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FROM : SAC, JACKSON

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Re Bureau letter to Atlanta dated 9-2-64.

To implement a counterintelligence program as outlined in referenced letter, this office has been and will continue to penetrate klan and hate organizations with continued informant coverage. This is the first step to learn the complete organizational structure, members, their activities, sympathizers and followers, action they plan, including actions of violence and destruction of property.

Once their activities, etc., are determined through informant coverage proper action can be taken to disrupt and neutralize their activities and efforts can be directed to frustrate their plans. In addition, those specifically responsible for unlawful actions are determined through informant coverage.

Informant coverage will be specifically concentrated on the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan since this is the largest and most important of the klan groups in Mississippi. Other pertinent organizations considered for counterintelligence action are:

Mississippi Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.  
United Klans of America, Inc.,  
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.  
Americans for the Preservation of the White Race.

The pertinent individuals to first consider are the state officers of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. They are:

SAMUEL BOWERS, Laurel, Mississippi, Imperial Wizard  
JULIUS HARPER, Crystal Springs, Mississippi, Grand  
Dragon

BILLY BUCKLES, Roxie, Mississippi, Grand Giant  
A. C. HARRINGTON, Ruth, Mississippi, State Organizer  
ERNEST GILBERT, Brookhaven, Mississippi, Chief of  
the Klans' Bureau of Investigation (KBI)

PAUL FOSTER, Natchez, Mississippi, State Chaplain  
ACE WEATHERS, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Contact  
Leader for the County and Secretary

Informant coverage will be supplemented by technical installations where practical. Specifically, it has been learned through an informant that a klan group holds meetings in a building especially built for this purpose in Copiah County. These meetings are held on a weekly basis. The building is in a rural area several miles from the nearest town and has access by only one road. During meetings guards are placed at strategic points outside the building to insure complete privacy. An appropriate survey is being made to determine the feasibility of a technical installation in this building. The Bureau will be advised by separate communication regarding this. Other logical points are being determined for this type of coverage.

#### COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

1. Liaison is established with the governor's office to bring pressure to bear on local officials, such as mayors, chiefs of police, sheriffs, etc., to solve recent bombings, church burnings, and other acts of violence.

EXAMPLE:

Jackson teletype to the Bureau dated 10-11-64 captioned UNSUBS; EXPLOSION ON LAWN OF RESIDENCE OF ~~MAYOR JOHN NOSSER, NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI~~, 9-25-64, stated that an Investigator of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP) advised he was instructed by ~~Governor PAUL B. JOHNSON~~ to inform ~~Adams County Sheriff ODELL ANDERS~~ that the governor was seriously considering sending the National Guard into ~~Adams~~ Adams County to close down all gambling and liquor activity in the county. Sheriff ~~ANDERS~~ advised he is in the process of contacting all gambling and liquor establishments in Adams County to inform operators that if pertinent information regarding ~~Natchez~~ bombings are not in his possession by October 15 he will close all such establishments on October 16.

The Jackson Office will, in each instant that presents itself in other localities and counties, arrange for similar action and follow through on each.

2. Repeated contacts and constant interviews of known and suspected klan members are being conducted each Saturday. This has been done since July, 1964, and is being continued. This has a three fold purpose. It lets the klansmen know the FBI is interested and will be around. It also enables FBI to know ~~their~~ whereabouts on that day, become better acquainted with their habits and gain more background information regarding the person being interviewed. In several instances during such interviews it has been possible to convert certain klansmen into informants. During interviews of klansmen who are completely unco-operative and who want to know how we got their name and why they are being interviewed we can flip through the cards and pick out a name of another klansman who is completely unco-operative. This is a disruptive tactic which can breed suspicion among themselves.

3. Consideration is being given to invite the State Police to make raids at known klan meetings. The local sheriff, of course, will not be invited to participate since they are most likely in on the klan meetings. MHSF Investigators at McComb have indicated they seemed interested in this sort of thing and it is believed this will have the backing of the governor since he has indicated such to them. This type of thing, of course, will be used at places where technical installations are not feasible or productive.

4. Will participate with the governor in press releases on the arrests of klansmen when appropriate. This has been done in the recent arrests in McComb, Mississippi, in connection with recent bombings in that area.

5. Information has been developed through an informant that a faction of the klan is interested in putting another man in office rather than the present person. More information is being obtained on this so as to exploit all possibilities and create dissention among the leaders, and by doing so the opportunity may present itself to have the informant put in a high office.

The above is some of the potential counterintelligence action contemplated by this office. It is being studied on a day to day basis. The Bureau will be furnished with complete details on all the above plans as the opportunities are made and present themselves, prior to any specific action being taken by this office.

#### ACTION GROUPS

Recent actions of violence in McComb, Mississippi, were for the most part believed to be carried out by an "action group". As a result of an intensive investigation and informant coverage, 11 men were arrested. One had a membership card in the Ku Klux Klan and another a card for membership in the "Americans for the Preservation of the White Race". Some



acts of violence such as bombings are, according to informants, planned with great secrecy by small groups who may lead to determine which ones do the job. Often criminal elements, or others not officially under klan orders, pretend to represent the klan as a cover for acts of violence.

Recommendations for specific counterintelligence action will be submitted by separate communications and the status letter required will be submitted beginning 1-1-65.

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/12/64

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY  
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

ReBulet 9/2/64 to Atlanta and other offices.

It is noted this letter lists as one of the target organizations, as No. 7 on page 2, the Independent Klavern, Fountain Inn, S. C. Since this organization is no longer active or in existence, it is suggested it be deleted from this list.

Since the major organization in Charlotte Division is the United Klans of America, Inc., of which Birmingham is origin, a copy of this letter is being designated to Birmingham for information.

The following represents the consensus of Charlotte Agents familiar with Klan activity:

1. Disruptive activity should not be undertaken at a particular Klavern; as a general rule, unless there is sufficient well established informant coverage to be able to tell the effect of the action when instituted. Such action would probably serve to "tighten up" the organization and make it more difficult to get an informant in thereafter.
2. It is considered doubtful that newspaper publicity, of only a generally unfavorable nature against the Klan organization, is effective in reducing new applicants or causing any large number of present members to drop out. The "Charlotte Observer," which has wide distribution throughout North and South Carolina, published in August and September, 1964, a series of articles, copies of which were sent the Bureau by Charlotte letter of 9/15/64. These articles ridiculed the United Klans

of America, Inc., in North Carolina, and published both photos and names of a number of members. So far as has been learned from informants, this had very little adverse effect upon the organization. It was alleged that two to five members were discharged from their jobs, or warned about continuing membership, but the identities of these alleged persons is not known. ~~North Carolina Grand Dragon JAMES R. JONES~~ has stated, both publicly and privately to informants, that this publicity was very valuable to the growth of the organization. One informant reported that the day after the articles published his name as a local leader, three persons contacted him and applied for membership, stating they had not previously known whom to contact.

It is considered that publicity of this type generally deters from joining only those persons who would not be interested in joining in the first place. It is believed that a large proportion of those persons who are potential members are seeking status and recognition, and publicity is no deterrent to them; it makes them feel important and members of an important group.

The major apparent effect of the series of newspaper articles referred to has been a tightening up of security, and refusal of leaders to allow newspaper photos of individual Klansmen to be taken at public rallies.

3. Disruptive activity, wherever possible, should be of a nature which does not expose the fact that the Bureau, or the "Federal Government", is behind the activity. It is believed that open action, to a large extent, can backfire and create resentment and sympathy. It must be remembered that Klan membership, in many sections, does not by any means carry the odium that alleged Communist membership or sympathy does in almost any section of society.

4. Along this same line, there is probably no point in trying disruptive activity, at least not at this stage, on a local Klan group which is small, inactive, and peaceful. Any such activity which is not completely discreet and concealed would likely have the effect of stirring it up.

5. By letter of 9/26/64, Charlotte furnished the Bureau a sample of a lapel pin which was adopted at the Imperial

Klonvocation of United Klans of America at Birmingham on 9/5-6/64. This is to be sold to members for \$2 each and there is apparently considerable demand for it. Since it is not apparent to the uninitiated that it has anything to do with "the Klan," it is expected that members will wear it openly as a secret recognition signal. If it does become widely adopted and worn, consideration should then be given to giving widespread publicity to the fact of what it represents. This should have the result of discouraging some persons who do not want their Klan membership publicly known.

6. It is considered that possibly the most effective way of discouraging membership, or causing existing members to withdraw, is to establish that someone in the organization is getting rich off it, or embezzling the proceeds. Charlotte is endeavoring to develop information along these lines, but nothing specific has yet been developed.

✓ 7. The following are suggested tactics that appear useful on a selected basis against individual Klansmen, particularly those whose employers might object to their Klan membership:

a. Anonymous letter or phone call to the employer telling of the Klan membership.

b. Enter on behalf of the member a subscription to the "Fiery Cross," United Klans of America publication, and have it mailed to his employment.

c. When a particular member is away from home at a Klavern meeting, have a female phone his home and indicate he was to meet her and is late. This might have the effect of making it difficult for him to get away from home at night thereafter. This should be limited to particular individuals who are considered potential ones to stir up trouble in a Klavern.

8. ~~ROBERT ECHOLS SCOGGINS~~, Aka., Charlotte file ~~105-991~~, Bureau file ~~157-1530~~, is South-Carolina Grand Dragon of United Klans of America. Charlotte reports by SA ~~JOHN ALDEN MURN~~, 1/31/64 and 3/27/64, show that he is receiving over \$300 per month from the Veterans Administration as a ~~100 per cent disabled veteran~~. At the same time he operates a plumbing business and is active in United Klans of America, making public speeches, etc. Charlotte furnished extra copies of those reports to the Bureau, with the suggestion furnishing them to VA be considered.

It is suggested consideration be given to asking the VA to re-evaluate his disability rating, in view of his employment and activities. It is believed this should be done on a SOG level, to reduce the possibility of ~~SCOGGINS~~ learning that such a suggestion came from the FBI.

9. "Action Groups." No particular such groups, given to violence, are known within Klan organizations in Charlotte territory. As the Bureau is aware, United Klans of America has instituted what it calls "Security Guards," who wear military type uniforms and have military ranks. These function at public rallies for the purpose of keeping order, watching for "spies," etc. It is expected that if violence is undertaken, these will probably be the ones to do it, but no such undertakings have been learned.

Specific individual recommendations for counter-intelligence action will be submitted by subsequent letters as developed.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/13/64

FROM : SAC, LITTLE ROCK

SUBJECT: COINTELPRO

ReBulet to Atlanta and Other Offices, 9/2/64.

Set out below are an analysis and recommendations under captioned program.

## NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY (NSRP)

The Arkansas branch of NSRP has been inactive in the State of Arkansas for the past year with the exception of placing on the Arkansas ballot candidates for President and Vice President of the United States. It is not recommended that any action be taken against this group at this time.

## ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS KLANS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (AAK)

The AAK in Arkansas is made up of three klaverns located at Little Rock, Texarkana, and Pine Bluff; and it has no affiliation with any national klan group. There are no "action" groups within any of these three klaverns. The three klaverns do not own or lease any property for meeting places. The four Little Rock members usually meet in the home of a member. The Texarkana Klavern has not held any klavern meetings as such in several months. The Pine Bluff Klavern meetings vary from residences to business places of klavern members.

State meetings are held at irregular intervals on an average of about once per month or less. There is no regular meeting place for the state meetings, which are held in various Arkansas towns including towns in which there are no klaverns. The state meetings are attended

by from one to five members of each of the three klaverns and are well covered by informants. The State Grand Dragon ~~BILL WILLIAMS~~ has continually cautioned members against violence and any type of illegal activities. None of the klaverns have engaged in violence.

## 1. LITTLE ROCK KLAVERN

Of the four members who attend weekly meetings ~~JOE J. FARMER~~, who is considered the head of this small group, draws a pension from the Federal Government and, according to informants, is afraid to engage in any illegal activity or to let his name be used in connection with the klan for fear of losing his pension. The two informants maintain the full confidence of the other two members. In recent months the klavern ran a series of small ads in a Little Rock daily newspaper in an effort to renew interest and gain new members. The klavern received a number of responses, but no action whatsoever has been taken by the klavern to take in any new members. The klavern has no organized activity other than the weekly meetings described by informants as being "bull sessions" with the principal topic being politics.

No recommendation for counterintelligence is being made concerning the Little Rock Klavern.

## 2. TEXARKANA KLAVERN

This klavern has not held any klavern meetings as such in several months, and it appears that the principal reason for the lack of meetings was the interview of members and leaders concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY. Klavern representatives regularly attend state meetings, one reason being that State Grand Dragon ~~BILL WILLIAMS~~, who officiates at state meetings, is a member of the Texarkana Klavern. Of the five or six members who from time to time attend state meetings, two are informants. On 10/1/64 ~~informant~~ advised that the Grand Dragon had stated that hereafter Texarkana Klavern members will meet with the Bivins - Kildare, Texas, Klavern of the AAK.

Grand Dragon WILLIAMS, according to informants, is active in politics in Bowie County, Texas, is a former member of the Board of Regents of ~~Texarkana Junior College, Texarkana, Texas~~, and in recent months has been selected for election to the Board of Regents of that college and defeated as a candidate for the City Council of ~~Texarkana, Texas~~. He cannot afford to become involved in any illegal activities because of his activities in legitimate enterprises. He has continually cautioned Texarkana Klavern members as well as members of other klaverns attending state meetings against any violence and/or illegal activities.

No recommendation is being made for counterintelligence against the Texarkana Klavern except as it is effected by a recommendation set out hereafter under the Pine Bluff Klavern.

### 3. PINE BLUFF KLAVERN

The Pine Bluff Klavern has a membership of approximately twenty to twenty-five. It meets once a week in different business locations of its members, and average weekly attendance is twelve. Among the twelve, one or two informants meet with them and furnish full coverage of their activities.

The klavern's main activity has been to discourage integration by legal means and to get members elected to school board positions. The klavern collected the funds and donated the money for the campaign expense of two of its members who ran for a position on the Pine Bluff School Board and the Dollarway School Board. These two members made a miserable showing and were defeated.

The Klavern was behind and organized the National Patriots League (NPL) to further its non-integration program publicly. The Exalted Cyclops, or president, of the Klavern is chairman of the NPL. The NPL actually is a front organization for the klavern. The main activity of the NPL was to organize a private country club, which is known as the Butran Country Club. The purpose of the



