

RES/RIN:egh
MM 44-270

IV. INTERVIEW OF RESIDENTS OF COLORED QUARTERS, MIMS, FLORIDA

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents ROBERT E. SUNKEL and ROBERT T. NISCHWITZ on February 26, 27 and 28, 1952, at Mims, Florida.

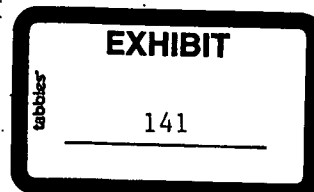
BASIS: Contact residents of all houses in colored quarters at Mims to obtain additional information of value to instant investigation.

Residents of all houses in the colored quarters were interviewed and asked if they had heard anything about the two white men who had appeared at BURNETT's store on May 17, 1951, inquiring for HARRY MOORE's residence. They were also asked if they had heard of anyone who had seen any automobiles or persons in the vicinity of the MOORE home just prior to the bombing. In addition to these specific questions, each person was asked generally whether he or she had any information of value to instant investigation. All were advised to contact the FBI immediately should any information come to their attention in the future.

In order to conduct this investigation a sketch map was made of the colored quarters and on it each house was placed in its relative position in the quarters. It should be noted only the main street designated as Church Street has a name. None of the houses has a number. For purposes of control these houses have been numbered on the map. This map is being maintained in the Miami file.

It should be noted that many of the individuals recontacted during the course of this investigation have been previously contacted and have furnished information in instant case which has been reported previously. These persons are designated by an asterisk after their names in the list appearing below.

Except for information previously received and reported, none of the individuals contacted were able to furnish any information of value to this investigation. Their names are being set forth in alphabetical order and opposite each name appears a number corresponding to the number of the house in which that person resides as reflected by the above mentioned sketch map.



RES/RTN: egh
 MI 44-270

GEORGE ABRAMS	80	WALTER GRANT *	71
WILLIE ALLEN	70	RALPH GRIMM	49
VIOLA BARKIN	15	LEBBI GUMSBY	113
LLOYD BARTON	131	LEVY GUYTON	110
JOHNNY BELL *	29	LEONARD L. HAMPTON	13
SAM BIRD *	115	WILLIE HARRIS	55
CHARLIE BLANE	17	IKE HATFIELD	4
ELIZABETH BLANE	2	IKE HATFIELD	63
EUGENE BLANE	88	E. K. HAYNES	69
LOUISE BLANE	88	OBIE HAZE	42
TEMPIE BLANE	17	JAMES HESTER *	20
HEZKIE BRITT	66	ELSKIEL HIGHSMITH	124
J. C. BRITT	121	JERRY JAMES	66
ROBERT BRITT	94	JOHN HENRY JAMES	79
ZEKE BRITT	65	WILLIE JAMES	41
CLEVE BROTHERS	37	WILLIE JAMES, JR.	117
FRED BROWN	98	CLINTON JEFFERSON	56
MRS. HOWARD T. BURNETT *	83	MERLAH JOHNSON	10
HOWARD T. BURNETT *	83	ROBERT JOHNSON	120
ISAAC GRANDALL	102	T. F. JOHNSON	68
MELVIN CLAIR	36	T. J. JOHNSON	67
ARTHUR CLARK	132	WILLIE JOHNSON	134
ROBERT COBBS	108	IRENE JORDEN	74
EFFEN COGER	52	CLARENCE KIDD	97
FLORENCE CUYLER *	77	ISAAC KINDELL	60
FRED CUYLER	27A	MAY KINDELL	60
PAUL CUYLER *	26	ALICE KIRKLAND	130
MATHEW DAUTRY	6	EUGENE LEE	133
COLUMBIA DONNLEY	2	GEORGE LEE	82
ARTHUR FIELDS	12	JOHN HENRY LEE *	82
OSCAR FULLER	129	SHELLY LEWIS	66
CURTIS GILBERT	92	WILL LEWIS	117
LUCILLE GILBERT	92	EUGEN LOWE	46
EZEKA GRANT, JR.	99	JIMMY MALOY	96
JACOB GRANT	107	ERVIN MARTINO	38
JAMES GRANT	128	LUCIUS MARTINO *	34
LOTTIE MAE GRANT	116	MASONIC LODGE	84
MINNIE GRANT	49	REV. FRED MASSEY *	78
ROBERT GRANT	106	M. C. McCLENDON	100
TOM GRANT	50	ALICE McCLOUD	125

RES/RIN:egh
MI 44-270

56

GEORGE McCLOUD 125
ADEL MCKENZIE * 90
ARTHUR MCKENZIE, SR. 89
ARTHUR MCKENZIE, JR. * 89
CHESTER MCKENZIE * 90
SUSAN McRAE 16
JOE MEAS 48
COLEMAN MITCHELL 64
JAMES MITCHELL 64
REV. JOHN M. MITCHELL * 64
MANZEL MITCHELL * 73
ROBERT MITCHELL * 33
WILLIAM MOODY 51
CHARLES MOSLEY 45
JESSIE B. MOSLEY 47
VIOLA NEAL 77
WILLIE NICHOLS 115

GENEVA PETERS 85A
DOUGLAS PETERS 123
RUNETT PIERCE 109
EDDIE PIPKIN 10A
ELNORA PLUMBER 2
SKELLY POSEY 37
PETER PRIMER 40
ELLA MAE RAINS 86
MAYO RAINS 86
ALEX REED * 44
NATHANIEL ROACH 110
RUSSELL ROBINSON 95
WILLIE ROBINSON 6
WILBUR P. RODWELL 53
SAM ROSS 5
GERALDINE ROZIER 60
EUGENE SAWYER 103
PAT SAWYER 112
WILL SAWYER 103
EUGENE SEIGLER 32
F. S. SEIGLER 102
F. S. SEIGLER, JR. 102
JENNIE SEIGLER 31
LEE SEIGLER 43
HAZEL SHELTON * 126
EARNEST SILBY 11
RANDOLF SLOAN 18
JULE SMITH 127
LONNIE SMITH 122

H. J. STRICKLAND 27
ROBERT TAYLOR 96
RUBY LEE TAYLOR 87
JAMES THOMAS 108
MARIE THOMAS * 114
HERMAN TRAVIS 59
MERITA TRAVIS * 77
REBECCA TRAVIS 60
GRANDALL JEFFERSON WARREN* 22
JOE WARREN * 23
O. K. WASHINGTON * 91
CICERO WEST 1
H. C. WEST 35
CAP WILLIAMS 118
FLORA WILLIAMS 130
JOHN T. WOODS 30
REUBEN (PRETTY) WOOTEN 115

Juke Joint

JACK WINN 39
CHURCH 54
CHURCH 73A
CHURCH 75
CHURCH 85
STORE (HERMAN TRAVIS) 58
STORE (WALTER GRANT) 72
STORE 73
STORE 81
STORE (HOWARD T. BURNETT) 83
WOOTEN'S JUKE JOINT 115
VACANT 3
VACANT 8
VACANT 9
VACANT 14
VACANT 19
VACANT 21
VACANT 24
VACANT 25
VACANT 28
VACANT 61
VACANT 62
VACANT 76
VACANT 93
VACANT 104
VACANT 105
VACANT 111
VACANT 119
T. J. SMITH 134

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Memorandum

DATE: 1/7/80

TO : SAC, TAMPA (44-2708) (P)

FROM : SUPERVISOR #4

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; KILLING OF MR.
AND MRS. HARRY T. MOORE,
MIMS, FLORIDA, 1951
CRA
(OO: TAMPA)

On 1/7/80, at the request of USA Gary Betz, a meeting was held in Mr. Betz' Office, at which were present USA Betz, SAC Philip A. McNiff, Brevard County State Attorney Douglas Cheshire, State Attorney Investigator "Buzz" Patterson, and Supervisor Robert H. Dwyer.

Mr. Cheshire advised that for some time now his investigator, Mr. Patterson, has been investigating captioned matter. Patterson has been talking with an individual who is quite ill but who was a member of the Klan at the time of captioned double murder, and who has identified the two individuals who placed the bomb. Both were members of the Klan and died a relatively short time thereafter. One of the two individuals committed suicide. Mr. Cheshire stated that the individual has not admitted any complicity on his own part in the crime.

Cheshire said that some time ago, through arrangements with the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, Mr. Patterson was allowed to review FBI files in this matter at the Justice Department. He was not furnished the identity of any informants in this case although from the T symbols in the file, it appeared that the FBI had a number of informants who were contacted during an extensive investigation. He is concerned that his source of information might have been an FBI informant; however, at this time he does not wish to furnish his source's identity so that it could in fact be checked.

② - Tampa
RHD:rab
(2)



rab

info

44-2708-11

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED <i>25</i>	FILED <i>25</i>

FBI-TAMPA
SAC *pv*

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

EXHIBIT
142

He is interested in once again reviewing the file as completely as possible so as to compare the file with the information he has most recently obtained from his source. The file also indicates that the Case Agent was probably a Miami based Agent named Tobias Matthews. He would like to locate Mr. Matthews if at all possible.

USA Betz stated that he would check with the Justice Department and do what he could to make the file available for review. SAC McNiff stated that efforts would be made to determine the current whereabouts of Tobias Matthews.

Although Cheshire did not identify his source, he said the source had been the head of the Klan "Wrecking Crew" and had been indicted for a crime similar to captioned crime. Finally, he said that this individual is almost terminally ill and extremely difficult to deal with because of a mercurial disposition.

ADDENDUM OF SUPR. ROBERT H. DWYER
1/8/80
RHD:rab

On 1/8/80, I was able to ascertain that former SA Tobias Matthews was transferred from Miami to Los Angeles, where he retired and is believed now to be living in Glendale, California. He did not join the ex-Agents' association and thus there is no address for him.

I found out further, however, the Agent who was actually running this case on the scene was former SA Frank F. Meech, who now lives at 80 Tropical Shores Drive, Tavares, Florida. This information I furnished telephonically to Investigator "Buzz" Patterson, and he stated that he was most appreciative and would make contact with former SA Meech.

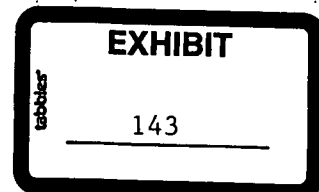
Tampa, Florida
April 7, 1978

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
KILLING OF MR. AND MRS. HARRY T. MOORE,
HIMS, FLORIDA, 1951

On March 2, 1978, Raymond Henry, Jr. appeared at the Fort Pierce Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Fort Pierce, Florida, and furnished a signed statement regarding his knowledge of the alleged bomb killing of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore in Hims, Florida, Circa, 1951.

4 - Bureau
① - Tampa 44-2708
JCM/by
(5)

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 3/8/78

RAYMOND HENRY, JR., General Delivery, Titusville, Florida, appeared at the Ft. Pierce, Florida Resident Agency in the company of CHARLIE FRANK MATTHEWS, local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Representative. HENRY stated he was a participant in the bombing of the MOORE residence, Mims, Florida, in which MOORE and his wife were killed several years ago.

HENRY was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and his basic rights pertaining to interrogation. HENRY promptly waived these rights as indicated on a signed Advice of Rights - Waiver form, and insisted on furnishing the following signed statements:

"Ft. Pierce, Florida
March 2, 1978

"I, RAYMOND HENRY, Jr., 109 South 7th Street, Ft. Pierce, Florida, make the following free and voluntary statement to W. JAMES FRANKLIN and KEITH L. UNDERWOOD who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No promises have been made to me and since the doctors at the Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital have told me I have only a short time to live, I want to get this off my conscience.

"I was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in chemical engineering, and am the recipient of the Medal of Honor as a result of military service in World War II on Iwo Jima.

"I hereby say this to clear my conscience and also to make the guilty pay for what they have done, it's been many years ago but I still want to tell the truth of what happened.

Interviewed on 3/2/78 at Ft. Pierce, Florida File # 70 44-2708-5
MM 44-3540
 by WJF SA W. JAMES FRANKLIN and
KLU SA KEITH L. UNDERWOOD: KLU/jgm Date dictated 3/8/78

"I returned to the Ft. Pierce area on convalescent leave from U.S. Marine Corps. Came on 30 day convalescent leave (Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, Oakland, Calif.)

"I was a member of the K.K.K. Much talk about a man named MOORE. He didn't live in Ft. Pierce. He lived in Mims, Fla.

"I agreed to make a bomb with my knowledge of explosives.

"This I did. I made the bomb, accompanied the group of Klansmen to Miami, Fla.

"I placed the bomb under bed in MOORE's home.

"It did explode the bomb myself.

"Close details I will tell to F.B.I. officials which I have done.

"I do this without any promises as to leniency, etc.

"/s/ RAYMOND HENRY, JR.
1116 Main St.
Titusville, Fla.

"Residing now
109 So. 7th St.
Ft. Pierce, Fla.

"March 2, 1978

"W. JAMES FRANKLIN, SA, FBI, Miami, Fla., 3/2/78
"KEITH L. UNDERWOOD, SA, FBI, Miami, Fla., 3/2/78"

* * * * *

"Ft. Pierce, Fla.
March 2, 1978

"I, RAYMOND HENRY, Jr., while taking part in

"a KKK meeting in Ft. Pierce, a man named MOORE was discussed. I knew about explosives and agreed to make a bomb. This I did.

"In the meeting were LONNIE NORVELL, BILL BOYD, WOODROW ATKINSON, Jr., E. PARKER and 'COWBOY' (a colored man) was there.

"Traveling to Mims, Fla. to plant the bomb. 'COWBOY' (colored man) was a decoy to get Mr. MOORE from home on a ruse.

"I planted the bomb in MOORE's bedroom under his bed.

"The explosion took place at 9:37 PM. Was knocked down by blast.

"J.E. PARKER (Brevard County Sheriff's Office) gave us clearance through the county.

"Returned to Ft. Pierce, all went to Marine Lounge, Ft. Pierce, Fla. Ft. Pierce Hotel and had a few drinks.

"This information I'm giving is because I can't live with my conscience any longer and I'm suffering from incurable bone cancer.

"Mar. 2, 1978
Ft. Pierce, Fla.

"W. JAMES FRANKLIN, SA, FBI, Miami, Fla., 3/2/78

"KEITH L. UNDERWOOD, SA, FBI, Miami, Fla., 3/2/78"

* * * * *

In addition to the signed statements furnished by HENRY, HENRY advised as follows:

He obtained his knowledge of explosives during his service with the Third Marine Brigade, U.S. Marine Corps, and made the bomb himself. He stated this bomb filled a box approximately 4" X 5" and consisted of black powder, 1/2 stick of dynamite, muriatic acid, and sulphuric acid.

MM 44-3540

HENRY advised the fuse to this device was a trail of liquid sulphur and he and BILL BOYD actually set the bomb under MOORE's bed.

HENRY continued that the bombing took place in the springtime, around Easter, that it was Klan instigated, and that LANIE NORVELL was the head of the local Klan.

From observation and interview, HENRY is described as follows:

Name	RAYMOND HENRY, JR.
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	June 30, 1927
Place of birth	Terre Haute, Indiana
Height	6'2"
Weight	230 lbs.
Hair	Grey
Eyes	Hazel
SSAN	
Address	1116 Main Street, Titusville, Florida
Occupation	Painter, self-employed
Military service	U.S. Navy, 6/43 - 9/45, NSN 294-29-71, Corpsman, Honorable Discharge. Claims receipt of Medal of Honor on Iwo Jima. U.S. Marine Corps, 6/50 - 1/17/53, 3rd Marine Brigade, Medical Discharge.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

3/8/78

Date of transcription

WILLIAM E. RINGEL, Supervisor, Medical Records, Veterans Administration Hospital, furnished the following information:

RAYMOND HENRY, JR., Social Security Number [REDACTED], was supposed to report to this hospital in December, 1975, in connection with a heart condition. He failed to report on this occasion. He was an out patient at the hospital on a number of occasions in 1976, and his complaint always concerned pains in his chest. He has failed to get the necessary laboratory work done at the hospital in connection with his complaints. He was last at this hospital on June 23, 1976, at which time he again complained of pains in his chest. A note in his file reflects that as of August 18, 1976, his residence was listed as P.O. Box 3708, Sarasota, Florida. There is nothing in his file that indicates he is scheduled for surgery to remove any part of his left leg for bone cancer or any other reason.

Interviewed on 3/3/78 at Bay Pines, Florida File # Tampa 44-2708
 by SA JAMES DELK LELAND:db 6 Date dictated 3/6/78

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20537

5 054 981

is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

The following FBI record, NUMBER
Information shown on this Identification Record represents data furnished FBI by fingerprint contributors. WHERE
DISPOSITION IS NOT SHOWN OR FURTHER EXPLANATION OF CHARGE OR DISPOSITION IS DESIRED,
COMMUNICATE WITH AGENCY CONTRIBUTING THOSE FINGERPRINTS.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Terre Haute IN ^{3/8/78}	Raymond Henry Jr 15383	6-22-47	intox and dest of prop.	
USM Indpls IN	Raymond Henry Jr 23523	8-3-48	ill wearing Navy uniform	3 mos comm to to a Fed Corr Inst at Ashland KY
Fed Corr Inst Ashland KY	Raymond Henry Jr 5959AK	10-12-48	wearing Navy uniform	3 mos 1-3-49 exp sent
PD Terre Haute IN	Raymond Henry Jr 15383	7-24-55	AB	
SF Greencastle IN	Raymond Henry Jr B51893	8-9-55	A&B	180 das \$100 & \$13 cost
PD Ft Myers FL	Raymond Henry Jr 13489	12-23-64	drk & CCW (gun)	glty \$25
PD Ft Myers FL	Raymond Henry Jr 13489	2-4-65	worthless checks 4 cts	glty \$900
PD Ft Pierce FL	Raymond Henry Jr 18906	12-2-68	drk & disorderly	\$50/25
SO Ft Pierce FL	Raymond Henry Jr 9708	12-22-68	worthless checks	3 cts, 1 dism \$150 or 60 das on ea. of 2 cts
SO Ft Pierce FL	Raymond Henry Jr 9708	12-23-68	worthless cjeck fel	time served on 4-17-69
SOD Vero Beach FL ^{3/8/78}	Raymond Henry Jr 80269	12-9-69	1) drk 2) DC	
SO St Augustine FL ^{3/8/78}	Raymond Henry Jr 75114 SID 113561	2-13-75	defrauding innkeeper	Since neither fingerprints nor an identifying number which is indexed in our files accompanied your request, FBI cannot guarantee in any manner that this material concerns the individual in whom you are interested.
SO St Augustine FL ^{3/8/78}	Raymond Henry Jr 75196 SID 113561	3-4-75	aslt	

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20537**

2

The following FBI record, NUMBER **5 054 981**, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.
Information shown on this Identification Record represents data furnished FBI by fingerprint contributors. WHERE
DISPOSITION IS NOT SHOWN OR FURTHER EXPLANATION OF CHARGE OR DISPOSITION IS DESIRED,
COMMUNICATE WITH AGENCY CONTRIBUTING THOSE FINGERPRINTS.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Winter Haven FL	Raymond Henry Jr A01241 SID 113561	1-17-76	dis intox resist arr w/o/f	
PD Winter Haven	Raymond Henry A02646 SID 113561	2-5-76	dis intox resist arr w/o/f	G-15 das on chg of dis intox; G- adj with- held on chg of resist arr w/o/f
PD Tampa FL	Raymond Henry Jr 214376 SID 113561	5-8-76	tresp	1 da
EB Winter Haven FL	Raymond Henry B15076 SID 113561	7-18-77	dis intox (warr) resist arr w/o/f	no adjudi- cation on chg of Dis Intox 5311

Since neither fingerprints nor an identifying number which is indexed in our files accompanied your request, FBI cannot guarantee in any manner that this material concerns the individual in whom you are interested.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20537

3

The following information from FBI record, NUMBER 5 054 981
is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

Description and Related Data:

Race: W

Sex: M

Height: 6'2

Weight: 228

Hair: gray

Eyes: hazel

Date and Place of Birth: 6-30-27 TX

Scars and Marks: Texas flag tatood on L shoulder

Address: (in 1977) Sta-Awhile Motel 619 Cyp Gar Rd W. Haven
FL

Occupation: Painter

Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Since neither fingerprints nor an
identifying number which is indexed
in our files accompanied your request,
FBI cannot guarantee in any manner
that this material concerns the
individual in whom you are interested.

March 1, 1978 at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Page _____

Interrogation of Raymond Henry in the presence of Detective Martin, Detective Williams and a confidential source, taking place on Avenue "C", Fort Pierce, Florida.

Just so you understand, I have identified myself to you as a Police Officer and I want to read from a card. This card is called the

Miranda Warning and it states that you have the right to remain silent; anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law; you have the right to talk to a lawyer and to have him present with you while you are being questioned; if you cannot afford to hire a lawyer, one will be appointed for you to represent you before any questioning, if you wish. Now, do you understand each of your rights as I have explained them to you. Having these rights in mind, do you wish to talk to us, to continue talking to us?

A. Yes.

Q. Thank you, sir. Please go ahead.

A. I don't care what's the price to pay, I want to get the truth out.

Q. Yes, sir.

A. You see, is it still on?

Q. Yes, sir.

A. The reason, ah I fell out with them, really ah, they kept tracking me and wanted me to build this thing and I helped them, and you can check on my service record, and ah

Q. What thing did you build, sir?

A. A bomb.

Q. O.K., sir, when was this, sir? When, about when was this?

A. I can't tell you the date.

Q. Well, a year?

A. About 15 years ago, approximately. I can tell it right to the minute down at the Courthouse.

Q. How could that be, sir?

A. How, when I went down to pay my taxes. The next day I went the ride with them. I don't want to be vindicated. I resigned from the Klu Klux Klan. They kept harassing.

Q. O.K. back to this bomb, what happened with the bomb? Was it used?

A. I went with them.

Q. Do you remember where?

I have read this statement consisting of _____ pages and have initialed each and every correction thereon, further; my signature appears on each and every page.

Interviewing Officer

Signature

Notary

A. Yes. Ill tell you about that. We set out at Odom's Lounge where the 17th and Delaware's at, we used to pave it, Okeechobee Road and ah see, they was a coward, I could see how much of a God damned coward they was. I'm telling the truth, now, can I drink a beer or

Q. Go right ahead.

A. Will you O.K. it?

Q. That's alright.

A. Put it on the records.

Q. It's alright.

A. There is no truth serum in it and you are going to clear this up. I am talking to an Officer of the Police records, I don't know what he is, but ah

Q. O.K. at this point, can we ask you who we are talking about. You keep referring to a Police Officer that was involved in this bombing incident with you.

A. Your name?

Q. My name is Detective Martin.

A. No, this is to clarify, this is not the officer that was in the incident with me, this is the Officer taking my confession, or statement.

Q. My name, Detective Martin. Martin like Martin County.

A. It's not Bill Boyd, is it?

Q. No, it is not Bill Boyd.

A. Could you clarify what his, I want him known.

Q. Detective Williams.

A. The other present, what is his name?

Q. I have identified him. (Martin)

A. Speak for yourself, what's your name? So they can take it down?

Q. Charley Matthews. (Matthews)

A. Frank Matthews, ain't it?

Q. Right. (Matthews)

I have read this statement consisting of _____ pages and have initialed each and every correction thereon, further; my signature appears on each and every page.

Interviewing Officer

Signature

Notary

A. And we went on (can't understand) then it gets down to what you are here for. Alright, will you promise me protection. I am afraid because the people that was involved with this is still many places in the business life and particularly in law enforcement and I am in fear of my life. I have thought about this a lot of times when I seen the newspaper clipping. The reason I say that is because my wife died and I went north of here to Titusville to live and I own a home here and I seen in the Today newspaper about Mr. Warren and Daley and this and that. I decided to come forth and tell. I don't care.

Q. O.K. sir, can you name the names now that were involved in this incident, will you, who were they sir?

A. I can't, well, the head of the whole thing, he was running a grocery store his name is Case, Bob Case and the second in command now you can kill me now, I'm telling you, you (can't understand) got to kill me now, is Sergeant Bill Boyd, St. Lucie County Sheriff's Department.

Q. Were they with you in the car the night you planted a bomb?

A. Yes.

Q. Let me ask you, do you remember if that bomb hurt anyone?

A. I made a contact, I made a contact bomb, I made a

Q. Contact bomb?

A. Yeah, on touch.

Q. O.K. where was it placed?

A. In her, we tricked them out from the home, you know, they wanted to place the bomb in their bedroom under their mattress.

Q. You put in their bedroom under their mattress?

A. Yeah.

Q. Do you know if that bomb went off?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did it kill anyone?

I have read this statement consisting of _____ pages and have initialed each and every correction thereon, further; my signature appears on each and every page.

Interviewing Officer.

Signature

Notary

A. Everybody.

Q. It killed everyone? How many people did this bomb kill?

A. Two.

Q. A man and a woman or who?

A. Mr. Moore and his wife.

Q. Mr. Moore and his wife? Where was this at, sir?

A. Mims, Florida.

Q. Do you remember when, sir?

A. Yes,

Q. When?

A. I can't tell you the exact date.

Q. As close as you can,

A. It was just before Easter, 14 years ago.

Q. Fourteen years ago? Who was in the car that took the bomb to the house
You and

A. Bob Case,

Q. Bill Boyd?

A. Bill Boyd.

Q. He was in the car? Who else?

A. (can't understand)

Q. You named a guy by the name of Woodrow Atkinson, do you remember that?

A. He was a City Policeman.

Q. Woodie Atkinson? (Martin)

A. Woodie, he is a well driller.

Q. O.K. did these people, what happened after this occurred? Did you
go separate ways, or did you come back to Ft. Pierce?

A. We came back here.

Q. When the bomb went off, were you still at Mims?

A. We watched it.

Q. You watched it go off?

I have read this statement consisting of _____ pages and have initialed each
and every correction thereon, further; my signature appears on each and
every page.

Interviewing Officer

Signature

Notary

A. We had a big drink together.

Q. Is that right? Was this a white man, sir? Or a black man?

A. It killed two colored people.

Q. Yes, sir.

Q. Mr. Henry, I am going to ask you something in here, please don't become offensive, O.K., Mr. Henry (Williams)

A. He's the killer then

Q. Who is, sir?

A. Bill Boyd. He is a killer. He is the head, the second in command of the three K's here in St. Lucie County and the Sheriff of the County is the Grand (can't understand this)

Q. I am going to ask you something Mr. Henry, please don't

A. You don't, you don't have to buy my thing, but I'm telling you

Q. Please, please, Mr. Henry O.K. and I'm going to ask you a question, Now we know that you have been drinking a lot, please let us know, are you ah, we have got to know are you absolutely sure, please, but, please

A. I know it and I'm willing to take my, I know it, I'm accessory to murder.

Q. Tomorrow afternoon would you have the same things to say?

A. Right now, anytime for that. The reason I want to do it is because I keep seeing it in the papers that it's never being solved and all the peoples connected with it, only one, Woodie Atkinson, is not a policeman, but the Sergeant made up, he's been made up to a Lieutenant and he will kill you. Sergeant Boyd, he is a Lieutenant now and ah.

Q. Martin: Well you understand at this point, that we have got to go to the State Attorney's Officer and consult with him as to your protection and the proper course of action we should take in this matter. It maybe advisable to, well, sir, I want to ask you this, will you raise your right hand and swear that the statement you have given me is the truth to the best of your recollection so help you God?

I have read this statement consisting of _____ pages and have initialed each and every correction thereon, further; my signature appears on each and every page.

Interviewing Officer

Signature

Notary

A. I was with them.

Q. Yes, sir.

I have read this statement consisting of _____ pages and have initialed each and every correction thereon, further; my signature appears on each and every page.

Interviewing Officer.

Signature

Notary

WMO967 0620056Z

PP HQ TP

DE MM

P 020056Z MAR 78

TAMPA-FBI

FM MIAMI (44-NEW)P

MAR 2 8 03 PM 1978

TO DIRECTOR PRIORITY

TAMPA PRIORITY

BT

CLEAR

*Henry T. Moore
174-298 destroyed*

UNSUB: KILLING OF MR. AND MRS. HARRY T. MOORE, MIMS, FLORIDA,
1951. CIVIL RIGHTS. (OO: TAMPA).

RE FORT PIERCE RA TELCONS TO BUREAU MARCH 2, 1978.

ON MARCH 2, 1978, TITUSVILLE RESIDENT RAYMOND HENRY, JR.,
W/M, DOB JUNE 30, 1927, AT TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA, 6'2", 230LBS.,
GRAY HAIR, HAZEL EYES, SSAN [REDACTED], APPEARED AT FT. PIERCE,
FLA. R.A. IN COMPANY OF LOCAL NAACP REPRESENTATIVE CHARLIE FRANK
MATTHEWS.

HENRY STATED HE WAS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE KKK AND CLAIMED
PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE BOMB KILLINGS OF MR. AND MRS. HARRY T.
MOORE IN MIMS, FLA., CIRCA, 1951.

HENRY STATED HE RETURNED TO FT. PIERCE, FLA., ON A 30
CONVALESCENT LEAVE FROM OAK KNOLL NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIF.,
AND AGREED TO MAKE A BOMB DUE TO HIS KNOWLEDGE OF EXPLOSIVES

A

*meccafused
3/3/78/bat
Island advised
3/3/78/bat*

44-2708-1

Mac

44-2708-1

Jan

PAGE TWO MM 44-NEW CLEAR

OBTAINED WHILE IN U.S. MARINES. FORT PIERCE KLANSMAN GROUP HEADED BY CURRENT ST. LUCIE COUNTY SHERIFF C. LANIE NORVELL (NA) INCLUDED HENRY, CURRENT ST. LUCIE COUNTY DEPUTY LT. WILLIAM F. BOYD (NA), WOODROW ATKINSON, BOB CASE, AND N/M KNOWN AS "COWBOY" PLANNED THE KILLING IN AN ORANGE GROVE OUTSIDE FT. PIERCE AND THEN HENRY, BOYD, ATKINSON, CASE, AND "COWBOY" THEN DROVE TO THE MIMS, FLA. RESIDENCE OF HARRY T. MOORE. HENRY ADVISED COWBOY DREW MORE AWAY ON A RUSE AND HENRY AND BOYD SET THE BOMB UNDER THE BED OF MOORE'S HOUSE. THE BOMB ALLEGEDLY WAS COMPOSED OF A QUARTER STICK OF DYNAMITE, BLACK POWDER, MURATIC ACID, SULPHERIC ACID, AND LIQUID SULPHUR FOR A "POWDER" TRAIN.

HENRY STATED HE IGNITED THE BOMB WHICH KILLED MOORE AND HIS WIFE AND THE FT. PIERCE GROUP WERE GIVEN CLEARANCE THROUGH BREVARD COUNTY THROUGH J. E. PARKER, FORMER BREVARD COUNTY SHERIFF DEPUTY. THE GROUP RETURNED TO FT. PIERCE AND HAD A FEW DRINKS IN THE MARINE LOUNGE, FT. PIERCE HOTEL.

HENRY STATED HE WAS 100 PERCENT DISABLED, SUFFERING FROM BONE CANCER AND SCHEDULED FOR LEG SURGERY AT THE VA HOSPITAL, ST. PETERSBURG, FLA., THE END OF THIS MONTH AND HAD ONLY 3 TO 4 MONTHS TO LIVE, AND WAS ALSO THE HOLDER OF THE METAL OF HONOR

PAGE THREE MM 44-NEW CLEAR
FROM WWII.

RECORDS REFLECT WILLIAM F. BOYD (NA) WAS BORN JUNE 16, 1939
AND HE WOULD HAVE BEEN 22 YEARS OLD AT THE TIME OF THE BOMBING
ALTHOUGH HENRY INSISTS BOYD IS 5 TO 6 YEARS OLDER THAN HE.
UNABLE TO VERIFY ST. PETERSBURG VA HOSPITAL RECORDS RE HENRY OR
METAL OF HONOR THROUGH RECORDS CENTER, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

ABOVE INFORMATION FURNISHED TO BREVARD COUNTY SO PURSUANT
TO BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS AND AS A RESULT OTHER DISCREPANCIES
WERE NOTED IN HENRY'S STORY.

HENRY STATED HE WOULD CONTACT BREVARD COUNTY SO DEPUTY
PATTERSON, TITUSVILLE, FLA., UPON HIS RETURN TOMORROW OR SATURDAY.

TAMPA ATTEMPT TO VERIFY MEDICAL INFORMATION RE HENRY
AT BAY PINES VA HOSPITAL, ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.; COCOA RA
MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH BREVARD COUNTY SO.

BT

INTERROGATION; ADVICE OF RIGHTS

YOUR RIGHTS

Place Fort Lauderdale Fla
Date 3/2/78
Time 10:00 AM

Before we ask you any questions, you must understand your rights.

You have the right to remain silent.

Anything you say can be used against you in court.

You have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions and to have a lawyer with you during questioning.

If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed for you before any questioning if you wish.

If you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer present, you will still have the right to stop answering at any time. You also have the right to stop answering at any time until you talk to a lawyer.

WAIVER OF RIGHTS

I have read this statement of my rights and I understand what my rights are. I am willing to make a statement and answer questions. I do not want a lawyer at this time. I understand and know what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me.

Signed Raymond Henry Jr.

Witness: W. James Franklin S.A. FBI Miami Fla 3/2/78

Witness: John Mendenhall, SA, FBI, Miami, FL

Time: 10:04 AM

Witness: Charles Frank Matthews

(12) Raymond Henry, Jr. while taking part in a KKK meeting in Ft. Pierce, a man whose name was disguised. I knew

#1

FT Pierce, Florida

March 2, 1978

I, Raymond Henry, JR., 109 South 7th Street, FT Pierce, Florida, make the following free and voluntary statement to W. James Franklin and Keith L. Underwood who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No promises have been made to me and since the doctors at the Veterans Administration Hospital have told me I have only a short time to live, I want to get this off my conscience.

I was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, graduated from The University of Texas with a degree in Chemical Engineering, and am the recipient of the Medal of Honor as a result of military service in World War II on Iwo Jima.

I hereby say this to clear my conscience and also to make the guilty pay for what they have done, it's been many years ago but I still want to tell the truth of what happened.

I returned to the Ft. Pierce area on convalescent leave from U.S. Marine Corps. Came on 30 Day Convalescent leave (Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, Oakland, Calif.)

I was a member of the K.K.K. much talk about a man named Moore. He didn't live in Ft. Pierce. He lived in Mims, Fla.

I agreed to make a book with my knowledge of experiences

1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.

Mar. 2, 1978

Bomb. This I did.

In the meeting were Sammie Norvell, Bill Boyd, Woodrow Atkinson, J. E. Parker, and "Cowboy" (a colored man) was there.

Frankling to Miami, Fla. to plant the bomb. "Cowboy" (colored man) was a decoy to get Mr. Moore from home on a ruse.

I planted the bomb in Moore's bedroom under his bed.

The explosion took place at 9:37 P.M. was knocked down by blast.

J. E. Parker (Brevard County Sheriff's office) gave us clearance through the County.

Returned to Ft. Pierce, all went to Marine Lounge, Ft. Pierce, Fla. Ft. Pierce talk and had a few drinks.

This information I'm giving is because I can't live with my conscience any longer.

And I'm suffering from incurable Bone Cancer.

Mar. 2, 1978

Ft. Pierce, Fla.

W. James Franklin SA #181 Miami Fla 3/2/78
J. W. Anderson, SA, FBI, Miami, Fla. 3/2/78

accompanying the group of Tekumseh, to Miami
Fla.

I placed the bomb under Bel in Moore's
home.

I did explode the bomb myself.

Close details I will tell to F.B.I. officials
which I have done.

I do this with out any promises as to
hanging, etc.

Raymond Henry, Jr.
1116 Mani St.
Stilesville, Fla.

Residing now

109 So. 7th St.

St. Louis, Mo., Fla.

R.H.G.

March 2, 1978

James Franklin S.A. F.B.I. Miami Fla. 3/2/78

W. H. Maulswood, SA, FBI, Miami, Fla. 3/2/78

JM: J. R. Miller
RH: Raymond Henry

JM: This will be a taped statement of Raymond Henry. Today's date is February 7, 1992. The time is 10:32 a.m. I'm Special Agent J. R. Miller with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Present in the room with me is Mr. Raymond Henry. For the record would you state your name?

RH: Raymond Henry.

JM: Okay Mr. Henry this will be a sworn taped statement as I advised your prior to going on record that if you do not tell me the truth that you could possibly be prosecuted for perjury. Do you understand that?

RH: Yes sir.

JM: Okay raise your right hand please. Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth so help you God?

RH: I do.

JM: Okay. Would you speak up for the tape recorder please? Your address?

RH: I live in Vero Beach, Florida. 915 36th Avenue. Vero Beach.

JM: And your telephone number?

RH: 567-97 (inaudible).

JM: And your date of birth?

RH: 6-30-27.

JM: And your social security number?

RH: [REDACTED].

JM: And your full name is Raymond?

RH: Henry, Jr.

JM: Raymond Henry, Jr.

RH: Yes.

JM: Okay. I want to draw your attention to a 1951 death involving a Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore from Nims, Florida. Are you familiar with that death?

RH: Yes sir I heard of it. Yes.

JM: Okay. You are also, this is not the first time that we have spoken is that correct?

RH: That's correct.

JM: We have had several telephone conversations?

RH: Yes sir.

JM: And I have in fact taken at least one tape recorded statement from you in the past, is that correct?

RH: Yes sir.

JM: Alright. For the record just to clear up some areas of concern. On December 5, 1991, I took a taped statement from you at your residence, correct?

RH: Yes sir.

JM: During that statement you told me that you knew the people that were involved or knew who was involved in the killing of Mr. and Mrs. Moore, is that correct?

RH: Yes sir.

JM: Alright, at this particular time or shortly after that interview you called the office and you told me that you had lied to me, is that correct?

RH: Yes sir.

JM: Alright. For the record and for this investigation, do you know who killed Mr. and Mrs. Moore?

RH: No.

JM: During the previous interview you told me that you were present when two individuals, a Woodrow Adkinson and a James Mannis made a bomb and that they had bragged about planting the bomb to kill the Moore's and that the bomb that they were making was similar to the one used. Is that correct?

RH: That's a lie.

JM: You originally told me that?

RH: Yes sir.

JM: So now you are admitting that you lied to me about that as well, is that correct?

RH: Yes.

JM: Okay. In 1978 you gave a statement to the FBI and several areas of that statement you told about people that were involved in this killing and what occurred?

RH: Yes sir.

JM: The statement you provided to the FBI, is false is that correct?

RH: That's all hearsay.

JM: Okay, but initially you made that statement indicating that you were a participant and you had actual facts, is that correct?

RH: That's right. That was hearsay I heard from others.

JM: So what you are telling me now is that the statement you gave the FBI in 1978 is based on rumored hearsay of things that you heard.

RH: I didn't...

JM: Let me finish. That you might have heard in the Ft. Pierce area is that correct?

RH: Yes sir.

JM: Did you ever tell Charlie Mathews that you were involved in the bombing of the Moore's?

RH: I either told him that I was or I knew who did it. I don't remember.

JM: Okay. Is it fair to say that let's assume that you told him that you knew who did it. And that he took you to the FBI, is that correct?

RH: Yes sir.

JM: Did you ever tell Charlie Mathews that you lied to him or that you lied to the FBI?

RH: No.

JM: Didn't you tell me once before that you told Charlie sometime later.

RH: Let's see.

JM: Wait a minute let me finish. Sometime later that you did not tell the truth?

RH: I believe I seen him once after that. I believe I seen Charlie once.

JM: And you told Charlie that you didn't tell the truth?

RH: Not.

JM: Or did you not tell him?

RH: I don't remember. I seen him once after that Mr. Miller, then I moved away.

JM: Have you had any conversation with Charlie Mathews since I've contacted you?

RH: No sir.

JM: Have you had any conversation with anybody about this case other than myself or any law enforcement people that may have contacted you about this case?

RH: No.

JM: Do you remember, do you know an individual by the name of Art Giser?

RH: Yea that's the boy's brother in law.

JM: The person that lives with you?

RH: Yea. He's married to his sister.

JM: Okay, did you tell him that you were present when this occurred?

RH: He asked me about it.

JM: Okay let me finish. Did you tell him that you had information about this murder?

RH: Yes.

JM: Okay now just a minute ago I asked you if you told anybody or talked to anybody...

RH: Oh yea Art because he come up he seen it on a television.

JM: Okay. Don't lie to me again.

RH: No, he seen it on a television.

JM: Right and he came up and asked you and you talked to him about it and you told him that you were there when it happened, is that correct?

RH: Yes sir.

JM: So now for the record, you told Art Giser that you were involved when in fact you were not?

RH: Yes sir.

JM: Okay. Were you are participant in the killing of the Moore's?

RH: No sir.

JM: Do you know who made the bomb that was used to kill the Moore's?

RH: No.

JM: You've heard several rumors about what has happened?

RH: Yes.

JM: And those rumors are based on news publications as well as people in the street and in the community?

RH: Yes.

JM: Do you know for a fact who committed the murder of the Moore's?

RH: No.

JM: Were you present or have you ever watched Woodrow Adkinson and James Mannis make a bomb similar to the one that was used to kill the Moore's?

RH: No.

JM: So that information was false?

RH: Yes.

JM: Do you know for a fact that Woodrow Adkinson and James Mannis were involved in the killing of Mr. and Mrs. Moore?

RH: No.

JM: Do you know for a fact at all who any of the participants were in the killing of the Moore's?

RH: No.

JM: So in summary it's fair to say that you told Charlie Mathews information about the killing that was not truthful as far as your participation?

RH: Yea.

JM: It's fair to say that in 1978 you provided a detailed statement to the FBI about your participation in the killing and that too is not true?

RH: That's right.

JM: In December of 1991, you provided me a statement indicating that you were a participant or had knowledge or knew who was involved...

RH: It was just volunteer....

JM: Let me finish. That you knew who was involved in the killing of Mr. and Mrs. Moore, is that true?

RH: Yes.

JM: And that statement was false, correct?

RH: (inaudible)

JM: Speak up for the tape recorder.

RH: Yes.

JM: Now today, being February 7, the information you just provided to me indicates that you have no knowledge at all about this case on a factual basis, is that correct?

RH: Yes.

JM: The only knowledge you possess is based on community rumor and hearsay?

RH: But they told it for the truth Mr. Miller.

JM: Who is they?

RH: Leroy Sylvester and Red Walker.

JM: Okay. And how come during all of the other interviews you never mentioned these two people's names?

RH: Well, I don't know. That's because..

JM: Every time we sit down and talk Mr. Henry you come up with new names.

RH: No, these are the two I just heard them talk.

JM: Do you know where these two people are?

RH: The one fellow is dead.

JM: Which one?

RH: Leroy Sylvester. That's what the man told me. I don't know for sure.

JM: What about Red Walker?

RH: I don't know.

JM: See my concern is, I can't tell whether you are telling the truth or not telling the truth because you have given at least three statements now and all of them have been false.

RH: I'm telling you the truth. This is just what I heard these fellows saying.

JM: Do you have any questions, you want to ask me specifically about anything we've covered this morning?

RH: Yes sir. I just, well I'd like to say this the reason that, well you could call it being bitter towards the police it was about another matter...

JM: Who was bitter towards the police?

RH: Me.

JM: Is that why you provided all this false information?

RH: Well on the hearsay, but I figured well they'd leave me alone. They even, when I was going to the veteran's hospital one morning at two o'clock I had to catch a Miami bus, my wife was with me, and they harassed me on the street and they dumped her pocketbook in the gutter and all.

JM: All I want to know Mr. Henry from you is whether or not you were involved in this murder?

RH: No.

JM: Whether or not you know who was involved in this murder, based on facts?

RH: No.

JM: And all the previous statements you gave were made up, based on the rumors you heard?

RH: On the rumors, yes.

JM: Okay. I don't have anything else. Do you have any specific questions you would like to ask?

RH: Yes, but I'd like to ask you something personal.

JM: Go ahead and ask.

RH: Now I lived up in Titusville and I lived in Daytona, you know painting and all and you hear things. I don't know if it was true, but I heard, well and you mentioned the man's name, I didn't even know his name. But when I went through the interview with the FBI, when that was all over with they gave me the man's name that I should go up there and talk to about it in

JM: In Brevard County?

RH: That was and that was the man's name that you mentioned.

JM: Right.

RH: But I didn't go.

JM: Right. Why didn't you go see him?

RH: Because I thought well maybe something is up there, maybe some of them...

JM: How come it has taken you this long to sit down now in 1992 and tell the truth?

RH: Well I was wanting to, I thought my way I would be getting back at them, but that's not right because I don't know, I mean the police that was mean to me when I say things about (inaudible). And I thought well, but that just made it worse. And they said well if you don't like it here why don't you move. When my wife died I did.

JM: Alright will you be available for additional interviews if necessary?

RH: Yes.

JM: Okay at this particular time, it's 10:44 a.m. This will conclude the taped statement of Mr. Raymond Henry, Jr.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

TRANSCRIPT COVER PAGE

1. DATE OF INTERVIEW: January 13, 1992
2. PERSON INTERVIEWED: Willis V. McCall
3. INTERVIEW WAS RECORDED: X YES NO
4. RECORDING IS MAINTAINED IN 1A SECTION: X YES NO
OTHER LOCATION:
5. TRANSCRIPTION ATTACHED: X YES NO
6. OTHER PERSONS PRESENT:
7. SWORN INTERVIEW/STATEMENT: YES X NO
8. SYNOPSIS:

See Investigative Report #40 for a brief synopsis related to interview.

CASE NUMBER: EI-91-25-016 AUTHOR: J. Doughtie [REDACTED]
OFFICE: EI ASSISTING:
DATE OF ACTIVITY: From: Time: (approx.)
1/13/92 To: Time: (approx.)

DATE REPORT DICTATED:

DATE TYPED:

REVIEW: 

COPY TO: CRU 2-4-92

AUTHOR CASE AGENT SAS

PAGE SECRETARY SERIAL 41 DOCUMENTS IN 13 OF 1A

THIS CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT IS THE PROPERTY OF FDLE. ITS
CONTENTS ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE YOUR AGENCY.

EXHIBIT

tabbles
144

- * McCall advised that he does not know Ed Spivey or Joseph Cox.
- * McCall advised that he does not know Tillman Belvins or Earl Brooklyn.
- * McCall advised that he does not know Sydney Hopper or Cecil Langdale.
- * McCall advised that he knew David Starr as being the former sheriff of Orange County. However, McCall advised that he had no knowledge of Starr being a former member of the Ku Klux Klan.
- * McCall advised that he knew H.T. Williams as being the former sheriff of Brevard County. However, McCall advised that he had no knowledge of Williams being a former member of the Ku Klux Klan.
- * McCall advised that he did not know Harry T. Moore but knew of his civil rights activities.
- * McCall advised that he does not know Frank Harrington.
- * McCall advised that he had no knowledge of matters regarding the Creamette bombing which occurred in Orlando, FL during 1951.
- * McCall advised that he does not recall having ever met any of the individuals indicted for perjury by the federal grand jury reviewing matters related to the Moore bombing during the early 1950's.

Note: When Willis McCall advised that he did not know an individual, he also clarified the remark by indicating he did not "recall" the person.

As previously indicated, the interview with Willis McCall was tape recorded. The tape recording or interview transcript should be reviewed for complete details regarding the interview content. The interview transcript will be filed as part of a separate IR. The tape recording was placed within the 1A section of the case file.

Case Number EI 91-25-016
01/13/92
Interview - Willis McCall

JD John Doughtie
WM Willis McCall

JD This will be an interview. The date of the interview will be January 13th, 1992. This is Inspector John Doughtie of the Department of Law Enforcement. The individual being interviewed will be former Lake County Sheriff Willis McCall. Mr. McCall, you understand that this interview is being recorded. Is that correct?

WM Oh yes.

JD What I want to talk to you today about is matters related to the 1951, ah, bombing and deaths of Harry T. Moore and his wife, Harriett Moore in Mims, Florida on Christmas, December 25th, 1951. And you're agreeing to meet with me today voluntarily, is that correct?

WM Say what?

JD You're, you're volunteering, going to meet,

WM Oh yes. Oh yes.

JD To get right to the point, a lot of articles have been written over the past few years related to your possible involvement in the bombing deaths of Harry Moore. I'm just going to ask you directly. Were you responsible for the death of Harry T. Moore?

WM Definitely not.

JD Were you involved in the bombing?

WM No sir.

JD Do you know who was responsible for the bombing?

WM No sir, I don't.

JD Do you feel the Ku Klux Klan was responsible for the bombing?

WM Well I, that's just a, that's, I suppose they could 've been. I don't know. I don't know that they were. It sounds like it, but,

JD Were you,

WM Could 've been somebody else, could 've been some of these henchmen.

JD Were you a member of the Ku Klux Klan?

WM No sir. But I had an invitation to join. But I never did.

JD Do you know which group that would 've been? Out of what area?

WM No sir, I don't. I know what area, you know, but I don't know. Don't know what the group. I don't know a name of it.

JD Well...what area would it have been?

WM This, this area here.

JD Lake County and general area here.

WM Yeah, general, central Florida.

JD Central Florida. Do you know when that was?

WM No, I don't.

JD Um hmm. What years were you a sheriff?

WM I was sheriff in nineteen, I was elected in '44 and took office in January of '45 and went out of office in '72.

JD So you served as sheriff of Lake County for 28 years?

WM Twenty-eight years. I was under suspension that last part of '72, but I was still the sheriff of course until the term was up.

JD Did you ever meet with klan members and instruct or direct them not to talk to FBI during the course of their investigation in the Harry T. Moore bombing?

WM Not for that purpose. And not that I recall that I did that. But if anyone ever asked me if they had to talk to someone I had to tell 'em that they didn't have to unless it was under court order to do so.

JD Were you talking to them in a, in a, for the purpose of trying to obstruct the investigation being conducted by the FBI?

WM No sir. No sir. I never did that.

JD Did you ever know a guy by the name of Raymond Henry Jr.?

WM If I ever did I don't recall it. I had a lady yesterday morn, yesterday at noon. I was having lunch. My wife didn't feel like fixing anything. She had the flu and I went up there and this lady come by and passed by and kissed me on the forehead and said there's my favorite sheriff. And when I thought she'd gone over and sit down some and I, and I asked the man who's sitting there who she was and he didn't know. I don't know her yet and then when I was going to try to go and ask her, she was on her way out...evi, evidently and she left. I was going to ask her who she was and tell her her face was familiar but her name wasn't, but couldn't attach a name to it. But I see people all the time that I'm supposed to know, speak

to me, "Oh, you remember me. You were comin' down that house one time and arrested so-and-so and so-and-so." So, you (inaudible) I can't remember...I remember a lot of 'em, but I don't remember it all.

JD Raymond Henry was an individual who came forward back in 1978 and advised that he had knowledge or information related to the bombing of the Moore residence and he laid out a scenario of how the bombing was done and a portion of the bombing dealt with the fact that you financed or bankrolled, ah, the bombing of Harry Moore's house.

WM That's ridiculous. I never have. I couldn't even bankroll something like that today, you know, I'm in better shape now than I was then.

JD So, what you're telling me is that you had no involvement in bankrolling,

WM Never had no,

JD ...and bombing.

WM ...no involvement in bankrolling.

JD He said that you attended a meeting where the bombing of, of Harry Moore's residence was planned and it was in a trailer over in the Fort Pierce area. Ah it was the trailer, or, yeah Fort Pierce, it was a trailer owned by a guy by the name of Robert "Bob" Case. Do you know a Bob Case or Robert Case?

WM No sir. If I ever met him I don't remember. Then I never have been in a klan meeting in a trailer in Fort Pierce. I've never been in that.

JD Do you know Lannie Norville?

WM Norville was a sheriff at one time.

JD Right, he had been a, former sheriff of St. Lucie County.

WM Yeah, I know him.

JD Did you ever plan the bombing of Harry T. Moore, ah, with Lannie Norville?

WM No sir.

JD How about Bill Boyd? Did you ever know him? He was a deputy in St. Lucie County.

WM No I never, I might have known him at that time but I,

JD How about J.E. Parker?

WM Parker? Was he a sheriff?

JD I believe he would have been either a policeman or a deputy in either St. Lucie or the Fort Pierce area.

WM I met officers all over the state during my course of time, tenure in office residing. I don't recall unless I happened to...like the sheriff, I remember him.

JD How about Woodrow Atkinson? Does that name ring a bell to you?

WM No, but there's Atkinson here in Umatilla. But they're no, they're not any Ku Klux Atkinsons.

JD So what you're telling me is these individuals I've just named being Bob Case, Lannie Norville, Bill Boyd, J.E. Parker and Woodrow Atkinson, you don't recall ever meeting these individuals?

WM I don't ever recall ever meeting, no sir.

JD And what you're telling me is that you never planned to murder Harry T. Moore with these individuals?

WM Them or anyone else.

JD And also you didn't finance the murder.

WM No sir. I wouldn't do that.

JD Did you provide vehicles that were utilized on the evening of the bombing?

WM Oh no sir.

JD This guy, ah, Raymond Henry, says that you provided three black sedan vehicles that were utilized, ah, for the, to enable them to do the bombings.

WM Where did he come up with such damn lies as that?

JD Did you ever know of,

WM I can see why there has been some talk now.

JD Did you ever know a black individual known as cowboy? Or the nickname, cowboy?

WM Cowboy? I,

JD Well let me ask you this, if, if Raymond Henry was to come forward to law enforcement today and say that he was present when the bombing occurred and that you helped finance it and you provided the vehicles and Lannie Norville, ah, Bill Boyd, J.E. Parker and Woodrow Atkinson were all involved. That would essentially be incorrect?

WM I'm, I'm pretty sure it would with some of the ones you name, Norville, I don't believe would have done it.

JD Do you know Norville to ever 've been a member of the klan?

WM I don't know that he was. I don't know that he was not. I don't know that he was 'cause I don't know.

JD Did,

WM I never discussed it with him.

JD Did you ever attend a meeting where the murder of Harry T. Moore was planned at a klan meeting in Stone Mountain, Georgia?

WM No sir, I've never been to a meeting in Stone Mountain, Georgia. I've been to Stone Mountain, Georgia two, three years ago.

JD Is that right. And you don't know Henry, Raymond Henry Jr.?

WM No sir.

JD Did you ever know a guy by the name of Ed Spivy, or Joseph Cox? That would 've been from the Orlando, Winter Garden area.

WM I don't recall the two, but I could have. I don't know.

JD Now Joseph Cox would have been a secretary for the klan out of, ah, Winter Garden, Apopka area back in the early fifties late forties. You don't recall him?

WM No.

JD He was interviewed by the FBI in 1952 in the very early portion, several months after the Moore bombing, and he committed suicide the day after he was interviewed by the FBI.

WM (Inaudible)

JD But you don't recall him?

WM I heard, I read, heard reading about it. But I don't recall.

JD And you don't recall it,

WM (Inaudible) is when I read about that, it hadn't been too long ago.

JD Right, it was in the paper here probably last month or so, last two months. And you don't recall a gentleman by the name of Ed Spivy?

WM No.

JD Did you ever know, ah, two klansmen by the name of Tillman Belvins, or Earl Brooklyn?

WM I don't recall knowing anyone by those names, I, I have met people in time but I, they didn't ring a bell with me, not that I remember them. If it had been someone that I knew real well, I think I'd remember.

JD Do you recall an individual by the name of Sidney Walker Hopper? Or Cecil Langdale?

WM No, I don't recall the names but then, I'm not sayin' some time or other I didn't meet some of these people somewhere I don't know that that is...I don't believe I did.

JD Did you know Sheriff David Star?.

WM Yes sir.

JD Was Sheriff Star a member of the Klan?

WM I don't know if he was or not.

JD You never attended any meetings where he was there?

WM (Inaudible) no sir.

JD Did any klan members or other people ever tell you that Sheriff Star instructed or directed them not to provide assistance to the FBI or not to talk to the FBI?

WM I never heard that though. I went to Dave Star's funeral.

JD Is that right.

WM Yeah.

JD Did you know former Sheriff H.T. Williams from Brevard County?

WM Yes I knew him. That's the one that didn't have opposition. He never had opposition all the time he was in the sheriff's office.

JD Did you ever know him to be a member of the Klan?

WM No sir, I didn't.

JD Did you know him during the time of the Harry T. Moore bombing investigation from '51 through '55?

WM He used to, he was still the sheriff then, wasn't he?

JD Yes sir.

WM Yeah, I knew him. I knew him all the time he was sheriff, in fact, well I think he was sheriff before I was. And then he went out before I did. He didn't run. He didn't get defeated.

JD Did you ever discuss matters relating to the Harry T. Moore bombing or the investigation, ah, with Sheriff Williams?

WM Not, not as...I don't know. Some time or other, the sheriffs meeting, or something, it might have come up and we some, made some remarks. I don't

recall. 'Cause I've had, discussed it with people the, just occasionally, you know, and not very, not very extensively either.

JD These would be the sheriffs conferences?

WM Well it would be the sheriffs conference if I did and, ah, and if, ah, well when it's a talk and in the papers and somebody asked you about it, you talk about it. I never talked to, at length with anybody about it.

JD Do you have any knowledge that Sheriff Williams would have tried to coverup, ah, or whitewash the investigation, being conducted into the bombing of Harry Moore?

WM It would be awful hard for me to believe that he would do that. He, he was an upright man and he run his office all them years without opposition and as well thought of as he was, it just would be hard for me to believe. I, you know, I'm not one to stand here and tell you, hell yes I know he wouldn't. But, ah,

JD As far as you know he was not a member of the Ku Klux Klan?

WM As far as I know he wasn't. But I don't know. I didn't never ask him.

JD Did you know Harry T. Moore?

WM No sir.

JD Had you ever met him?

WM No sir. Never met him. Never knew him. Never met him or his wife or either one of 'em.

JD Following the,

WM If I, If I met him I didn't know him under that name you see.

JD It's my understanding that following the, the shooting of the two individuals that yourself and another deputy were involved bringing back from Raiford back to Lake County to stand trial in November of '51, following that shooting, that Harry Moore became involved in civil rights or protests or, ah, movements afoot trying to bring justice into that matter. Do you recall Harry T. Moore from that,

WM I recall his name coming up, yes, about that time. I sure do.

JD But you never met him yourself?

WM No sir. Sure didn't.

JD Did you ever instruct anyone to take care of him? Or that he needed to be taken care of or put out of business, or something to that effect?

WM No I never, I never, to say (inaudible) that he should have been (inaudible). You know, it was general knowledge that people that got mixed up in that thing around wasn't very popular. I guess you know that.

JD Um hmm.

WM And ah, I've heard people say that, that, ah, Martin Luther King ought to have been shot before he was. I've heard that remark made, but the people who made it, I don't think would hire it done or have it done or do it. And ah,

JD Did you ever know an individual by the name of Frank Harrington? Do you recall that name?

WM No. Frank Harrington? I might have known him but I don't...I see people a lot of times that know me that I don't know them, you know. I guess they have a reason to remember, maybe, who I was more than I knew who they were.

JD Back during the original trials that surrounded the burglary, rape of the white lady that resulted in the conviction, I believe, and death sentence on these individuals, it's my understanding that the attorneys who came down to handle that particular case, at some point in time, several of those attorneys, and I believe several reporters, were traveling back to Orlando and you gave 'em a police escort to the Lake County line and then they proceeded on to Orlando. At some point in time leaving the Lake County line it's my understanding that they were chased by several carloads of Ku Klux, Ku Klux Klan members. Do you recall that incident?

WM I remember the incident, yes. And I remember that they wanted me to give 'em twenty-four hours escort and I remember me telling them that I had my hands full with what was going on here in Lake County and I didn't have the manpower to do it.

JD Were you involved in the planning of the, the chase itself or anything like that?

WM No sir. I didn't know anything about it until after it happened. And I don't even know it happened, all I know is they said it happened.

JD And that's what you have learned afterwards.

WM Yeah. No I didn't know.

JD Do you recall any klan members ever telling you they were going to kill one of the, ah, defense attorneys and coming to you to get your permission and you telling 'em not to, not to do that because you had the case one anyone?

WM No, I might 've told somebody, I said, you know, I've, I've had people say such certain things ought to be done, this ought to be done, that ought to be done. And I've talked against 'em. Yeah, we, we figured we had the case won. You know the, these bunch of curly haired professors up at the University of Florida they wrote big articles about that, I guess you knew about those, or some of 'em, they claim that, they, they kind of insinuate that those boys were innocent and there wasn't even a rape.

JD As I...I haven't looked too much into that particular case, 'cause that's really not part of what I'm looking into to a great degree. So basically the questions I've asked you so far, you were, what you're telling me is that you weren't responsible for the bombing or the death of Harry Moore. Is that correct?

WM Definitely not.

JD And you do not have knowledge of who did?

WM No sir.

JD Then the other suspects or names that I have listed that may have been involved, you don't know these individuals?

WM I don't know 'em, if I ever met 'em I just don't recall it.

JD Is there anything that I have failed to ask you that you would like to make part of the record at this time?

WM No, except what I've said that I definitely had nothing to do with it. And if I, my previous conduct would prove that I wouldn't do that, but when I'd take those four Negroes that were involved in that down there, not the four the two, and hid 'em in my own basement, in my own home, to keep the mob from getting 'em,

JD Is that during the trial itself?

WM Is was before they were tried. And ah,

JD In, I believe it was November or maybe September or October of 1951, there was an ice cream parlor over in Orlando known as the Creamette that was bombed or blown up. Do you recall that incident at all?

WM No sir, I don't recall that.

JD Were you ever involved in a bombing of an ice cream parlor over in Orlando?

WM I was never involved in any kind of bombing.

JD The individuals that were, ah, indicted for perjury following the federal grand jury in about 1953, there was an individual by the name of Ernest Morton, Emmett Hart, T.J. McMennamy, Robert Judah, William Boger, and Harvey Reisner. Do you know any of those individuals?

WM No. I might 've read about 'em at the time, but I don't know 'em.

JD Did you ever tell those individuals how to testify?

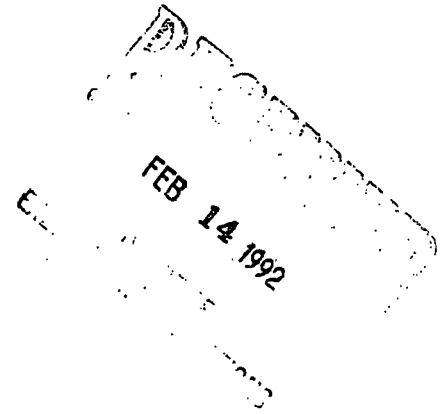
WM No sir. Reisner, I've known some Reisners. That name rings a bell with me somewhere. But I don't recall if it does, or connected with that.

JD If you have nothing else to add, I'm going to go ahead and, all right, let me ask you, now everything you've told me today is the truth? To the best of your knowledge?

WM To the best of my knowledge everything I've told you is the truth.

JD I'm going to go ahead and conclude this interview. This would be January 13th, 1992. The time for conclusion of the interview will be 1:45 p.m.

WILLIAM D. FINLAYSON, III, M.D.
DIPLOMATE OF THE AMERICAN BOARD OF INTERNAL MEDICINE
P.O. BOX 1865
EUSTIS, FLORIDA 32727-1865
PHONE (904) 589-6367



February 11, 1992

To Whom it May Concern:

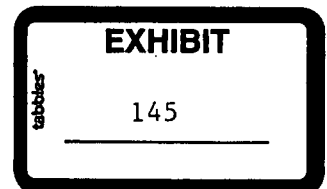
It is my medical opinion that it is not in the best medical interest of Willis V. McCall to undergo polygraph evaluation. Mr. McCall has coronary artery disease and cardiac arrhythmia which could be effected adversely under stressfull conditions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William D. Finlayson, III, M.D.".

William D. Finlayson, III, M.D.

WDF/eb



E1-91-25-016