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HO 62-1802

AT PASADENA, TEXAS:

Will make current check of credit and arrest records concerning ROYCE KERBOW, JR., 3311 Thornwood, after which interview of KERBOW will be considered.

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:

1. Will interview HAROLD A. BOHNEBERG, 2606 Grammercy, for information concerning captioned organization.

2. Will conduct additional investigation to further identify ROBERT WAYNE DRENNAN, 5503 Gaston, and will thereafter consider interviewing DRENNAN.

3. Will conduct additional investigation to further identify JOHN L. OVERTON, 7916 Baltimore, and thereafter will consider interviewing OVERTON.

4. Will maintain contact with Confidential Informant HO T-2 and will report further contact or correspondence between this informant and the "MINUTEMEN."

DALLAS and SAN ANTONIO (INFORMATION):

Information copies of this report are being furnished to Dallas and San Antonio in view of overlapping investigation and past travel of individuals of possible interest to this investigation between those cities.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Houston has opened a new 170 case concerning SIG K. WARNER, identified as HO T-2 in this report, inasmuch as WARNER voluntarily offered to join the "MINUTEMEN" in order to develop information for the FBI, and it is hoped he can likewise be used in connection with an investigation of the United Klans of America, Inc.

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

File Number
Where Located

HO T-1
FORREST THOMPSON
Postmaster
Richmond, Missouri

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HO T-2
SIG K. WARNER
Racial Informant (Probationary)
(Under investigation)

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On October 30, 1964, Patrolman Investigator A. J. GEEFERT, Criminal Intelligence Division, Houston, Texas, Police Department, furnished the following information:

On October 29, 1964, Secretary of State DEAN RUSK was a guest at the Rice Hotel in Houston, Texas, while he was in Houston to make a speech before a local organization. ROYCE KERBOW, JR., and one JAMES MILTON PARROTT were stopped by police officers as they attempted to enter the suite occupied by Secretary RUSK. PARROTT stated at that time they were supporters of Senator BARRY GOLDWATER and did not like the administration in Washington, which they considered to be communist-controlled. Police officers determined that KERBOW had a large bladed knife in his pocket and this was taken from him. Neither KERBOW nor PARROTT was arrested but they were escorted from the hotel.

While the above incident was occurring, other officers of the Houston Police Department observed three other individuals in an automobile in front of the Houston Club Building where Secretary RUSK was scheduled to speak. These individuals claimed to be friends of KERBOW and PARROTT. They had in their possession various placards bearing such slogans as "Stop Sellout", "How About Castro", and "Traitor to Freedom."

GEEFERT reported all of the above individuals seemed to want to get arrested for some reason but none of them was arrested. GEEFERT learned that ROYCE KERBOW, JR., resided at 3311 Thornwood Street, Pasadena, Texas, and was employed as a gunsmith. KERBOW's father is a merchant seaman employed by the Marine Division of the Sinclair Oil Corporation.

GEEFERT stated his investigation disclosed ROYCE KERBOW, JR., was born March 27, 1945, at New York, New York, and came to Pasadena, Texas, in 1955. He failed to finish high school.

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GEEFERT also reported he had learned from a Houston gun shop that on January 29, 1964, KERBOW had traded that gun shop two .22 caliber pistols for a 20mm tank gun. KERBOW also attended a gun show at the Shamrock-Hilton Hotel in Houston in January, 1964, where he had a display of numerous guns.

On March 1, 1965, records of the Harris County Sheriff's Office were checked and no record identifiable with ROYCE KERBOW, JR., could be located. (It is noted Pasadena, Texas, is located in Harris County adjacent to Houston, Texas.)

On February 1, 1965, Confidential Informant HO T-2 reported he had recently received literature published by the "MINUTEMEN" in an envelope postmarked at Houston, Texas. This was a plain white envelope bearing no return address and informant's name and address appeared in handwriting. Informant said he has a reputation in the Houston area as being very conservative in his views, and he had recently written a letter published in one of the Houston newspapers which was critical of the present Government in Washington. Informant believed this literature may have been mailed to him by someone who read his letter.

HO T-2 stated upon reviewing the "MINUTEMEN" literature he was shocked to think anyone would send it to him, and after reading this literature he believed this organization to be very radical and a threat to the internal security of the country. He noted this literature invited inquiries to be sent to P. O. Box 68, Norborne, Missouri, and to 613 East Alton, Independence, Missouri. Informant stated from the general tenor of this literature it appeared this organization sought to act outside the laws of our Government in an effort to "protect us from ourselves."

On February 3, 1965, HO T-2 reported he had written to the "MINUTEMEN" at each of the above addresses in an effort to learn more about the organization.

On February 25, 1965, HO T-2 furnished the following information:

Informant exhibited an envelope and the enclosed material, which he had recently received from the "MINUTEMEN." The postmark on this envelope was partially illegible. The city where it was mailed appeared to be Lexington and the state appeared to be "Mo.", although informant noted the latter was not clearly legible.

The contents of this envelope were wrapped in a sheet of opaque paper containing a notice to the Postmaster or "Dead Letter Office," announcing the contents were