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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents FRANK F. MEECH and JAMES P. SHANNON on March 1, 1952, at Plymouth, Florida.

BASIS: ALBERT EDWARD HAYES, aka Edward Hayes, interviewed inasmuch as he is the present Exalted Cyclops of the Ku Klux Klan at Apopka, Florida, and reportedly a leading Klansman during the time EARL BROOKLYN exhibited floor plans of the home of HARRY T. MOORE after a meeting of the Klan in Apopka.

ALBERT EDWARD HAYES, aka Edward Hayes, is employed by Snow Crop Concentrate Citrus Plant at Plymouth, Florida, on the night shift and resides at Company House 12, having recently purchased this house which is located across the street from the Minute Maid.

Mr. HAYES, who exhibited a cooperative attitude during the interview, furnished the following information.

He joined the Association of Georgia Klans in Apopka in 1949 when L. H. SHEPPARD was Exalted Cyclops of that Klan. He has been active during the period when the Klan was in the Association of Georgia Klans and continuously through the transition period when the entire Klavern transferred to the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. He is presently the Exalted Cyclops of the Apopka Klan of the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

During the course of the interview some questions were proposed to Mr. HAYES in order to elicit information which would tend to substantiate or discredit the information furnished by Confidential Informant T-1 to the effect that in 1951 while BILL BOGAR was Exalted Cyclops of the Klavern EARL BROOKLYN exhibited the floor plans of the home of HARRY T. MOORE to a small group of Klansmen, some of whom were visiting, after one of the regular meetings of the Klan.

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When asked to furnish the approximate date the Klan transferred from the Association of Georgia Klans to the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Apopka HAYES produced the original charter issued August 10, 1950, by SAMUEL II, Emperor 4-6800, Imperial Wizard, witnessed by WILLIAM HENDRIX and N. T. LASHLEY to Apopka 7-2. During 1949 L. H. SHEPPARD was Exalted Cyclops of the Association of Georgia Klans Klavern in Apopka. BILL BOGAR was elected Exalted Cyclops in December, 1949, and held office until December, 1950, inasmuch as the officials of the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan had instructed the Klavern continue in operation under the same officers as under the Association of Georgia Klans rules. Mr. HAYES was elected Exalted Cyclops in December, 1950 and was installed in January, 1951, holding the office through 1951. His term will expire June, 1952 when there will be an election in the Apopka Klavern in accordance with the election rules of the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

When questioned about the friction in the Klavern, Mr. HAYES remarked there were several meetings when BILL BOGAR as Exalted Cyclops assumed a childish attitude and indicated he wanted to run things his own way. BOGAR was continually cursing at the meetings, and behaved like a childish old man in his actions and speech. He would quit if he could not have his own way.

EDWARD HAYES, who was born in 1929 and is therefore much younger than most of the Klansmen, believed that BILL BOGAR was jealous of him because he has been taking such an important part in the activities of the Klan while so young. It was HAYES' impression that BILL BOGAR tried to have HAYES and another Klansman, name not given, banished or suspended from the Apopka Klavern while BOGAR was Exalted Cyclops.

The membership in the Apopka Klavern continually decreased while BOGAR was Exalted Cyclops; however, there was no effort or intention on the part of the membership of the Klavern to oust BOGAR as Exalted Cyclops. There were never more than two regular officers at any meeting and it had arrived at such a state of affairs that there were sometimes only four or five members at any meeting. It was necessary for members to fill in as officers at the meetings. BILL BOGAR never had a regular secretary and took care of most of the correspondence himself. It was Mr. HAYES' impression that if it were not for BILL BOGAR's activities and his personal feelings the Klavern would still be in the Association of Georgia Klans. BILL BOGAR and L. H.

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SHEPPARD actually engineered the switch to the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan through BILL HENDRIX, the Grand Dragon of the Southern Knights. The matter of the transfer was brought to a vote after BOGAR made all the arrangements with HENDRIX. The Klavern voted to go along with BOGAR. The Klan had lost so many members they thought a change might help the situation. Instead, it continued to decrease.

BILL BOGAR continued to act as Exalted Cyclops until the end of 1950. After meeting with BILL HENDRIX at Tampa, Florida, it was decided to suspend BILL BOGAR from the Southern Knights, this being sometime in July or August, 1951 when BOGAR ceased to have any affiliations with the Klan. HENDRIX suspended BOGAR from attending meetings in Apopka but did not suspend his membership elsewhere.

When questioned about the friction which existed between the Klansmen from other Klaverns and BILL BOGAR, EDWARD HAYES volunteered the following information. Sometime prior to the time BILL BOGAR was elected Exalted Cyclops for the Association of Georgia Klans, SAM ROPER was Imperial Wizard at Atlanta and chose BOGAR to be Kleagle, or organizer, in the Orlando District. Those outside Apopka, especially those from Winter Garden, opposed the appointment of BOGAR as Kleagle. In addition to the opposition to BOGAR as Kleagle from the Winter Garden group led by ALEX SCHMITT, there was also opposition from ROY RAMSEY, EDDIE JACKSON and a young Klansman, small of stature, whose name HAYES could not recall. BILL BOGAR concentrated on ALEX SCHMITT in his rantings and ravings about Klansmen from the outside who were interfering in his business and the workings of the Apopka Klavern. BOGAR always directly accused ALEX SCHMITT of trying to get him out as Kleagle and to "get" his position as Exalted Cyclops in the Klavern. HAYES remarked that ALEX SCHMITT had told him that although he did not think BOGAR was qualified to be the Kleagle he had no ill feelings toward him, BOGAR. As far as HAYES knows, he believed SCHMITT is a good man who used to visit the Apopka Klavern alone. Invariably SCHMITT would come in order to obtain aid for members of the Winter Garden Klan who were in distress, unable to feed their children because of lack of work or who had had an unusual amount of medical expenses.

ROY RAMSEY, who HAYES believes was a member of the Orlando Klavern, rather than the Winter Garden, was in the habit of visiting the Apopka Klavern with one or two other men whose identities are unknown to HAYES.

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He also recalled that "cowboy" CURLY BELVIN, who was called "cowboy" because of his very large hat, used to visit the Apopka Klavern from Orlando quite a bit and was often accompanied by a small statured Klansman named JONES. HAYES characterized BELVIN as a "wind-bag" who talked a lot. "It was the practice of BELVIN to try to take time on the floor of the regular Apopka meeting to just talk.

Because of the friction which was developing between the Apopka and Orlando-Winter Garden Klans which was generally called the Winter Garden Klan by HAYES, HAYES suggested a fish fry, to which BILL BOGAR objected strenuously. It seemed that several meetings before that time the Klan had discussed not having anything to do with them. When HAYES suggested the fish fry BILL BOGAR wrote out his resignation but was talked out of it by BERNIE BERNHARD, the milkman route foreman for Borden Datsun Dairies. According to HAYES, BERNHARD is not presently in the Klan because he was transferred by his employer to the New Smyrna Beach or Daytona Beach area some time ago.

HAYES recalled that at the time BILL BOGAR was Exalted Cyclops he would not let one or two carloads of visiting Winter Garden Klansmen including ALEX SCHMIDT come into the meeting and they had to turn around and leave the Apopka meeting area.

According to HAYES, it has been a long time since he has seen any visiting Klansmen at an Apopka meeting of the Southern Knights.

Mr. HAYES knows EARL BROOKLYN and EDGAR BROOKLYN when he sees them and recalled they have visited the Association of Georgia Klans Apopka Klavern on several occasions. He is not acquainted with ROBERT L. JUDAH and has never seen him at an Association of Georgia Klans meeting in Apopka, except possibly at a fish fry.

When questioned specifically about the friction between EARL BROOKLYN and BILL BOGAR he said he never knew any friction existed between them.

When questioned about the incident where EARL BROOKLYN exhibited the floor plans of HARRY MOORE's house to a Georgia Klans group after a meeting, he stated that was the first time he ever heard such a thing, never heard it discussed at a Klan meeting, and actually never heard of HARRY MOORE until after his death. He recalled that

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MOORE wrote several articles in the papers and recalled one regarding the Groveland Rape Case in which he scored Sheriff WILLIS V. McCALL; however, he always thought until he read of MOORE's death that MOORE was a white man.

When questioned about the practice of newspaper articles regarding MOORE and other leading negroes read on the floor, he said he did not recall any articles regarding MOORE being read. He did recall articles having been read from the Pittsburgh Courier. Mr. HAYES insisted he had no information regarding the death of HARRY MOORE and had no knowledge that the Klan was instrumental in his death. He explained that his job as an engineer on the night shift in the refrigeration section of the Snow Crop Plant prevented him from attending every meeting of the Klan and that had reference also to the pertinent period above described. He is now working a 12 hour shift and has attended not more than four meetings this year. He has been unable to attend any state meetings and has been forced to send a representative in his place.

HAYES furnished additional information which had relation to the friction existing in the Klan at the time BILL BOGAR was Exalted Cyclops. There was a women's Klavern, or auxiliary, for the area meeting at the clubhouse, Route 50, about five miles west of Orlando. The auxiliary which was referred to as the Winter Garden Women's Klavern had membership from the entire Orlando area. BILL BOGAR's wife was intent on being elected Exalted Cyclops and running the Klavern in the Orlando area, but she was not able to win the election. She quit and brought some of her associates to the Apopka Klavern, much to the objection of the male members who did not want any women present. It was BOGAR's practice to try to have the women's meeting with the men and HAYES would make a motion for a stag, which would "tee BOGAR off".

HAYES stated he joined the Apopka Klavern of the Association of Georgia Klans just prior to the time JOE WADE and T. J. McMENNAMY joined.

He admitted that ELI THOMPSON is the uncle of his wife, LAURA HAYES.

When questioned specifically, HAYES stated he personally did not know J. B. JOHNSON. However, he did identify a photograph of JOHNSON.

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Regarding terrorists HAYES stated he did not think any intelligent man should be engaged in such activities and if any members were caught in such activities they would be banished immediately.

During the interview HAYES was very cooperative and stated he would furnish any information he might obtain of value to this investigation.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents JAMES P. SHANNON and FRANK F. MEECH on March 7, 1952, at Sanford, Florida.

BASIS: ERNEST JAMES BROOKLYN interviewed inasmuch as he is a brother of a principal suspect, EARL BROOKLYN.

ERNEST JAMES BROOKLYN who is 44 years of age resides in an old grove near Lake Mary, Florida, being employed as a caretaker and grove maintenance man by Hiblock Groves 12 years. ERNEST BROOKLYN claims he had not seen his brother EARL BROOKLYN in six months. He said that latest visit six months ago occurred incidental to a fox hunting trip by EARL BROOKLYN and some companion whose identity is unknown to ERNEST BROOKLYN. He related that ever since they were very young he and EARL always fought each other. He said EARL BROOKLYN was a type who would be inclined to fight if anyone disputed his word. Because of his terrible temper ERNEST BROOKLYN developed the habit of just listening to EARL and not even carrying on a two-way conversation with him for fear of receiving a beating from him. He doubts that EARL BROOKLYN has visited his, ERNEST's, home more than six times during the twelve years that ERNEST has resided in the grove at Lake Mary. During that period he himself has visited EARL's home about three or four times. He claims that he does not even know where EARL BROOKLYN is presently employed. He knows nothing about EARL BROOKLYN's Klan activities except that he knows that in the past EARL has been a member of the Klan. His brother, EDGAR BROOKLYN, whom he has seen more often told him that both he and EARL belonged to the Klan and tried to induce ERNEST to join.

When questioned about EARL BROOKLYN's associates ERNEST BROOKLYN stated that years ago EARL used to run around with WALTER BALLARD, ED FORD, his brother-in-law, and CLAUDE WAITTS. He believed that EARL was associated with CLAUDE WAITTS more than anyone else until they had a disagreement over some unknown matter about two years ago. Since that time it is his understanding they have seen very little of each other. When questioned as to the reason why EARL BROOKLYN has such an anti-negro feeling ERNEST BROOKLYN could only attribute it to the race riot which occurred

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in their home town of Ocoee, Florida, in 1919 or 1920 when many negroes were killed and their houses burned. He believes that incident must have had a lasting effect on EARL. He also stated that CLAUDE WAITTS feels the same way about negroes as EARL does. ERNEST BROOKLYN recalled that EARL BROOKLYN used to hunt with SMITH MANNING many years ago.

When questioned about TILLMAN BELVIN, ERNEST BROOKLYN claimed he never did know him. When questioned about instant case involving the killing of HARRY MOORE at Mims he stated he had never heard EARL BROOKLYN mention HARRY MOORE and knew nothing about the case except what he read in the newspaper. He further claimed he did not know many of the people in Winter Garden except some very old settlers since he restricted his activities to the Lake Mary area which is many miles from Winter Garden. EARL BROOKLYN is not the type person to visit or associate with his relatives. Therefore his sisters who are named below have had very little contact with him in recent years. In fact EARL BROOKLYN and his brother EDGAR BROOKLYN do not get along very well together either.

The sisters of EARL BROOKLYN are as follows:

Mrs. BRANT (HAZEL) BRENNAN of Ocoee, Florida--husband works for Ropers Packing Company.

Mrs. CALVIN (ANNIE) MANN who is the oldest in the family and resides somewhere in Lakeland, Florida.

Mrs. PERRY (ADA) FITZGERALD of Ocoee, Florida--husband works for Dudley Wilson in grove work.

In an attempt to locate ERNEST BROOKLYN Mrs. TED BROOKLYN of Lake Mary, Florida, a daughter-in-law of ERNEST BROOKLYN, was interviewed. She stated that the BROOKLYN family is not very close and that TED BROOKLYN sees his own family only about twice a month. The first and last time she ever saw EARL BROOKLYN was about four years ago. At one time since then EARL BROOKLYN dropped in at the house and inquired of TED BROOKLYN if he had seen any of his dogs. It seemed EARL BROOKLYN was in on a fox hunt and had lost his dogs. She knows that EARL BROOKLYN does not associate with his family because of his bad temperament. EDGAR BROOKLYN has visited her home on several occasions, mainly to talk baseball with TED BROOKLYN who is a professional baseball pitcher.

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He has never heard that BROCKLYN was engaged in any political activity and does not know whether or not he is a member of the Klan.

When questioned as to the identity of any other individuals who might be members of the KLAN, Mr. YATES stated that one PAUL HILL (E. PAUL HILL), a plasterer who lives in the Lake Mann area, was possibly in the Klan but he could not furnish any basis for this belief.

An old man named ROGERS lives in the shack adjacent to the BROCKLYN home, according to Mr. YATES.

Mr. YATES recommended that a neighbor, CHARLES A. JONES, who had had a "falling out" with BROCKLYN several times over property lines be interviewed.

Mrs. ROY W. ALEXANDER, whose home is located at the foot of the street dead ending at Lake Mann, on which street EARL BROCKLYN resides, states that her home was moved to that location only five months ago, she knows nothing about the BROCKLYN family except of a minor nature. Their only contact with the BROCKLYN family was periodically, until six weeks ago, using the BROCKLYN phone. Now that the ALEXANDERS have their own phone, they have no reason to visit the BROCKLYN home.

Mrs. ALEXANDER did remark that the BROCKLYNS seem to be home most of the time and are always using the phone, which is a party line. Concerning Christmas holidays, Mrs. ALEXANDER stated that she visited her own folks and upon returning home at 4 or 5 P.M. Christmas day, cannot recall that the BROCKLYN jeep was at the BROCKLYN home. She is not positive but she does believe the jeep was missing.

3-252 Mr. CHARLES A. JONES, a neighbor of EARL BROCKLYN, who resides on Lake Drive which is adjacent to the street on which BROCKLYN resides, furnished the following information:

Mr. JONES started the interview by saying he has known EARL BROCKLYN 12 or 13 years and believes he knows him a little better than the other neighbors "he don't know nothing bad and he don't know nothing good; he's just a poor old man and understands he goes around beating people up;" BROCKLYN is violently anti-negro and PAUL HILL (E. PAUL HILL) is essentially the same type.

Mr. JONES related that about five years ago he had a negro man working for him on a tractor, this negro journeyed to Georgia in order to bring back his wife to live with him. Because Mr. JONES had no house

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built for the negroes at the time, he put them, temporarily, in a shack on a piece of property across the street, which property was in his care. The day after the negroes moved into the shack, sometime around 10 in the evening, a group of five or seven hooded individuals (dressed in the white robes and hoods of the Ku Klux Klan) drove up to the JONES home in three cars. He believes that they drove from the direction of the BROOKLYN home inasmuch as the street dead ends in that direction. These five or seven hooded individuals came up to the porch and as JONES came to the door, an individual whom he recognized by voice, build and clothing exposed below the robe to be EARL BROOKLYN, called out to him to come out.

Mr. JONES asked BROOKLYN and his cohorts if they would come in and sit down, that he didn't have anything to hide. Because the group insisted, Mr. JONES came out on his porch. BROOKLYN and an individual whom he recognized by voice, build and general appearance to be PAT HALL, grabbed Mr. JONES by the arms and forcibly moved him from his porch forward and in the direction of the shack where the negroes were living.

BROOKLYN asked "How long would it take to move these niggers away from here" referring to the negroes in the shack across the street who were employed by JONES. BROOKLYN also stated as he roughly grabbed JONES' arm "I want you to tell that nigger he has to be out by daylight".

While this was going on members of the JONES family came out of the house from another entrance and came around toward the group as it approached the middle of the street. To his recollection, his son, two daughters and his wife were in this family group and some of them were armed, one with a shotgun. One of the members of his family called to the group to let the father alone. At that Mr. JONES called to his family that they shouldn't do anything about it that he "could handle every one of them, that there weren't any guts in the bunch and he could lick each one individually."

Immediately after this statement by Mr. JONES one of his family called out to the hooded group "If you don't let him go you'll all be killed" whereupon Mr. JONES stated they all hurriedly got into their automobiles and drove away.

Mr. JONES followed the path of the automobiles and observed that all cars drove up to the PAT HALL home, the occupants getting out and entering that home.

Immediately after this incident Mr. JONES called the Sheriff,

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JIM BLACK, who, after learning of the circumstances, advised Mr. JONES to "kill everyone of them if they come back."

Several days later Mr. JONES was able to arrange for other living quarters for the two negro employees and "things quieted down."

As a general observation Mr. JONES stated that he believed EARL BROOKLYN has been in on every negro killing in the area for many years.

Mr. JONES further related that his original difficulty with BROOKLYN arose from tying fences at a common boundary at the rear of their properties. He described BROOKLYN as being "mean to his kids" and having run off his eldest daughter after she had had a baby (apparently illegitimate). Another associate of BROOKLYN and PAUL HALL, according to Mr. JONES, is a man by the name of SMITH MANNING (SIMON SMITH MANNING) who lives in one of PAUL HALL's houses and who used to work for the government.

He related an incident whereby after they had removed all the valuable furnishings from a certain house owned by HALL, he, EARL, arranged for MANNING to burn this house. He states that MANNING's first wife, VIOLE MANNING, who lives on 29th Street in Orlando, after being separated from MANNING for several years, told him that she could hang EARL and MANNING for what she knows and could send them to the chain gang for life.

Recently PAUL HALL and EARL BROOKLYN testified for MANNING at an alimony hearing before Judge MURPHY or SMITH in Orlando, trying to convince the Judge that VIOLE MANNING was married again and was not entitled to alimony.

Mr. JONES was satisfied that BROOKLYN was involved in an EARL E. JONES case in which a negro house was burned several years ago. He described BROOKLYN and PAUL HALL as "sorry individuals of an ignorant type who are easily lead and who could be induced to do anything that was mean, being easily agitated." He related that BROOKLYN had a good way of getting out of town, calling it "fox hunting".

HENRY W. PERRY, who is known as "Uncle Wisa" of Route 3, Box 351, Orlando, who has resided at the Lake Monna section of Orlando for the past 27 years, stated he has known EARL BROOKLYN for many years. BROOKLYN does not go to Church, operates through the Zion lodges (which PERRY cannot substantiate directly) and will never come out straight and tell

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II. INVESTIGATION RE WILLARD SMITH

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents JAMES P. SHANNON and FRANK F. MEECH on March 19, 1952, at Fort Pierce, Florida.

BASIS: WILLARD SMITH interviewed inasmuch as he had allegedly been engaged in terrorist activities as a member of the Klan in Winter Garden-Orlando.

WILLARD SMITH, 2913 Okeechobee Road, who is employed as a production man for the Fort Pierce Growers Association, furnished the following information.

After a preliminary discussion of instant investigation by the interviewing Agents, WILLARD SMITH made the observation that he might as well tell all inasmuch as it was apparent the information was in the possession of the Agents. He volunteered the following concerning three incidents or rides in which he had participated while a member of the Klan in the Orlando area.

Incident Number 1. Sometime, approximately June, 1947, when he was a member of the Winter Garden Klavern of the Klan he was approached after a regular Monday evening meeting of the Klan at the regular meeting place in the block house on Winter Garden Road by ALEX SCHMITT and MOSE BRYANT, the latter being a member of the Klokarn Committee of the Klan. He was asked by these individuals to participate in a ride and consented. He drove a car assigned to him by his employer, the Winter Garden Citrus Growers Association, taking with him ALEX SCHMITT, BILL BARDEN and he believes ROY GUDGER. MOSE BRYANT did not go on the ride. He had driven ALEX SCHMITT to the meeting in the company car. Another car followed his car but he was unable to furnish any description of the car and could not recall who was driving it. The four individuals in the other car were not approached or picked after the meeting in his presence. He recalled that EARL J. BROOKLYN and JOHN T. "TINY" THOMAS were in this second car. ALEX SCHMITT and BILL BARDEN directed him to proceed to Fish Lake outside Ocoee, Florida, which is a small lake a short distance northeast of Stark Lake. BILL BARDEN

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got out of the car and walked to the edge of the lake and called out to four individuals who were swimming in the lake and said for the two girls to come in, that they wanted to talk to them. In a short time all four, two men and two young women, all nude, came to the shore. The men avoided the group of riders and got away. The girls were caught by BILL HARDEN, ALEX SCHMITT and two of the men from the second car and placed in the rear of the car SMITH was driving and instructed to sit on the floor between the seats. Their clothes were brought with them but not put on them. Again he led the ride under the direction of ALEX SCHMITT to a place in Avalon Grove which is out Avalon Road south from Route 50 on a sandy road which leads west from Avalon Road into the Avalon Grove. This grove is located just north of the Bahama negro housing. At the location of the treatment the two young women were forced to lie nude on their stomachs in the sand and were whipped on the buttocks with green sprouts cut from an orange tree which were applied by all except SMITH who remained seated in the car and EARL BROOKLYN who was not allowed to beat the women because of his vicious nature and brutal instincts. The other members of the ride were afraid that BROOKLYN might do extreme injury to the young woman if he were allowed to whip them. During the treatment EARL BROOKLYN stood near the place where the women were lying. After this beating the girls were left in the grove with their clothes and had to walk back to Ocoos.

It was his recollection there were no Apopka Klansmen present at this ride and that they were all from Orlando or Winter Garden.

He remarked that at the time of this ride TINY THOMAS was working for the Economy Grocery in Winter Garden.

It is his impression that during the time of this ride he was advised that a complaint had been received that these two young women who were allegedly teachers in the Ocoee High School had been bathing at Fish Lake regularly and that they were persons of such character that they should not be teaching children. It was his impression that the ride was well cased by reason of the smooth operation. It is his belief that the two women left town shortly after the whipping and that they were not originally from the Orlando area. He did not believe they were whipped too severely.

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Incident Number 2: Several weeks after the first incident ALEX SCHMITT again approached him on a Monday night after a regular Klan meeting about 9:00 or 10:00 P.M. and asked him if he would go on a ride. He agreed and again drove a company car having ALEX SCHMITT, BILL BARDEN and WALTER BALLARD as the persons riding in his car which led the way. WALTER BALLARD of Ocoee who was on the Klokann Committee at the time was the finger man on this ride. In the second car which he could not identify were ROY GUDGER and possibly LEE DAVIS. He believed there were two or three others possibly from Orlando. He could not recall their identity and was unable to identify them from photographs of Klansmen which were available. On a subsequent interview on March 23, 1952, he advised he recalled that EROBY BRANTLEY was involved in this incident and was riding in the second car. It was his understanding that the person to receive the treatment was a heavy woman named Mrs. SCOTT. She was supposed to have been drinking heavily and going out with strange men, neglecting her children.

WALTER BALLARD directed the cars to a house in Ocoee which was located west of the tracks, which house from his description of it was determined by subsequent investigation to be owned and occupied by a Mr. J. FOX who denied any knowledge of the incident, stating he had lived in that particular house for some ten years. Someone, the identity not recalled, called this woman out of her house. She was dressed only in a thin negligee. She was ordered to get into his car. They drove out Route 50 and turned toward the Beulah Section and then south 1½ miles from the new highway to a small grove which had a lake in the center. There she was ordered out of the car, ordered to lie on the sand on her stomach and was whipped on the buttocks with a switch cut from an oak tree. He could not recall who applied the switch but claimed he stayed in the car as the driver.

At the time she was returned to a point which was only a short distance from her home this woman had very little of the negligee left. It was his impression that the woman left Ocoee for a time and later returned.

Incident Number 3: Several months after the second incident he was witness to a third ride in which he did not actively participate. He had heard that a large stout man who was a painter and whose last name was RICH, whose father-in-law was the carpenter, JOHNSON, who was living in the same house with WILLARD SMITH, which was the big house south of RED ISOM's Shell Station in Winter Garden, was to be given a ride. This

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man was an habitual drunkard, beat his wife and neglected his family. It was about 9:30 P.M. that WILLARD SMITH was sitting on his porch when a man whom he recognized to be a Klansman from Apopka came to the house, walked to the porch over to the door of the RICH apartment. This man whose name he does not recall is described as follows: white, in his middle 30s, 5'10", 140 pounds, dark brown or sandy hair, slight build. After viewing photographs he stated it was not T. J. MEMMIANY but might have been LELAND GEORGE. However, WILLARD SMITH was not acquainted with LELAND GEORGE personally. This man who was unknown engaged RICH in a conversation at the door to the RICH apartment. Then RICH walked out with the man to a car which was parked near the house. RICH was grabbed by several men and placed in the car which drove off in the direction of Apopka. Another car which was parked near the corner followed the first car. After they drove off WILLARD SMITH got into his own car and followed the first two cars from a distance to see what was going on.

He went out toward Apopka and turned east about half-way between Ocoee and Apopka and went off in the Clarcona section. As he arrived at the scene of the treatment he did not get out but rather parked his car a short distance away from where a group of about six men, identities unknown, were talking to RICH, telling him he was drinking too much, beating his wife, spending his money on himself and not providing for his family. After he drove up and parked near the group ALEX SCHMITT walked over to him and made some casual remark that had no relation to the ride. WILLARD SMITH claimed he drove off and went home before any treatment was administered to RICH.

He claimed he could not identify or recall any of the other individuals engaged in that ride. It was his impression it had been made up of Apopka Klansmen since he does not know many people in that area. He could not say whether or not EARL BROOKLYN was present. WILLARD SMITH stated he was home sleeping when RICH came in from this ride well after midnight. It was his impression RICH was not hurt badly. RICH himself never mentioned the ride to WILLARD SMITH and did not report the incident to the authorities.

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WILLARD SMITH advised that ALEX SCHMITT has approached him six or eight times to go on rides but except for the first two rides above described he has always declined to participate. His reason for not participating in other rides to which he was invited was that he realized he did not wish to be associated with people like EARL BROOKLYN who was an extremely brutal individual. He was always known as a strong-arm rough-rider, always in the forefront of any wrecking crews and boasted about the rough treatment he gave victims. He believed EARL BROOKLYN would be in about any incident involving terrorism in the Orlando area. He further characterized BROOKLYN as a "runhead roustabout who was overbig", who was noted as a "tall man" in the Klan, indicating he was held in awe by other Klansmen and actually enjoyed administering treatments to victims.

At a Klan meeting, and, in fact, until a person actually started out on a ride nothing would be said about the nature of the ride, the identity of the victim or the facts involved. Customarily many of the participants of the ride would not be acquainted with the identity of the victim or the reason for the ride except what might be divulged in addressing the victim. At no time was he ever hooded on a ride. The man who has cased the ride is the "finger man" and usually leads the way to the place where the victim is to be picked up. He understood that the red clay pit out Avalon Road had been used quite a bit on jobs or rides but he actually was never on a ride where it was used.

The Klokann Committee was supposed to investigate any grievances or complaints against the person and then speak to the appropriate law enforcement people about it. However, the law enforcement people are themselves to blame for not stopping these terrorist activities as they have told the Klan they don't want to be bothered with the bringing of victims up on charges, are not interested and that the Klan should take care of the matter and save them a lot of trouble.

EARL BROOKLYN whom SMITH first met in the middle of 1946, was in the Orlando-Winter Garden Klan and remained in the Orlando Klan when the split-up took place. Later he went over to the Winter Garden Klavern of the Association of Georgia Klans.

When questioned about instant case and the killing of HARRY T. MOORE, WILLARD SMITH advised he never heard of MOORE or the case until he read in the newspapers of MOORE's death. He has not been in Orlando since

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the Saturday and Sunday before Christmas which would have been December 22 and 23, 1951. When questioned as to whether MOORE had ever been discussed in the Klan meetings he stated he does not recall ever hearing MOORE mentioned by anyone in the Klan but admitted he heard the Pittsburgh Courier generally read from the Klan meeting floor.

The following is a signed statement which was obtained from WILLARD SMITH relating particularly to his membership in the Ku Klux Klan and the above three incidents. The original of this statement is retained in the Miami file of this case:

"Ft. Pierce, Florida
March 19, 1952

"I, WILLARD SMITH do make the following signed statement to FRANK E. MEECH and JAMES F. SHANNON who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I make this statement of my own free will and accord. No threats or promises have been made to me to get me to make such a statement. I have been advised that I do not have to make this statement and that I have a right to consult an attorney before making such a statement. I also know that any statement I make may be used in a court of law.

"I am 50 years of age having been born in Florida. I am married and at the present time I am residing at 2913 Okeechobee Road in Ft Pierce Florida and am employed at the Ft Pierce Growers Association.

"To the best of my recollection I first became a member of the Ku Klux Klan in about 1922. I remained a member for about one year and dropped my membership until about 1945. At this time I rejoined the Klan in Winter Garden, Florida. I was an active member in this Klavern until around the middle of 1948.

"During my membership in the Winter Garden Klavern which was chartered under both the Florida Klan and also the Association of Georgia Klans I was aware of terrorist activity originating within the Klan. On three occasions I participated or went on rides where persons were whipped.

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"The first ride in which I participated was in about June of 1947. I was approached in the Klavern, after the meeting by ALEC SCHMITT and MOSE BRYANT and asked to go on a ride. I consented and drove the car I was using which belonged to the Winter Garden Citrus Growers Association. There were two cars on this ride. We picked up two female school teachers, whose names I cannot recall, and who were in swimming naked with two men in a lake near Ocoee. The girls were called out of the lake and put on the floor of my car. Also in this car were ALEC SCHMITT, BILL BARDEN and I believe ROY GUDGER. In the second car were EARL J. BROOKLYN, JOHN T. "TINY" THOMAS and two others whom I do not recall. We drove them to Avalon Groves off the Avalon Road where the girls were forced to lie on their stomachs and were whipped with some green sprouts cut from an orange tree. I sat at the wheel of the car I was driving and several of the men took turns in whipping the girls. I do recall that EARL BROOKLYN was standing near the girls but the men would not let him do any of the whipping. The girls were left in the grove with their clothes to walk back to Ocoee.

"The second ride I was on was several weeks after when ALEC SCHMITT asked us to go on a ride after the Klan meeting. I drove the same company car and with me in the car were ALEC SCHMITT, BILL BARDEN and WALTER BALLARD who was on the Klokann committee at the time. WALTER BALLARD was the finger man having the knowledge as to where we were going. There was also a second car in which ROY GUDGER and I believe LEE DAVIS were riding together with two or three from Orlando the names of whom I do not recall. We picked up Mrs. ----- SCOTT, as I recall the name, from Ocoee. As I understand she was to be whipped because she was drinking heavily, going out with men and neglecting her children. We drove west of Winter Garden near Beulah section and south to a grove about 1 1/2 miles from the new highway where she was whipped, with a switch cut from an oak tree, on the buttocks. At the time she was taken from the house she was dressed in a thin negligee and she was returned after the whipping to a point near her house.

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"Several months later I heard that a man whose name I believe is RICH and who resided in the same building as I did in Winter Garden was to receive a treatment and taken on a ride because he was a habitual drunkard and beat his wife and neglected his family. I was sitting on the porch at about 9:30 P.M. when a man who I recognized to be from Apopka and who I thought to be a Klansman came onto the porch and called at the RICH apartment and while engaging RICH in a conversation walked out to one car and he was forcibly put into the car, by several men. This car met a second car at the corner and I followed in my car at a distance. They took RICH toward Apopka in the Clarcona section. I followed the cars and turned around while several men were talking to RICH. ALEC SCHMITT came over to my car and made a few remarks not related to the whipping. I drove away before RICH was beaten. I was asleep in bed when RICH arrived home at about midnight.

"I did not go on any other rides although I was approached several times by both EARL J. BROCKLYN and ALEC SCHMITT to go on rides. I realize what I did was a violation of the law and regret that I ever participated in any of these activities. I stopped because I could see the nature of the activities these men wanted to engage in.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and six other pages to the best of my knowledge these statements are true and correct

" /s/ WILLARD SMITH

"Witnessed":

/s/ FRANK F. MEECH Special Agent F.B.I. 3/19/52

/s/ JAMES P. SHANNON Special Agent FBI Miami 3/19/52"

SMITH stated he has no personal grudge against the men he has identified as being engaged in these incidents but he would not trust them if he were in a dark spot. (He was of the impression other Klansmen have been trying to "put the finger on" him and he took the attitude that since "the chips were down" he would tell the truth.) He was unable to select from photographs available any as being Klansmen in the Orlando identified as being on the three rides above described. It should be noted he had

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little opportunity to observe the individuals on the third ride except ALEX SCHMITT. He further stated he was not close enough to see whether or not a strap was to be used in the third incident. He mentioned that there was a regulation strap four inches wide and three feet long nailed to a round wooden handle which is kept in the Klavern in a cubbyhole near the desk of the Exalted Cyclops. This strap is usually produced from somewhere for a ride when needed but he did not know who had custody of the strap.

He has been informed that switch deals have been arranged whereby Klansmen from other Klaverns would handle a treatment for another Klavern and vice versa or would combine on a ride. He could not remember any particular case when Klansmen were called from another city or area to administer or participate in a treatment or ride. He has heard that men have been called from a considerable distance in order to do a job in Orlando.

He claimed he has always regretted the two rides in which he actively engaged and did not like the high-handed methods used by those radical Klansmen.

WILLARD SMITH first joined the old Ku Klux Klan sometime in 1922 in Savannah, Georgia, but ceased his association and affiliation with the Klan between 1923 and 1925. It was while he was working for the Winter Garden Citrus Growers Association in Winter Garden where most of his fellow employees were members of the Klan he was induced to rejoin the Klan by ALEX SCHMITT. At that time there was a combination Orlando-Winter Garden Klavern of the old Florida Klan headed by Captain LOVIC PIERCE HAGAN and FORREST ALPHONSO KILGORE which used to meet in a wooden shack on Sherwood Lake on Route 50 which is the Winter Garden Road. Since he rejoined the Klan a block building was constructed to replace this wooden shack. FORREST KILGORE used to hang out years ago with a group of Klan radicals and terrorists which included EARL BROOKLYN, JAMES B. JOHNSON and JOHN T. "TINY" THOMAS. KILGORE might have been a behind-the-scenes man in directing such terrorist activities.

He believed there were two splits in the Winter Garden-Orlando group, one possibly in the summer of 1946 in which a separate or independent Klan organization was set up in Winter Garden at a time when FORREST KILGORE tried to take over the Florida Klan from Captain HAGAN. The Century Club was the name used at Winter Garden and the Orlando group retained the name Cherokee Club. After a charter had been granted by Dr. SAMUEL GREEN of the Association of Georgia Klans possibly in December, 1947,

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most of the Cherokee Club members reaffiliated with the Winter Garden group and formed one Klavern of the Winter Garden-Orlando Association of Georgia Klans which was called the Orlando Klavern of the Association of Georgia Klans. He understood that thereafter there was another split which occurred after he left the Klan. It was about June, 1948 that he ceased attending Klan meetings and ceased paying his dues. His son, LOUIS PAUL SMITH also stopped attending meetings at about the same time. He did not attend regularly, seldom more than once a month. He claimed he was disgusted because members of the Klavern were always arguing on the floor and he did not desire to be associated with persons of the caliber of EARL BROCKLYN and ALEX SCHMITT.

He claimed the constitution of the Klan is alright and that if the Klan operated according to its laws and constitution he would have no objection to it. However, he complained that the people who obtained control of the Klan were using it as a means of executing their own radical ideas.

When questioned about any visits he might have made to any Apopka Klavern meetings WILLARD SMITH stated he recalled visiting there twice, during 1947, during which time he recalled seeing LEE DAVIS, ALEX SCHMITT, ROY GUDGER, KEMP MASK, EARL BROCKLYN and Captain L. P. HAGAN. One of the visits was on an initiation night when HAGAN and BROCKLYN were present.

When questioned about the GLYDE CHILDS beating WILLARD SMITH insisted he had no prior knowledge that CHILDS was to be taken on a ride. He stated there was always a question in his mind as to whether the Klan was involved or whether HORACE DUDLEY hired some thugs to render a treatment to CHILDS. He does know that DUDLEY and ROY GUDGER have made trips to Tampa and he understands that for a few dollars arrangements can be made for someone in Tampa to administer a treatment.

He admitted that in his own mind he is satisfied that both DUDLEY and GUDGER were responsible primarily for that incident but he has no direct or concrete evidence to support his opinion. He recalled that just before CHILDS left the SMITH residence on the evening of the beating he, SMITH, was upstairs in another part of the house from his wife. His wife claimed she could smell cigarette smoke and called to him to ask if he were smoking, which he denied. He called downstairs and asked CHILDS if he were smoking and

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received a negative answer. The next morning he noted a number of cigarette butts near an orange tree outside his house which indicated to him someone was prowling around the house casing for the ride. He believed the same group which took CHILDS on that ride would have come for him if they had dared but he would not have submitted peaceably to such treatment.

WILLARD SMITH related that until the time of the CLYDE CHILDS beating he and HORACE DUDLEY were very good friends. At the time DUDLEY and his wife, PAULINE, were having marital difficulties and she was in the process of obtaining a divorce. He had offered DUDLEY a room in his house so that PAULINE could stay at her own home. However, when DUDLEY refused he invited PAULINE to stay with his family. He did not believe that CHILDS was beaten with a strap because the welts on his body were in a round shape and the skin was broken in a number of places on his body, indicating some large heavy round object like a hose or weighted rope had been used. He felt very strongly about this beating and the day after it occurred he telephoned HORACE DUDLEY. After telling DUDLEY he did not want anything like that to happen again DUDLEY reconstrated with him, claiming he did not know anything about the incident, and did not know what SMITH was talking about. After SMITH referred to the incident that occurred the previous night DUDLEY's voice was not very steady and seemed to indicate to Mr. SMITH that he knew what SMITH was talking about.

He did not believe DUDLEY had ever actively participated in a ride. It was his impression that DUDLEY was not trusted and would not have nerve enough to go on a terrorist ride.

He placed ROY GUDGER in the CHILDS incident as an antagonist who had given HORACE DUDLEY and his wife, PAULINE, such a mass of misinformation that they broke up and he has tried to create friction between CHILDS and PAULINE since they have been married.

HORACE DUDLEY always claimed to WILLARD SMITH that he had vast connections in the Klan. He knew DUDLEY has made trips to Miami, Fort Myers and possibly Atlanta on Klan business. He also knew that RAYMOND G. HOWELL who was an Exalted Cyclops while SMITH was in the Klan, travelled with DUDLEY on these trips and that the "hall" of the Klan furnished so much money to them to make these trips. DUDLEY had claimed he was very close to W. H. BROUGH who is presently Grand Dragon of the Association of Georgia Klans in Wildwood. At the time the new charter was obtained from Dr. SAMUEL

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GREEN, DUDLEY made a special trip to Atlanta. DUDLEY has claimed he has Sheriff DAVE STARR and Deputy Sheriff P. C. COLEMAN "in his hip pocket". At no time was DUDLEY ever an officer in the Klan, leading WILLARD SMITH to believe he went on those trips merely because he had a cab available for use by the Klan.

WILLARD SMITH related the incident wherein, in about September, 1948, Judge D. R. SMITH at Ocala heard the case in which WILLARD SMITH, BILL LEE, HORACE DUDLEY and DUDLEY's grandfather were charged with illegal hunting in the Ocala Forest. DUDLEY's car had been used in the hunting and was subsequently traced to Sanford where it had been abandoned. SMITH had asked DUDLEY to plead guilty at Ocala and he, SMITH, and LEE would pay all the expenses. However, DUDLEY wanted to make sure that SMITH and LEE would also be found guilty and told of their implication. Through that LEE and SMITH received fines, SMITH had his gun confiscated and DUDLEY who was represented by Attorney J. LEONARDI of Sanford received a 30 day sentence and a fine.

It was SMITH's impression that DUDLEY was still in the Klan at the time SMITH moved from the Orlando area.

The following information was developed from a discussion of various incidents which occurred in the Winter Garden area. WILLARD SMITH who left the Orlando area to work in February, 1950, advised that he had heard some gossip from visitors whose identities he could not recall about the WILLIE MCCOY who has been identified as WILLIE VINSON. Although he was not a member of the Klan at the time this occurred he had heard from rumor that EARL BROOKLYN is supposed to have been involved in that incident and that the barber, EMORY BRANTLEY, might have information concerning it. He understood there was a shotgun involved in the shooting but did not know who owned the gun.

It was his understanding that R. J. WOODARD who was called "SHINE" the shoeshine boy at EMORY BRANTLEY's barber shop had an argument with BRANTLEY and was subsequently taken out for a beating. He has heard that EMORY BRANTLEY knew all about that incident.

WILLARD SMITH related that a number of years ago while Dr. B. P. HARTER was the Exalted Cyclops of the Klan in Winter Garden and before Dr. HARTER was mayor of that town, he and EMORY BRANTLEY had been engaged in an incident at the request of Mrs. MATHER SMITH of Ockland. It appeared there

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was a girl guest or relative of Mrs. MATHER SMITH who had been staying with her at her home in Oakland, involved in an affair with a negro. Mrs. MATHER SMITH who was a very wealthy person is alleged to have given Dr. HARTER a \$2500.00 check for him to "relieve the situation". It is rumored that the situation was relieved by some strong-arm method, the negro disappeared and has not been seen since that time.

WILLARD SMITH further related that a young white man who had been a box maker for the South Lake Packing House and lived in Winter Garden had been picked up by a group of Klansmen off the street near the Kappelman Cash and Carry Grocery in Winter Garden for a treatment. This man was dropped on the lawn in front of the Orange Memorial Hospital in Orlando in an unconscious condition and was on the danger list for three or four days. He was alleged to have been having an affair with another man's wife who worked at Heller's Packing House.

After discussing a number of the principal radical Klansmen in the Winter Garden area he inquired as to whether the Bureau wanted to get to the man behind the scenes. He stated there were a lot of big men in Winter Garden who were in a position to call in strong arm men like ALEX SCHMITT who were the little boys in the Klan and ask them to do something about a certain individual who needed a treatment. He furnished the following names of prominent men as possibly behind the scenes agitators in the Klan in the Winter Garden area: JOSEPH FAIRCHILD, head of the Winter Garden First National Bank; PHIL C. PETERS, official of the Winter Garden Citrus Growers Association; A. W. HURLEY, prominent citrus grower and GEORGE MERCHANT who is now deceased, who made his money in the clothing business in Winter Garden.

WILLARD SMITH did not believe there was a man in Winter Garden who had enough nerve to talk to the FBI about terrorist activities.

The following is miscellaneous information furnished by WILLARD SMITH concerning Klansmen mentioned.

BILL BARDEN has lost his wife since the incidents in which he was involved and formerly operated a restaurant in Winter Garden and used to drive a truck in the citrus business. At one time he worked for JOSEPH GRAFTON's Gulf Oil outfit.

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ROBERT MELTON was formerly a member of the Klan and used to be on the wrecking crew but at no time was he out on a job with SMITH. MELTON has been invalided in recent years by a heart condition. At one time he worked for the 9th Street Package Store in Winter Garden.

CURLY BELVIN was not active in the Klan during the years WILLARD SMITH was active in the Klan but according to rumors used to be engaged in rough stuff years ago.

F. E. LOOMIS was the type of individual who wanted to be a big shot in the Klan, was quite an orator on the floor but did not have nerve enough to be involved in any of the rough stuff.

LEE DAVIS was on every ride that occurred years ago from the way he talked but has not been involved in recent years. He should be in a position to know everything that occurs in Orange County.

ERWIN V. FIEDLER joined the Klan after WILLARD SMITH left.

JAMES B. JOHNSON was supposed to have been a rough person who was with the BROOKLYN brothers on numerous deals. He was in a position to have what is called a switch car to be used on rides. However, WILLARD SMITH did not know of any specific incident in which JOHNSON was actually involved.

ALFONSO F. SCHMITT was Exalted Cyclops at the time WILLARD SMITH was secretary of the Klan. He believed SCHMITT was also the preacher, or Klud in 1946 or 1947.

ROBERT L. JUDAH joined the Klan after WILLARD SMITH left. He understood JUDAH has engaged in the rough stuff and was right in the "hip pocket" of SCHMITT.

He understood that KEMP MASK was a member of the wrecking crew but never knew of his being out on any specific ride.

He heard that PAZ HALL had been out on rides years ago but was never on any with him.

He knew CLAUDE WAITS vaguely but has heard a lot about his being associated with the BROOKLYN boys.

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JIMMY EVERETT was Exalted Cyclops while SMITH was in the Klan.

The following persons were described by WILLARD SMITH as card carrying Klansmen who were not engaged in any terrorist activities:

MEL WILLS	(CARL SANDERS /
RED TSON	ADIS JERNIGAN
BILL LEE	CLARENCE THOMPSON
H. B. LAWSON	ROY BURGESS
C. M. "PETE" TUCKER	CLIFF A. DAVIS of Ocoee
EARL MURRAY who was at one time on the Klokam committee.	CHARLES W. HURD
COLLEY BIGGERS	
WILLIAM HARTZOG	

He never heard of EDGAR BROOKLYN going out on rides, probably because he has only one arm. He has never known that JAMES BRANTLEY was ever in the Klan.

He has seen the Grand Dragon, W. H. BROUGH, has been in his home at Wildwood, has heard him make speeches and has always been favorably impressed by him as a man who was not radical in any way in his tendencies and not inclined to any strong arm methods.

The following Klansmen were mentioned to WILLARD SMITH but he stated he did not know them:

ROY RAMSEY	JOE WADE
ART JOHNSON	LYCUD HATCH

He stated he was unable to identify BILL JAMES as a member of the Klan and has never seen THOMAS RICE at a Klan meeting.

It should be noted that WILLARD SMITH visited his son, LOUIS PAUL SMITH, at Winter Garden over the week-end of March 23, 1952, which was the first time he was in Winter Garden since MOORE's death. He met EMORY BRANTLEY and spoke to him for a short time. According to EMORY BRANTLEY, the two terrorist incidents about which the Winter Garden Klan is particularly concerned are the GLYDE CHILDS beating and the beating of LUTHER COLEMAN who was taken from the bank. The Klan was of the impression

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that the fact the bank was a "federal building" would possibly give the FBI jurisdiction in the incident. EMORY BRANTLEY did not discuss the Mims case at all. He almost insisted to WILLARD SMITH that SMITH must have been interviewed by the FBI by this time and was very much surprised when it was denied by SMITH.

The following is a description of WILLARD SMITH as obtained from interrogation and observation:

Race	white
Sex	male
Birth date	October 16, 1901
Birthplace	Palatka, Florida
Height	5'6"
Weight	190
Hair	brown, greying
Eyes	blue; wears glasses when reading
Complexion	medium
Father	LOUIS CHARLES SMITH, deceased
Mother	JULIA SANDERS, deceased
Wife	BLANCHE FAIR SMITH, married September 27, 1948, Montgomery, Alabama
Adopted son	DONALD NELSON
Former wife	ONNIE, Daytona Beach, Florida
Sons	JAMES WILLARD SMITH, Jacksonville, Florida; LOUIS PAUL SMITH, Florida Telephone Company, Winter Garden, Florida
Brother	LOUIS CHARLES SMITH, JR., employee Gulf Life Insurance Company, Waldo, Florida
Sister	Mrs. CLARENCE (RUTH) FRAZIER, Graham, Florida
Half-sisters	ONIE MAE GRAVES, Daytona Beach, Florida; ERA ROGERS, Waldo, Florida; ALTA SMITH, in SPAR or WAVES in Hawaii
Address	2913 Okeechobee Road, Fort Pierce, Florida

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Prior address	Winter Garden, Florida, prior to February, 1950
Employment	production man, Fort Pierce Growers Association, Fort Pierce, Florida
Prior employment	Winter Garden Citrus Growers Association, prior to February, 1949; J. M. GRAFTON, Gulf Oil, driver, July to November, 1949, Winter Garden and Ocoee, Florida

Photographs of WILLARD SMITH in various poses were taken March 23, 1952.

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in the beating of a white man who lived next door to MARION EDWARD "JOE" WADE of Apopka. The wife of this man sometime in the summer of 1950 asked members of the Klan to take him for a "ride". He was taken to the woods immediately north of Apopka and severely beaten.

JOHN TYLER THOMAS in a statement dated April 2, 1952, involved HART in the chase of the negro attorney and other colored persons from Tavares to Orlando as described above.

ERNEST HART was reinterviewed May 9, 1952. He specifically denied involvement in any of the above mentioned incidents. He did state that he had never heard of the chase of the negro attorney and other colored persons from Tavares to Orlando.

While ostensibly cooperative, HART claimed he had absolutely no knowledge of any terrorist activities on the part of the Klan and again stated he had never himself been involved in any terrorist activity.

PHILLIP SAMUEL HUGGINS
Box 571
Apopka, Florida

HUGGINS was involved in a statement by LELAND GEORGE dated April 4, 1952, and by WILLIAM BOGAR in a statement dated April 22, 1952, in the "ride" involving one WHITE, the details of which have been set forth heretofore.

He was involved by BOGAR in his statement in the chase of the negro attorney from Tavares to Orlando. GEORGE involved HUGGINS in the "ride" involving the white man who lived next door to MARION EDWARD WADE in Apopka, the details of which have been set forth above. BOGAR stated that HUGGINS was involved in the attempted shooting of one ALBERT BOYKIN, a CIO organizer of the Crate Mill Employees at Apopka. BOGAR also stated that HUGGINS was involved in the "ride" wherein one MELBECK who used to work at the Plymouth Exchange at Plymouth, Florida, and who lived next to JOE WADE was taken for a "ride" in either 1949 or 1950.

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