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Master Sergeant GEORGE T. SIMS, ASN RA-34007527, presently attached to the 4219th Reception Center, Fort Lewis, Washington, and a recent returnee from Korea, advised that he was presently home at Sims, Florida, on leave for the Christmas holidays and that he had arrived during the week of December 17 and was staying with his brother, ARNOLD SIMS, whose home is located about 600 yards south and west of the MOORE residence. SIMS advised that during the afternoon of December 25, Christmas Day, MOORE, his wife, his daughter, his mother and others of the SIMS family and a couple of friends, had eaten Christmas dinner during the early evening at the home of ARNOLD SIMS. Sergeant SIMS said that he did not recall the exact time that MOORE and his family left his brother's home, but he believed it was sometime around 9 P.M. and that MOORE had taken his family in his, MOORE's car and driven off toward his own home.

Sergeant SIMS said that he had retired at approximately 10 P.M. and was asleep when the blast occurred and despite the fact the blast shook the area for a distance of some three and a half to four miles away, he was not awakened by the blast but was awakened by his wife, MABEL B. SIMS, who told him that something had apparently happened at MAXIE's and that she heard someone over in the direction of MOORE's house screaming for GEORGE and ARNOLD.

Sergeant SIMS said that he hurriedly dressed as did his brother ARNOLD and they got into their car and drove to the front of the MOORE home. They said that enroute they saw nothing suspicious, heard no noise, did not see any automobiles and were completely baffled as to what had actually happened. Sergeant SIMS said that upon his arrival he immediately noted that some sort of explosion had taken place and had blasted the front porch to bits; had blown the front windows out and apparently wrecked the complete household. He said that he went into the front door of the house which had been completely blown away by the blast and was met by ARMA R. MOORE, daughter of the victim, who was screaming and crying that something was wrong with her father. He said that he went to the door of the victim's bedroom and was unable to see completely what the entire scene looked like because the only available light was in the dining room, quite a distance removed, but that he could see that the bedroom was in complete shambles, the flooring having been completely blasted away and the spring and mattress of the bed of the victim were lying at an angle, with portions of the spring touching on the ground.

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Sergeant SIMS said that between him and his brother ARNOLD they were able to extricate MOORE and his wife from the wreckage and that they placed MOORE and his wife in ARNOLD's car, a Plymouth sedan, and drove immediately to ARNOLD's residence where they changed cars to Sergeant SIMS Buick sedan and they thereafter proceeded to the hospital at Sanford, Florida. Accompanying Sergeant SIMS and his brother ARNOLD on the trip to the hospital with the victims was HARRY's mother, ROSA, and the respective wives of GEORGE and ARNOLD. Upon arrival at the hospital some 35 minutes later GEORGE said that he obtained a stretcher from the only attendant on duty at the hospital, a nurse, and removed the victim HARRY to the emergency room. The nurse was instructed to call a physician as none was in attendance at the hospital and a Dr. STARK was called.

Sergeant SIMS said that after waiting a reasonable time he felt that possibly he might be able to hurry the Doctor along if he made a personal visit to his home and he started out to the Doctor's house and upon arrival found the Doctor had already left for the hospital.

Sergeant SIMS said when he returned to the hospital he found the Doctor standing in the emergency room shaking his head, indicating that HARRY was dead. No definite information concerning the cause of the death was obtained, however, the Sergeant indicated that the Doctor mentioned something about cerebral hemorrhage, internal hemorrhages and shock.

Sergeant SIMS said that there was very little conversation between any of the individuals in the car en route to the hospital and nothing of any significance insofar as indicating or identifying any possible individuals believed responsible for this crime. Sergeant SIMS said that by virtue of the fact he had been away from Miss for several years he was not at all acquainted with the activities of the victim and his wife, however, he believed that HARRIETT MOORE was teaching school at Lake Park, Florida. He also said that he understood that HARRY, the victim, had been actively engaged in work in the State of Florida for the Progressive Voters League and was a Secretary in the N.A.A.C.P.

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Mrs. HARRIETT MOORE was interviewed at the Sanford Memorial Hospital on December 26, 1951 by Special Agents CLYDE P. ADERHOLD and ROBERT F. HARTMANN. Mrs. MOORE advised that she and her husband had owned a home at Mims, Florida for the last twenty years but that since 1948 they had been living at Riviera, Florida. She explained that she was a school teacher and that she has been teaching school at Lake Park, Florida.

She stated further that since 1948 she and her husband spent all holidays at their home in Mims, Florida and that no one else had lived in the house. She stated that at Riviera she had rented rooms from LAURA WALKER on Jackson Street. There is no house number for this residence.

Mrs. MOORE advised that her husband worked for the NAACP and that he traveled a large part of the time and was only at Riviera on infrequent occasions. She said she never knew where he was going when he left home or when he would return. He never discussed his work with her but she knew that he had spent quite a bit of time working on the Groveland, Florida Rape Case.

According to Mrs. MOORE her husband had distributed pamphlets concerning this rape case until the United States Supreme Court reversed the decision of the State Court in August, 1951. She said that since that time he had been writing articles for newspapers and magazines.

Mrs. MOORE recalled that during the latter part of 1950 her husband had been active in trying to get County officials to let the negroes in Brevard County register as Democrats. She said her husband had written to the Florida State Attorney General and that the Attorney General had instructed the Brevard County authorities to allow the negroes to register as Democrats.

According to Mrs. MOORE, DAMON HUTZLER, Superintendent of Public Instruction at Titusville, Florida, told her husband at that time that he was taking this thing too far and that he had better watch out or else he would get into serious trouble. She explained that these were not the exact words of HUTZLER but words to that effect.

Mrs. MOORE said that on their recent trip to Mims, Florida for the Christmas holidays, she and her husband had left Riviera, Florida at approximately 3:30 P.M. on December 18, 1951 and that they arrived at Mims approximately 11 P.M. on the same date. Since that time she and her husband have been in the business section of Mims very frequently and she stated that most

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everyone in town knew that they had returned to their home for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. MOORE stated she had no definite suspects in mind that might have bombed their home but she suggested that all the Lake County officials be investigated. She explained that in 1949 when her husband was investigating the Groveland rape case, Sheriff WILLIS MCCALL had called her husband a liar. To the best of her memory no other Lake County officials had ever said anything to her husband.

The interview with Mrs. MOORE was terminated at this point at the request of hospital officials who advised that she was not in good enough physical condition to talk any longer.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents FRANK E. MESSCH and ROBERT E. SUNKEL on January 7, 1952, at Mims, Florida.

BASIS: To determine from Master Sergeant GEORGE SIMS his activity immediately following the bombing of victims' home and his activities immediately following his trip to the Sanford Memorial Hospital with the victims. Also to determine his activities since his arrival in Mims on Thursday December 20, 1951, from his post of duty from Ft. Lewis, Washington and to obtain his permission to search his automobile and home for any evidence of high explosive material which might have been used in instant bombing. To determine whether victims HARRY T. MOORE and HARLETT MOORE had any life insurance policies and if so with what companies, what beneficiaries and in what amount.

On interview GEORGE SIMS stated that he has been in the United States Army since January 20, 1941 and that he has been home on infrequent occasions. During the course of his work in the Army he has gained a "common working knowledge of explosives". He recalled that during October, 1947, he attended Infantry School where he was taught something about explosives. He has not however had any extensive training of combat use in explosives.

SIMS related he returned to the United States from Korea on the USNS General Buckner. At that time he and his wife were allowed to bring with them three pieces of baggage each. The remainder of his household effects and baggage followed him by transport and have just recently arrived in San Francisco where they are at the present time. SIMS noted that the baggage including his wife's was unlocked, opened and inspected by United States Customs Officials both in Yokohama and Seattle.

SIMS furnished the following itinerary of his activities since his arrival in Mims Thursday December 20, 1951:

12/20/51 Arrived between 2:30 and 3:00 PM. Upon arrival stopped at HARRY T. MOORE's house and visited there approximately 30 to 45 minutes. He then came on to the SIMS residence visiting there with his family for a short time. Immediately

thereafter he went to the County Court House in Titusville where he bought a hunting license because he desired to go hunting and fishing during his leave. While in Titusville he bought shot gun shells at Pritchard's hardware store. He stated his mother, sister-in-law, and wife went with him and they shopped in the A & P Grocery Store at Titusville. SIMS recalled he went into another hardware store where he bought more shot gun shells and a hunting cap. Thereafter the entire group returned home and spent the entire evening at home.

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SIMS stated he was unable to recall his exact activities of this date, but he thought it was a day of routine. He stated he thought he went to JOE AMSEN's house sometime during the day and that early in the morning either 8:00 AM or 9:00 AM he and his brother ARNOLD went up North of Mims to do some duck hunting. He stated after they had finished their hunting they came back and to the best of his recollection he took his mother down town to Titusville. On their way back they stopped at the MOYNT residence to tell them that they were going to Jacksonville on Saturday December 22, 1951, and invited the MOORE family to come along. The invitation was declined. Thereafter he stated he went home and went to bed. In this connection SIMS recalled receiving a letter from the Customs Department requesting additional copies of his orders in order to release his baggage.

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On this date, SIMS stated he, his wife, ARNOLD and his wife and his mother left at about 7:30 AM and went to Jacksonville, Florida where they visited his wife's family. SIMS stated he went in to the Customs Department where he furnished additional copies of his orders as requested in the above mentioned letter. The rest of the family did some shopping. SIMS stated they came back Saturday afternoon and he stayed around the house for the rest of the day.

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SIMS stated that to the best of his recollection he went nowhere. He recalled definitely that he did not go to church. He stated he was not sure but he might have taken a short ride up through and around Mims.

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12-24-51 SIMS stated he went hunting during the morning north of Sims. He returned home about noontime and he and his brother ARNOLD went fishing the entire afternoon. The evening was spent at home and that all retired early.

12-25-51 SIMS stated that during the morning he and his brother ARNOLD went fishing again until 11:00 AM or 12:00 noon. Thereafter they returned home and got cleaned up for Christmas Dinner. He stated he recalled asking at about 3:00 in the afternoon when dinner was ready and he was told it would be ready about 4:00 PM. He stated the dinner guests began arriving shortly before dinner was served. Those present were JOE WARREN and his wife, ELMER SILAS and his wife, ARNOLD SIMS and his wife, HARRY T. and HARRIETT MOORE, Mrs. MOORE, HARRY's mother and Mrs. SILAS's GEORGE's mother and ANNIE ROSALEA MOORE. As nearly as he could recall SIMS stated the SILAS's left at about 6:00 PM. Shortly thereafter JOE WARREN and his wife left. About 20 minutes after the WARRENS left HARRY T. and HARRIETT MOORE along with ANNIE ROSALEA left for home. GEORGE stated this was approximately 7:00 to 7:15 PM. SIMS recalled that after the MOORES had left he took his wife and mother for a drive down below Titusville for the purpose of looking at Christmas decorations. They returned by way of north Sims driving around that area and looking at more decorations and then returned home. SIMS stated he went to bed about 9:00 PM and recalled nothing further until his wife woke him up telling him that there had been an explosion and ANNIE ROSALEA was calling for ARNOLD and GEORGE. GEORGE stated he arose, opened a window and at that time heard ANNIE's cries for help. Thereafter he and ARNOLD dressed hurriedly and rushed over to the MOORE home where they found the wreckage.

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In response to inquiry, GEORGE advised that he was approximately 12 years of age when his sister HARRIETT was married. He said that when he was 26 years of age he left Mims and has spent the past 11 years in the Army returning only for short vacation visits. At no time since he has known HARRY has he had any difficulties with him whatsoever. He said he always held HARRY in the highest esteem. He emphatically denied that he had anything to do with the bombing and at this point invited the agents to search all of his possessions. He voluntarily showed the agents through his automobile and the SIMMS' home and the search on the part of the agents was with negative results. No evidence was found of any explosives whatsoever.

Concerning the life insurance of HARRY T. MOORE and HARRIETT MOORE, GEORGE stated he knew HARRY had a \$500 policy with the Afro-American Life Insurance Company and that HARRY'S mother was named beneficiary of this policy. He stated that JOCILLE DAUTRY, wife of WILLIAM DAUTRY and daughter of JOE WARREN is the agent for this company and that more detailed information could be obtained from her. GEORGE also recalled that a policy of the Lillie White Burial Fund was found in the effects at the home and that HARRIETT MOORE was named beneficiary. In this connection he stated that the amount of this policy was unknown to him. He also stated that the company, whose headquarters he believed were in Palatka, Florida refused to pay the burial claim because they stated the policy was not paid.

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up to date. According to GEORGE, the records found in MOORE's home indicated all of the payments were up to date. He also stated there might have been a policy, amount unknown with the Atlantic Life Insurance Company because HARRY T. MOORE was a former agent for the company. To date, however, no evidence of such a policy has been found. SLIS stated that HARRIETT MOORE had no insurance.

In connection with the investigation, SLIS advised that his youngest sister, Mrs. ANNA MAE MELANE of 32 Longdale, White Plains, New York has just arrived. GEORGE said that HARRIETT's sister had not heard from HARRIETT for sometime and had never in any letters received been advised of any trouble existing in connection with HARRY T. MOORE's activities.

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On Wednesday, December 19, 1951 at approximately 7:30 PM ANNIE ROSALEA MOORE arrived at Mims, Florida by bus from Ocala, Florida. She was met at the bus station by her mother, HARRIETT MOORE, who was driving the family automobile, a 1950 four-door navy blue Ford, 1951 license 6-14662. ANNIE ROSALEA and her mother left the bus station and drove out to the MOORE residence located in Mims, Florida. ANNIE ROSALEA was greeted by her father, HARRY T. MOORE, who was the only person at home at the MOORE residence at that time and who had not accompanied HARRIETT to the bus station to meet ANNIE ROSALEA.

HARRY and HARRIETT MOORE had already eaten dinner but they prepared a meal for ANNIE ROSALEA. After ANNIE ROSALEA had eaten her dinner, she, her father and mother, left the MOORE residence and went to Titusville, Florida where her father spoke to a colored man concerning some repairs to be done to the roof of the MOORE residence. ANNIE ROSALEA advised she does not know the colored man although she is of the opinion her mother is acquainted with him. ANNIE ROSALEA, her father and mother, after speaking to the colored man, thereafter returned to the MOORE residence and a short time after their return they all retired.

On Thursday, December 20, 1951 ANNIE ROSALEA, after having breakfast, drove the family automobile to the Post Office in Mims, Florida for mail, thereafter returning to the MOORE residence. Her father engaged himself working in the grove and spent sometime reading and writing in the MOORE home.

At approximately 3 P.M. GEORGE SIBB and his wife, HANDEL, cousins of ANNIE ROSALEA and nearby residents, came to the MOORE residence and after a short visit left. After dinner ANNIE ROSALEA and her mother, HARRIETT, left home in the family automobile and drove to Titusville to send a telegram to ANNIE ROSALEA's sister, JUANITA EVANGELINE MOORE in Washington, D.C. ANNIE ROSALEA and her mother left HARRY T. MOORE at the MOORE residence and at that time he was occupied reading and writing. Upon their return from sending the

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telegram he was still writing and a short time thereafter they all retired for the night.

On Friday, December 21, 1951 ANNIE ROSALEA, her mother HARRIETT, and her father HARRY T. MOORE, remained at the MOORE residence during the morning and early afternoon, where her father engaged in reading and writing.

At approximately 9:15 P.M. ANNIE ROSALEA and her parents drove over to the residence of JOE WARREN inasmuch as they were expecting a long distance telephone call from JUANITA EVANGELINE MOORE in Washington, D.C. at approximately 10 P.M. that night, plans having been made for the call to be made to the residence of JOE WARREN. When the MOORES arrived at the WARREN residence they were met by JOE WARREN and his wife, MAGNOLIA and the WARREN's daughter, KATRINA, age 18, along with GEORGE and MARCEL SIMS and ARNOLD and ERNESTINE SIMS. The expected telephone call from JUANITA EVANGELINE MOORE was not received.

While the persons present were awaiting the telephone call, GEORGE SIMS left and went to a church in Mims, Florida, where he met ANNIE SIMS and brought her to the WARREN residence. ANNIE SIMS is the maternal grandmother of ANNIE ROSALEA MOORE. At approximately 10:30 P.M. GEORGE and MARCEL SIMS, ARNOLD and ERNESTINE SIMS and ANNIE SIMS left the WARREN residence. HARRY T. MOORE also left at that time to go to the SIMS residence to get the telephone number of JUANITA EVANGELINE MOORE, ANNIE SIMS having stated she had the telephone number at the SIMS residence and would furnish it to MOORE.

Within a very short time MOORE returned to the WARREN residence with a telephone number but without the exchange number and therefore the MOORES were unable to endeavor to contact JUANITA EVANGELINE MOORE calling themselves from Mims, Florida. The MOORES remained at the WARREN residence until approximately 11 P.M. when they returned to their home.

On Saturday, December 22, 1951 ROSA ALBERTA MOORE, the mother of HARRY T. MOORE, arrived from Jacksonville, Florida in Mims, Florida and came to the MOORE residence in a taxicab. She arrived a short time before noon. ANNIE ROSALEA and her mother, HARRIETT, left the MOORE residence a short time after noon and went to Titusville in the MOORE family car to shop. Harry and his mother remained at the MOORE residence. ANNIE ROSALEA and her mother also went to the Post Office in Mims, Florida and at that time she received a number of Christmas cards addressed to members of the MOORE family. HARRY

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T. MOORE engaged himself during the day reading and writing and spending time in his orange groves.

Also during Saturday afternoon MOORE and JOE VILLEN went to Titusville, Florida to pick up a Frigidaire which had been shipped to MOORE. They brought the Frigidaire out to the MOORE residence in VILLEN's truck and MOORE and VILLEN then went for two more colored men to assist them in unloading the Frigidaire. GEORGE and ARNOLD SIMS also arrived and assisted in unloading the Frigidaire. The MOORE family remained at home that night and retired at approximately 10 o'clock.

On Sunday December 23, 1951 MOORE left his residence at approximately 11:30 A.M. to attend the St. James Missionary Baptist Church in Hims, Florida. ANNIE ROSALEE MOORE carried her father to the church in the MOORE family car and returned thereafter to the MOORE residence. At approximately 11:15 P.M. she returned to the St. James Missionary Baptist Church, picked up her father and together they went to Titusville to send another telegram to JUANITA EVANGELINE MOORE in Washington, D. C. While ANNIE ROSALEE was preparing the telegram in the telegraph office, her father walked over to the Post Office and mailed a letter and then returned to the family car where he was awaiting her after she had sent the telegram.

On Sunday afternoon and Sunday night the MOORE family remained at their residence and with the exception of a short visit from GEORGE and MARTIN SIMS, there was no other activity and they retired at approximately 9 P.M.

MOORE occupied himself during the afternoon and late evening writing and reading.

On Monday, December 24, 1951 ANNIE ROSALEE and her mother, HARRIETT, drove to Titusville to shop, then to Hims, Florida to get the mail. During the morning and afternoon HARRY MOORE was working in his grove banking trees.

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The MOORE family remained at home during the afternoon and retired as usual at approximately 9 P.M.

On Tuesday, December 25, 1951 ANNIE ROSALEE MOORE drove to Hims, Florida in the family car and picked up the mail. She and her mother then drove to Titusville to see if a drug store was open but not finding one open they returned home. The MOORE family remained at home until approximately

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4 P.M. when MOORE, his mother, his wife and daughter ANNIE ROSALEE, drove over to the SIMS residence to have Christmas dinner. GEORGE and MABEL SIMS, ARNOLD and ENEKSTINE SIMS, JOE WARREN and his wife MAGNOLL, were present along with KATHLEEN WARREN, daughter of JOE WARREN; CHERRY CREEK, ELEAN and LITTLE SIMS.

A short time before 4:20 P.M. ANNIE ROSALEE returned to the MOORE residence to obtain some whipped cream from the refrigerator. She unlocked the front door and walked straight through the hall, obtained the cream and walked back down the hall, locked the front door and returned to the SIMS residence. She did not notice anyone present around the house or anything suspicious.

At approximately 4:20 P.M. the group assembled at the SIMS residence and had their Christmas dinner. At approximately 7 P.M. the MOORE family returned to their residence in the family car. ANNIE ROSALEE did not get out of the automobile but immediately returned to the SIMS residence for the purpose of obtaining some comic books. She then returned home and sat down in the living room with her mother, father and grandmother.

She was seated on the settee and after a short time she fell asleep. She woke up after a short time and noticed that her mother and grandmother had gone to their bedrooms. She saw her father, who was still dressed, in the front bedroom where her parents sleep. She observed her father as he walked out of the bedroom into the living room and at that time ANNIE ROSALEE got up and went to her room. She saw her father as he turned out the lights in the living, dining room and kitchen and also as he returned to the front bedroom where he and his wife slept. She read for a short time and then turned out the lights in her room.

At the time she turned out the light in her room she noticed that the light in her parents' bedroom had also been turned off. She got into bed and just as she was falling off to sleep a terrific explosion occurred. She jumped up and started calling her mother and not receiving an answer she reached up and turned on the bedlamp, then she immediately got up and turned on the overhead light in the bedroom. During the time she was doing all this she was still calling for her mother. After she turned on the bedroom lights she began to call her grandmother who was sleeping in the next bedroom. The bedroom in which ANNIE ROSALEE slept was between the bedrooms of her parents and that of her grandmother.

A few moments after she called her grandmother, her grandmother

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answered and at that time she noticed that her grandmother had left her room and was entering ANNIE ROSALEE's room. ANNIE ROSALEE then left her bedroom and went into the dining room, turned on the kitchen light and went to the back door and began to shout the words "Help" and "GEORGE and ARNOLD". She was calling for her cousins GEORGE and ARNOLD SIMS who reside a short distance from the MOORE residence. She then came back to the living room, turned on the porch light and she and her grandmother began removing boards which had fallen on HARRIETT MOORE. ANNIE ROSALEE took off two boards and then rushed back to the back door of the house and again began to shout for GEORGE and ARNOLD SIMS.

She returned to the living room and a few moments afterwards GEORGE and ARNOLD SIMS drove up to the side of the house. ANNIE ROSALEE then went back to her bedroom to obtain some clothes, got her mother's suitcase and put on a house coat. By that time her parents, HARRY and HARRIETT, had been taken out to an automobile by GEORGE and ARNOLD SIMS. ANNIE ROSALEE and her grandmother then got into an automobile and left for the SIMS residence.

Upon arriving at the SIMS residence ANNIE ROSALEE got out of the car in which she was riding, entered the SIMS residence and helped dress her mother.

ANNIE ROSALEE, ARNOLD and ANNIE SIMS, along with CHERRY GREER, got in a Plymouth automobile at the SIMS residence and drove to the JOE WARREN residence. CHERRY GREER and ANNIE SIMS were left at the WARREN residence and thereafter ANNIE ROSALEE along with ARNOLD SIMS and JOE WARREN, drove to Titusville for the purpose of calling the Sheriff's Office. In Titusville they located a Highway Patrolman and JOE WARREN and ARNOLD SIMS spoke to the patrolman. The patrolman told them that the latter had already been reported to the Sheriff's Office and thereafter ANNIE ROSALEE, JOE WARREN and ARNOLD SIMS returned to the MOORE residence.

Upon arriving at the SIMS residence immediately following the explosion GEORGE SIMS removed HARRY MOORE and placed him in the back seat of ARNOLD's Buick sedan. MOORE's mother was also placed in the back seat of the car. SIMS then placed MOORE's wife, HARRIETT, in the front seat of the Buick and SIMS' wife LABEL, along with ERNESTINE SIMS got into the front seat of the Buick and drove immediately to the hospital in Sanford.

ANNIE ROSALEE stated that she is not acquainted with the activities of her father immediately preceding December 19, 1951. She stated that he

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did not have any visitors other than relatives and neighbors, whose names have previously been set forth. She also advised that her father did not discuss his work with the NAACP with her although she was fully aware of the fact he was very active in this regard. She said she does not recall that he made any statement indicating that he believed his life was in danger or that he had received any threats. She described his activities during the time immediately preceding his death as consisting principally of reading, writing and working in his orange groves.

She said she does not have any suspects or ideas as to the person responsible for her father's death. She pointed out that the explosion came as a complete surprise to her.