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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~157-9-8~~)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (~~157-281~~)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., NORTH CAROLINA)

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Re Charlotte airtel to the Bureau 8/17/67.

~~Redacted~~ advised on 8/21/67 that the state meeting of ~~Redacted~~ klansmen ~~Redacted~~ was held at Stokesdale, N.C., on 8/20/67, with 70 or 75 klansmen present. This was an organizational meeting and the majority of the time was spent with election of officers. The group did not decide on a name for their new organization ~~Redacted~~.

Most of the time was spent with the election of the following officers:

- Grand Dragon
- Klaliff
- Klokard

- Kludd
- Kligrapp

- Klabee

- Kladd
- Klarogo

- Kexter
- Klokan
- Knight Hawk

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~157-9-8~~)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (~~157-281~~) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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ReBuAirtel to Charlotte dated 8/21/67.

It appears it would be extremely unlikely that a new NIC letter can be approved and distributed in time to reach the delegates to the National Klönvocation at Tuscaloosa, Ala., 9/2-3/67.

Charlotte does not yet have the names of such delegates from all N. C. Units and it is known that some units have not yet selected delegates; they will do so during the current week. It will not be possible to send such a letter directly to the delegates themselves, even if Charlotte should learn of their identities, because this is information that would not logically be available on such short notice to the officials of NIC.

The mailing list available to Charlotte, to which past NIC letters have been sent, comprises leaders of local units, and in some cases just the Post Office Box of the units. For such a letter to come to the attention of the members, including the delegates, it must be mailed in time for the Secretary or other official to receive the letter, and bring it up at the next meeting of the Klavern. Most such meetings are held in the early part of the week, and anything received in their local mail later than August 28 will most probably not come to their attention before the delegates leave on September 1 for the Tuscaloosa National Klönvocation.

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- 2 - Charlotte (~~157-281~~)

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C. C. [Signature]
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Special Agent in Charge

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After approval, a NIC letter has to be prepared in Charlotte, sent in bulk to Atlanta, and remailed from there. This mailing process will consume approximately three more days, particularly in reaching some of the smaller communities in Eastern North Carolina.

Reference is made to Charlotte airtel of 8/21/67, advising of the formation by _____ and Klansmen loyal to him of a new Klan organization in North Carolina. This informant, with the assistance of the Agent handling him, has drawn up a letter to be sent to all North Carolina UKA units, announcing the resignation from UKA of _____ and the formation of the new group, under the name of Confederate Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and inviting UKA members to join it. This letter, a copy of which is enclosed, includes attacks against J. R. JONES and the UKA for not electing officers at the August State Meeting.

It is considered most appropriate and timely that this letter from _____ go out at this time. Since it includes attacks on UKA which are essentially the same as could be included in a letter from NTC, it is not believed desirable that a NIC letter be sent at this time, even if it were possible to get the latter letter out in time.

It is pointed out that the letter from _____ can be prepared, addressed, and mailed from Greensboro by the end of this week, and thus be available to the membership, including delegates to the National Klonvocation, before they leave for that meeting.

The Bureau is requested to furnish as soon as possible authorization for mailing of the enclosed letter and its enclosure.

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Robert M. Shelton
Imperial Wizard
United Klans of America, Inc.
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

J. Robert Jones
Grand Dragon for North Carolina
United Klans of America, Inc.
Granite Quarry, North Carolina

Sirs:

I am submitting herewith my resignation from United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan effective August 21, 1967. I have taken this action after much prayerful consideration. I had waited to see what action, if any, might occur at the State Meeting of UKA at Salisbury, North Carolina. As I had predicted, no election was held and again the wishes of the rank and file Klansmen were ignored.

Therefore, I also relinquish my position of Imperial Chaplain, Titan of Province Six, Chaplain of the Security Guard, Lieutenant Colonel of the Security Guard, and member of KIA (Intelligence Agency).

I have devoted many years of faithful service to the Klan and it is with the greatest reluctance that I submit my resignation in order to assist in every way the organization of a new, honest, democratic Klan whose organizational plans are now well under way.

Very truly yours,

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Esteemed Klansmen:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter that I directed to Imperial Wizard Robert M. Shelton, United Klans of America, Inc., and J. Robert Jones, Grand Dragon for North Carolina. In this letter I reluctantly submitted my resignation from UKA. I had refrained from taking this action until after the State Meeting of UKA was held at Salisbury on August 6, 1967. I had hoped that at that meeting some action might have been taken to enable you Klansmen to express your displeasure at the leadership of J. R. Jones. But again, as I had warned you in my previous letters, that opportunity was not given you.

After you had been told that elections for Grand Dragon and other State Officers would be held in August, 1967, the Imperial Wizard, conspiring with Mr. Jones, notified you just the week before the state meeting, that no election would be held until February. How much longer are you good Klansmen going to wait? When February comes you will again be notified that elections are postponed, just wait and see. Will the National Klouevation in Tuscaloosa be the same kind of whitewash?

But you don't have to wait to affiliate with an honest Klan organization. Those Klansmen loyal to me held a state meeting at Stokesdale, North Carolina, on August 20, 1967. Representatives from Guilford County, Winston-Salem, Burlington, Ormondsville, and Greenville, and other parts of the state were present. We set up a new Klan organization -- Confederate Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. I was elected Grand Dragon and I will be glad to furnish the names of all the other elected officers to those of you who are interested. Contact me at Post Office Box 6, Greensboro, North Carolina. These officers are elected for a 60-day period, subject to confirmation when the organizational plans are completed.

Those of you who wish to affiliate with a democratic, honest Klan organization where your wishes are given every consideration and your right to express yourself guaranteed, join with us in Confederate Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Any man who has paid his initiation fee into any Klan organization will be welcomed into our organization without payment of any other initiation fee. Come to our next statewide organizational meeting which will be held in 60 days.

Yours for a greater Klan!

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Temporary Grand Dragon

Memorandum

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bishop

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- Trotter _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Holmes _____
- Gandy _____

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: August 24, 1967

C. D. Brennan *CBH*

- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
 INTERNAL SECURITY
 DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
 (UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
 NORTH CAROLINA)

O.D. [Signature]
Director

PURPOSE:

To obtain approval for the mailing of a letter from a top-level Charlotte informant; to all klan units in North Carolina announcing his resignation from the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA), and the formation of a new group under the name of the Confederate Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, as well as urging these klansmen to leave the United Klans and join this new organization.

BACKGROUND:

We have been conducting a hard-hitting aggressive counterintelligence program against the UKA in the State of North Carolina. This particular group was chosen as the focal point of our attack because North Carolina has the largest concentration of klansmen in the United States. It is believed that if a death-dealing blow can be dealt to the UKA in North Carolina, the entire Klan organization in the United States will collapse.

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a former Imperial officer of the UKA has been utilized extensively to cause dissension in Klan ranks. He has been publicly criticizing J. R. Jones, the Grand Dragon in North Carolina, as well as Robert Shelton, the Imperial Wizard of the UKA. This power struggle has created tremendous dissension within Klan ranks. The informant was ousted from his position as by Shelton; however, he continued to appeal to loyal members of the United Klans to right the wrongs being perpetrated on the Klan by Shelton and Jones.

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The letter that the Charlotte Division ~~will~~ ^{has} app 955 that the informant mail to all klan units encloses a copy of a letter he will send to Shelton submitting his resignation from the UKA. He points out that he submitted his resignation reluctantly since he now realizes that the Klan leaders

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
Re: Counterintelligence Program

will allow no action to be taken to enable klansmen to express their displeasure with the leadership of Jones. He encourages klansmen to wait no longer for the Imperial Wizard or Grand Dragon Jones, but to leave the UKA and to affiliate with him in an honest Klan organization known as the Confederate Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

The Charlotte Division believes that the mailing of the above letter would be most appropriate and timely since it includes attacks on the UKA and can be delivered to the Klan delegates who will be attending the National Klonvocation of the United Klans during September 2 and 3, 1967. The purpose of this Klonvocation (convention) is for the election of Imperial Klan officers. Some of the delegates may wish to bring up for discussion the points set out in our informant's letter. If this does occur, it will continue the dissension in Klan ranks. In the event the informant is successful in obtaining a sizable following in his new organization, we will be able to control the activities of the organization through our informant and at the appropriate time, disband the organization.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached airtel to Charlotte be approved authorizing ~~the mailing of the letter by our informant.~~

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
- ~~1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan~~

To: SAC, Charlotte (157-281)

From: Director, FBI (157-9-8) ^{REC 30} /26

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
 INTERNAL SECURITY
 DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
 (UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
 NORTH CAROLINA)

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Reurairtel dated 8/22/67.

Authority is granted for the ~~mailing of~~ the letter proposed in referenced airtel.

Insure Bureau interests are protected and that full security is given to this operation. ~~The letter prepared by the informant~~ should not contain any identifying data which may connect it with the Bureau.

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

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NOTE:

See memorandum C. D. Brennan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 8/24/67 captioned as above, prepared by JGD:dsm.

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DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., NORTH CAROLINA)

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Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau dated 8/22/67, and Bureau airtel to Charlotte dated 8/25/67.

Referenced Charlotte airtel recommended bureau approval for ~~a letter to be mailed over the signature of~~ Rev. GEORGE F. DORSETT to be mailed to klan units in North Carolina announcing his resignation from the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), in which letter was to be enclosed copies of DORSETT's resignation letter to Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON and N. C. Grand Dragon J. ROBERT JONES.

Copies of these letters were forwarded to the Bureau in referenced Charlotte communication and by referenced Bureau communication, approval was granted for the forwarding of such letters.

The letter, as approved by the Bureau, was prepared and forwarded over ~~DORSETT'S signature and mailed out on~~ 8/29/67. Charlotte is remaining alert for any appropriate follow-up counterintelligence action and is being alert to observe any tangible results from the ~~mailing of this letter~~. As of this time, sufficient number of informants have not obtained information concerning the ~~letters received upon~~ which any evaluation can be made at the present time.

C. C. Bishop

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The Bureau will be advised of any tangible results and recommendations will be made for any appropriate follow-up counterintelligence action that appears feasible.

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FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (~~157-281~~) (P)

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
RM (KLAN)

As the Bureau has been previously advised, on 8/20/67 ~~was elected Grand Dragon~~ of the Confederate Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (CKKKK), a new Klan organization organized that date. By way of background, on 4/1/67, ~~GEORGE DORSETT, GLYDE WEBSTER and JAMES W. COLE~~ were banished from UKA. Immediately thereafter, several klaverns of UKA pledged support of DORSETT and returned their charters to UKA. DORSETT, during the intervening period, has resisted efforts on the part of the dissident members and klaverns to form a separate organization. It was the desire of this office that ~~continue to capitalize on the dissention between DORSETT and J. R. JONES, Grand Dragon of UKA in N. C., without having to form a separate organization. However, those former UKA members who followed DORSETT were adamant in their intentions to form another organization, and in order to put the Bureau in the best position possible became Grand Dragon of this new group.~~

At the present time, there are four men's klaverns and two women's auxiliaries in CKKKK, all former units of UKA. The total estimated membership of these six units is 250. There are ~~five~~ informants in these six units, who provide adequate coverage at the present time.

has been emphatically instructed that his personal efforts and those of the CKKKK are to be directed

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- 6 - Charlotte (~~2-157-281~~) (1 - ~~157-5283~~) (1 - ~~157-230~~) (1 - ~~170-6A~~) (1 - ~~170-90A~~)

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toward disruption of UKA and that recruiting should be limited to present membership of UKA rather than efforts being made to recruit new Klan members. Several former UKA members who had dropped out previously have become reactivated in CKKKK; however, [redacted] has been instructed to discourage and prevent this from occurring on a large scale.

It is believed that through the formation of a separate Klan organization it will be possible to continue attacks on J. R. JONES individually and on UKA policies. It is believed that CKKKK can be used as an effective counterintelligence measure against UKA. It is the intention of this office to do so.

[redacted] has advised that in its formative stages there will be expenses incurred by CKKKK, such as printing of Klorans, membership cards, securing of a post office box, preparation of miscellaneous literature, etc. While it would appear undesirable for this office to pay all of the expenses incurred by [redacted] in setting up this new organization, it appears desirable that at least a portion of the expenses be borne by the Bureau because of the counterintelligence value of the organization. If the Bureau approves, certain expenses incurred by [redacted] in connection with the launching of this new Klan group will be paid by the Charlotte Office.

The Bureau will be kept advised of developments with regard to the new Klan group and to the counterintelligence potential.

In addition to the above, the following counterintelligence measure is being considered:

As the Bureau has been advised previously, [redacted] has been instrumental in holding a series of meetings attended by certain elected state officers of UKA and Titans. These meetings were held prior to the National Klonvocation, which was held on 9/2-3/67 at Tuscaloosa, Ala. J. R. JONES became aware of these meetings, their purpose and the names of those who were present. The purpose of the meetings was to discuss ways and means of removing JONES as Grand Dragon and bringing about changes in the administration of UKA in North Carolina.

To date, the meetings have resulted in no benefits insofar as the Bureau is concerned. However, they have produced discontent among the leaders of UKA in North Carolina and have formed the basis for future action.

As a result of personal indiscretion, HENRY REYNOLDS, Grand Klexter, has been removed from his state office. REYNOLDS was one of those in attendance at this series of meetings by dissident members. feels that J. R. JONES will take every opportunity to remove from office or banish the others who were in attendance at these meetings. These meetings have been attended by and

On 9/6/67, indicated that he felt it would be most effective if he publicly denounced J. R. JONES and the Klan prior to the time JONES could bring charges against him and have him banished. He felt he would receive considerable support from other state leaders and from many of the rank and file members. However, before taking such action, he desired to discuss this matter with his boss at Southern Foods, Inc., Greensboro, N. C.

On 9/9/67, advised he had discussed this matter with his boss, who was very much opposed to informant taking this action. In the fall of 1965 and Spring of 1966 received considerable publicity when he appeared before HCUA and was subsequently indicted for contempt of Congress. This publicity resulted in loss of business for the informant and for the company he represents. The company feels that publicity such as that suggested by the informant would further hurt business for the company.

In view of this, feels that in good conscience he cannot take the action he desired to take in publicly criticizing JONES and the UKA. He has advised he will remain in the UKA but will continue to agitate against the administration of J. R. JONES and will continue to attempt to disrupt the Klan.

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