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C. L. BENEFIELD, Grand Klaliff.

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Lakeland, Fla.  
November 24, 1963

On November 23, 1963, there was a public klan speaking and cross burning two miles east of Plant City on Highway 92.

This rally was sponsored by the Plant City unit of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan. There were about 350 present at this rally. There were about 50 robed klansmen at the meeting.

Those recognized were:

From Plant City

GARY HOGUE  
H. V. LUMLEY  
JACK BAKER  
DAN (RED) WOODS  
J. G. HAWKINS  
FNU POPE  
WAYNE HICKEY  
ALTON PULLIAM (Formerly of Tampa)  
MORRIS TAYLOR (Also)  
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JAMES SUTTON  
DEWEY HICKMAN  
JACK WATKINS  
JASON KERSEY (Grand Dragon)  
AL MASSEY  
FNU NOUCE (PHONETIC) Known as "The Crusader"  
J. L. HARRISON, of Palmetto, Fla.  
FNU O'PRY

The rally was opened with a prayer by O'PRY. There were three speakers and three crosses were burned.

The first to speak was O'PRY and he said the klan needed everyone to help with the fight to keep Negroes from mixing with the white children and mixing of all kinds. He told of chasing a Negro from a store near his home until he (O'PRY) was through buying his groceries. He challenged any preacher to face him and tell him it is God's will to integrate. O'PRY introduced FNU NOUCE as the next speaker.

NOUCE has spoken at several klan rallies and he said he understands the way the Southern people feel about mixing.

There was not much said about the death of JACK KENNEDY, but it was said the klan was not to run him down, but his stands on integration would be talked about.

JASON KERSEY told the group the United Florida Ku Klux Klan is a part of the real klans and is not an outlaw