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Mrs. DAN LOCKE, 115 Ferguson Drive  
Mrs. LINDA WALKER, 2045 Long Street

Another sister, Mrs. EDWARD FORD, resides in Ocoee,  
Florida.

DOOROTHY BROOKLYN was interviewed on January 17, 1952, at which time she advised she left Orlando, Florida, at approximately 1:30 P.M., December 21, 1951, in the company of ROBERT and BETTY MAJOR, who were driving to Detroit. She stated they arrived in Detroit at approximately 1:00 A.M., December 23, 1951. She remarked that her purpose in coming to Detroit was to obtain employment, if possible, and to be away from her father, MARY BROOKLYN.

With reference to any correspondence or communication which she has had with her parents in Orlando, Florida, she stated that she has communicated with her mother by letter on a few occasions since arriving in Detroit. She voluntarily stated she called her mother on the evening of January 16, 1952, after she heard that Agents of this Bureau were endeavoring to locate her. It is to be noted that she was not located on that date inasmuch as she and BETTY MAJOR had been job-hunting and no one was aware of their whereabouts until they arrived at the CARTER residence late that evening.

She remarked that when she called the BROOKLYN residence in Orlando, her father answered the phone. She asked him, "Are you in trouble?" He abruptly replied, according to DOOROTHY, "No. Do you want your mother?" She stated her primary purpose in making this call was because she was very concerned over the poor health of her mother and did not care to talk to her father at all. She stated she felt her father was probably in trouble, but that she was more concerned over her mother's illness. After she had a short conversation with her mother, Mrs. CARTER conversed with Mrs. BROOKLYN.

With respect to her father, DOOROTHY BROOKLYN stated he has resented her from childhood. The reason for this resentment is unknown to her. In contrast she stated her sister, VERA, age 14, is "worshipped" by BROOKLYN, but that VERA actually hates him. She stated both VERA and she are very close to their mother. She added that for many years BROOKLYN has neglected her mother. According to DOOROTHY, her father and mother have actually lived separate lives, her father merely providing a house and food for the family.

She stated that as long as she can remember nearly every night of the week her father would leave home shortly after the evening meal and would not return until early the next morning. When he left he was often

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dressed in good clothes, but more often in his work clothes. Part of the time he would drive his own car and at other times individuals would pick him up at home. She did not know these persons, but could remember they were mostly the same persons. She cannot recall BROOKLYN ever leaving home for any period of time more than overnight other than when he would go hunting. She believes that he was actually hunting as he usually brought home some wild game, reflecting that he was hunting.

She stated that relatives and friends of the family have often stated that BROOKLYN is a "very peculiar person and lives in a world of his own." She advised that to her knowledge none of the members of the immediate family know of BROOKLYN'S personal affairs.

With reference to BROOKLYN'S activities within the Ku Klux Klan, she advised that she has been aware of his association since she was a small girl. She learned of his association with the Klan not through BROOKLYN, himself, but through conversations she overheard. She stated she has never observed anything in their home reflecting BROOKLYN was associated with the Ku Klux Klan.

Her attention was directed to the numerous incidents which have happened in the State of Florida during the year of 1951. She related that she had read of these incidents in the newspapers and remarked "It appears to be something that the Klan might do." She was not specifically questioned concerning any particular incident. She remarked that she did not know of any incidents that had occurred since she left Orlando, Florida, December 21, 1951.

DOROTHY BROOKLYN advised her knowledge of her father's activities since the early part of 1949 have been limited inasmuch as she left home during the early months of that year. During 1949 she spent considerable time working in St. Petersburg, Florida. During 1950 she worked in Orlando, Florida, and during January, of 1951 she stated three of her girlfriends and she travelled and worked in New York City, smaller cities in Connecticut and Baltimore, Maryland. This continued until approximately the last week in July of 1951, at which time her mother became seriously ill. She returned home immediately and took her mother to the hospital where she was placed under the care of one Dr. SUTTER. Her mother returned home during August, 1951, and she stayed with her mother until the first week of December, 1951, at which time she moved into the home of ROBERT and BETTY HAWKIN.

DOROTHY BROOKLYN stated that while living away from home she seldom returned and when she did it was merely to visit her mother. Whenever possible she made arrangements for her mother to visit her wherever she was residing.

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She remarked that during the latter part of 1951 when she was at home her father actually ignored her and furthermore, she seldom spoke to him. She stated that he did not appear to be the least concerned over her mother's illness which caused her, DOROTHY, to resent her father more than ever.

With respect to BROOKLYN'S employment, DOROTHY did not know what he was doing during 1951. She stated that when he left home in the morning he was usually wearing work clothes such as dungarees. She recalled that for many years he worked in the fruit groves where she believed he was a truck driver. She recalled that during August, 1951, he received a thumb injury which caused him to lose a day of work. She believed he contacted Dr. SUTTER for treatment. She believes SUTTER is located at the Florida State Sanatorium and Hospital in Orlando.

With respect to any illnesses her father had, she stated that approximately three or four years ago he suffered considerably from stomach trouble and is of the opinion that Dr. SUTTER, at the above mentioned hospital, performed a very serious operation upon her father. To her knowledge her father does not use any drugs nor does he use pills of any type.

DOROTHY BROOKLYN stated that from her childhood she can recall her father warning her against looking into his personal belongings. He often stated, "Don't mess around with my things." She stated he was so emphatic in his instructions that she did not dare to even look or disturb his personal belongings.

As far as DOROTHY knew her father was born and raised in the vicinity of Orlando, Florida. She remarked he is of German descent, but does not speak or write German. She cannot recall whether he was pro-Nazi during World War II. She has never observed any items in the house which would reflect him to be pro-HITLER. To her knowledge he has no German friends.

She stated his conversations reflect that he is primarily "anti-Negro and Catholic." At this time she remarked that during 1950, since she had never attended any church whatsoever, she decided to study a religion and selected the Catholic religion. She could not state whether her father was aware of the instructions she was taking.

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ATTN. ASST. DIRECTOR A. ROSEN

UNSUBS, HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE, VICTIMS, DECEASED, CR. CONFIDENTIAL

INFORMANT ADVISED THAT SUSPECT EARL BROOKLYN RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM DAUGHTER DOROTHY AT DETROIT LAST NIGHT. DOROTHY ADVISED HER FATHER THAT FBI AGENTS HAVE BEEN TO SEE HER, THAT SHE WAS NOT IN WHEN THEY CAME, BUT THEY LEFT NUMBER FOR HER TO CALL. AGENTS ADVISED THEY DESIRED TO TALK WITH HER ABOUT HER FATHER. DOROTHY ASKED BROOKLYN WHAT SHE SHOULD TELL THEM, TO WHICH HE ANSWERED QUOTE TELL THEM YOU KNOW NOTHING UNQUOTE. SIMON SMITH MANNING, FBI THREE THREE ONE TWO EIGHT TWO ONE, A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF BROOKLYN, INTERVIEWED TODAY. HE FURNISHED NO INFO OF VALUE, ALTHOUGH BELIEVED HE FAKED WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE AND POSSIBLY WAS NOT TRUTHFUL IN HIS STATEMENTS. PHOTOS OBTAINED. SISTERS IN LAW OF BROOKLYN BEING INTERVIEWED TONIGHT AT SUGGESTION OF MRS. EDNA CARTER, SISTER IN LAW, RESIDING DETROIT, WHO ADVISED AGENTS THAT ALL OF HER FAMILY OPPOSED BROOKLYN-S KLAN ACTIVITIES WHICH CAUSED HIM TO BE ABUSIVE TO WIFE AND CHILDREN. DETERMINED THAT SUSPECT BELVIN PRESENTLY IN FT. MYERS, FLA.; TO CONSULT PHYSICIAN AND TO ENTER BAY PINES VETERANS HOSPITAL JANUARY NINETEEN NEXT. BELVIN REPORTEDLY SUFFERING FROM QUOTE DROPSY UNQUOTE. PRESENTLY CONSIDERING AS SUSPECTS ENTIRE

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ORGANIZATION OF WHICH BROOKLYN AND BELVIN ARE MEMBERS. ALL REPORTEDLY  
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MEMBER, ALSO TO PRINT AND PHOTOGRAPH WHEREVER PERMISSION GRANTED.

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*cc. Mr. Rosen*

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents CLYDE P. ADERHOLD, PHILIP C. CLINESCALES and Assistant Special Agent in Charge W. W. BURKE on January 18, 1952: at Orlando, Florida:

BASIS: EARL BROOKLYN was tentatively identified by T-2 at Orlando as answering the description of one of two white men inquiring at Mims, Florida during the latter part of July or early August, 1951 as to the whereabouts of the residence of HARRY T. MOORE. The two men making such inquiry were described by a negro resident of Mims, O. K. WASHINGTON. T-2 when making the tentative identification furnished information that he had seen what was said to be a floor plan of HARRY T. MOORE's home in the possession of BROOKLYN during the summer of 1950 at which time BROOKLYN was seeking help to do a "couple jobs."

Above named Agents at the residence of EARL J. BROOKLYN, Box 529E, Route 3, Orlando, Florida, contacted BROOKLYN at which time the latter executed a waiver of search. Weapons belonging to BROOKLYN were observed to be a double barrel .12 gauge shotgun, a .22 repeater rifle. No green plaid shirt was located though a red baseball cap was noted. This in view of the fact that original information from O. K. WASHINGTON indicated that one of the two white men making inquiry was wearing such a shirt and possibly a red hunting cap. There was no evidence of the presence of dynamite or any other explosive in the home.

Suspect BROOKLYN in company with his wife, ANNIE BROOKLYN, were instructed to appear at the Resident Agency office in the Post Office Building. They followed Agents to the office and upon arrival were separated for simultaneous interviews. BROOKLYN was interviewed by Special Agent CLYDE P. ADERHOLD and Assistant Special Agent in Charge W. W. BURKE.

BROOKLYN advised he was born in Brooksville, Florida April 1, 1911, that he has lived in Orlando, Florida for 20 years and for the last 14 years at his present residence. He stated he had never been in any trouble and had never been arrested and that he is presently employed as a concrete truck driver with the Super Concrete Company of Orlando.

At the beginning of the interview BROOKLYN vehemently denied he is a member or that he has ever been a member of the IKK or any club, not even the church. However, upon further insistence by Agents based upon information developed from various sources that BROOKLYN has been active in

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the Klan, BROOKLYN finally admitted that he had been a member but since his health had failed him a year or two ago he had ceased to be active in the organization.

BROOKLYN likewise denied that he had ever seen plans of HARRY T. MOORE's home. He stated he had never had the plans of anyone's home in his possession, in fact, he stated he had never heard of HARRY T. MOORE until he heard of the bombing incident on the radio.

BROOKLYN further stated he had at no time as much as discussed the incident with anyone nor did he possess any information that would assist in identifying the individual responsible for the incident. According to BROOKLYN he has been in Mims, Florida possibly one time in the last 20 years, that being when he was returning to Sanford, Florida from Titusville several years ago after a turtle hunt in the latter city.

BROOKLYN was very positive in stating that he had never had any trouble within his family. In furtherance he said that he and his wife, ANNIE, have always gotten along as well as any couple in Orlando. He stated, however, that at times he had objected to the activities of his daughter, DOROTHY, in not approving of her staying out late at night, etc. and as a result she had left home about a year ago and remained in Baltimore, Maryland for possibly six months. He said DOROTHY left home again on December 22, 1951 but before leaving called him to say Good-bye. BROOKLYN advised his wife has heard from DOROTHY since she arrived in Detroit but states he has not heard from her directly.

During interview BROOKLYN asked Agent could he ask a question. He asked had the Agents talked to CHARLIE JONES who lives in his, BROOKLYN's, neighborhood. He immediately related a story of his inability to get along with JONES and stated he felt JONES would tell anything about him whether or not it was true. To protect JONES in this matter Agents advised BROOKLYN that JONES was contacted in a routine neighborhood investigation making inquiries with regard to BROOKLYN but that JONES had furnished no information of value nor had JONES made any disparaging remarks with regard to BROOKLYN other than the fact he had never gotten along too well with him as a neighbor.

According to BROOKLYN, he, in company with his wife, ANNIE, his daughter VERNA and his daughter's girl friend, MARGIE CARSON, left the BROOKLYN residence on Christmas morning at about 9 or 10 o'clock proceeding to the home of TOMIE RICE for the purpose of having Christmas dinner with the RICE FAMILY. They had dined at about 1:30 or 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

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Also present for dinner at the RICE home were Mr. and Mrs. WALTER BALLARD.

BROOKLYN stated that a Mr. HENNETT came to the RICE home just prior to dinner to get Mrs. BALLARD to come to the Florida Sanitarium to be with HENNETT's wife who had delivered a baby that morning. Mrs. BALLARD after dinner drove in her car to the hospital, according to BROOKLYN's statements.

Sometime after Mrs. BALLARDS having departed BROCKLYN said he, BROCKLYN, with his daughter and her girl friend, drove Mr. BALLARD home and after having dropped Mr. BALLARD at his home they returned to the RICE home where they remained until shortly after 9 P.M. BROCKLYN said that the rest of his family had supper with the RICE family though he did not eat as the rich food they had had for dinner has caused him to become ill.

After departing the RICE home the BROCKLYNS went directly home and retired for the night shortly after arriving, in the neighborhood of 9:30 or 10 o'clock. He denies he left home after having retired.

BROCKLYN denied he had ever been on any "rides" with the Klan. He said he has worked with negroes all his life but had never had any trouble with them. He was greatly surprised to learn that many people who have known him a long time during interviews with Agents had stated he, BROCKLYN, had a reputation of being strongly prejudiced against the negroes.

BROCKLYN stated that he knows Mr. BELVIN but due to the fact Mr. BELVIN lives so far from him he had not at any time been too close with Mr. BELVIN. He expressed his opinion as being high with regard to BELVIN.

BROCKLYN stated he had run into TOMIE RICE on the afternoon preceding instant interview at about 3 o'clock at which time RICE told BROCKLYN that FBI agents had questioned him. BROCKLYN denied, however, that the meeting with RICE had been prearranged.

It is noted at this point that during interview with TOMIE RICE earlier in the day RICE advised agents he had to make a 3 o'clock appointment.

Based upon information in possession of Agents from reliable sources relative to BROCKLYN's Klan activities, it is quite obvious that suspect was untruthful in his statements.

EARL J. BROCKLYN is described as:



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| Age            | 41                              |
| Born           | 4-1-11                          |
| Place of birth | Brooksville, Florida            |
| Weight         | 190                             |
| Height         | 5'8"                            |
| Build          | Stocky                          |
| Eyes           | Gray                            |
| Complexion     | Ruddy                           |
| Hair           | Light brown, receding forehead. |

Photographs and fingerprints were obtained from suspect BROOKLYN.

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UNSUBS., HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE, VICTIMS, DECEASED, CR. 5-1  
 SUSPECT EARL J. BROOKLYN INTERVIEWED AT ORLANDO RA TODAY. DENIED KLAN  
 MEMBERSHIP AND STATED HE HAS NEVER BEEN A MEMBER OF KLAN OR ANY CLUB.  
 LATER ADMITTED MEMBERSHIP UNTIL YEAR AND HALF AGO, WHEN HEALTH GOT  
 BAD. DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF MIMS BOMBING EXCEPT FROM READING NEWSPAPER.  
 STATES HAS NEVER DISCUSSED INCIDENT WITH ANYONE. STATED HAS BEEN  
 MARRIED TWENTY YEARS AND HAS NEVER HAD TROUBLE WITH HIS FAMILY. OTHERS  
 INTERVIEWED DENY KNOWLEDGE OF INCIDENT. PHOTOS AND PRINTS TAKEN. WAIVER  
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 MASS MEETING OF NAACP AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA. JANUARY NINETEEN AND  
 TWENTY NEXT . POSTHUMOUS AWARD TO BE MADE TO HARRY MOORE. WALTER WHITE,  
 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NAACP, TO BE PRESENT.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents  
ROBERT A. MATTHEWS and PAUL C. CLINSCALLS on January 18, 1952:

Basis: Interview with wife of suspect EARL BROCKLYN.

Mrs. ANNIE ESTELLE BROCKLYN, nee Caldwell, wife of suspect EARL BROCKLYN, residence Route 3, Box 339E, was interviewed separately at the Orlando Resident Agency at the same time as was her husband. She advised she married EARL BROCKLYN in 1930 and that they have two daughters, DORCEY BROCKLYN, age 19 and VERA, age 14. She advised they have lived at their present residence for approximately 12 years and that prior to that time they lived on Church Street in Orlando.

She advised her husband has worked as a truck driver for the Super Concrete Company, Eames street plant, for the past two years and for about six to eight years for this company, which formerly operated under another name. She advised her husband has two brothers, HARVEY BROCKLYN who is a grove caretaker at Sanford, Florida and EDGAR BROCKLYN, also employed at the Super Concrete Company in Orlando.

When questioned as to the recent activities of her husband and herself, Mrs. BROCKLYN advised that on Christmas day, 1951 they went to the home of TOMIE RICE about 9 A.M. Besides herself, her husband and daughter, VERA, also visiting at the RICE home were Mr. and Mrs. MARTIN BALLARD of Ocoee.

Just prior to eating Christmas dinner, about 2 P.M., TOMMY BARNETT stopped at the RICE home and had Mrs. BALLARD accompany him on a visit to the hospital where BARNETT's wife was hospitalized. Mrs. BROCKLYN advised that the others stayed around the RICE residence all Christmas day, and that she and her husband left the RICE residence about 9 P.M. She stated that EARL BROCKLYN, who had a serious stomach operation about 2½ years ago, became ill Christmas evening, which necessitated their leaving the RICE home and that she, her husband and daughter went to their home and EARL retired. She claimed that EARL did not leave the BROCKLYN residence after returning home.

Mrs. BROCKLYN advised that EARL did not work after Friday, December 21, 1951, returning to work on Wednesday December 26, 1951. She advised that on Saturday December 22, 1951 she and her husband had spent most of the day around their home and that night she and EARL, accompanied

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by Mr. and Mrs. WARELLA BALLARD and Mr. and Mrs. TOMIE RICE, had gone fox hunting at approximately 8 to 9 P.M. She stated they had not returned until 3 A.M. Sunday, December 23, 1951. She stated that on Sunday morning EARL had hunted his dogs which he had left in the Lockhart scrub the night before and on Sunday afternoon she had accompanied her husband to pack the meat from a hog which EARL had butchered and left with a local butcher to cut and pack.

She stated that on Monday morning, December 24, 1951 she had accompanied her husband on a hunting trip, leaving home about 4 A.M. and returning that morning about 10 to 11 A.M. She stated that to the best of her knowledge EARL had spent the rest of Monday at their home and that she was working in the yard all the rest of Monday except for a short time that she visited her mother at a local hospital late in the afternoon.

When questioned as to hunting companions of her husband, she stated that WILLIAM EARLSON of Apopka, a Mr. LAMB of Orlando and DEL VANCE who sells used cars on Orange Avenue in Orlando, accompany EARL quite frequently on hunting trips.

Mrs. BROOKLYN was questioned regarding her husband's activities in the Ku Klux Klan. She emphatically denied that she has any information or knowledge that her husband is or has ever been in any way connected with the Ku Klux Klan. She denied having heard her husband mention any associations or connection with the K.K. or KKK members and stated that she has never seen anything resembling a robe, membership card or other KKK insignia in her husband's possession.

She advised that after her husband's operation 2½ years ago EARL has stayed at home with her during most of the evenings and nights after work, except for the time when EARL went fox hunting. She advised that she accompanies EARL on a large percentage of these fox hunting trips and that in view of her nervousness and general physical condition she most always knows where EARL is going fox hunting and with whom he is going fox hunting so that she might be able to locate EARL in the event of an emergency.

She advised that EARL has always confided in her, that she has never heard him discuss the Klan and that she does not believe it possible he could have been active in the KKK during the past two years without her knowing it. Mrs. BROOKLYN stated that to her knowledge her husband does not belong to any organization or group, adding that she and her husband are not even members of any church.

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When questioned as to the relationship of her husband EARL and her daughter, DOROTHY, Mrs. BROCKLYN advised that "they are so much alike" that they could not get along. She explained by stating that their temperament and disposition was such that they have had personal differences for the past several years. She advised her daughter left the home to live and work in Orlando about one year ago, has returned home for brief intervals since that time, and on December 21, 1951 went to Detroit, Michigan where she is now staying with Mrs. BROCKLYN's sister.

When it was pointed out to Mrs. BROCKLYN that information from various reliable sources, including information furnished by her daughter, DOROTHY, when interviewed in Detroit, indicated that EARL BROCKLYN had been closely associated with and active in the KKK in this area for many years, she still emphatically denied any knowledge of her husband's activities or connections with the KKK.

When questioned as to her association and friendship with the WILLIAM H. BELVIN family, Mrs. BROCKLYN advised that she has known WILLIAM and his wife for several years; that she knew WILLIAM first when he operated a garage in Orlando. She stated that WILLIAM and wife moved to a ranch east of Orlando about a year ago and that she and her husband have not visited the BELVINS and have had little contact with them since that time.

She cited as her last contact a trip on which she and her husband had accompanied BELVIN and wife to Bay Pines, Florida, during the late summer or early fall of 1951. She pointed out that BELVIN's health has been bad for several years; that because of his health BELVIN had moved to the ranch outside of Orlando and that BELVIN has been receiving treatment at the Veterans Hospital, Bay Pines, Florida during recent months, staying at the Veterans Hospital for two or three months during the latter part of 1950. She stated that BELVIN in the past accompanied her husband on hunting trips rather infrequently and to her knowledge BELVIN has not been hunting with her husband during the past two or three months.

In regard to the bombing of the MOORE residence, she stated she had never heard of HARRY T. MOORE until she read about it in the newspaper. She stated her husband had never mentioned MOORE or the bombing to her.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents PRUE C. CLINKSCALES and CLIDE P. ADERHOLD on January 23 and 24, 1952:

BASIS: EDGAR BROOKLYN, brother of suspect EARL J. BROOKLYN, mentioned as engaged in KKK activities in Orlando and Winter Garden area.

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EDGAR JAMES BROOKLYN, brother of suspect EARL J. BROOKLYN, advised he is married, has two children and for the past 12 years has been employed as a crane operator for the Super Concrete Company, Orlando, Florida. EDGAR advised that he was born and reared in the vicinity of Ocoee, Florida but since his youth he has not been closely associated with his brothers.

EDGAR advised that due to the confinement of his wife he spent Christmas day at his home and knew nothing of the activities of his brother EARL during the Christmas holidays.

EDGAR advised that he first joined the Klan at the age of 18 (now 36 years of age). He advised that his brother, suspect EARL BROOKLYN, who is four years older than him, joined the KKK at about the same time as him, EDGAR. EDGAR advised he has attended Klan meetings in both Orlando and Winter Garden, Florida, that he has always been active in the Association of Georgia Klans and knew nothing regarding the activities of the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. EDGAR advised that he has never been an officer in any Klan.

EDGAR advised that in an accident on January 23, 1943 he lost his right arm which is amputated near the shoulder. He advised he has attended meetings but because of his amputated arm he had never been "out on any jobs" with the exception of actively engaging with a group of Klan members, 10 or 12 years ago, in obtaining and furnishing baskets of food and supplies to needy families in an around Ocoee, Florida. EDGAR explained that a groups of Klan members sought the assistance of a Minister in Ocoee to obtain the names of needy persons to which baskets were given on this project.

The only other incident EDGAR related, was during the early part of World War II when members of the Winter Garden Klan received a letter from the Minister of the Church of God in Ocoee soliciting the assistance of the Klan in curbing the immoral activities and relationships between local girls and soldiers. EDGAR related that a group of Klan members called a meeting at the Church of God, had a goodly number of citizens and residents of that

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community in attendance, at which time members of the Winter Garden Klan made talks in an effort to remedy the existing situation. EDGAR advised that to his knowledge the Klan took no further part in this situation.

He emphasized that he could not have participated in any other jobs in the Klan as he would have been too easily identified because of his amputated arm.

EDGAR pointed out that "any jobs" handled by the Klan are not usually discussed at a Klan meeting or known to the Klan membership; that things of this nature are handled by a committee of four or five men within the Klan and that quite often only one or two members of such committee know of "jobs" handled.

EDGAR admitted that he had attended several Klan meetings at the KKK Clubhouse in Apopka with suspects EARL BROOKLYN and TILMAN H. BELVIN. EDGAR emphatically denied ever having seen any house floor plan in the possession of either EARL BROOKLYN or BELVIN, stating that his brother EARL does not have education enough to draw or prepare a set of floor plans. EDGAR advised he had never seen or heard of floor plans of any kind in the possession of Klan members in Winter Garden or Apopka.

EDGAR advised that most of the Klan members in Winter Garden and Apopka knew of HARRY T. MOORE but that he had never heard any Klan members discussing taking any action against MOORE or making any threats against MOORE. He denied knowledge of the bombing of the MOORE residence and expressed his opinion that the KKK was not responsible for the perpetration of instant bombing.

During the interview EDGAR J. BROOKLYN admitted no arrests, and no arrests for him were located at the Orlando Police Department or the Orange County Sheriff's Office.

The following description of EDGAR JAMES BROOKLYN was obtained from observation and interrogation:

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| Name           | EDGAR JAMES BROOKLYN |
| Race           | White                |
| Sex            | Male                 |
| Age            | 36                   |
| Born           | 5-18-15              |
| Place of birth | Brooksville, Florida |
| Height         | 5'11"                |

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| Weight          | 212   |
| Build           | Heavy   |
| Eyes            | Brown   |
| Hair            | Brown   |
| Complexion      | Ruddy and red faced   |
| Marital status  | Married   |
| Wife            | LORETTA   |
| Children        | 1 daughter  |
| Residence       | 1403 19th Street, Orlando<br>(10 years)                     |
| Employment      | Crane operator, Super Concrete<br>Company, Orlando, Florida |
| Scars and marks | Right arm amputated near shoulder<br>(1-23-43)              |

EDGAR J. BROOKLYN voluntarily submitted to having his photograph made, copies of which are maintained in this file.



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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents JAMES P. SHANNON and FRANK F. MEECH on February 26 and 27, 1952, at Apopka, Florida.

BASIS: PHILIP SAMUEL HUGGINS interviewed inasmuch as he was reported to be an officer of the Klan at the time EARL J. BROOKLYN allegedly exhibited floor plan of HARRY T. MOORE's home after a Klan meeting in Apopka and might be able to furnish corroborating information.

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PHILIP SAMUEL HUGGINS, Box 571, employee Ustler Brothers Fernery, furnished the following information.

He readily admitted that at one time he was a member of the old Florida Klan, the Association of Georgia Klans Klavern at Apopka and later the Klavern of the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at Apopka but stated that he quit the Southern Knights about a year ago when he became dissatisfied.

He was interviewed concerning any information he could furnish regarding Klan activities during the period of time L. H. SHEPPARD, BILL BOGAR and EDWARD HAYES were Exalted Cyclops of the Klans in Apopka in order to obtain, if possible, verification of the allegation by Confidential Informant T-1 that EARL J. BROOKLYN exhibited the floor plans of MOORE's home to a small group of persons after an Association of Georgia Klans Apopka meeting during the time BILL BOGAR was the Exalted Cyclops.

When questioned specifically as to whether or not he could recall an occasion after a meeting of the Association of Georgia Klans Klavern in Apopka when EARL BROOKLYN exhibited the floor plan of MOORE's home to BILL BOGAR, FRED REISNER, ROBERT JUDAH and possibly TILLMAN BELVIN or others PHILIP HUGGINS emphatically stated he could not recall any such incident, knew nothing about it and never heard the name HARRY MOORE discussed except it being mentioned by reason of his work in the NAACP. PHILIP HUGGINS could not recall any particular occasion when he observed EARL BROOKLYN speaking with a small group after a meeting although it is possible BROOKLYN did speak to some small group after one or more meetings.

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because at one time EARL BROOKLYN did visit the Apopka meeting. PHILIP HUGGINS stated he is not well acquainted with EARL BROOKLYN and would be unable to state who in the Klan were particularly attached to him or who might have a dislike for BROOKLYN. He does recall that once or twice EARL BROOKLYN attended the Apopka Klavern meeting with TILMAN BELVIN, known to him as CURLY BELVIN, who when in attendance always made a little speech and always spoke the right kind of talk, that is, never made any inflammatory speeches.

He recalls ROBERT L. JUDAH came over from Winter Garden a few times but can not recall whether or not he came with either EARL BROOKLYN or his brother, EDGAR BROOKLYN or TILMAN BELVIN.

PHILIP HUGGINS insisted he knew nothing that would associate any members of the Klan with the bombing at Mims in which HARRY MOORE was killed.

During the course of the interview PHILIP HUGGINS furnished the following background information which might be of value in substantiating the information furnished by T-1.

Sometime in the latter part of the war, about 1944 or 1945, he joined the Klan at the time it was known as the American Club of Apopka and was part of the old Florida Klan. He attended meetings of the Klan fairly regularly and was active in the Klan as the Florida Klan, Association of Georgia Klans and Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan until about a year ago when he just quit paying his dues. He insisted he was never one of the "fire eaters" in the Klan. He could not explain who he would describe as a "fire eater" in the Klan, claiming no one would advise him if there were any terrorist activity contemplated because he did not agree with such. He stopped attending the meetings because he lost interest, was getting older, had to spend more time on his job and thought that sooner or later the whole Klan was going to get into trouble because of improper activities. He could not or would not explain the basis for this opinion but stated it was just a hunch on his part. He claimed he had no hard feelings toward anyone in the Klan at the time he ceased to attend.

In 1944 FRED REISNER who is now constable in Apopka and MELVIN WHITE who has a grove service at Plymouth were both prominent in the Florida Klan under FRED BASS who was the Great Titan of the area.

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Shortly after the war the growth of the Klan was sparked by its opposition to Communism. Just prior to the time the Apopka Klan went as a unit from the Florida Klan into the Association of Georgia Klans it was independent for a period of less than six months. During that time it applied for an Association of Georgia Klans charter which was given to them personally by Dr. SAMUEL GREEN who came down from Atlanta for that purpose.

He was the last Exalted Cyclops of the Apopka Klavern of the Florida Klan. However, he believes there was an election of officers between the time they left the Florida Klan and was independent and the time they got the Association of Georgia Klans charter. He does not believe he was the Exalted Cyclops at the time Dr. SAMUEL GREEN came down to give them the charter. The Florida Klan as a state organization had already disbanded at the time the Apopka Klavern received the Association of Georgia Klans charter.

The Lodge itself voted to go into the Association of Georgia Klans. A quorum taken of such a vote was taken in the presence of all officers or their substitutes in the amount of 12 to 15 members. He recalls at the time the vote was taken the secretary wrote to Atlanta to make application for the Georgia charter.

PHILIP HUGGINS was unable to recall the man who was Exalted Cyclops of the Association of Georgia Klans Klavern at Apopka prior to the time L. H. SHEPPARD was Exalted Cyclops. He did not believe the Lodge remained in the Association of Georgia Klans for more than two years.

Under L. H. SHEPPARD he never noticed any real frictions in the Apopka Klavern of the Association of Georgia Klans. In fact, to his knowledge, there was no friction in that Klavern before BILL BOGAR became Exalted Cyclops. Generally, he does know there was some friction somewhere in the Apopka Klavern about the time BILL BOGAR was the Exalted Cyclops but he did not actually know the nature of the disagreement or friction and actually did not know who was involved. He knew that at one time some of the members were interested in ousting BILL BOGAR as Exalted Cyclops and thought that the following might have been the individuals in the Apopka Klan who were in the forefront in this opposition to BILL BOGAR: JOE WADE, LELAND GEORGE, R. G. STEVENS (deceased) and McMENNAMY.

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He recalled that in the past while the Klavern was in the Association of Georgia Klans it was the practice of some of the members of the Winter Garden- Orlando Association of Georgia Klans Klavern to make some friendly visits to the Apopka meeting. He did not believe the Apopka Klavern members reciprocated to any degree by visiting the other Klaverns.

Frequently groups of two or three or as many as five members of other Klaverns would visit at the Apopka meeting and there would be more in such a group if there was a fish fry or chicken fry. He does recall seeing the following persons visiting the meeting of the Apopka Klavern prior to the time the Apopka Klavern went over to the Southern Knights:

EARL BROOKLYN whom he knows only slightly and who used to be accompanied by his brother, EDGAR BROOKLYN.

ALEX SCHMITT who visited from Winter Garden a few times.

GURLY BELVIN (TILLMAN H. BELVIN) who also visited only a few times.

ROBERT L. JUDAH who visited a few times.

~~KEMP~~ MASK who visited once or twice.

~~LEE~~ DAVIS who visited a few times.

HUGGINS was unable to associate any of the above as being in attendance at the Apopka meeting together except for the two BROOKLYN boys. He does not believe EARL BROOKLYN has visited in quite some time but could not be specific as to the time which has elapsed since BROOKLYN's last visit. He believes it was five or six times that EARL BROOKLYN visited the Apopka Association of Georgia Klans Klavern.

Upon being questioned concerning the existence of friction between BILL BOGAR and members of the Klan from other Klaverns, HUGGINS advised he had heard talk that BOGAR forbade members of the Winter Garden-Orlando Association of Georgia Klans Klavern to attend the Association of Georgia Klans Klavern meetings at Apopka and that he decided he would not have them over any more. HUGGINS insisted he was not

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present at the time this decision was made by BOGAR and does not know the source of the friction between BOGAR and the members of the other Klavern. He had heard these Klansmen from the other Klaverns were thought to be trying to run the Klan in Apopka and were offering advice to BOGAR which he did not like. He further related it was about the time this friction arose between BOGAR and persons outside the Apopka Klavern that BOGAR was Kleagle for the Orlando area. As far as he can recall, BILL BOGAR was the only Kleagle the Klan had in that area at any time and he had it for only a few months. When questioned specifically HUGGINS was unable to state why these Klansmen from other Klaverns objected to BILL BOGAR.

HUGGINS believes it was in the summer of 1950 while BILL BOGAR was the Exalted Cyclops that the entire Apopka Klavern of the Association of Georgia Klans went over to the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. He believes he was the Klaliff of the Klan under BILL BOGAR at the time the vote was taken to transfer from the Association of Georgia Klans to the Southern Knights. HUGGINS was not too sure of his title at that time inasmuch as he had been the chaplain and the Klaliff at various times.

HUGGINS explained that the Apopka Klavern of the Association of Georgia Klans wanted to go over to the Southern Knights because there seemed to be some trouble going on in Alabama or Georgia --- some people in the Klan up there were getting into trouble such as the difficulty in which HUGH MORRIS was involved in Alabama.

It was the consensus of opinion in the Apopka Klavern that SAM ROPER, the Imperial Wizard in Atlanta, was "way off", that the Georgia Klan looked like it was headed for trouble and it was decided to transfer to the new outfit, the Southern Knights, which had been organized only a short time before this change made by the Apopka group. He recalls that WALTON H. BROUGH, Grand Dragon of the Association of Georgia Klans in Wildwood, had paid a visit to the Association of Georgia Klans Apopka Klavern to discuss the situation prior to the transfer. He believed Mr. BROUGH is a person who is on the easy-going side and did not strike him as being a violent man or one who would approve any violence.

Mr. HUGGINS furnished the following as officers in the Association of Georgia Klans Klavern Apopka when BILL BOGAR was Exalted Cyclops:

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He was Klaliff, or vice president;  
FRED REISNER was treasurer, a position which he held  
under the Association of Georgia Klans and the Southern Knights.  
PERRY MOORE was Kladd, who was in charge at the door.  
L. H. SHEPPARD was the Night Hawk, who was in charge of  
candidates.

ELI THOMPSON, uncle of PERRY MOORE, sat at the door or  
served as fill-in for other offices.

EDWARD HAYES, MELVIN WHITE and LESTER HARDEE were on the  
Klokann Committee.

JACK GETGER who lives south of Orlando whom he has not seen  
in over a year was the Klokard, or lecturer.

BERNIE BERNHARD who is a milkman working for Borden-Datson  
Dairies was possibly the Klud, or chaplain.

Mr. HUGGINS stated that he was probably the Klud or chaplain  
when EDWARD HAYES was Exalted Cyclops and at one time he also held the  
office of Klokard or lecturer. When EDWARD HAYES was Exalted Cyclops  
for the first term a house painter named WILLIAM KIROD was the Klaliff.  
He further explained that the office of secretary, as well as many of  
the other offices, were filled from meeting to meeting by various mem-  
bers in attendance and that although a Klansman might have been elected  
to a position there were very few officers who fulfilled their duties  
continuously during any administration.

When questioned specifically concerning the following persons  
Mr. HUGGINS furnished the following information:

At no time was his brother, BRUCE HUGGINS, ever in the Order  
to his knowledge.

R. G. PITTMAN, SR. is now deceased. His son, R. G. PITTMAN,  
JR. who lives on Dream Lake, operates the Florida Poncan Corporation  
in Apopka.

LAWRENCE SMITH and JOHN TALTON attended the Association of  
Georgia Klans and the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at Apopka.  
He does not recall that JOHN TALTON ever held the office of Exalted  
Cyclops.

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HERMIT SMITH very seldom attended and has not been in attendance at a Klan meeting in a long time.

WILLIAM GODING was a member but was never to his knowledge Exalted Cyclops.

ROBERT GIBBS was never a member of the Klan while HUGGINS was attending.

He did not know too much about JOE WADE or EMMETT HART inasmuch as they were only in the Association of Georgia Klans with him for a very short time.

The following additional persons were known to HUGGINS but he could not furnish any specific information about their Klan activities and could not furnish any information concerning them which would be of interest in this investigation:

LEE DAVIS  
IRVIN EIEDLER  
ADIS JERNIGAN  
R. G. HOWELL

HORACE DUDLEY  
WILLARD SMITH  
JOHN T. "TINY" THOMAS

HOWELL used to live in Apopka years ago and worked in a garage there.

The following is a description of PHILIP HUGGINS as obtained from observation and interrogation:

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| Race       | white                    |
| Sex        | male                     |
| Birth date | November 16, 1908        |
| Birthplace | Welliston, Florida       |
| Height     | 5'10"                    |
| Weight     | 215                      |
| Hair       | brown, greying           |
| Eyes       | blue                     |
| Address    | Box 571, Apopka, Florida |
| Employment | Ustler Brothers Fernery  |
| Father     | GEORGE HUGGINS, deceased |

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Mother  
Wife  
Children

ELIZABETH TUCKER, deceased  
ALVIE HAYES HUGGINS  
three

It should be noted it was apparent PHILIP SAMUEL HUGGINS  
was cooperative during this interview.