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FORD also advised that he does not have any information as to the identity of the persons responsible for the bombing of the MOORE residence, adding that the bombing came as a complete surprise to him. He also stated he does not have any information regarding the activities of MOORE since his employment as a teacher was discontinued at Mims, Florida.

IRVING A. HOLDER, Mims, Florida, advised that he was appointed to fill the vacancy on the School Board of Trustees at the death of Mr. DARDEN and that to the best of his memory he served as a Trustee from about September, 1946 to January, 1945 and does not recall HARRY T. MOORE and his wife resigning from their teaching positions. He stated further that he could only recall having one contact with MOORE and that that was in about 1940. He explained that during that time he went to the colored school to help fill out Selective Service questionnaires for the colored people of Mims. HOLDER stated he found MOORE to be uncooperative and never contacted him after that. HOLDER could give no information as to what persons might have bombed the MOORE residence.

2-11-52 [JOHN D. NASH, Brevard Title and Abstract Company, Titusville, advised he is presently Chairman of the Brevard County Board of Instruction and was a member of the Brevard County Board of Public Instruction during 1945-46. NASH stated he personally recalls that HARRY T. and HARRIETT MOORE resigned as teachers during either 1945 or 1946, he does not recall the reason for their resignations.

He further advised that after MOORE's services had been discontinued MOORE and another colored man came to NASH's residence and at that time MOORE asked NASH if MOORE might again be employed as a teacher. NASH said he advised MOORE that he would not personally recommend MOORE for employment as long as MOORE was engaged in any political activity. In his regard NASH explained MOORE was very active in the Progressive Voters League. He said that he is of the opinion school teachers should not engage in politics and he so advised MOORE. He also stated that MOORE at that time did not mention HARRIETT's employment or desire that she should be reemployed but was concerned with employment for himself. He said that when he heard of the bombing of the MOORE's residence he was quite surprised inasmuch as he thought MOORE had left Mims a few years ago and was living elsewhere. He could suggest no suspects.

JOHN S. BOWLING, 1214 S. Hopkins Street, Titusville, Florida, was interviewed at his request on December 27, 1951. BOWLING advised that he is a teacher at the Titusville Grammar School and that on the night of December 25, 1951 he and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. EARL ROBERTS and their son BILL,

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I. INVESTIGATION RE SUSPECT EARL J. BROOKLYN

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents CLYDE P. ADERHOLD and FRANK F. MEECH at Apopka, Florida, on February 19, 1952.

BASIS: Confidential Informant T-1 reinterviewed to ascertain if he had remembered any other details concerning the exhibiting of the floor plans of MOORE's home by EARL BROOKLYN at the meeting of the KKK at Apopka.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that WILLIAM BOGAR was the Exalted Cyclops of the Apopka Klavern of the Association of Georgia Klans to the best of his recollection starting January 1, 1950. In the latter part of January the entire Klan in a group left the Georgia Klans and obtained a charter in the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, BILL HENDRIX of Tallahassee coming to Apopka to give them their charter. BILL BOGAR remained as Exalted Cyclops in the new Southern Knights Klavern until around June 30, 1950. It was informant's recollection EDWARD HAYES became Exalted Cyclops by election after BILL BOGAR went out of office.

The informant recalls EARL J. BROOKLYN, TILLMAN H. BELVIN and ROBERT L. JUDAH visited the Apopka Klavern on the particular evening when the plans of MOORE's home were seen and MOORE was discussed. He definitely recalls this occasion was after the negroes were convicted in Lake County in the Groveland Rape Case.

It is to be noted here that the individuals involved in this rape case were sentenced in Lake County September 8, 1949.

Informant stated that it is his recollection it was in early January, 1950 after BILL BOGAR was elected Exalted Cyclops relieving L. H. SHEPHERD of this office that the above individuals visited the Klavern. He related BELVIN, BROOKLYN and JUDAH were in the closed meeting and after adjournment most of the men present went outside of the building. At this point EARL BROOKLYN approached the informant and to the best of his recollection the other individuals standing with him

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at the time were ROBERT L. JUDAH and FRED REISNER. FRED REISNER is presently a constable in Apopka and is also the present Exalted Cyclops of the Southern Knights at Apopka. ROBERT L. JUDAH is a member of the Winter Garden Klan of the Association of Georgia Klans at the present time. In this regard it was the informant's recollection that a group from the Winter Garden Klan comprised of JUDAH, BELVIN, BROOKLYN, EDDIE JACKSON and KEMP MASK came over to Apopka and at a meeting demanded the resignation of BILL BOGAR as Exalted Cyclops. Informant stated BILL BOGAR was principally responsible for the banishment of several members and he believed the ousting resulted in the above individuals asking for BOGAR's resignation. It is informant's recollection that BROOKLYN's visit on the occasion of the showing of the floor plans was the week previous to this visit and it was approximately three weeks after the group requested BOGAR's resignation that the entire Klan went over to the Southern Knights.

To the best of his recollection BROOKLYN said in substance as follows: "Listen, fellows, I've got a deal. Now this nigger MOORE up at Mims is the head of the NAACP and he has played a very important part in trying to get the Lake County niggers cleared of that rape charge. He caused a lot of money to be sent down from New York to be used in defending the niggers. I have been over to Mims and have checked over the place carefully." At this point the informant stated BROOKLYN withdrew from his shirt pocket a piece of plain white paper which was crumpled and folded. BROOKLYN unfolded the paper which was approximately 8 x 8" square and held the paper in his hands. Informant said he did not clearly see the drawing but to the best of his recollection there was the plan of a house drawn on the paper in pencil and he described it as being crudely drawn.

Upon withdrawing this piece of paper and unfolding it BROOKLYN said, "I have here a plan of the house." The informant at this point could not in any way recollect the general wordage of BROOKLYN but recalled his explaining to the group something about railroad tracks and a road running in front of the house. It was informant's recollection that BROOKLYN continued, "I want to recase the place carefully and I am going to take some men over. Is there any of you men that want to go with me?" Informant stated the conversation ended abruptly at this point with the group breaking up and no one offering any help and BROOKLYN did not push the question any further.

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At this point the informant was requested to draw from his recollection what he saw on the piece of paper held by BROOKLYN. He protested, stating he hesitated to even indicate to the Agents vaguely what he remembered because he was afraid he would not be accurate. He said if he had examined the diagram or floor plans personally he would not hesitate but his recollection was very vague. However, he drew a rectangular shaped building showing only one partition and indicated the location of the front door and drew an "X" showing the location of a bedroom. Informant also drew in front of the house the railroad tracks. He did not draw, but indicated somewhere in the general location of the tracks and in the same direction a road appearing on the plan.

It is to be noted here that the informant states he has only visited Mims twice in the past twenty years and has never to his knowledge seen the MOORE residence. It is also to be noted that from the crude drawing made by the informant the front door is in the correct location with relation to the house and the "X" drawn was in the same place in relation to the house as MOORE's bedroom. The railroad tracks and the indication of where a road was drawn on the diagram held by BROOKLYN were also in the correct direction with relation to the MOORE house.

Informant stated emphatically that nothing was said by BROOKLYN to indicate in any way the action contemplated with relation to MOORE. He said he gathered merely by inference that MOORE was to be taken out and given a whipping. The informant explained he believed the men would merely go to MOORE's house, call him out from where he may be sleeping (and it was from this impression that he drew the "X" where MOORE would be sleeping), call him to the front door, take him out and whip him. Nothing whatsoever was indicated by BROOKLYN that any explosive was to be used.

The informant also drew for the Agents a sketch of the meeting hall where the Klavern met on that particular night and showed on the diagram where he and the group were standing when BROOKLYN related the above information. He drew a long table in front of the hall, explaining that over the table were three large electric bulbs and the general location of small groups of trees in the front of the hall, indicating with relation to one group of trees where he was standing with the group.

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This meeting place was visited after the interview by the Agents and it was noted that the diagram drawn by the informant was most accurate in all respects. From the explanation of the informant as to where they were standing when BROOKLYN showed the plans and from the personal visit the Agents determined they were approximately ten to twelve feet from the electric lights over the long table mentioned above. The three bulbs over the table appeared to be about 200 watt bulbs.

When questioned specifically the informant stated TILMAN H. BELVIN, to his recollection, was at the meeting but he was not in the small group when BROOKLYN discussed MOORE and exhibited the plans.

He said that at the time he did not gather from the conversation that any action was imminent with regard to MOORE but that BROOKLYN merely wanted assistance to surveil MOORE's house to determine his movements and generally to determine the best time to do the job.

The informant stated that he had never heard BROOKLYN indicate the reason for his interest in MOORE. It was informant's impression that some members who were affiliated with the Klan were interested in MOORE because of MOORE's interest in the Groveland Rape Case.

It was reiterated by the informant he did not believe that at the time BROOKLYN discussed MOORE anyone had the idea of bombing MOORE's residence. It is the informant's opinion that the bombing came as a result of ideas planted in the perpetrators' minds after the various bombings in the Miami, Florida, area.

He advised that to the best of his recollection most of BILL BOGAR's officers in the Apopka Klavern were present on the night the floor plans were shown by BROOKLYN. Informant stated BILL BOGAR's officers were PHILLIP HUGGINS, THOMPSON (brother-in-law of EDWARD HAYES), EDWARD HAYES, L. H. SHEPHERD, FRED REISNER, WILLIAM DUNAWAY (present Chief of Police), LESTER HANDY (head of the Klavern Committee), BERNHARD (Orlando milk truck driver), and JACK GEIGER (Orlando).

The informant said that ALFONSO P. SCHMITT of Winter Garden was, and as far as he knows still is, very active in the Klan. A close friend and associate of SCHMITT is one WILLARD SMITH.

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The informant advised that a man by the name of EUGENE BREWER at Sanford, Florida, a conductor on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, who he believed to be a good, law-abiding citizen, may also have been present at the meeting when BROOKLYN exhibited the floor plans of MOORE's house. Informant indicated BREWER could possibly furnish definite information concerning BROOKLYN's activities. He also indicated that BREWER could probably give the name of a person who saw a negro's house burned to the ground on Forest City Road a few years ago and probably also knew the persons involved in this incident.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information furnished by CI T-1 to effect that information furnished by an individual at Opelika, Alabama to State Investigator BEN L. ALLEN, of Birmingham, indicating one E. E. CAMPBELL, former Grand Cyclops of Ku Klux Klan, Birmingham, was involved in instant case and possibly other bombings at Miami, Florida. ALLEN stated such information furnished him by that individual, but nothing definite upon which investigation might be conducted. Arrangements effected with ALLEN for interview of his informant by Bureau Agents. Investigation at Birmingham has revealed suspect CAMPBELL dropped Klan membership over year ago and outside interests now occupied primarily by activities in Civil Air Patrol, in which he holds rank of Captain, and Masonic Lodge, in which recently inducted. Work record and other sources reflect CAMPBELL in Birmingham from December 22, 1951, through December 25, 1951.

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DETAILS: AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

This is a joint report of Special Agent PEYTON NORVILLE and the writer:

RE: EDGAR ELLIS CAMPBELL, with alias
ELLIS CAMPBELL, with alias
"PECK" CAMPBELL

Investigation in instant case was reinstated by the Birmingham Office upon receipt of information from Temporary Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, who advised on February 26, 1952, that he had just returned from a trip to Opelika, Alabama, which he had made in company with BEN L. ALLEN, an investigator of the Alabama Highway Patrol.

Informant T-1 related that he and ALLEN had conducted several interviews at Opelika in an endeavor to elicit information seeking to identify the persons responsible for the bombing of the Hugh Bentley residence at Phenix City, Alabama.

Informant T-1 stated one of the persons from whom BEN ALLEN secured information is a Pontiac salesman at Opelika whose name he did not know, but whom he described as being in his mid-fifties, approximately five feet seven inches, thin build, 140 pounds, dresses rather sloppily, and drives a 1950 model Buick. He stated this salesman seemed to want to share in any reward money which ALLEN might collect and exacted a promise from ALLEN that if he turned up any information ALLEN would assure him that he would secure a job with the State. This automobile salesman also wanted money for gasoline and expenses in trying to secure information and ALLEN also promised this.

Informant T-1 related that the salesman told ALLEN that within the past few days he had been in touch with "a big wheel member of the Klan" either in Georgia or South Alabama; that he knows one man did all of the bombing, both in mims, Florida and Miami, Florida, and in Birmingham. He further indicated that at that time he did not know the identity of the individual, but was working up to it. He further related that one of his sources of information was one JAMES CLIFF BEARDEN. T-1 described BEARDEN as a student at Auburn in Electrical Engineering and a man of approximately 35 years of age. He also stated BEARDEN is known.

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by him in the past to have made a speech before the Opelika City Council condemning the proposed action of the Council to bar Klan parades in Opelika.

Informant T-1, continuing, stated that the salesman told ALLEN he was a 100% Klansman and was going to meet with BEARDEN on Friday night, February 22, 1952. T-1 stated the salesman's car was observed in front of BEARDEN's home and, thereafter, this salesman met with ALLEN, telling him that he tried to get BEARDEN to drink whiskey to loosen his tongue, but BEARDEN would not touch anything alcoholic. He further related that ALLEN said he had secured the name of the individual responsible for the bombing, but could not remember it. He said it was similar to the name of a cigarette. ALLEN, after mentioning a few of the popular brands, secured the information from this salesman that the Klansman who did the bombing was named CAMPBELL.

Informant T-1 stated that inasmuch as the salesman was himself slightly under the influence of his own whisky at that time, in order to corroborate his information to the effect that CAMPBELL was responsible for the dynamiting, arrangements were made to have the salesman get some Klansmen to dynamite an old or ramshackled house outside of the city limits of Opelika and to plant the story with the Klokan, which is the Special Committee in the Klan which decides matters of policy that the house to be dynamited was a meeting place of Negro Communists and should be blown up. Informant T-1 related that this plan was not carried out as the same was disapproved by SULLIVAN, the Director of the State Highway Department, as being entrapment.

Informant T-1, continuing, stated the salesman told ALLEN that there had been considerable talk regarding the dynamiting of a Negro cafe at Auburn. He was unable to identify the cafe.

Informant T-1 also stated that the Pontiac salesman was to proceed to LaGrange, Georgia on Sunday, February 24, 1952, where he was to meet BILL HENDRIX, head of the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Florida, and another Klan official who was to be at LaGrange as a driver in the stock car races to be held there. T-1 stated HENDRIX was also formerly the head of the South Carolina Klan Club, but had "ex-communicated" that club two weeks before the Federal Bureau of Investigation round-up. He stated HENDRIX at the present time, has several clubs in South Alabama, one of which he knows to be located in Dothan, Alabama.

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Informant T-1 related that the meeting at LaGrange, Georgia did not take place as HENDRIX could not get there. He, thereafter, told ALLEN that he had talked to a high Klan official, believed by ALLEN to have been HEARDEN, and the salesman reiterated that he had positive information that E. E. CAMPBELL, Exalted Cyclops of the Robert E. Lee Klavern at Birmingham, Alabama, was the individual responsible for the Birmingham bombing, as well as the Florida bombing. The salesman stated the bomber had only one regret in regard to his bombing and, according to T-1, that was the fact that a child had been hurt by one of the dynamite explosions. Informant stated the only child he can recall as having been even slightly injured was HUGHBO BENTLEY who was in the Bentley home at Phenix City, Alabama at the time it was damaged by dynamite.

Informant T-1 stated that E. E. CAMPBELL resides at 1902 Stouts Road in North Birmingham, is a Tennessee Coal and Iron Company worker, and his time slips at the plant would not prove his absence from work at the time of any of the bombings as, according to T-1, CAMPBELL has relatives there who fix up these time slips to show him in attendance and thereby give him an airtight alibi. T-1 stated that during his inquiries of the Birmingham bombings, he ascertained that CAMPBELL at that time had his own plane, a Piper Cub. Since then, the plane has been sold, but CAMPBELL is a Colonel and Commanding Officer of Civil Air Patrol No. 1 at Birmingham, and consequently, has planes at his disposal.

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Informant T-1 related that the bombing in Wims, Florida, according to the salesman's information, was a deviation from the regular routine, as it was believed that some sort of clock had been used to detonate the dynamite on the Wims job. Ordinarily, the dynamiter preferred to throw the explosive from a moving vehicle.

Informant T-1 further stated he personally recalls that in about April 1950, E. E. CAMPBELL was questioned by BEN and IANAR ALLEN, State Investigators, B. H. "PAP" DINKIN of the Sheriff's Office, and Detectives J. R. DAVIS and JIM HENSON. He stated that at that time CAMPBELL denied knowledge of the technique required to use dynamite. He was also evasive in answering any questions, particularly if HENDERSON and MONTEITH, white residents of the area where the Negro houses were bombed, were Klan members. The only admissions secured from CAMPBELL was a statement to the effect that he had admitted at one time working with a man who had used dynamite in blowing stumps.

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Informant T-1 also related that in about April 1950, ROBERT E. CHAMBLESS, a City Garage employee who had been fired for Klan activities, was picked up at the request of the officers mentioned above and released after ROBERT K. AUSTIN, Superintendent of the Southside City Jail, Birmingham, told these officers that they could not question him. AUSTIN related that he had received his orders from Chief of Police FLOYD EDDINS. Informant T-1 stated one of the ALLENS called the Chief and the latter informed him that he had to take his orders from "higher up." T-1 stated he recalls Detective HENSON later thanked the ALLENS for telling the press that CHAMBLESS had been picked up only to answer a question or two about his automobile and released. HENSON indicated this statement got him out of an embarrassing position.

T-1 also stated he subsequently learned that E. E. CAMPBELL had been picked up for questioning at the Ensley, Alabama Precinct, inasmuch as Detective Captain CHARLES PIERCE had informed BEN and LAWAR ALLEN that his information had "come up" with the name of E. E. CAMPBELL as the individual who did the North Smithfield bombing.

Informant T-1 specifically requested that Agents not endeavor to interview the Pontiac salesman in Opelika at this time, as this would violate the confidence which BEN ALLEN had imposed in him. T-1 stated he intended to further question the salesman with ALLEN and proceed to Tallahassee, Florida, and possibly Mims, Florida, with ALLEN to contact State Investigators and endeavor to correlate information which they had received with anything that the investigation in Florida might show linking the bombings to E. E. CAMPBELL.

In addition to the salesman in Opelika, Informant T-1 knows that BEN ALLEN is working with Informant T-2, a Jefferson County Klansman who formerly cooperated with ALLEN to the extent that he put the finger on the individual in the Klan at Pell City, Alabama who killed HUPST. (This refers to a Klan murder at Pell City, Alabama). Informant T-1 stated the leverage which ALLEN uses on T-2 is knowledge and proof of T-2's complicity in the beating of Mrs. HUGH McDONALD by Klansmen near Adamsville, Alabama several years ago.

The individual above described as a Pontiac salesman at Opelika, Alabama, who has been the informant of BEN ALLEN will hereinafter be referred to as the "Opelika informant."

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QUOTE I WANT TO RE-CASE THE PLACE CAREFULLY AND AM GOING TO TAKE SOME MEN OVER. IS THERE ANY OF YOU THAT WANT TO GO WITH ME UNQUOTE. INFORMANT STATES CONVERSATION ENDED ABRUPTLY AT THIS POINT, WITH NO ONE STATING OR OFFERING ANY HELP, AND BROOKLYN DIDN-T PUSH HIS QUESTION ANY FURTHER. INFORMANT DREW FROM HIS RECOLLECTION THE DRAWING AS HE SAW IT, PLACING THE SPOT WHERE MOORE SLEPT AND PLACING THE FRONT DOOR IN THE CORRECT LOCATION. ALSO DRAWN WAS THE RR TRACK IN THE CORRECT DIRECTION OM THE HOUSE. INFORMANT DID NOT DRAW BUT INDICATED A ROAD SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THE RR TRACKS AND THE HOUSE WHICH IS ALSO CORRECT. INFORMANT ALSO DREW A SKETCH SHOWING THE KLAN MEETING HALL. OUTDOOR LIGHTS AND LAYOUT WHICH WAS LATER PERSONALLY VIEWED BY AGENTS AND FOUND TO BE EXACTLY AS DESCRIBED. INFORMANT STATES BELVIN AT SAME MEETING BUT NOT PRESENT WHEN BROOKLYN DISCUSSED MOORE AND EXHIBITED FLOOR PLANS. NOTHING SAID TO INDICATE ACTION PLANNED BUT INFORMANT REITERATED THAT HIS IMPRESSION WAS THAT MOORE WAS TO BE GIVEN A WHIPPING BECAUSE OF HIS ACTION IN THE GROVELAND CASE. BELIEVES THE HELP REQUESTED WAS NOT TO TAKE ANY IMMEDIATE ACTION BUT TO ASSIST IN WATCHING MOORE-S HOUSE TO LEARN HIS MOVEMENTS AND DETERMINE BEST TIME TO DO THE JOB.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents FRANK F. HEECH and JAMES P. SHANNON on April 17 and 22, 1952, at Orlando, Florida.

NOTE: WILLIAM JACKSON BOGAR interviewed inasmuch as he was alleged to have been involved in terrorist activities as a Klansman.

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The following signed statement was obtained from WILLIAM JACKSON BOGAR, Apopka, Florida, following an interview at the Orlando Resident Agency on April 22, 1952.

Orlando, Florida
April 22, 1952

I, WILLIAM JACKSON BOGAR, do make the following voluntary statement to FRANK F. HEECH and JAMES P. SHANNON who have identified themselves to me to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I realize I do not have to make this statement and that it can be used against me in a court of law and that I have a right to an attorney.

I was born October 3, 1899, at Cedar Springs, Missouri, and have been a resident of Apopka, Florida, since September, 1928. It was about 1936 or 1937 that I joined the old Ku Klux Klan at Orlando. I maintained my membership in the Ku Klux Klan continuously while it was the old Ku Klux Klan, the Florida Klan, the Association of Georgia Klans and the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan until approximately January, 1951 except for a period of time when I was in the United States Army under Army Serial Number 14082821 from August 9, 1942 to May 10, 1945 when I received an honorable discharge.

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I was the chief of the Klavern Committee of the Apollo Klavern of the Association of Georgia Klans in 1949 when LEONARD HARRISON SHEPPARD was the Exalted Cyclops of that Klavern. In 1950 I was Exalted Cyclops of that Klavern and remained the Exalted Cyclops when the entire Klavern transferred to the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan on August 10, 1950.

It was approximately in July, 1949 immediately after the incident in which four negroes allegedly raped a white woman which is commonly known as the Groveland Rape Case that I drove over to Groveland in my blue 1948 Ford sedan with me, EDWARD HARRISON SHEPPARD and PHILIP HUGGINS as passengers. I believe there might have been one other Klansman in the car but whose identity I do not recall. I. B. HILL of Suwanee, Florida, a Klansman, had requested some Klansman from Orange County to go over to Groveland in Lake County because something was going to happen. When I arrived in Groveland there were about 50 other Klansmen around there that I could recognize but there were a lot of people there I did not know. Among the Klansmen that I did know was LAWRENCE SMITH who was driving his car and had as passengers about four other Klansmen whose identities I do not know.

I recall hearing shooting down in the vicinity of Mascot but was not in that place at any time. The National Guard had arrived and was blocking the roads, preventing us from going into the Mascot area. As I was there in Groveland I overheard I. B. HILL who was driving in his black 1941 Ford say that he was going after five gallons of gasoline. I. B. HILL was talking to LAWRENCE SMITH at the time. There were several men in I. B. HILL's car but I do not recall who they were. LAWRENCE SMITH was not in the car. Among the group of Klansmen present at Groveland I recall seeing in addition to those that were with me LAWRENCE SMITH, EDWARD HAINES, IRVING WHITE and J. E. BUCHHEIT of Winter Garden. Several weeks after this incident I heard that I. B. HILL burned the negro houses in the Groveland area. I do not recall who furnished this information to me.

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"On the day when the three negroes tried for rape at Tavares were convicted I witnessed the following incident. Sheriff WILLIS McCALL of Lake County told some Klansmen whose identity I do not know that he needed help. EDWARD HINES and LAWRENCE SMITH who were present at the trial in Tavares telephoned this information to MELVIN WHITE who told me late that same afternoon. I do not know who furnished the information to the Klansmen in Winter Garden. PHILLIP HUGGINS came by and I told him WHITE had said they were going to run the negroes' lawyers. I do not recall the exact words spoken by MELVIN WHITE. I asked PHILLIP HUGGINS if he wanted to go with me to see what was going on. I drove to MELVIN WHITE's house with PHILLIP HUGGINS. While there an automobile came occupied by Klansmen from Winter Garden driven by ALEX SCHMITT in his Buick. I do not remember who was with him. The group at MELVIN WHITE's decided ALEX SCHMITT was to take charge. R. G. STEPHENS (now deceased) drove up with a box of cold beer and ribs. We ate the ribs in an open space adjoining MELVIN WHITE's house. ALEX SCHMITT said we would go to Lake Oka and when the negro lawyers' car came by we would catch them. A maroon Buick driven by a Klansman who works for ROBERT STEPHENS, JR. arrived at MELVIN WHITE's place. On the instructions of ALEX SCHMITT the three cars drove along Route 441 to the vicinity of Lake Oka where we parked near the lake at the foot of the hill leading from Mount Dora.

ALEX SCHMITT said someone would chase the car and when they came by we would chase them and run them out of the county. It was dark at the time when the cars came by. WALTER GORMING was driving EBERT HART's car extremely fast chasing the other car. The HART car lights were blinked and ALEX SCHMITT pulled onto the road right behind them. ALEX SCHMITT pulled away from us chasing this car and I never saw him any more that day. PHILLIP HUGGINS was in the car with me. I do not recall anyone else being in the car. I never drove over 30 or 40 miles an hour as I travelled along Route 441 into Apopka. I thought the police might have held up the chase in Apopka but when I got there I did not see anyone and went home. Later I found from general talk in Apopka that Sheriff WILLIS McCALL had escorted the car carrying the negro defense attorneys through Mount Dora and to the Lake-Orange county.

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line where he turned back. Near there was WALTER GODING driving EMIETT HART's car. HART being a passenger. They took up the chase of the negro defense attorneys in the car and blinked the headlights of the car on approaching the point where we were parked near Lake Oka in order to signal to our cars to stop the attorney's car. ALEX SCHLITT was supposed to stop them but could not because they were going too fast. I also heard through general conversation that the constable, FRED REISNER, and the Chief of Police BILL DUSENMAN, were upstairs in a building in the business district of Apopka to be out of sight and to watch the chase as it went through Apopka.

Sometime in 1950 I was present at an incident in which a shack occupied by a white man named WHITE was burned in Apopka. Actually I did not give any orders to burn this shack and I was not involved in the burning. This man had constructed a shack about 6' x 6' out of palm branches on the road near Moscock's Grocery house. He was to be told to move back to the city dump and live in the boiler where he had been living. There were two cars involved. I drove my car with PHILIP WYKIN as a passenger. DELAND GEORGE drove his own car. I do not recall who it was that was with him nor how many. We stopped near the shack. DELAND GEORGE and some other Klansman were to go into the shack and tell this WHITE to move back down to the city dump. I stayed in my car and never entered the shack. DELAND GEORGE set fire to the shack which was very inflammable. I never did know what he used to set fire to the shack except that he must have lit a match. DELAND GEORGE always talked about using Molotov Cocktails but I do not know whether he used one on that shack.

Sometime in 1950 when I was Insulated Cyclops of the Association of Georgia Klans Klavern in Apopka I was present at a time when ALBERT BOYKIN, the negro CIO secretary for the area for the crate mill employees was shot at. The idea was to scare this ALBERT BOYKIN so he would quit inciting union trouble at the crate mill. I was driving my car and had PHILIP WYKIN as a passenger. DELAND GEORGE was driving his old Dodge and BILL DUSENMAN and possibly some other Klansman in his car. We drove up along the Glaccon Road near the south part of Apopka as ALBERT BOYKIN was walking

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along the road. LELAND GEORGE's car came up to him and they tried to get him into the car. He ran. LELAND GEORGE took a shot in his direction with a German Army rifle but missed him. BOYKIN stumbled and I thought they had hit him. But he went on and the next day I saw him at the post office and could see he was not hurt.

Several weeks later we located ALBERT BOYKIN walking along the same road. I was driving my car with PHILLIP HUGGINS as a passenger. ELLIOTT HART was in his car with LELAND GEORGE, RED McHENNAMY and JOE MADE. ED HAYES was in his car with MELVIN WHITE. Someone from ELLIOTT HART's car got ALBERT BOYKIN as he was walking along the road and drove out with him into an orange grove near the Boy Scout camp. I arrived at the scene after the Klansmen in ELLIOTT HART's car had the negro ALBERT BOYKIN, but in the grove. I understand they were to put the belt to him or flog him but I do not know whether they did or not. As I drove up I heard someone yell. I was told the negro broke away and as he was running through the grove tripped over a speed sprayer nozzle causing quite a racket. The negro was able to escape through the grove.

There was an incident in 1949 or 1950 in which a white man named EELBECK who used to work at the Alhambra Exchange and lived next to JOE MADE in Apopka at that time was taken out. JOE MADE arranged this ride because the man got drunk and did not feed his family. I drove my own car with PHILLIP HUGGINS as a passenger. ALEX SCHMIDT had his Buick and had about four other Klansmen from Winter Garden with him. I can not recall their identities. There was another car from Apopka but I can not recall who was in it. We drove to EELBECK's home where ALEX SCHMIDT and another Klansman from Winter Garden walked up to this man's house and pulled him by the collar from his porch. I was told later by someone whose identity I can not recall that SCHMIDT's car went with EELBECK out to Round Lake which is north and east of Apopka. I surmise they gave him a whipping there. I did not see either the SCHMIDT car after EELBECK was picked off the porch but neither drove home.

I have read the above statement consisting of this and three other typewritten pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have signed my name on this page and have initialed each of the other pages.

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The following investigation was conducted by TUDAS E. LINTHICUM and
CHARLES P. ADERHOLD on January 4 and 5, 1952:

BASIS: Interview of KKK informants in attempt to identify two
white men who came to Mims, Florida about July, 1951 inquiring
about HARRY T. MOORE.

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, who has been a
member of the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at Apopka and Orlando,
Florida for the last three years, advised that the description of #1
man as described by O. K. WASHINGTON, not the description of TILLMAN
BELVIN. T-4 said that BELVIN had formerly been a member of the KKK of
Georgia, which had an organization in Orlando, Florida. T-4 stated that
he knew BELVIN to be of bad reputation and that he was expelled from the
Georgia Klan for activities involving violence. T-4 advised further that
BELVIN is regarded as a "renegade" because he continued his activities
even after he was expelled from the Klan.

T-4 advised further that the description of #2 man as given by O.
K. WASHINGTON, was similar to the description of EARL BROOKLYN, who is pre-
sently employed at the Super Concrete Company, Orlando, Florida. T-4 said
BROOKLYN always wore a baseball cap, usually red in color and is a short
stocky person. He advised further that BROOKLYN is also considered a
renegade for the same reason as BELVIN. T-4 did not know what type of per-
sonal automobiles these two individuals owned.

Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, who has been
closely associated with KLAN activities in the State of Florida for the last
ten years, advised that #1 was practically identical with the description
of T. H. BELVIN and that #2 man was very similar to that of EARL BROOKLYN.
He stated that BELVIN and BROOKLYN and some other individuals were considered
as renegades by Klansmen in the Apopka and Orlando area. He explained that
approximately two years ago BELVIN and BROOKLYN were expelled from the Georgia
Association of the KKK because of acts of violence, which were against the
Klan rules.

T-5 said that these two and three others were expelled and that later
ROBERT, who is the head man for all of the Georgia Stations, reinstated BELVIN,
BROOKLYN and the other individuals. T-5 advised that because of this a group
of members of the Association of Georgia Klans left that Klan and formed a
Klan within the Southern Knights of the KKK. This Klan is headed by BILL
HELDON of Tallahassee, Florida.

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T-5 said that the other old members of the Georgia KKK who were considered to be renegades are ALTON DIXON, Jr., Apopka, Florida; ELMER HART, Apopka, Florida; JOE ADE, Apopka, Florida; Sheriff DAVID STEEL of Orange County; HARRY L. HART and his son ROY C. HART of Apopka, Florida.

T-5 stated that ELMER HART did become a member of the Southern Knights of the KKK at Apopka and some of the members found he was beating negroes and robbing them. For this reason HART was expelled from the Klan at Apopka.

T-5 also advised that approximately one year and a half ago HARRY BROOKMAN came to a meeting of the Southern Knights of the KKK at Apopka, Florida, and asked the assistance of that Klan for some "work" that had to be done. T-2 said he understood this to mean they had a number of people who needed a whipping or beating up.

According to T-5 the Apopka Klan did not offer any assistance and after the meeting HARRY BROOKMAN came over and talked to the informant. BROOKMAN displayed to the informant a diagram of the MOORE house and asked the informant to help him determine the activities of HARRY T. MOORE. T-2 said he understood at that time HARRY T. MOORE was only to be given a whipping. T-5 said he refused to give any assistance to BROOKMAN and has never heard of the matter from that time until he read in the paper that MOORE was killed by an explosion in his home. T-5 also said all members of the KKK know that HARRY T. MOORE was head of the IMACP in the State of Florida and that was the only reason they wanted to get him.

The informant advised further that all the people he listed as renegades have a very poor reputation and that he was almost positive they were responsible for burning down a house near Orlando, Florida, approximately one year ago. He stated that these men appeared to be mentally unbalanced over the negro question and that they go out of their way to do harm to negroes. The informant said that was a reasonable reason why they were expelled from the Klan.

The informant said that in his opinion the men that blew up the house of HARRY T. MOORE probably got the idea from the bombings being done in Miami, Florida. He said it was his experience that one group of Klansmen would follow another group in some form of violence.

The informant advised further that he knew that JOE ADE had a sub-machine gun and that on one occasion ADE had driven through the colored section of Apopka "looking for an excuse to use it." He said it was possible ADE had other firearms and explosives at his home in Apopka.

The informant also advised he had recently heard BELVER had been working at the Orlando Air Force Base, Orlando, Florida.

T-5 advised that the person who is head of the Klan activities in the Cocoa, Titusville and New Smyrna Beach, Florida, area is DORSEY KIDD. T-5 stated that KIDD is the owner of the Kidd Furniture Company in Cocoa and that KIDD also has stores in Titusville and New Smyrna. T-5 was not sure whether or not there is an active Klan in this area but stated KIDD had been trying to organize a Klan.

Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, who has been associated with Klan activities in the Central Florida area for the last ten years, stated the description of the #1 man as given by O. K. WASHINGTON was similar to that of T. H. BELVIN and the description of the #2 man was similar to EARL BROOKLYN. He described these two men as being of very poor reputation and constant troublemakers. T-6, in fact, substantially furnished the same information as T-5 regarding these two individuals. He said he recalled the time EARL BROOKLYN came to the Klan meeting in Apopka and asked for assistance to "do some jobs". T-6 could not recall seeing the plan of the MOORE house although he pointed out that he was very busy at that time and had other problems and it was possibly BROOKLYN did have the plan of the MOORE house at that meeting. He also verified the fact that HARRY T. MOORE and all other leaders of the NAACP were well known to the Klan members.

T-6 advised further that EARL BROOKLYN had three fingers missing from his left hand. In this regard it is to be noted that O. K. WASHINGTON stated that he observed that the short, stout man kept his hands in his pockets during the entire time he was in the Mims Confectionery Store.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, who has been associated in Klan activities for the past 15 years, upon being re-contacted, advised that one member of the Klan at Winter Garden, Florida, which is a branch of the Association of Georgia Klans, resides near Mims, Florida. He said this person's name is BILL LEE and that LEE is employed as a salesman by the Stauffer Chemical Company which has a branch office in Apopka, Florida. T-2 said that LEE was considered to be a loud-mouthed individual and that LEE had been bragging around Winter Garden that he knew all about the bombing of the MOORE residence. According to T-2, LEE had told some people in Winter Garden that the first thing Sheriff "BILL" WILLIAMS of Brevard County did after hearing of the explosion was to telephone him.

T-2 stated that LEE had indicated he did have information concerning the explosion and that T-2 thought it possible LEE had furnished MOORE's activities to some members of the Klan.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents ROBERT E. SUNKEL and ROBERT T. NISCHWITZ on March 11, 1952, at Winter Park, Florida.

BASIS: Confidential Informants T-5 and T-6, former Klansman and present Klansman, respectively, Winter Park area, interviewed concerning Klan activities in connection with instant bombing and information concerning suspects BROOKLYN, BELVIN and others.

Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised that while he was a member of the Klan in about 1945 or 1946 one CARL D. BUCHANAN was the Exalted Cyclops of the Association of Georgia Klans in Orlando which was then known as the Century Club. During the time BUCHANAN was Exalted Cyclops he resigned and ceased to affiliate himself with the Klan or its activities.

T-5 stated that JOHN T. "TINY" THOMAS, a Klansman in the Winter Park-Orlando area, during the last war worked for a wholesale grocery company and was caught embezzling funds, at which time he was fired. Since that time he has worked at the Winter Park A & P grocery. THOMAS was Exalted Cyclops of the Association of Georgia Klans Klavern in Orlando and around 1947 or 1948 was head of the Klokann Committee of the same organization. T-5 said THOMAS is one of the "hottest" members of the organization at present and that he is capable of doing anything along terrorist lines. He expressed the opinion that THOMAS has been responsible for most of the cross burning activities of the Klan in the Winter Park-Orlando area in recent years. Based on this opinion, informant stated he believed THOMAS is head of the Klokann Committee of the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, or at least a member of the committee.

He advised that EMORY EVERETTE was at one time on the Klokann Committee of the Southern Knights along with THOMAS and is considered "red hot".

Of EDDIE JACKSON, T-5 stated he is "worse than THOMAS". He advised JACKSON would do anything of a terrorist nature. He stated if the

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Klan had any part in instant bombing it was his opinion that EDDIE JACKSON was in on it. In reference to JACKSON T-5 repeatedly stated "he will do anything".

HOMER JONES is a member of the Southern Knights and is a good friend of EDDIE JACKSON.

EMORY BRANTLEY and CARL SANDERS were referred to by T-5 as being capable of doing any sort of terrorist act.

JOE N. COX is still a member of the Klan and although he is an old man T-5 believes he may know something about the activities of the Klan in and around the Winter Park-Orlando area.

EARL J. BROOKLYN is described as capable of any terrorist act and a mean individual.

JAMES B. JOHNSON was head of the Klokann Committee at one time and, according to T-5, if he is given one drink he, too, would be capable of any terrorist act. He said JOHNSON has gotten into difficulties on the east coast of Florida for beating two young boys.

TILLMAN H. BELVIN was very active in the Klan in the past. T-5 did not know of his recent activities but stated he does not have good sense.

FORREST KILGORE is one of the old-time members of the Florida Klan and it is not known whether he is presently active in the Klan.

CHARLES E. LIMPUS, Clerk of the Criminal Court, Orlando, is a Klansman, as is FRANK EDWARD BUCHANAN of Winter Park.

EARL Y. HARPOLE, City Manager of Winter Park, is a Klansman. In regard to HARPOLE, T-5 stated he recalled an incident wherein a former Baptist minister in the city of Winter Park had allowed the children of the colored janitor of the church to attend church services along with the white children. HARPOLE reportedly expressed the desire to have TINY THOMAS burn a cross in front of the minister's home. Informant stated, however, that this was never done because HARPOLE expressed this desire in the presence of Chief of Police CARL BUCHANAN who severely rebuked HARPOLE and told him he would not allow such activities in Winter Park.

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T-6, a business man of Winter Park, Florida, and presently a member of Klavern 348 of the Association of Georgia Klans, a member of approximately one year's standing, furnished the following information concerning individuals brought to his attention in the course of the interview:

JOHN T. "TINY" THOMAS: believed to be a member of the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

EDDIE JACKSON: Presently Exalted Cyclops of Klavern 348, Association of Georgia Klans.

HOMER JONES: known to informant only by sight.

CECIL LANGSDALL: head of the Klavern Committee, Klavern 348, during calendar year 1951, probably also for 1952.

G. R. CLARK: secretary, Klavern 348.

EARL J. BROOKLYN: not presently associated with any Klavern known to informant. Formerly associated with the Association of Georgia Klans.

EDGAR BROOKLYN: brother of EARL BROOKLYN, presently associated with Klavern 348.

JAMES B. JOHNSON: presently a member of Klavern 348, Association of Georgia Klans.

ALFONSO F. "ALEX" SCHMITT: unknown to informant.

TILLMAN H. BELVIN: believed not actively associated with any Klan group at the present time and for several years past.

CLAUDE WAITTS: present member of Klavern 348.

The informant was questioned concerning other individuals whose names have come up in the course of instant investigation as being connected with one of the various Klans in and around Orange County. Concerning these individuals T-6 stated he either did not know them or knew them only by sight and was not acquainted with their Klan connections, if any.

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T-6 stated he could think of no one in the Association of Georgia Klans who would be capable of bombing the MOORE house. He also stated he was not familiar with the membership of the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Informant stated he had never seen any floor plans of victim MOORE's home and MOORE was never, to his knowledge, discussed at any of the meetings or by any members during or after meetings.

BASIS: For record purposes the following information received in a report from T-6, another governmental agency is set forth.

The report of Confidential Informant T-6 of known reliability, covering "KKK ACTIVITIES IN CENTRAL FLORIDA", relates in substance that it is rumored the following individuals were instrumental in bombing the MCORE residence:

(a) EARL BROOKLYN, white male, one hand missing, who resides on Lake Mann, Orlando, Florida;

(b) BROOKLYN (GNU), white male, twin brother of EARL BROOKLYN, who also resides on Lake Mann, Orlando;

(c) HELVIN (GNU), white male, resides on opposite side of street from American Bakery, Orlando, often seen wearing cowboy hat and boots;

(d) EDWARD JACKSON, white male, known KKK member and known to like to participate in acts of violence;

(e) RAMSEY (GNU), white male, resides on Forrest City Road between Apopka and Altamonte Springs, Florida;

(f) SCHMIDT (GNU), aka Smitty, an employee of the Winter Garden Fruit Exchange, Winter Garden, Florida, rumored to have been instrumental in the death of a colored workman in Winter Garden;

(g) JOE WADE, operator of Wade's Radio Repair Shop, Apopka, stated to own a U. S. Machine Gun, also known to be a member of the KKK and active in "night riding" in late 1950 and early 1951; night riding was reportedly not authorized by the Klavern and was stopped by them; three men stated to have been known to have associated with WADE in these activities although they were not identified in the report;

(h) LELAND GEORGE, white male, reported to be a carpenter employed by the Atomic Energy Commission presently residing at Pine Shade Trailer Park, Jackson, South Carolina;

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(1) EUGENE HOOD, white male, who recently moved from Apopka, Florida, to Augusta, Georgia;

(2) McDERMOTT (GNU), white male, employed at Bishop's Economy Food Market, Apopka.

With reference to the information set forth in the above report, it is to be noted that EARL BROCKLYN is a principal suspect in instant case and was erroneously described as having one hand missing. The other BROCKLYN referred to as a twin brother of EARL is actually the individual who has an amputation of one arm and who is not a twin of EARL BROCKLYN but a brother four years EARL's junior. This brother's name is EDGAR BROCKLYN.

BELVIN was described as residing opposite the American Bakery in Orlando. TILLMAN H. BELVIN, a suspect, resides 16 miles out of Orlando on Route 4, Box 400, Lake Draddy.

EDWARD JACKSON who is described as being a known Klan member and one who liked to engage in Klan activities is actually EDWARD JACKSON, Exalted Cyclops of an Association of Georgia Klans Klavern in Orlando.

RAMSEY who is described merely as an individual residing outside Apopka is actually ROY C. RAMSEY who was banished from the Association of Georgia Klans in Apopka approximately 1 1/2 years ago.

SCHMIDT described as a foreman at the Winter Garden Fruit Exchange is actually ALFONSO F. SCHMITT, the present Exalted Cyclops of the Association of Georgia Klans at Winter Garden.

JOE WADE described as having a U. S. machine gun and being a known Klan member is actually MARION EDWARD WADE, proprietor of Wade's Radio Repair Shop in Apopka. WADE in 1951 was Exalted Cyclops of the Association of Georgia Klans at Apopka and is active in Klan activities in the Apopka area.

McDERMOTT is actually T. J. McMENNAMY, an associate of WADE and a former member of the Association of Georgia Klans at Apopka.