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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents FRANK P. MEECH, JAMES P. SHANNON and TOBIAS E. MATTHEWS, JR. on January 23 and February 1, 1952.

BASIS: MARION EDWARD WADE, aka Joe Wade, interviewed inasmuch as evidence had been developed he was very active in the KKK and on the occasion of his previous interview had denied being in the Klan. It is pointed out WADE was one of the renegades and was banished from the Association of Georgia Klans in Apopka. He is reported to have been Exalted Cyclops of the Association of Georgia Klans, having been reinstated after a new charter was obtained for the Klavern.

MARION EDWARD WADE, also known as Joe Wade, was reinterviewed January 23, 1952, and insisted that he was no longer associated with any branch of the Klan. He continually evaded questions during the interview and appeared to be extremely uneasy and nervous.

During the interview he gave a brief description of the method under which a "ride" is organized. He stated that one of the committeemen (Klavan committee) is appointed by the Exalted Cyclops to handle a certain matter and he, in turn, picks one, two or more "loaders" to handle the victim for him.

An effort was made to reason with WADE and to enlist his cooperation in the conduct of instant investigation. WADE indicated if he were able to develop any information concerning the MOORE case he would certainly advise the Bureau.

On February 1, 1952, WADE, after being told by interviewing Agents that they had knowledge he was the immediate past Exalted Cyclops of the Apopka Association of Georgia Klans and that he was and had been extremely active, admitted such was the truth. He still continued to stand on his Klan oath stating he would not be able to divulge any information concerning Klan activities or the identity of other members of the Klan. It is here noted that Confidential Informant T-4 advised that M. E. WADE is at the present time active in the Association of Georgia Klans and is the immediate past Exalted Cyclops of the Apopka Klavern.

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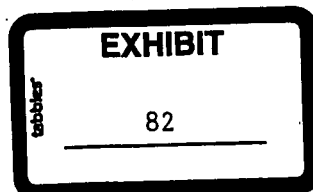
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Thereafter TILLMAN BELVIN was interviewed at the Orlando Resident Agency by Special Agents FRANK F. MEECH, TOBIAS E. MATTHEWS, JAMES P. SHANNON and Assistant Special Agent in Charge W. W. BURKE and furnished the following information:

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Records of honorable discharges maintained by the Clerk of the Court, Orange County Courthouse, reflects that the discharge for TILLMAN H. BELVIN is filed in Book 39, page 695. This discharge reflects that BELVIN entered the U. S. Army on May 15, 1918 at Darlington, South Carolina and was honorably discharged on April 18, 1919. The reason for discharge was demobilization. This discharge record reflects further that BELVIN had overseas duty in France from October 28, 1918 to March 23, 1919. He was reported as having an excellent character at the time of discharge. BELVIN had the rank of Private with Serial #2993479 and was a member of Battery D, 307th Field Artillery.

Mr. and Mrs. DONALD F. RYBOLD, Lake Pickett Road, advised that BELVIN owned approximately 40 acres of land in that vicinity and that BELVIN had been living there for approximately one and a half years. They stated they first became acquainted with BELVIN when he shot one of their cows a day or two after he had moved on Lake Pickett Road. BELVIN had told Mr. RYBOLD that he shot the cow in self-defense. Mr. RYBOLD stated he knew nothing concerning BELVIN's Klan activities and that there had been no dynamite used in the Lake Pickett section to his knowledge in the last three years.

B. C. WILCOX, Foreman for the Circle C Ranch, stated he was not well acquainted with BELVIN as he had only talked to him about twice in the last year and a half. He said he knew nothing concerning BELVIN's activities and that to his knowledge dynamite had not been used at the ranch for a long time.

DUTHER J. EDGE, Grove foreman at the Circle C Ranch, stated he was not acquainted with BELVIN. He advised that approximately two years ago dynamite had been used to blast a ditch on the range. He said that a Mr. COWART had done this blasting for the ranch and that some of the dynamite was still stored in a barn. This dynamite was examined by Special Agents CLARKSCALES and ADERHOLD and it was noted that it was duPont 60% dynamite and that the Circle C Range has twenty-five sticks of it stored in a barn.

EDGE said that this dynamite had been there for at least a year and a half and that no one had stolen any to his knowledge.

W. C. TANNER, Lake Pickett Road, advised that he has known BELVIN for about the last fifteen years. He said that prior to moving to the Lake Pickett section, BELVIN had operated an automobile garage in Orlando. TANNER said that BELVIN had been seriously ill for the last three years and that he had spent two months in the hospital during August and September.

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1951. TANNER said that he did not know the reason for BELVIN's illness.

TANNER advised he thought BELVIN had been active in Klan activities until about three years ago when it had been necessary for BELVIN to drop out because of his health.

TANNER said that to his knowledge no one in the Lake Pickett Section had been using any dynamite.

Confidential Informant T-1 of known reliability advised that during the month of November, 1951 BELVIN contacted the Kissimmee Auction Market at Kissimmee, Florida. This informant said this was on November 14, 1951. BELVIN also was contacted by an individual named JOINER from Christmas, Florida, a leader from Titusville, Florida on November 21, 1951. Informant thought that JOINER was connected with the Railway Express Company.

Informant stated further that BELVIN contacted ERNEST SLIGH at Sanford, Florida, telephone #821-M on November 28, 1951. BELVIN also contacted an unknown person at Oviedo, Florida, telephone #2001 on the same date. This informant also advised that on December 15, 1951 BELVIN again contacted ERNEST SLIGH at Sanford, Florida.

On December 19, 1951 BELVIN contacted a JOSEPH ALLISON of the Clean Balm Company, Falls Church, Virginia.

On December 19, 1951 BELVIN also contacted a Mr. COEN at Zellwood, Florida.

On December 20, 1951 THOMAS BELVIN contacted T. H. BELVIN from Macon, Georgia.

On December 23, 1951 A. BELVIN contacted T. H. BELVIN from Charleston, South Carolina.

The informant stated that on December 27, 1951 BELVIN contacted MARY GILMORE at 2369 Oviedo, Florida.

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Klan and one to the United States, that his oath to the United States was superior to the Oath of the Klan and if a man did wrong that he would "spill on him." He remarked he had never belonged to the Southern Knights of the Klan because it was not "uplifting to the country," that the members of that outfit did not abide by their oaths never to divulge the names of the members and that they (The Southern Knights of the Klan) got out and told people they would "spill on the Georgia Klan".

Many of these members of the Southern Knights of the Klan have been kicked out of the Georgia Klan because of such activities. BELVIN was not specific as to the actual activities which caused these individuals to be ousted from the Georgia Klan.

BELVIN exhibited a 1951 membership card of the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK) bearing #20301 which was to be void after March 31, 1951 bearing a pencilled notation in the lower right corner (GAC) (indistinct) and the numeral 1 circled.

BELVIN made the statement "I have heard that they have gone wrong" but did not, or would not explain it. He had been a member of the Klan for 25 years having joined in Orlando, Florida. He explained the Klan grew tremendously at the time of the AL SMITH-ECOVER election in which the Klan was very instrumental in electing ECOVER. After that election the Klan was relatively inactive between the period 1928-42. For five years during that period one FRED BASS (deceased) was the Exalted Cyclops of the Orlando branch of the Klan.

To illustrate the desire of the Klan to rid itself of certain outlaw or terrorist individuals and groups, he explained that over nine years ago a group headed by LEE DAVIS, who can be located at DAVIS' Drug Store in Winter Garden, Florida, was banished because that group were engaged in terrorist activities against negroes and that it was because of them that the Klan at that time was being charged with terrorist activities.

After that flare up in 1941 or 1942 the Klan virtually folded until 1947 or 1948 only having a handful of members during that period. It was through the efforts of LEE DAVIS; R. G. HOWELL, a carpenter of Ocoee, Florida and M. G. HOWARD, a former local Magistrate or Justice of the Peace (who is presently alleged to be in Johns-Hopkins Hospital with cancer) that the Klan in the Orlando area was revived.

BELVIN claims he does not know why the Klan was revived, that he did not know the intentions of the Klan at that time inasmuch as no one ever

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told him. After the revival of the Orlando branch of the Klan LEE DAVIS was elected Secretary of the branch; R. G. HOWELL was elected Exalted Cyclops and W. G. EDWARD was elected a Kilo Klan committeeman.

It is BELVIN's belief that EARL BROCKLYN, who was a member of the Orlando lodge of the Georgia Klan during the entire period that he (BELVIN) belonged to that group, was a member of that small group in the Orlando branch which was headed by LEE DAVIS. He described EARL BROCKLYN as a man of limited education whose intentions are "plumb good" but who gets off on the wrong foot if there is no one to guide him. BROCKLYN was rabid in his ideas and used to get up on the floor to suggest radical lines of action for the Klan and could easily persuade the rest of the members (most of whom also lacked any formal education) to join him in his proposals.

The Exalted Cyclops, who would, of course, be the leader of any discussion at a meeting, would have to use a very strong hand in order to guide the discussion and stop such individuals as Brocklyn. It so happened that LEE DAVIS, who was a very persuasive speaker, possessed the same radical tendencies as BROCKLYN, and, in fact, fostered the proposals of BROCKLYN, resulting in a very dangerous situation for the Orlando branch of the Klan.

It should be noted that BELVIN would not divulge the exact nature of the proposals of BROCKLYN but rather spoke in generalities.

In explaining EARL BROCKLYN's philosophy on negroes he stated it was the same as his own, he did not think BROCKLYN hated the negro race but that if a good negro was hungry or needed some assistance it was the duty of the white man to feed him and help him until he could get back on his own feet and could help himself.

EARL BROCKLYN ran the Orlando branch of the Klan and was unrestrained while HOWELL and DAVIS were the officers.

BELVIN stated he rejoined the Klan in 1948 through the inducement of JIMMY EVERETT of Orlando. EVERETT asked him to take over from LEE DAVIS promising that if he were willing to run for Exalted Cyclops the membership would vote him in. After BELVIN agreed to this proposition he was elected Exalted Cyclops for the year 1949. He explained that there are 13 officers in a lodge or branch Klan; that the Exalted Cyclops is virtually the ruler of the Klan inasmuch as he controls the procedure and discussion at a meeting.

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BELVIN, who during the interview, continually pled loss of memory due to a spinal injury incurred while employed at the Orlando Air Base in approximately 1944, claimed he was unable to furnish specific information concerning the identity of the officials of the Klan. He claims that as soon as he became Exalted Cyclops of the Orlando lodge of the Georgia Klan dissention broke out because he would not stand for anyone going out, picking up someone and trimming them.

It was proper procedure that in the event any individual member of the Klan knew of a person or persons guilty of a violation of the law or improper behavior that member was obligated to present his complaint in writing to the Exalted Cyclops who was ex officio the head of the Klo Klan committee. The other three members of the Klo Klan committee were elected by popular vote of the membership aside from the routine election of officers of the lodge. It was the duty of the committee to investigate proposed members of the Klan as well as to investigate any complaints received from members of the Klan.

After receiving a complaint it was the duty of the committee to investigate the matter so that all the information possible could be obtained and turned over to the proper law enforcement officials for prosecution. He remarked that while he was the Exalted Cyclops he had to "hold EARL BROOKLYN down" in making suggestions from the floor. He has had to "set down" on EARL BROOKLYN at one time because he (BROOKLYN) wanted to thrash a white man two years ago - this white man having been accused of having intercourse with his own daughter. BELVIN claims the facts of this crime should have been turned over to the authorities, however he admits it was not done and the man was never prosecuted. He stated the accused man was never whipped or punished by the Klan itself but rather left the State for Georgia after he was told by members of the Klan to leave. BELVIN stated he was completely unable to recall the identity of the white man.

When questioned about his activities at the time of the Groveland riots and incidents, BELVIN advised he went over to Groveland himself after having been picked up by four other members of the Orlando lodge, two of whom were A. C. YATES, 28 years of age and R. G. HOWELL, the carpenter of Ocoee. (The identities of the other two he could not recall).

He stated that inasmuch as he was Exalted Cyclops of the Orlando lodge at the time he went over to keep his members (the Orlando members of the Klan) out of any violence. He admitted he heard some shots being fired from the direction of Mascot, Florida. He claimed that the members

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of the Klan who were at the Groveland scene were mainly from the Apopka group of the Klan and again stated he was unable to recall the identities of these individuals inasmuch as his memory has failed him due to his ill health. He said he did not know whether or not EARL BROCKLYN went over to Groveland.

He explained that this activity on his part in refusing to allow any of the Orlando branch members in taking part in the Groveland riots, caused a definite split in the Orlando lodge of the Klan.

A short time after the Groveland incidents, four men, members of the Orlando lodge, approached him and asked him to resign. He learned that these four men, F. E. LOCMIS, undertaker at Winter Garden; MORGAN EDWARD; RAYMOND G. HOWELL, the Ocoee carpenter and a man who operated a grocery store near Tillmanville (whose name he could not recall) had had a meeting the evening before at LOCMIS' undertaking establishment. BELVIN stated he did not resign immediately because actually he was not under obligation to resign since they had no basis for charges against him but did turn in his resignation about ten days or two weeks after the Groveland incident, mainly because his health was declining and he was physically unable to make the trip to the meeting place at the cement block building on Winter Garden Road (which is now owned by the Winter Garden group of the Klan). At one time the Orlando group met in the woods south of Winter Garden on Hiawasse Road.

It should be noted that when BELVIN was Exalted Cyclops the membership of the Orlando lodge was about 550 to 600. Since resigning as Exalted Cyclops after serving only a period of about six months, BELVIN claims he stayed on for a while but paid little attention to the Klan and is actually inactive.

He claims he does not know who are the present officers of the Orlando lodge of the Klan but believes that EDDIE JACKSON (building contractor near Perfection Dairy, Orlando) was the exalted Cyclops last year, elections being held each year.

BELVIN claimed that he has never been on any "rides" in recent years but that many years ago he was with a crew that did go on a "ride"; however, he refused to be specific as to the nature of the "ride".

He claims that while he was on the Kio Klan committee of the Orlando lodge while Exalted Cyclops for the period of six months, that committee conducted no illegal operations but handled routine work of the Klan.

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BELVIN insists that he never did wear the robe of his own volition and came near backing out of the Klan because of it. He dismissed the idea of wearing a hood stating "the hood has been off and outlawed for many years."

In further discussing the rights of negroes and the Groveland incidents, BELVIN believes negroes are human beings and should be allowed to vote but he would not let them eat at the table with him and actually believes few negroes really want to eat with the white people. He explained it is his idea that if a negro goes wrong (like in the Groveland case) he should receive a quick trial and quick justice so that people would forget it. He believed the law should prevail. However, he did state that if there was no quick trial a man has the right to overstep the law.

When pressed for his conclusion as to whether or not he believed the defendant in the Groveland case received "quick justice" BELVIN persistently evaded the question. He simply remarked that some other action would have to be taken if the law didn't operate quickly and that it was easy to throw someone into lawless actions.

BELVIN further stated that on occasions several years ago he used to visit the meetings of the Apopka lodge. He heard from R. G. STEPHENS (deceased), a former member of the Apopka branch, that about five or six members of that lodge had been ousted from the organization because they were "taking things into their own hands" and were keeping things to themselves (probably referring to the outside conference conducted by this dissident group). The group is alleged to have been engaged in erratic activities and also alleged to have gone to the Atlanta Headquarters reporting information which was not true concerning the Apopka group.

STEPHENS and one M. E. WADE (who were described as decent fellows by BELVIN) were suspended from the Apopka lodge after their opponent, the Exalted Cyclops of the lodge had recordings made of a secret conference held by WADE and STEPHENS with their supporters. These recordings were made by an ex-sea captain (name forgotten by BELVIN) and presented as evidence against the STEPHENS-WADE group at the headquarters in Atlanta. BELVIN claims no one has ever spoken of what was on these recordings.

Mr. ROPER, the head of the Klan, came down from Atlanta, inquired concerning the dissension in the Apopka group and reinstated WADE, STEPHENS and the others who had been ousted. After that the Apopka branch split up. The man who was the Exalted Cyclops of the Apopka branch became angry at the action of ROPER in reinstating the ousted members and joined

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BILL HENDRIX, Southern Knights of the Klan with others from the Apopka lodge. According to BELVIN this broke up the original Apopka branch of the Georgia Klan and the charter either died or was revoked. M. E. WADE and two others (names not recalled by BELVIN) obtained a charter for a separate Apopka branch of the Georgia Klan six months ago and WADE is probably the Exalted Cyclops of that lodge. STEPHENS was the recording secretary just prior to his death.

BELVIN understands that EARL BROOKLYN did not transfer from the Orlando lodge to the Winter Garden lodge of the Georgia Klan until about four or five months ago. He understands that EARL BROOKLYN is a member of the Winter Garden lodge of the Georgia Klan but has never been in a position to know that it is official.

He explained that the circumstances whereby EARL BROOKLYN left the Orlando lodge of the Georgia Klan and transferred to the Winter Garden lodge has been closely kept remarking "you know he is awfully funny. If he doesn't get his own way he will go somewhere else". BELVIN claims he has never been able to get anybody to talk about EARL BROOKLYN's transfer to the Winter Garden lodge but believes that inasmuch as he was raised in Ocoee, Florida, EARL BROOKLYN was persuaded by some of the members over in that locality to transfer to Winter Garden.

He claims EARL has been a hard worker at his employment at the Super Concrete Company and hasn't been able to do very much work in the Klan because he was operated on for a stomach ailment in the Florida Sanitarium in recent years.

Immediately after BELVIN's resignation as Exalted Cyclops of the Orlando branch of the Georgia Klan, LEE DAVIS and the others secretly obtained a charter for a Winter Garden lodge of the Georgia Klan. If he had known LEE DAVIS and these others were in the process of secretly obtaining the charter for the Winter Garden lodge from the Atlanta Headquarters, he would certainly have stopped it.

When questioned concerning his knowledge of HARRY T. MOORE and any other negro leaders and their activities in the State of Florida, BELVIN persisted in denying he even knew HARRY MOORE or the identity of any negro leaders. He called the NAACP "the National Colored People's Betterment League", claimed he never heard that members of that group were active in Orlando and the state after the Groveland incident and further claimed that the first time he heard the name HARRY T. MOORE was when he saw it in the newspaper the day after MOORE was killed.

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He insisted that the Klu Klux Klan committee, while he was in it, never took into consideration the activities of any specific negro leaders but he admits having heard talk of negro leaders generally.

HELVIN states he never saw any floor plan of the home of HARRY T. MOORE and claims that the only time he was ever in Mims or stopped in Mims was 20 years ago when his truck broke down at the center of Mims. He states he might have driven through Mims but has never stopped there since that time 20 years ago. He claims he has not been in Titusville in over 10 years and was in Cocoa Beach in 1936.

The name FORTENBERRY sounds very familiar to him but he cannot actually place it.

Since the death of HARRY MOORE he has heard MOORE was trying to get "nigger equality."

When questioned concerning the four or five incidents in Orange County during the past year in which violence occurred, HELVIN claimed ignorance of all except the ELMER JONES incident wherein a negro home was burned. He alleges that he contributed a sum of money to assist the negro in recovering his loss.

HELVIN further claims he was surprised when the Mims explosion happened, doesn't know who could have done it and doubts that Klansmen in the Orlando area would have guts enough to stick dynamite under a house. When asked if he knew who might have performed such a deed at Mims, he replied it might have come from the Klan in Miami. Although he has never been there personally, does not know any individual member of the Miami Klan, he has been told there is a wild cat Klan in Miami. He was unable to elaborate any further and could not recall who told him about the Miami Klan but suggested that the Grand Dragon at Wildwood (whose name he could not recall) would be in a position to furnish information concerning the activities of the Miami Klan.

The topic of explosives was brought into the interview. HELVIN related that immediately after he bought the acreage where he is now residing he desired to clear a small patch of land for cultivation. Inasmuch as he never handled a stick of dynamite in his life prior to that time, HELVIN had ROY RAMSEY come out to the property and blow some of the stumps with dynamite. Because ROY RAMSEY was slow about it and only worked at it a few hours a day, (RAMSEY is alleged to have stated he did not desire to continue dynamiting stumps over a long period of time in any one day

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because a person is apt to become careless and somebody might be hurt and therefore he would only work a short time on any day in blowing stumps.) BELVIN arranged with a bulldozer operator then doing a job near Narcoy, Florida (whose name he does not recall) to come to the acreage on the lake and push the stumps off the land. Dislodging these stumps cost approximately \$5. a stump. The bulldozer operator suggested to him that it would be easier, and cheaper, to do it with dynamite.

The operator furnished one case of 40% dynamite and slow burning match fuse. BELVIN claimed that he read the instructions that came with the dynamite and blew the rest of the stumps on that small portion of land he was clearing. At the time, which was approximately two years ago, BELVIN owned a tract of approximately 160 acres but cleared only a very small portion of the tract.

He further insists this was the only time he ever handled dynamite in his life. There were only three sticks of dynamite left from the case and he threw these three into the lake. As a reason for not using dynamite or not being able to use dynamite, BELVIN claims that because of his illness, which prevents him from running, or maintaining his equilibrium, he would not be able to run away from a dynamite blast.

It should be noted that BELVIN claims he is unable to lift more than 20 pounds at a time and is unable to clench either fist because of the swelling in the joints of his fingers. BELVIN claims that about six weeks ago he had a "black out" in the street and spent sometime in the Florida Sanitarium in Orlando receiving transfusions and other treatments under the care of Dr. SUTHER. He has also been receiving treatments off and on in recent years at the Orlando Orthopedic Hospital and the Ray Fines Veterans Hospital.

Recently he sold his property on the lake and is presently looking for a place closer to town inasmuch as he has been instructed if he is not within quick riding distance of a hospital he would not be able to survive another attack.

BELVIN states he was at home on Christmas day with his wife and two sons, JAY and THOMAS, who were visiting him. He arose at 9:30 or 10 A.M. Christmas day and had dinner at 2 P.M. He claims he does not know whether or not he and his family had supper in a restaurant in Orlando, again pleading faulty memory.

He believes that a FORBIE MEDLEN, employee of the Florida SENTINEL

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newspaper, Orlando, might have visited the BELVIN home sometime during Christmas day.

During the interview BELVIN made the following observations about various individuals concerning whom he was questioned:

EDGAR BROCKLYN has been an officer of the Orlando lodge of the Georgia Klan but he cannot furnish any other information about EDGAR BROCKLYN's activities;

The name McMENNAMY is familiar to him;

He does not recall whether or not M. E. WADE was at Groveland at the time of the incidents;

EMMETT HART is a member of the Apopka branch and could have been at Groveland at the time of the incidents;

He cannot recall whether or not ROY RAMSEY was at Groveland at the time of the incidents but states that ROY RAMSEY is a good sort of a boy and does not believe he is too reckless;

PAT HALL is a "peculiar cuss, they threw the pattern away when he was made" - PAT tried to be his friend at the time of the dissention in the Orlando lodge arising out of the Groveland incidents - PAT quit the organization after BELVIN resigned as Exalted Cyclops and has attended only two or three meetings since that time. He doesn't know whether or not PAT HALL was at Groveland at the time of the incidents - PAT HALL and EARL BROCKLYN don't get along together. To illustrate that they do not associate with each other, BELVIN related that about a year ago EARL BROCKLYN was sick and when BELVIN called PAT HALL and questioned him about it PAT didn't even know that BROCKLYN had been ill;

He knows SMITH MANNING who belonged to the Orlando Klan while he (BELVIN) was Exalted Cyclops and would bring up all sorts of proposals, sometimes suggesting that he take out a man and thrash him just for the lack of something to do - he did not believe SMITH MANNING nor PAT HALL had been attending Klan meetings very regularly in recent years.

BELVIN states that no particular person was the custodian of the membership lists in a Klan lodge but that it was a practice of keeping the identity of the person with such custody a secret. The lists or book would be continually on the move from one member to another and sometimes

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three or four dummy books would be kept circulating in order to conceal the whereabouts of the true list.

At one time the collection of dues was in the hands of MORGAN HOWARD, dues being collected either quarterly or annually.

When questioned concerning LEON HUTCHESON, BELVIN replied the only HUTCHESON he knew was the man who operated the Hutcheson Tractor Company in Orlando.

The following is a description of TILMAN HOLLY BELVIN as obtained through interrogation and observation:

Name	TILMAN HOLLY BELVIN
Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	10-29-93
Place of birth	Sunter County, South Carolina
Height	5'11½"
Weight	230
Eyes	Blue, wears horn rimmed glasses
Hair	Gray - slight tinge of black
Complexion	Rough with sallow tinge in color
Build	Heavy
Occupation	automobile mechanic - unemployed
Physical condition	Poor, allegedly has heart condition as result of extreme spinal injury in 1944; joints, particularly legs, swollen.
Peculiarities	Small feet, size 8 shoe
Father	JAMES MONROE BELVIN, deceased
Mother	SARAH HENRETTI, deceased
Brothers	DUNCAN L. BELVIN, Sunter, S.C. JOHN M. BELVIN, Concord, N.C. WILLIAM T. BELVIN, Fort Myers, Florida
Sisters	Mrs. BILL (MAUDE) PARSON, Fitzgerald, Georgia Mrs. HOLLIS (BEULAH) ARANTS, whereabouts unknown.
Wife	ELSIE VIOLA MERRISON, married Kissimmee, Florida, 1925
Daughter	Mrs. ROBERT HARRISON (ELLARIE EUGENIA) BAGWELL, 118 McKee, Orlando.

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Sons	JAY EDWARD BELVIN, Y.M.C.A., Sumter, South Carolina THOMAS HOMER BELVIN, Atlanta Southern College, Pharmaceutical Branch, Atlanta Residence: Y.M.C.A., Atlanta, Georgia, 9th grade
Education ASN	#2993479, honorably discharged 1919 also fingerprinted as civilian em- ployee Orlando Air Base, World War II
Employment	1922 Central Machine and Parts, Orlando as mechanic. self-employed, auto garage 20 odd years.
Residence	Box 400, Route 4, Lake Drawdy, Orange County, Florida.
Past residences	419 S. Hughey Street, Orlando 6-4-37 to 1950 2137 W. Jackson Street, Orlando 1927- 37 — Amelia Street, Orlando 6-21-21 or 22 to 1927

Photographs in various poses were taken of TILLMAN BELVIN with his consent.

It should be noted that insofar as BELVIN's explanation of his whereabouts Christmas day, 1951, he continued to plead faulty memory. At first he stated that his daughter, ELLAINE BAGNELL visited him and the family Christmas day but immediately changed his mind, saying that she didn't come down from Oil City, Pennsylvania until January, 1952. He stated that his two sons, above named, had Christmas dinner with them. He insisted he could not recall whether or not the entire family traveled into the City of Orlando that evening for Christmas supper.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent in Charge W. W. BURKE and Special Agents TOBIAS E. MATTHEWS and ROBERT E. BARKER on January 20, 1952:

Re: Mrs. TILLMAN E. BELVIN, wife of suspect BELVIN interviewed for any information she would furnish regarding husband's KKK activities.

Mrs. TILLMAN E. BELVIN, Route 4, Box 400, Lake PRAWDY, Orange County, Florida, advised she and TILLMAN HOLLY BELVIN have been married for 26 years and for the past 16 months have resided in their residence on Route 4. She stated that they formerly resided on Hughey Street in Orlando, Florida, where BELVIN operated an automobile repair garage.

She further advised that BELVIN has not been employed for approximately two years due to ill health. She also stated that approximately 16 months ago they purchased 160 acres of land on Route 4 for \$6,000. cash and since that time they have constructed their present residence on Route 4. She further related they have now sold the residence and are presently endeavoring to locate living quarters near Bay Pines, Florida, in order that BELVIN may receive medical attention at the Veterans Hospital located at Bay Pines.

She said that approximately one year ago they sold 120 acres of the original 160 acres purchased on Route 4 and received \$6,500. She also stated they previously owned an apartment house in Orlando which they have sold and they are presently receiving \$75. a month from a house which they own and rent in Orlando.

In regard to BELVIN's present illness, she stated he has received three months medical attention at Bay Pines and also has received medical attention at the Florida Sanitarium in Orlando. She described his physical condition as being of such a nature that he has not been anywhere by himself for the past 17 years. She said his present illness began approximately 5 years ago and in recent months he has not gone anywhere without her accompanying him inasmuch as he fears an attack might occur at any time. She stated she does not know the exact nature of his physical ailment or the "spells" and "black outs" which he suffers.

Mrs. BELVIN stated that to her knowledge her husband is not presently nor has ever been connected with the Ku Klux Klan in any way

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whatsoever. She also advised he has never spoken to her regarding any Ku Klux Klan activity in Orlando or any other area. She said that if her husband was or is presently a member of the Klan it is a complete surprise to her. Mrs. BELVIN advised she is personally opposed to the Klan and Klan activities and expressed the opinion her husband may not have told her that he is or has been a Klan member inasmuch as he is aware of her disapproval of the Klan.

She stated she and her husband are members of the Baptist Church and she herself is a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Odd Fellows but other than the church she does not know any organization of which her husband is a member.

Mrs. BELVIN was questioned as to whether or not she has ever seen a belt buckle in the possession of her husband with the letters "KKK" or a cross emblem on the buckle inasmuch as information has previously been reported that BELVIN at one time wore a buckle with such type of insignia and openly boasted he was a member of the Klan.

Mrs. BELVIN admitted her husband had such type of belt buckle but denied he had ever told her he was a member of the Klan or that the emblem had any significance. In this regard she stated she recalls that on one occasion someone asked her husband about the buckle and at that time he made some remark to the effect that the KKK signified Kappa Kappa Kappa.

Information was also received previously that Mrs. BELVIN has been very active in the Women's Auxiliary of the Ku Klux Klan in the Orlando area.

Mrs. BELVIN also stated she never heard of HARRY T. MOORE until she read in the newspapers of the bombing of the MOORE residence.

She also stated she was unaware of the fact that the FBI was making any investigation and no one has spoken to her or to her husband, to her best knowledge, regarding any inquiries being made by the FBI.

Mrs. BELVIN stated her husband is a fancier of firearms and has a number of rifles and two revolvers. She also stated he has a permit to carry a gun. She was questioned as to why her husband keeps two loaded revolvers under his pillow. To this inquiry she stated he had never discussed the matter with her and she assumed he kept the revolvers as a protection against any burglar or intruder.

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Mrs. BELVIN stated she and her husband are very friendly and have been for a number of years with Orange County Sheriff DAVID STARR. She also advised they are acquainted with and frequently visit Mr. and Mrs. EARL BROCKLYN. She says that EARL has not been to the BELVIN residence on Route 4 but once since the BELVINS have resided there and on this occasion he came to borrow a plow. She stated that she does not know whether or not BROCKLYN is a member of the Klan.

She also advised she and her husband are acquainted with the WILL TANNER family who are their neighbors.

Mrs. BELVIN stated her husband, to her knowledge, has never been to Mims, Florida. She does not know whether or not he has been to Apopka.

Mrs. BELVIN stated her husband has never discussed the bombing of the MOORE residence with her or made any statements regarding the bombing.

In regard to the activity of the BELVIN family on Christmas eve 1951 Mrs. BELVIN stated she and her husband and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT HARRISON BAGNELL, spent Christmas eve at the BELVIN residence although during the afternoon they took a ride to Orlando to look at the Christmas lights and thereafter returned to the BELVIN residence.

With regard to Christmas day Mrs. BELVIN stated she and her husband got up at approximately 8:30 A.M., had breakfast and were joined by her son-in-law and daughter, the ROBERT HARRISON BAGNELLS, at approximately 11 A.M. when the BAGNELLS arrived from Orlando, Florida where they reside at 118 McKee Street.

Mrs. BELVIN stated that during the afternoon of Christmas day she, her husband, her daughter and son-in-law drove into Orlando in BELVIN's Hudson sedan. She stated they went to the BAGNELL's apartment at 118 McKee Street in order that Mrs. BAGNELL might change clothes and thereafter they rode around Orlando for a while and then returned at approximately 11 P.M. to the BELVIN residence on Route 4. She said she and her husband retired a short time after 11 P.M.

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BELVIN is presently dying of cancer. The interview was conducted in such a manner as not to aggravate his condition. Although he personally does not know the nature of his illness he believes he is in such physical condition that he might die at any time. After stating that he knew he might die at any time he said, "I want to get right with my Maker if I am involved in anything." He insisted he wished to cooperate completely with the Agents in furnishing any information that might be in his possession which might be of interest in this investigation. However, he continually pled faulty memory and frequently could not furnish the names of persons by reason of the faulty memory. It should be noted that in this and in previous interviews BELVIN's memory failed him in connection with some information and identity of individuals which he would have had no reason to withhold at the time. It is very possible his physical condition has had an effect on his memory.

The following is a signed statement of ELSIE BELVIN, wife of suspect TILLMAN HOLLY-BELVIN, which was obtained April 1, 1952, after a complete discussion of her activities and the activities of her family on Christmas Day, 1951. The original of this statement is retained in the files of the Miami Office.

Orlando, Florida
April 1, 1952

"I, ELSIE BELVIN, do make the following voluntary statement to FRANK F MEECH and JAMES P SHANNON who have identified themselves to me to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I realize that I do not have to make this statement and that it can be used in a court of law.

"On Tuesday, December 25, 1951, Christmas Day, we were living on Drawdy Lake 16 miles from Orlando Fla. My sons, TOM and JAY had arrived for a holiday visit on December 23 and 22 respectively. We arose between 8:30 AM and 10 AM. My daughter ELLANE when had come down from Oil City Penna on December 24, 1951 and her husband, BOB BAGNALL visited us at 11:30 AM. My entire family, including my husband TILLMAN HOLLY BELVIN, had dinner about one o'clock. I don't recall whether or not the boys, TOM, JAY and BOB were horseback riding that afternoon but I do know the entire family remained on our property.

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"The only visitor I can recall was JUNIOR STORY who rode his horse over to find out if the boys were interested in riding the next day. I believe he came over when it was getting dark and stayed around talking to the boys about thirty or forty minutes. We had Christmas dinner at 1 PM and supper at 7 PM.

"At about 8 PM we all drove into Orlando and stopped at ELLAINE'S apartment. We drove in BOB'S Oldsmobile and our Hudson auto. After about 15 or 20 minutes we all got into the Hudson, leaving BOB'S Oldsmobile parked there, and left ELLAINE'S apartment. We drove out into the College Park District of Orlando and admired the Christmas decorations; then we drove over to Fairchilds Funeral Home on Lake Ivanhoe and admired that display. It was about 10 PM that we stopped at the Gold Medal ice cream bar for sodas. We were over 15 minutes at that ice cream bar. Then we drove slowly downtown along Orange Ave and over to ELLAINE'S apartment house. We stopped and parked in front of ELLAINE and talked for about 15 minutes. ELLAINE and BOB went into their apartment at about 10:30 PM while the rest of us drove to our home arriving at about 11 PM. We were tired and retired shortly after having coffee.

"It was Monday December 24, 1951 that JAY was knocked off the horse as it brushed against a post, hurting Jays leg. I would say that JOHN BARRINGTON, who always hunts on Sunday, visited us on Sunday, December 23, 1952. I know he didn't visit us on Christmas Day.

"There was no racing on Christmas day or evening 1951. There was racing on Friday December 28, 1951 which was the evening I attended the races with my family, except my husband who was too tired and went home.

"It is possible that the boys might have been practicing shooting down near the lake on Christmas day.

"It was on Monday December 24, 1951, the day that JAY was knocked off the horse, that ROBERT COLEMAN visited us.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents FRANK F. MEECH and THOMAS E. MATTHEWS on January 22, 1952:

BASIS: WILLIAM CLEVELAND TANNER, Route 4, Orlando, neighbor of suspect BELVIN, interviewed for any information he would furnish regarding activities of BELVIN and KKK, Orlando area.

WILLIAM CLEVELAND TANNER, Route 4, Orlando, advised he was born December 15, 1884 in Orange County, Florida, a short distance from the present city of Orlando, Florida and has resided in the Orlando area all of his life. He said he joined the Ku Klux Klan at Orlando, Florida approximately 30 years ago but "dropped out about 10 years ago and haven't carried a card since." He said for the past 10 years he has not had any connection whatsoever with the Klan and denied he knows anything regarding the activities of the Klan in the Orlando area.

He said he never heard of HARRY T. and HERBERT MOORE until he read about the bombing in the newspapers. He advised that he read of the bombing in the papers and has not discussed the bombing with anyone. He also stated he does not know anything regarding various incidents of violence which have occurred in Orange County in the past year.

Mr. TANNER stated that during the entire time he was active in the Ku Klux Klan in Orlando he never participated in a "ride" when there was anyone whipped or mistreated by members of the Klan. He said he is still heartily in accord with the principles of the Klan although he abhors violence and the "taking of the law into ones own hands." In this regard he stated he recalls that during the time he was a member of the Klan some white men were whipped by Klansmen because these white men were not properly supporting their respective families. He said he was unable to recall the identities of the men or the Klansmen who did the whipping.

In regard to the last statement Mr. TANNER stated it is a Klansmen's oath never to divulge the names of other Klansmen and it is his intention to abide by the oath.

In regard to WILLIAM H. BELVIN, Mr. TANNER stated he has known of BELVIN for the past 15 years and has been personally acquainted with him for the past year and a half, during which time BELVIN has resided on Route 4 and has been a neighbor of TANNER's.

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He stated he recently contacted BELVIN by telephone and advised BELVIN that he, TAMER, had been approached by a "couple of callers" who exhibited their identification and which callers mentioned BELVIN's name. TAMER stated that he gave BELVIN to understand that the FBI had already approached him and had mentioned BELVIN's name during the conversation.

He denied he has ever spoken to BELVIN regarding Ku Klux Klan activities or the bombing of the MOORE residence. In this regard he stated that he has seen BELVIN only once since Christmas and at that time he saw BELVIN, who was on horseback and accompanied by ALBERT N. JONES, a neighbor of BELVIN's who resides on Route 4. TAMER said BELVIN and JONES were at that time leaving to go bird hunting.

Mr. TAMER admitted he has been aware of the fact BELVIN is a member of the Klan and upon admitting such fact he stated he realized he had violated his Klansmen oath in admitting BELVIN is a Klansman. He said he had unintentionally made such admission regarding BELVIN.

During the interview Mr. TAMER stated it is his understanding BELVIN has sold his properties on Route 4 and intends to move from that area. He expressed the opinion that BELVIN has not been active in Klan activities for the past year and a half because of ill health and in this regard he personally knows BELVIN has made a number of trips to the Bay Pines Veterans Hospital for medical treatment.

He further stated he knows of one instance in which BELVIN had "a spell" and was carried to the hospital immediately thereafter. Mr. TAMER expressed the desire to be of full cooperation and assistance but pointed out that he was also obligated by his oath to the Klan not to divulge information regarding other Klansmen.

The following physical description was obtained through observation and interrogation:

Name	WILLIAM CLEVELAND TAMER
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	67
Born	12-15-84
Place of birth	Orange County, Florida
Height	5'8"
Weight	160
Hair	Dark brown mixed with grey, receding hairline

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Eyes	Gray
Teeth	False upper and lower plates
Build	Slim
Complexion	Medium
Marital status	Married
Wife	LEONORA TANKER, Route 4, Orlando
Sons	ROY CLEVELAND TANKER, age 37, Orlando, Florida. LAWRENCE LARRY TANKER, age 35, Orlando, Florida.
Daughter	Mrs. AUDREY MARTIN, Fairville, Florida Mrs. WILMA CULLUM, Route 6, Orlando, Florida.
Occupation	Farmer, cattleman, former Game Warden
Education	6th grade
Military service	None
Arrests	Denied any
Former employment	Orange County Live Stock Sanitary Board, tick eradication program; EEC Railroad, 5 years during early youth
Organizations	Missionary Baptist Church, Orlando; KKK, Orlando.

Fingerprints and photographs were obtained of TANKER.

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UNSUBS, HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE, VICTIMS, DECEASED, CR. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT MF THREE EIGHT NAUGHT ADVISED THAT ONE WILL TANNER, FRIEND OF SUSPECT TILLMAN H. BELVIN, CONTACTED BELVIN TO ADVISE IN SUBSTANCE THAT A COUPLE OF FBI MEN HAD BEEN INQUIRING ABOUT HIM BUT THEY DIDNT LEARN ANYTHING. BELVIN ASKED QUOTE WAS IT THE ORANGE COUNTY OR UNQUOTE WHEN TANNER BROKE INTO QUESTION AND STATED QUOTE NO, IT WAS BREVARD COUNTY UNQUOTE. TANNER ASKED IF BELVIN HAD ANY DYNAMITE ON HIS PLACE. BELVIN TOLD HIM NO THAT QUOTE I USED IT ALL ON THE JOB UNQUOTE. BELVIN AND WIFE INTERVIEWED SEPARATELY AT WHICH TIME BELVIN ADVISED HE HAD JUST RETURNED TO TOWN AND HAD NO KNOWLEDGE THAT AGENTS WERE IN TOWN OR HAD MADE INQUIRES UNTIL THEY APPEARED AT HIS HOME TODAY. WIFE APPEARING TO HAVE BEEN WELL COACHED STATED HER HUSBAND WAS NEVER MEMBER OF KLAN TO HER KNOWLEDGE. STATED SHE DIDN-T APPROVE OF SUCH AND THAT CERTAINLY SHE NEVER WAS A MEMBER. MRS. BELVIN KNOWN TO HAVE AT ONE TIME BEEN THE HEAD OF THE KLAN AUXILIARY. WAIVER OF SEARCH EXECUTED BY BELVIN. SEARCH RESULTED NEGATIVELY EXCEPT IT WAS LEARNED THAT BELVIN KEEPS TWO LOADED PISTOLS UNDER PILLOW. BELVIN

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

THOMAS HUBERT BELVIN advised that he and his family spent 12-25-51, at home. BELVIN stated as well as he could remember he, his brother, JAY, and his father, went hunting during the afternoon, and that evening the entire family went to the apartment of his brother-in-law, ROBERT H. BAGWELL, Orlando, Fla. At 8:25 p.m., the entire family went to the stock car races with the exception of his father, who returned home. The family returned home from the races at 12:30 a.m., 12/26/51. BELVIN advises that he has known his father to be a Klan member since 1936, but was unable to furnish any information re his Klan activities. Atlanta Confidential Informants unable to furnish any information as to instant bombing.

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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA:

THOMAS HUBERT BELVIN was interviewed at the Y.C.A., Inckie Street, and advised that he and his family got up about ten a.m., December 25, 1951, had breakfast, and opened their presents. He related that his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT H. BAGWELL, Orlando, Florida, came to their home shortly after breakfast, and the entire family, consisting of

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himself, his brother, JAY EDWARD BELVIN, his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM HOLLY BELVIN, and his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT H. BAGNALL, sat around the house talking until they had dinner about noon. He stated that following the dinner he, his brother, JAY, and his brother-in-law, ROBERT H. BAGNALL, saddled their horses and rode until about 2:30 p.m., at which time JAY hit a telephone post and hurt his leg. He stated his father didn't ride at this time because of a back injury, but stood by the house watching them ride.

THOMAS BELVIN related that between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., ROBERT COWART, who lives a quarter of a mile West toward Orlando from his parents' home, came to see his father. He related that COWART had been under a great mental strain, and he heard COWART tell his father something about a dream he had had wherein his infant daughter had been taken from him. BELVIN stated he did not hear the balance of the conversation.

THOMAS BELVIN related that when JAY hurt his leg they all returned to the house, and his father inquired if they wanted to go hunting. He stated that BAGNALL did not care to go hunting, and remained at the house, and he, his father and his brother, JAY, rode the horses to Mr. GILMORE's pasture at Chuluota, Florida, returning home about five forty-five p.m., at which time they unsaddled the horses, and he and his brother JAY went into the house to clean up; and his father groomed the horses. He stated that on returning to the house they found his brother-in-law, ROBERT H. BAGNALL, mother, and sister, at the house. BELVIN related that the entire family ate supper about 6:30 p.m., following which they drove into Orlando, Florida, to his brother-in-law's home, 604 McKee Street, Apartment #3, in two automobiles, his parents car, and BAGNALL's car.

BELVIN related that BAGNALL wanted to go to the Sunshine Racing Track on the Orange Blossom Trail to see the stock car races, and at approximately 8:25 p.m., the entire family, with the exception of his father, went to the race track, arriving there at 8:45 p.m. He stated his father was tired, and returned home. BELVIN advised that they stayed at the race track until about 10:45 p.m., and then drove around the residential section of Orlando, looking at the Christmas lights until about midnight; that his brother-in-law then drove them

to his parents home, arriving there at about 12:30 a.m. He stated they were all hungry, and his mother prepared something for them to eat; and his father, who had already retired, got up and joined them. BELVIN stated that about 1:30 a.m., December 26, 1951, his sister and brother-in-law departed, and then the family all retired.

At this point, BELVIN stated that part of his story was a fabrication. When questioned as to what he meant, BELVIN stated that he thought this questioning was in regard to his application for employment with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, that he thought he was supposed to relate the events of Christmas day, and, subsequently, an interview furnished as near the same information as possible as a memory test.

When questioned as to which portion of the information was a fabrication, BELVIN stated that the information furnished by him was all true except two items. One, that he was not sure that his brother JAY hurt his leg by running into a telephone post on December 25, 1951, and secondly, he did not believe that he, his brother, and his father went hunting on December 25, 1951. He advised that actually following dinner at noon, he, JAY, and his brother-in-law BAGNALL rode horseback until four p.m., at which time they rejoined the family, and sat around the house talking until six p.m., at which time they had supper, and left the house at approximately 6:30 p.m., driving to his brother-in-law's apartment in Orlando, Florida, arriving there shortly after seven p.m. He stated that the family sat around his brother-in-law's apartment until 8:25 p.m., at which time all of them went to the stock car races on the Orange Blossom Trail, with the exception of his father, who stated that he was tired, and returned home.

BELVIN stated that insofar as he knew his father went directly home, and was asleep when the rest of the family arrived at 12:30 a.m. He related that if his father had any visitors after arriving home that he did not mention it. BELVIN stated that on December 25, 1951, his family received only two telephone calls during the day which were from Mrs. WILL TANNER and Mrs. JOHN BARRINGTON, both calling to wish them the season's greetings. He related that his father made one telephone call to wish someone a merry Christmas, but he did not know who this was.

BELVIN stated, to his knowledge, his father has been a member of the

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Ku Klux Klan since 1936, at which time a Mr. FRED BASS was head of the Klan in Orlando, Florida. He stated he did not know of any official position his father ever held in the Klan, and he knew of none of his father's associates in the Klan. He related that the only way he knew his father to be a Klan member was that when he would leave home his mother would tell them that his father had gone to a lodge meeting, and then the Klan would drift into the conversation, and he knew his father was a member of the Klan.

BELVIN stated that he, himself, had never attended any Klan meetings, and knew nothing of his father's activities in the Klan, other than attendance at meetings. He further stated that he did not know whether his father had taken part in any Klan parades that he had witnessed, as the Klansmen were always hooded on these occasions.

Atlanta Confidential Informants T-1, T-2, and T-3, of known reliability, all advised they had no information as to the individuals responsible for instant bombing.

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