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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION
COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: JOSEPH MILTEER



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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URGENT 10-15-63 3-46 PM EST MSB

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /66-16458/ AND

SACS, BIRMINGHAM /157-356/

INDIANAPOLIS

FROM SAC, MIAMI /137-363/ 5 P

WILLIAM SOMERSETT, [REDACTED]

RE BUTEL THIS DATE TO MIAMI AND BIRMINGHAM AND
MIAMI TELSTO BUREAU AND BIRMINGHAM OCTOBER ELEVEN
LAST ENTITLED BAPBOMB, BUFILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH ONE ZERO
TWO FIVE, AND MIAMI AIRTEL TO BUREAU OCTOBER FOURTEEN
LAST ENTITLED CONSTITUTION PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES,
IS DASH X, BUFILE ONE ZERO FIVE DASH TWO SIX SEVEN NINE
THREE.

REFERENCED AIRTEL ADVISED THAT J. A. MILTEER,
VALDOSTA DASH QUTMAN, GEORGIA, OF THE CONSTITUTION PARTY
OF THE UNITED STATES, UNEXPECTEDLY APPEARED AT RESIDENCE
OF WILLIAM SOMERSETT AT SIX AM OCTOBER TEN LAST. MILTEER
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PAGE TWO

GAVE SOMERSETT NINE LEAFLETS WHICH HAD BEEN PREPARED BY ABOVE PARTY. TWO COPIES OF EACH LEAFLET WERE FORWARDED TO BUREAU AS ENCLOSURES TO REFERENCED AIRTEL. LEAFLETS DEALT PRIMARILY WITH MEETING AT MARIOTT HOTEL, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, ON OCTOBER NINETEEN AND TWENTY NEXT, WHERE RIGHT WING GROUPS THROUGHOUT ALL AMERICAN WOULD FORMULATE PLANS TO PUT AN END TO KENNEDY DASH KING DASH KHRUSHCHEV DICTATORSHIP OVER THE NATION. FURTHER, TO MAKE PLANS TO STOP THE MOVE TO THE LEFT.

ACCORDING TO MILTEER, AT THIS MEETING A BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE PICKED FROM THE GROUP TO SUPERVISE AND DIRECT QUOTE UNDERGROUND ARMY UNQUOTE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS. PURPOSE OF THIS ARMY, ACCORDING TO MILTEER, IS QUOTE NEXT YEAR THERE IS TO BE A LOT OF KILLING AND IT MAY EVEN BE NECESSARY TO GO RIGHT INTO THE STATE DEPARTMENT

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AND PLACE SEVERAL OF THE TRAITORS PAREN NOT IDENTIFIED
BY MILTEER END PAREN UNDER CITIZENS ARREST. IF THESE TRAITORS
RESIST THEY WILL KILL THEM RIGHT ON THE SPOT UNQUOTE.

MILTEER IDENTIFIED [REDACTED]

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, AS ONE [REDACTED] IN THE ABOVE
PARTY. SOMERSETT IDENTIFIED [REDACTED]

EXACT NAME NOT RECALLED, HOWEVER, BELIEVED TO BE QUOTE
CITIZENS FOR ARREST OF TRAITORS UNQUOTE.

MILTEER INFORMED SOMERSETT THE REASON HE WAS CONTACTED
WAS THAT SEVERAL OF THE LEADERS IN ABOVE PARTY WANTED HIM
AT THE MEETING BECAUSE OF HIS PAST KLAN ACTIVITIES. ¹⁴

SOMERSETT RECONTACTED TELEPHONICALLY BY MILTEER
FROM VALDOSTA, GEORGIA, ON OCTOBER THIRTEEN LAST AND ASKED
TO BE IN VALDOSTA ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER SEVENTEEN NEXT.

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MILTEER STATED HE WOULD GIVE SOMERSETT A RIDE TO MEETING, NOTING THAT HE WAS ALSO PICKING UP OTHERS IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, EN ROUTE.

SOMERSETT STATES HE WOULD BE WILLING TO ATTEND THIS MEETING AND FURNISH ALL INFORMATION EXCLUSIVELY TO THE BUREAU, HOWEVER, HE COULD NOT AFFORD EXPENSES AT THIS TIME, HE STATED HE WOULD MAKE THIS TRIP IF HIS EXPENSES WERE PAID. HE IS OF THE OPINION IF HE ATTENDS INDIANAPOLIS MEETING HE WILL SOLIDIFY HIS POSITION WITH MILTEER AND OTHER LEADERS IN ABOVE PARTY WHO ALONG WITH OTHERS HE WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH AT MEETING AND MAYBE OBTAIN INFORMATION RE BAPBOMB.

FURTHER, HE WOULD ALSO STOP IN BIRMINGHAM FOR A WEEK OR TWO ON RETURN TRIP TO MIAMI FROM MEETING AND ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP INFO THROUGH CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] RE BAPBOMB, FURNISHING INFO DEVELOPED ONLY TO BUREAU.

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PAGE FIVE

AS THE BUREAU IS AWARE, SOMERSETT IS A PAID INFORMANT OF THE MIAMI, FLORIDA, POLICE DEPARTMENT, HOWEVER, HE REGULARLY, TELEPHONICALLY, ADVISES THE MIAMI OFFICE OF ALL INFO COMING TO HIS ATTENTION WHICH WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO THE BUREAU. MIAMI PD IS AWARE SOMERSETT IS FORMER BUREAU INFORMANT, HOWEVER, NOT AWARE THAT HE CURRENTLY FURNISHES INFO TO BUREAU. SOMERSETT, EVEN THOUGH DISCONTINUED AS AN INFORMANT, HAS ALWAYS EVIDENCED A FIRST LOYALTY TO THE BUREAU. MIAMI IS NOT AWARE OF INFORMANT COVERAGE THE BUREAU HAS AT BIRMINGHAM OR WILL HAVE AT INDIANAPOLIS MEETING MENTIONED ABOVE.

SOMERSETT WILL HAVE TO KNOW WHETHER HE WILL MAKE THIS TRIP BY THE EVENING OF OCTOBER SIXTEEN NEXT IN ORDER TO ADVISE MILTEER IF HE WILL ATTEND MEETING AND MEET HIM IN VALDOSTA, GEORGIA, ON OCTOBER SEVENTEEN NEXT. UACB, HE WILL BE ADVISED ON SIXTEENTH INSTANT TO MAKE THE TRIP TO INDIANAPOLIS AND BIRMINGHAM AND HE WILL BE PAID ACTUAL EXPENSES NOT TO EXCEED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS

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Date: 11/13/63

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-900) (P)

J. A. MILTEER
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: ATLANTA)

Re Miami teletypes to the Bureau, 11/10 and 11/63
and Miami airtel, 11/12 /63, captioned "THREAT TO KILL
PRESIDENT KENNEDY BY J. A. MILTEER, MIAMI, FLA., 11/9/63."

Enclosed for the Bureau are 4 Xerox copies, for
Atlanta 2 copies, and for other Offices 1 copy of a
recorded conversation between WILLIAM SOMERSETT, formerly
[REDACTED] and J. A. MILTEER at Miami, Fla., 11/9/63.

This information must be treated as confidential
and is being labeled "OBSCENE" in view of the language
used during the conversation between SOMERSETT and MILTEER.

- 4 - Bureau (Enc-4) (AM) (RM)
(1 - 66-16458)
 - 2 - Atlanta (Enc-2) (AM) (RM)
 - 1 - Baltimore (Enc-1) (RM) (Info)
 - 1 - Birmingham (Enc-1) (RM) (Info)
 - 1 - Denver (Enc-1) (RM) (info)
 - 1 - Jacksonville (Enc-1) (RM) (Info)
 - 1 - Knoxville (Enc-1) (RM) (Info)
 - 1 - Savannah (Info) (Enc-1) (RM)
 - 1 - Washington Field (Info) (Enc-1) (RM)
 - 3 - Miami (1-157-900) (1-137-363Sub A) (1-157-New-THREAT TO
KILL PRESIDENT KENNEDY)
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One copy is being furnished Baltimore in view of MILTEER's references to a man who heads his own underground in Delaware. One copy to Birmingham in view of the reference to [REDACTED] BAPBOMB case. Copy to Denver in view of reference made by MILTEER to [REDACTED] the Denver Division. Copy to Jacksonville in view of remark by MILTEER (not recorded on tape) that MILTEER was planning to contact [REDACTED] Jacksonville, Fla. Copy to Knoxville in view of references to [REDACTED] Copy to Savannah in view of MILTEER's close proximity to the Savannah Division. Copy to Washington Field in view of MILTEER's reference to the Supreme Court and his working there 3½ years.

The individual referred to by the informant on Pages 5 and 6, relating to demolition, is [REDACTED] presently residing in Miami, Fla., and reportedly from Chattanooga, Tenn.

Information relating to the threat on President JOHN F. KENNEDY has been disseminated by the Bureau to Secret Service Headquarters, Washington, D. C., and on a local level by [REDACTED] It is noted that [REDACTED] made available the entire transcript between SOMERSETT and MILTEER.

For information all Offices, MILTEER's visit to Miami was for the alleged purpose of discussing plans to organize the "American Constitutional Party" (ACP) as opposed to the Republican and Democratic Parties. At the present time and according to SOMERSETT, ACP is only a suggested name for this organization. This organization allegedly will have a "hard core underground" and will probably include [REDACTED]

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SOMERSETT advised that when MILTEER left Miami, he planned to attend a political rally for Senator GOLDWATER in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., on the evening of 11/9/63, and then return to his home in Valdosta, Ga. In addition, MILTEER stated he would contact [REDACTED] in Jacksonville, Fla., regarding [REDACTED] his new organization.

All Offices are requested to be alert for additional information regarding MILTEER's plans and to keep the Bureau and interested Offices advised.

Based on the information available, Miami will prepare a letterhead memorandum regarding the proposed plan by MILTEER to organize the ACP.

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Date: November 20, 1963

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Via _____

AIRMAIL

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM SAC, MIAMI (157-905) (P)

RE CONSTITUTIONAL AMERICAN PARTIES OF THE
UNITED STATES
RACIAL MATTERS

OO: Atlanta

Re Miami airtel and letterhead memorandum
dated 11/15/63.

On 11/19/63 WILLIAM SOMERSETT telephoipally advised
the Miami Office as follows:

- ④ - Bureau
 - (3) - 157-CAP (AM) (RM)
 - (1 - 66-16458)
- 3 - Atlanta
 - (2 - 157-CAP (AM) (RM)
 - (1 - 157-J. A. MILTEER)
- 3 - Birmingham
 - (1 - 157-CAP (AM) (RM)
 - (1 - 157- [REDACTED])
 - (1 - 157- [REDACTED])
- 1 - Charlotte (157-CAP (AM) (RM)
- 2 - Jacksonville (157-CAP (AM) (RM)
- 2 - Knoxville
 - (1 - 157-CAP (AM) (RM)
 - (1 - 157- [REDACTED])
- 2 - Savannah
 - (1 - 157-CAP (AM) (RM)
- ④ - Miami (2 - 157-905) (P)
- 1 - 157-900 (J. A. MILTEER)
- 1 - 137-363 (Sub. A)

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J. A. MILTEER telephonically contacted him from Valdosta, Georgia, on 11/19/63 and arranged to meet at the Union Train Station, Jacksonville, Florida, at 3:45 PM. on 11/23/63. From there they travel by automobile to Columbia, South Carolina to meet the, "man" (source believes this to be [REDACTED] at the Wade Hampton Hotel at 10:00 AM. on 11/24/63.

Source stated he believes this trip will be for the purpose of making contacts and to develop interests in the Constitutional American Parties of the United States (CAP). Source noted that it is possible MILTEER will want to contact [REDACTED]

Source advised that if MILTEER contacts [REDACTED] he will not join MILTEER in this contact in view of his recent meeting with [REDACTED]

Source stated that [REDACTED] conversation between the source and MILTEER, has requested that SOMERSETT meet MILTEER in Jacksonville, Florida. According to [REDACTED] made this request and will pay SOMERSETT for some of his expenses. [REDACTED] also informed SOMERSETT that he [REDACTED] feels the expense money for this trip is being provided by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), Miami, Florida. [REDACTED] noted that [REDACTED] is reportedly closely associated with ADL.

SOMERSETT advised that he will be alert for any information regarding the Birmingham, Alabama, bombings and if pertinent information developed, he will telephonically contact the Miami or Birmingham Offices, using the code name BILL SOUTHPORT.

In addition, SOMERSETT noted that if he and MILTEER go to Atlanta, Georgia, and if the opportunity presents itself, he will telephonically contact SA [REDACTED] of the Atlanta Office.

Copies of this airtel are being furnished to the listed offices in order that they will be aware of the future plans and travel by MILTEER AND SOMERSETT.

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Date: 11/27/63

Transmit the following in A I R T E L
(Type in plain text or code)Via A I R M A I L
(Priority or Method of Mailing)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-905) (P)

CONSTITUTIONAL AMERICAN PARTIES
OF THE UNITED STATES
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: Atlanta)

CARBON COPY

Re Miami airtel and letterhead memorandum to the Bureau dated 11/26/63, captioned as above; Miami teletype dated 11/26/63, captioned Assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, Dallas, Texas, 11/22/63, and J. A. MILTEER, RM, OO, Atlanta; Miami airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 11/9/63, captioned Threat to Kill President KENNEDY by J. A. MILTEER, Miami, Florida, 11/9/63; and Miami airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 11/27/63, captioned Threat to Kill President KENNEDY by J. A. MILTEER, Miami, Florida, 11/9/63, and Assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11/22/63, Dallas, Texas.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a report made available 11/27/63, [REDACTED]

Listed offices are being furnished copies as indicated below.

5 - Bureau (RM) (AM) (2 - 157-CAP) (Enc. 5) 66-16458
(2) - 89-Assassination of President KENNEDY
(1 - 66-16458)

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4 - Miami (1 - 157-905) (CAP) (1 - 157-902) (Threat to Kill President KENNEDY) (1 - 157-900) (J. A. MILTEER) (1 - 137-363-Sub A)
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- 3 - Atlanta (RM) (AM) (2 - 157-CAP) (Enc. 3)
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- 2 - Baltimore (RM) (AM) (157-CAP) (Enc. 2)
- 3 - Birmingham (RM) (AM) (2 - 157-CAP) (Enc. 3)
(1 - 157-BAPBOMB)
- 1 - Charlotte (RM) (AM) (157-CAP) (Enc. 1)
- 4 - Dallas (RM) (AM) (2 - 157-CAP) (Enc. 4)
(2 - Assassination of President KENNEDY)
- 1 - Denver (RM) (AM) (157-CAP) (Enc. 1)
- 1 - El Paso (RM) (AM) (157-CAP) (Enc. 1)
- 2 - Houston (RM) (AM) (157-CAP) (Enc. 2)
- 1 - Indianapolis (RM) (AM) (157-CAP) (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Jacksonville (RM) (AM) (157-CAP) (Enc. 1)
- 2 - Knoxville (RM) (AM) (1 - 157-CAP) (Enc. 2)
(1 - 157- [REDACTED])
- 1 - Little Rock (RM) (AM) (157-CAP) (Enc. 1)
- 2 - Los Angeles (RM) (AM) (157-CAP) (Enc. 2)
- 1 - Louisville (RM) (AM) (157-CAP) (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Memphis (RM) (AM) (157-CAP) (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Mobile (RM) (AM) (157-CAP) (Enc. 1)
- 2 - New Orleans (RM) (AM) (157-CAP) (Enc. 2)
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- 1 - Tampa (RM) (AM) (157-CAP) (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Washington Field (RM) (AM) (157-CAP) (Enc. 1)

(S) CONF. INFT.

This report is a transcript of a tape recorded interview between [REDACTED] and WILLIAM SOMERSETT, formerly [REDACTED]. This report concerns a meeting between J. A. MILTEER, SOMERSETT, and members of the Association of South Carolina Klan held in Columbia, South Carolina, 11/24/63. The principal discussion in this report concerns the assassination of President KENNEDY and the organization of the Constitutional American Parties of the

United States (CAP). It should be noted much of the information contained in this report are the opinions of SOMERSETT. The word "Confidential" was placed on the first page of this report [REDACTED] who requested that none of the information be made public. [REDACTED] advised that a copy of this entire report has been furnished to the U. S. Secret Service, Miami, Florida.

It should also be noted that pertinent information set forth in this report was furnished to the Bureau and interested offices November 26, 1963, by teletype and letterhead memorandums were prepared.

All offices should be alert for any information regarding CAP and pertinent information received should be furnished to the Bureau, Atlanta, and interested offices.

Atlanta should consider preparing a report and a characterization for CAP at an early date.

Baltimore's attention is called to the last paragraph, page 9, regarding a possible contact of MILTEER in Delaware or Maryland. With this regard, Baltimore should refer to Miami airtel, 11/13/63, captioned J. A. MILTEER, RM, enclosing a tape recorded interview between SOMERSETT and MILTEER, noting that MILTEER indicated he had a contact in Delaware who was interested in the U. S. Supreme Court Building. In this regard, it should be noted, that during the past several months "right wing" groups throughout the country have advocated and circulated petitions to impeach U. S. Supreme Court Justice EARL WARREN.

FBI

Date: December 3, 1963

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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM SAC, MIAMI (157-905) (P)

RE CONSTITUTIONAL AMERICAN PARTIES
OF THE UNITED STATES
RACIAL MATTERS

OO: Atlanta

Re Miami airtel to Director dated 11/27/63 which
contained a tape recorded conversation between WILLIAM
SOMERSETT, [REDACTED]

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of a letter-
head memorandum regarding captioned matter. Listed
offices are being furnished copies of the same enclosure
as listed below.

At the request of [REDACTED]
Miami, Florida, WILLIAM SOMERSETT returned to Columbia,
South Carolina, 11/28/63 to contact [REDACTED]
Association of South Carolina Klans (ASCK). On 12/1/63
WILLIAM SOMERSETT telephonically advised the Miami FBI
Office as follows:

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- (5) - Bureau (RM) (AM) { 3 - 157-CAP) (Enc. 8)
 { 1 - 89-Assassination of President KENNEDY)
 (1 - 66-16458)

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5 - Miami (1 - 157-905) (CAP) (1 - 157-902) (Threat to Kill
President KENNEDY) (1 - 157-900) (J. A. MILTEER) (1 - 137-363-
Sub A) (1 - 157-876)

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3 - Birmingham (RM) (AM) (2 - 157-CAP) (Enc. 3)
(1 - 157-BAPBOMB)
1 - Charlotte (RM) (AM) (157-CAP) (Enc. 1)
4 - Dallas (RM) (AM) (2 - 157-CAP) (Enc. 4)
(2 - Assassination of President KENNEDY)
1 - Denver (RM) (AM) (157-CAP) (Enc. 1)
1 - El Paso (RM) (AM) (157-CAP) (Enc. 1)
1 - Houston (RM) (AM) (157-CAP) (Enc. 2)
1 - Indianapolis (RM) (AM) (157-CAP) (Enc. 1)
1 - Jacksonville (RM) (AM) (157-CAP) (Enc. 1)
2 - Knoxville (RM) (AM) (1 - 157-CAP) (Enc. 2)
(1 - 157- [REDACTED])
1 - Little Rock (RM) (AM) (157-CAP) (Enc. 1)
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He advised that he was in receipt of an airmail letter, postmarked 9:30 PM. 11/26/63 at Valdosta, Georgia, containing a notice captioned, "Wake Up - - Christians", and signed "International Underground". SOMERSETT made available this notice on 12/1/63 and it was returned to him on 12/2/63 in order that he might turn it over to the Miami Police Department. The contents of this notice are set forth in the enclosed letterhead memorandum.

Regarding his visit to Columbia, South Carolina, SOMERSETT stated he met [REDACTED] about noon on 11/28/63. [REDACTED] telephonically contacted [REDACTED] of the ASCK and arranged a meeting. [REDACTED] instructed SOMERSETT not to say anything while in the automobile or office for security reasons.

SOMERSETT related that [REDACTED] drove 7 or 8 miles south of Columbia, South Carolina, where they met [REDACTED]. They left their cars parked at the side of the road and standing several yards away discussed the assassination of President KENNEDY, Constitutional American Parties of the United States (CAP), J. A. MILTEER and BAPBOMB.

[REDACTED] said they regretted the assassination of President KENNEDY and then proceeded to question SOMERSETT as to whether MILTEER could have been involved. [REDACTED] indicated that he was very concerned in view of the statement made by MILTEER that the "right wing" has nothing to worry about. In addition, [REDACTED] questioned SOMERSETT as to the relationship between MILTEER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] According to SOMERSETT, [REDACTED] was primarily concerned as to whether MILTEER had actually formed an underground group unknown to the Klan.

Regarding the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, MILTEER and [REDACTED] stated they agreed to join with MILTEER in a campaign to blame the President's death on the "Jews." They also indicated they would assist MILTEER in forming the CAP.

SOMERSETT related that in conversation with [REDACTED] as well as many citizens who have no connection with the Klan, are saying the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and MARTIN LUTHER KING are responsible for the assassination of President KENNEDY. SOMERSETT noted this is strictly his opinion and future meetings of the NAACP and meetings conducted by MARTIN LUTHER KING could possibly result in violence.

Regarding the recent bombings in Birmingham, Alabama, [REDACTED] informed SOMERSETT as follows:

He stated that during a meeting of the National KKK in Biloxi, Mississippi, which took place several months ago, a sum of money was donated by the various Klan Organizations. (This was not on an individual basis). The money collected was turned over to a delegate at the Biloxi meeting, who was instructed to give this money to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] According to [REDACTED] the money was donated by the various Klans for the defense of Birmingham, Alabama, to stop integration in that city. [REDACTED] did not state that [REDACTED] was responsible for the Birmingham bombings, however, he noted that various Klans looked to [REDACTED] to engineer violence, if and when necessary.

Regarding the above meeting at Biloxi, Mississippi, reference is made to Savannah's airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 4/12/63, regarding the National KKK meeting at Biloxi, Mississippi 4/6/63 and 4/7/63, Bureau file 157-168, Savannah file 157-310, Birmingham file 105-469.

It should be noted by the Bureau that SOMERSETT was not aware of the meeting in Biloxi, Mississippi, and would have been unable to refer to this meeting had it been furnished to him by [REDACTED]

In order that all offices will be fully aware of the background concerning J. A. MILTEER, the following is set forth, based on Atlanta's teletype to the Director dated 11/26/63, captioned, "ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963".

" J. A. MILTEER resides Quitman, Ga. Investigation has indicated MILTEER was in Quitman on Nov. 21, 1963. MILTEER is regarded by local authorities Quitman, Ga., as being very eccentric. He has no close associates and very few people have anything to do with him. He is 'Against everything' and is regarded as being an agitator. MILTEER resides with a known prostitute in Valdosta, Ga., in addition to his residence in Quitman.

" MILTEER attended the Convention of the Constitution Party of the U.S. in Indiana on Oct. 18 through 20, 1963. In a closed session of the national committee of the Constitution Party on Oct. 20, 1963, MILTEER was advised that he was not entitled to use the designation as the regional director of the Southeastern States of the Constitution Party of the U. S. as such a title does not exist in the party.

" MILTEER described as follows. Name JOSEPH ADAMS MILTEER. Born Feb. 26, 1902, Quitman, Ga., white male, five feet four, one hundred sixty lbs., blue eyes, ruddy complexion, hair partially thinning and gray, wears glasses with metal frame, heavy waisted, small round shouldered, nearly always unshaven, short gray stubble with about two days growth, shabby dresser, wears old fashioned clothes, hunting type cap, tan in color, is short legged, most of height from waist upwards. Graduate of Quitman High School, no known relatives, drives sixty two Volvo, bearing sixty three Ga. tag 61-D-226, gray or tan in color. Also drives unknown year Volkswagen, bearing sixty three Ga. tag 11D2762.

Subject arrested in fifty five Valdosta, Ga., for suspicion of burglary and released. Valdosta PD has fingerprint card which undoubtedly never sent to Bureau. This card being sent under separate cover to Identification Div., and should be returned to Valdosta, PD.

" Only photo of MILTEER obtained taken Christmas forty three. Is good likeness of facial characteristics but hair is much grayer and thin. Photo being forwarded Birmingham and Dallas under separate cover."



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida
December 3, 1963

RE: CONSTITUTIONAL AMERICAN PARTIES
OF THE UNITED STATES

On December 1, 1963, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past and in addition, has furnished some information that could not be verified or corroborated, stated as follows:

On November 27, 1963, [REDACTED] of the Association of South Carolina Klans (ASCK) stated that they would assist J. A. MILTEER, Valdosta, Georgia, to promote the formation of the Constitutional American Parties of the United States (CAP).

A characterization of the ASCK is attached hereto and sources therein have furnished reliable information in the past.

[REDACTED] said they will assist MILTEER in circulating the following notice, which was prepared by MILTEER at Valdosta, Georgia:

"WAKE UP - - CHRISTIANS"

"The Jews had Jesus killed nearly 2000 years ago. They have not changed in all this time. They, the Zionist Jews, Communists, had President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY killed in Dallas, Texas, by LEE OSWALD, November 22, 1963. LEE OSWALD, in turn, was killed by JACK RUBINSTEIN. All violence committed by left wing groups.

"It now becomes the solemn duty of every true, red-blooded American to seek, find, expel, drive out from our country every traitor be he a Zionist Jew, Communist, or what have you.

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"Give us liberty or we'll give you death.

"International Underground"

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ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA KLANS
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (ASCK)

A source advised on September 24, 1956, that the Association of South Carolina Klans (ASCK) was organized in the Fall of 1955 and is patterned after the Association of Carolina Klans (ACK). This source said ASCK is a new organization and not a rebirth of ACK, although all high-ranking officials of ASCK had been members of ACK. The source stated announced purposes of this organization are to promote white supremacy and combat integration of the races; however, the use of violence is disavowed.

A second source advised on September 2, 1950, that ACK was composed of groups formerly members of the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK) and although ACK severed all connections with AGK on November 14, 1949, the ideals, purposes and policies of the two organizations remained identical. ACK became defunct after conviction and imprisonment of its highest official and other members in 1952.

A third source advised on April 16, 1962, that ASCK continues to operate for the purpose of promoting white supremacy and combating integration by peaceful means by public speaking and propaganda.

This third source said that ASCK, using the name Majority Citizens League of South Carolina, published a monthly newspaper, "Southland Standard," from August through December, 1961, and dropped it due to lack of financial support.

ACK has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-905) (P)

CONSTITUTIONAL AMERICAN PARTIES
OF THE UNITED STATES
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: ATLANTA)

Re Miami teletype to Bureau and Atlanta,
12/10/63, and Savannah teletype to Bureau and Miami,
12/10/63, captioned "JOSEPH ADAMS MILTEER, aka, RACIAL
MATTERS, OO: ATLANTA," and Miami airtel, 12/3/63.

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The source utilized in the letterhead memorandum is WILLIAM SOMERSETT, formerly [REDACTED]

The letter from J. A. MILTEER, as set forth in the letterhead memorandum, was addressed to SOMERSETT and was mailed at Valdosta, Ga., on 12/9/63. The original letter is being turned over to the Miami PD by SOMERSETT on 12/11/63. It is noted that SOMERSETT is presently an informant for the Miami PD.

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All Offices should be alert for any information of contacts being made by MILTEER and pertinent information furnished to the Bureau and Atlanta. It is noted that MILTEER was leaving Valdosta, Ga., at 4 A. M., 12/11/63, on a three week trip west.

It is noted that Miami is not in receipt of an approved characterization for the Constitutional American Parties of the United States. It is suggested Atlanta Division prepare a characterization for this organization at an early date.

ACCORDING TO SOMERSETT, MILTEER REPORTEDLY CARRIES A .38 REVOLVER IN HIS CAR WHEN HE IS TRAVELING, AND CAUTION SHOULD BE USED IN THE EVENT MILTEER IS CONTACTED.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida
December 12, 1963

RE: CONSTITUTIONAL AMERICAN PARTIES
OF THE UNITED STATES

On December 10, 1963, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past and in addition, has furnished some information that could not be verified or corroborated, stated as follows:

Source stated that he is in receipt of a letter signed J. A. MILTEER, Valdosta, Georgia. This letter is set forth as follows in its entirety except for the salutation:

"CONSTITUTIONAL AMERICAN PARTIES OF U. S.
Post Office Box 873
Valdosta, Georgia
J. A. Milteer, National Chairman

"Dec. 9, 1963.

"Due to recent events which have taken place within our American borders that may, in time, change the course of history, and the usual Holidays before us, it is deemed advisable to curtail any contemplated meetings of our Constitutional American Parties of the United States movement until early in the new year of 1964. You will be advised of any meeting which may be called for early in January, 1964.

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OF THE UNITED STATES

"Since we are 'Right Wing' and it is our aim and intention to uphold and defend our United States Constitution against all enemies, both within and without our borders, we may be called before the F. B. I. for questioning relative to many things. You are advised to cooperate fully but do so on your Constitutional American Parties rights. Do not go alone for any conference or to answer any questions to any F. B. I. office. Be interviewed in your own home or office with some one present or with others present with you. Do not at any time be interviewed alone with any F. B. I. Agent or Agents.

"If a telephone call comes to you any where, your home, office or any other place requesting you to meet with some one at any certain place, street corner, building, home, business place, church, synagogue or any where, wait a few minutes and call the person who called you to arrange any such meeting to see if it is authentic and for further detailed instructions. This will verify the call and make it clear in your mind whether it is a frame-up or not. Then to further keep yourself in the clear, remain in your home or business place, do not go any where and do not meet with anybody. Frame-ups to involve any and all 'Right Wing' followers may be in the making by none other than the F. B. I. Be very cautious.

"I extend to you and your family a warm, hearty and Merry Christmas, followed with a Happy, Prosperous New Year with blessings from our LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST throughout the entire 1964 year.

"Yours for the return to GOD ALMIGHTY, the BIBLE and our United States Constitution in 1964.

/S/"J. A. Milteer."

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OF THE UNITED STATES

On December 10, 1963, the same source advised that he had been in telephonic contact with MILTEER at Valdosta, Georgia, acknowledging the above letter. MILTEER stated that he was giving this letter wide distribution to members of the "Right Wing" group.

In addition, MILTEER advised that "we" are leaving Valdosta, Georgia, at 4 A. M., December 11, 1963, on a three week trip to the west. MILTEER did not disclose the purpose of the trip. The source noted that he believes MILTEER will be using his Volkswagen and will be taking his wife with him. He noted that MILTEER has a habit of leaving at odd hours to avoid detection.

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The source utilized in the letterhead memorandum is WILLIAM SOMERSETT, formerly [REDACTED]. The information set forth in the letterhead memorandum was obtained through a telephone conversation between SOMERSETT and MILTEER on the evening of 1/1/64.

All Offices should be alert for any information that a meeting is being planned for sometime in the near future, possibly in the southern middle section of the U.S.

ACCORDING TO SOMERSETT, MILTEER REPORTEDLY CARRIES A .38 REVOLVER IN HIS CAR WHEN HE IS TRAVELING, AND CAUTION SHOULD BE USED IN THE EVENT MILTEER IS CONTACTED.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Miami, Florida

Re: CONSTITUTIONAL AMERICAN PARTIES
OF THE UNITED STATES

On January 1, 1964, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past and in addition, has furnished some information that could not be verified or corroborated, stated as follows:

Source stated that J. A. MILTEER returned to his home in Valdosta, Georgia, on December 31, 1963. MILTEER advised that he had been to the West Coast where he was in contact with [REDACTED] believed to be in the vicinity of Los Angeles, California. MILTEER stated that the meeting with [REDACTED] was very profitable and "plans are being set for real action in 1964". He related that while in contact with [REDACTED] made a speech to a group, believed by the source to have taken place on December 22, 1963. During the speech, [REDACTED] made the comment, "I know some of you out here are FBI Agents, so get out your pads and make notes so that I'll not be misquoted."

MILTEER further advised the source that plans are in the making to hold a meeting somewhere in the central section of the United States where it will be the most convenient for the majority of the people that will be invited to this meeting. MILTEER related that he is presently sending out questionnaires, not further described.

MILTEER related that during a trip to the West Coast, he traveled through several cities in Texas,

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including Dallas and Houston, and on his return trip made stops at Jackson, Mississippi, and Montgomery, Alabama.

The source stated he does not know who will sponsor the forthcoming meeting as described by MILTEER or whether the meeting will be held under MILTEER's organization, the Constitutional American Parties of the United States.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI (170-1)

DATE: 6/15/76

FROM : SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

1 - This is to record that on 6/14/76, DON CHRISTIANSON, reportedly a writer for the "Miami Magazine", telephonically contacted the writer to inquire about a tape recording made by the Miami Police Department. He stated that he had been in contact with the Miami Police Department and had heard this recording between WILLIAM SOMERSETT, which he identified as a former police informant and a former informant for the FBI, and J. A. MILTEER from the State of Georgia. He reported that MILTEER made the statement to SOMERSETT a week or 10 days prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY in Dallas, Texas, in which MILTEER related plans to assassinate the President, which plans were similar to those actually utilized in the assassination of President KENNEDY. CHRISTIANSON wanted to confirm that SOMERSETT was an informant for the FBI and additional information regarding MILTEER. He was advised that this office could make no comment regarding his inquiry and that any such information would have to come from the Bureau in Washington.

It is noted that previous inquiry has been made regarding this matter by CBS News and other news media and the Bureau is aware of the situation.

This matter is set forth for information purposes only.

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June 30, 1977

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

RE: MARCH 9, 1977, REQUEST OF HSCA FOR INFORMATION IN POSSESSION OF THE FBI PERTAINING TO WILLIE AUGUSTUS SOMMERSETT

Reference is made to a letter dated March 9, 1977, to the Attorney General from U. S. Congressman Louis Stokes, Chairman, HSCA. This letter requested access to certain material in possession of the FBI.

As result of a meeting on April 14, 1977, between Steven J. Fallis and representatives of the Department of Justice and FBI, it was agreed that the FBI, in partial response to the March 9, 1977, request of HSCA, prepare for HSCA access all information retrievable in FBI Headquarters files concerning Willie Augustus Sommersett (true name William Augustus Sommersett).

[REDACTED] FBI memorandum dated May 11, 1977, advised that pertinent material regarding [REDACTED] was available for HSCA review and that information concerning Sommersett was being processed.

On June 24, 1977, Mr. Robert L. Keuch, Special Counsel to the Attorney General, advised that, through consultation with Robert J. Lehner, Deputy Chief Counsel, HSCA, it was agreed that HSCA access to information on Sommersett would be limited to the period 1959 to present.

Based upon a review of FBI Headquarters indices, information regarding Sommersett has been processed in accordance with the above limitation, and is available for HSCA review at FBI Headquarters. References to Sommersett in the FBI's investigations into the assassinations of Martin Luther King, Jr. (44-38861), and John F. Kennedy (62-109060), have already been available for HSCA review.

- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
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UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

NOTE: Sommersett was a Bureau informant from 1949-1961, reporting on criminal and racial activities. He was discontinued at the Bureau's direction due to evidence of indiscretion and poor judgment, and that he was under suspicion as an informant by various state and union officials. Following his discontinuance, Sommersett was used as an informant by the Miami Police Department for several years during which time he maintained periodic contact with the Miami Office, furnishing unsolicited information of interest to the Bureau. Sommersett is deceased.

In the King case, Sommersett furnished information regarding threats by white hate groups to kill King. After King was assassinated, Sommersett told our Miami Office that, as an informant for local law enforcement officials in Florida, he was directed to Memphis to develop information concerning the killing. Sommersett, as a Miami police informant, figured into the Kennedy case when the police recorded a conversation between Sommersett and J. A. Milteer wherein Milteer discussed killing Kennedy. This conversation took place prior to the assassination.

The informant file of Sommersett consists of five volumes, but with the 1959 cutoff date, HSCA access will involve only about 1 1/2 volumes. Except for normal excisions such as third and foreign agency material and identity of informants other than Sommersett, only Sommersett's symbol number will be excised from HSCA's access.

Articles appearing in the Fall 1976 issue of "The Miami Magazine" disclosed Sommersett worked as an informant of the FBI for about a decade. These articles advised that sources of information regarding Sommersett's relationship with the Bureau were Miami police officials [REDACTED]. Sommersett was also identified as a Bureau informant in a "Washington Post" article by Jack Anderson on 1/19/77. Sommersett was known as a Bureau informant to the Florida State Attorneys Office and in 1964 Sommersett related in great detail his activities as an FBI informant to former Florida Governor Leroy Collins, who at that time was associated with the Community Relations Service, Department of Commerce.

It has not been our policy to permit HSCA access to informant files. However, in the case of Sommersett this can be done without establishing an undesirable precedent because, as illustrated above, he has been publicly identified

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as an FBI informant. By airtel dated 5/31/77, the Miami Office agreed that Sommersett's identity could be disclosed to the HSCA because Sommersett himself has widely revealed his past relationship with the Bureau.

This matter has been coordinated with [REDACTED]
of the Criminal Informant Unit, Criminal Investigative Division.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, ATLANTA

FROM SAC, MIAMI (157-900)

JAMES ADAMS MILTEER RACIAL MATTERS ...00- ATLANTA.

RE MIAMI AIRTEL TWELVE SIX SIXTYTHREE.

FORMER [REDACTED] ADVISED TODAY RECEIPT

OF CIRCULAR TYPE LETTER FROM MILTEER. IN LETTER MILTEER
WARNED QUOTE 'RIGHT WING' END QUOTE CAN EXPECT INTERVIEWS BY
FBI AND WARNED AGAINST LETTING FBI SET STAGE FOR INTERVIEW.

COPIES OF LETTER BEING OBTAINED FOR BUREAU AND INTERESTED
OFFICES.

[REDACTED]

STATED THAT MILTEER HAS HABIT OF LEAVING AT ODD HOURS TO AVOID
DETECTION. PURPOSE OF TRIP UNKNOWN TO SURVEILLANCE.

SURVEILLANCE OF MILTEER BEING LEFT TO DISCRETION OF BUREAU AND
ATLANTA.

ANY SURVEILLANCE CONDUCTED SHOULD BE MOST CIRCUMSPECT. MILTEER
REPORTEDLY CARRIES THIRTYEIGHT REVOLVER IN CAR WHEN TRAVELING.

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JOSEPH ADAMS MILTEER, RM. OO ATLANTA.

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ATLANTA RECOMMENDS AGAINST ANY SURVEILLANCE OF MILTEER WHOSE TRAVELS HAVE BEEN IN BEHALF OF CONSTITUTION PARTY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Atlanta has no Bureau approved Thumbnail Sketch of the Constitution Party of the United States or the Constitutional American Parties of the United States. WILLIAM SOMERSETT, former Miami [REDACTED] advised MILTEER became disillusioned with the Constitution Party of the United States after attending a convention of this party at Indianapolis, Indiana, during October, 1963. Because of this MILTEER allegedly stated he was forming the Constitutional American Parties of the United States.

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JOSEPH ADAMS MILTEER

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RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis:

JOSEPH ADAMS MILTEER was born 2/26/02, at Quitman, Ga., and presently lives at Quitman and Valdosta, Ga. MILTEER is a wealthy bachelor who inherited an estimated \$200,000 from his father's estate. He has no family, no employment, and spends a great deal of time travelling throughout the Southeast. MILTEER has been unsuccessful in city politics at Quitman and publishes a weekly pamphlet criticizing the operation of the Quitman City Government. MILTEER has associated himself with the Constitution Party of the U. S. and attended a convention of this party held at Indianapolis, Ind., during October, 1963. He was reprimanded by this party for describing himself as being the party regional chairman for the Southeastern states. MILTEER became disillusioned with the Constitution Party of the U. S. and has attempted to form a party known as the Constitutional American Parties of the U. S. MILTEER allegedly intends to use the Constitutional American Parties of the U. S. as a front to form a hard core underground for possible violence in combating integration. MILTEER, on 11/2/63, was in a conversation concerning the possible assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. MILTEER, on interview, admitted being a member of the White Citizens Council, Atlanta, Ga., Congress of Freedom, and the Constitution Party of the U. S. He denied making threats to assassinate the President of the U. S. or participating in the President's assassination. MILTEER REPORTEDLY CARRIES A 3-CALIBER REVOLVER IN HIS CAR WHEN TRAVELLING AND CAUTION SHOULD BE USED IN EVENT MILTEER IS CONTACTED.

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Re: Somerville

I. BACKGROUND

A. Birthdate

MILTEER, on November 27, 1963, advised he was born on February 26, 1902, at Quitman, Georgia. Records, Brooks County Health Department, and Brooks County Ordinary, Quitman, as examined on January 7, 1964, contained no record of MILTEER's birth. Records, Quitman High School, Quitman, Georgia, contain no birth data for MILTEER.

B. Citizenship Status

born at Quitman, Georgia

C. Education

Graduated from Quitman High School, Quitman, Georgia, in 1921.

D. Marital Status

Single

E. Military Service

MILTEER not known to have been in the Armed Forces of the United States.

F. Credit and Identification

[REDACTED]
Quitman, Georgia, on September 24, 1962, advised she is personally acquainted with JOSEPH ADAMS MILTEER, who lives at the corner of Lafayette and Clay Streets, Quitman. MILTEER is considered to be an eccentric person and very little is known concerning his activities. He is approximately sixty years old and lives alone in a large run-down house. Very little is known concerning his background, but he was brought up in Quitman. His parents are deceased and he has no other relatives living in this area. It is rumored that MILTEER has lived in California and in the vicinity of Washington D. C. where he operated some kind of concession stand and military paraphernalia.

MILTEER has never bought anything on credit and does most of his buying in Valdosta, Georgia. MILTEER is a very frugal person and his net worth is estimated to be in excess of \$200,000. His father died approximately one year ago, leaving him a substantial amount of money and property. It has been rumored that MILTEER has made large deposits of money at banks in Jacksonville, Florida. During May, 1962, MILTEER sold the city of Quitman property for which he received \$20,000 in cash.

[REDACTED] advised a short time ago she visited the Municipal Airport at Valdosta, Georgia. During this visit, she observed MILTEER hauling mail from the airport to the Post Office in Valdosta. She did not know whether he was an employee of the Post Office or whether he had a contract to haul mail. Other than the above, he is seemingly unemployed.

During the past few years, MILTEER has been a constant fault-finder in the management of the City of Quitman. He digs up insignificant things that have not been done properly by city officials and publishes a small leaflet criticising the city administration. He does not have any close friends and she had never heard of him meeting with any group or organization.

[REDACTED] advised MILTEER is single and lives alone. There have been rumors that he was an associate of a woman in Valdosta, Georgia, but [REDACTED] did not know the identity of this woman. She also heard that MILTEER was once arrested by the Valdosta, Georgia Police Department. Apparently nothing ever came of this arrest since MILTEER has never served a prison sentence to her knowledge. [REDACTED] did not know the nature of the above arrest.

Records of the Credit Bureau [REDACTED] Georgia, and the Credit Bureau [REDACTED] Georgia, as examined on January 7, 1964, revealed nothing in addition to the above information.

[REDACTED] Police Department on September 24, 1962, and January 7, 1964, advised MILTEER has no identification record with this department.

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Records of the [REDACTED] Police Department show MILTEER was arrested on January 29, 1955, on suspicion of burglary and was released. He was fingerprinted on January 29, 1955, by the [REDACTED] Georgia, Number 1153.

The Identification Division, on December 2, 1963, advised its records contained a duplicate of the above fingerprint card and has no additional identification record for MILTEER.

G. Employment

MILTEER has no known employment at the present time. [REDACTED] Georgia, advised MILTEER allegedly operated concessions in the vicinity of military reservations in the past. She could furnish no specific information concerning this employment.

~~Confidential Informant AT T-2~~, on November 9, 1963, advised MILTEER claimed to have been employed for three and one-half years around the United States Supreme Court, Washington, D. C. ~~AT T-2~~ could furnish no specific information concerning this alleged employment.

[REDACTED] Valdosta, Georgia, on January 7, 1964, advised that around 1962 J. P. COFIELD, Valdosta, Georgia, had a contract to haul mail from the Municipal Airport, Valdosta, Georgia, to the Valdosta Post Office. COFIELD was ill for two or three months during 1962 and had MILTEER substitute for him in hauling the above mail. COFIELD no longer has the above contract.

H. Residence

1. Corner of Clay and Lafayette Streets,
Quitman, Georgia
2. In care of Mrs. C. C. COFIELD
212 South Troupe Street
Valdosta, Georgia

I. Physical Description

The following is a physical description of MILTEER as obtained by interview and observation on November 27, 1963:

Name	JOSEPH ADAMS MILTEER
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'4"
Weight	160 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Gray, partially thinning
Complexion	Ruddy
Characteristics	Wears glasses with metal frame; heavy waistline, small, round shouldered; nearly always unshaven, short gray stub with about two days growth, shabby dresser, wears old-fashioned clothes; tan hunting type cap; short legged; most of height from waist upward
Relatives	None known
FPI Number	None

J. Make and Model of Automobile

1. 1962 gray Volvo, 1963 Georgia license 61-D 226

Records of the Brooks County Tax Collector, Quitman, Georgia, show 1963 Georgia 61-D 226 was issued February 22, 1963, to J. A. MILTEER, North Clay Street, Quitman, Georgia, for use on a 1962 Volvo, two-door sedan, Vehicle Identification Number 141502478.

2. 1963 Volkswagen station wagon, 1963 Georgia license 11-D 2762

Records of the Lowndes County Tax Collector, Valdosta, Georgia, show 1963 Georgia license 11-D 2762 was issued on August 15, 1963, to JOE MILTEER, 212 South Troupe Street, Valdosta, Georgia, for use on a 1963 Volkswagen station wagon, model 221, Vehicle Identification Number 1043318. This Volkswagen was purchased on August 15, 1963, from Pipkins Motors, Inc., North Astley Street, Valdosta, Georgia.

[REDACTED] Pipkins Motors, Inc., North Ashley Street, Valdosta, Georgia, on January 8, 1964, advised that MILTEER, on November 26, 1963, traded the above 1963 Volkswagen station wagon for a 1964 Volkswagen station wagon, Vehicle Identification Number 1185675, Motor Number 0312846. At the time of this trade MILTEER listed his address as 212 South Troupe Street, Valdosta, Georgia. The Volkswagen which is turquoise and white in color, bore no license plate when observed by FBI Agents on November 27, 1963.

K. Photograph

MILTEER was photographed by FBI Agents on November 27, 1963, and copies of this photograph are maintained by Atlanta.

L. Special Abilities

MILTEER is a prolific writer and is the author of numerous pamphlets which he distributes himself.

MILTEER reportedly carries a .38 caliber revolver in his car when travelling.

M. Associates

[REDACTED] advised MILTEER is well known to all persons in Quitman. MILTEER is considered eccentric and has no close associates in this city.

MILTEER is closely associated with a known prostitute, Mrs. C. C. COFIELD, 212 South Troupe Street, Valdosta, Georgia, and spends a great deal of his time at the above address.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH HATE-TYPE ORGANIZATIONS

[REDACTED] on May 18, 1962, made available to Atlanta a leaflet captioned "The Last Days of the Republic, Urgent Call to All White Christian Voters in Georgia" signed "G. Seals Aiken, Chairman and Founder, Constitution Party of Georgia, 1104-5 First National Bank Building, Atlanta, Georgia" and "J. A. (JOE) MILTEER, Organization Director, Constitution Party of Georgia, Quitman, Georgia."

This pamphlet urged persons to attend a meeting at the Red Barn, Highway 80, Macon, Georgia, on May 20, 1962. It urged "White Christians, Believing in White Supremacy, Believing Communism is the Work of the Anti-Christian, and Believing it is Entirely Up to White Christians to Recapture Control of Our State and Return to Solvency" to attend and organize a "White Christian American Grass Roots Movement."

[redacted] on July 17, 1962, advised the above meeting was attended by approximately fifteen unidentified persons from Quitman, Georgia. Approximately eight persons from Macon, Georgia, attended. The meeting was a flop. [redacted] White Citizens Council for the Betterment of America, Macon, Georgia, sent word to this meeting of the Constitution Party that the people of Macon were organized and that this party was not necessary and was not wanted in Macon.

[redacted] on September 24, 1962, advised he has been acquainted with MILTEER for approximately ten years. He described MILTEER as being an "agitator" who spends his time finding fault with the administration of the City of Quitman. MILTEER makes a big to-do about his criticism and prints a leaflet which he distributes among the residents of Quitman. MILTEER has no close associates and [redacted] has never known him to meet with any group of people. His father and mother are dead and he has no relatives in this area. He lives alone in a large run-down house and is considered eccentric.

MILTEER is considered to be well off financially although he is very frugal in his living habits. He generally drives a foreign made automobile and visits Jacksonville, Florida, frequently. During city elections in Quitman MILTEER talks about a third party but very few people pay any attention to him. MILTEER has been defeated on several occasions in his efforts to become a City Commissioner in Quitman.

Confidential Informant AT T-2, on October 11, 1963, advised MILTEER visited Miami, Florida, on October 10, 1963, distributing the following leaflets:

End of Kennedy, King, Khrushchev Dictatorship;
Operation Survival; David Goes Forth to Meet Goliath; Why?:
Defender or Defector; Liars and Easter; War Time Emergencies;
Is Term "Cold War" A Lie?; and When They Take Over.

The above leaflets were critical of the United States Supreme Court and of the Government of the United States. They criticized the liberal element in the United States and championed the "Right Wing" conservatism.

AT T-2 advised MILTEER was distributing the above pamphlets to a number of trusted people throughout the United States in an attempt to have them participate in a meeting to be held at the Marott Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 19 - 20, 1963, to formulate plans to put an end to the Kennedy, King and Khrushchev Dictatorship over the nation. At this meeting a Board of Directors was to be picked to supervise and direct an "underground Army" in their respective areas. MILTEER stated "next year there is to be a lot of killing and it may be necessary to go right into the State Department and place several of the traitors (not identified by MILTEER) under citizen's arrest. If these traitors resist, they will kill them right on the spot." The above was the purpose for forming the "Underground Army."

MILTEER described MILLER GRUBBS, Louisville, Kentucky, as being a leader of the Constitution Party of the United States. T-2 identified GRUBBS as being a constitutional lawyer who also heads an organization believed to be "Citizens For Arrest of Traitors."

[REDACTED] on October 15, 1963, advised the Constitution Party of the United States would hold a national committee meeting at the Marott Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana, from October 19 - 21, 1963. Dr. ARTHUR G. BLAZEY, Indiana state chairman of the Constitution Party of the United States was quoted in the Indianapolis Star as stating the party was organized in Indianapolis in 1960 to "correlate the efforts of conservative votes in all states who have finally realized that we have been denied a two party system for the past thirty years." Lieutenant General Padro A. del Valle, United States Marine Corps (Retired), Annapolis, Maryland, was to be the main speaker. Dr. BLAZEY described General del Valle as being one who has not retired from the battle to serve this country from

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such enemies as the United Nations and current administration collaborators who want to strip our Republic of all defense arms and resources in order to subject our people to one-world tyranny.

Confidential Informant AT T-2, on October 30, 1963, advised that on the evening of October 18, 1963, approximately thirty individuals met at the Marott Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana.

[REDACTED] spoke against KENNEDY, the Government, and said that the Government is full of Communists and indicated he was not satisfied with the Constitution Party of the United States. MILTEER spoke along the same lines as [REDACTED] and suggested having a hard core group formed to prevent the United States Government from being taken over by Communists.

On October 18, 1963, MILTEER, [REDACTED] WILLIAM SOMERSETT met in Room 222 of the Marott Hotel. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss and take appropriate action to prevent [REDACTED] Klansman from Atlanta, Georgia, from addressing the Constitution Party of the United States. It was believed that [REDACTED] would be identified with the Ku Klux Klan and that this would go against their choice for President [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] on November 4, 1963, advised that on October 18 - 20, 1963, MILTEER [REDACTED] roomed together in Room 220, Marott Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana. Both were attending the convention of the Constitution Party of the United States. From a conversation between MILTEER and [REDACTED] learned that [REDACTED] admired [REDACTED] Tennessee. [REDACTED] described [REDACTED] as being a Klansman, and stated that he admired him more than any Klansman he had ever met. [REDACTED] was of the opinion that [REDACTED] met [REDACTED] while en route to Indianapolis.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] stated the United States Government was spending \$10,000 monthly protecting someone in his neighborhood in Atlanta, Georgia. This person had been visited by MARTIN LUTHER KING [REDACTED] MILTEER commented that he could kill this individual by Tuesday. MILTEER did not relish killing but he could do it. MILTEER stated he would first have to see this individual so that he would not kill the wrong man. [REDACTED] learned that this individual was [REDACTED] the Student Non-Violent Committee, Atlanta, Georgia.

[REDACTED] Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, on October 25, 1963, advised that there is no one named [REDACTED] employed by the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. [REDACTED] could possibly be identical with [REDACTED] Negro male student of Morehouse College, Atlanta.

[REDACTED] Quitman, Georgia, [REDACTED] on October 25, 1963, advised the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee has not been active in the Quitman area. He knew of no one named [REDACTED] in this area that could be the object of MILTEER's threat.

[REDACTED] advised MILTEER claimed he ran for Governor of Georgia under the Constitution Party of Georgia. MILTEER also claimed he was the Regional Director of the southeastern states of the Constitution Party of the United States.

On October 20, 1963, MILTEER was advised by the national committee of the Constitution Party that he was not entitled to use the above designation since such a title did not exist in the party. MILTEER was advised that [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] of the Constitution Party of Georgia. MILTEER claimed that [REDACTED] was not active. MILTEER was then advised to contact [REDACTED] and work it out with him to get himself elected to the National Committee by the Georgia delegation. After MILTEER left the closed session of the National Committee it was indicated that the members of this committee did not trust MILTEER.

[REDACTED] learned that MILTEER [REDACTED] were enemies and that MILTEER indicated that [REDACTED] was to be eliminated when the time comes.

It has been ascertained that [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] in the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and is [REDACTED] of the Defensive Legion of Registered Americans, Inc., which is described as an anti-Semitic and anti-Negro organization.

An article entitled "Constitutionists Develop Split" appeared in the October 23, 1963, edition of the "Indianapolis Star", Indianapolis, Indiana. This article quoted CURTIS B. DAI

National Chairman, Constitution Party of the United States, as stating that several hundred representatives at the above meeting indicated that they would prefer United States Senator BARRY M. GOLDWATER for their Presidential nominee. A movement against STROM THURMOND appeared when the National Committee started a move to kick out J. A. MILTEER, Quitman, Georgia, for declaring himself Regional Chairman for THURMOND in the Southeastern states. MILTEER had driven a truck plastered with signs advocating the nomination of THURMOND from Georgia. He spoke freely to the press. This rankled Colonel DALL, who considers himself spokesman.

After the threat to expel MILTEER from the party, an executive committee was held. This committee meeting was attended by MILTEER. At the conclusion of the meeting MILTEER said that [REDACTED] and the Executive Committee informed him that he could stay within party ranks but he would have to confine his activity to the State of Georgia. [REDACTED] said that MILTEER was dejected and disgusted with the above meeting of the Constitution Party of the United States.

Confidential Informant T-2, on November 9, 1963, advised that MILTEER visited Miami, Florida, on that date. While in Miami, MILTEER advised that plans were in the making to kill President JOHN F. KENNEDY at some future date. MILTEER suggested JACK BROWN, Chattanooga, Tennessee, as the man who could do the job and indicated that he would be willing to help. While being questioned concerning the plan, MILTEER stated he was familiar with Washington and the job could be done from an office or hotel in the vicinity of the White House by using a high powered rifle. MILTEER also advised that JACK BROWN had made attempts to follow MARTIN LUTHER KING in an effort to kill KING but never did get an opportunity.

T-2, on November 12, 1963, advised MILTEER is forming a new political party as opposed to the Republican and Democratic Parties. MILTEER suggested that he is naming his new party the "American Constitutional Party" or a name similar to this. This organization will be composed of a hard core underground whose identity will be secret. [REDACTED] Anniston, Alabama, and [REDACTED] Tennessee, are to be invited to join as underground members. The organization will be used as a front and the only individual to be exposed will be MILTEER.

T-2, on November 14, 1963, made available the principles and objectives of the Constitutional American Parties of the United States as furnished by MILTEER:

"PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMERICAN PARTIES (C A P) OF THE UNITED STATES.

- "1. Uphold and defend the United States Constitution and State Rights.
2. Keep State and Church separate; Uphold right of Prayer and reading of the Holy Bible in Public Schools.
3. Demand and support a strong, well trained, armed National Armed Forces commanded by tried and proven real, red-blooded, dedicated, patriotic Americans.
4. Restore and enforce The Monroe Doctrine.
5. Uphold and defend individuals' rights to have and bear arms to protect their homes, (their castles).
6. Uphold and support Free Enterprise, - (Right to work Law).
7. Protect business in whom it may hire and fire, serve and not serve.
8. Stop Foreign Aid to all Communist Countries and their Satellites.
9. Return control of our money to Congress.
10. Cut Federal spending and reduce taxes, balance the budget.
11. Limit powers of United States Supreme Court to decisions only.

12. Limit Executive Powers of the President.
13. Seek out and remove any and all Traitors in every branch of the Federal Government wherever found.
14. Defend and support individuals' right to vote for Free Electors.
15. Work for and urge all Americans to register and vote.
16. Get the United States out of the United Nations and get the United Nations out of the United States.

For more detailed information write and send donations to

J. A. Milteer, National Chairman,
Constitutional American Parties,
(C A P), (The Constructive Parties)
P. O. Box 873
Valdosta, Ga."

T-2 on November 26, 1963, advised MILTEER departed from Jacksonville, Florida, on November 23, 1963, by automobile en route to Columbia, South Carolina. During this trip MILTEER stated he had been in Houston, Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas, as well as New Orleans, Louisiana, Biloxi and Jackson, Mississippi, and Tuscaloosa, Alabama. MILTEER said he was acquainted with [REDACTED] Dallas, Texas, whom he described as a "good man." He did not indicate on what days he was in the above cities except for Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

While in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, MILTEER contacted [REDACTED] United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, on the evening prior to the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, on September 15, 1963. MILTEER described [REDACTED] as being against violence and stated he was not dependable.

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MILTEER stated that MARTIN LUTHER KING and Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY are now unimportant. He stated their next move would be against "Big Jew" noting that there is a Communist conspiracy by the Jews to overthrow the United States Government.

T-2 advised on the morning of November 24, 1963, while at the Wade-Hampton Hotel, Columbia, South Carolina, MILTEER stated that they did not have worry about LEE HARVEY OSWALD getting caught because he "doesn't know anything" and that the "right wing" is in the clear. MILTEER stated "The patriots have outsmarted the Communists and had infiltrated the Communist group in order that they could carry out the plan without the right wingers becoming involved."

T-2, on November 26, 1963, advised MILTEER, on November 24, 1963, held a meeting in the Wade-Hampton Hotel, Columbia, South Carolina. Attending this meeting were [REDACTED] members of the Association for South Carolina Klans. [REDACTED] South Carolina, and [REDACTED] South Carolina, also attended. MILTEER discussed the Principles and Objectives of the Constitutional American Parties of the United States. Prior to the arrival of the above persons MILTEER made notes on hotel stationery captioned, "Notice to All Christians." On these notes MILTEER stated "The Zionist Jews killed Christ two thousand years ago and on November 22, 1963, they killed President KENNEDY. You Jews killed the President. We are going to kill you." The note was signed "International Underground."

MILTEER advised the above persons that he was preparing a pamphlet which he wanted to disseminate throughout the country. In view of the recent events in Dallas, Texas, he would have to alter the information he was setting out in his pamphlet.

[REDACTED] in a private conversation with T-2, questioned T-2 indicating that he was not too familiar with MILTEER's activities.

Date December 1, 1963

JOSEPH ADAMS MILTEER, Quitman, Georgia, was interviewed November 27, 1963, at which time he advised that during April, 1963, he attended a national meeting of the Congress of Freedom, New Orleans, Louisiana. He described this organization as one that believed in Americanism and he attended this meeting as the result of an invitation by [REDACTED] the organization, Omaha, Nebraska. He stated during this meeting neither he nor anyone in his presence discussed the assassination of President KENNEDY.

MILTEER stated further that in June, 1963, he went to Dallas, Texas, to attempt to persuade [REDACTED] to run as Vice-President on the Constitution Party ticket in the election in November, 1964. He stated he had no other business in Dallas.

MILTEER further stated that on October 18-20, 1963, he traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana, with BILL SUMMERSETT of Miami, Florida, and [REDACTED] Georgia. They attended the National Convention of the Constitution Party. He stated he attended this meeting as the result of an invitation by [REDACTED]

MILTEER described himself as a non-dues-paying member of the White Citizens Council of Atlanta, Georgia, the Congress of Freedom and the Constitution Party.

MILTEER emphatically denies ever making threats to assassinate President KENNEDY or participating in any such assassination. He stated he has never heard anyone make such threats. He also denied making threats against anyone subsequent to the assassination of President KENNEDY. He stated he does not know, nor has he ever been in the presence of LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY to his knowledge.

MILTEER denied any knowledge of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, on September 15, 1963.

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On 11/27/63 at Quitman, Georgia

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[REDACTED] was concerned as to whether MILTEER had actually formed an underground group unknown to the Klan. MILTEER and [REDACTED] both stated they had agreed to join with MILTEER in a campaign to blame President KENNEDY's death on the Jews. They also indicated that they would assist MILTEER in forming the Constitutional American Parties of the United States.

T-2, on December 1, 1963, made available the following pamphlet which was prepared by MILTEER:

"WAKE UP - - CHRISTIANS"

"The Jews had Jesus killed nearly 2000 years ago. They have not changed in all this time. They, the Zionist Jews, Communists, had President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY killed in Dallas, Texas, by LEE OSWALD, November 22, 1963. LEE OSWALD, in turn, was killed by JACK RUBINSTEIN. All violence committed by left wing groups. *

"It now becomes the solemn duty of every true, red-blooded American to seek, find, expel, drive out from our country every traitor be he a Zionist Jew, Communist, or what have you.

"Give us liberty or we'll give you death.

"International Underground"

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T-2, on December 10, 1963, furnished the following letter, which was mailed from Valdosta, Georgia, on December 9, 1963, from MILTEER:

"CONSTITUTIONAL AMERICAN PARTIES OF U. S.
Post Office Box 873
Valdosta, Georgia
J. A. Milteer, National Chairman

"Dec. 9, 1963. :

"Due to recent events which have taken place within our American borders that may, in time, change the course of history, and the usual holidays before us, it is deemed advisable to curtail any contemplated meetings of our Constitutional American Parties of the United States movement until early in the new year of 1964. You will be advised of any meeting which may be called for early in January, 1964.

"Since we are 'Right Wing' and it is our aim and intention to uphold and defend our United States Constitution against all enemies, both within and without our borders, we may be called before the F. B. I. for questioning relative to many things. You are advised to cooperate fully but do so on your Constitutional American Parties rights. Do not go alone for any conference or to answer any questions to any F. B. I. office. Be interviewed in your own home or office with some one present or with others present with you. Do not at any time be interviewed alone with any F. B. I. Agent or Agents.

"If a telephone call comes to you any where, your home, office or any other place requesting you to meet with some one at any certain place, street corner, building, home, business place, church, synagogue or any where, wait a few minutes and call the person who called you to arrange any such meeting to see if it is authentic and for further detailed instructions. This will verify the call and make it

clear in your mind whether it is a frame-up or not. Then to further keep yourself in the clear, remain in your home or business place, do not go any where and do not meet with anybody. Frame-ups to involve any and all 'Right Wing' followers may be in the making by none other than the F. B. I. Be very cautious.

"I extend to you and your family a warm, hearty and Merry Christmas, followed with a Happy, Prosperous New Year with blessings from our LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST throughout the entire 1964 year.

"Yours for the return to GOD ALMIGHTY, the BIBLE and our United States Constitution in 1964.

"/s/ J. A. Milteer."

[REDACTED] on December 2, 1963, advised he is acquainted with [REDACTED] members of the Association of South Carolina Klans, and [REDACTED] South Carolina. [REDACTED] could furnish no information regarding any meeting or members of the Association of South Carolina Klans held at the Wade-Hampton Hotel, Columbia, South Carolina, on November 24, 1963. [REDACTED] are members of Klavern 335, Association of South Carolina Klans, West Columbia, South Carolina. [REDACTED] have never given indication of advocating violence in connection with the racial issue. [REDACTED] advised there is no group known as the Constitutional American Parties of the United States at Columbia, South Carolina.

III. STATEMENTS MADE BY SUBJECT CONCERNING VIOLENCE AND ACTIVITY IN RACIAL SITUATIONS

Confidential Informant AT T-2, on October 11, 1963, advised MILTEER was in Miami, Florida, on October 10, 1963, distributing leaflets urging people to attend a meeting of the Constitution Party of the United States at Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 19 - 20, 1963. At this meeting MILTEER claimed that a Board of Directors was to be picked to supervise an "Underground Army." MILTEER stated

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"next year there is to be a lot of killing and it may even be necessary to go right into the State Department and place some of the Traitors, not identified by MILTEER, under citizens arrest. If these traitors resist, they will kill them right on the spot."

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[REDACTED] in a conversation with MILTEER, stated the United States Government was spending \$10,000 monthly protecting someone in his neighborhood in Atlanta. This individual had been visited by MARTIN LUTHER KING and [REDACTED] MILTEER commented that he could kill this individual by Tuesday. He did not relish killing but he could do it. He would first have to see this individual so that he would not kill the wrong man. The individual referred to was [REDACTED] the Student Nonviolent Committee, Atlanta, Georgia.

[REDACTED] Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, on October 25, 1963, advised that there is no one named [REDACTED] employed by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. [REDACTED] could possibly be identical with [REDACTED] Negro male student at Morehouse College, Atlanta.

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[REDACTED] are to be invited to join as underground members. The organization is to be used as a front and the only individual to be exposed will be MILTEER.

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APPENDIX

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Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, show that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

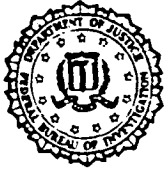
A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters at Suite 11, The Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is directed by ROBERT SPELMAN, Imperial Wizard, who is the dominant Klan group in the South with units in several southern states.

On August 14, 1963, the second source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The second source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted at the National Klonvocation held July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

Second source advised that at a meeting of Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the Klaverns of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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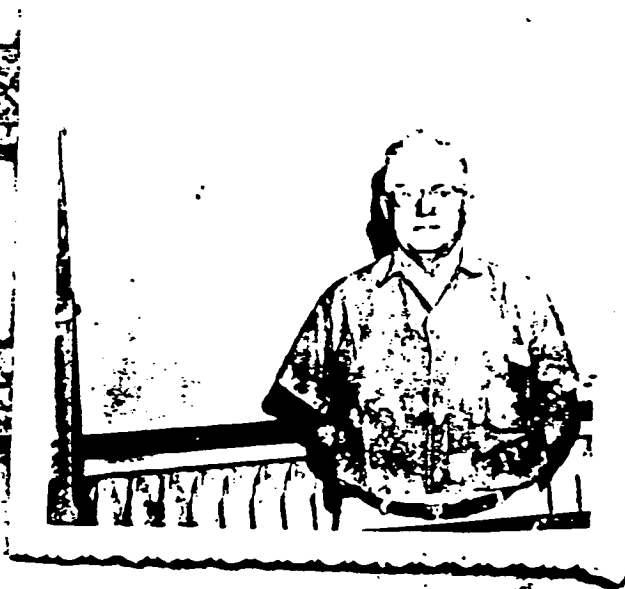
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Reference Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]
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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

T-2, WILLIAM SOMERSETT, [REDACTED]
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Joseph Edward Miller

DOB 7/26/02

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/8/64

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-608) (C)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH ADAMS MILTEER
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: ATLANTA)

Re report of SA [REDACTED] Atlanta, 1/22/64

It is recommended that a copy of the Summary Report of SA [REDACTED] Atlanta, 1/22/64, be disseminated to the Protection Research Section of the Secret Service, Washington, D. C.

There has been no activity on the part of MILTEER. The Constitutional American Parties of the United States is a paper organization having no membership. In view of the above this case is being closed by Atlanta.

ADMINISTRATIVE: TO DIRECTOR, FBI, FROM SAC, ATLANTA, 1/22/64, RE MILTEER, JOSEPH ADAMS, RACIAL MATTERS, (OO: ATLANTA).
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FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-905) (P)

RE: CONSTITUTIONAL AMERICAN PARTIES OF THE
UNITED STATES
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO - Atlanta)

Re Miami airtel and LHM, dated 11/20/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a LHM regarding captioned matter. Copies are furnished to listed offices as set forth below.

The source utilized in the LHM is WILLIAM SOMERSETT, formerly [REDACTED]

All offices should be alert for any information regarding CAP and pertinent information received should be furnished to the Bureau, Atlanta, and interested offices.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Miami, Florida
November 26, 1963

RE: CONSTITUTIONAL AMERICAN PARTIES
OF THE UNITED STATES

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J. A. MILTEER from Valdosta, Georgia, held a meeting in the Wade-Hampton Hotel, Columbia, South Carolina, on November 24, 1963. Those in attendance included [REDACTED] members of the Association for South Carolina Klans. A characterization of the Association of South Carolina Klans is attached hereto and sources therein have furnished reliable information in the past.

Also in attendance were [REDACTED]

UPON
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Re: CONSTITUTIONAL AMERICAN PARTIES OF THE UNITED STATES

recent events in Dallas, Texas, he would have to alter the information he was setting out in his pamphlet.

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A characterization of the National Ku Klux Klan is attached hereto and sources therein have furnished reliable information in the past.

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This third source further advised that as of the national meeting on May 5-6, 1962, no national fund, headquarters or secretary had been established and no plans had apparently been made to do so. A temporary chairman and acting secretary were to be appointed for each meeting. The name "Majority Citizens League" was not being used in connection with meetings.

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FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-739) (RUC)

CONSTITUTION PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES
IS - C
(OO: SAN ANTONIO)

Re Miami airtel to Bureau enclosing letterhead memorandum, dated 10/31/63; San Antonio letter to the Bureau, 10/21/63; and Bureau airtel to Miami, San Antonio, Denver and Indianapolis, 11/5/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and one listed Office two copies, of a corrected letterhead memorandum to replace the letterhead memorandum submitted by Miami, 10/31/63.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc-3) (AM) (RM)
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The source used in referenced letterhead memorandum was recontacted 11/7/63, to clarify identity of [REDACTED] from S. C. Source stated he intended to say [REDACTED] and not [REDACTED]

A review of Miami files reflects no characterization available for the Constitution Party of the United States.

Based on San Antonio letter to the Bureau, 10/23/63, it would appear no characterization has been prepared for the Constitution Party of the United States. However, San Antonio is requested to review their file 100-8085, for a characterization of the Constitution Party of the United States. If characterization available, will furnish appropriate copies or send to the Bureau, Miami and listed offices. If no characterization available, San Antonio is requested to immediately advise the Bureau and listed offices.

The source used in the referenced memorandum is WILLIAM SOWERSPTT, formerly [REDACTED]



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida
November 8, 1963

RE: CONSTITUTION PARTY OF THE
UNITED STATES

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised as follows on October 20, 1963:

J. A. MILNER, (Guthrie, Georgia) stated, prior to the meeting of the Constitution Party of the United States (CPOTUS) in Indiana on October 18 - 20, 1963, that he wanted to form a hard core group in this organization working underground, and, if necessary, to use violence to eliminate people in high political positions. The source noted that MILNER did not elaborate on this statement.

On the evening of October 19, 1963, approximately 30 individuals met on the third floor, Room 303, of the [redacted] Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana. The meeting was called to order by [redacted] who requested reports from the individuals from the various states present, which included six different states.

[redacted] of Miami, Florida, suggested the [redacted] [redacted] for President of the United States.

A representative from the State of Michigan made a speech criticizing President JOHN F. KENNEDY as well as the Republicans.

[redacted] from Colorado [redacted] known as "Soldiers of the Cross," spoke against President JOHN F. KENNEDY, the Government, and said that the Government is full of communists and indicated he was not satisfied with the CPOTUS.

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*See review copy of
USC-A [redacted]
[redacted]
Re: [redacted]*

RE: CONSTITUTION PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES

J. A. MILTEER spoke along the same lines as [redacted] and suggested having a hard core group formed to prevent the United States Government from being taken over by the communists.

late on the evening of October 18, 1963, a meeting was held in Room 222 of the Marriott Hotel. This room had been rented by a representative from Miami, Florida, and four people were known to be present for the meeting.

They included the following:

J. A. MILTEER

WILLIAM LOEBBESITT

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss and take appropriate action to prevent [redacted] described as a Klansman from Atlanta, Georgia, from giving a speech before the general assembly of the CPOTUS. It was believed that [redacted] could be publicly identified with the K. Klux Klan and exposed and would be against choice for President [redacted]

At about 10:00 A. M., on October 19, 1963, 60 - 70 individuals attended the general assembly of the CPOTUS at the Marriott Hotel. [redacted] from West Palm Beach, Florida, gave a speech on foreign relations, the United Nations, and the communist take over of the United States Government. She also spoke against President J. F. KENNEDY, and the President's soft attitude toward communists.

[redacted] also spoke at the meeting. [redacted] he was not in agreement with the policies of this organization and was resigning as a member.

WEST PALM BEACH

10-19-63
J. A. Milteer
W. Loebbesitt
K. Schmidt

RE: CONSTITUTION PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES

[REDACTED] from Atlanta, Georgia, also spoke at the Saturday meeting and informed those present that he had a powerful backing from the Citizens Council of Georgia.

Some of the individuals known to have been in attendance at the CPOTUS meeting, included the following:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

J. A. MILTER
Quitman, Georgia

WILLIAM SOMERSETT
Miami, Florida

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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RE: CONSTITUTION PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
According to the above source, MILTEER, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] have become disillusioned and will probably have
nothing or little to do with this organization in the future.

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conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is
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November 11, 1963

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TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (137-363-Sub A)

THREAT TO KILL PRESIDENT KENNEDY
J. J. WILSON, MIAMI, FLA.,
11/9/63

Re Miami teletypes 11/10 and 11/11/63.

Enclosed are 8 copies of letterhead memorandum
regarding captioned matter.The source utilized in this report is J. J. WILSON, formerly
of MIAMI, FLA., formerly [REDACTED]Miami will obtain a transcript of the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] J. J. WILSON [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida
November 11, 1963

Re: THREAT TO KILL PRESIDENT
KENNEDY BY J. A. MILNER,
MIAMI, FLORIDA, NOVEMBER 9, 1963

A source advised as follows on November 10, 1963:

J. A. MILNER, Quitman, Georgia, visited in Miami, Florida, on November 9, 1963, prior to attending a political rally in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. While in Miami, MILNER stated that plans are in the making to kill President JOHN F. KENNEDY at some future date. MILNER suggested that a Miami resident, [redacted], should do the job, and also indicated that he, MILNER, would be willing to help. MILNER said he was familiar with Washington, D. C., and the job of killing the President could be done from an office or a hotel in the vicinity of the White House, using a high-powered rifle.

In addition to the statement regarding President KENNEDY, MILNER also stated that J. A. MILNER had made attempts to follow MARTIN LUTHER KING, an integration leader, in an effort to kill KING, but he did not get the opportunity.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida
November 11, 1963

Re: THREAT TO KILL PRESIDENT
KENNEDY BY J. A. MILTEER,
MIAMI, FLORIDA, NOVEMBER 9, 1963

Reference is made to memorandum dated and
captioned as above.

Source mentioned in this memorandum
has furnished reliable information
in the past.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Atlanta, Georgia
January 10, 1964

62-35,375
JOSEPH ADAMS MILTEER

Milteer resides in Quitman, Georgia, but spends a great deal of time [redacted] Georgia. He is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	February 26, 1902, Quitman, Georgia
Height	5' 4"
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Gray - partially thinning
Eyes	Blue - wears metal framed glasses
Characteristics	Heavy waisted, small round-shouldered; is nearly always unshaven with a short gray stubble of about two days' growth; is a very snappy dresser wearing old fashioned clothes, hunting type cap, tan in color; he is short-legged, most of height from waist upwards

Milteer drives a 1962 Volva with 1963 Georgia License 61D226. He also drives a Volkswagen bus bearing 1963 Georgia tag 11D2762. Milteer has in the past expressed violent sentiments. He has been active in right-wing organizations and is presently the head of an organization he calls

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JOSEPH ADAMS MILTEER

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Constitution Parties of the United States.

On November 10, 1963, Milteer stated that plans are in the making to kill President John Kennedy at some future date. He stated Jack Brown of Chattanooga, Tennessee, could do the job and also indicated that he, Milteer, would be willing to help. Milteer stated he was familiar with Washington and the job could be done from an office or hotel in the vicinity of the White House using a high-powered rifle.

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CO-2-35,588

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U. S. SECRET SERVICE

SAIC - Atlanta

Dec. 18, 1964

Inspector - PMS

Joseph A. Milteer

I am attaching copies of appropriate FBI reports as to this subject, who resides at 212 S. Troupe Street, Valdosta, Georgia, and one photograph of him taken November 27, 1963.

In view of the contents of this report, we feel that the subject

I see no reason for additional investigation.

Your report of November 27, 1963 under CO-2-33,915, pertains to this subject and others.

Should you need more photographs, please advise me.

Enclosures

memorandum

DATE: March 9, 1978 *nde*REPLY TO
ATTN OF: IRS PRB

SUBJECT: Joseph A. Milteer CO-2-35,588

TO: File

FBI
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On this date, copies of all FBI documents in the subject's file were forwarded to the FBI Congressional Inquiry Unit per the request of Jackie Hess, House Select Committee on Assassinations and SA [REDACTED] FBI.



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✓ 5 SS Report from 11-15/18/63 dated 11-26-63
by S.A.
title/caption

J.A. McNeen

SS File NO CO2-33, 915

✓ 6. telegram: From SAC Atlanta 89-44 1P
TO Dir & SAC-S Dallas & Miami
Urgent 11/22/63 5-4.3 PM EST/6
- one page

✓ 7. SS Report in re 11-13-63 - 11-14-63
File no CO2-33, 915
X 3-11-5563-5

by SAIC

(Atlanta)

SA

title/caption Joseph Adams McNeen

- 3 pages

✓ 8. SS Report
in re 11-12-63

by

File no 3-11-5563-5

title/caption

Alleged Possible Threat
to The President

- 3 pages

✓ 9. Miami Florida 11-11-63 letter
from FBI

- title "Re: Threat to Kill ~~the~~ President
Kennedy by J.A. McNeen
Miami, Fla. Nov 9, 63"

Upon review, ^{request & copies of} the following documents from Miller's file - only
USSS reports (✓) were furnished & reviewed by ^{prior to being turned over:}
Requests For Xeroxing

2-21-78

1. FBI Report of 1-22-64

FBI

by SA [REDACTED]

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of 1-22-64

- Field office File 157-608

- SS File no CO2-35,588

- length: 20 pages

2. letter from Miami F(2) FBI office

of 11-27-63

Re: Threat To Kill President Kennedy

by J. H. McKeen, Miami, Florida

November 9, 1963

length: 3 pages

✓ 3. SS Report by SA

period covered 11-22-63 - 11-25-63

File No CO-2-33,915

Title/Caption X-3-11-5563-5

Alleged Pass Threat v. The President

Joseph Adams McKeen

✓ length: 4 pages (includes onion skin sheets
having → w/ following written in pencil on top)
as a separate "copy for" File of 3 File
item + which begins
"Howard Trent, FBI HQ, passed the following
information"

✓ 4. SS Report of 11-27-63

by SA

File no CO-2-33,915

period covered 11-26/27-63

length: 2 pages

Title/Capt:

- one pgs

10. Miami: FBI of 11-8-63

title: "Re - Constitution Party of the US

4 pgs

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UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
PROTECTIVE RESEARCH CHECK-UP

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NAME MILTEER, Joseph A. ✓ CASE NO CO-2-35588 ✓

PRESENT ADDRESS: _____ OFFICE Atlanta 3-2 ✓

HOME ADDRESS : Quitman, Georgia ✓ DATE June 30, 1966 ✓

EMPLOYMENT : Unemployed ✓ TYPE (x) THREAT

RECENT ACTIVITIES; PROTECTIVE DATA DEVELOPED AND SOURCE: () VISITOR () MENTAL

() ABUSIVE () OTHER

In cooperation with this Service and upon direction of the Atlanta FBI Office, BBI

Resident Agent, Valdosta, Georgia, determined that subject was present in Valdosta

on 4-29-66, the date of the VP's visit to this district.

PHOTO AVAILABLE: (x) YES () NO CHECK-UPS (x) CONTINUED () DISCONTINUED

APPROVED: _____ SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

_____ SPECIAL AGENT

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UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
PROTECTIVE RESEARCH CHECK-UP

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NAME MILTEER, Joseph A. ✓ CASE NO CO-2-35588 ✓

PRESENT ADDRESS: 212 S. Troup St., Valdosta, Georgia ✓ OFFICE Atlanta 3-1 ✓

HOME ADDRESS : Quitman, Ga. ✓ DATE 7/18/66 ✓

EMPLOYMENT : Unemployed ✓ TYPE (x) THREAT

RECENT ACTIVITIES; PROTECTIVE DATA DEVELOPED AND SOURCE: () VISITOR () MENTAL

() ABUSIVE () OTHER

Asst. Police Chief was interviewed and stated that he had seen the subject

in the last two days. He knew of no change in subject's condition. Chief stated

that he would be glad to act as a contact. ✓

PHOTO AVAILABLE: (xx) YES () NO CHECK-UPS (xx) CONTINUED () DISCONTINUED

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_____ SPECIAL AGENT

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
TREASURY DEPARTMENT

~~X-88-2-33915~~
~~X-88-2-36046~~
FILE NO CO-2-35588

TO: Director		OFFICE: Atlanta, Georgia	FILE NO CO-2-35588
TYPE OF CASE		STATUS	TITLE OR CAPTION
Protective Intelligence		Remains Closed	Person Identified:
INVESTIGATION MADE AT		PERIOD COVERED	Name : Joseph A. Milteer
Atlanta, Georgia		1-6-65	Address :
INVESTIGATION MADE BY		Type : Protection Information	
SA			
TAILS			

SYNOPSIS

Information recieved from FBI indicating subject spoke at KKK meeting on 9-18-65 at Chatsworth, Georgia. Case remains closed - Atlanta

(A) INTRODUCTION

By memo dated 12-18-64 Inspector directed that check-ups be maintained on Joseph A. Milteer and that further investigation than that reported on this subject in FBI report dated 1-10-64 was not deemed necessary.

Reference is also made to Atlanta FBI report dated 1-4-65 (?) entitled "Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan" received in this office on 1-6-66. This report being forwarded to PID under separate cover.

(B) GENERAL INVESTIGATION

On page 12 of the above Atlanta FBI report dated 1-4-65 (?), it is reported that "a Mr. Milteer of Valdosta" was one of several speakers at a cross burning and rally held on 9-18-65 on the Cool Springs Road, Chatsworth, Georgia. This meeting was held by the Chatsworth Klavern, Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. Other speakers at this meeting were Jack Brown of Chattanooga, Tennessee and Henry Glenn White of Dalton, Georgia.

(C) DISPOSITION

Case remains closed - Atlanta

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Memorandum

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CO-2-35,588 (CO-2-36,046)
X CO-2-33,915

: Assistant Director -
Protective Intelligence

DATE: December 16, 1965

SAIC - Atlanta

ECT: Joseph A. (Adams) Milteer -
Clarification of File Number

Above subject is carried under two file numbers, in addition to CO-2-33,915
which covers various persons and their
KKK participation.

Former Inspector O/M of 12-18-64 requesting check-ups on above
subject was written under File CO-2-35,588. Attached to his O/M was copy
of FBI report on subject dated 1-10-64. These items were received 12-21-64.

On 1-13-64 we received the original of the FBI report of 1-10-64 and find
it is assigned File CO-2-36,046.

Please clarify as soon as possible, and advise if we may discontinue the
use of File CO-2-36,046.



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UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
PROTECTIVE RESEARCH CHECK-UP

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NAME MILNER, JOSEPH A.

CASE NO. CO-2-36016
CO-2-35588
CO-2-33915

PRESENT ADDRESS: ✓

OFFICE Atlanta, Ga.

HOME ADDRESS : ✓ Quitman, Georgia

DATE 12-13-65

EMPLOYMENT : Unemployed

RECENT ACTIVITIES, PROTECTIVE DATA DEVELOPED AND SOURCE:

TYPE (x) THREAT
() VISITOR () MENTAL
() ABUSIVE () OTHER

On 12-10-65 Resident FBI Agent, Valdosta, Ga., advised subject resides for the most part at the above address with Mrs. [REDACTED]. He also owns property in Quitman, Ga., approx 20 miles away. He has no visible means of support, but is rumored to have inherited money on which he lives. Subject travels about the United States a great deal and has been active, though unsuccessful, in Quitman, Ga., politics. A check of the above address on 12-10-65 revealed a Volvo and Volkswagen parked in the garage which appeared to be the ones previously described as being owned by the subject.

PHOTO AVAILABLE: (x) YES () NO CHECK-UPS (x) CONTINUED () DISCONTINUED

APPROVED:

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

SPECIAL AGENT

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT - U. S. Secret Service

Memorandum

TO : Chief

DATE: February 27, 1964

FROM : SAIC - Atlanta

SUBJECT:

SA Miami, called me Monday, 9:30 a. m., February 24, requesting whereabouts of Joseph Adams Milteer be established incident to the visit of the President to Miami on February 27. The understanding was that if we found subjects would not be in the Jacksonville-Miami area, I would not call back; if they were to be there, I would call.

FBI Agents established that J. A. Milteer was in Valdosta late afternoon of February 26; also, that he left Valdosta at 5:00 a. m. February 27 for Jacksonville for the reported purpose of having a tape recorder repaired which he recently purchased in Jacksonville. He is due back in Valdosta around noon today. He drove his 1963 Volvo to Jacksonville. This car had 1963 Tag 11-D-2762.

Information this morning is that the Volvo may have had Tag 11-D-3012 on it. Report also is that this is a 1963 Georgia tag. I believe there is an error, and that 11-D-3012 is on a new 1964 Volkswagen station wagon, white and green colored, which he recently purchased. This car should have a 1964 tag on it, but in all probability he is using a 1963 tag issued to another car, as Georgia owners are not required to have new tags before April 1. (Tag 11-D-3012 may be a 1964 tag. Under Georgia record system this cannot be checked for some time yet.)

I called SA Jacksonville, 9:20 a. m. today regarding Milteer's trip to Jacksonville.

We could not learn the name of the firm from which he purchased the tape recorder.

cc: Jacksonville
Miami

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
TREASURY DEPARTMENT

ORIGIN Chief's Office OFFICE Atlanta, Ga. FILE NO. CO-2-33,915

TYPE OF CASE	STATUS	TITLE OR CAPTION
Protective Research	Continued	X-3-11-5563-S
INVESTIGATION MADE AT	PERIOD COVERED	Alleged Possible Threat Against the President - <u>Joseph Adams Milteer</u>
Atlanta, Ga.	11-22-63 - 11-25-63	
INVESTIGATION MADE BY		
SAIC		

DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

Check on potentially dangerous
persons November 22-25, 1963.
All accounted for. PRS so advised.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Immediately after learning of the President's assassination at Dallas we began
ascertaining the whereabouts of known subjects who might be suspected.

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FBI Agent [REDACTED] contacted their Agent at Thomasville who immediately
ascertained that J. A. Milteer was in Quitman at the time of assassination.

Inspector [REDACTED] called me on November 24 --- and a little later SA [REDACTED] from
PRS --- requesting that we review files and advise if any dangerous subject might
appear in Washington. I informed them of our previous check.

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chased at Valdosta, Georgia.

SA [redacted] stated they made a thorough investigation of Milteer in connection with the National Convention at Indianapolis on October 19, 1963. We have reports on that meeting in connection with [redacted] and his sister, [redacted]. Their investigation revealed that Milteer is a very outspoken-type individual, active in various segregationist organizations. They can, however, connect him with no action indicating violence. The most suspicious action on his part, [redacted] said, was that enroute to Indianapolis he stopped at Chattanooga, Tennessee and called on Jack Brown, the Klan member mentioned in various reports. [redacted] says they consider Brown to be a dangerous man from bombing standpoints.

Milteer has no criminal record, [redacted] stated. He has lived at Quitman for many years, and that is his actual home. Quitman is located some twenty miles west of Valdosta. Agent [redacted] stated he would call their Agent [redacted] stationed at Thomasville, Georgia, and request that he obtain a photograph if at all possible. [redacted] made the initial investigation for FBI.

[redacted] lives at [redacted] Atlanta. [redacted]

Records at the Department of Public Safety reveal that he purchased Georgia 1963 Tag [redacted] for a 1953 Nash Rambler, Motor No. [redacted]

Capt. [redacted] in charge of the Intelligence Division, Atlanta Police Department, is [redacted] We asked him about Milteer and [redacted]

Capt. [redacted] stated he first heard of Milteer last week; that an informant reported that [redacted] "Mill Teer" were then in Jacksonville where [redacted] was doing some legal work to activate the KKK in Florida. He knew nothing further regarding Milteer.

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GIN Field	OFFICE Miami, Florida	FILE NO. 3-11-5563-S
E OF CASE	STATUS	TITLE OR CAPTION
Protective Research	Closed - Miami	Alleged Possible Threat Against The President
ESTIGATION MADE AT	PERIOD COVERED	
Miami, Florida	11-12-63	
ESTIGATION MADE BY		
SA		
ALLS		

SYNOPSIS

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

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SA [redacted] conferred personally with SA [redacted] FBI, Miami, Fla. and Sgt. [redacted] Intelligence, Miami Police Dept., Miami, Fla. re any knowledge of the individuals mentioned in the transcript of the conversation involved and the following information was obtained:

J.A. Milteer, white, male, 48 to 52; 5'7"; 155; glasses; brown graying hair; was last seen driving a white Volkswagon sedan, state and tag number unknown;

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UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
TREASURY DEPARTMENT

FILE NO. CO-2-43,860

ORIGIN Intelligence Div. OFFICE Miami, Florida

TYPE OF CASE	STATUS	TITLE OR CAPTION
Intelligence	Closed - Miami	William Somerset
INVESTIGATION MADE AT	PERIOD COVERED	
Miami, Florida	10-21-69 - 11-6-69	Miami, Florida
INVESTIGATION MADE BY		
SA		

DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

On 10-21-69, subject forwarded a telegram to Deputy Attorney General Richard Kleindist requesting an interview concerning a "Plot" to kill President Nixon.

Subject was interviewed and could furnish no specific information regarding any plot or identities of any persons plotting to kill President Nixon.

Miami FBI has an extensive file on the subject.

Subject is not of protective interest. Case closed in Miami.

(A) INTRODUCTION: *FBI/b7c*

On 10-21-69, SA [REDACTED] FBI Miami, advised that the subject had sent a telegram to Deputy Attorney General Richard Kleindist regarding a plot to kill President Nixon.

SA [REDACTED] advised that FBI agents interviewed the subject and he could furnish no specific details of any plot against the President.

SA [REDACTED] advised that the Miami FBI has an extensive file on the subject, wherein Somerset has furnished similar plots in the past.

Reference is made to the O/M of SAIC Intelligence Division, dated 10-22-69, requesting this office to obtain details of the FBI interview with the subject and furnish them with the subject's background in regard to prior reports of alleged assassination plots.

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Miami	cc	DATE
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1) IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT:

Subject has been previously described.

2) INTERVIEW WITH SUBJECT:

On 11-6-69, the subject was personally interviewed in the Miami field office, where he voluntarily appeared, by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted]. Subject was

Regarding the telegram he forwarded to Deputy Attorney General Richard Kleindist, he stated that several Jewish persons who he has met stated that they would like to see President Nixon dead. He was unable to furnish any information or description concerning the identities of these persons.

It was obvious from the interview that the subject is very anti-Semitic. When pressed for details of any plot against President Nixon, subject could furnish no specific information regarding any plot to kill President Nixon.

The subject had voluminous papers in his possession some of which he publishes. He furnished the writer a copy of the National Federation of Labor News, dated January, 1969, which the subject publishes. A copy of this paper is attached to this report for Intelligence Division.

The subject spoke very highly of President Nixon and the First Family and he greatly approves of the President's policies.

During the interview with the subject, handprinting specimens were obtained. The subject stated that he never writes in script form.

A photograph of the subject was also obtained.

3) OTHER INVESTIGATION:

On 10-21-69, the subject was discussed at length with SA [redacted] FBI Miami, and he advised that his office has numerous reports on the subject and they were aware of his background.

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CO-2-43,860

October 22, 1969

SAIC - Miami

SAIC Intelligence Division

William A. Somerset

Reference is made to the attached FBI teletype, dated
October 22, 1969, and O/M of SA ID, dated
October 22, 1969.

Please obtain details of FBI interview with the subject
and furnish them with the subject's background in
regards to his prior reports of alleged assassination
plots.

A report is requested within 14 days.

Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

U. S. Secret Service
CO-2-43,860

Memorandum

TO : SAIC - ID

DATE: Oct. 22, 1969
1:00 AM

FROM : SA - ID

SUBJECT: William A. Somerset

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SA [REDACTED] FBI, Washington D.C., Division 6, Ext. 591, phoned and advised subject sent a telegram Oct. 21, to Assistant Attorney General Kleindienst at Miami requesting that an FBI agent contact him regarding a plot to kill Nixon. [REDACTED] said the FBI interviewed subject at his residence, 1336 N. Miami Ave., apt. 40, Miami, Fla., and subject said several months ago he heard some unknown Jewish people say they would like to see the President dead. Subject could furnish no specific information regarding these people. [REDACTED] said the FBI will not investigate any further. [REDACTED] advised the Miami Secret Service has been advised of this matter.

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
TREASURY DEPARTMENT

ORIGIN P.I.D. 3-17-66 RCT OFFICE Miami, Florida.

FILE NO CO-2-43,860

TYPE OF CASE Protective Research	STATUS Closed Miami	TITLE OR CAPTION X CO-2-33,915 X CO-2-26,104 Doc. #269
INVESTIGATION MADE AT Miami, Fla.	PERIOD COVERED 1-4/4-26-66	Person Identified: Name : William Somerset Address : 937 N.E. 1 Ave., Miami, Fla. Type : Protective Information
INVESTIGATION MADE BY SAs		

DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

Subject advised he has no additional information on file No. CO-2-26,104 Doc. #269. Subject personally re-interviewed and it is believed that the subject is not of protective interest to this Service. Case closed Miami.

(A) INTRODUCTION:

Reference is made to O/M of SAIC I.D., dated March 17, 1966 received in this office March 22, 1966. The subject is of prior record with this office, having been involved in file CO-2-33,915 and CO-2-26,104, Doc. #269.

(B) GENERAL INVESTIGATION:

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On 3-22-66 FBI Agent [REDACTED] Miami, was telephonically contacted by reporting agent. SA [REDACTED] advised that the subject has in the past provided information for their agency and that this information has been reliable. SA [REDACTED] further advised that it is his belief that the subject thinks highly of all governmental agencies.

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ORIGIN PRS	OFFICE Miami	FILE NO CO-2-26,104
TYPE OF CASE Protective Research	STATUS Closed	TITLE OR CAPTION Doc. #269
INVESTIGATION MADE AT Miami, Fla.	PERIOD COVERED 4-1-66	Person Identified: Name : Address: Unknown by this office Type : Protective Information
INVESTIGATION MADE BY SA SA		
DETAILS		
<u>SYNOPSIS</u>		
Investigation in Miami has failed to identify person who telephoned William Sommersett (CO-2-43,860), case closed.		
(A) INTRODUCTION:		
This investigation originated upon receipt of O/M from SAIC Intelligence Division, dated 3-18-66.		
(B) GENERAL INVESTIGATION:		
<u>Reporting Agent made personal inquiry at the office of the Miami F. B. I. and was advised by SA [REDACTED] that the identity of the telephone caller has not been established to date.</u>		
(F) DISPOSITION:		
Case closed.		
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

CO-2-43,860

ORIGIN Director's Office OFFICE Atlanta, Georgia

FILE NO CO-2-26104- Doc.

TYPE OF CASE Protective Intelligence	STATUS Closed - Atlanta	TITLE OR CAPTION Person Not Identified
INVESTIGATION MADE AT Atlanta, Georgia	PERIOD COVERED 4-1-66	Name : Anonymous Caller
INVESTIGATION MADE BY SA		Type : Threat

DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

Inquiries with Atlanta and Savannah FBI offices failed to develop new information regarding identity of Somerset's anonymous caller.

(A) INTRODUCTION:

Reference is made to the previous reports in this case, the last being the OM of SAIC Intelligence Division, dated 3-18-66, requesting that checks be made with appropriate FBI offices in order to obtain recent information on this case.

(B) GENERAL INVESTIGATION:

On 4-1-66 SA [REDACTED] Atlanta FBI, was interviewed by telephone. He advised that his office had no information regarding the case and that the matter was handled by the Miami FBI office. He suggested that information regarding [REDACTED] be obtained from the Savannah FBI office inasmuch as [REDACTED] resided and was active in the area covered by that office.

On the same date SAIC James Neagle, Savannah FBI, was contacted by FTS. He advised that his office was in receipt of a copy of the Miami FBI report concerning the call to [REDACTED] but that his office had done no investigation in connection with the matter. He advised that the copy of the FBI report he received indicated that this Service had been notified and he therefore did not consider any action necessary on the part of his office.

Regarding [REDACTED] Mr. Neagle advised that the latest report his office has on file is a non-prosedutive summary report dated 12-10-65. He added

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that a notation in his file indicated that [REDACTED] after being duly subpoenaed, appeared before the House Un-American Activities Committee on 2-15-66. Also, that information received at that office was to the effect that the Association of Georgia Klans, which [REDACTED] is associated with, had no meetings in December, 1965, or January and February, 1966, and no information has been received as to the next meeting of that organization.

(C) DISPOSITION:

Two copies of this report are being forwarded to the Miami Office.

Case closed - Atlanta

Appropriate Optional Forms 21 (Cross Reference) are being forwarded to the Director's Office for files numbered CO-2-33915 and CO-2-43860.

Attachments -

For Director's Office: Two Forms 21.

SS Form 1639

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
PROTECTIVE RESEARCH CHECK-UP

CASE NO CO-2-35588

NAME MILTEER, Joseph A.

PRESENT ADDRESS: _____

OFFICE Atlanta 3-1

HOME ADDRESS : _____

DATE March 10, 1967EMPLOYMENT : UnemployedTYPE (X) THREAT
() VISITOR () MENTAL
() ABUSIVE () OTHER

RECENT ACTIVITIES; PROTECTIVE DATA DEVELOPED AND SOURCE:

On 3/9/67

[redacted] Quitman, Ga. was contacted by phone -

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[redacted] and he stated that subject still receives his mail at his Box 344 at Quitman. He stated that he has seen subject within the last week picking up his mail. He appears to be doing all right, has been in no trouble of late.

PHOTO AVAILABLE: (X) YES () NO CHECK-UPS (X) CONTINUED () DISCONTINUED

APPROVED: _____

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

SPECIAL AGENT

SS Form 1639

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
PROTECTIVE RESEARCH CHECK-UP

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NAME MILTEER, Joseph A. CASE NO CO-2-35588

PRESENT ADDRESS: _____ OFFICE Atlanta 3-1

HOME ADDRESS : _____ DATE Dec 12, 1966

EMPLOYMENT : Unemployed TYPE (x) THREAT

RECENT ACTIVITIES; PROTECTIVE DATA DEVELOPED AND SOURCE: () VISITOR () MENTAL

12-6-66 Quitman, Georgia. Subj. seen at

Post Office 2-3 times a week picking up mail (his box is 344, Quitman, Ga.). Subj.

owns house on out does not reside at that location; lives

in Valdosta, Georgia (about 15 miles from Quitman).

PHOTO AVAILABLE: (x) YES () NO CHECK-UPS (x) CONTINUED () DISCONTINUED

APPROVED: _____ SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE _____ SPECIAL AGENT _____

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UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
TREASURY DEPARTMENT

CO-2-43860

CO-2-26104 #264

FILE NO 3-11-601.0

ORIGIN Field

OFFICE Miami

TYPE OF CASE	STATUS	TITLE OR CAPTION
Protective Research	Closed	Person Not Identified:
INVESTIGATION MADE AT	PERIOD COVERED	Name: Anonymous caller
Miami, Florida	12-13 - 12-29-65	Type: Threat
INVESTIGATION MADE BY		
Special Agent		

DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

An unknown individual called William Somerset by telephone on 12-11-65, identifying himself as a friend of Somerset's and a member of the National Federation of Labor who had just returned from Andros Island where he had been employed as an electrician. The individual informed Somerset that certain person (un-named) in the building trades from Savannah, Georgia, have it in for Somerset and also the President and may try to kill them. A list of known individuals in the N.F.L. from Savannah was obtained from Somerset. Attempts to identify the caller have been unsuccessful.

(A) INTRODUCTION:

This case originated on 12-13-65 upon the receipt of a telephone call from SA [REDACTED] FBI, Miami. SA [REDACTED] advised an unknown caller had advised William Somerset, Organizer for the National Federation of Labor, of a threat against the life of the President.

(B) GENERAL INVESTIGATION:

On 12-13-65 information was received from SA [REDACTED] FBI, Miami concerning William Somerset, 937 N. E. 1st. Ave., Miami, Florida. [REDACTED] said the following information was received from Somerset. On Saturday, December 11, 1965, at 9:30 A.M., Somerset received a call from an unknown male who said he was an electrician from Savannah, Georgia. The caller said he had just returned from Andros Island in the Bahamas, and was on his way home to Savannah. He told Somerset he had known Somerset for many years and was a member of the National Federation of Labor. He said he was also a member of the Association of Georgia Klans and knew [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of this Klan.

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE			

Somersett was asked by the caller if he had been in trouble with the Labor Department regarding union records. Somersett replied that he in fact had. The caller then told Somersett the building trades unions in Savannah had initiated the investigation of the N.F.L. He also told Somersett to be very careful, as "the building trades got it in for you and may kill you, and also got it in for President Johnson and may kill him." Certain individuals in the trade unions, especially the electrician's, were put off about President Johnson's pressure on the strikes at military bases and what they felt was a double-cross in respect to the repeal of Amendment 14B.

The caller told Somersett he would not reveal his name for fear of his family. The caller would not tell Somersett the names of any of the disgruntled union members either.

On 12-14-65 the writer personally interviewed Mr. Somersett at his office. Somersett stated he would do everything he could to help the Secret Service and wanted to make sure nothing happened to the President if he could help it. During the interview Somersett talked rapidly about various subjects ranging from his lobbying efforts in Washington to his undercover work for the U. S. government. He also supplied the writer with various pieces of literature concerning the National Federation of Labor. Somersett reiterated to the interviewer almost word for word what had been transmitted to this office from the FBI. He stated he did not believe the caller was personally involved in what ever plot might exist, however he thought the person knew who was. Somersett said he did not recognize the voice of the caller nor did he know if the call was made locally. He did furnish the writer with a list of names of individuals who were members of the N.F.L. in Savannah and were electricians. (See attached list.)

During the interview Somersett

On 12-16-65 SA [REDACTED] report was recieved by this office and forwarded to Headquarters. On the same date [REDACTED] advised he had no further information as to whom the caller might be.

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On 12-29-65 the writer contacted SA [REDACTED] of State Department Security, Miami. SA [REDACTED] advised none of the names on the attach-list were listed in the local files of their department. [REDACTED] requested, by telephone, that the NASA Security Department at Cocoa Beach, Florida check their files in this matter which also proved negative. SA [REDACTED] advised he would attempt to make further contacts in this case and would advise this office if he obtained anything concrete.

(F) DISPOSITION:

This case is closed in Miami. Copies are being forwarded to the Atlanta Office for their review and any investigation which they deem necessary.

Attached to all reports is the list of names furnished by William Somerset.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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U. S. Secret Service

3-11-601.0

TO : SAIC P.R.S.

DATE: December 16, 1965

FROM : SAIC - Miami

SUBJECT: Unknown Subject: Threat against the President

I am attaching copy of report received this date from the FBI.

We are attempting to identify the unknown individual who made this call in order to further identify those in the building trades which may cause bodily harm to the President.

We have interviewed William Somerset and he

He alleged that he reported that President Kennedy was to be killed to the Secret Service (we have no local record of this complaint) and it would be of interest to our inquiry if the PRS would advise if they have any report of Mr. Somerset's information in this regard.

Please advise file number assigned.

Att. Index card

SAIC - Miami

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

U.S. ET SERVICE

CO-2-33,915

CO-2-26,104 Doc. # 269

DATE: December 13, 1965

TO : Acting SAIC ID

FROM : SA ID

SUBJECT: Threat to President from Members of KKK in Georgia - Info. from FBI

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SA [REDACTED] FBI, phoned at 5:15PM, this date, and advised that William Somerset, National Organizer, National Federation of Labor, 937 N.E. 1st Avenue, Miami, Florida, received information from an unknown source that he and President Johnson may be killed by members of the Association of Georgia Klans. [REDACTED]

Unknown source advised Somerset that he is an electrician in Savannah, Georgia; that he has been working on Andros Island, Bahamas; that he is a member of the Assoc. of Georgia Klans; and that he could not identify himself because of possible danger to his family. Somerset received the information on 12-12-65.

Source told Somerset that a [REDACTED] N/R, and [REDACTED] CO-2-26,104, Doc. # 269, were responsible for subject threat. Source ask Somerset if he has had trouble with the Labor Department Building Trade, and then told him that the Building Trade, "has got it in for you and President Johnson and may kill you both". The above individuals reportedly stated, "President Johnson has put pressure, on a military basis, on Union Strikes and Johnson has double-crossed the Building Trade on a repel of 14b (Open shop in individual states)".

Agent [REDACTED] said that Administrative Aide [REDACTED] SS in Miami; the Miami Police Department; and Military Intelligence, Miami were notified of the above.

Special Agent

cc: ATSAIC



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

U. S. Secret Service

TO : SAIC PRS

DATE: March 11, 1964 v//

FROM : Miami Office, FBI

SUBJECT:

and William Somerset, CO-2-33,915.

Special Agent, [REDACTED] Headquarters Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C., called this office at 6:05 P.M., 3-11-64 and furnished the following from their Miami Field Office.

[REDACTED]

(This is the end of the Miami FBI, report)

SA [REDACTED] further stated that he believes, "This rifle is still in the possession of [REDACTED]"

Trying to get more information the underwriter questioned SA [REDACTED] about why the Miami Police Department furnished these subject's with a rifle? What investigation was under way with these subjects? Were they under surveillance? Just where is the rifle, does [REDACTED] actually have it? What prompted the taped interview? What actually was the Bureau trying to tell this office? To these questions SA [REDACTED] stated that the above information was all they had from their Miami office.

William Somerset, CO-2-33,915,
for the FBI and not now employed by their Service.

, is a former informant

Special Agent, PRS

Ce. Miami



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida
December 13, 1965

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BUILDING TRADES UNIONS,
December 11, 1965
THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT

William Somerset, National Organizer of the National Federation of Labor, Inc. (NFL), 937 Northeast 1st Avenue, Miami, Florida, telephone number 373-2271, furnished the following information on December 13, 1965:

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At 9:30 A.M., December 11, 1965, an unknown individual contacted him telephonically, stating he was an electrician from Savannah, Georgia, had been working on Andros Island in the Bahamas, and was on his way home to Savannah. He advised he had known Somerset in years past, that he was a member of the Association of Georgia Klans, and that he knows [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who are also members of this Klan.

A characterization of the Association of Georgia Klans is located in the Appendix of this memorandum.

This individual asked Somerset if he had had trouble with the Labor Department regarding his union records. Somerset stated he told this individual that he had in fact been investigated by the Labor Department. This individual then advised him that the building trades unions in Savannah had initiated the investigation of the NFL by the Labor Department. He then told Somerset to be very careful, as "the building trades got it in for you and may kill you, and also got it in for President Johnson and may kill him." Somerset inquired as to why the pressure was being put on President Johnson. This individual replied that President Johnson had put pressure on military bases in connection with union strikes, and had double-crossed the building trades with respect to the repeal of Amendment 14B.

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No further investigation is being
conducted in this matter.

Re: Unknown Subject; Building Trades Unions, December 11, 1965

The unknown individual refused to say anything else. He said he could not furnish his name as "they would kill him and his family if they knew he had talked."

b7c At 11:40 A.M., December 13, 1965, the above information was furnished to Administrative Assistant [REDACTED] U.S. Secret Service, Miami; at 11:44 A.M. to Major Henry Morgan, 111th INTC Group, Army, Miami; and at 11:50 A.M. to Lieutenant [REDACTED] Intelligence Division, Miami, Florida Police Department.

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TO: U. S. SECRET SERVICE 001

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; PERSONS RESIDING ON MIAMI BEACH; WILLIE D. SOMERSETT - COMPLAINANT; THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT.

ON OCTOBER TWENTYONE, INSTANT, THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM WAS SENT TO DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHARD KLEINDIENST, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WASHINGTON, D.C.:

"PLEASE SEND SPECIAL AGENT TO SEE ME AT ONCE ON MATTER REGARDING PLOT TO KILL PRESIDENT NIXON. PLEASE DON'T SEND ANYONE FROM THIS AREA." SIGNED WILLIE A. SOMERSETT, ONE THREE THREE SIX NORTH MIAMI AVE., APARTMENT FOUR

ON OCTOBER TWENTYONE, NINETEEN SIXTYNINE, SOMERSETT WAS LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED AT HIS APARTMENT AT ABOVE ADDRESS.

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HE ADVISED THAT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO HE HAD PRINTED SOME PAMPHLETS WHICH PRAISED PRESIDENT NIXON'S EFFORTS TO OUST JUSTICE ABE FORTAS FROM THE SUPREME COURT. HE DISTRIBUTED SEVERAL HUNDRED OF THESE PAMPHLETS ON MIAMI BEACH. HE SAID NUMEROUS JEWISH PERSONS TO WHOM HE GAVE THESE PAMPHLETS WERE AVERY UPSET WITH THEM AND DID NOT THINK FORTAS SHOULD BE OUSTED FROM HIS POSITION. THEY ALSO WERE OPPOSED TO PRESIDENT NIXON'S EFFORTS TO OUST HIM FROM THE SUPREME COURT.

ACCORDING TO SOMERSETT, SEVERAL OF THESE JEWISH PERSONS SAID THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE PRESIDENT NIXON DEAD. SOMERSETT SAID HE COULD NOT RECALL THE IDENTITIES OF ANY OF THESE PERSONS. HE HAD NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION WHATSOEVER REGARDING ANY PLOT ON THE PART OF THESE PERSONS TO KILL PRESIDENT NIXON OR TO HARM HIM IN ANY WAY.

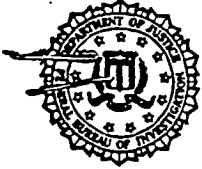
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AT FOUR THIRTY PM, OCTOBER TWENTYONE, INSTANT, THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED TO ASSISTANT AGENT IN CHARGE CASIMIR CZPAK, USSS, MIAMI, FLORIDA.

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NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE FBI.
IF ANY INFORMATION IS DEVELOPED DURING YOUR INVESTIGATION OF THIS
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TITLE EIGHTEEN, U. S. CODE, THE FBI SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida
November 11, 1963

Re: THREAT TO KILL PRESIDENT
KENNEDY BY J. A. MILTEER,
MIAMI, FLORIDA, NOVEMBER 9, 1963

A source advised as follows on November 10, 1963:

J. A. MILTEER, Quitman, Georgia, visited in Miami, Florida, on November 9, 1963, prior to attending a political rally in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. While in Miami, MILTEER stated that plans are in the making to kill President JOHN F. KENNEDY at some future date. MILTEER suggested that JACK BROWN, a Klansman from Chattanooga, Tennessee, is the man who could do the job, and also indicated that he, MILTEER, would be willing to help. MILTEER said he was familiar with Washington, D. C., and the job of killing the President could be done from an office or a hotel in the vicinity of the White House, using a high-powered rifle.

In addition to the statement regarding President KENNEDY, MILTEER also stated that JACK BROWN had made attempts to follow MARTIN LUTHER KING, an integration leader, in an effort to kill KING, but he did not get the opportunity.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida
November 8, 1963

RE: CONSTITUTION PARTY OF THE
UNITED STATES

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised as follows on October 30, 1963:

J. A. MILTEER, Quitman, Georgia, stated, prior to the meeting of the Constitution Party of the United States (CPOTUS) in Indiana on October 18 - 20, 1963, that he wanted to form a hard core group in this organization working underground, and, if necessary, to use violence to eliminate people in high political positions. The source noted that MILTEER did not elaborate on this statement.

On the evening of October 18, 1963, approximately 30 individuals met on the third floor, Room A of the Marott Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana. The meeting was called to order by Chairman CURTIS DOYLE, who requested reports from the individuals from the various states present, which included six different states.

STANLEY POSPISIL, of Miami, Florida, suggested the CPOTUS draft Senator STROM THURMOND of South Carolina for President of the United States.

A representative from the State of Michigan made a speech criticizing President JOHN F. KENNEDY as well as the Republicans.

KENNETH GOFF from Colorado, who reportedly heads a group known as "Soldiers of the Cross," spoke against President JOHN F. KENNEDY, the Government, and said that the Government is full of communists and indicated he was not satisfied with the CPOTUS.

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RE: CONSTITUTION PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES

J. A. WINTER spoke along the same lines as GOFF and suggested having a hard core group formed to prevent the United States Government from being taken over by the communists.

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[REDACTED] a meeting was held [REDACTED] This room had been rented [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

They included the following:

[REDACTED]
WILLIAM SOMERSETT
[REDACTED]

At about 10:00 A. M., on October 19, 1963, 60 - 70 individuals attended the general meeting of the CPOTUS at the Marott Hotel. MARY DAVISON from West Palm Beach, Florida, gave a speech on foreign relations, the United Nations, and the communist take-over of the United States Government. She also spoke against President JOHN F. KENNEDY, and the President's soft attitude toward communists.

KENNETH GOFF also spoke at the meeting, stating he was not in agreement with the policies of this organization and was resigning as a member.

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RE: CONSTITUTION PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES

FRANCIS DUB, from Atlanta, Georgia, also spoke at the Saturday meeting and informed those present that he had a powerful backing from the Citizens Council of Georgia.

Some of the individuals known to have been in attendance at the CPOTUS meeting, included the following:

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
KENNETH GIBB ✓
Colorado

J. A. WILSON ✓
Quitman, Georgia

WILLIAM ST. ROBERT ✓
Miami, Florida

MARY DAVISON ✓
West Palm Beach, Florida
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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RE: CONSTITUTION PARTY - UNITED STATES

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b7C According to the above source, MILTEER, [REDACTED] and COFF have become disillusioned and will probably have nothing or little to do with this organization in the future.

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URGENT 11/22/63 5-45PM EST LG

TO DIRECTOR, AND SAC-S GALIAS, AND MIAMI
FROM SAC, ATLANTA 109-447 1P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, NOVEMBER ONE
SIXTY THREE.

RE MIAMI AIRTEL TO BUREAU NOV. TWELVE LAST, RE:
THREAT TO KILL PRES. KENNEDY BY J. A. WILSON
NOV. NINE LAST.

INTER-S WHEREABOUTS AT QUINCY, GA., 11/22/63
SECRET SERVICE ADVISED. LOCAL SECRET SERVICE
OF WHEREABOUTS OF [REDACTED] BOMB SUSPECT, AND
WHO WAS INVOLVED IN RIOTS OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI, 1963
OF UNIVERSITY OF MISS.

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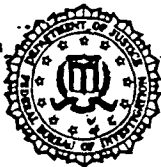
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Miami, Florida
November 26, 1963

100-2-33,915

RE: CONSTITUTIONAL AMERICAN PARTIES
OF THE UNITED STATES

A Source, who has furnished reliable information in the past and in addition has furnished some information which could not be verified or corroborated, advised as follows on November 26, 1963:

J. A. MILTEER from Valdosta, Georgia, held a meeting in the Wade-Hampton Hotel, Columbia, South Carolina, on November 24, 1963, [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] A characterization of the Association of South Carolina Klans is attached hereto and sources therein have furnished reliable information in the past.

Also in attendance were [REDACTED] b7C

and [REDACTED]

MILTEER informed those present that he was preparing a pamphlet which he wants to disseminate throughout the country. He noted that in view of the

Re: CONSTITUTIONAL AMERICAN PARTIES OF THE UNITED STATES

recent events in Dallas, Texas, he would have to alter the information he was setting out in his pamphlet.

The same source, referred to above, in a private conversation with [REDACTED] stated he questioned MILTEER, indicating that he was not too familiar with MILTEER's activities. [REDACTED] stated that the National Klan will meet on December 1, 1963, and that the Association of South Carolina Klans has a meeting scheduled for December 8, 1963. b7c

A characterization of the National Ku Klux Klan is attached hereto and sources therein have furnished reliable information in the past.

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[REDACTED] FBI HQ, passed the following information to us per suggestion of [REDACTED]

On Nov. 10 and 11 information came to FBI from an informant concerning J. A. Milteer, active in Constitutional American Party, which information was furnished early the morning of Nov. 11 to Agent [REDACTED] of our Washington Field Office. Plans, he alleged, were being made to kill the President at some future date. He thought it might be done from some place near the White House with a high powered rifle.

Subsequently, [REDACTED] continued, the Secret Service [REDACTED] contacted the informant and interviewed him and had access to a recording of interview with him.

The same informant has just furnished additional information which in many instances cannot be verified.

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[REDACTED] met Milteer in [REDACTED] Florida, [REDACTED] at which time Milteer was jubilant over the assassination and said "everything ran true to form--I guess you thought I was kidding you when I said he would be killed from a window with a high-powered rifle." Source then asked Milteer whether he was guessing when he gave the original information about the plan. Milteer replied "I don't do any guessing." Then Milteer allegedly said on the 23rd that he had been in Ft. Worth and Dallas, as well as other southern cities, but did not indicate the date he visited these cities. Milteer allegedly had contact with Robert Shelton who is a KKK leader but he thought Shelton could not be depended upon as he opposes violence. Milteer was quoted as saying Martin Luther King and Attorney General Kennedy are now unimportant, but the next move would be against "the big Jew." Milteer alleged that there is a Communist conspiracy by Jews to overthrow the United States. On Nov. 24 the informant received information from Milteer that Milteer may have made a telephone call which was pertinent and that they do not have to worry about Oswald getting caught because Oswald know nothing and the right wing was in the clear.

Informant indicated Milteer while at Columbia, S. C. Nov. 24 made some notes prior to arrival of members of the Constitutional American Party who were to have a meeting there and captioned the notes "Notes to all Christians--The Zionist Jews killed Christ 2000 years ago and on Nov. 22, 1963, they killed President Kennedy. You Jews killed the President. We are going to kill you."

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FBI Atlanta Office determined that Milteer was, on Nov. 22, at Quitman, Georgia.

FBI is in process of locating Milteer to question him because of his interest in American Constitutional Party Hate organization.

FBI will furnish our office with any further pertinent information developed.

Not possible to evaluate the reliability of the informant; however, he was interviewed by Secret Service Agent in [REDACTED] who may have made some comment as to his judgment of the man's veracity.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to:

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: January 22, 1964

Office: Atlanta, Georgia

Field Office File #: 157-608

Bureau File #:

Title: JOSEPH ADAMS MILTEER

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis:

JOSEPH ADAMS MILTEER was born 2/26/02, at Quitman, Ga., and presently lives at Quitman and Valdosta, Ga. MILTEER is a wealthy bachelor who inherited an estimated \$200,000 from his father's estate. He has no family, no employment, and spends a great deal of time travelling throughout the Southeast. MILTEER has been unsuccessful in city politics at Quitman and publishes a weekly pamphlet criticizing the operation of the Quitman City Government. MILTEER has associated himself with the Constitution Party of the U. S. and attended a convention of this party held at Indianapolis, Ind., during October, 1963. He was reprimanded by this party for describing himself as being the party regional chairman for the Southeastern states. MILTEER became disillusioned with the Constitution Party of the U. S. and has attempted to form a party known as the Constitutional American Parties of the U. S. MILTEER allegedly intends to use the Constitutional American Parties of the U. S. as a front to form a hard core underground for possible violence in combating integration. MILTEER, on 11/9/63, was in a conversation concerning the possible assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. MILTEER, on interview, admitted being a member of the White Citizens Council, Atlanta, Ga., Congress of Freedom, and the Constitution Party of the U. S. He denied making threats to assassinate the President of the U. S. or participating in the President's assassination. MILTEER REPORTEDLY CARRIES A .38 CALIBER REVOLVER IN HIS CAR WHEN TRAVELLING AND CAUTION SHOULD BE USED IN EVENT MILTEER IS CONTACTED.

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DETAILS:

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I. BACKGROUND

A. Birthdate

MILTEER, on November 27, 1963, advised he was born on February 26, 1902, at Quitman, Georgia. Records, Brooks County Health Department, and Brooks County Ordinary, Quitman, as examined on January 7, 1964, contained no record of MILTEER's birth. Records, Quitman High School, Quitman, Georgia, contain no birth data for MILTEER.

B. Citizenship Status

born at Quitman, Georgia

C. Education

Graduated from Quitman High School, Quitman, Georgia, in 1921.

D. Marital Status

Single

E. Military Service

MILTEER not known to have been in the Armed Forces of the United States.

F. Credit and Identification

b7c [REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Brooks County, Quitman, Georgia, on September 24, 1962, advised she is personally acquainted with JOSEPH ADAMS MILTEER, who lives at the corner of Lafayette and Clay Streets, Quitman. MILTEER is considered to be an eccentric person and very little is known concerning his activities. He is approximately sixty years old and lives alone in a large run-down house. Very little is known concerning his background, but he was brought up in Quitman. His parents are deceased and he has no other relatives living in this area. It is rumored that MILTEER has lived in California and in the vicinity of Washington, D. C., where he operated some kind of concession around military reservations.

MILTEER has never bought anything on credit and does most of his buying in Valdosta, Georgia. MILTEER is a very frugal person and his net worth is estimated to be in excess of \$200,000. His father died approximately one year ago, leaving him a substantial amount of money and property. It has been rumored that MILTEER has made large deposits of money at banks in Jacksonville, Florida. During May, 1962, MILTEER sold the city of Quitman property for which he received \$20,000 in cash.

b7C [redacted] advised a short time ago she visited the Municipal Airport at Valdosta, Georgia. During this visit, she observed MILTEER hauling mail from the airport to the Post Office in Valdosta. She did not know whether he was an employee of the Post Office or whether he had a contract to haul mail. Other than the above, he is seemingly unemployed.

During the past few years, MILTEER has been a constant fault-finder in the management of the City of Quitman. He digs up insignificant things that have not been done properly by city officials and publishes a small leaflet criticising the city administration. He does not have any close friends and she had never heard of him meeting with any group or organization.

b7C [redacted] advised MILTEER is single and lives alone. There have been rumors that he was an associate of a woman in Valdosta, Georgia, but [redacted] did not know the identity of this woman. She also heard that MILTEER was once arrested by the Valdosta, Georgia Police Department. Apparently nothing ever came of this arrest since MILTEER has never served a prison sentence to her knowledge. [redacted] did not know the nature of the above arrest.

Records of the Credit Bureau of Brooks County, Quitman, Georgia, and the Credit Bureau of Valdosta, Valdosta, Georgia, as examined on January 7, 1964, revealed nothing in addition to the above information.

b7C [redacted] Quitman, Georgia Police Department, on September 24, 1962, and January 7, 1964, advised MILTEER has no identification record with this department.

Records of the Valdosta, Georgia Police Department show MILTEER was arrested on January 29, 1955, on suspicion of burglary and was released. He was fingerprinted on January 29, 1955, by the Lowndes County Sheriff's Office, Valdosta, Georgia, Number 1153.

The Identification Division, on December 2, 1963, advised its records contained a duplicate of the above fingerprint card and has no additional identification record for MILTEER.

G. Employment

b7c MILTEER has no known employment at the present time. [redacted] Credit Bureau of Brooks County, Quitman, Georgia, advised MILTEER allegedly operated concessions in the vicinity of military reservations in the past. She could furnish no specific information concerning this employment.

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b7D Confidential Informant [redacted] on November 9, 1963, advised MILTEER claimed to have been employed for three and one-half years around the United States Supreme Court, Washington, D. C. [redacted] could furnish no specific information concerning this alleged employment.

b7c [redacted] Valdosta, Georgia, on January 7, 1964, advised that around 1962 [redacted] Valdosta, Georgia, had a contract to haul mail from the Municipal Airport, Valdosta, Georgia, to the Valdosta Post Office. [redacted] was ill for two or three months during 1962 and had MILTEER substitute for him in hauling the above mail. [redacted] no longer has the above contract.

H. Residence

1. Corner of Clay and Lafayette Streets,
Quitman, Georgia
2. In care of [redacted]
[redacted]
Valdosta, Georgia

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I. Physical Description

The following is a physical description of MILTEER as obtained by interview and observation on November 27, 1963:

Name	JOSEPH ADAMS MILTEER
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'4"
Weight	160 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Gray, partially thinning
Complexion	Ruddy
Characteristics	Wears glasses with metal frame; heavy waistline, small, round shouldered; nearly always unshaven, short gray stub with about two days growth, shabby dresser, wears old-fashioned clothes; tan hunting type cap; short legged; most of height from waist upward
Relatives	None known
FBI Number	None

J. Make and Model of Automobile

1. 1962 gray Volvo, 1963 Georgia license 61-D 226

Records of the Brooks County Tax Collector, Quitman, Georgia, show 1963 Georgia 61-D 226 was issued February 22, 1963, to J. A. MILTEER, North Clay Street, Quitman, Georgia, for use on a 1962 Volvo, two-door sedan, Vehicle Identification Number 141502678.

2. 1963 Volkswagen station wagon, 1963 Georgia license 11D 2762

Records of the Lowndes County Tax Collector, Valdosta, Georgia, show 1963 Georgia license 11-D 2762 was issued on August 15, 1963, to JOE MILTEER, 212 South Troupe Street, Valdosta, Georgia, for use on a 1963 Volkswagen station wagon, model 221, Vehicle Identification Number 1043319. This Volkswagen was purchased on August 15, 1963, from Pipkins Motors, Inc., North Ashley Street, Valdosta, Georgia.

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b7c [REDACTED] Pipkins Motors, Inc., North Ashley Street, Valdosta, Georgia, on January 8, 1964, advised that MILTEER, on November 26, 1963, traded the above 1963 Volkswagen station wagon for a 1964 Volkswagen station wagon, Vehicle Identification Number 1185675, Motor Number 0312846. At the time of this trade MILTEER listed his address as 212 South Troupe Street, Valdosta, Georgia. The Volkswagen which is turquoise and white in color, bore no license plate when observed by FBI Agents on November 27, 1963.

K. Photograph

MILTEER was photographed by FBI Agents on November 27, 1963, and copies of this photograph are maintained by Atlanta.

L. Special Abilities

MILTEER is a prolific writer and is the author of numerous pamphlets which he distributes himself.

MILTEER reportedly carries a .38 caliber revolver in his car when travelling.

M. Associates

Chief WILLIAM R. ELLIOTT, Quitman, Georgia, Police Department, advised MILTEER is well known to all persons in Quitman. MILTEER is considered eccentric and has no close associates in this city.

b7c MILTEER is closely associated with [REDACTED] Valdosta, Georgia, and spends a great deal of his time at the above address.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH HATE-TYPE ORGANIZATIONS

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b7D Confidential Informant [REDACTED] on May 18, 1962, made available to Atlanta a leaflet captioned "The Last Days of the Republic, Urgent Call to All White Christian Voters in Georgia" signed "G. Seals Aiken, Chairman and Founder, Constitution Party of Georgia, 1104-5 First National Bank Building, Atlanta, Georgia" and "J. A. (JOE) MILTEER, Organization Director, Constitution Party of Georgia, Quitman, Georgia."

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This pamphlet urged persons to attend a meeting at the Red Barn, Highway 80, Macon, Georgia, on May 20, 1962. It urged "White Christians, Believing in White Supremacy, Believing Communism Is the Work of the Anti-Christian, and Believing It Is Entirely Up to White Christians to Recapture Control Of Our State and Return to Solvency" to attend and organize a "White Christian American Grass Roots Movement."

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[REDACTED] on July 17, 1962, advised the above meeting was attended by approximately fifteen unidentified persons from Quitman, Georgia. Approximately eight persons from Macon, Georgia, attended. The meeting was a flop. RALPH LINDSEY, Organizer, White Citizens Council for the Betterment of America, Macon, Georgia, sent word to this meeting of the Constitution Party that the people of Macon were organized and that this party was not necessary and was not wanted in Macon.

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[REDACTED] Quitman, Georgia, Police Department, on September 24, 1962, advised he has been acquainted with MILTEER for approximately ten years. He described MILTEER as being an "agitator" who spends his time finding fault with the administration of the City of Quitman. MILTEER makes a big to-do about his criticism and prints a leaflet which he distributes among the residents of Quitman. MILTEER has no close associates and Chief ELLIOTT has never known him to meet with any group of people. His father and mother are dead and he has no relatives in this area. He lives alone in a large run-down house and is considered eccentric.

MILTEER is considered to be well off financially although he is very frugal in his living habits. He generally drives a foreign made automobile and visits Jacksonville, Florida, frequently. During city elections in Quitman MILTEER talks about a third party but very few people pay any attention to him. MILTEER has been defeated on several occasions in his efforts to become a City Commissioner in Quitman.

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] on October 11, 1963, advised MILTEER visited Miami, Florida, on October 10, 1963, distributing the following leaflets:

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End of Kennedy, King, Khrushchev Dictatorship;
Operation Survival; David Goes Forth to Meet Goliath; Why?;
Defender or Defector; Liars and Easter; War Time Emergencies;
Is Term "Cold War" A Lie?; and When They Take Over.

The above leaflets were critical of the United States Supreme Court and of the Government of the United States. They criticized the liberal element in the United States and championed the "Right Wing" conservatism.

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[REDACTED] advised MILTEER was distributing the above pamphlets to a number of trusted people throughout the United States in an attempt to have them participate in a meeting to be held at the Marott Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 19 - 20, 1963, to formulate plans to put an end to the Kennedy, King and Khrushchev Dictatorship over the nation. At this meeting a Board of Directors was to be picked to supervise and direct an "underground Army" in their respective areas. MILTEER stated "next year there is to be a lot of killing and it may be necessary to go right into the State Department and place several of the traitors (not identified by MILTEER) under citizen's arrest. If these traitors resist, they will kill them right on the spot." The above was the purpose for forming the "Underground Army."

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MILTEER described MILLER GRUBBS, Louisville, Kentucky, as being a leader of the Constitution Party of the United States. [REDACTED] identified GRUBBS as being a constitutional lawyer who also heads an organization believed to be "Citizens For Arrest of Traitors."

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] on October 15, 1963, advised the Constitution Party of the United States would hold a national committee meeting at the Marott Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana, from October 19 - 21, 1963. Dr. ARTHUR G. BLAZEY, Indiana state chairman of the Constitution Party of the United States was quoted in the Indianapolis Star as stating the party was organized in Indianapolis in 1960 to "correlate the efforts of conservative votes in all states who have finally realized that we have been denied a two party system for the past thirty years." Lieutenant General Padro A. del Valle, United States Marine Corps (Retired), Annapolis, Maryland, was to be the main speaker. Dr. BLAZEY described General del Valle as being one who has not retired from the battle to serve this country from

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such enemies as the United Nations and current administration collaborators who want to strip our Republic of all defense arms and resources in order to subject our people to one-world tyranny.

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] on October 30, 1963, advised that on the evening of October 18, 1963, approximately thirty individuals met at the Marott Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana. KENNETH GOFF from Colorado, who reportedly heads a group known as "Soldiers of the Cross" spoke against KENNEDY, the Government, and said that the Government is full of Communists and indicated he was not satisfied with the Constitution Party of the United States. MILTEER spoke along the same lines as GOFF and suggested having a hard core group formed to prevent the United States Government from being taken over by Communists.

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[REDACTED] met [REDACTED]

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] on November 4, 1963, advised that on October 18 - 20, 1963, MILTEER and [REDACTED] roomed together in Room 220, Marott Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana. Both were attending the convention of the Constitution Party of the United States.

[REDACTED] learned that [REDACTED] admired JACK BROWN, Chattanooga, Tennessee. [REDACTED] described BROWN as being a Klansman, and stated that he admired him more than any Klansman he had ever met. [REDACTED] was of the opinion that [REDACTED] met BROWN while en route to Indianapolis. Died on 4/4/65

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] stated the United States Government was spending \$10,000 monthly protecting someone in his neighborhood in Atlanta, Georgia. This person had been visited by MARTIN LUTHER KING and GUS HALL. MILTEER commented that he could kill this individual by Tuesday. MILTEER did not relish killing but he could do it. MILTEER stated he would first have to see this individual so that he would not kill the wrong man. [REDACTED] learned that this individual was (First Name Unknown) COLE, head of the Student Non-Violent Committee, Atlanta, Georgia.

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b7C JAMES FORMAN, Executive Secretary, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, on October 25, 1963, advised that there is no one named COLE employed by the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. COLE could possibly be identical with [REDACTED] Negro male student of [REDACTED]

Chief WILLIAM R. ELLIOTT, Quitman, Georgia, Police Department, on October 25, 1963, advised the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee has not been active in the Quitman area. He knew of no one named COLE in this area that could be the object of MILTEER's threat.

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b7D [REDACTED] advised MILTEER claimed he ran for Governor of Georgia under the Constitution Party of Georgia. MILTEER also claimed he was the Regional Director of the southeastern states of the Constitution Party of the United States.

On October 20, 1963, MILTEER was advised by the national committee of the Constitution Party that he was not entitled to use the above designation since such a title did not exist in the party. MILTEER was advised that AIKENS was the chairman of the Constitution Party of Georgia. MILTEER claimed that AIKENS was not active. MILTEER was then advised to contact AIKENS and work it out with him to get himself elected to the National Committee by the Georgia delegation. After MILTEER left the closed session of the National Committee it was indicated that the members of this committee did not trust MILTEER.

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b7D [REDACTED] learned that MILTEER and WALLACE BUTTERWORTH were enemies and that MILTEER indicated that BUTTERWORTH was to be eliminated when the time comes.

It has been ascertained that HERBERT W. BUTTERWORTH is an officer in the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and is Secretary of the Defensive Legion of Registered Americans, Inc., which is described as an anti-Semitic and anti-Negro organization.

An article entitled "Constitutionists Develop Split" appeared in the October 23, 1963, edition of the "Indianapolis Star", Indianapolis, Indiana. This article quoted CURTIS B. DALL,

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National Chairman, Constitution Party of the United States, as stating that several hundred representatives at the above meeting indicated that they would prefer United States Senator BARRY M. GOLDWATER for their Presidential nominee. A movement against STROM THURMOND appeared when the National Committee started a move to kick out J. A. MILTEER, Quitman, Georgia, for declaring himself Regional Chairman for THURMOND in the Southeastern states. MILTEER had driven a truck plastered with signs advocating the nomination of THURMOND from Georgia. He spoke freely to the press. This rankled Colonel DALL, who considers himself spokesman.

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After the threat to expel MILTEER from the party, an executive committee was held. This committee meeting was attended by MILTEER. At the conclusion of the meeting MILTEER said that DALL and the Executive Committee informed him that he could stay within party ranks but he would have to confine his activity to the State of Georgia. [REDACTED] said that MILTEER was dejected and disgusted with the above meeting of the Constitution Party of the United States.

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] on November 9, 1963, advised that MILTEER visited Miami, Florida, on that date. While in Miami, MILTEER advised that plans were in the making to kill President JOHN F. KENNEDY at some future date. MILTEER suggested JACK BROWN, Chattanooga, Tennessee, as the man who could do the job and indicated that he would be willing to help. While being questioned concerning the plan, MILTEER stated he was familiar with Washington and the job could be done from an office or hotel in the vicinity of the White House by using a high powered rifle. MILTEER also advised that JACK BROWN had made attempts to follow MARTIN LUTHER KING in an effort to kill KING but never did get an opportunity.

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[REDACTED] on November 12, 1963, advised MILTEER is forming a new political party as opposed to the Republican and Democratic Parties. MILTEER suggested that he is naming his new party the "American Constitutional Party" or a name similar to this. This organization will be composed of a hard core underground whose identity will be secret. [REDACTED] Anniston, Alabama, and JACK BROWN, Chattanooga, Tennessee, are to be invited to join as underground members. The organization will be used as a front and the only individual to be exposed will be MILTEER.

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b7D [REDACTED] on November 14, 1963, made available the principles and objectives of the Constitutional American Parties of the United States as furnished by MILTEER:

"PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL
AMERICAN PARTIES (C A P) OF THE UNITED STATES.

- "1. Uphold and defend the United States Constitution and State Rights.
2. Keep State and Church separate; Uphold right of Prayer and reading of the Holy Bible in Public Schools.
3. Demand and support a strong, well trained, armed National Armed Forces commanded by tried and proven real, red-blooded, dedicated, patriotic Americans.
4. Restore and enforce The Monroe Doctrine.
5. Uphold and defend individuals' rights to have and bear arms to protect their homes, (their castles).
6. Uphold and support Free Enterprise, - (Right to work Law).
7. Protect business in whom it may hire and fire, serve and not serve.
8. Stop Foreign Aid to all Communist Countries and their Satellites.
9. Return control of our money to Congress.
10. Cut Federal spending and reduce taxes, balance the budget.
11. Limit powers of United States Supreme Court to decisions only.

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12. Limit Executive Powers of the President.
13. Seek out and remove any and all Traitors in every branch of the Federal Government wherever found.
14. Defend and support individuals' right to vote for Free Electors.
15. Work for and urge all Americans to register and vote.
16. Get the United States out of the United Nations and get the United Nations out of the United States.

For more detailed information write and send donations to

J. A. Milteer, National Chairman,
Constitutional American Parties,
(C A P), (The Constructive Parties)

P. O. Box 873

Valdosta, Ga."

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[REDACTED] MILTEER departed from Jacksonville, Florida, on November 23, 1963, by automobile en route to Columbia, South Carolina. [REDACTED] MILTEER stated he had been in Houston, Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas, as well as New Orleans, Louisiana, Biloxi and Jackson, Mississippi, and Tuscaloosa, Alabama. MILTEER said he was acquainted with R. E. DAVIS, Dallas, Texas, whom he described as a "good man." He did not indicate on what days he was in the above cities except for Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

While in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, MILTEER contacted ROBERT SHELTON, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, on the evening prior to the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, on September 15, 1963. MILTEER described SHELTON as being against violence and stated he was not dependable.

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MILTEER stated that MARTIN LUTHER KING and Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY are now unimportant. He stated their next move would be against "Big Jew" noting that there is a Communist conspiracy by the Jews to overthrow the United States Government.

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b7D [redacted] advised on the morning of November 24, 1963, [redacted] Columbia, South Carolina, MILTEER stated that they did not have worry about LEE HARVEY OSWALD getting caught because he "doesn't know anything" and that the "right wing" is in the clear. MILTEER stated "The patriots have outsmarted the Communists and had infiltrated the Communist group in order that they could carry out the plan without the right wingers becoming involved."

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b7D [redacted] on November 26, 1963, advised MILTEER, [redacted] held a meeting [redacted] Columbia, South Carolina. Attending this meeting were [redacted]

[redacted] MILTEER discussed the Principles and Objectives of the Constitutional American Parties of the United States. Prior to the arrival of the above persons MILTEER made notes on hotel stationery captioned, "Notice to All Christians." On these notes MILTEER stated "The Zionist Jews killed Christ two thousand years ago and on November 22, 1963, they killed President KENNEDY. You Jews killed the President. We are going to kill you." The note was signed "International Underground."

MILTEER advised the above persons that he was preparing a pamphlet which he wanted to disseminate throughout the country. In view of the recent events in Dallas, Texas, he would have to alter the information he was setting out in his pamphlet.

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b7D BELTON MIMS, [redacted] questioned [redacted] indicating that he was not too familiar with MILTEER's activities.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 1, 1963

JOSEPH ADAMS MILTEER, Quitman, Georgia, was interviewed November 27, 1963, at which time he advised that during April, 1963, he attended a national meeting of the Congress of Freedom, New Orleans, Louisiana. He described this organization as one that believed in Americanism and he attended this meeting as the result of an invitation by a Mr. THOMAS, Chairman of the organization, Omaha, Nebraska. He stated during this meeting neither he nor anyone in his presence discussed the assassination of President KENNEDY.

MILTEER stated further that in June, 1963, he went to Dallas, Texas, to attempt to persuade DAN SMOOT, author of the "Dan Smoot Report" to run as Vice-President on the Constitution Party ticket in the election in November, 1964. He stated he had no other business in Dallas.

b7C MILTEER further stated that on October 18-20, 1963, he traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana, with BILL SOMERSETT of Miami, Florida, and [REDACTED] of Atlanta, Georgia. They attended the National Convention of the Constitution Party. He stated he attended this meeting as the result of an invitation by CURTIS B. DALL, former son-in-law of the late President FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

MILTEER described himself as a non-dues-paying member of the White Citizens Council of Atlanta, Georgia, the Congress of Freedom and the Constitution Party.

MILTEER emphatically denies ever making threats to assassinate President KENNEDY or participating in any such assassination. He stated he has never heard anyone make such threats. He also denied making threats against anyone subsequent to the assassination of President KENNEDY. He stated he does not know, nor has he ever been in the presence of LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY to his knowledge.

MILTEER denied any knowledge of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, on September 15, 1963.

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On 11/27/63 at Quitman, Georgia File # Atlanta 105-3193

b7C SAs [REDACTED]
by [REDACTED] Date dictated 12/1/63

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b7D [redacted] on December 1, 1963, advised he met with [redacted] and [redacted] of the Association for South Carolina Klans at Columbia, South Carolina, on November 28, 1963. They discussed the assassination of President KENNEDY, the Constitutional American Parties of the United States and MILTEER. [redacted] and [redacted] expressed their regrets over the assassination of President KENNEDY and questioned [redacted] as to whether MILTEER could have been involved. [redacted] was concerned over a statement made by MILTEER that the "Right Wing" had nothing to worry about. [redacted] questioned [redacted] concerning the relationship between MILTEER, JACK BROWN, Chattanooga, Tennessee, KENNETH ADAMS, Anniston, Alabama, and BOB SHELTON, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. [redacted] was concerned as to whether MILTEER had actually formed an underground group unknown to the Klan. MILTEER and [redacted] both stated they had agreed to join with MILTEER in a campaign to blame President KENNEDY's death on the Jews. They also indicated that they would assist MILTEER in forming the Constitutional American Parties of the United States. DIED CD
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b7D [redacted] on December 1, 1963, made available the following pamphlet which was prepared by MILTEER:

"WAKE UP - - CHRISTIANS"

"The Jews had Jesus killed nearly 2000 years ago. They have not changed in all this time. They, the Zionist Jews, Communists, had President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY killed in Dallas, Texas, by LEE OSWALD, November 22, 1963. LEE OSWALD, in turn, was killed by JACK RUBINSTEIN. All violence committed by left wing groups.

"It now becomes the solemn duty of every true, red-blooded American to seek, find, expel, drive out from our country every traitor be he a Zionist Jew, Communist, or what have you.

"Give us liberty or we'll give you death.

"International Underground"

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b7D [REDACTED] on December 10, 1963, furnished the following letter, which was mailed from Valdosta, Georgia, on December 9, 1963, from MILTEER:

"CONSTITUTIONAL AMERICAN PARTIES OF U. S.
Post Office Box 873
Valdosta, Georgia
J. A. Milteer, National Chairman

"Dec. 9, 1963.

"Due to recent events which have taken place within our American borders that may, in time, change the course of history, and the usual holidays before us, it is deemed advisable to curtail any contemplated meetings of our Constitutional American Parties of the United States movement until early in the new year of 1964. You will be advised of any meeting which may be called for early in January, 1964.

"Since we are 'Right Wing' and it is our aim and intention to uphold and defend our United States Constitution against all enemies, both within and without our borders, we may be called before the F. B. I. for questioning relative to many things. You are advised to cooperate fully but do so on your Constitutional American Parties rights. Do not go alone for any conference or to answer any questions to any F. B. I. office. Be interviewed in your own home or office with some one present or with others present with you. Do not at any time be interviewed alone with any F. B. I. Agent or Agents.

"If a telephone call comes to you any where, your home, office or any other place requesting you to meet with some one at any certain place, street corner, building, home, business place, church, synagogue or any where, wait a few minutes and call the person who called you to arrange any such meeting to see if it is authentic and for further detailed instructions. This will verify the call and make it

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clear in your mind whether it is a frame-up or not. Then to further keep yourself in the clear, remain in your home or business place, do not go any where and do not meet with anybody. Frame-ups to involve any and all 'Right Wing' followers may be in the making by none other than the F. B. I. Be very cautious.

"I extend to you and your family a warm, hearty and Merry Christmas, followed with a Happy, Prosperous New Year with blessings from our LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST throughout the entire 1964 year.

"Yours for the return to GOD ALMIGHTY, the BIBLE and our United States Constitution in 1964.

"/s/ J. A. Milteer."

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Confidential Informant [redacted] on December 4, 1963, advised he is acquainted with [redacted] and [redacted] members of the Association of South Carolina Klans, and [redacted] South Carolina. [redacted] could furnish no information regarding any meeting of members of the Association of South Carolina Klans held at the Wade-Hampton Hotel, Columbia, South Carolina, on November 24, 1963. [redacted] and [redacted] are members of Klavern [redacted] Association of South Carolina Klans, [redacted] South Carolina. [redacted] have never given indication of advocating violence in connection with the racial issue. [redacted] advised there is no group known as the Constitutional American Parties of the United States at Columbia, South Carolina.

III. STATEMENTS MADE BY SUBJECT CONCERNING VIOLENCE AND ACTIVITY IN RACIAL SITUATIONS.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] on October 11, 1963, advised MILTEER was in Miami, Florida, on October 10, 1963, distributing leaflets urging people to attend a meeting of the Constitution Party of the United States at Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 19 - 20, 1963. At this meeting MILTEER claimed that a Board of Directors was to be picked to supervise an "Underground Army." MILTEER stated

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"next year there is to be a lot of killing and it may even be necessary to go right into the State Department and place some of the Traitors, not identified by MILTEER, under citizens arrest. If these traitors resist, they will kill them right on the spot."

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] on November 4, 1964, advised MILTEER, on October 18 - 20, 1963, attended the convention of the Constitution Party of the United States held at the Marott Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana. MILTEER roomed with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MILTEER, stated the United States Government was spending \$10,000 monthly protecting someone in his neighborhood in Atlanta. This individual had been visited by MARTIN LUTHER KING and GUS HALL. MILTEER commented that he could kill this individual by Tuesday. He did not relish killing but he could do it. He would first have to see this individual so that he would not kill the wrong man. The individual referred to was (First Name Unknown) COLE, head of the Student Nonviolent Committee, Atlanta, Georgia.

JAMES FORMAN, Executive Secretary, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, on October 25, 1963, advised that there is no one named COLE employed by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. COLE could possibly be identical with [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Quitman, Georgia, Police Department, on October 25, 1963, advised the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee has not been active in the Quitman, Georgia, area. He knew of no one named COLE in this area that could be the object of MILTEER's threat.

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] on November 9, 1963, advised MILTEER was visiting in Miami, Florida, on that date. MILTEER talked about plans in the making to kill President KENNEDY at some future date. He suggested JACK BROWN, Chattanooga, Tennessee, as being the man who could do the job and indicated that he would be willing to help. MILTEER stated he was familiar with Washington and the job could be done from an office or hotel in the vicinity of the White House by using a high powered rifle.

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[REDACTED] on November 20, 1963, advised that MILTEER, on November 9, 1963, told him that he was forming a new political party as opposed to the Republican and Democratic Parties. This Constitutional American Parties of the United States was to be comprised of a hard core underground whose identity will be secret. [REDACTED] Anniston, Alabama, and JACK BROWN, Chattanooga, Tennessee, are to be invited to join as underground members. The organization is to be used as a front and the only individual to be exposed will be MILTEER.

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[REDACTED] on November 26, 1963, advised that MILTEER was in [REDACTED] Jacksonville, Florida, on November 23, 1963. MILTEER stated he was very jubilate over the death of President KENNEDY. MILTEER stated "Everything ran true to form. I guess you thought I was kidding you when I said he would be killed from a window with a high powered rifle."

When questioned as to whether he was guessing when he originally made the threat regarding the President, MILTEER stated, "I don't do any guessing."

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File No.

Miami, Florida
November 27, 1963

RE: THREAT TO KILL PRESIDENT KENNEDY
BY J. A. MILTEER, MIAMI, FLORIDA
NOVEMBER 9, 1963.

On November 26, 1963, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, and in addition has furnished some information that could not be verified or corroborated, advised as follows:

b7D On November 23, 1963, J. A. MILTEER was in [REDACTED] Jacksonville, Florida, and at about 4:25 P.M., on that date, stated he was very jubilant over the death of President KENNEDY. MILTEER stated "Everything ran true to form. I guess you thought I was kidding you when I said he would be killed from a window with a high powered rifle". When questioned as to whether he was guessing when he originally made the threat regarding President KENNEDY, MILTEER is quoted as saying, "I don't do any guessing."

b7D b7C On the evening of November 23, 1963, MILTEER departed Jacksonville, Florida, by automobile enroute to Columbia, South Carolina. [REDACTED] MILTEER stated that he had been in Houston, Ft. Worth and Dallas, Texas, as well as New Orleans, Louisiana, Biloxi and Jackson, Mississippi, and Tuscaloosa, Alabama. MILTEER said he was acquainted with one [REDACTED] of Dallas, Texas, who he described as a "good man," but did not indicate he was personally acquainted with [REDACTED] MILTEER did not indicate on what dates he was in the above cities, except for Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

MILTEER related that he was in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and contacted ROBERT SHELTON; of the United Klans of American, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (United Klans), on the evening prior to the bombing of the

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BY J. A. MILTEER, MIAMI, FLORIDA
NOVEMBER 9, 1963

16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, which occurred on September 15, 1963. Regarding SHELTON, MILTEER said SHELTON was against violence and could not be depended upon.

A characterization of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (United Klans) is attached hereto and sources therein have furnished reliable information in the past.

MILTEER related that MARTIN LUTHER KING and Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY are now unimportant. He stated their next move would be against the "Big Jew" noting that there is a communist conspiracy by the Jews to overthrow the United States Government.

MILTEER arrived in Columbia, South Carolina, about midnight and registered at the Wade Hampton Hotel, Columbia, South Carolina. On the morning of November 24, 1963, MILTEER advised that they did not have to worry about LEE HARVEY OSWALD getting caught because he "doesn't know anything" and that the "right wing" is in the clear. MILTEER further related that "The patriots have outsmarted the communists and had infiltrated the communist group in order that they (communists) could carry out the plan without the right wingers becoming involved."

Later, on the morning of November 24, 1963, four individuals arrived at the Wade Hampton Hotel and conferred with MILTEER. These individuals included

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A characterization of the Association of South Carolina Klans is attached hereto and sources therein have furnished reliable information in the past.

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After their arrival, MILTEER stated there was no point in discussing President KENNEDY, and again stated "we must now concentrate on the Jews." MILTEER advised that he was preparing a pamphlet which he wanted to disseminate throughout the country. Prior to concluding their discussion, information was received that JACK RUBY had killed LEE HARVEY OSWALD. In view of this, MILTEER said he would have to alter the information he was setting out in his pamphlet.

The source advised that based on his contact with MILTEER, he could not definitely state whether MILTEER was acquainted with either RUBY or OSWALD.

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On January 1, 1964, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past and in addition, has furnished some information that could not be verified or corroborated, stated as follows:

Source stated that J. A. MILTEER returned to his home in Valdosta, Georgia, on December 31, 1963. MILTEER advised that he had been to the West Coast where he was in contact with Dr. WESLEY SWIFT, believed to be in the vicinity of Los Angeles, California. MILTEER stated that the meeting with SWIFT was very profitable and "plans are being set for real action in 1964". He related that while in contact with Dr. SWIFT, SWIFT made a speech to a group, believed by the source to have taken place on December 22, 1963. During the speech, SWIFT made the comment, "I know some of you out here are FBI Agents, so get out your pads and make notes so that I'll not be misquoted."

MILTEER further advised the source that plans are in the making to hold a meeting somewhere in the central section of the United States where it will be the most convenient for the majority of the people that will be invited to this meeting. MILTEER related that he is presently sending out questionnaires, not further described.

MILTEER related that during a trip to the West Coast, he traveled through several cities in Texas,

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including Dallas and Houston, and on his return trip made stops at Jackson, Mississippi, and Montgomery, -- Alabama.

The source stated he does not know who will sponsor the forthcoming meeting as described by MILTEER or whether the meeting will be held under MILTEER's organization, the Constitutional American Parties of the United States.

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Atlanta, Georgia
January 10, 1964

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JOSEPH ADAMS MILTEER

b7c Milteer resides in Quitman, Georgia, but spends a great deal of time living with [REDACTED] Valdosta, Georgia. He is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	February 26, 1902, Quitman, Georgia
Height	5' 4"
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Gray - partially thinning
Eyes	Blue - wears metal framed glasses
Characteristics	Heavy waisted, small round-shouldered; is nearly always unshaven with a short gray stubble of about two days' growth; is a very shabby dresser wearing old fashioned clothes, hunting type cap, tan in color; he is short-legged, most of height from waist upwards

Milteer drives a 1962 Volva with 1963 Georgia License 61D226. He also drives a Volkswagen bus bearing 1963 Georgia tag 11D2762. Milteer has in the past expressed violent sentiments. He has been active in right-wing organizations and is presently the head of an organization he calls

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Constitution Parties of the United States.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

BY LIAISON

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Date: February 3, 1967

To: Director, U. S. Secret Service

JEM From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS

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Reference is made to a memorandum dated November 11, 1963, at Miami, Florida, captioned, "Threat to Kill President Kennedy by J. A. Milteer, Miami, Florida, November 9, 1963," which was furnished to your Agency by a representative of this Bureau on November 13, 1963. The same information was telephonically furnished to your Agency at 12:15 A. M., on November 11, 1963.

Enclosed for your information and any action you may desire to take are two copies of a memorandum dated February 3, 1967, at Washington, D. C., bearing the same caption as the referenced communication.

Copies of both memoranda are being furnished to Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

Enclosures (2)



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

February 3, 1967

THREAT TO KILL PRESIDENT
KENNEDY BY J. A. MILTEER
MIAMI, FLORIDA
NOVEMBER 9, 1963

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On January 26, 1967, the Miami Office of this Bureau received the following information. It was reported that [REDACTED] Intelligence Unit, Miami Police Department, had requested permission from an informant of his Department to release to the press information regarding the plot to assassinate President John Fitzgerald Kennedy made by J. A. Milteer to the Miami Police Department informant on November 9, 1963.

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The police informant gave [REDACTED] permission to make the release provided the informant's identity was concealed. Subsequently, the police informant was contacted by [REDACTED] a reporter for the "Miami News," and the police informant confirmed his conversation regarding the threat to President Kennedy on November 9, 1963, and at the same time requested [REDACTED] to keep his identity concealed.

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According to the report [REDACTED] was preparing a story about the assassination of President Kennedy for a magazine; however, the publication was not identified. [REDACTED] was reported to have said he has always felt the U. S. Secret Service failed to do its job and the information furnished to Secret Service regarding J. A. Milteer confirms his views. [REDACTED] also reported to have said Senator Robert F. Kennedy, who was Attorney General at the time the information was obtained from Milteer, failed to properly carry out his duties since he did not request assistance to help protect the President. [REDACTED] noted that when President Kennedy came to Miami, prior to his trip to Dallas, Texas, the security of the President was extremely tight and had the

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same security been afforded the President in Dallas, he would be alive today. It was indicated that, due to the comments made by [REDACTED] his story will be very critical of the Secret Service and Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

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On 12-29-65 the writer contacted SA [REDACTED] of State Department Security, Miami. SA [REDACTED] advised none of the names on the attach-list were listed in the local files of their department. [REDACTED] requested, by telephone, that the NASA Security Department at Cocoa Beach, Florida check their files in this matter which also proved negative. SA [REDACTED] advised he would attempt to make further contacts in this case and would advise this office if he obtained anything concrete.

(F) DISPOSITION:

This case is closed in Miami. Copies are being forwarded to the Atlanta Office for their review and any investigation which they deem necessary.

Attached to all reports is the list of names furnished by William Somerset.