophisticated technique would have greater potential value as a disruptive measure regarding FIELDS. It is further pointed out that almost no members of the NSRP or the UKA could be termed "sophisticated" and it is believed that such a blunt approach, as mentioned in the above situation and as expressed in referenced Birmingham airtel, might be on a sufficiently low level to bring about the desired results.

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Airtel

1 - Mr. Martin
1 - Mr. Walsh

To: SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

From: Director, FBI (157-9-4) - 30

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(DR. EDWARD R. FIELDS)

ReBHairtel 6/30/65, Buairtel 7/15/65 and Birmingham airtel 7/22/65.

It is apparent from reBHairtel 7/22/65 that insofar as the use of the term "more sophisticated technique" in reBuairtel is concerned, you have completely missed the point. The Bureau is well aware that almost none of the members of the National States Rights Party or the United Klans of America could be considered "sophisticated."

What the Bureau had in mind when your original request was denied and the use of a more sophisticated technique was suggested, which would have greater potential value as a disruptive measure regarding Fields, was something which would give an added impact to the anonymous letter. In this regard, you are requested to advise whether you have considered the possibility of superimposing a photograph of Fields on a photograph of some local Catholic Church, in order to show him leaving such a church.

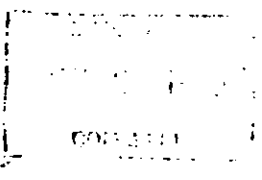
If such a composite photograph was prepared and added to an anonymous letter, the results would be much more disastrous and disruptive, as it would lend authenticity to the allegation in the anonymous letter.

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Airtel to SAC, Birmingham
Re: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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This is only one type of approach that you might consider. It is intended to jog your thinking. You are encouraged to give full rein to your imagination in order to come up with a hard-hitting disruptive counterintelligence technique.

NOTE:

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Birmingham by airtel 6/30/65 requested authority to anonymously mail Xerox copies of a letter to United Klans of America leaders regarding Dr. Edward R. Fields, Director of the National States Rights Party. The proposed letter stated that Fields is a Catholic, lives at [REDACTED], Birmingham, Alabama, and in May, 1965, was a speaker at a public rally sponsored by the United Klans of America in Anniston, Alabama, and that he has been seen at other United Klans of America public affairs. The letter asked the question -- Since Fields is a Catholic, why do the United Klans of America leaders associate with him or allow him to take part in such affairs? By airtel 7/15/65, we denied the request on the basis that Bufiles do not contain any information which shows Fields to be a practicing Catholic. It appears that Fields is probably not a practicing Catholic and this fact may be well known in which event a letter such as Birmingham proposed would have little effect as a counterintelligence technique. It was suggested to Birmingham that they should give further consideration in an effort to develop a more sophisticated technique which would have greater potential value as a disruptive measure regarding Fields, such as producing specific information which would show that Fields is actually a practicing Catholic (attending church, etc.). Birmingham by airtel 7/22/65 requested the Bureau to reconsider its denial of their request. It stated in effect that the reason for this second request was that two Agents in the Birmingham Office, one a Catholic and the other a Methodist, felt that the letter as originally submitted would suffice.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-4)

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

DATE: 8/4/65

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Racial Informants have advised in April, 1965, that a meeting of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), was held in Bessemer, Alabama, and this was a state meeting. One Birmingham informant advised that [redacted] one of the three defendants to be tried on the murder charge in Hayneville, Alabama, was present at this meeting. It was announced that [redacted] had received a letter addressed to him at Bessemer, Alabama (USA?), from Chicago, Illinois, and this letter was signed "Mafia." There was a black glove cut out of construction paper, with the words "Mafia," and "Vendetta," on it. Reportedly, this letter stated that all the Klan was marked for death, and if anything happened to the Negro boy who was riding with Mrs. LIUZZO when she was shot, then the Mafia would cut up [redacted] family, piece by piece, before killing them. Reportedly, the letter had been postmarked at Chicago, Illinois. It was also reported by Birmingham informants that the receipt of the above described letter by [redacted] not only placed him in a state of fear and great concern, concerning the situation, but caused quite a number of the other Klansmen to be similarly concerned and in somewhat of a fearful state of mind.

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Bureau authority is requested to prepare an anonymous communication to [redacted] and other known Klansmen and/or officials of the UKA, in an attempt to exploit this situation. The Bureau is herewith requested to give consideration to preparing an original cartoon or drawing setting out a black glove with the wording "Mafia" and "Vendetta," appropriately arranged in or on the drawing of the black glove. Either above the drawing and lettering, as just mentioned, a letter could be set out to indicate that the letter had been prepared and sent from some city, such as Detroit, Michigan.

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A suggested letter is as follows:

"Detroit, Michigan

"Klansman _____:

"You know what happened to Mrs. Viola Liuzzo. The Mafia knows what you have been doing and what you are doing now. Your so called 'non-violence' will receive proper action soon."

Should the Bureau decide to authorize the preparation of the above mentioned anonymous letter, it is suggested that the letter be placed at the top part of the paper, and that the black glove and wording be placed underneath the letter. Birmingham will also send the necessary instructions to the Detroit Office concerning the proper preparation of such a letter on unwatermarked stationery, if the Bureau should so desire. If the Bureau authorizes such a letter, and desires to do so, the Bureau could send the Detroit Office the necessary information, and the anonymous letter for the Detroit Office to handle.

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1 - Mr. Walsh

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Reurlet 8/4/65 suggesting a counterintelligence operation against ██████████ and other known Klansmen and officials of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, in the form of anonymous letters.

While the Bureau appreciates the thought and effort that went into this suggested counterintelligence operation, it has been decided not to put it into effect.

You are urged, however, to continue to afford this program your continuing attention and to submit additional suggested plans for counterintelligence operations.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-4)

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

DATE: 9/8/65

ReBulet, 5/13/65; Buairtel, 7/28/65; and Bulets (O-1 Forms), 9/3/65.

The following data is set forth for the information of the Bureau in answer to Bulets dated 9/3/65.

In accordance with instructions set out in Bulet of 5/13/65, Xerox copies of the article entitled "With Deep Regret" were mailed to 18 individuals in May, 1965. The exact results of the above mentioned mailing is not known; however, during July, 1965, Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS, Director of the NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY (NSRP), moved his residence away from Birmingham, Ala. FIELDS moved to [REDACTED] and moved the NSRP Headquarters from Birmingham to the Marion Building, Augusta, Ga.

In regard to Buairtel of 7/28/65, Birmingham has considered the possibility of superimposing a photograph of FIELDS on a photograph of some local Catholic Church in order to show him leaving such a church.

Birmingham is continuing to give consideration to such a photograph of FIELDS, but a request is not being made for such authority since it is believed that such action could result in possible damage to the church involved.

Birmingham will continue to devote time to the above possibilities and other means of taking advantage of various disruptive tactics concerning all Hate Groups.

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Date: October 1, 1965

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Via _____

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

ReBHairtel to Bureau dated 7/1/65.

The following is a status letter covering the previous threemonths period:

(1) Potential Counterintelligence Action

At the present time the Birmingham office is giving consideration to the anonymous mailing of copies of the newspaper of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA) to certain selected Klan members. The papers, if sent, would be mailed in such a manner that any person handling the mail could recognize the paper as a Klan paper, and of course, could see to whom the paper was to be delivered. The sending of "Change of Address" cards regarding Klan and/or other hate-type subscriptions is also being considered at the present time. Birmingham is considering the making of anonymous telephone calls to certain selected Klan officials and/or members and also officials and members of other hate-type organizations. The anonymous mailing of various leaflets, cartoons, and documents is being considered. Birmingham is presently making preparations concerning the distribution of Bureau-approved cartoons satirizing the Klan

(2) Pending Counterintelligence Action

During September, 1965, Birmingham mailed copies of cartoon furnished by the Bureau. This cartoon was mailed

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to twenty UKA leaders and/or members, hate group members and/or leaders and/or other individuals in a position to be concerned with same. This cartoon was the one furnished by the Bureau, and on the bottom of this cartoon was the wording "FBI Infiltrates Klan."

Birmingham is now making preparations to send out the copies of the other cartoon furnished by the Bureau at the same time the above-mentioned cartoon copies were furnished to the Birmingham office.

(3) Tangible Results

In accordance with instructions set out in Bulet of May 13, 1965, Birmingham mailed out Xerox copies of an article entitled, "With Deep Regret," which concerned Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS, Director of the National States Rights Party (NSRP). In accordance with the instructions set out in Bulet of June 24, 1965, Birmingham mailed a Xerox copy of a cartoon lampooning Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS, above-described, and ROBERT M. CREEL, Grand Dragon of Alabama, UKA. The exact results of the above-mentioned mailings, as described in the two preceding paragraphs, is not known, however, during July of 1965, Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS, Director of the NSRP, moved his residence away from Birmingham, Alabama. FIELDS also moved the NSRP Headquarters from Birmingham, Alabama, to the Marion Building, Augusta, Georgia.

It is also to be noted that ROBERT M. CREEL, above-described, has also moved from Bessemer, Alabama, to Linden, Alabama.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-4)

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-835)(P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

DATE: 10/26/65

ReBulet to Atlanta, copy to Birmingham, dated 8/9/65,
enclosing cartoons; Bulet (O-1 Form) dated 10/21/65.

Birmingham feels that approximately twenty copies of
the cartoon attached to referenced Bureau letter can be used
to advantage.

In view of the above, the Bureau is requested to
furnish Birmingham with 20 copies of the above-mentioned
cartoon.

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INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(CARTOONS AND CARICATURES)

1 - Mr. Walsh

ReBulet to Atlanta, copy to Birmingham, 8/9/65
enclosing six individually numbered Xerox copies of cartoons;
BHlot 10/26/65.

ReBHlet requested 20 copies of one of the above-
mentioned cartoons but did not specifically advise of which
cartoon you desired the copies made.

You are requested to advise of which cartoon you
desire the copies made, upon the receipt of which they will be
made and will be forwarded to your office.

NOTE:

Memorandum F.J. Baumgardner to Mr. W.C. Sullivan,
1/19/65, was approved authorizing us to prepare and make
available to the field cartoons of the above type to disrupt
the Klan.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 11/3/65

FROM: *EJH* SAC, Birmingham (157-835) - P -

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(CARTOONS AND CARICATURES)

ReBulet to Atlanta, 8/9/65, enclosing six individually numbered Xerox of cartoons; Bulet dated 10/28/65.

Birmingham requests 20 copies cartoon #1 and 20 copies of cartoon #6.

Birmingham also requests Bureau authority to anonymously mail these cartoons to certain selected UKA, Inc., KKKK members and/or other persons upon whom the cartoons may have a disruptive effect or serve a similar purpose.

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1 - Mr. Rosack
2 - Mr. Walsh

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(CARTOONS AND CARICATURES)

ReBHlet 11/3/65.

Enclosed for your use are 20 Xerox copies each of the two cartoons requested in relet.

Authority is granted for you to anonymously mail these cartoons to selected United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan members. In the event you desire to anonymously mail the cartoon to additional individuals not affiliated with the Klan, you should request prior Bureau authority.

Take all precautions to insure these mailings cannot be associated with the FBI and be alert to recommend follow-up counterintelligence action. Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

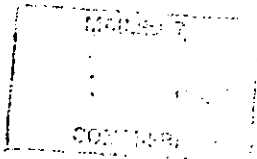
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NOTE:

The use of cartoons in the Counterintelligence Program directed against the Ku Klux Klan was previously approved by memorandum F.J. Baumgardner to Mr. W.C. Sullivan, dated 1/19/65.

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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
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ReBuairtel dated 11/22/65, and Philadelphia airtel dated 11/1/65.

Birmingham considers the proposals set out in referenced Bureau airtel to be feasible. Birmingham is now making efforts to obtain samples of ROBERT SHELTON's handwriting in order to comply with Bureau requirements as mentioned in referenced Bureau airtel.

Birmingham is of the opinion that the Bureau's planned anonymous first and second letters, as generally outlined in the last paragraph on Page One, and Paragraphs one and two of Page two of reBuairtel, should be very effective. The other suggestions in regard to Philadelphia contacting certain officials of the "Philadelphia Inquirer" should certainly be carried out and appear to have great possibilities.

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In regard to the third letter mentioned in Paragraph Three of Page Two of reBuairtel, Birmingham feels that such a letter should be sent. This letter should go to certain Klan officials and certain leaders of other "Hate Type" organizations. The letter from SHELTON could be worded to indicate that SHELTON was well aware of [REDACTED] connections with the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) as an informant, and that they (SHELTON and [REDACTED]) would have to be most careful to avoid having their scheme revealed. The letter could stress the fact that should [REDACTED] connections with the ADL be exposed, their goose that laid the golden egg would be killed and they would have to to back to working for a living.

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Birmingham offers the following named UKA and other Hate-Type organization leaders as possible recipients of the above mentioned anonymous letters:

Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS, Director
National States Rights Party
P.O. Box 184
Augusta, Georgia

JAMES ROBERT MC DANIEL, JR., Chairman
American States Rights Party
P. O. Box 8299
Birmingham, Alabama

GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, Commander
American Nazi Party
P. O. Box 5505,
Arlington, Virginia

[REDACTED]
UKA, Inc.
133 South 4th Street,
Reading, Pa.

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Date: 1/3/66

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: Director, FBI (157-9-4)
FROM: SAC, Birmingham (157-835) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

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Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau, dated 10/1/65.

The following is a status letter covering the previous three months period:

(1) Potential Counterintelligence Action

At present, the Birmingham Office is giving consideration to the making of anonymous telephone calls to certain selected United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA) officials, and to certain other officials of other hate groups operating in the area of the Birmingham Division of the FBI. Consideration is also being given to the anonymous mailing of various cartoons, leaflets, and documents which may have a disruptive effect upon the recipients of such mailings. The sending of "Change of Address" cards regarding Klan and/or other hate-type subscriptions to selected individuals is also being given consideration at the present time. Birmingham is still in possession of some copies of Bureau-approved cartoons satirizing the Klan, and is making preparations to anonymously mail these cartoons to certain selected officials of the Klan.

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(2) Pending Counterintelligence Action

In accordance with Bureau instructions set forth in Bureau letter dated 7/26/65, during present reporting period, Birmingham mailed Xerox copies of the Bureau-approved cartoon mentioned in referenced Birmingham airtel, in Paragraph 2 of Page 2. This set of cartoons was the set which was furnished by the Bureau at the same time as the set of cartoons on which was set forth the wording, "FBI Infiltrates Klan."

In accordance with Bureau instructions and Bureau authority set out in Bureau letter of 7/15/65, Birmingham anonymously mailed cartoons as approved by the Bureau to certain Klan members and/or officials, and other hate group members. At present, Birmingham still has some copies of Bureau-approved cartoons which the Birmingham Office intends to mail out to certain selected individuals in the near future.

At the present time, Birmingham is in the process of collecting known handwriting samples of ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, in accordance with Bureau instructions.

(3) Tangible Results

Referenced Birmingham letter, in the last paragraph of Page 2, pointed out that ROBERT M. CREEL, Grand Dragon of Alabama, UKA, had moved from Bessemer, Alabama, to Linden, Alabama. It is to be noted that subsequent to the submission of referenced communication, ROBERT M. CREEL made known to the UKA that although he intended to remain a member of the UKA, he was not interested in seeking re-election as Grand Dragon of Alabama of the UKA. It is also to be noted that an election was held, and CREEL was so re-elected as Grand Dragon of the UKA in Alabama.

It is of further interest to note that during the present reporting period, Dr. EDWARD M. FIELDS, Director of the National States Rights Party (NSRP), which presently

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has its National Headquarters in Augusta, Georgia, called a closed meeting or rally of certain NSRP officials, selected members, and sympathizers. This rally was held at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel in Birmingham, Alabama; however, according to Birmingham informants, the NSRP rally was almost a complete flop, and there was a total of approximately 30 persons in attendance at this rally, although quite a number had been invited to attend.

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Date: 1-3-66

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-MAIN)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835)
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(REVEREND CHARLES CONLEY LYNCH, aka)

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ReBUAirtel December 17, 1965.

[Redacted block]

concerning the fact that CONNIE LYNCH is operating a 1966 Cadillac without having a current valid driver's license.

[Redacted] that he is aware that LYNCH is on occasions spent considerable time in the vicinity of Anniston and does drive a Cadillac automobile bearing California license plates.

[Redacted] said that he would not disclose the source of the information concerning LYNCH's failure to have a valid driver's license. He said that he would alert the Patrolmen of the Alabama Highway Patrol in the Anniston area to be on the lookout for LYNCH, and should he return to that area he would be arrested for driving without a valid license.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-~~37~~)^L

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835)(P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
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BUDED: 1/17/66

DATE: 1/5/66

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ReBulet, 12/22/65.

In accordance with reBulet, Birmingham is herewith enclosing six (6) picture postcards each of which bears samples of the handwriting of ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc. These postcards were made available to the Birmingham Office of the FBI on 1/3/66, by mail. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] who had been requested to attempt to obtain such handwriting samples.

It is also to be noted that these postcards bear SHELTON's photograph and printed as well as handwritten greetings from SHELTON.

Birmingham is continuing efforts to secure additional known handwriting samples of SHELTON.

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Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. Ryan
- 1 - Mr. Murphy
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**COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(ROBERT SHELTON)**

The Bureau is contemplating increasing its counter-intelligence efforts against Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. In order to have necessary information, the Birmingham Office is requested to review its files for specific background data on Robert Shelton. Conduct any additional investigation necessary to round-out available data.

While it is realized that reports have been submitted on Shelton, a special summary of all pertinent background data, especially names of relatives and ancestors, is needed.

In addition, the Bureau desires a summary of information concerning Shelton's close associates, likes and dislikes, drinking habits, and social habits. Not only should specific factual information be obtained, but in addition, Birmingham should report information concerning gossip about Shelton in Klan circles. For example, include any information concerning Shelton's relationship with his wife, any other females or males, any unusual behavior patterns and general Klan talk concerning his use or misuse of Klan funds, what motivates him, etc.

The reason for this information is to begin the planning of a "Rockwell Report," put out by George Lincoln Rockwell of the American Nazi Party, "exposing" some information about Shelton which would tend to discredit him.

While it is not necessary that the information on Shelton should be accurate, the facts surrounding this information should be as accurate as possible.

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RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

For example, if Rockwell printed a report that Shelton has some Negro ancestors, it would be necessary for us to know the names of certain ancestors who could, perhaps, have been an illegitimate child related to Shelton.

As another example, if we were to show that Shelton had some abnormal sexual tendencies, it would be necessary to give specific information as to whether he was associated with any persons who would have these tendencies.

Richmond should begin the format of a Rockwell Report upon receipt of this background data from Birmingham.

Birmingham and Richmond are requested to submit any recommendations they may desire concerning this project.

NOTE:

We are requesting background and recommendations from Birmingham and Richmond to begin planning a counterintelligence measure aimed at Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America. This effort is in the initial stages and upon receipt of the information requested of Birmingham and Richmond, appropriate recommendations will be made as to what steps will be taken with regard to Shelton. At this time, this is merely in the planning stages.

SAC, Philadelphia (157-1663)

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Director, FBI (157-9-37)

1 - Mr. Bosack
1 - Mr. McGuire

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

ReATlet dated 1/14/66 captioned as above and Atlanta letter 1/25/66 captioned "Counterintelligence Program, Internal Security, Disruption of Hate Groups," and Philadelphia airtel 1/24/66 bearing dual caption "United Klans of America, Inc.; Knights of the Ku Klux Klan" and "Maintenance, Information Concerning."

The Philadelphia and Atlanta Offices have participated in the preparation of a suggested anonymous letter charging that

b7c [redacted] was being an informant. This letter was designed so as to implicate Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard, UKA, in the informant activity of [redacted]

Referenced Philadelphia airtel 1/24/66 reveals that [redacted] has been "kicked out" of the KLI as he is considered a fraud.

Information has also been developed by the Philadelphia Office indicating that if [redacted] is summoned to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, he will be a willing witness.

In view of the above-mentioned developments, Bureau authority is not granted to further suggest the suggested anonymous letter.

Atlanta and Philadelphia are encouraged to continue the submission of positive and sophisticated counterintelligence proposals on a continued basis.

- 2 - Atlanta (157-826)
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Letter to Philadelphia
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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NOTE:

b7c Inasmuch as Philadelphia has advised that [REDACTED] the suggested anonymous letter does not have any present counter-intelligence value.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : *mas* DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 2/22/66

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

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

ReBulet to Birmingham, copies to Richmond, dated 2/4/66.

In accordance with Bureau instructions set forth in relet, Birmingham is submitting the following background information concerning ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA). This letter contains pertinent background data that is available to the Birmingham Office concerning SHELTON and contains information believed to be of a nature concerning SHELTON which would tend to discredit him.

ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON is a white male, born 6/12/28 in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. He is about 5' 10", 170 pounds, fair complexion, has reddish-brown hair and blue eyes. He was graduated from Holt High School, Holt, Alabama, in 1945. He attended the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, for approximately three quarters of the year 1947. He served in the U. S. Air Force from 6/18/48 to 7/9/51, at which time he received an honorable discharge.



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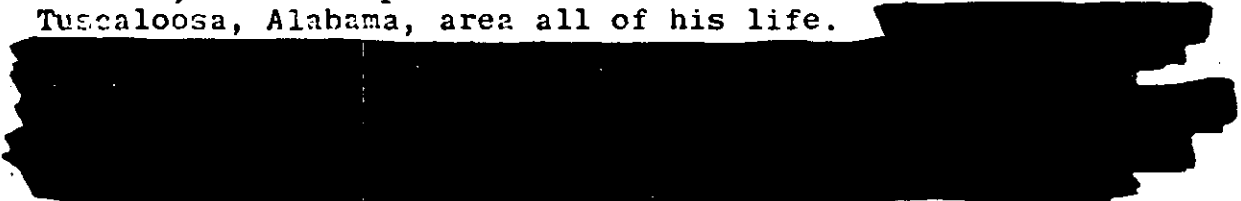
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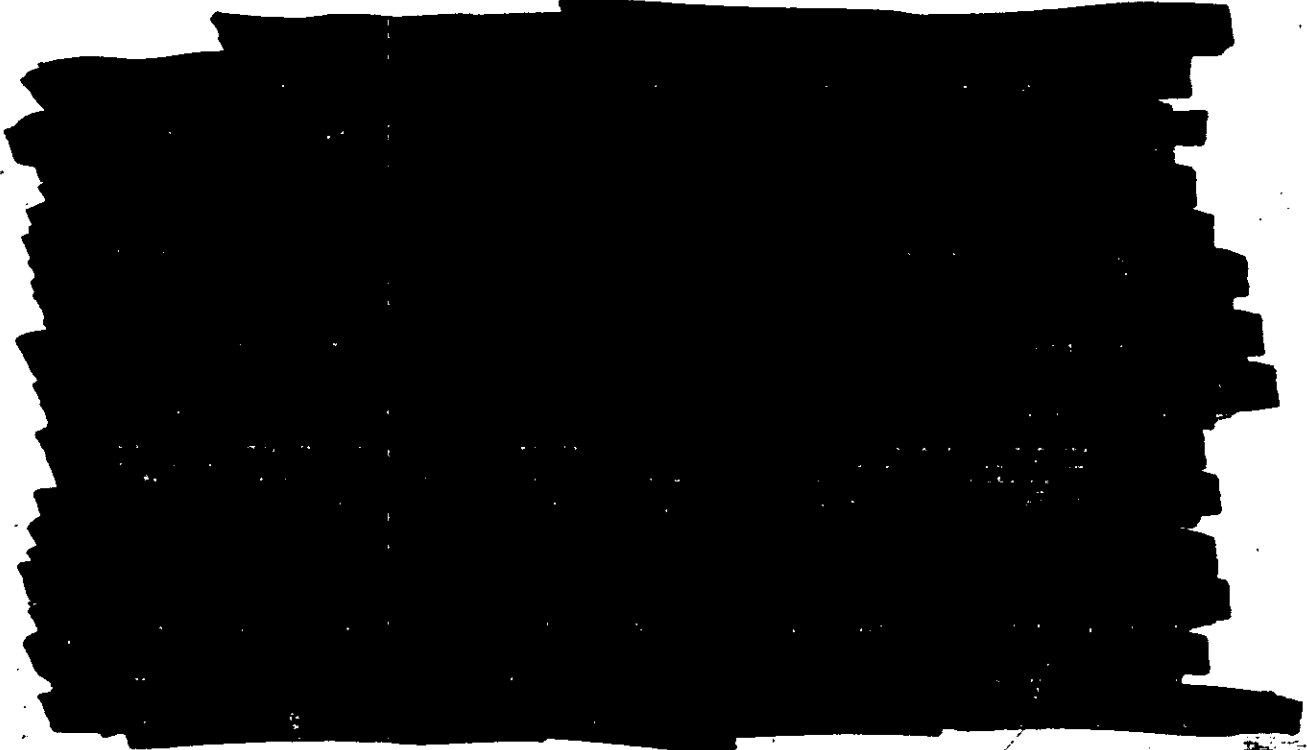


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

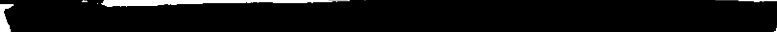
SHELTON and his wife and children now reside at #18 Lake Sherwood Drive, Northport, Alabama. For several years, they resided at 1708 East 15th Street, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, with his parents. He has been a resident of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, area all of his life.



SHELTON does not drink intoxicating beverages and dislikes anyone who does. He is a chain cigarette smoker and usually smokes Pall Malls. He dislikes grits.



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SHELTON's closest associate is  a  Alabama.  is also a member of the UKA and is the 

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While in Washington, D. C., attending the HCUA hearings, he remained in his room at the Congressional Hotel most of the time.

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SHELTON is known to have bragged that in early 1965 he had 38 television interviews. It is known that he has flown to various cities and places over a great section of the United States to speak at public rallies or other UKA functions and/or to appear on radio or television programs. It is also

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known that in early 1960, he was driving a 1957 or 1958 white Cadillac. In August, 1960, he was driving a dark blue Cadillac. In 1962, he was driving a 1958 green Cadillac. In 1963, he was driving a 1963 white Grand Prix Pontiac. In 1964, he was driving a 1961 black Cadillac.

He reportedly wears a .38 caliber pistol and on occasion has carried a carbine rifle in a gun case in his car, and on some occasions has been reported as carrying as many as two guns in the trunk of his car.

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In October of 1965, ROBERT M. CREEL, who was then the Grand Dragon, State of Alabama, UKA, stated that the various members and officers of the UKA were very disappointed that SHELTON had taken the Fifth Amendment and had placed himself like communists in that regard.

It is believed that SHELTON and his activities are the most vulnerable from the standpoint of his handling or mishandling of UKA funds and possibly the use of rumors or figures alleging income tax evasion. It is known that SHELTON has been employed during a great part of his adult life as a tire builder. In early 1959, he was employed as a tire builder at the B. F. Goodrich Plant at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and resigned from this position in order to take the job as sales manager over all the B. F. Goodrich Stores throughout the State of Alabama. It was rumored that he obtained this position by promising certain officials of the B. F. Goodrich Company that he was in a position to obtain

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the entire tire business of the State of Alabama, which was then worth about one million dollars a year, for four years. He, according to a newspaper article appearing in the 10/11/59 issue of the Birmingham News, obtained a 1.6 million dollar tire contract for the B. F. Goodrich Company from the State of Alabama. It was alleged in this article that this tire contract was a "political debt is paid at last by PATTERSON," and the article goes on to indicate that Alabama Governor JOHN M. PATTERSON was indebted to SHELTON for services rendered by SHELTON and the UKA to him in his race for Governor of the State of Alabama.

In November, 1959, SHELTON reportedly had been called into the Birmingham office of B. F. Goodrich Company during that month and had been advised that he was being fired due to a reduction in the sales force of the company. SHELTON reportedly remarked that the company at Birmingham was being compelled by a few "Negroes" and "Jews" to fire him.

The Birmingham News for 4/30/60 carried an article entitled "SHELTON Ousted from Klan Post." The article quoted E. L. EDWARDS, a Klansman from Atlanta, Georgia, as stating that SHELTON was released as Grand Dragon, an agent of the Klan in Alabama, "for conduct unbecoming a Klansman," and "attempting to use the organization for selfish purposes." Records of the Alabama Office of the Secretary of State reflect that SHELTON had been replaced by Rev. ALVIN HOEN of Talladega. The article went on to state that a check had been made with Mr. EDWARDS, who was then the Imperial Wizard of the UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, at Atlanta, and he had stated "We had to have a Grand Dragon in Alabama, and we did not have one in ROBERT M. SHELTON." EDWARDS did not elaborate on what he considered conduct unbecoming a Klansman, as above mentioned. It is to be noted that on numerous contacts with SHELTON, on more than one occasion he has mentioned that he receives copies of communist publications. It is possible that this information may be used to show him up in a bad light.

In 1960, unverified information was received concerning an \$8,000 gambling debt won by "a" ROBERT SHELTON in 1960.

In 1963, it was reported that SHELTON was endeavoring to secure a percentage from truckers hauling whiskey of

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their margin of profit under the division of commission set-up in the State of Alabama from Governor-elect WALLACE, as he supposedly had received money in this fashion under Governor JOHN PATTERSON's administration.

In early 1964, SHELTON and [REDACTED] and another individual had formed the [REDACTED] in Alabama and were prospering from that business. This insurance company was supposed to have been incorporated at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and various UKA members were acting as agents and selling insurance. It was stated that [REDACTED] a Birmingham attorney, was handling the legal affairs for this insurance company. In July, 1964, it was stated that the [REDACTED] had folded up after the Klan members had determined that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] It was also stated that some of the members of the UKA were upset with ROBERT SHELTON as SHELTON was not explaining what he did with the money which had been donated by some citizens of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, during the recent activity concerning the insurance company in Tuscaloosa. It was also stated by one of the UKA members that since ROBERT SHELTON's wife worked in his office and was in charge of the wives of the members of Tuscaloosa Klavern #5 of the UKA, it was difficult to determine what was going on in SHELTON's office at that time.

The Tuscaloosa News on page one of its 9/11/64 edition carried a caption "Road Probe Labeled Political by WALLACE." The article indicated that an investigation was being conducted into alleged "wrongdoing" found in the handling of engineering contracts in Federal-aid highway projects in Alabama. The article went on to state that a lengthy report had been prepared in regard to the situation, and the report identified ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, as an employee of one of the engineering concerns involved, namely, Dixie Engineering, Inc., of Mobile.

The Tuscaloosa News on page three of its 10/3/64 edition contained an article reflecting that ROBERT SHELTON had been awarded the sum of \$4,200 as a plaintiff in the civil

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damage suit against Dixie Air, Inc., in a settlement verdict entered in the Circuit Court at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, recently. It was stated that this suit grew out of an airplane crash in South Carolina in August of 1963 in which [REDACTED] of Tuscaloosa, had been killed and ROBERT SHELTON and one other companion had been injured.

It is to be noted that the U. S. Individual Income Tax Return for [REDACTED]

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It is known that about September, 1965, SHELTON moved into his new brick home next door to [REDACTED] in the Lake Sherwood Development near Tuscaloosa, as mentioned above. It is also known that about that same time, SHELTON was observed to be in possession of a large roll of \$20 bills. It was also reported that in May of 1965, SHELTON in a discussion with other Klansmen at a hotel in Natchez, Mississippi, had claimed that he had lived on \$2,700 from the Klan as his salary during the past year. He then stated that that was all he got from the Klan. At about the same time, SHELTON is also supposed to have stated that in a two-week period after the murder of the white woman in the Selma, Alabama, march, \$5,000 had been received by the UKA and was used as retainer fees for the forthcoming trial. He also stated that now deceased Attorney [REDACTED] of Birmingham, who had been the UKA lawyer, had spent \$6,000 or \$7,000 of his own personal money in connection with the three Klansmen being tried for the murder of the white woman in the Selma march. In October, 1965, [REDACTED] Grand Dragon of the UKA in Ohio, commented that ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, received 50 cents each month from each UKA member.

In October, 1965, [REDACTED] reportedly had charge of the UKA Defense Fund and paid out lots of money to [REDACTED] Attorney for the UKA at that time. It was stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in the UKA Defense Fund on one day in September, 1965. It is to be noted that they, SHELTON and [REDACTED] also were living as next-door neighbors in new homes at about that time.

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In October, 1965, the Bureau instructed the Birmingham Office to discreetly attempt to ascertain whether about \$600 had been paid by SHELTON by check to Lorch's Jewelry Store at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, possibly for jewelry or radio equipment.

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During 1965, at one time it was stated within the UKA that ROBERT M. CREEL, then Grand Dragon, State of Alabama, UKA, was short \$1,000, and it was also stated that funds were coming into the UKA at the rate of about \$2,000 per week. It was also stated that on 12/24/65 checks in the amount of \$1,373 and cash in the amount of \$189 were received

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by SHELTON as Imperial Wizard. It was also stated that on

b7c [REDACTED] it was further stated that the UKA in North Carolina had collected \$14,000 in two days to support the expense of Klansmen in the HCUA hearings being conducted in Washington, D. C.

As above mentioned, it is believed by the Birmingham Office that SHELTON's vulnerability will probably exist in the manner in which he has failed to account for misused funds coming into the UKA and/or his failure to report funds obtained by him and used by him personally as income.

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Date: 3-10-66

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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835)(P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Handwritten signatures and initials in the top right corner.

Re Buairtel dated 3-7-66.

In accordance with referenced communication, Birmingham herewith advises that there are about 500 men within its division who have been identified as Klansmen and for whom the office has a business or residence address.

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2 - Bureau (157-9-4) (AM-RM)
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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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Date: 4-1-66

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

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Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau, dated 1-3-66.

The following is a status letter covering the previous three months period:

(1) Potential Counterintelligence Action

One important area of potential action in the Birmingham Division continues to be the anonymous mailing of untraceable cards, leaflets, cartoons, etc., to known Klansmen. Birmingham still contemplates sending "Change of Address" cards to selected individuals in regard to their hate-type subscriptions. The proper use of anonymous telephone calls to selected hate-group leaders, and/or members, is still under consideration.

(2) Pending Counterintelligence Action

During late December, 1965, [REDACTED]

was furnished information to the effect that [REDACTED]

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- 2 - Birmingham

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LYNCH was then operating a 1958 Cadillac without a current valid driver's license. LYNCH is a rabid segregationist and leader of the National States Rights Party (NSRP), and has on occasion spent considerable time in the Anniston, Alabama area.

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[redacted] indicated that he was aware of LYNCH's past activity in racial matters in the Anniston area, and that LYNCH had been driving a Cadillac automobile bearing California license plates [redacted]. [redacted] advised he would alert the patrolmen of the [redacted] area to be alert for LYNCH's return and should he do so, he would be arrested for driving without a valid license.

Under date of 2-22-66, Birmingham furnished the Bureau a 9-page compilation of information concerning ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, which information was obtained from Birmingham informants and a review of Birmingham files. This information was furnished on specific Bureau instructions and included pertinent background data concerning SHELTON as well as rumors and other data indicating possible use or misuse of UKA funds by SHELTON and other questionable activity on his part.

During March 1966, Birmingham mailed copies of a cartoon furnished by the Bureau to 15 UKA leaders and/or members who were thought to be the ones most likely to be influenced by its receipt. This cartoon was the one furnished by the Bureau, and on the top of this cartoon was the wording "KU-KLUXERS KOLORING KOMICS".

(3) Tangible Results

During the current reporting period, Birmingham is unable to state specific examples of tangible results of the counterintelligence action taken. However, it is to be noted and is considered significant by Birmingham that although there were numerous instances of racial demonstrations by pro-integration groups in the Birmingham Division, neither the UKA, the NSRP, the American States

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Rights Party (ASRP) nor any other group caused any trouble or disturbances in these demonstrations.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 4/5/66

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(CARTOONS AND CARICATURES)

Re Bureau letter, 4/15/65.

Referenced letter enclosed five numbered Xerox copies of rough sketched cartoons. Birmingham has previously requested and been furnished 25 copies of each of the cartoons numbered "4" and "5."

Birmingham herewith requests the Bureau to furnish Birmingham with 25 copies of the cartoon numbered "2", if such copies are still available.

If the above requested copies are furnished Birmingham, Bureau authority is also desired for Birmingham to mail them anonymously in unmarked envelopes to United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, leaders and/or members who probably will be most greatly influenced by receiving same.

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1 - Mr. McGuire

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INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

ReWairtel 4-1-66 and BUlet 4-5-66, both captioned as above.

Your suggestion, set forth in reairtel, concerning the preparation of a cartoon of a general nature concerning the Klan, is being returned for further study. Although the cartoon concept which you have submitted is of general interest, you are requested to give further consideration to the creation of a cartoon concept which would be aimed directly, and personally at key Klan leaders in your territory.

With reference to reBUlet, the Bureau is preparing 25 copies of the cartoon requested, and same will be forwarded to you under separate caption when completed.

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NOTE: Birmingham request for preparation of cartoon returned for further study as we desire cartoons with local flavor, and impact. Other cartoon requested by Birmingham presently being prepared by Exhibit Section.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-8)

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-835)(P)

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

DATE: 4/22/66

ReBulet, 4/8/66, and Atlanta airtel to Bureau dated 8/17/61, captioned "United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan; Racial Matters," Bufile 100-7801, Atlanta 157-193, Charlotte 100-8334.

ReATairtel enclosed a letterhead memorandum reflecting that "UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU-KLUX KLAN" was the new name of the organization formerly known as the UNITED KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF AMERICA, INC. It was stated that the name was changed by a resolution adopted at the National Klonvocation held on July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia, and that the new name was then being used on official documents issued by the Imperial Office of this group, which is located in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

It is also to be noted that "THE ALABAMA KNIGHTS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.," also merged into the new organization at the same Klonvocation and its incorporation papers are recorded in Corporate Record Book 17, commencing on Page 391, of Probate Office of Tuscaloosa County, Ala.

In view of the above, it appears that the legality of the UKA corporation probably rests upon the legality of the Georgia corporation as originally formed and as amended.

Prior to Birmingham submitting a specific proposal to the Bureau concerning contacts with established sources, it is felt that Atlanta's evaluation of the corporate validity of the UKA should be furnished the Bureau and Birmingham. It is believed that much of the success of counterintelligence activity in Alabama in regard to the legality of the UKA will rest upon the results of Atlanta's findings.

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- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Atlanta (157-826)(Info)(RM)
- 1 - Charlotte (157-281)(Info)(RM)
- 2 - Birmingham

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 4/28/66

FROM: SAC, Birmingham (157-835) - P -

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

An informant of the Birmingham Office has advised that [redacted] a member of Confederate Klavern [redacted] UKA, Inc., Birmingham, Ala., has recently carried on an affair with some woman and for a time left his family. He was also accused of doing a lot of drinking and not properly caring for his family.

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Bureau authority is requested to prepare an anonymous letter to [redacted] with a copy for ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, exploiting this situation.

A suggested letter is as follows:

"Birmingham, Alabama

I know what sorry things you have been doing lately and how you have neglected and mistreated your family. You and I are sworn to put an end to just such lowdown and sorry carrying on as you have been doing.

I have put up with it as long as I'm going to. I'm letting the Imperial Wizard know about you. If he don't do something, or you don't straighten up and act right, me and some of your buddies are going to learn you a lesson.

A fellow Klansman"

3 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
2 - Birmingham
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 4/28/66

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-835) - P -

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Racial Informants of the Birmingham Division have recently expressed the opinion that WILLIAM BRASSELL, Alabama Grand Dragon, UKA, who resides in the Mobile Division, is not competent to handle the position of Alabama Grand Dragon. There is also some indication that certain other UKA officials in Alabama resent BRASSELL's position of authority and make remarks against him and his actions.

Bureau authority is requested to prepare an anonymous letter to SHELTON exploiting this situation.

A suggested letter is as follows:

"Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Imperial Wizard.

I have been a klansman for a long, long time and I know you have to. But it concerns me that you would let WILLIAM BRASSELL hold the office of Ala. Grand Dragon.

I have heard him speak and I have heard him try to handle discussions at meetings. He just can't get anything done right and can't seem to make up his mind about nothing. He also has got a lot of good, faithful men upset at him and they don't want to work for him.

I hope you will look into this and do something about it for the klan is to good to fold up because of sorry leaders.

A fellow Klansman"

3 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
1 - Mobile (REGISTERED)
2 - Birmingham
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Director, FBI (157-9-4) -47
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- 1 - Mr. Herington
- 1 - Mr. McGuire

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

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ReBulet 4/29/68 captioned as above.

Authority is granted to anonymously mail your proposed letter from an unidentified Klansman to Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. 1966

The anonymous letter should be prepared on commercially purchased paper or paper which may be obtained gratis from any motel or hotel in the Birmingham area.

This particular anonymous letter should be handprinted in pencil and composed with appropriate misspellings so as to lend authenticity. Insure that the FBI interest in this matter is given maximum protection and the Bureau advised of any tangible results noted.

NOTE:

Birmingham advises that racial informants are of the opinion that William Brassell, Grand Dragon, UKA, UKKK, Alabama, is not competent to handle the position of Grand Dragon. Birmingham has prepared an anonymous letter to point out Brassell's deficiencies to the Imperial Wizard with the hope that such action will cause disruption.

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Date: 4-27-66

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835)(P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UKA CHARTER)

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Re Mobile airtel to Bureau, 4-20-66.

Reairtel requested Birmingham make known its observation concerning Mobile's Counterintelligence proposal as set out in reairtel.

This is to advise that [redacted] home telephone number is unlisted and it would be exceedingly difficult to obtain and explain knowledge of his phone number through official channels or otherwise.

On several occasions during the past several years, [redacted] has spoken with various Special Agents of the FBI. On several occasions he has said he would cooperate with the FBI in trying to solve the various Birmingham bombings. He has thus far furnished no specific information as to who committed any of the bombings.

Birmingham is also of the opinion that [redacted] testimony before the HCUA in early 1966 in Washington, D. C., and the publicity resulting therefrom may have placed him in a position where he is no longer welcome in Klan circles. Above for information.

- 2 - Bureau
 - 2 - Mobile (157-532)
 - 2 - Birmingham
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Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ Per _____

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 5-3-66

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Recently Birmingham racial informants have reported several instances where some officials and/or members of the United Klans of America, Inc., (UKA) have reportedly been drinking heavily, running around with women other than their wives, and not supporting their families as they should.

It is believed that such situations probably exist in regard to UKA Klaverns wherever the UKA is operating. It is also believed that such situations may be utilized in regard to instant program.

Birmingham suggests that the Bureau may desire to remind certain offices to take advantage of any such situations known to exist in their respective areas by the mailing of anonymous letters or the making of anonymous telephone calls.

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Date: 4-1-66

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)
 FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)
 COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
 INTERNAL SECURITY
 DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

As the Bureau knows, ridicule and fear can be devastating weapons.

In view of the above, Birmingham recommends that the Bureau prepare an original cartoon taking advantage of this weapon. Birmingham suggests that the cartoon depict a robed klansman on a road leading to a building marked "Klan Hall". On the road between the hall and the klansman should be drawn a black cat, marked "13", proceeding across in front of the klansman. The klansman could also be shown "behind an eight ball". The cartoon could also include a "subpoena server" waiting at the Klan Hall with a paper in his hand.

If such a cartoon is prepared by the Bureau, Birmingham will anonymously mail them as soon as authorized by and received from the Bureau.

3 - Bureau (AM-RM)
 2 - Birmingham

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Birmingham (Your file 157-835) DATE: 6/23/66

FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 157-9-4-51)
Room No. 910 9&D

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SUBJECT : COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

- 1. Bufiles indicate this case is delinquent. Give specific reason for delinquency.
ReBulet 5/13/66, regarding comments, observations and positive
recommendations regarding the possible revocation to
UKA Charter.
(See 1314 airtel dated 5/20/66 for above).
- airtel letterhead memo submitted
- 2. DATE report 90-day progress letter will be submitted
- letter

Reporting employee _____

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

- 4. Status of Appeal Inquiry Investigation Prosecution
- airtel letterhead memo
- 5. Submit report 90-day progress letter by _____ (Date)
- letter

(Place reply hereon and return to Bureau. Note receipt and acknowledgment on top serial in case file.)

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Date 6/23/66

RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

For information Retention optional For appropriate action Surep, by _____

The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, conceal all sources, paraphrase contents.

Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

ReBu 0 - 1 form, 6/23/66, requesting BH to submit comments, observations and positive recommendations regarding the possible revocation to UKA Charter as requested by Dulet 5/13/66.

BH noted "See MAirtel dated 5/20/66 fr above."

The Bureau can find no record of this airtel under the Counterintelligence Program caption. BH submit a Xerox copy or advise under what caption the airtel was submitted.

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Memorandum

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Wick	✓
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 (157-9-4)

DATE: 5-3-66

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Racial informants have advised recently that the drinking and running around with women other than their own wives by some members of the United Klans of America, Inc., (UKA) was going to do more harm to the Klan than the efforts of the U. S. Government, etc. One of the UKA members, about whom the statement was made, was [REDACTED]

Bureau authority is requested for Birmingham to prepare an anonymous communication to SHELTON exploiting this situation.

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A suggested letter is as follows:

"Birmingham, Alabama

"Dear Mr. Shelton:

"I have read and heard many times that you don't believe in any misconduct by members of your klan. I hope you mean what you say.

"If you haven't heard about it, [REDACTED] has been staying drunk an awful lot of the time. He stays away from home for days at a time shacking up with some woman who I won't name. He just drinks up what pay he gets when he works and his family goes hungry.

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1 - Mr. Herington
1 - Mr. McGuire

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

ReBHlets 4/28/66 and 5/3/66 captioned as above.

The interest which prompted you to submit the counterintelligence proposals set forth in relets is appreciated.

The Bureau notes, however, that the Birmingham Office has recently submitted several anonymous letters to be directed to the attention of Robert Marvin Shelton, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc. It is believed that the use of anonymous communications in counterintelligence is most effective when utilized on a limited basis. The eventuality to avoid, is the bombardment of Shelton with anonymous communications.

In view of the above, authority is denied, at this time, for you to anonymously mail the suggested letters regarding [redacted] You should consider the resubmission of these anonymous communications at respectable intervals. NO LOCAL OFFICE

Birmingham observations regarding immoral activity of Klan members is significant, and has been a prime consideration in counterintelligence since its inception.

Birmingham, as the office of origin in the investigation of the United Klans of America, Inc., is expected to submit counterintelligence proposals directed at the heart of the United Klans of America, Inc., activity.

In this vein, your comments, observations and positive recommendations regarding the possible revocation of the United Klans of America charter requested in Bulet 4/8/66 should be the product of your experience and knowledge as office of origin in the UKA investigation. Your response to that request should reach the Bureau by 5/23/66.

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Date: 5-7-66

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Via _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Birmingham airtel, 4-1-66, and Bulet, 5-2-66.

Birmingham has noted Bureau's comments concerning Birmingham's suggestion of a cartoon as outlined in re Birmingham airtel. This is to advise that Birmingham's suggested cartoon was general in detail with the thought in mind that the Bureau might prepare a cartoon for use by several offices.

The thinking of Birmingham is that even though Birmingham is office of origin of the UKA, Inc., KKKK, other offices might use the same cartoon. If the Bureau should see fit to prepare a cartoon as suggested in re Birmingham airtel, each cartoon could be aimed directly and personally at key Klan leaders in any territory merely by typing a certain leaders name at an appropriate place on the cartoon.

If such a cartoon is prepared by the Bureau, Birmingham will use a manual typewriter to insert a Klan leader's name. Thereafter, Birmingham will anonymously mail them as soon as authorized by and received from the Bureau.

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Approved: _____
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Date: 5-6-66

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AIRMAIL

Via _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835)(P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UKA CHARTER)

Re Mobile airtel, 4-20-66; Birmingham airtel, 4-27-66 and Buairtel, 5-2-66.

In accordance with Bureau instructions set forth in reBuairtel, Birmingham submits the following recommendations.

Birmingham recommends that [REDACTED] utilized in regard to Mobile's suggestion as mentioned in re Mobile airtel.

[REDACTED]

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
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 - 2 - Birmingham
- MME:ljd
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Special Agent in Charge

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SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

5/19/66

Director, FBI (157-9-4)

1 - Mr. Herington

1 - Mr. McGuire

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Reurlet 5/2/66 and Birmingham airtel 5/7/66.

Enclosed herein for the Birmingham Office are 25 copies of a cartoon reproduced per your request.

You are authorized to anonymously mail the enclosed cartoon copies to selected legislators in your territory over a 90-day period.

Insure that same are mailed in commercially purchased envelopes, and that the FBI interest in this matter is afforded maximum protection.

Keep the Bureau advised of tangible results noted.

Concerning your cartoon concept discussed in reairtel, the Bureau is not implementing your suggestion at this time.

The interest which has prompted you to submit your suggestion is appreciated, and you are urged to continue your wholehearted participation in the Counterintelligence Program.

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NOTE:

Birmingham requested 25 copies of a cartoon concerning a frightened klansman reading newspaper headline "Klan Infiltrated by FBI." This cartoon was originally furnished by the Bureau to Birmingham and other offices by letter 4/15/65. Birmingham also submitted a general cartoon concept; however, Bureau does not desire to utilize same at this time.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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FBI BIRMGHAM

12:48 PM CST URGENT 6-2-66 WKP

TO: DIRECTOR, JACKSON, MIAMI, TAMPA, AND JACKSONVILLE

FROM: BIRMINGHAM (157-835) 2P

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, IS, DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS,
PROPOSED KLAN RALLY AND VISIT TO IMPERIAL WIZARD ROBERT M.
SHELTON, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, JUNE FOUR, NEXT.

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AS DIRECTED IN REFERENCED COMMUNICATION, BIRMINGHAM
SUBMITS FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING ROBERT SHELTON,
IMPERIAL WIZARD, AND [REDACTED] UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA, INC.

EX-104 REC-18 157-9-4-56
1966

[REDACTED] SHELTON HAD OBTAINED AN M DASH FOURTEEN
U. S. ARMY MODEL RIFLE MANUFACTURED BY H AND R RIFLE COMPANY
AND HE HAD MOUNTED ON THE DRIVER'S SIDE OF HIS PERSONAL AUTO-
MOBILE A HAND- HELD CARBINE RIFLE- PISTOL COMBOATION.

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ABOVE FOR INFORMATION OF ALL OFFICES SINCE SHELTON
AND [REDACTED] POSSIBLY IN FLORIDA AT PRESENT. JACKSON REQUESTED
TO ADVISE WHETHER ABOVE SITUATION CAN BE IDENTIFIED.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-6)⁴
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835)(P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF ILLEGAL GROUPS
(DROPPED) NOTEBOOK

*6/16/66
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W. J.*

ReBurairtel, 6-2-66, and Mobile Airtel, 5-23-66.

As instructed in referenced Bureau airtel, Birmingham recommends that Mobile's suggested plan as outlined in referenced Mobile airtel be approved.

Birmingham is in agreement with Mobile's plan to include the name of [REDACTED] in the book. Birmingham does not know of any reason why [REDACTED] name should not be included in the notebook.

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Date: 6/24/66

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

ReBulet (0-1 Form) dated 6/23/66.

In accordance with referenced communication, this is to advise that local radio and TV stations in Birmingham, Alabama, included the story of WILLIAM BRASSELL's ouster as Alabama Grand Dragon of the UKA. This was done on several spot broadcasts on 5/23/66, by the Birmingham stations.

BRASSELL's ouster was also disseminated by the Birmingham FBI Office to local military intelligence agencies and Secret Service, Birmingham.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Birmingham (Your file 157-835) DATE: 6/23/66

FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 157-9-4-
Room No. 910 9&B)

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SUBJECT : COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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- 1. Bufiles indicate this case is delinquent. Give specific reason for delinquency.
ReBulet 5/9/66 and MOairtel 5/25/66. BE requested to
- advise Bu concerning nature and extent of any publicity regarding
William Brasselt.

- airtel letterhead memo submitted
- 2. DATE report 90-day progress letter will be submitted _____
- letter

Reporting employee _____

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

- 4. Status of Appeal Inquiry Investigation Prosecution

- airtel letterhead memo
- 5. Submit report 90-day progress letter by _____
- letter

(Date)

(Place reply hereon and return to Bureau. Note receipt and acknowledgment on top serial in case file.)

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TO: Director, FBI (157-9-4)
FROM: SAC, Birmingham (157-835) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

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Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau, 4/1/66.

The following is a status letter, covering the previous three months period:

(1) POTENTIAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

As in the past, one important area of potential action in the Birmingham Division continues to be the anonymous mailing of untraceable cartoons, leaflets, cards, etc., to known Klansmen. The proper use of anonymous telephone calls to selected hate-group leaders and/or members is still under consideration. Birmingham also contemplates sending "Change of Address" cards to selected individuals, in regard to their hate-type subscriptions.

At present, the Birmingham Office, at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, is gathering information concerning the value of the residences of ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and [redacted] both of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, along with suitable photographs of their residences. It is believed that information concerning their residences, and possibly the photographs of their residences, may be used by the Birmingham Office and/or other Bureau offices such as Charlotte, in regard to captioned program.

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(2) PENDING COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

Copies of the letterhead or letter captioned "The National Committee for Domestic Tranquility," (NCDT), as furnished the Birmingham Office by the Bureau each month, is being anonymously mailed to certain selected UKA officials in the Birmingham Division.

In April, 1966, and also in May, 1966, Birmingham has anonymously mailed numerous copies of the postal cards made available to the Birmingham Office by the Bureau, under date of April 28, 1966. The first mailing dealt with postal cards indicating that the identity of the recipient of the card was known. The next mailing dealt with the postal card pointing out that some of the UKA officials were probably spending the recipient's money which he had turned in to the Klan.

In May, 1966, the Birmingham Office also anonymously mailed a letter to ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. This letter indicated that it was being submitted by an unidentified Klansman who was dissatisfied with the manner in which WILLIAM BRASSELL, then the Alabama Grand Dragon of the UKA, was handling his position as the Alabama Grand Dragon.

By airtel dated May 20, 1966, with copies for Mobile and other offices, Birmingham submitted recommendations aimed at bringing about the possible revocation of the UKA charter.

During the latter part of May, 1966, Birmingham also mailed copies of the letter and membership cards enclosed with Bureau airtel, dated May 27, 1966. These copies were mailed to selected UKA members who had received the first issue of the letter.

On May 27, 1966, Birmingham also mailed copies of the cartoon furnished with Bureau letter dated May 19, 1966. Copies of the cartoon were mailed to certain selected UKA members believed the most susceptible to the receipt of same.

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(3) TANGIBLE RESULTS

During the current reporting period, Birmingham is unable to state specific examples of tangible results of the counterintelligence action taken. However, it is to be noted and is considered quite significant by Birmingham that the inefficiency of WILLIAM BRASSELL, Alabama Grand Dragon, UKA, was anonymously made known to ROBERT SHELTON, above described, in late April, 1966, and that in late May, 1966, BRASSELL was ousted as Alabama Grand Dragon of the UKA. It is also considered significant by Birmingham that there has been almost no trouble or disturbance by the UKA or any hate group in Birmingham area during the past three months.

It has also been reported to the Birmingham Office, by several of its informants, that some of the UKA members and/or officials who have received or have knowledge of the fink post cards anonymously mailed think the Jewish Anti-defamation League is responsible for the mailing of these cards. Other UKA members think the White Citizens Council may be involved, and still other UKA members and/or officials have expressed themselves as believing that the FBI may be responsible. It is known that all who have received or had knowledge of the cards are concerned by the receipt of the cards.

SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

7/14/66

Director, FBI (157-9-4)

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

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

ReATlet 6/24/66 and BHairtel 7/6/66.

Atlanta has advised that Ellis Arnall, former Governor, State of Georgia, is a front running candidate again in the Georgia gubernatorial race. You will recall that Arnall did, during the 1940s, order the Attorney General of Georgia to move on the Klan, which action resulted in the revocation of the then existing Klan charter.

Our counterintelligence study of ways and means to cause the revocation of the United Klans of America, Inc., (UKA, Inc.) charter on file in Georgia was instituted for the purpose of revoking that charter, and then highlighting the illegal corporate image of the UKA so that state and Federal revenue authorities would closely examine the financial structure of the UKA.

The legality of the Klan charter in North Carolina is presently a political issue in that state, and is being closely followed by the Charlotte Office.

The Internal Revenue Service is conducting an investigation concerning the conversion of UKA funds to private use by Robert Marvin Shelton and other Klan leaders.

We now feel that if Ellis Arnall is elected Governor of Georgia, a successful revocation of this Klan charter can be achieved. Therefore, at this time, interviews with various Alabama and Georgia officials previously suggested by Birmingham and Atlanta are not desired.

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Letter to SAC, Birmingham
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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Recipient offices are to closely follow the corporate status of the UKA through established sources, and in the event a counterintelligence proposal against the UKA charter is indicated, prior to the pending Georgia elections, submit same to the Bureau for approval.

Atlanta reopen this study for further Bureau consideration, if Arnall is elected.

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Date: 7/6/66

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: Director, FBI (157-9-4)
FROM: SAC, Birmingham (157-835) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Birmingham airtel, dated 5/20/66.

As requested by the Bureau, Birmingham is herewith enclosing one copy of referenced airtel.

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TO: Director, FBI (157-9-4)
FROM: SAC, Birmingham (157-239) (P)
**SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UKA CHARTER)**

Re Bureau letter, 4/3/66; and Atlanta airtel to Bureau, dated 3/17/66, captioned "UNITED ELKS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN; RACIAL MATTERS," Bufile 100-7301; Atlanta 157-185, Charlotte 100-3334; Birmingham letter, 4/22/66; Atlanta letter to Bureau, 4/25/66; Bureau letter, 5/3/66; and Bureau letter, 5/12/66.

For the assistance of Mobile in this matter, copies of Bureau letter dated 4/3/66, Birmingham letter dated 4/22/66, Atlanta letter dated 4/25/66, and Bureau letter dated 5/3/66, are being furnished the Mobile Office at this time.

Referenced Bureau letter dated 3/15/66, requested Birmingham to submit counterintelligence proposals directed at the head of the UKA, and specifically requested comments, observations, and positive recommendations be made by Birmingham regarding the possible revocation of the UKA charter, as requested in Bureau letter of 4/3/66.

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As mentioned in referenced Birmingham letter dated 4/22/66, it still appears to the Birmingham Office that the legality of the USA corporation probably rests upon the legality of the Georgia corporation, as originally formed and as amended. Birmingham, in this same letter, pointed out that "The Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.," actually was incorporated in the State of Alabama, and its incorporation papers are recorded in Corporate Record Book 17, commencing on Page 391 of the Probate Office of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama.

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[REDACTED] a check of the corporate records of their office failed to reveal that any corporate papers had been filed by the USA in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, at any time.

In view of the above, and the information set forth in referenced communications, Birmingham proposes that Mobile contact Mr. RICHMOND FLOWERS, Attorney General of the State of Alabama, concerning instant matter. It is believed that FLOWERS would be the logical person to contact in order to determine whether the USA has filed incorporation papers with the State of Alabama, in order to do business or operate within the State of Alabama. FLOWERS could also advise whether the USA has received proper authorization to do business within the State of Alabama as a foreign corporation, if the USA is not properly chartered in Alabama, and he could also advise as to whether or not there are any specific requirements which have or have not been met by the USA in regard to its operating within the State of Alabama, including whether there are any special provisions of the laws of the State of Alabama that might have been violated by officers of the USA in Alabama.

The Mobile Office is requested to submit its observations and recommendations in regard to contact with RICHMOND FLOWERS concerning the matter involved, as mentioned above, and as suggested by Birmingham in the preceding paragraph.

Duncan authority is requested for the Mobile Office to contact FLOWERS, as suggested above, unless the Mobile Office recommends that such contact not be made with FLOWERS.

The Birmingham Office also believes that one of the most vulnerable points of the USA operation and the operation of various USA leaders throughout the United States is the manner in which they obtain funds, and probably misuse, fail

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to properly record or account for such funds, either as corporate funds or as salaries of UKA officials. It is suggested by the Birmingham Office that the Bureau contact some high ranking official of the US Department of Internal Revenue Service in Washington, D. C., in order to get the Internal Revenue Service to concentrate its efforts on the operations of the UKA and its top leaders, as it is felt that if the IRS were to really dig into the operations and finances of the UKA and its officials, it would be a most successful disruptive tactic, from the standpoint of the U. S. Government and the FBI.

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Date: 8/6/66

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)
 FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)
 SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - KLAN
 RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of the latest issue of "The Fiery Cross," official publication of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The enclosed copies were made available to the Birmingham Office of the FBI on 8/5/66, [REDACTED]

For the information of offices receiving copies of instant communication, the copies of the publication enclosed to the Bureau carry an article on page one captioned "Is The Justice Department & Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith Conspiring Against White Patriots?". The article set forth under the above-mentioned caption, in part, reads as follows:

"Klansmen pay no attention to the snoopers of the SO called Justice Department and after non-members have the experience of meeting them

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1 - Jacksonville (Info.) (RM)	(1 - [REDACTED])
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in this manner they to have nothing but contempt for a once highly regarded organization. These are the men of the F.B.I.

"Now let us examine what happens from the night the F.B.I. takes down license numbers and snaps their picture. Joe Smith who was in attendance at the Klan Speaking and who has not yet joined the organization or maybe he has no desire to join starts receiving letters, post card cartoons from non-existent organizations making claims against Klan leaders, post cards with a cartoon on the back side for everyone to see saying "KLANSMAN trying to hide your identity behind your sheet? You received this - someone KNOWS who you are!" Many times they will be sent to the place of employment instead of the mans home. Their purpose for this naturally is to bring about economic pressure. Bring about the fear to a man of his job being taken away from him and no money to buy food and clothing for the family and you can control his activities and his belief.

"A week later he receives through the mail a letter from a FAKE organization called The National Committee For Domestic Tranquility. The letter is signed by a non-existent person by the name of Harmon Blennerhasset.

"Since the F.B.I. is guilty of taking pictures and getting license numbers from cars that are in attendance at the Klan speakings and then days later these people start receiving the hate literature on the Klan, we ask this question. If it is not the F.B.I. who could in turn be receiving this information to harass the WHITE CHRISTIAN CITIZENS? ARE THEY ALLOWING OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO USE THIS INFORMATION? These things do not just happen, they are planned.

"COULD THERE BE AGENTS FROM THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE who have infiltrated the F.B.I.? WHAT IS THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI B'RITH?"

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The attention of the Bureau and offices receiving this communication is called to an article set forth on page three of the above-described copies of "The Fiery Cross." This article under a caption "Fake Organization Non Exsistantant." Below this caption is set forth a masthead on which there is an outline of the United States at the left on which is printed the letters NCDT and to the right is the heading "The National Committee for Domestic Tranquility." Also, below the heading appears a letter purported to have been written by one HARMON BLENNERHASSET, Executive Director of that organization.

The above is being set forth for the information of the Bureau and interested offices.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 8/25/66

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835)(P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

An informant of the Birmingham Office has advised that [redacted] a member of Confederate Klavern [redacted] UKA, Inc., Birmingham, Ala., has recently carried on an affair with some woman and for a time left his family. He was also accused of doing a lot of drinking and not properly caring for his family.

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Bureau authority is requested to prepare an anonymous letter to [redacted] with a copy for ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, exploiting this situation.

A suggested letter is as follows:

"Birmingham, Alabama

[redacted]

I know what sorry things you have been doing lately and how you have neglected and mistreated your family. You and I are sworn to put an end to just such lowdown and sorry carrying on as you have been doing.

I have put up with it as long as I'm going to. I'm letting the Imperial Wizard know about you. If he don't do something, or you don't straighten up and act right, me and some of your buddies are going to learn you a lesson.

A fellow Klansman"

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1 - Mr. Ryan

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
[REDACTED]

ReBHlet dated 8/25/66, recommending as a disruptive counterintelligence technique that an anonymous letter be directed to [REDACTED] a member of the United Klans of America at Birmingham, pointing out that fellow klansmen are aware of his immoral activity and are advising Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton.

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Authority granted for you to prepare the letter proposed in rolet and to forward a carbon copy to Shelton. The letter should be prepared with a manual typewriter on commercially purchased stationery and should contain a representative number of grammatical and typing errors. Post the letters in the area [REDACTED] Klan activity and take all the usual precautions to insure they cannot be associated with the Bureau.

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

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-54)

DATE: 8/29/66

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY)

ReBulet, 8/10/66.

In accordance with Bureau instructions set forth in reairtel, two regular post cards and three picture post cards were prepared. Three of the post cards were sent to Birmingham Resident Agencies to be mailed. All five cards were sent to P. O. Box 2369, Tuscaloosa, Alabama prior to 8/24/66.

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Date: 8/29/66

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)
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SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UKA, KKKK)

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As is known to the Bureau, ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, INC., has held this top position for several years. He is the controlling officer in the UKA and has almost completely controlled the plans, finances, and operations of the UKA, especially on the national level.

There are indications that SHELTON's manner of operating the UKA, its finances, and his stand concerning non-violence has antagonized many UKA members.

Birmingham proposes that the Bureau give consideration to authorizing informants in various offices to raise questions as to why SHELTON fails to call a National Klonvocation of the UKA. It might be hinted in the conversations that SHELTON may fear he will be ousted. It is felt that any such hints, conversations and/or rumors should be handled in private conversations rather than in open UKA meetings. The statements should not be made so openly as to put the informant on the spot and may be handled in various manners by different offices and different informants.

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Birmingham is of the opinion that such rumors and questions should at least have a disruptive effect by raising doubts in the minds of some UKA members even if SHELTON is not pressured into calling a National Klonvocation of the UKA.

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Airtel

1 - Mr. McGuire
1 - Mr. J. Martin

To: SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

From: Director, FBI (157-9-4) - 64

**COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UKA, KKKK)**

Reurairtel 8/29/66.

The Bureau appreciates your suggestion as set forth in referenced airtel and while your recommendation has significant merit, the Bureau feels that an operation of this type carried out at this time would be untimely.

As you well know, Robert Shelton is scheduled to stand trial for Contempt of Congress this month. Upon completion of this trial, you are urged to resubmit your recommendation and appropriate consideration will be given to it by the Bureau.

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NOTE: Birmingham submitted a suggestion requesting authority to have informants put pressure on Robert Shelton to call a National Klonvocation. Such an operation at this time would be untimely due to Shelton's upcoming trial for Contempt of Congress. Consideration will be given to this suggestion upon completion of the legal proceedings against Shelton.

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- Mr. Tolson _____
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- Mr. Conrad _____
- Mr. Felt _____
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- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Sullivan _____
- Mr. Tavel _____
- Mr. Trotter _____
- Mr. Tele. Room _____
- Miss Holmes _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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FBI

Date: 8-25-66

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Via _____
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TO : Director, FBI (157-9-4)
FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-835) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UKA, KKKK)

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Re Mobile airtel 8-16-66.

Reference is made to Mobile's proposal concerning the sending of disruptive tactic telegrams to certain UKA Grand Dragons. The proposed telegrams are to be sent in the event a National Klonvocation of the UKA is scheduled this fall.

Birmingham feels that this proposal is well worth consideration. If suitable security can be afforded the sending of such telegrams, Birmingham feels that the receipt of such communications would probably serve to disrupt the holding of such a klonvocation at the scheduled time.

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SAC, Mobile (157-582)

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Director, FBI (157-9-4) - 65

1 - Mr. Herington
1 - Mr. Deakin

**COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, KNIGHTS
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)**

ReMCairtel 8/16/66 and BHairtel 8/25/66.

Mobile suggestion that telegrams be sent immediately prior to an Imperial Klouocation of the United Klans of America (UKA), postponing the Klouocation has definite merit.

Since the date of the Klouocation has not yet been set, Mobile should submit specific recommendations as soon as the Klouocation is actually scheduled. The specific recommendations should include persons to whom the telegrams will be sent, text of the telegram, and your recommendations concerning method of dispatching a telegram.

If you feel a Klouocation may be called on very short notice, you should submit these specific recommendations immediately so the Bureau will have enough time to consider the entire operation. In addition, you should very discreetly, and under suitable pretext, determine the local Western Union policy on accepting telegrams over the telephone and billing them to a person as well known as Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard, UKA.

No counterintelligence action should be initiated without prior Bureau authority. Your interest in submitting this suggestion is very much appreciated by the Bureau.

1 - Birmingham (157-835)

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NOTE: MO has outlined a plan to disrupt a proposed Klouocation in general terms inasmuch as the Klouocation has not yet been scheduled. We are asking for specific recommendations to implement this idea which has definite merit. We are requesting, in addition, MO discreetly determine Western Union policy regarding payment for telegrams.

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Date: 8/16/66

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-562)(P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA KKKK) UEA

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Mobile submits the following proposal for consideration of the Birmingham Office and the Bureau for its possible use in connection with captioned program.

Information recently developed by a Birmingham informant indicates that ROBERT M. SHELTON, UKA Imperial Wizard, intends to convene an Imperial Klonvocation of the UKA in Tuscaloosa, Ala., sometime following his trial in USDC, Washington, D. C. This trial is now scheduled to begin 9/12/66 and if such Klonvocation is seriously contemplated by SHELTON it might be scheduled for some time within the next few months.

Once a definite weekend is scheduled, and the word passed to all Klaverns, no doubt a substantial number of Klan officers and members would plan to attend from various parts of the United States. As a disruptive tactic, telegrams were sent to the Grand Dragons of each State one day prior to their scheduled arrival in Tuscaloosa, Ala., informing them that the Klonvocation was being postponed one week (for some fictitious reason) this might effectively ruin the entire Klonvocation and further dis-credit in the eyes of all Klan officers and leaders.

For example if the Klonvocation was scheduled for the weekend of October 21, 22 and 23 at Tuscaloosa, Ala., a dozen or so telegrams sent to the various Grand Dragons might read as follows: "Meeting postponed until 10/28/66. Wife seriously ill. /s/ ROBERT"

The telegrams could be sent via Western Union in Tuscaloosa, Ala., either by calling them in to the Western Union

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Office by telephone and billing them to SHELTON's home telephone, or by a personal visit by a Bureau Agent to the Western Union Office in Tuscaloosa under circumstances insuring the complete security to the Bureau's interests.

It is noted of course that as of the present date, no such klonvocation has been scheduled by SHELTON and there is a possibility that the klonvocation might never come off.

The Bureau is requested to consider this proposal as outlined in general terms above and advise Birmingham and Mobile whether or not it warrants further consideration, and if so, the Bureau's recommendations and instructions for its implementation.

Birmingham is requested to promptly make known its opinion as to the feasibility of the above tactic, its possible effects, favorable and otherwise, so that the Bureau may have the benefit of your thoughts prior to making any decision.

Noting the completely indefinite status as of now insofar as any date being set for an Imperial Klonvocation, Mobile and Birmingham will both maintain close contact with Klan informants on this point and will promptly advise the Bureau if and when any such date is set together with the place, time, etc., of any such klonvocation.

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Date: 8/25/66

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835)(P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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Various informants of the Birmingham Office have advised that [redacted] a member of the Confederate Klavern #14, UKA, Inc., Birmingham, Alabama, does a lot of bragging and loud talking at Klan meetings. [redacted] is also reported to have on more than one occasion made remarks indicating that he believed in action on the part of the UKA and that he could be counted on as a man of action.

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Bureau authority is requested for Birmingham to make anonymous telephone calls to one or more logical members or officers of Confederate Klavern #14, UKA, insinuating there is a good possibility that [redacted] is a "fink." During the call it will be pointed out that it seems that [redacted] sure acts and talks a lot like [redacted] and talk. As the Bureau is aware, [redacted] was a member of Confederate Klavern #14 of the UKA [redacted] testified in the trial of three UKA members for the murder of Mrs. VIOLA LIUZZO in Lowndes County, Alabama, in 1965.

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SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

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- 1 - Mr. Herington
- 1 - Mr. Deakin

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[REDACTED]

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ReBHairtel 8/25/66.

Birmingham is authorized to make anonymous telephone calls to a few logical members or officers of Confederate Klavern #14, United Klans of America (UKA), insinuating that [REDACTED], a member of this klavern, is a "fink."

Insure that the Bureau's interest is completely protected in making these anonymous telephone calls and advise of any tangible results. You should be alert for any necessary or logical follow-up action if these calls produce results. Suggestions for follow-up action should be submitted to Bureau for approval.

Your interest in this important phase of the Bureau's responsibilities is appreciated.

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NOTE:

BH recommends we attempt to infer that [REDACTED] is an informant because of his habits of bragging and loud talking at Klan meetings. BH feels that anonymous telephone calls to a few persons in [REDACTED] klavern would plant this suspicion, especially since [REDACTED]

These anonymous calls will compare [REDACTED]

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Director, FBI (157-9-4)

1 - Mr. McGuire

**COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR
DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY)**

Your attention is directed to the article which appeared in the Birmingham "Post-Herald," issue of 9/2/66, entitled "Mothers To March Against Communism."

The article indicates that a Mother's Crusade for Victory was to be held on 9/10/66 at Birmingham, Alabama, in order to attract attention to communist treason within and out of America and to urge citizens to dedicate their support to our fighting forces in Vietnam.

As you are aware, the National Committee for Domestic Tranquility (NCDT) is a Bureau controlled anti-Klan organization whose objectives are similar to those of the Mother's Crusade for Victory mentioned above.

Advise the Bureau without conducting any active investigation if the Mother's Crusade for Victory is associated with the Ku Klux Klan. Also advise if your indices contain any information regarding [REDACTED]

In the event that the Mother's Crusade for Victory has no strong affiliation with the Klan, consideration will be given to the issuance of an NCDT bulletin demonstrating that the spirit of the NCDT has inspired the Mother's Crusade for Victory in Birmingham, Alabama, and may provoke similar crusades by American mothers throughout the United States. This type of action will give further authenticity to the NCDT which is now provoking significant counterintelligence activity in Louisiana and other Southern States.

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Letter to SAC, Birmingham
Re: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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NOTE:

The main policy of the Bureau-controlled NCDT is to preserve domestic tranquility and "Quit the Klan and back our boys in Vietnam." Our objectives seem to be similar to those of the Mother's Crusade for Victory, recently held in Alabama, and if we can indicate that we were responsible for the crusade, then we can logically convince the Klan that the NCDT is growing in power in the South.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 9/27/66

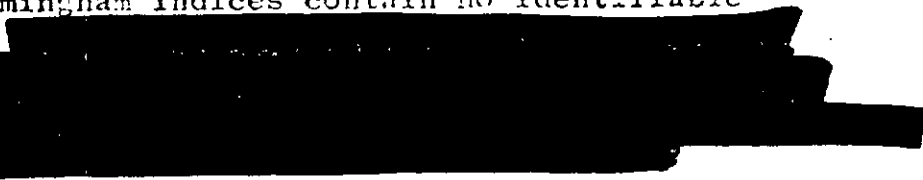
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FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-635) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR
DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY)

ReBulet, 9/22/66.

In accordance with instructions set forth in referenced Bulet, the following information is being set out:

The Mother's Crusade For Victory, mentioned in relet, has no known connection with the Ku Klux Klan.

Birmingham indices contain no identifiable references to 

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Date: 9/23/66

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835)(P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

As the Bureau is well aware, ridicule and "open disclosure of Klan membership" can be devastating weapons in numerous instances.

Enclosed herewith is a sticker which was taken from a recent issue of "MAD" magazine. This sticker has a dark blue background and bright yellow letters reading "SUPPORT MENTAL ILLNESS." Then, immediately below that appears in smaller letters "Join The Ku Klux Klan!"

In view of above, Birmingham recommends that the Bureau prepare postcards to be mailed to Klansmen. This anonymous mailing can be participated in by all FBI Offices which may desire to take such action, regardless of the actual klan group involved.

By the same token, cards can be prepared directing the recipient to "Join The National White Americans Party" and/or any other hate group in a similar manner to that mentioned above.

Birmingham believes that the mailing of open postcards to hate group members will serve a useful purpose. Birmingham also suggests the Bureau might give consideration to anonymously

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mailing large bundles of cards to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) at Atlanta, Georgia, or to the National Headquarters of the NAACP, with a suggestion that they might want to distribute them.

If such postcards are prepared by the Bureau, Birmingham will desire 200 postcards and Bureau authority to mail them.

**SUPPORT
MENTAL
ILLNESS**
JOIN THE R.I.C. TODAY

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1 - Mr. McGuire

To: SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

From: Director, FBI (157-9-4) -70

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ReBHairtel 9/23/66.

Your suggestion that we utilize a sticker with the wording thereon "SUPPORT MENTAL ILLNESS - JOIN THE KU KLUX KLAN!" as a counterintelligence measure has been previously submitted by other offices. We are giving consideration to this proposal in our overall counterintelligence program; however, do not desire to utilize this measure at this time.

You have also suggested that the above-mentioned sticker be utilized in connection with a mass mailing of postcards to known hate group members. In the counterintelligence program we recognize the value of such mailings, however, we are utilizing this technique on a highly selective basis so as not to saturate our targets with anonymous communications and thereby detract from the impact of same when utilized.

The interest being displayed by the Birmingham Office in the counterintelligence program is most helpful, and you are encouraged to continue the submission of counterintelligence proposals, especially those which are on a long-range sophisticated matter which can logically produce factionalism and disorder within organized Klan activities.

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The suggestion furnished by BH appeared in a recent issue of "Mad Magazine." We feel that the anonymous distribution of postcards to Klansmen bearing the suggested sticker might well be construed by the ignorant Klan sympathizers and members to mean that the Klan is actually supporting a charitable need, mental illness. For this reason, and the fact that mass mailings are to be utilized only on a highly selective basis, BH's proposal not to be utilized is recommended.

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1 - Mr. McGuire

Director, FBI (157-9-4)

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ReREP 8/31/66 captioned [REDACTED]
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)."

Rerep states that [REDACTED]
United Klans of America, Inc., State of Alabama,
Greenbriar,
Alabama.

You are requested to carefully review available
information concerning [REDACTED] in order to determine if there
is presently any counterintelligence activity which might be
taken against [REDACTED] in order to enhance the possibility
of developing [REDACTED]

Give this matter your close attention and submit
your proposals to the Bureau at an early date.

Take no counterintelligence action in this matter
without prior Bureau authority.

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Date: 10/1/66

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

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Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau, 7/1/66.

The following is a status letter, covering the previous three-month period:

(1) POTENTIAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

Birmingham, as in the past, continues to consider the anonymous mailing of untraceable cards, cartoons, leaflets, etc. to known Klansmen and/or other hate-group members, as a very important area of potential action. Proper use of anonymous phone calls to certain selected Klan leaders and/or members has been made by the Birmingham Office, and further use of such calls in appropriate situations is still under consideration. Birmingham continues to contemplate the sending of "Change of Address" cards to certain individuals in regard to their hate-type subscriptions.

As previously mentioned in referenced communication, the Birmingham Office is continuing to gather information concerning the residences of ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and [redacted] both of the UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA). It is believed that such information concerning their residences and/or financial transactions at the appropriate time may possibly be used in captioned matter by the Birmingham Office and/or other Bureau offices.

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(2) PENDING COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

During July, 1966, the Birmingham Office anonymously mailed postcards captioned "Invisible Government," which cards were furnished to Birmingham by the Bureau. The postcards were mailed to quite a number of UKA members and were mailed in accordance with the specific instructions given by the Bureau concerning their mailing.

During August, 1966, the Birmingham Office, in accordance with Bureau instructions, anonymously mailed postcards to quite a number of UKA members in the Birmingham Division. These postcards dealt with the theme and contained the wording "Trying to Hide," and the postcards were mailed to some of the UKA members at their residences and/or places of employment. These postcards were also made available to the Birmingham Office by the Bureau.

On 8/17/66, as instructed by the Bureau in its letter dated 8/10/66, Birmingham mailed three picture postcards and two regular postcards to the National Office of "The Fiery Cross," P. O. Box 2369, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. These postcards were mailed in connection with the National Committee for Democratic Tranquility (NCDT).

By airtel dated 8/25/66, Birmingham requested Bureau authority to make anonymous telephone calls to a few logical members or officers of UKA Confederate Klavern #14, insinuating that [REDACTED] was a fink. By letter dated 9/2/66, Bureau authority was granted for the making of such anonymous telephone calls, and these calls were made to certain UKA members and/or officials in Birmingham on 9/16/66.

In August, 1966, Bureau authority was requested for Birmingham to prepare an anonymous letter to be mailed to [REDACTED] above-mentioned Confederate Klavern #14, with a copy for ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA. By letter dated 9/9/66, the Bureau granted authority

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for the sending of such a letter accusing [redacted] of carrying on an affair with a woman other than his wife and of doing a lot of drinking and not properly caring for his family.

On 9/13/66 the above-mentioned anonymous letter was sent by the Birmingham Office to [redacted] with a copy to ROBERT SPELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA. b7c

By letter dated 8/29/66, Birmingham proposed to the Bureau that certain informants in various offices should be authorized to raise questions as to why ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, failed to call a National Klonvocation of the UKA. It was pointed out that it might be hinted in the conversation that SHELTON might fear he would be ousted. By airtel dated 9/2/66 the Bureau acknowledged receipt of this suggestion, but pointed out that ROBERT SHELTON was scheduled to stand trial for Contempt of Court during September, 1966. The Bureau requested that upon completion of this trial, Birmingham should resubmit its recommendation to the Bureau. By airtel dated 9/20/66, Birmingham resubmitted the suggestion concerning ROBERT SHELTON's failure to call a National Klonvocation of the UKA.

During September, 1966, Birmingham enclosed to the Bureau a sticker which had been taken from a recent issue of "MAD" Magazine. This sticker contained in large letters "Support Mental Illness" and below that in smaller letters was "Join the Ku Klux Klan!" Birmingham requested the Bureau to give consideration to preparing postcards to be anonymously mailed to Klansmen. By so doing, the mailing of such postcards would ridicule the Klansmen and would also serve to openly disclose Klan membership on the part of the recipients of these postcards. Birmingham also pointed out that such postcards could be used by any FBI Office having any Klan-type organization operating in its territory and/or any other hate-type group merely by changing the name of the organization reportedly sending the postcards and requesting the recipient to join its organization.

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(3) TANGIBLE RESULTS

During the current reporting period, Birmingham has received information from various informants in different Klaverns of the UKA operating in the Birmingham Division concerning the receipt of the above-mentioned pink postcards, such as the one dealing with "Invisible Government," and one dealing with "Trying to Hide." Several Birmingham UKA informants have made known that several of the UKA members receiving these postcards have become exceedingly disturbed by the receipt of the anonymous postcard, and some of the UKA members have expressed great concern and have been exceedingly disturbed by the receipt of these cards. One Birmingham UKA informant stated that ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, had stated that the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) had received membership lists of the UKA from the House Un-American Activities Committee, and that the ADL was the one responsible for the sending of these cards to harass UKA members. It was stated that SHELTON remarked that he was going to instigate a personal law suit against the ADL, thereby forcing it to reveal publicly its source of information.

By airtel dated 8/6/66, the Birmingham Office enclosed to the Bureau two copies of an issue of "The Fiery Cross," the official publication of the UKA. These two copies were made available during early August, 1966, by a Birmingham informant, and most of the entire publication was taken up with the UKA concern over the receipt of copies of the publication put out by the NCDT and the receipt of the above-mentioned postcards by numerous UKA members. The articles written in this issue of "The Fiery Cross" showed that the UKA leaders and members were greatly concerned over the sending of such letters and postcards and were making every effort to determine who or what organization or organizations were sending such literature.

As has been pointed out previously by the Birmingham Office, Birmingham feels that it is very significant that there has been almost no trouble or disturbance by the UKA or any other hate groups in the Birmingham Division during the past three months. It is felt that such inactivity, to a great extent, may be the result of and attributable to the counterintelligence activity of the Bureau and the various FBI offices.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 10/10/66

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
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(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA
NATIONAL KLVNOVOCATION)

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Re Atlanta letter dated 9/30/66.

Referenced letter suggests the Bureau and Birmingham consider that should a National Klonvocation be held, some informants on the Imperial Board might be replaced.

The above-mentioned possibility has been under consideration by Birmingham for several weeks. For Atlanta's information, it is known that ROBERT SHELTON, for several months, has contemplated calling a National Klonvocation but has not done so. He gives various reasons for not doing so.

Birmingham feels certain SHELTON will not be pressured into calling a National Klonvocation. He will do so if and when he gets ready. Although Birmingham has no such information, SHELTON may already have definite plans for a National Klonvocation at a specific time.

Birmingham feels that the proposed disruptive activity under consideration is well worth pursuing as previously outlined in Bulet to Birmingham dated 9/27/66.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: October 12, 1966

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
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(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA
NATIONAL KLVONVOCATION)

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ReBulet 9/27/66.

In accordance with instructions set forth in referenced Bureau letter, Birmingham makes the following recommendations in regard to the above-named objective under consideration.

(1) It is recommended that Birmingham, and possibly other field offices, be authorized to make anonymous telephone calls to a few selected leaders and/or members of the UKA. In these calls, statements should be made that ROBERT SHELTON has not called a National Klonvocation of the UKA since September, 1964, and this may be due to SHELTON's fear that he would be defeated. It will also be hinted that he, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] are living high off of nothing but UKA funds and contributions. It will be mentioned that the SHELTONS and the [REDACTED] and have lovely houses which are fairly new, each drive new cars, SHELTON a CHRYSLER Imperial and [REDACTED]

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(2) It is recommended that anonymous mailings of "smear sheets" be made by Birmingham and/or other field offices to (a) selected high ranking officials in the various states; (b) numerous radio stations and/or television stations; (c) numerous newspapers in Birmingham, Alabama, and/or other cities in the several states.

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The smear sheet should be on plain commercial paper and mailed in an envelope that cannot be traced to the FBI.

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The smear sheet could be worded as follows:

"Why should Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the UKA call a National Klonvocation?"

ROBERT SHELTON in all his life has never had it so good. He is the Imperial Wizard (top officer) of the United Klans of America, Inc., KKKK, and has held this position for over five years.

SHELTON drives a new Chrysler Imperial automobile, owns a new home and he

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[REDACTED] are living off of the UKA funds and contributions. SHELTON moved the UKA National Headquarters from a public office building in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, into a room he made out of his carport.

[REDACTED] SHELTON [REDACTED] have a gold mine in operation.

Why should SHELTON risk calling a National Klonvocation of the UKA at which national officers would be chosen? SHELTON is no fool! He has the top position, the purse and purse strings of the UKA, and there is no reason in the world why he would want to call a National Klonvocation and risk being kicked out of office.

It is a fact that there has not been a National Klonvocation of the UKA held since September, 1964, in Birmingham, Alabama, even though one should be held each year."

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(3) It is recommended that Birmingham be authorized to prepare a letter purporting to have been written by [REDACTED]

If authorized, the letter would be addressed to a column in "The Birmingham News," a daily newspaper of Birmingham, Alabama, which column is headed "Letter to The Editor."

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(4) Another copy of the same letter, if authorized by the Bureau, could be prepared as though coming from [REDACTED] and could be sent to the Editor of "The Birmingham Post Herald," a daily newspaper of Birmingham, Alabama, and/or the editors of newspapers in other cities in the Birmingham Division.

"WHO RUNS THE UKA?"

Do you realize a National Klonvocation of the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA) has not been held since September, 1964.

Who holds the top position in the UKA? Who is bound to profit as long as a National Klonvocation is not called.

Of course it is ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, who has held this top position for at least five years. He is the controlling officer of the UKA and has almost completely controlled the plans, finances and operations of the UKA.

It should interest you to know that SHELTON [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

SHELTON converted his carport into a room and moved the National Headquarters of the UKA into this room.

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SHELTON [REDACTED] for many months, have traveled at the expense of the UKA wherever they desired to go and have not been accountable to anyone in particular as to what they spent and what they actually collected from the various state organizations of the UKA.

With such a good thing going for them, why should ROBERT SHELTON and [REDACTED] losing their gold mine by calling a National Klonevocation and putting their positions of power to a vote?

[REDACTED]

SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

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1 - Mr. J. L. Martin
1 - Mr. McGuire

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

ReBulet 9/27/66 and BHlet 10/12/66.

Your suggestions set forth in referenced Birmingham letter are appreciated.

Upon receipt of the comments of other offices requested in reBulet, consideration will be given to your suggestions. You will also be advised of the Bureau's disposition in this matter.

You are encouraged to continue your interest in the Counterintelligence Program.

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NOTE:

We have requested major offices involved in the United Klans of America investigations to submit their comments concerning the feasibility of attempting to cause the Imperial Wizard of that organization to call a National or Imperial Klonvocation. It is recognized that this objective is a difficult matter; however, if a Klonvocation is called, we might be in a position to vote the Imperial Wizard out of office. We will await the response of the field before forming any specific recommendation.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. DeLoach _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Bishop _____
Mr. Casper _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Felt _____
Mr. Gale _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Sullivan _____
Mr. Tavel _____
Mr. Trotter _____
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Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

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

BIRMINGHAM

USA

ReBulet, 9/27/66.

The Charlotte Office is of the opinion that some measure of pressure may be exerted on BOB SHELTON through informants in an effort to force him to hold a national convention of UKA. It is presumed that the Birmingham Office, in submitting its proposal, has in mind the removal of SHELTON as Imperial Wizard.

Prior to instituting such a program, this office feels that there are several possible results which the Bureau should consider:

1. To initiate a program in several offices through informants, anonymous communications, cartoons, etc., will undoubtedly alert SHELTON to the fact that the proposed holding of a national convention is being inspired by an outside organization.

- ③ - Bureau
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2. If SHELTON or other Klan leaders become suspicious of this being fomented by an outside force, it could result in the compromise of informants who are being employed in attempts to bring about the convention.

3. If SHELTON is to be replaced or attempts made to do so, who is the logical choice to succeed him and what will the far-reaching results be, if successful?

Insofar as this office is aware, North Carolina has more klaverns and more Klan members than any other state and possibly a combination of several states. Voting delegates to the Klan convention from North Carolina could possibly vote into power a new Imperial Wizard. The logical choice of the North Carolina delegates would be _____ of North Carolina. The only other possibilities would be _____ from Greensboro, who is currently in disfavor with not only _____ but also rank and file members, and _____ from Cary, N. C.

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It is believed it would be difficult, if not impossible, to persuade voting delegates from North Carolina to overthrow SHELTON for _____. However, it is believed that the North Carolina delegates would refuse to vote into power a new Imperial Wizard from any other state.

The situation boiled down would be that SHELTON might be deposed in favor of _____. This does not appear to be a situation which would be favorable to the Bureau even if it resulted in a split in UKA with part of the membership remaining loyal to SHELTON and part to _____. The fruits of a division within UKA may be disputed in that this would divide presently existing klaverns and further reduce current informant coverage.

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The Charlotte Office does not desire to throw cold water on any proposal aimed at disrupting the top Klan leadership and the Klan as an organization; however, the above considerations are being brought to the attention of the Bureau and Birmingham prior to the institution of any program.

Information available to this office indicates many Klansmen feel SHELTON is in the Klan for the money he receives, and they feel that he has not been as diligent as he could have been in the distribution of Klan materials and literature. Also, members in North Carolina were very much disturbed upon learning that the UKA in North Carolina is paying for issues of the "Fiery Cross" while other states receive issues of this paper free.

If, after consideration, the Bureau and Birmingham feel that action should be initiated to bring about a national convention, the following proposals are submitted:

1. It is felt this "campaign" should be initiated by having a nationally-known syndicated columnist, whose column is widely carried throughout states in which the Klan is active, write an article pointing out the fact that no national convention of the Klan has been held recently. This article could be directed toward pointing out the shortcomings of SHELTON as an organizer and leader and his reluctance to place himself in a position where he may be voted out of office.

Through this means, the Klan, which claims to be a strong supporter of democratic practices, would be placed in a position of being declared an undemocratic group.

2. Following the publication of such an article which could be brought to the attention of informants, these sources would then have a basis for discussing a national

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convention without being accused of being agitators. The article could also serve as a basis for a campaign of anonymous communications and articles being printed in local newspapers.

It is believed that to initiate a campaign for a national convention through local informants would jeopardize the informants and would result in failure to accomplish desired results.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED
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TO : Director, FBI (157-9-4)
FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-835) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UKA NATIONAL KLVOCATION)

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Re Charlotte airtel 10-14-66.

As mentioned in referenced communication, the proposal involved was submitted by Birmingham with the thought in mind that such action would probably serve as a disruptive tactic and might result in the removal of ROBERT SHELTON as Imperial Wizard.

Birmingham feels that referenced Charlotte airtel reveals that considerable thought has been given to the situation now under consideration. Birmingham feels that, as previously intimated by the Bureau, any such action would probably commence with rumors and/or anonymous leaflets. By so doing, the possibility of compromising informants would be minimized.

Birmingham does not believe that there is any great probability that SHELTON can be deposed as Imperial Wizard at the present time. Birmingham agrees with Charlotte that should SHELTON be deposed, his successor probably would logically be selected by or come from the North Carolina area. Birmingham is of the opinion that a major split within the UKA is not likely to result in a part of the UKA going with SHELTON and a part going with _____

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It is also noted with interest by Birmingham that many Klansmen feel SHELTON is in the Klan for the money he receives, and that it is not felt that he has been as diligent as he could have been in distributing Klan materials. Such situations may be used and emphasized in the "rumor" and "anonymous leaflet" phase of this project. The fact that North Carolina Klansmen are having to buy issues of the "Fiery Cross" while other states receive the UKA paper free should be given serious consideration.

Charlotte's suggestion regarding an article by a nationally known syndicated columnist, as set out on page 3 of reairtel seems logical and worth serious consideration by the Bureau.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 10/27/66

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
[REDACTED]

ReBulet to Birmingham 10/10/66.

It is noted that on Cover Page B of the report of [REDACTED] dated 8/31/66 at Birmingham, entitled [REDACTED] Birmingham Division reported that Bureau by letter dated 8/11/66 authorized additional contacts [REDACTED]

Efforts to develop him as an informant to date have met with negative results. Birmingham anticipates making only one or two more contacts with him in this regard.

At the present time, the Birmingham Division does not feel any counterintelligence action with regard to [REDACTED] is necessary. In the event the one or two contacts with [REDACTED] prove to be negative, then necessary recommendations will be made to the Bureau concerning counterintelligence activity against [REDACTED]

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Date: 11/3/66

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 SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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 UKA, INC., KKKK
 (OO: BIRMINGHAM)

The following data and incident are being furnished the Bureau for information, and possible use under captioned program:

On October 26, 1966, while attempting to locate the subject of a racial matter case, Special Agents of the Birmingham Office came in contact with _____

_____ a check of the Birmingham indices determined that file reflected that _____

_____ NO INFORMATION was contained in the file indicating any recent activity on the part of _____

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[REDACTED] At that time, he furnished background information concerning [REDACTED] and advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] but stated that he was take an active part in the Klan. [REDACTED] also named the member of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also stated that his last request to attend Klan meetings had been made during the [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] was of the opinion that the Klan was a racket to raise money for its leaders. He also stated that he did not agree with its aims, purposes, or methods in any way, as the Klan put itself "above God."

[REDACTED] also advised that he knew most of the members of [REDACTED] and stated that he knew [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also made known to the interviewing Agents that he would be willing to again become an active Klansman for the purpose of obtaining information to be furnished to the FBI "if it were made worth my while," meaning payment for his services and expenses. At this time, [REDACTED] also gave information concerning planned UKA activity, and this information has subsequently been corroborated by other racial informants of the Birmingham Office.

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[REDACTED] stated that on [REDACTED] and mentioned that he had recently been contacted by two FBI Agents who wanted [REDACTED] to become an active Klan member for them, and to inform on Klan activities. [REDACTED] stated that he told the FBI that he was agreeable to being an informant for money.

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Due to the above, Birmingham plans to use extreme caution in regard to any additional contacts with [REDACTED]. Birmingham feels that this situation lends itself to counter-intelligence activities on a very selective basis. Bureau authority is therefore requested, as follows, for Birmingham, in future contacts with [REDACTED] which statements will have a sufficient element of truth in them to possibly plant seeds of doubt and/or distrust.

[REDACTED]

It is to be noted that by airtel dated 8/25/66, Birmingham requested Bureau authority to make anonymous telephone calls to a few logical members or officers of UKA Confederate Klavern #14, insinuating that [REDACTED] a member of this Klavern, was a "fink." By letter dated 9/2/66, Bureau authority was granted for the making of such anonymous telephone calls, and one of these calls was made to [REDACTED] above mentioned Grand Titan of the UKA, on 9/16/66.

b7c (2) To show photographs of [REDACTED] a member of Confederate Klavern #14, or mention his name, in a manner to imply that he could be trusted to [REDACTED] should he ever be put in a tight spot by the UKA.

It is to be noted that in August, 1966, Bureau authority was requested for Birmingham to prepare an anonymous letter to be mailed to [REDACTED] with a copy for ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA. By letter dated 9/9/66, Bureau authority was granted for the sending of such a letter accusing [REDACTED] other than his wife, and of doing a lot of drinking, and not properly caring for his family. On 9/13/66, the above mentioned anonymous letter authorized by the Bureau was sent by the Birmingham FBI Office.

(3) To casually mention [REDACTED] that ROBERT SHELTON's [REDACTED] had reportedly started some pretty high ranking UKA leaders throughout the United States to scheming as to how they could take over as Imperial Wizard of the UKA. Two of those UKA officials who could be mentioned would be [REDACTED], Virginia Grand Dragon of the UKA, and/or [REDACTED] North Carolina Grand Dragon of the UKA.

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(4) Any action or information suggested by the Bureau.

Birmingham will take no counterintelligence activity in regard to the above described situation, until Bureau authority is received.

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: November 7, 1966

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. McGuire
- 2 - Mr. Deegan

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

[REDACTED] contacted an Agent of the Birmingham Office and volunteered to furnish information concerning the Klan. He furnished some information and stated he would be willing to furnish information on a regular basis if he was paid for his services and expenses.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] further stated that [REDACTED] advised him of his contact with the FBI.
[REDACTED]

Birmingham recommends that additional contacts be made [REDACTED] for the purpose of feeding the Klan misinformation. It is not believed this recommendation should be approved since it is obvious [REDACTED] would not continue his contacts with the FBI unless he was paid money. If we paid [REDACTED] money it would place the Klan in a favorable propaganda position in that Shelton or some other Klan official could rant and rave that the Klan knows the identity of FBI informants and, in fact, is furnishing the FBI false information and getting paid for it. Shelton then could use [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Birmingham should be instructed not to initiate any contact [REDACTED] but to accept whatever information he may voluntarily furnish. He will not be paid for this information and at such time as he furnishes false information, he will be confronted with this fact and interviewed for the purpose of obtaining complete details from him concerning his attempt to mislead the FBI. In addition, he should be advised of the

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elements of Title 18, Section 1001, which covers the furnishing of false information to a Government agency and that the penalty for this crime is a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than five years or both.

RECOMMENDATION:

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That attached airtel to Birmingham be approved instructing that no further contacts with [redacted] be initiated and in the event he contacts the Birmingham Office, he should be handled in accordance with the above.

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Director, FBI (157-9-4)

1 - Mr. Martin
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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

ReBurep 10/20/66 captioned [redacted]
aka; EM (ELAN)."

Burep states that Robert Marvin Shelton, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA), intends to [redacted]

however, [redacted] will not be carried in the UKA records as an employee due to the fact that [redacted] does not want any official record of [redacted] connection with the UKA. According to your information, [redacted] and will soon become a full-time bookkeeper for the UKA.

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Based on your investigative results, it appears Shelton is relying substantially on the assistance of [redacted] in conducting UKA affairs. It is evident that [redacted] offer substantial and significant counterintelligence potential. This is not to say there is evidence indicating the [redacted] would cooperate at this time with the FBI, but rather demonstrates that they are subject to compromise based on their access to information which could be beneficial in UKA investigations.

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You should give consideration to counterintelligence activity which might provide a closer look at the potentialities of the [redacted]. In this reference, evaluate [redacted] necessary to conceal [redacted] official employment with [redacted].

A possibility to be resolved is that [redacted] may be quite aware of vital information substantiating that Shelton and others are converting Klan funds to private use. If this

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is [REDACTED] reason for concealing her UKA employment, it is also possible that [REDACTED] is apprehensive about [REDACTED] stewardship of such records and the ever-present risk of being held accountable for the maintaining of fraudulent records.

b7c [REDACTED] attitude should be considered in connection with the fact that the Internal Revenue Service is conducting a "sensitive" investigation relative to the conversion of UKA funds by Shelton to his personal use. The Internal Revenue Service has stated that the UKA is not a tax-exempt organization.

Your analysis of this matter might well result in a counterintelligence proposal designed to bring [REDACTED] into an area where they may be considered under the Racial Informant Program.

You are requested to submit your evaluation of this situation to the Bureau. Take no additional action without prior Bureau authority.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-10)

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
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(INSURANCE MATTERS)

DATE: 12/2/66

ReBulet, 11/22/66.

As instructed in referenced Bureau letter, a check was made to determine what information was available concerning insurance held by [REDACTED] Realm of Alabama, UKA, Inc., [REDACTED].

The only information currently available to the Birmingham Office of the FBI concerning [REDACTED] insurance program relates to [REDACTED] Alabama.

[REDACTED]

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Birmingham is of the opinion that [REDACTED] quite possibly has a homeowners or fire insurance policy with Prudential Insurance Company since this company apparently holds a mortgage on his home. At present, Birmingham is not making any outside inquiries to determine whether [REDACTED] has one or more policies of insurance with the Prudential Insurance Company.

Birmingham also feels that the Bureau probably is in a position to make discreet inquiries of high ranking Prudential Insurance Company officials, if such inquiries are desired. If not, Birmingham will take any steps desired and requested by the Bureau in order to obtain additional data regarding [REDACTED] insurance.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-33)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

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INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY)

ReBulet dated 11/25/66.

This is to advise that Birmingham has no objections to the issuance of the proposed newsletter mentioned in referenced letter.

Should such a newsletter be distributed, Birmingham suggests that one copy be sent to _____

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 12-14-66

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-835) (P)

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SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(WILLIAM MELVIN SEXTON)

RACIAL INFORMANT
INTENSIFICATION PROGRAM
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Re Bureau letters dated 11-16-66 in captioned matters.

As instructed in referenced letters, the following detailed summarization and evaluation of the informant potentialities of [redacted] of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, (UKA), and [redacted] are being set out as a result of the exploration of this situation.

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As is known to the Bureau, [redacted] Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, [redacted]

Investigation also indicates that [redacted]

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It has also been reported that the only other individual known to have been a close associate of SHELTON

Recent investigation at Tuscaloosa also indicates that

It was also determined that [redacted] does not and has never maintained an office in Tuscaloosa, but as above-mentioned, has, [redacted] in the Tuscaloosa, Alabama, area. It has recently been determined through the [redacted] of the Tuscaloosa Chapter of CPAs [redacted] is not listed as a CPA in Tuscaloosa County, and this individual, who reportedly is acquainted with all CPAs in the area, stated that in his opinion [redacted]

It has been determined that the [redacted] in which SHELTON [redacted] live, has 51 lots, and at present, there [redacted] namely SHELTON [redacted]

[redacted] in a heavily wooded area. It was also determined that the road to these homes would be considered a private road, in the sense it is there for use by the lot owners, and homeowners exclusively, and is not open to the general public.

[redacted] handle the paper work in connection with the operation of the Imperial Office of the UKA, and do all of this work in the office [redacted]

This source also stated that the salary of the [redacted] was not actually known, but that members of Tuscaloosa Klavern #5 of the UKA were of the opinion that [redacted]

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[REDACTED] and went to work full time with the UKA. [REDACTED] had worked for him

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[REDACTED] also advised he was of the opinion that [REDACTED] was making about \$250.00 per week at the present time, and he came to this conclusion when [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

It is felt that the closest persons to the "inner group", which consists [REDACTED] SHELTON and their [REDACTED] would be members of the Tuscaloosa Klavern #5, UKA, who appeared to be limited as to any knowledge of the inner operations of the Imperial Office of the UKA. Sources of Tuscaloosa Klavern #5 have been contacted on a regular basis concerning captioned matters and the UKA, and have been unable to furnish positive information in this regard, and it is felt that this is primarily and mainly due to the extensive traveling of the two top UKA functionaries, [REDACTED] SHELTON.

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As the Bureau is aware, [REDACTED] been a UKA member for several years. On 11-19-63 and again on [REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI. He refused to discuss the UKA or his association with it, and furnished absolutely nothing of value to the FBI. He denied having any information in regard to various bombings in the Birmingham, Alabama, area, but stated he believed that some Negro was probably responsible. As of March, 1965, [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] of Tuscaloosa Klavern #5, and then resided at [REDACTED]. At this time, ROBERT SHELTON was [REDACTED] and it is to be noted that the SHELTONS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In April, 1965, SHELTON and [REDACTED] and reportedly at a Tuscaloosa Klavern #5 meeting, [REDACTED] if any Klansman informed to the FBI and the Klan found out about it, they would take care of him, and he would not inform on anyone else. It was stated that in [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] in Tuscaloosa. It was also reported that in [REDACTED] reportedly disagreed with SHELTON in regard to giving the UKA publicity, and it was stated [REDACTED] would keep the Klan more secret. [REDACTED] was reportedly [REDACTED] in the UKA Imperial Office at Tuscaloosa. In [REDACTED] SHELTONS were staying in a hotel in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for the defense of three UKA Klansmen charged in the murder of Mrs. VIOLA LIUZZO, a white civil rights worker from Michigan. Reportedly, between April, 1965, and September, 1965, [REDACTED] attended at least 20 meetings of Tuscaloosa Klavern #5 of UKA. In early [REDACTED] at a meeting of Tuscaloosa Klavern #5, [REDACTED] and at that time stated he was not going to "tell them anything", and that no true Klansman would tell them anything. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

UKA at \$250.00 per week; however, [REDACTED] would not be carried on the records, inasmuch as [REDACTED] did not want any such record to exist. It was also stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SMELTON in running the Imperial Office of the UKA and in organizing activities. It was also stated that in addition to the \$250.00 per week [REDACTED] was to receive, [REDACTED] would also receive any necessary travel expenses incurred while on UKA business.

In [REDACTED] attended a meeting of Tuscaloosa Klavern #5 and told "all about his recent travels on behalf of the UKA."

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[REDACTED] He also stated that anyone who would let the FBI keep him away from meetings was not a true Klansman in the first place. [REDACTED] reportedly has made a statement to the effect that he had a 30.06 rifle, and if Federal Agents should come out in his area and remain there, he intended to shoot and ask questions later because the road in front of his place was private property, and Federal Agents had no business on it.

[REDACTED]

In [REDACTED] Alabama, was interviewed by the FBI. Birmingham informants had previously reported that [REDACTED] had no physical connection with the UKA and had never been known to participate in any UKA activities other than public rallies, but that [REDACTED]

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As shown above, [REDACTED] SHELTON [REDACTED] to maintain an exceedingly close, [REDACTED] and personal relationship, and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] to the UKA funds and affairs as much as possible to themselves. As pointed out by the Bureau, the IRS is conducting a "sensitive" investigation regarding conversion of UKA funds by SHELTON to his personal use. Birmingham is exceedingly hopeful that this investigation will result in the obtaining of definite evidence, proving such conversion of funds by SHELTON, and possibly the conversion and use of such funds by SHELTON [REDACTED] a good probability that there is a lack of proper accounting of all such UKA funds coming to the Imperial Office of the UKA, although there is no evidence to substantiate such an opinion at this time.

As the Bureau is well aware, the appeal of ROBERT M. SHELTON's conviction and sentence of contempt of Congress in regard to his appearance before the HCUA in Washington, D. C., is now being appealed. This appeal is now pending. It has also been reported to the Bureau that ROBERT SHELTON advocates the taking of necessary steps designed to embarrass the Bureau and Special Agents of the FBI, when Agents contact various UKA members and/or officials. It has even been reported that SHELTON would not be above

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[REDACTED]

attempting to "frame" FBI Agents if a suitable situation arose in which such action could be successfully attempted.

Due to the above, the Birmingham Office, at the present time, recommends against any attempt [REDACTED]

b7C [REDACTED] It is believed that such efforts definitely lend themselves to the creation of situations that could very easily result in embarrassment to the Bureau.

SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

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1 - Mr. Deegan
2 - Mr. McGuire

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

ReBulet 11/16/66 captioned as above and Birmingham letter 12/14/66 bearing Counterintelligence Program caption as well as "Racial Informant Intensification Program; RM."

A review has been made of your observations set forth in relet from the standpoint of counterintelligence.

Facts developed by your office substantiate the Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA), and [REDACTED]

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This gives rise to the possibility the Imperial Wizard [REDACTED]

Discreetly determine, through available public records, if the UKA Imperial Wizard [REDACTED] entire Lake Sherwood Development, or have a vested interest in a corporation which controls same.

If it is your good fortune to make an affirmative determination in this matter, such information will prove to be of substantial interest to the Internal Revenue Service which Service is conducting a sensitive investigation regarding the conversion of Klan funds to private use by the Imperial Wizard.

Submit your findings promptly to the Bureau, and same should be accompanied by follow-up recommendations, if feasible.

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RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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b7c. We have a continuing counterintelligence interest in Robert Shelton. Imperial Wizard, UKA, [REDACTED] We are developing suitable counterintelligence activity to split that relationship so as to operate to FBI advantage, and on the other hand develop significant information which may bring the UKA, Shelton [REDACTED] the close examination of Federal income tax laws as well as state revenue laws.

1 - Mr. Deegan
1 - Mr. McGuire

SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

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Director, FBI (157-9-4)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UKANK)

Birmingham and other designated offices are in receipt of prior communications relative to the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA), National Klonvocation. In the interest of brevity, this and all subsequent communications should carry in the title the abbreviation UKANK in place of UKA National Klonvocation.

The survey conducted among major offices handling Klan counterintelligence was prompted by Birmingham's proposal that steps be taken to cause criticism of Shelton's failure to order a National Klonvocation, suggesting Shelton feels such action might lead to his ouster as UKA Imperial Wizard.

This proposal has been studied in depth by the Bureau with emphasis on the UKA Imperial Board, recommendations of interested offices and practicality.

Based on the above factors, it is indicated a National Klonvocation cannot be successfully forced at this time and to mount a Nation-wide counterintelligence effort to attempt same is not now wise nor practical. To initiate a specific program designed to criticize Shelton for his

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- 2 - Cleveland (157-513)
- 2 - Columbia (157-151)
- 2 - Dallas (157-689)
- 2 - Jackson (157-640)
- 2 - Jacksonville (157-863)
- 2 - Knoxville (157-301)
- 2 - Little Rock (157-291)
- 2 - Memphis (157-576)
- 2 - Miami (157-1114)
- 2 - Mobile (157-582)
- 2 - Newark
- 2 - New Orleans (157-2836)
- 2 - Norfolk (157-484)
- 2 - Philadelphia (157-1633)
- 2 - Richmond (157-846)
- 2 - Savannah (157-629)
- 2 - Tampa (157-1559)

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Mr. Conrad _____
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reluctance to order a National Klonvocation is redundant, in that, Shelton has been and will continue to be a direct and indirect counterintelligence target.

This survey, however, has developed some interesting concepts and areas of potential counterintelligence activity. The following action should be taken by recipient offices indicated:

1. All recipient offices keep the Bureau informed of any information coming to your attention indicating a UKA National Klonvocation may be called by Shelton, or indicating any significant pending shift in UKA national leadership. Such information should be accompanied by your observations and firm recommendations for counterintelligence, if feasible. This action will give the Bureau the capacity to move at the earliest date possible in a manner designed to insure we are in a position to exert maximum control over a UKA National Klonvocation.

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2. Birmingham advise the Bureau if your suggested letter purporting to be from [redacted] a former UKA member, to Birmingham newspapers has been formed in language known to have been used by [redacted]. If not, resubmit same to the Bureau in a [redacted]. Further consideration will be given to this local proposal upon receipt of your advice.

3. Charlotte follow this matter closely to insure any move by the UKA Grand Dragon, North Carolina, to broaden his base of power is furnished the Bureau at the earliest date with recommendations designed to benefit our investigative and counterintelligence needs.

4. Jackson, since Shelton dissolved the Mississippi UKA state office and is attempting to control same himself, submit your recommendations, if feasible, relating to possible specialized counterintelligence activity designed to withhold Mississippi UKA units from Shelton's control.

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5. Mobile develop further your recommendation concerning the ability of [REDACTED] to pull Alabama UKA units away from Shelton. Your final recommendations should include comments relative to [REDACTED] present capacity to disrupt the UKA, as well as his follow up capacity to misdirect the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) in order to increase animosity between that organization and the UKA.

Other offices who have expressed an interest in this survey and who have contributed to the disruption of the UKA through counterintelligence activity are encouraged to continue their vital interests.

Recipient offices take no additional action in this matter, other than specifically requested, without prior Bureau authority.

NOTE:

A survey has been conducted in order to consider a Nation-wide counterintelligence activity to smear the Imperial Wizard, UKA, and to force him to call a National Klonvocation. If we could have accomplished this, our objective would have been the establishment of an informant, or a subject controlled by a Bureau informant, as UKA Imperial Wizard. However, in deference to the present informant coverage on the UKA Imperial Board, we are not instituting this effort. Upon receipt of advice from recipient offices, further consideration will be given to recommendations submitted.

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4) DATE: 1/9/67

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (157-689) (RUC)

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

Re Dallas letter to Bureau dated 10/26/66, and
Bulet to Dallas dated 11/4/66.

Based upon the activity of Klan groups within the
Dallas Division, this office has no further suggestions for
the captioned program at this time. Dallas will await future
plans of the Bureau under this program, but until further
activity is requested, this matter is considered RUC.

Information copy furnished Birmingham in view of
their prior investigative interest.

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 - 1 - Birmingham (157-835) (RM)
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Date: 1-5-67

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED _____
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TO Director, FBI (157-9-4)
FROM SAC, Birmingham (157-835) (P)
SUBJECT COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

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Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau dated 10-1-66.

The following is a status letter covering the previous three-month period:

(1) POTENTIAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

As the Bureau is aware, the Birmingham Office is in the process of gathering information concerning **[REDACTED]** ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, **[REDACTED]** both of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA). This information, along with information concerning the possibility that SHELTON **[REDACTED]** the housing development project **[REDACTED]** is being gathered for possible use in regard to instant program. As the Bureau has previously pointed out, should definite information be developed showing that SHELTON **[REDACTED]** an interest in this above-mentioned housing development, the information can be passed on to the Internal Revenue Service of the U. S., which is conducting a "sensitive investigation" concerning the possible use of UKA funds by SHELTON **[REDACTED]**

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As has been previously stated, Birmingham feels that the sending of anonymous untraceable cards, leaflets, cartoons,

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and so forth, to known Klansmen and/or other hate-group members, is a very important disruptive action in the counterintelligence field. It is believed that the proper use of anonymous phone calls to certain selected UKA leaders and/or members has, in the past, been used successfully by the Birmingham Office, and further use of such calls in appropriate situations is still under consideration, and Bureau approval will be requested in all specific cases.

(2) PENDING COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

At the suggestion of the Birmingham Office, the Bureau is presently giving consideration to a "smear campaign" against ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, centering around the suggestion that SHELTON may be opposed to calling a National Klonvocation of the UKA, due to the fact that he fears he would not be retained in his position of power if such position was put to a vote. This situation, at present, is being coordinated by the Bureau on the basis of information furnished by different offices and proposals made by such offices in regard to appropriate action to be taken concerning the manner in which this "smear campaign" should be undertaken.

Birmingham, at present, is giving consideration as to the best manner in which counterintelligence action can be taken against [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Careful consideration is being given to steps taken in regard to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In addition to considering action to be taken against him from the overall standpoint of the counterintelligence program.

As above-mentioned, in October, 1966, Birmingham recommended to the Bureau that Birmingham, and possibly other field offices, should be authorized to make anonymous telephone calls to a few selected leaders and/or members of the UKA concerning ROBERT SHELTON having failed to call a National Klonvocation of the UKA since September of 1964. It was also suggested in this communication that it be hinted that SHELTON

[REDACTED] or nothing by UKA funds and contributions. It was also recommended that mention be made that the SHELTON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

It was further recommended that anonymous mailings of "smear sheets" should be made by Birmingham and other offices to certain individuals in prominent positions concerning SHELTON's [REDACTED] and mode of living. This communication also made a recommendation that an anonymous letter be sent to a daily newspaper of Birmingham, Alabama, in regard to SHELTON's [REDACTED] incomes, and this communication should be prepared to indicate that the sender was [REDACTED] an ousted former leader of the UKA in Birmingham, Alabama, who had been kicked out of the UKA due [REDACTED]

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In November, 1966, Birmingham, by airtel, recommended to the Bureau that a special edition of "National Committee For Domestic Tranquility" be prepared to spotlight numerous instances in which various hate-group leaders have been involved recently throughout the United States. This airtel set out numerous instances known to the Birmingham Office where certain hate-group leaders in various states of the United States had received publicity in the various newspapers or other means of communication in regard to violations of laws or misconduct on their part which had been made known to the public.

In December, 1966, the Birmingham Office furnished the Bureau with the results of investigation conducted by the Birmingham Office, including a review of files of the Birmingham Office concerning the UKA activities of ROBERT M. SHELTON [REDACTED] and persons who might be considered close friends of the SHELTONS [REDACTED]. The results of these file reviews and investigation concerning the SHELTONS [REDACTED] he Bureau in detail, and as previously mentioned in this communication, Birmingham continues to attempt to develop information concerning the financial status of the SHELTONS [REDACTED] including their personal and real estate holdings.

In December, 1966, the Birmingham Office also furnished information to the Bureau to the effect that [REDACTED] probably was buying his home through the Prudential Insurance Company in Birmingham, Alabama. In the same communication, it was pointed out that the Bureau might have sources in a position to make discreet inquiries of high-ranking Prudential Insurance Company officials in order to determine [REDACTED]

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might hold insurance policies on his life or other property.

(3) TANGIBLE RESULTS

As the Birmingham Office has previously stated to the Bureau, it is felt, by Birmingham, that it is very significant that there has been almost no trouble or disturbance by the UKA or any other hate group in the Birmingham Division during the past three months. It is also felt that such inactivity, to a great extent, may be the result of, and directly attributable to, the counterintelligence activity of the Bureau and the various FBI Offices, and that this may be considered definitely as "tangible results".

During the current reporting period, Birmingham has also received information from various informants in the UKA that several officials and/or members of the various Klaverns of the UKA in the Birmingham Division have, on numerous occasions, openly expressed great concern in regard to how the FBI could know so much about their members, their activities, and their plans. It is also felt by Birmingham that such fear, questions, and doubts in the minds of the UKA officials and/or members have, to a great extent, curtailed any plans and/or activity on the part of the UKA for fear that such activity might result in the arrest of such participants.

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It is also believed that the sending of the anonymous communications, previously authorized by the Bureau, to certain selected UKA officials and/or members, and the making of anonymous telephone calls to certain UKA officials, as authorized by the Bureau, have produced tangible results. It is known that several of the members who have received such communications have expressed great concern due to the fact they have received the communications and have made known their concern at various UKA meetings.

As the Bureau is aware, the Birmingham Office was authorized to make anonymous telephone calls to certain highly placed UKA officials in the Birmingham Division indicating that [redacted] an active member of the Confederate Klavern #14 of the UKA in Birmingham was a "fink". The Birmingham Office has subsequently received

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information from certain UKA informants to the effect that [redacted] in Birmingham, Alabama, who received one of the anonymous telephone calls concerning [redacted], had expressed great concern in regard to the probability that [redacted] might be an informant for the FBI or for some other Government Agency.

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Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI (157-9-15)⁴

FROM: SAC, Birmingham (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

DATE: 1/12/67

ReBulet, dated 12/22/66. to Detroit

As instructed in referenced Bureau letter, Birmingham submits the following recommendation concerning the throwaway described in Bureau letter:

Birmingham recommends that the Bureau prepare a suitable cartoon to be anonymously mailed to a selected group on a limited basis. The cartoon, of course, must be prepared on paper that cannot be traced to the FBI. Birmingham also suggests that the cartoon be mailed to high ranking religious leaders, particularly Catholic Bishops and Priests, and also to appropriate officials of leading daily newspapers, who would be in a position to write editorials concerning the cartoon.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 1/13/67

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
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[REDACTED]

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Re Bureau letter, 12/28/66.

In accordance with Bureau instructions set out in referenced letter, the following investigation was conducted:

A review of the records of the Tax Assessor's Office, Tuscaloosa County, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, was conducted on January 6, 1967, [REDACTED] and the following information was developed:

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SHERWOOD FOREST, INC., 3100 9th Street, East, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, is listed as the developer and owner of the Lake Sherwood Development, located north of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, near U. S. Highway 43. The President of this corporation is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] have been submitted concerning same. Records indicate that there are 22 lots bordering on the lake, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] lots 18 and 19 are owned by [REDACTED] is listed to [REDACTED] only [REDACTED] SHELTON have houses in this development.

This information was developed from Plat Book #7, Section 37, and from the Real and Personal Property Corporations 1966, Book #27314.

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- 1 - Mr. Deegan
- 2 - Mr. McGuire

SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

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Director, FBI (157-9-4)

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

ReBHAirtel 1/5/67 captioned "Counterintelligence Program, Internal Security, Disruption of Hate Groups," no copies furnished other offices.

A review has been made of your counterintelligence progress set forth in referenced airtel. It is evident a great deal of thought and consideration is being afforded the Counterintelligence Program by the Birmingham Office.

By separate communication you have been informed by the Bureau as to what counterintelligence activities may be considered in connection with a United Klans of America, Inc., (UKA) National Klonvocation.

In connection with counterintelligence consideration being given to [redacted] Alabama, the following is set forth for your consideration:

The Bureau is in receipt of information indicating that Robert Shelton, UKA Imperial Wizard, utilizes an electronic recording device in connection with the telephone service installed at his residence. This recording device apparently allows any caller 18 seconds to leave a message in the event no one is at the Shelton residence.

Advise the Bureau of any information in your possession which establishes Shelton does, in fact, have such a device on his telephone. If this information is not in your possession, advise the Bureau whether or not you are in a position to verify same without FBI interest becoming known.

- 1 - Miami [redacted]
- 1 - Mobile [redacted]

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If it is resolved that Shelton does utilize a recording device, you may wish to consider the use of a telephonic pretext which might be handled by a Birmingham Special Agent well qualified to do so. A pretext telephone call might be made to Shelton's residence at a time his electronic recorder is in service. If this can be achieved, the following message could be left in an 18 second period:

"John Harrison calling--stockbroker for [REDACTED]. I want to verify his official position with your office. He has a large common stock transaction in connection with the purchase of a home pending. If I don't call back, you'll know I verified this at Tuscaloosa."

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If Shelton should listen to such a recording, it might give rise to the impression that [REDACTED] is skimming off UKA funds, or he has a substantial income from another source, possibly from a police or Federal investigative agency, which permits him to purchase stock.

Since there is some indication [REDACTED] may purchase a home, this proposal might prove productive.

Birmingham, give consideration to this proposal, and if in your judgement same is feasible, develop further and submit your recommendations to the Bureau. Take no action other than specifically requested without prior Bureau authority.

NOTE:

This communication to serve as discussion of Birmingham counterintelligence profile, and to suggest a possible avenue of counterintelligence designed to cause disruption between the UKA Imperial Wizard and [REDACTED]. Copy to Miami in view of that office's interest in Shelton's wide-area telephone service. Copy to Mobile due to current interest in [REDACTED].

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 1/19/67

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

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

ReBulet to Birmingham, 1/6/67, and BHlet to Bureau, 10/12/66.

ReBulet directed Birmingham to advise if the letter purporting to be from [redacted] a former UKA member, had been formed in language known to have been used by [redacted]. The Birmingham letter in question was set out in reBHlet.

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This is to advise that Birmingham racial informants have recently reported that [redacted] has been voted back into Confederate Klavern #14, UKA, in Birmingham, Alabama.

In view of the above, it is felt that such a letter will have little chance of bringing about the results desired by the FBI. [redacted] is not a well-educated man but has friends who could have worded such a letter.

Should the Bureau feel that such a letter will serve a useful purpose and needs to be in a style used by [redacted] Birmingham will submit such a letter after receiving notice from the Bureau to that effect.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-4)

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

[REDACTED]

DATE: 1/20/67

Re Bureau letter, 1/16/67.

In accordance with Bureau instructions set out in referenced letter, Birmingham submits the following information:

At present, Birmingham does not have any information establishing the fact that ROBERT SHELTON, UKA Imperial Wizard, utilizes an electronic recording device in connection with the telephone service installed at his residence.

[REDACTED]

Birmingham is of the opinion that [REDACTED] to determine if SHELTON does have such a device on his telephone. Birmingham can assure the Bureau that should [REDACTED] be contacted regarding the above mentioned device, he would keep the FBI's interest confidential.

Birmingham considers the Bureau's proposal regarding the pretext telephone call to SHELTON concerning [REDACTED] as feasible and having an excellent chance of being a disruptive force.

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- 1-Mobile [REDACTED]
- 2-Birmingham
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Birmingham requests authority to contact [REDACTED] to determine if he can furnish the desired information. Birmingham will furnish the Bureau with the results of the contact with [REDACTED] and will take no further action until Bureau authority is received.

SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

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- 1 - C.D. Brennan (Field Supervision)
- 1 - J.V. Walsh

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[REDACTED]

ReBHEC 1/20/67.

Your request to contact [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] or assistance in this matter is denied.

The Bureau does not desire that you rely solely on [REDACTED] for assistance even though he has been of assistance on numerous instances in the past. It is suggested, if you have not already done so, that you make several anonymous and/or innocuous calls to Shelton to ascertain if the message is received in the same manner each time, thus giving evidence that calls are being recorded.

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You must utilize your own initiative to a greater degree in this and all matters pertaining to Klan investigations, rather than relying on assistance of a contact unless it is absolutely essential that a contact be utilized.

- 1 - Miami [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mobile [REDACTED]

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MI has requested authority to contact [REDACTED] of the MI Office in order to ascertain if Shelton, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, utilizes a recording device in a scheme to save money by use of wide-area telephone service. If Shelton does use a recording device, we plan to affect a counterintelligence technique by means of a telephonic pretext to cause disruption between Shelton and his [REDACTED]. He has a tendency to use [REDACTED] every opportunity. This is not desirable, particularly in other [REDACTED].

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Copy to Miami in view of Miami's interest in Shelton's wide-area telephone service. Copy to Mobile due to current interest in Spears.

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Date: 1/17/67

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4, 157-370)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835, 105-722) (P)
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(ROBERT M. SHELTON)

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
RM (KLAN)

ReBulet of 1/4/67 entitled "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, etc," and Miami airtel to Birmingham dated 11/7/66 (Interoffice), captioned "ROBERT M. SHELTON, ITSP - FEW, (OC: MM)."

Referenced airtel advised that on 11/7/66

[REDACTED] made known

that the phase of the investigation in Alabama concerning ROBERT M. SHELTON's

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] above mentioned, is an [REDACTED] of the Birmingham Office and can in all instances be

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- 2 - Jackson (1 - 157-643; 1 - 157-47)
- 2 - Miami (1 - 157-1114; 1 - 157-51)
- 4 - Birmingham (2 - 157-835; 2 - 105-722)

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trusted to protect the Bureau's interest in captioned matters and any investigations.

On 12/16/66

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Bureau authority is requested for Birmingham to proceed as follows concerning the above:

1. To submit data on above-mentioned telephone calls placed by SHIPLEY to field offices covering cities to which calls were placed with instructions to ascertain identity of person to whom telephone listed and to take appropriate steps.

[REDACTED]

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Airtel

- 1 - Mr. Deegan
- 1 - Mr. McGuire

To: SACs Birmingham (157-835) (Enclosure)
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From: Director, FBI (157-9-4) -43

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 INTERNAL SECURITY
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 (ROBERT M. SHELTON)

Rebairtel 1/17/67 and JMairtel 1/19/67 pertaining to captioned matter.

For the information of the Director and Office of

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Enclosed for the Birmingham Office is one copy of rebairtel which relates to Shelton's wide-area telephone service.

Birmingham is authorized to submit data relating to the 200 telephone calls made by Shelton during December, 1966, to interested offices. Instruct interested offices to identify subscribers through indices and established sources only.

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Airtel to SAC, Birmingham
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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Insure no action is taken which might jeopardize our pending counterintelligence activity against the Shelton wide-area telephone service.

Birmingham is also authorized to insure [redacted] continues his survey of Shelton's wide-area telephone service and to obtain the results of [redacted] on a continuing monthly basis. Birmingham remains absolutely certain [redacted] understands that FBI interest cannot be divulged and that any information furnished [redacted] to the Birmingham Office is done so directly and not through an intermediary employee.

Birmingham should take the action authorized, only after the following request has been handled by the Jackson Office.

Jackson review inquire relative to [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] contains no information to the contrary, Birmingham may proceed as authorized.

Miami continue to remain alert for any information relative to telephone company action against Shelton which you may receive through your established source at Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Miami, Florida.

Take no action other than specifically authorized, and all interested offices keep the Bureau informed of tangible results noted.

NOTE: Miami has received information that Robert M. Shelton, KKK Imperial Wizard, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, utilizes a wide-area telephone service to contact Klan subsidiaries throughout the U. S. Miami uncovered information indicating that Shelton has conspired to defraud the telephone company by utilizing his wide-area telephone service in a manner designed to keep Klan expenses down. Through telephone company source, Miami, an investigation is being conducted in Birmingham [redacted]

[redacted] and is recommended as one who can be relied upon in all instances to protect Bureau interest. [redacted] investigation, we are in a position to effect high-level coverage of Shelton wide-area telephone service contacts throughout the U. S. and

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have the possibility of disrupting USA national communications system. If the telephone company sustains a suit against Shelton, a by-product of same will be the removal of Shelton's wide-area telephone service as well as local telephone service.