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Reverend ADD BROOKS was interviewed at his place of employment, the Neighborhood Store, Riviera Beach. He stated that he knew MOORE intimately and had worked with him in the NAACP and also in an organization called The Progressive Voters' League which was a Negro political organization. He stated that MOORE traveled extensively throughout the State for the NAACP but was in Riviera Beach approximately two-thirds of his time. Reverend BROOKS stated that he knew of no enemies whom MOORE had; that MOORE had never mentioned any threats having been received and BROOKS knew of no reason for anyone to want to do away with MOORE or his wife.

SAMUEL FLUELLYN was interviewed at his place of employment, the Pine Ridge Sundry Store, 12th and Sapadilia Streets, West Palm Beach. FLUELLYN stated that he had been MOORE's closest friend; that he had known him since they went to school together years ago in Mims, Florida. He stated that MOORE was regarded very highly by both Whites and Colored people and he knew of no reason why anyone would want to kill MOORE or his wife. FLUELLYN stated that he went to the Sanford Hospital, where HARRIETT MOORE is now confined, on December 27, 1951, and talked to HARRIETT. He stated that HARRIETT advised that she did not know who had set off the dynamite, but that she had several possibilities in mind; however, she would not disclose this information to FLUELLYN. FLUELLYN stated that HARRIETT's attitude was that the harm had already been done; that her husband was now dead; and she could see no reason for causing anyone any more trouble for causing this affair. FLUELLYN stated that he had absolutely no idea as to who had set off the blast; that MOORE had on one or two occasions stated that he was not too popular in certain portions of the State because of his work with the NAACP, but MOORE had never told FLUELLYN of any threats which he had received or expressed himself as being in any great fear of bodily harm because of his work.

The letterhead of the Florida State Voters League was furnished the Agents by JAMES and JAMES stated in connection therewith that his, JAMES', name appeared thereon, though he had never been consulted by MOORE concerning the use of his name.

JAMES stated that HARRY T. MOORE had never mentioned any threats having been made toward him and that MOORE did not generally discuss his personal life with outsiders. JAMES did state that S. M. FLUELLYN had mentioned an incident concerning the fact that MOORE seemed concerned for his well being.

S. M. FLUELLYN, 820 - 15th Street, West Palm Beach, Florida, who has been previously interviewed by Agents advised that HARRY T. MOORE was in West Palm Beach, Florida on December 18, 1951, and stopped in his drug store. MOORE advised FLUELLYN at the time of this particular contact that he was going to attend a meeting of the National Executive Committee of the NAACP but did not mention the location of this meeting. According to FLUELLYN, MOORE then told him that he planned to return to Pima, Florida for Christmas. FLUELLYN stated that it was his opinion that the NAACP meeting was in New York but he possessed no direct knowledge of this opinion.

FLUELLYN stated that in September or October, 1951, he had received some mail for MOORE and had then decided to deliver this mail to MOORE's place in Riviera Beach, Florida. He advised he arrived at MOORE's place at about midnight and had knocked on the door to the apartment and waited 4 or 5 minutes. After this wait he had called out for MOORE and MOORE immediately opened the door and told FLUELLYN he wanted to make sure it was not the wrong party, or that it was the right party. FLUELLYN stated this was the first indication that MOORE was worried about his well being.

FLUELLYN advised he had visited CHARLETT MOORE while she was in the hospital after the incident but she would not tell him anything about HARRY T. MOORE's possible enemies.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents FRANK F. MARCH and ROBERT E. SUNGEL on January 7, 1952, at Cocoa, Florida.

BASIS: On January 6, 1952, DOYLE CARLTON, previously interviewed, contacted Agents to advise that he had been talking with one CHARLES R. BARNES, 405 Willard Street, Cocoa in the barber shop that day. He stated that BARNES had made the statement to the effect that they would never find out who did the bombing at Mims and further that they could not find out who did it when the next one occurred "over here", indicating that a bombing would probably occur at some future date on the west side of Cocoa in the colored section. CARLTON requested his identity be kept confidential to BARNES in the event BARNES were interviewed concerning this statement.

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On interview CHARLES R. BARNES stated that he has been the section foreman for the Florida East Coast Railroad Company for approximately 30 years and that he has been a resident of Cocoa for the past 40 years.

By appropriate questioning not disclosing the identity of CARLTON, BARNES readily admitted having made the statement "that they would never find out who did the Mims bombing". He said he based this statement on the fact that the perpetrators of the bombings in Miami had never been caught and that the person or persons responsible for the Mims bombing would never be caught. He stated he recalled making this statement in Grant's Barber Shop and also recalled that some 4 persons were present at that time. None of the persons named by him included CARLTON.

BARNES stated that in his opinion "if they" would leave the Negroes alone everything would be alright. On direct questioning he stated he did not know who "they" were.

Again by appropriate questioning BARNES denied having made any forecast that another bombing would occur in Cocoa. He emphatically stated that if he had any such information he would quickly furnish that information to the appropriate authorities for handling.

BARNES stated he was unable to shed any light whatsoever on the instant bombing either as to why it was done or who did it.

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During the interview, BARNES commented that all of his crew at work are colored people. He stated they have been very reluctant to talk of the bombing and he has been unable to learn their opinion of the bombing.

MOORE knew of no enemies which the victim may have had and had never heard of him receiving any threats. He said he had no idea who was responsible and could furnish no other information and that he had talked with the victim's wife since the bombing and that she had not given him any information.

NICK FORD, 326 Magnolia Street, Cocoa, Florida, and a member of the Brevard NAACP, said he had last talked to MOORE during the latter part of November after the Daytona Convention and that as far as he knew MOORE had no personal enemies but he surmised that in the victim's duties he had undoubtedly incurred the wrath of some people.

FORD said that at the Daytona Convention the Tampa group of the NAACP "was after MOORE" and that the main individual in the Tampa group, whose name was unknown to FORD, was formerly Vice President of the Florida NAACP. FORD said that the Tampa group of the NAACP had quit cooperating with the State group and were incensed at the victim because they claimed that he "was not producing for NAACP."

FORD said that he also believed that MOORE had recently been working in and around Miami although he could furnish no definite information.

FORD said that a member of the Tampa group of the NAACP who was not against MOORE was named ROUNTON and he said that "the NAACP group in Tampa got so radical that things would turn up within their own group." He said that definitely this Tampa group was out to oust the victim from his job with the NAACP.

FORD suggested that ALEX MERLIAN, Jr., Attorney for the Groveland case be contacted for information concerning MOORE's activities.

Deputy Sheriff JAMES DUNN, Cocoa, advised that he had been informed by H. C. CRAFFS, a colored laborer in Cocoa, that he, CRAFFS, had recently heard some talk in the colored section of Cocoa to the effect that MOORE had been previously threatened while in West Palm Beach and that within the past several weeks an attempt was believed to have been made on his life by some unknown individuals while MOORE was attending Church.

1-12-52 [ H. C. CRAFFS advised that he had received the above information from a colored boy named "BROTHER" SIMMONS who is living at Cocoa, Florida. CRAFFS said that SIMMONS told him that he had heard some talk about previous attempt having been made on MOORE at Lake Worth or Lake Park and that the

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individuals involved were believed to have stated that "there were too many people in the church to try and get one man".

"BROTHER" SIMMONS, colored laborer at Cocoa, advised that he had received the above information on December 26, 1951 while at Mims, Florida from a boy named "PRETTY" WOOTEN, whose first name is believed to be RUBIN and who lives in Mims. SIMMONS was unable to further elaborate.

Investigation at the Patrick Air Force Base disclosed that the only construction companies doing work there within the past several months, and possibly using explosives, were BURNUP and SIMS or SATCHER and JOSEPH. These companies were setting up some power lines and telephone lines and were believed to have used some dynamite in setting the poles. Both of these companies left this area some four months ago. SATCHER and JOSEPH have headquarters in Jacksonville, Florida and BURNUP and SIMS had headquarters in West Palm Beach.

HERBERT C. LINK, Chief of the guard force and C. L. YOUNG, and E. B. PATCHIN knew of no other construction companies that might possibly have been using explosives.

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and HARRY discussed the Croveland case and the possibilities of the new trial of WALTER LEE IRVIN. He said most of the afternoon was spent discussing Florida State politics. He said they discussed the last Governor's race and the election of FULLER WARREN and also the coming Governor's race and the possibilities thereof insofar as the negro welfare was concerned.

SILAS said that HARRY did not mention his activities to him during the last month but he did recall him stating he had been in Milton and Defuniak Springs, Florida. He said HARRY mentioned that the colored homes in these towns appeared to be very nice homes, which were substantially built and that he, HARRY, believed that either town would be a nice place for colored people to live. He made no explanations or showed no indication that he possessed any fear whatsoever for his life. The general conversation was routine.

SILAS was unable to advance any theory as to the identity of any suspects though he did feel that the death of MOORE was a direct result of his activities in connection with the NAACP work as well as the Progressive Voters League, however, in this connection SILAS made the observation that due to his closeness to MOORE he felt that MOORE would not have made any explanation of any threats made against his life or any fear that he possessed because he was not the type who would want him, SILAS, to worry about it.

SILAS said a man by the name of JOHN GILBERT, who resides in Cocoa and who was very active in the Progressive Voters League and NAACP work was active with HARRY MOORE and he believed very close to HARRY MOORE. SILAS explained that JOHN GILBERT was formerly the Principal of the Cocoa Negro High School and had lost his job when he was working with MOORE to raise the negro teachers salaries to the same level as white teachers.

SILAS said that both he and HARRY MOORE were charter members of the Brevard County Chapter of the Progressive Voters League of Florida, Inc. as well as the Brevard Chapter of the NAACP. SILAS likewise expressed the opinion he believed the Croveland case could very likely have been responsible for this incident.

ELMER SILAS stated at the present time he is employed as a building custodian at the Patrick Henry Air Force Base, Cocoa, Florida.

While ASAC DURKE was in telephonic conversation with ANN SIMMS, mother of victim HARRIETT MOORE, who was visiting HARRIETT at Sanford Memorial Hospital, Mrs. SILAS stated that Dr. WALTER WHITE was there and would like to

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Mr. HUTZLER characterized MOORE as being "cantankerous" and one who is constantly "demanding" but he added that he had never received any information reflecting unfavorably upon the character of MOORE. He advised that he had been quite surprised on learning of the bombing of the MOORES residence inasmuch as he was under the impression that MOORE was no longer residing in Mims, Florida.

Mr. HUTZLER stated the last time he saw MOORE to talk to was sometime during 1946 while MOORE was still employed as a teacher, at which time HUTZLER spoke to him regarding some administrative problems at the school. HUTZLER emphatically denied ever telling MOORE that he was taking things too far and that he was going to get into serious trouble unless he stopped.

Mr. HUTZLER stated that to the best of his memory MOORE's services were continuous from 1936 to 1946 and he does not recall that any petition was ever circulated to rehire MOORE.

HUTZLER stated the following persons were Trustees at the time HARRY T. and HARRIETT MOORE resigned:

H. C. FORD  
I. A. HOLDER  
and one Mr. DARDEN, who is now deceased.

Mr. HUTZLER stated he does not have any information or suspects who may be responsible for the bombing of the MOORE residence.

HOMER C. FORD, Ford Office Supplies, Titusville, Florida, advised that he was a Trustee at the time of the resignation of HARRY T. and HARRIETT MOORE. He said he personally recalls that the contracts of HARRY T. and HARRIETT MOORE were not renewed inasmuch as a number of the colored citizens of Mims, Florida had approached Trustees and stated they wished a change. Mr. FORD stated he does not recall the reasons given by the colored citizens for a change of teachers but he and the other Trustees were agreeable to make a change if it was so desired by the citizens of Mims.

He also advised he recalls HARRY T. MOORE and the latter's employment as a teacher and described MOORE as a peaceful, law abiding citizen. Regarding the colored citizens of Mims, Florida, who approached FORD requesting the change in the teachers at Mims, Florida, Mr. FORD advised he can only recall the name of JOE WARREN as one of the persons.