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ADMINISTRATIVE

PD T-1 is PD 497-S who is a member of "Minutemen" and has number 9655 in the organization.

Reference Bureau airtel to Portland 2/20/64, paragraph three, instructed Portland to include pertinent information from the "Special Bulletin" and the 2/1/64 issue of "On Target" in a report. Portland is not aware of all the facets of the investigation relating to the "Minutemen" but felt that all of the material in "Special Bulletin" and that in "On Target," excepting the Reuther Memorandum was pertinent to this investigation and could not be summarized without losing some of the meaning. The Reuther Memorandum itself was summarized in an

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Synopsis:

Information from February, 1964, literature of "Minutemen" reported. "Special Bulletin" announces that the "Minutemen" organization is object of an intensive investigation by FBI and other Federal agencies. Members told that in view of gradual take-over of Government by communists they must resort to secrecy in all "Minutemen" activities and deny membership. "On Target" 2/1/64, monthly "Minutemen" publication, asserts that United States is rushing to a "socialist police state" and suggests that Christian Americans and conservatives may have to copy undemocratic communist methods if they hope for ultimate victory. "On Target" contains reprint of alleged secret "Reuther Memorandum" to ROBERT KENNEDY concerning size, activities, influence and menace of radical right in the United States. "On Target" relates "facts" about Marxist background and communist association of WALTER and VICTOR REUTHER.

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DETAILS:

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

On February 15, 1964, PD T-1 made available to the Portland Office of the FBI copies of two publications which he had received that date through the mails from "Minutemen, Post Office Box 68, Norborne, Missouri." These publications entitled "Special Bulletin" and "On Target" are quoted below.

"SPECIAL BULLETIN (undated)

"The Minutemen Organization is now the object of an intensive investigation. Apparently, this is part of the announced plan of the 'Warren Commission' to investigate 'possible connections between the radical right and the assassination of President Kennedy.'

"All real patriots will recognize that such an implication is without foundation. If Robert Kennedy had spent as much time investigating the communist-socialist movement as he did in worrying about the pro-American movement, then his brother would probably still be alive.

"This will not prevent the 'conspiracy' (through the use of the controlled news media) from trying to give the impression that the right-wing is somehow to blame for Kennedy's death.

"This is an extremely serious situation.

"Most of our members will already be familiar with the facts that Earl Warren has voted to favor the communists in almost every case involving this nation's internal security that has come before the Supreme Court since he has been a member of that body. Most, too, will be aware that when Earl Warren first heard of Kennedy's death that he immediately issued a statement blaming the assassination on 'right-wing fanatics.' In fact, this investigating committee was set up just three days after the communist newspaper, The Worker, made a suggestion to that effect. The Worker also suggested that Earl Warren be made the head of the committee exactly as occurred.

"Nicholas Katzenbach who was in charge of the Federal Marshals at Oxford, Mississippi has been named as chief investigator for the Warren Commission.