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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

June 6, 2024

MR. JOHN R. GREENEWALD JR.
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FOIPA Request No.: 1635880-001
Subject: Burning of ROTC Building at Kent
State University

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The FBI has completed its search for records subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) that are responsive to your request. The enclosed 61 pages of records were determined to be responsive to your subject and were previously processed and released. Please see the selected paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

- In an effort to provide you with responsive records as expeditiously as possible, we are releasing documents from previous requests regarding your subject. We consider your request fulfilled. Since we relied on previous results, additional records potentially responsive to your subject may exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may request an additional search for records. Submit your request by mail to **Initial Processing Operations Unit; Record/Information Dissemination Section; Information Management Division; Federal Bureau of Investigation; 200 Constitution Drive; Winchester, VA 22602. You may also email your response to foipaquestions@fbi.gov.** Please include the FOIPA Request Number listed above in your correspondence.
- Please be advised that additional records responsive to your subject exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you must advise us that you want the additional records processed. Please submit your response within thirty (30) days to **Initial Processing Operations Unit; Record/Information Dissemination Section; Information Management Division; Federal Bureau of Investigation; 200 Constitution Drive; Winchester, VA 22602. You may also email your response to foipaquestions@fbi.gov.** Please include the FOIPA Request Number listed above in your correspondence. **If we do not receive your decision within thirty (30) days of the date of this notification, your request will be closed.**
- One or more of the enclosed records were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession.

If this release of the previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may file a FOIPA request with NARA at the following address:

National Archives and Records Administration
Special Access and FOIA
8601 Adelphi Road, Room 5500
College Park, MD 20740-6001

- Records potentially responsive to your request were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), and they were not previously processed pursuant to the FOIA. You may file a request with NARA using the address above. Please reference file numbers 100A-BT-8938, 100-HQ-462183, 100-CV-31083, 100-HQ-471464, 100-CV-32733, 100-HQ-459068, 100-HQ-464049, 100-PH-51461, 100-CV-34299, 100-CV-31015, 100-CV-31020, 100-CV-28789, 100-CV-31083, 100-CV-31709, 100-CV-31507, 100-CV-31122, 100-CV-30951, 100-CV-30526, 100-CV-32668, 100-CV-32688, 100-CV-30974 in your correspondence.
- One or more of the enclosed records were destroyed. Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1228; Title 44, United States Code, Section 3310 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1229.10.
- Records potentially responsive to your request were destroyed. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) according to Title 44 United States Code Section 3301, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Chapter 12 Sub-chapter B Part 1228, and 36 CFR 1229.10.
- Documents or information referred to other Government agencies were not included in this release.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. **“Part 1”** of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. **“Part 2”** includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. **“Part 3”** includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

Additional information about the FOIPA can be found at www.fbi.gov/foia. Should you have questions regarding your request, please feel free to contact foipaquestions@fbi.gov. Please reference the FOIPA Request number listed above in all correspondence concerning your request.

Please be advised that if you are seeking a new search for records, you may wish to narrow the scope of your request based on material that you have already received, e.g., timeframe or locality. Additionally, be advised that “unusual circumstances” may apply. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(B)(iii). These “unusual circumstances” will delay our ability to make a determination on your request within 20 days. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(B). Additionally, the payment of pertinent fees may apply to your request. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(4)(A)(viii). The application of “unusual circumstances” is not a determination of how the FBI will respond to your substantive request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP’s FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP’s website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of this response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.” Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by emailing the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison at foipaquestions@fbi.gov. The subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. G. Seidel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a distinct "S" at the end.

Michael G. Seidel
Section Chief
Record/Information Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosures

FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the www.fbi.gov/foia website.
- (ii) **Intelligence Records.** To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) **Requests for Confidential Informant Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of confidential informant records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F) [5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F)] and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552a (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records would reveal confidential informant identities and information, expose law enforcement techniques, and endanger the life or physical safety of individuals. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches and Standard Search Policy.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems, such as the Central Records System (CRS), or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. The CRS is an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. The standard search policy is a search for main entity records in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include a search for reference entity records, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files.
 - a. *Main Entity Records* – created for individuals or non-individuals who are the subjects or the focus of an investigation
 - b. *Reference Entity Records*- created for individuals or non-individuals who are associated with a case but are not known subjects or the focus of an investigation
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Foreseeable Harm Standard.** As amended in 2016, the Freedom of Information Act provides that a federal agency may withhold responsive records only if: (1) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by one of the nine exemptions that FOIA enumerates, or (2) disclosure is prohibited by law (5 United States Code, Section 552(a)(8)(A)(i)). The FBI considers this foreseeable harm standard in the processing of its requests.
- (iv) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative “FBI file.” An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at www.edo.cjis.gov. For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.

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EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

FBI

Date: 5/10/70

Transmit the following in PLAIN
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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)

RE: UNSURS; FIRE BOMBING
OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING,
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)
KENT, OHIO
5/2/70
SABOTAGE

In connection with this investigation, the CV Office is attempting to identify and locate witnesses. However, classes at KSU have been discontinued for the remainder of the Spring school term, and students have left the campus.

In view of this, the CV Office is setting out numerous leads to offices by teletype and telephone. In order to facilitate setting out leads, the following info is being made available:

At about 8:00 PM on evening of 5/2/70, the Army ROTC Building at KSU was destroyed by fire during a campus disruption. A crowd of approximately 600 individuals was gathered adjacent to the ROTC Building during the incident.

Preliminary inquiries indicate that about 50 to 75 of these individuals were actively engaged in throwing rocks and debris at the building, breaking many of the windows. Some of these individuals also started the fire.

Campus PD officers, who witnessed the burning were unable to identify the UNSURS due to darkness and the fact that demonstrators were throwing rocks at them.

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AIRTEL

Via _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (98-46479)
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140) (P)
RE: ARTHUR SCOTT BARNHARDT, and others
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

Re Cleveland airtel to Bureau and all offices,
dated 5/10/70.

By communication dated 7/8/70, the Bureau advised
in view of the Department's decision in this matter that infor-
mation and evidence will be turned over to the local prosecutor
in Ohio in lieu of Federal prosecution, there appears to be
no basis for additional investigation in this case.

Accordingly, the Attorney General has been advised
that no further investigation will be conducted in this case
unless such has been specifically requested by the Department.

Consequently, all investigation regarding this matter
is to be discontinued per Bureau instructions. Cleveland is
discontinuing investigation in instant matter and anticipates
a closing report will be submitted by 7/17/70.

Receiving offices will discontinue all investigation
regarding this matter and immediately furnish Cleveland any
pertinent FD-302s for incorporation into closing report,
noting anticipated date, above, for submission of report.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (98-436) (RUC)

FROM : SA PATRICK J. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; Fire Bombing of
Army ROTC Building,
Kent State University (KSU)
Kent, Ohio,
5/2/70
SABOTAGE

DATE: 6/23/70

Re Cleveland airtel to Bureau, 5/10/70.

This airtel concerns specific instructions for each office in regard to any investigation being conducted concerning the Fire Bombing of the Army ROTC Building, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

This Office had no leads in this particular matter and, therefore, the case should be considered RUC administratively.

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One witness has advised he observed an unidentified white male place a rag in a gas tank of a nearby motorcycle and carry the rag to the building where it was ignited.

The Kent Fire Department attempted to extinguish the fire. However, demonstrators interfered with their efforts by throwing rocks at them and cutting their hoses.

Prior to the burning, demonstrations occurred in downtown Kent, Ohio, on 5/1/70.

On the evening of 5/3/70, bands of demonstrators roamed the KSU campus during the night.

During the afternoon of 5/4/70, four KSU students were killed when Ohio National Guard (ONG) troops attempted to disperse a crowd of demonstrators:

In addition to the substantive violations of the sabotage sections, the Department of Justice advised they wanted investigation conducted to establish a conspiracy to destroy the ROTC Building at KSU and requested that the following points be considered:

1. The names of participants setting fire to the ROTC Building.
2. The names of persons organizing, instigating or inciting damages to this ROTC Building.
3. Obtain post-act or pre-act statements made by leaders including speeches urging abolition of the ROTC at KSU.
4. Attempt to obtain any leaflets or any other printed material authored or distributed by such persons urging the abolition of ROTC.
5. Determine if SDS or New Left Leadership caused the burning of the ROTC Building or if this was an act of local groups on an individual initiative without the advise of outside or national influence.

All offices are requested to refer to the above in connection with any leads set forth by the CV Office.

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N.J.;

BUDDY BENNETT, AKA CHARLES BENNETT LO CICERO (TN);

✓ ANDREW NOVICH, AKA ANDY, [REDACTED]

N.Y.;

✓ LARRY DURKALSKI, [REDACTED]

OHIO;

✓ ROY CARROLL LAYTON, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OHIO;

ROBERT AINSWORTH WALKER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ILL.

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ON NIGHT OF BURNING OF ROTC BLDG. THERE WAS A GATHERING AT RESIDENCE WHERE AFOREMENTIONED PEOPLE RESIDE AND ALSO PRESENT WERE SEVERAL FEMALES: DEBBY BROWN, ROBERTA EBERT, BETTY GOCHEL. THESE FEMALES, ALONG WITH THE RESIDENTS, HAD A SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER AT WHICH THEY TOASTED MARSHMELLOWS AND COOKED HOT DOGS. IT HAS BEEN ALLEGED THAT FOUR MALES RAN INTO THE HOUSE DURING THIS GATHERING AND STATED THEY HAD JUST SET FIRE TO THE ROTC BLDG.; HOWEVER, IT HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED WHETHER THEY MEANT THEMSELVES AS INDIVIDUALS OR THE GROUP OF STUDENTS WHO WERE OUTSIDE THE ROTC BUILDING HAD ACTUALLY SET THE FIRE..

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LEVEN AND HODGSON ARE ROOMMATES IN THE RESIDENCE. HODGSON HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED, BUT DURING INTERVIEW WAS APPARENTLY UNDER INFLUENCE OF NARCOTICS AND COULD NOT REMEMBER A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THE NIGHT OF THE BURNING BUT DID INDICATE HE FELT SOME INDIVIDUALS CAME INTO THE RESIDENCE AND MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT A FIRE. THAT NIGHT HE HAD A DATE WITH EBERT. HE INDICATED THAT AT PRESENT LEVEN IS AT HIS PHILADELPHIA ADDRESS.

BENNETT HAS ALSO BEEN INTERVIEWED. HE RELATED THAT ALL RESIDENTS OF THE HOUSE WERE PRESENT THE NIGHT OF THE BURNING, AS WELL AS THE FEMALES, AND THE ONLY TWO WHO COULD HAVE POSSIBLY BEEN AWAY FROM THE HOUSE AND WHOM HE CONSIDERED "MOBILE" WERE DURKALSKI AND LAYTON. HE ALSO STATED THAT NOVICH WAS GONE FROM THE RESIDENCE SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR TO THE BURNING AND DISTURBANCES AT KSU AND HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE.

DURKALSKI AND NOVICH ARE ROOMMATES, AND BY VIRTUE OF WHAT WAS OBSERVED IN THEIR ROOM THEY ARE UNDOUBTEDLY VERY SYMPATHETIC TO NEW LEFT ACTIVITIES.

LEVEN IS ALSO APPARENTLY VERY SYMPATHETIC TO NEW LEFT ACTIVITIES SINCE IN HIS ROOM AND AMONG HIS PERSONAL BELONGINGS WERE OBSERVED LITERATURE AS WELL AS PEACE SYMBOLS AND ARM

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BANDS WHICH WOULD BE UTILIZED BY DEMONSTRATORS.

ALLISON KRAUSE, ONE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE KSU SHOOTING, HAS BEEN LINKED TO A BARRY LEVINE, WHO IS POSSIBLE IDENTICAL WITH LEVEN. KRAUSE WAS A STUDENT ACTIVIST AND IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE DEMONSTRATORS.

ABOUT THE TIME THAT THE ROTC BLDG. WAS BURNED AND SOMETIME DURING THAT DAY THERE WAS A VISITOR AT THE HOUSE NAMED KENNETH L. GROTTIS, AKA KEN, STUDENT AT SOUTHERN ILL. UNIV., CARBONDALE, ILL., RESIDING ON CAMPUS IN ROOM EIGHT ZERO FOUR SCHEIDER HALL, SIU. HIS PARENTS ARE MR. AND MRS. J. K. GROTTIS, [REDACTED] CHICAGO, ILL.

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ALL RECIPIENT OFFICES REQUESTED LOCATE AND INTERVIEW INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN THEIR TERRITORIES OR SET FORTH APPROPRIATE LEADS TO DO SO AND DETERMINE THEIR ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO THE BURNING OF THE ROTC BLDG. AT KSU, WHERE AND WITH WHOM THEY WERE THAT NIGHT, ANY INFO RE ACTIVITIES OF OTHER MEMBERS WHO RESIDE AT THE HOUSE, THEIR PHILOSOPHIES, THEIR ASSOCIATES, IF THEY HAVE ANY IDEA AS TO WHO MIGHT HAVE BURNED THE ROTC BLDG., OR IDENTITIES OF ANY PERTINENT WITNESSES, IF IN FACT LEVEN AND KRAUSE WERE ASSOCIATES, WHAT KEN GROTTIS DID AND SAID AND THE PURPOSE FOR HIS VISIT TO KENT,

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AND ANY AND ALL INFO RELATIVE TO ALL OF THE DISTURBANCES AND
VIOLENCE WHICH TOOK PLACE DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AT KSU.
THESE INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE VERY DETAILED AND PROBING SINCE
IT IS FELT THESE PEOPLE ARE IN POSSESSION OF PERTINENT
KNOWLEDGE RELATIVE TO CAPTIONED MATTER.

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UNSUBS: FIRE BOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT, OHIO,

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From Barry Marc Leven



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(CITY AND STATE)

By J. A. Walsh
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned Yes
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Receipt given Yes
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Description:

Waiver of Rights Form.

INTERROGATION; ADVICE OF RIGHTS

YOUR RIGHTS

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Place [redacted]
Date 5/12/70 [redacted] pa
Time 11:19 AM

Before we ask you any questions, you must understand your rights.

You have the right to remain silent.

Anything you say can be used against you in court.

You have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions and to have him with you during questioning.

If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed for you before any questioning if you wish.

If you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer present, you will still have the right to stop answering at any time. You also have the right to stop answering at any time until you talk to a lawyer.

WAIVER OF RIGHTS

I have read this statement of my rights and I understand what my rights are. I am willing to make a statement and answer questions. I do not want a lawyer at this time. I understand and know what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me.

Signed _____

Witness: James A. Walsh

Witness: Edward F. Russell

Time: 11:23 AM 5/12/70.

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From Earl Emley Dittman
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By R. J. Deneen
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Date: 5/10/70

Transmit the following in PLAIN
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)
RE: UNSUBS; FIRE BOMBING
OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING,
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)
KENT, OHIO
5/2/70
SABOTAGE

In connection with this investigation, the CV Office is attempting to identify and locate witnesses. However, classes at KSU have been discontinued for the remainder of the Spring school term, and students have left the campus.

In view of this, the CV Office is setting out numerous leads to offices by teletype and telephone. In order to facilitate setting out leads, the following info is being made available:

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Preliminary inquiries indicate that about 50 to 75 of these individuals were actively engaged in throwing rocks and debris at the building, breaking many of the windows. Some of these individuals also started the fire.

Campus PD officers, who witnessed the burning were unable to identify the UNSUBS due to darkness and the fact that demonstrators were throwing rocks at them.

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One witness has advised he observed an unidentified white male place a rag in a gas tank of a nearby motorcycle and carry the rag to the building where it was ignited.

The Kent Fire Department attempted to extinguish the fire. However, demonstrators interfered with their efforts by throwing rocks at them and cutting their hoses.

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5. Determine if SDS or New Left Leadership caused the burning of the ROTC Building or if this was an act of local groups on an individual initiative without the advise of outside or national influence.

All offices are requested to refer to the above in connection with any leads set forth by the CV Office.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Philadelphia (98-2502)

FROM : SA Edward F. Myzell (C)

DATE: May 13, 1970

SUBJECT: UNSOBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY
ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY,
KENT, OHIO, 5/2/70
SABOTAGE
(OO:CV)

RE CV tel 5/11/70.

On 5/12/70, Barry Marc Seven was interviewed by SAs Edward F. Myzell and James A. Walsh pursuant to instructions set forth in retel.

Seven was also interviewed in connection with the death of four students at Kent State University, which event he witnessed.

Separate 302's were dictated on 5/12/70, to a Cleveland steno. at about 8³⁰ PM on 5/12/70, Cleveland telephonically contacted SA Myzell and the dictation was prof. read.

Inasmuch as the lead in captioned case has been covered, this case is being closed.

A copy of this memo is deveted to 44-1790 for information.

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1125AM URGENT 5-13-70 PMB

TO PHILADELPHIA

FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140)

UNSUBS: FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BLDG., KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY. SABOTAGE. OO CLEVELAND.

RE CLEVELAND AIRTEL, MAY TEN, LAST.

DAVID THOMAS, [REDACTED] OHIO, INTERVIEWED MAY NINE, SEVENTY, AND ADVISED VISITING FRIEND, STEPHEN EICHHORN, [REDACTED] DURING EVENING, MAY ONE, SEVENTY.

ALSO PRESENT WERE STEVE'S GIRLFRIEND, LINDA (LNU) AND THREE OTHERS, TIM, PATRICK, AND MIKE, WHO ARE KNOWN TO EICHHORN.

EICHHORN RESIDES [REDACTED] PENNA., TEL. [REDACTED]

PHILADELPHIA ATTEMPT LOCATE STEPHEN EICHHORN AT ABOVE ADDRESS TO OBTAIN HIS OBSERVATIONS AND ACTIVITIES AT KSU, [REDACTED] MAY ONE THRU FOUR, SEVENTY. ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY LINDA, TIM, [REDACTED] MIKE, AND PATRICK.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (98-2502)

UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BLDG., KENT STATE UNIVERSITY,
KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY. SABOTAGE. OO CLEVELAND.

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE MAY THIRTEEN, SEVENTY.

ON MAY THIRTEEN, FRANK W. EICHORN, FATHER OF STEPHEN
EICHORN, [REDACTED] PA.,
ADVISED SA ALAN D. REIGHLEY III THAT STEPHEN EICHORN CURRENTLY
RESIDING OFF CAMPUS AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO WITH
FOUR OTHER STUDENTS. DOES NOT KNOW STREET ADDRESS BUT FURNISHED
TELEPHONE NUMBER WHERE STEPHEN EICHORN CAN BE REACHED AS [REDACTED]

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FBI CLEVELAND
10:25AM IMMEDIATE 5-16-70 AFS
TO PHILADLPHIA
FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140) 1P

UNSUBS, FIRE BURNING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE
UNIVERSITY, KENI, OHIO, MAY TWO LAST, SABOTAGE, OO: CLEVELAND.

JACK CRAIG, CHESTERLAND, OHIO, STUDENT, KENT STATE
UNIVERSITY, FURNISHED NAME OF THOMAS H. BECKLEY, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] PENNSYLVANIA, PHONE

[REDACTED] AS FELLOW STUDENT
WITH HIM WITNESSING CAPTIONED FIRE ALONG WITH GARY BUKSZAR
OF WARRENSVILLE, OHIO.

PHILADELPHIA, AT SHIREMANSTOWN, INTERVIEW THOMAS BECKLEY
FOR DETAILS.

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THOMAS H. BECKLEY, [redacted] advised on May 16, 1970, he is a first year student at Kent State University, Ohio, and resides on campus in 105-A Mc Dowell Hall.

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On the evening of May 2, 1970, a student rally had been announced to be held on the Commons located on the campus at 8 p.m., that evening. BECKLEY arrived at the Commons some time after 8:30 p.m., with fellow students JACK CRAIG and GARY BUKSZAR. Approximately one to two thousand students were in the crowd which began moving away from the Commons about the time BECKLEY arrived. He heard no inflammatory speeches urging the burning of the ROTC building or any other college buildings.

The crowd circled around the campus until approximately 9:30 or 10 p.m., when the students returned to the Commons area where BECKLEY observed the ROTC building on fire.

The crowd of students went up to a hill overlooking the Commons area and watched the fire. There were numerous firemen and fire apparatus at the scene. By this time, BECKLEY had become separated from CRAIG and BUKSZAR and was alone.

Later on at perhaps 11 p.m., or after, Ohio National Guard Troops arrived and began firing tear gas to disperse the crowd of students and forced their return to the dormitory area.

BECKLEY denied any knowledge of which person or which group was responsible for the fire and estimated about 500 to 1,000 Kent State students are hard-core militants who would destroy the system by violent means and said there were many more who are sympathetic to such militants.

BECKLEY stated that he himself is sympathetic but would not participate in violent action too, as an expression of protest.

BECKLEY can furnish no information on those responsible

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for the burning of the ROTC building nor can he furnish the identity of any possible witnesses to the burning.

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TO: SAC, CLEVELAND
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (98-2502) (RUC)
SUBJECT: UNSUBS; FIRE BURNING OF ARMY ROTC
BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY,
KENT, OHIO, 5/2/70;
SABOTAGE
(OO: Cleveland)

Re Cleveland TT to Bureau, 5/16/70.

Enclosed are ten copies of FD-302 of interview with
THOMAS H. BECKLEY.

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 5/2/70
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During the course of this investigation, persons residing at [redacted] Ohio, have become suspects and the residence at [redacted], was searched under a search warrant. Those residing at this address were ROBERT A. WALKER, whose parents reside at [redacted] Ill; ROY CARROLL LAYTON, [redacted] Ohio; BARRY MARC LEVEN, [redacted] Pa; BUDDY BENNETT, aka., Charles Bennett LoCicero; and WALTER J. HODGSON, [redacted] New Jersey.


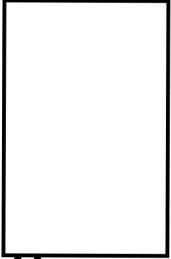
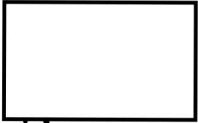
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Among the items of interest noted in the search was a "Record of Long Distance Calls", apparently maintained by those at the residence who made calls. This record contains the

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initials of the person making the call, the date of call, city called and number called.

Set forth below are the calls of interest to the offices for which copies of this airtel are directed:

	<u>Initials</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>City Called</u>	<u>Number Called</u>	
Buffalo	BUD	5/4/70	Big Flats, N.Y.		b6 b7C
Chicago	RAW	4/11/70	Oak Park, Ill.		
	RAW	4/12/70	Genya, Ill. (This could be Genva, Ill. Please determine if this number could be for Geneva, Ill.)		
	RAW	4/17/70	Chicago		b6 b7C
	RAW	4/17/70	Chicago		
	RAW	5/10/70	Oak Park		
Newark	WALT	(No date shown)	P.O., N.J. (Two calls were made to this address, the first being between April 20 and 27, and the second on May 5 Or 6, 1970.)		
Philadelphia	BML	5/3/70	Philadelphia		b6 b7C
Pittsburgh	RCL	4/8/70	Huntington (This number was called three times on 4/8/70.		

Offices receiving this airtel are requested to identify the persons to whom these telephones are listed, and unless and indices check makes it inadvisable, interview such person for information he may have concerning the callers participation in subject case.

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Date May 21, 1970

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Records of the [redacted] of Pennsylvania contain the following telephone subscriber identification:

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SUBSCRIBER

[redacted]

LEONARD LEVIN^E

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(Installed before 1962)

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The above information is confidential and should not be made public without the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum

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by S.E. RAYMOND [signature] BOTT/rjb Date dictated 5/21/70

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349PM IMMEDIATE 5-22-70 JMS

TO PHILADELPHIA

FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140)

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UNIV., KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY. SABOTAGE. OO CLEVELAND.

RE CLEVELAND AIRTEL, MAY TEN, LAST.

INFO DEVELOPED THAT EARL DITTMAN, KSU STUDENT FROM
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA., MAY HAVE INFO CONCERNING TWO MEN ON
MOTORCYCLES HE OBSERVED NIGHT OF ROTC FIRE. DITTMAN MAY
HAVE WITNESSED THESE INDIVIDUALS ATTEMPTING TO START OR
PROLONG FIRE.

KSU STUDENT DIRECTORY SHOWS EARL E. DITTMAN, RESIDENT
JOHNSON HALL, HAS HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PENNA., TEL. [REDACTED]
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Date 5/14/70

DAVID JOHNSON, [redacted] was contacted in connection with incidents at Kent State University the early part of May 1970. At the outset he was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and of the nature of the investigation, and he furnished the following information:

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He is a junior at Kent State University and resides at Tau Kappa Epsilon House, 517 East Main Street, Kent, while at the university.

On Friday, May 1, 1970, sometime in the late afternoon several assistant professors at the university started a rally on the Commons, a section of the campus, and buried the Constitution in defiance of the President's action on Cambodia. Later, about 1:30 a.m., on May 2, a group of students, slightly in excess of 100, went by his fraternity house heading toward the downtown section. Later the same morning, May 2, he learned that a great deal of damage had taken place in downtown Canton, with the reason being the United States entry into Cambodia. Later that same morning there were rumors on the campus that there was to be trouble and that possibly the ROTC building would go. Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) members had previously demanded abolishment of the ROTC at Kent University.

About 8 p.m., May 2, while in his fraternity house he heard that the ROTC building was in smoke. He went to the area and as he approached saw another small fire in the archery equipment shack. He went to a girls' dormitory nearby, got a fire extinguisher, and along with others attempted to put out the fire. Later, the exact time not recalled, the ammunition in the ROTC building went off and the building was destroyed. During the fire department's attempts to put out the fire in the ROTC building one student, whom he does not know, cut one of the fire hoses. He was told, though he

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by SA JAMES E. CARROLL and SA FINBARR M. O'CONNOR FMO/tac Date dictated 5/14/70

could not verify it, that there were several students from Ohio State University on the campus joining in the demonstrations.

On Sunday, May 3, 1970, in the morning he, along with others, went through the debris at the ROTC building with ROTC men in an attempt to recover whatever was possible. Almost nothing was left; however, a few typewriters which were badly burned were located.

About 9:15 p.m. on Sunday evening, May 3, he was in the library studying when a group of National Guardsmen surrounded the library building. No one was allowed in or out for about 45 minutes. After that, in small groups of five only they were allowed to leave the building. After he got out of the library he learned that several radicals had taken refuge in the library which was the reason for the building being surrounded by the National Guard. He returned to his room in the fraternity house. On his way there he saw a group starting to congregate in a circle about three hundred feet from his fraternity house. He started to watch them and estimated that there were between 100 and 150 or maybe a few more congregated in the group. The National Guard set up a line stretching from the library to his fraternity house and were armed with tear gas. At this point National Guardsmen on bullhorns were asking the students to disperse so that there would be no problem. However, the students refused. The National Guard started to advance on the group congregated and used tear gas to do it. They were able to move the group toward the library and then past the library and out across the campus. He did not see anything else on Sunday.

On Monday, May 4, 1970, there were rumors on the campus that there was going to be a rally. It was announced on a continual basis over bullhorns that no groups larger than five were allowed to gather and the campus was under marshal law. At about 11:45 a.m. a group started gathering near the Victory Bell on the campus. He estimates the group to be about 200 or slightly more. Shortly thereafter the Victory Bell started to peal which drew a lot of students to the area. There are fences surrounding the area and a number of students, he estimates 1500, gathered on the outside of the fences to watch what was going on. The group near the Victory Bell started to chant, "One, two, three, four, we don't want your ----- war!" and other similar chants. The National Guard set up a line at

this point and more approached from the hill to swell the ranks of the National Guard. At this point the National Guard jeep broke the ranks and circled the campus with their bullhorns asking "Please, disperse; disband, for your own good. Please return to your rooms," and similar words and phrases. The group near the Victory Bell answered by raising a clenched fist and hollering at the Guardsmen all types of remarks. The National Guard then started from their ranks and began moving toward the group. They had on tear gas masks and were shooting tear gas into the group. One of the students in the group, who had a gas mask on, grabbed and threw canisters of gas back to the National Guardsmen. The National Guard swept forth and moved the group up a hill then down the hill, moving the group before them as they went. As they started down the hill a group of students formed behind them and started chanting behind them. The National Guard continued down the hill, moving them on to a practice football field where they both came to a halt as there was a wire fence at the far side of the field. At this point a group of students were in front of the Guardsmen as they had been swept there by the National Guard, and another group was directly behind them, and on the left side another group started to converge on the National Guard. They were throwing rocks and bottles at the Guardsmen. The National Guard turned around and started to sweep the group behind them up the hill leaving the first group down on the football field. As they reached the top of the hill one student threw a rock which hit a Guardsman, apparently serious. At this point several National Guardsmen turned and fired; some fired into the air, some into the ground, and some into the crowd. At this point a group of students near where he was standing were shouting and pointing to the roof of Johnson Hall saying, "There's a sniper on the roof." He did not personally see the sniper. Ambulances started to arrive and the groups that were in front and in back of the Guardsmen hollered at the Guard asking why they had to shoot at them.

The students that were shot were in the group that the National Guard had originally pushed from near the Victory Bell; however, while they were being swept up and over the hill, some students had joined the group and some had left the group during the sweep. He does not know whether the four students that were shot were a part of the original group near the Victory Bell or whether they had joined the group during the sweep up the hill or as the National Guardsmen pushed forward.

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He did not see anything else in connection with the incidents at Kent State University

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TO: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (98-2502)

UNSUBS; FIRE BOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY,
KENT, OHIO, FIVE TWO SEVENTY; SABOTAGE OO: CLEVELAND

REURTEL THIS DATE.

MRS. EARL DITTMAN, MOTHER OF EARL DITTMAN, ADVISED THAT
EARL ON ROTC TRAINING TRIP WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED THIS AFTERNOON.
WEEKEND PLANS UNKNOWN, BUT HE IS EXPECTED TO RETURN HUNTINGTON
VALLEY FIVE TWENTY-THREE OR TWENTY-FOUR. DITTMAN WILL BE INTERVIEWED
PHILADELPHIA ON HIS RETURN.

1-Philadelphia (98-2502)
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849 PM URGENT 5-22-70 GDS

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NEWARK, NEW YORK, NORFOLK, PHILADELPHIA, SPRINGFIELD, AND WFO
FROM CLEVELAND (44-703); (98-2140)

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UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BLDG., KENT STATE
UNIV., KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY. SABOTAGE. OO: CLEVELAND.

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES DETERMINE SUBSCRIBERS TO TELEPHONE
NUMBERS SET FORTH. IF APPROPRIATE, CHECK INDICES AND
CONDUCT CREDIT AND ARREST CHECKS.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS OBTAINED THRU CONFIDENTIAL TOLL CHECK

[REDACTED] FOR RECORDS OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INFO HAS BEEN
RECEIVED THAT POSSIBLE THIS STORE IS DIRECTING DISTURBANCES
ON THE KSU CAMPUS.

BOSTON AT HAMILTON, MASS: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MAR. TWENTYFOUR, LAST. AT

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UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE
UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY;
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TO TELEPHONE NUMBERS CALLED FROM [REDACTED] KENT,
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TO CLEVELAND (98-2140)
FROM PHILADELPHIA (98-2502)

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KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO, MAY 2, 1970, SABOTAGE,
OO:CLEVELAND

REURTEL DATED MAY TWENTY-TWO, LAST.

EARL DITTMAN ADVISED HE SAW TWO MEN ON ONE MOTORCYCLE
COMING OVER HILL IN FRONT OF TAYLOR HALL. HE NOTICED THEM
BECAUSE THEY WERE SHOUTING AND WAVING. DITTMAN DID NOT
BELIEVE THIS OCCURRENCE WAS ON THE NIGHT OF FIRE OF ROTC
BUILDING BECAUSE IT WAS DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. DITTMAN SAW
NO ONE HE COULD IDENTIFY SET FIRE TO ROTC BUILDING OR TRY
TO PROLONG IT.

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TO CLEVELAND (98-2140)

FROM PHILADELPHIA (98-2502) (P)

UNSUBS; FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY; SABOTAGE. OO: CLEVELAND.

REURAIRTEL, MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST.

PHILA. TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SUBSCRIBED TO BY LEONARD LEVEN, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PA. THIS IS HOME ADDRESS OF BARRY MARC LEVEN, INTERVIEWED MAY TWELVE, LAST, AT PHILA.

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EARL EMLEY DITTMAN, [redacted]
[redacted] Pa., advised that he was born on [redacted] and is a junior at Kent State University. He will be in the senior class in the fall of 1970. DITTMAN advised that he resides at Kent State University in Johnson Hall.

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He recalled that sometime during the rallies and prior to the shooting by the National Guard, he saw two men on one motorcycle come over the hill in front of Taylor Hall. He noticed them because they were shouting and waving. DITTMAN did not believe that this incident occurred on the night of the fire of the ROTC Building because it was during the day-light hours.

He stated that he was a spectator just outside of the dorm the night of the fire. He saw no one that he could identify set fire to the ROTC Building or tried to prolong it.

He added that on Saturday, May 2, 1970, there was talk that there was going to be an attempt to burn down the ROTC Building. DITTMAN did not know the source but observed that quite a few from the Johnson Hall dorm had been to rallies.

He stated that the evening of the fire he had gone to bed between 7 and 8 p.m. He was awakened by a couple of friends who told him, "They are trying to burn the ROTC Building." He got dressed and went outside. He could see a few flames and he could see a small group trying to throw what appeared to him to be flares. He noted that he was standing approximately 300 yards away from the group and could not identify anyone. He noted that the firemen were on hand already and the hoses were on. Suddenly the flames burst out on one side of the building and it was out of control.

DITTMAN stated that the only organizations involved were the Kent Chapter to End the War in Vietnam and the Student Mobilization Committee (SMC). He stated these two organizations promulgated the rallies which were occurring. There were no hard core SDS on campus although the four previously arrested

On 5/25/70 at Huntingdon Valley, Pa. File # Philadelphia 98-2502 -18

by SA ROBERT J. DENEEN/rav Date dictated 5/26/70

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he heard had been released a few days before the incident of the fire. DITTMAN did not see any of these individuals.

DITTMAN stated that he himself did not attend any of the meetings and although he was at a couple of rallies they were all disorganized.

When he returned to his home in [REDACTED] on Sunday, May 24, 1970, he stated that his mail contained a letter dated May 13, 1970, from "Committee of Kent State Massacre Witnesses, c/o SMC, 2102 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, 44115 621-6516." This letter was addressed to "Dear Fellow Kent Student" and contained a green enclosure soliciting funds. DITTMAN made the above enclosure available.

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SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)

SAC, PHILADELPHIA (98-2502)

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ROTC BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY,
KENT, OHIO, 5/2/70
SABOTAGE

(OO:Cleveland)

Enclosed is FD-302 reflecting interview of EARL
EMLEY DITTMAN at Huntingdon Valley, Pa.

Also enclosed for Cleveland is letter addressed
to "Dear Fellow Kent Student" from the "Committee of Kent
State Massacre Witnesses," and one green enclosure for the
above letter stating, "Mail to C.K.S.M.W., [redacted]
[redacted] Ohio, 44115."

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: SACs, ALBUQUERQUE, CHICAGO, JACKSONVILLE, LOUISVILLE,
NEW ORLEANS, NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, SAN FRANCISCO,
AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE.

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140) (P)

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING,
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY,
KENT, OHIO
5/2/70
SABOTAGE
OO: CLEVELAND

~~KENNETH L. GROTTIS - FUGITIVE
PROBATION VIOLATOR~~

Re Springfield teletype to Bureau, Cleveland, and
Chicago, 6/4/70, and Cleveland telephone call to Jacksonville,
6/12/70.

For the information of all recipient offices
handling leads to attempt to locate KENNETH L. GROTTIS,
referenced Springfield teletype indicated that U. S.
Probation Officers, East St. Louis, Illinois, advised
on 6/4/70 that KENNETH L. GROTTIS being sought for questioning
in connection with captioned matter had been arrested on
6/3/70 by [redacted] from the [redacted]
Illinois, Sheriff's Office. GROTTIS was arrested in Chicago
and was being charged on two counts of unlawful sale of
dangerous drugs. The U. S. Marshal at East St. Louis, Illinois,
was notified of this arrest and will forward federal warrant
to Chicago.

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Referenced teletype requested Chicago to immediately locate GROTTIS' place of incarceration and interview him concerning his activities at Kent State University.

Referenced Cleveland telephone call requested Jacksonville to notify local authorities at Alachua County Sheriff's Office of GROTTIS' apprehension in view of their interest regarding a forgery warrant for GROTTIS.

All other offices receiving copies of this airtel are requested to discontinue efforts to locate GROTTIS in view of his arrest in Chicago.

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209PM URGENT 5-11-70 PMB

TO DIRECTOR, NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, CHICAGO, AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM CLEVELAND (98-2140) 5P

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UNIV., KENT STATE UNIV., KENT, OHIO, MAY TWO, SEVENTY.
SABOTAGE. OO CLEVELAND.

RE CLEVELAND AIRTEL TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES, MAY TEN,
LAST.

INVESTIGATION IN CAPTIONED MATTER DEVELOPED INDIVI-
DUALS RESIDING IN RESIDENCE LOCATED [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] OHIO, MAY HAVE KNOWLEDGE OR HAVE BEEN ACTIVE
PARTICIPANTS IN CAPTIONED BURNING.

ON MAY TEN, LAST, SEARCH WARRANT EXECUTED AT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] KENT, AND NUMEROUS SDS AND NEW LEFT TYPE
LITERATURE OBSERVED AND SOME OF IT SEIZED. IT WAS DETER-
MINED FOLLOWING SEVEN PEOPLE ARE RESIDENTS OF THIS HOUSE:

BARRY MARC LEVEN, [REDACTED]
PENNA.; WALTER J. HODGSON, [REDACTED] POMPTON PLAINS,

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**Airtel to Cleveland and San Antonio
Re: Donald Dean Silverthorne, Jr.**

Cleveland should immediately advise the Bureau the date and the caption under which a communication was sent to the Bureau. San Antonio should immediately submit an LHM responsive to the Army request. Communications in this regard should be by airtel.

FBI

Date: 5/10/70

Transmit the following in PLAIN
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)
RE: UNSUBS; FIRE BOMBING
OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING,
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)
KENT, OHIO
5/2/70
SABOTAGE

In connection with this investigation, the CV Office is attempting to identify and locate witnesses. However, classes at KSU have been discontinued for the remainder of the Spring school term, and students have left the campus.

In view of this, the CV Office is setting out numerous leads to offices by teletype and telephone. In order to facilitate setting out leads, the following info is being made available:

At about 8:00 PM on evening of 5/2/70, the Army ROTC Building at KSU was destroyed by fire during a campus disruption. A crowd of approximately 600 individuals was gathered adjacent to the ROTC Building during the incident.

Preliminary inquiries indicate that about 50 to 75 of these individuals were actively engaged in throwing rocks and debris at the building, breaking many of the windows. Some of these individuals also started the fire.

Campus PD officers, who witnessed the burning were unable to identify the UNSUBS due to darkness and the fact that demonstrators were throwing rocks at them.

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One witness has advised he observed an unidentified white male place a rag in a gas tank of a nearby motorcycle and carry the rag to the building where it was ignited.

The Kent Fire Department attempted to extinguish the fire. However, demonstrators interfered with their efforts by throwing rocks at them and cutting their hoses.

Prior to the burning, demonstrations occurred in downtown Kent, Ohio, on 5/1/70.

On the evening of 5/3/70, bands of demonstrators roamed the KSU campus during the night.

During the afternoon of 5/4/70, four KSU students were killed when Ohio National Guard (ONG) troops attempted to disperse a crowd of demonstrators:

In addition to the substantive violations of the sabotage sections, the Department of Justice advised they wanted investigation conducted to establish a conspiracy to destroy the ROTC Building at KSU and requested that the following points be considered:

1. The names of participants setting fire to the ROTC Building.
2. The names of persons organizing, instigating or inciting damages to this ROTC Building.
3. Obtain post-act or pre-act statements made by leaders including speeches urging abolition of the ROTC at KSU.
4. Attempt to obtain any leaflets or any other printed material authored or distributed by such persons urging the abolition of ROTC.
5. Determine if SDS or New Left Leadership caused the burning of the ROTC Building or if this was an act of local groups on an individual initiative without the advise of outside or national influence.

All offices are requested to refer to the above in connection with any leads set forth by the CV Office.

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Date: 7/9/70

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Via _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (98-46479)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140) (P)

RE: ARTHUR SCOTT BARNHARDT, and others
 SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
 FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
 DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

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Re Cleveland airtel to Bureau and all offices,
dated 5/10/70.

By communication dated 7/8/70, the Bureau advised in view of the Department's decision in this matter that information and evidence will be turned over to the local prosecutor in Ohio in lieu of Federal prosecution, there appears to be no basis for additional investigation in this case.

Accordingly, the Attorney General has been advised that no further investigation will be conducted in this case unless such has been specifically requested by the Department.

Consequently, all investigation regarding this matter is to be discontinued per Bureau instructions. Cleveland is discontinuing investigation in instant matter and anticipates a closing report will be submitted by 7/17/70.

Receiving offices will discontinue all investigation regarding this matter and immediately furnish Cleveland any pertinent FD-302s for incorporation into closing report, noting anticipated date, above, for submission of report.

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Kent State had blame enough to go around

President Nixon's Commission on Campus Unrest presented an even-handed report on the Kent State killings: It blamed everyone involved.

The commission made clear it considered the actions of some students and non-students "plainly intolerable" as well as "dangerous, reckless and irresponsible."

It found a lack of co-ordination and cooperation between city, county and university police. It found that control of the university has passed from its president to the National Guard.

Shooting of 13 students, four fatally, by guardsmen was called "unnecessary, unwarranted and inexcusable." It found no evidence of a sniper and that shots had been fired only by guardsmen. It found no order to fire was given and that there was no fire control discipline after shooting started.

It said the trouble started when the tired, nervous guardsmen tried to disperse what had been a peaceable gathering. The report said: "The guard fired amidst great turmoil, engendered in part by their own activities. But the guardsmen should not have been able to kill so easily in the first place."

Thus an emotional confrontation ended in tragedy. Armed men must know when to use their weapons as well as how. Crowd control depends on response equal to the provocation and discipline. Campus violence is intolerable, but so is unjustified killing.

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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

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Student tells of Kent State riots

By DORIS EDWARDS

"All large campuses are potential riot spots which need only a liberal atmosphere, and a few emotional incidents to spark a riot."

That is the opinion of Dan Goss, a student at Kent State University, the year of the riots.

Kent State is a large campus in Ohio with about 24,000 enrolled in the spring of 1970 when the riots occurred. There are approximately 10,000 to 12,000 students living on campus.

It is a liberal campus with open dormitories and no restrictions on weekend visitors or visiting hours.

WATCHES BREWING

Throughout the year Goss attended Kent State he watched the storms brewing that ended in the fury of the fatal riots.

He recalls factors that could have contributed to the unrest

which culminated in the rioting.

"Many outsiders who stayed in the vicinity of the campus plus visitors from Cleveland, only 30 miles away, came to parties and rap sessions in the open dorms and stayed for the weekend," said Goss, now a sophomore here.

ROTC PROVIDES SPARK

There was much anti-war sentiment at Kent State and most of the student body participated in a movement to do away with the Reserve Officers Training Corps program on the Kent State campus.

Then on a warm Sunday afternoon, one week before the riots, Jerry Rubin spoke to a group on a grassy wooded area on the campus.

Rubin, a fiery leftist, delivered an address against American involvement in Vietnam, Goss recalled.

INVADES CAMBODIA

On Thursday, April 30, four days after Rubin's speech, Pre-

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THE RANGER
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sident Nixon sent American troops into Cambodia and made a television announcement of the nation's further involvement in the Asian conflict.

On Friday evening, May 1, a

window smashing attack brought violence to Kent, a town of 20,000. Campus and town police ordered the students back on campus.

"More than 50 percent of the people arrested at Kent State

that weekend were not students," Goss emphasized.

On Saturday, May 2, students were restricted to their dorms where tension continued to mount.

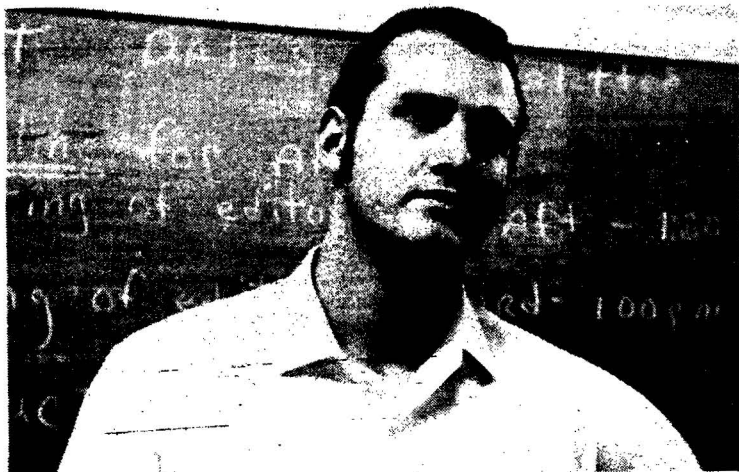
RAP SESSIONS AID

That evening the violence erupted again when the anti-war emotions enhanced by rap sessions in the dorms brought about the burning of the ROTC buildings on campus.

"At dawn on Sunday morning we looked out to see the national guardsmen who had arrived during the night," Goss said.

"I believe that the presence of the guardsmen was necessary for the tension was so high by this time that the violence could not be stopped by any other measure," the former Kent State student said.

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'Guardsmen were necessary'

Kent State circumstantial

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"But there were just not enough guardsmen," he said. "There were only 400 or 500 to control the huge on-campus population which was swollen with outsiders that weekend."

Goss also thinks that the confrontation on Monday between rock-throwing "students" and the guardsmen was planned.

"In the dining hall at our Sunday evening meal," he said, "a big fellow with long hair stood up to announce a meeting the next morning at the commons, an area surrounded by several tall campus buildings."

At the commons on Monday, May 4, the "meeting" ended with four students killed by gunfire and nine wounded.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (98-437) (P)

SUBJECT: ARTHUR SCOTT BARNHARDT, and others
 SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS -
 FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
 DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

Re Cleveland airtel to the Bureau. 7/9/70.

Enclosed to Cleveland is a xerox copy of a letter from 112th MI Group, San Antonio, Texas, dated 5/5/71, and xerox copies of Army Agent's reports dated 5/5/71 and 3/22/71, regarding DONALD DEAN SILVERTHORNE, JR., Private, Army Serial Number [redacted] DOB [redacted] at Coshocton, Ohio, which are self-explanatory.

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For information of Cleveland, Major STEPHEN R. WEISS, Commanding Officer, Region I, 112th MI Group, advised that Military Intelligence had "run a case" regarding SILVERTHORNE but during this time no information came to their attention about the Kent State affair. SILVERTHORNE, during an interview in that investigation, was somewhat "smart aleck" and refused to be interviewed under oath.

Major WEISS stated that with respect to [redacted]

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Cleveland is requested to advise what action if any, is desired regarding this information.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (98-437)

DATE: May 17, 1971

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140) (C)

SUBJECT: ARTHUR SCOTT BARNHARDT
ET AL.
SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL
RIGHTS - FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY;
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

Re CV airtel to Bureau, 7/9/70; SA airtel to CV,
5/5/71.

DONALD DEAN SILVERTHORNE, JR. was interviewed by Bureau Agents on May 19, 1970 at Kent, Ohio, and denied any knowledge or involvement in the destruction of the ROTC Building at Kent State University (KSU) on May 2, 1970. Additional investigation in captioned matter failed to determine any involvement on the part of SILVERTHORNE.

Cleveland files contain the following description of DONALD DEAN SILVERTHORNE, JR.:

Alias:	Chip
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Date of Birth:	[redacted]
Place of Birth:	[redacted] Ohio
Height:	[redacted]
Weight:	[redacted]
Hair:	[redacted]
Eyes:	[redacted]
Father:	Reverend DONALD DEAN SILVERTHORNE
	[redacted] Pennsylvania

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Referenced Cleveland airtel advised that no further investigation will be conducted in captioned matter unless specifically requested by the department, and that no Federal prosecution is contemplated. No further investigation is being conducted by the Cleveland Division in captioned matter.

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San Antonio should consider interview of SILVERTHORNE regarding his involvement in SDS and other subversive groups.

SAC, CLEVELAND (98-2140)

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SAC, SAN ANTONIO (98-437) (RUC)

ARTHUR SCOTT BARNHARDT
ET AL
SALOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL
RIGHTS - FEDERALLY PROTECTED
ACTIVITY; DGP

Reurlet, 5/17/71.

Enclosed for Cleveland is a letter from DONALD SILVERTHORNE, JR., mailed to this office dated 6/3/71.

On 6/3/71, Private DONALD DEAN SILVERTHORNE, JR., was interviewed by Bureau Agents at CID, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and he refused to make any statements. Since no further leads exist in this office, San Antonio status will be RUC.

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TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (98-437)

DATE: 6/22/71

FROM: *CE*
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SUBJECT: ARTHUR SCOTT BARNHARDT
ET AL
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ACTIVITY; DGP

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Reurlet, 6/9/71 and Cleveland letter, 5/17/71.

Referenced Cleveland letter advised that no further investigation being conducted by the Cleveland Division regarding captioned matter.

In view of the fact that DONALD DEAN SILVERTHORNE, JR., is currently residing in San Antonio and is a member of the military service. San Antonio is being considered office of origin regarding SILVERTHORNE and should conduct appropriate investigation regarding his activities.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-12717) (RUC)

SUBJECT: DONALD DEAN SILVERTHORNE, JR.

DATE: 6/29/71

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ReBulet to Commanding General, U. S. Army, Intelligence Command, Department of the Army, 6/25/71, copies furnished to Cleveland and San Antonio, in which Bureau directed that San Antonio and Cleveland handle promptly Army's request in this matter.


Reference is also made to the case entitled ARTHUR SCOTT BARNHARDT AND OTHERS, SABOTAGE; SEDITION; CIVIL RIGHTS - FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITIES; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; Cleveland file 98-2140, San Antonio file 98-437. Cleveland is referred to the following interoffice communications in this latter case: San Antonio airtel to Cleveland, 5/5/71; Cleveland letter to San Antonio, 5/17/71; San Antonio letter to Cleveland, 6/9/71; and Cleveland letter to San Antonio, 6/22/71, all dealing with DONALD DEAN SILVERTHORNE.

For information of the Bureau, referenced San Antonio airtel to Cleveland sets forth information received from 112th MI Group, San Antonio, Texas, regarding DONALD DEAN SILVERTHORNE, JR., and the results of Army's interview of this subject. Cleveland was requested to advise San Antonio what action was desired.

Referenced Cleveland letter to San Antonio, 5/7/71, suggested that San Antonio interview SILVERTHORNE regarding his involvement in the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and other subversive groups.

Referenced San Antonio letter to Cleveland, 6/9/71, sets forth information that SILVERTHORNE was interviewed by Bureau Agents on 6/3/71 and he refused to make any statements. Cleveland was also furnished a letter from SILVERTHORNE, no copy of which was retained by San Antonio.

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SILVERTHORNE has not come to the attention of the San Antonio Division until information was received by 112th MI Group as set forth in referenced San Antonio airtel.

SILVERTHORNE has not come to the attention of any confidential informants of the San Antonio Division and, therefore, San Antonio has nothing to report.

It is to be noted that SILVERTHORNE is presently on active duty with the U. S. Army.

Cleveland handle Bureau's request.

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From: Director, FBI

DONALD DEAN SILVERTHORNE, JR.

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ReBulet to Commanding General, U.S. Army Intelligence Command, Department of the Army, dated 6/25/71. Copies of this communication were furnished Cleveland and San Antonio Offices.

Referenced Bureau letter instructed your offices to handle the Army request and submit a reply promptly by memorandum. San Antonio, by letter dated 6/29/71, indicated that the information in their possession is identical to that in the possession of the Cleveland Office and Cleveland should be responsive to the Army request.

With regard to San Antonio's letter, it is not responsive to the request of the U.S. Army or instructions from the Bureau. It should be noted that the Army requested that confidential informants in the San Antonio area be queried to determine the extent of subject's association with the Young Socialist Alliance and Weatherman as he had claimed during his interview of 3/22/71. In order to respond to the Army inquiry, an LHM should be submitted concerning contact with confidential informants of the San Antonio Division as to their knowledge of the subject. Even if the information is negative, it should be reported in LHM form.

On 7/20/71 the Bureau, by O-1, instructed Cleveland to submit an airtel and LHM immediately concerning the results of their investigation as outlined in the Army request. In response to the O-1, Cleveland indicated a communication would be furnished to the Bureau by 8/3/71. No Cleveland communications have been located at the Bureau.

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