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Title: ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Synopsis: ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, was re-elected Imperial Wizard of the UKA. SHELTON resides at #18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama, and maintains the National Headquarters of the UKA at his home. Sources report the activities of SHELTON in the southeastern United States during pertinent period. Current information regarding descriptions of automobiles in SHELTON's possession set forth.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

ROBERT M. SHELTON resides at #18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama.

B. Employment

Imperial Wizard of the UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA).

A characterization of the UKA is set forth
in the Appendix of this report.

C. Automobiles

A review of the records of the License Commissioner's Office, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, reveals that 1967 Alabama license 63-36925 was issued on May 2, 1967, to the UKA for a 1967 Chrysler Imperial Crown, VIN YM43K73155110. The registration indicates the vehicle was purchased new on May 1, 1967. This vehicle is green with a black vinyl top.

The records also indicate that 1967 Alabama license 63-37610 was issued to W. M. SEXTON, #17 Lake Sherwood, Northport, Alabama, on June 5, 1967, for a 1967 Chrysler NY, Serial No. 4DCH43K73233577. This vehicle is yellow with a black vinyl top.

D. Close Associates

ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, is known to associate closely with MELVIN SEXTON, #17 Lake Sherwood, Northport, Alabama, who is the Imperial Kligrapp of the UKA.

II. CONNECTION WITH KLAN-TYPE AND HATE-TYPE ORGANIZATIONS

On March 20, 1967, Birmingham Confidential Source T-1 advised that the UKA held a special state meeting at Alexandria, Louisiana, on March 18, 1967. There were approximately 65 members present. ROBERT SHELTON advised that the UKA in Louisiana would now be run by the Imperial Office of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He stated he was removing JACK HELM from the position of Grand Dragon for the State of Louisiana.

On April 10, 1967, Birmingham Confidential Source T-2 advised that on April 1, 1967, the UKA held a rally in Grant Park at Atlanta, Georgia. There were approximately 500 people present at this rally. CALVIN CRAIG, Grand Dragon for the State of Georgia, led a march from Grant Park to the residence of one of Atlanta's City Councilmen. After returning to the park, ROBERT M. SHELTON made a speech in which he pointed out the origin and growth of the Communist Party and claimed that the communist conspiracy was controlled by the Jews.

On April 11, 1967, Birmingham Confidential Source T-3 advised that a public rally was held in Plant City, Florida, by the UKA on April 8, 1967. There were 500 to 600 people who attended this rally. The rally was delayed due to the arrest of seven men for parading with robes prior to the rally. ROBERT M. SHELTON gave a speech at this rally in which he attacked the Justice Department as well as KATZENBACH, along with the President. He claimed that MARTIN LUTHER KING, a Negro leader, attended a communist training school at Folk Highlander. He also attacked the National Council of Churches. An associate of SHELTON, MELVIN SEXTON, was selling Klan paraphernalia during the rally.

On April 9, 1967, BH T-3 advised that a state meeting of the UKA was held at Orlando, Florida, on April 9, 1967. The meeting was presided over by ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, assisted by Imperial Kligrapp, MELVIN SEXTON. There were approximately 54 members present. SHELTON gave a speech in which he stated that too many Klansmen were parading around the country shouting "Nigger, nigger." He advised that the time had come to change the image of the Klan, and suggested that public rallies be open to the public and that they welcome the press to these rallies. He advised that care should be taken not to allow press photographers to photograph spectators and participants of the rallies who objected to being photographed. SHELTON stated he was always courteous and went out of his way to talk to the press on every opportunity he got. He also advocated being courteous to policemen; however, he stated that Klansmen should not submit to arrest or a search of their vehicles unless specific charges or articles are specified in the warrants.

On April 19, 1967, Birmingham Confidential Source T-4 advised that a rally was held on April 13, 1967, at Goldsboro, North Carolina. There were approximately 150 persons in attendance, both Klansmen and guests. ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, was the first speaker, and he talked at length about the evils of communism.

On April 28, 1967, Birmingham Confidential Source T-5 advised that a rally was held in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, on April 14, 1967, and there were approximately 300 to 500 people in attendance. ROBERT M. SHELTON was the speaker.

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at this rally. There was approximately \$160.00 taken up in donations.

On April 28, 1967, BH T-5 advised that a rally was held at Chocowinity, North Carolina, on April 15, 1967. There were approximately 500 to 700 people present. ROBERT M. SHELTON delivered a speech at this rally.

BH T-5 also advised that a rally was held at Roxobel, North Carolina, on April 16, 1967. There were approximately 200 people at this rally. ROBERT M. SHELTON delivered his usual speech.

On April 28, 1967, Birmingham Confidential Source T-6 advised that the UKA held a rally at Edwards, Mississippi, on April 20, 1967, which was attended by approximately 25 people. ROBERT M. SHELTON made a short speech.

BH T-6 advised that a rally was held at Durant, Mississippi, on April 21, 1967, and was attended by approximately 200 individuals, most of whom are Klansmen and their families. ROBERT M. SHELTON also spoke at this rally.

BH T-6 advised that on Saturday, April 22, 1967, a UKA rally was held near Pelahatchie, Mississippi. This rally was attended by approximately 500 people. SHELTON gave a speech at this rally in which he emphasized a line of non-violence for the UKA. He advised that the Klan had no fight with the Negro race, and that the Negroes were innocent victims of the communist conspiracy. SHELTON criticized high Government officials, Government programs, and particularly Federal Aid to Education. SHELTON is reported to have stopped a parade by the members of the Klan through the downtown area of Jackson, Mississippi.

On May 8, 1967, Birmingham Confidential Source T-7 advised that a "Spring Festival" was held by the UKA at Richmond, Virginia, on May 6-7, 1967. Approximately 1,200 individuals were in attendance at the rally on May 6, 1967, and approximately 400 attended on May 7, 1967. Inclement weather caused a reduction in the number of individuals on May 7, 1967. This festival was basically a money-making

venture with estimated income collected during the two days to be \$15,000.00. ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and his secretary, MELVON SEXTON, had their car loaded down with movie reels of the Selma March and SHELTON's book entitled "Blood on My Hands." They also had numerous gadgets and trinkets for sale. SHELTON was autographing copies of his book which sold for \$2.00 apiece. Approximately 500 to 700 of these books were sold. Movie reels of the Selma, Alabama, March were sold for \$200.00 each. SHELTON made his regular speech in which he denounced communism, criticized the Department of Justice, and in general criticized the current U. S. Government policies. A casket was on display with a dummy body lying in it with the name tag on the body marked "Uncle Sam."

A GEORGE DORSETT, reported to be a former UKA Imperial Chaplain from North Carolina, was ejected from the rally by Klan guards after a scuffle.

On May 26, 1967, BH T-1 advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON conducted a Klan-craft school at the West Monroe Klavern in West Monroe, Louisiana, on May 18, 1967. There were 28 Klansmen present. SHELTON was in charge of the meeting and gave instructions on how to conduct a Klan meeting and other Klan procedures.

On May 29, 1967, Birmingham Confidential Source T-8 advised that a rally was held at Woodville, Texas, on May 29, 1967. There were approximately 30 Klansmen present, ten of whom wore robes. There were approximately 100 spectators at this rally. ROBERT M. SHELTON made a speech in which he criticized the Federal Government and blamed the communists for organizing the civil rights workers.

BH T-8 advised that a public rally was held at Groesbeck, Texas, on May 27, 1967. There were approximately 100 people who attended this rally, and ROBERT SHELTON gave his usual speech.

BH T-8 advised that a UKA rally was held near Houston, Texas, on May 28, 1967. There were approximately 150 people in attendance at this rally. There were approximately 20 Klansmen present and about 15 of them wore robes.

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ROBERT M. SHELTON gave a speech after which a cross was burned.

On June 5, 1967, Birmingham Confidential Source T-9 advised that a state meeting of the UKA was held at Harriman, Tennessee, on June 4, 1967. There were approximately 50 members present, and ROBERT M. SHELTON spoke about the FBI informants in the Klan in the State of Tennessee. He stated he knew there were informants in every Klavern in the State of Tennessee, and he was going to make it his business to find out who they were. SHELTON also spoke of his case before the Federal Courts, and stated that he would probably have to take it all the way to the Supreme Court. He spoke on the war in Vietnam and accused STOKELY CARMICHAEL and people like him of trying to get the United States involved in small wars throughout the world so that the American troops will be away from home and people like CARMICHAEL can take over the country.

On June 12, 1967, Birmingham Confidential Source T-10 advised that a UKA rally was held at Florence, Alabama, on June 10, 1967. There were approximately 300 people present. ROBERT SHELTON gave a speech at this rally in which he blamed the Jews for being the main trouble-makers in the United States. He stated that the Jews planned to take over the United States Black Belt in 1912.

On June 18, 1967, Birmingham Confidential Source T-11 advised that a UKA rally was held at Dothan, Alabama, on June 17, 1967. There were approximately 250 to 300 people present, and the main speaker was Imperial Wizard ROBERT M. SHELTON. SHELTON stated the organizations of communism want to do away with God and the white race of people. He stated that STOKELY CARMICHAEL has proven to the world that a Negro can do anything outside of murder to our Constitution and get away with it.

On June 24, 1967, Birmingham Confidential Source T-12 advised that a state meeting and rally of the UKA were held at Jasper, Alabama, on June 24, 1967. There were approximately 300 people at the rally, and ROBERT SHELTON gave a speech in which he criticized the Jews and their connection with the Communist Party and the NAACP. A communist flag was burned at this rally.

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On June 25, 1967, Birmingham Confidential Source T-13 advised that a rally was held at Stevenson, Alabama, on June 25, 1967, by the UKA. There were approximately 150 people present, and the rally was called off due to severe rain. ROBERT M. SHELTON was in attendance at this rally.

On July 17, 1967, Birmingham Confidential Source T-14 advised that a UKA rally was held at Charleston, South Carolina, on July 15, 1967. There were approximately 250 to 300 spectators present, in addition to approximately 20 robed Klansmen. ROBERT M. SHELTON and MELVIN SEXTON were present at this rally, and ROBERT SHELTON wanted to cancel the rally because it was being held across the street from a Negro honky-tonk. He felt that there might be trouble if they held the rally. The rally was held and SHELTON delivered an hour speech.

On July 17, 1967, BH T-14 advised that a UKA rally was held at Bishopville, South Carolina, on July 16, 1967. There were approximately 400 people who attended this rally and an estimated 20 Klansmen in robes. ROBERT M. SHELTON stated that the Klan in South Carolina should emphasize patriotism to the United States rather than continually degrading the Negro. The main speaker was Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON, and he gave his usual talk criticizing the Federal Government. SHELTON was overheard to mention that the South Carolina membership in the Klan had dropped off 70 percent from its highest peak. He stated that the Klan was starting to pick up membership in the State of Carolina. SHELTON stated that the units purchase the two films which were available from the Imperial Office, and that by showing these films at public meetings he felt that interest could be stimulated in the Klan.

On July 27, 1967, Birmingham Confidential Source T-15 advised that a Klan rally was held on the night of July 21, 1967, west of Vernon, Alabama. Approximately 40 people attended this rally, and ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker.

On July 24, 1967, Birmingham Confidential Source T-16 advised that a public rally was held at Stevenson, Alabama, on July 22, 1967. There were approximately 250 to 300 people present, and a 30-foot cross was burned during the

rally. ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker.

On July 31, 1967, Birmingham Confidential Informant T-17 advised a UKA rally was held at Greenville, Mississippi, on July 29, 1967, with approximately 500 to 600 people attending. ROBERT M. SHELTON delivered a speech in which he advised that the UKA was going all out to defend 16 men who had been arrested in North Carolina recently on Federal conspiracy charges. He stated that if these 16 men were prosecuted, it would open the door for prosecution of all UKA members throughout the South.

On August 4, 1967, BH T-17 advised that a rally was held on August 2, 1967, at Morgantown, North Carolina. There were approximately 185 people in attendance and 12 robed Klansmen. ROBERT SHELTON was the main speaker and made his usual speech condemning the Federal Government.

On August 6, 1967, Birmingham Confidential Source T-18 advised that a UKA rally was held near Kannapolis, North Carolina, on August 5, 1967. Three 50-foot crosses were burned, and ROBERT SHELTON spoke for about 45 minutes concerning the origin and spread of communism, and stated that the civil rights trouble was a communist plot for world domination.

On August 6, 1967, Birmingham Confidential Source T-19 advised that a state meeting of the UKA was held on August 6, 1967, at Salisbury, North Carolina. There were approximately 300 people present. It was reported at this meeting that some \$65,000.00 had been taken in during the year for the North Carolina Klan. ROBERT SHELTON spoke and stated that some of the units do not show how much money they have in their local treasuries when they send in their monthly reports. He stated that he needs this for his books, and that if the local units do not furnish this information so that it will be available on the books of the National Headquarters for Internal Revenue Service that Internal Revenue Service probably will check the books of every local unit.

On August 14, 1967, Birmingham Confidential Source T-20 advised that a meeting was held at Dearborn Heights, Michigan, on August 13, 1967, and there were approximately

92 people in attendance. ROBERT M. SHELTON and MELVIN SEXTON, Imperial Secretary, attended this meeting. ROBERT SHELTON gave a speech and stated that Klansmen were loyal Americans and that they were being harassed by law enforcement officers during their rallies when they were not violating any law. He stated that the civil rights movement has been infiltrated by the Communist Party, and that they are responsible for the riots that are occurring in the cities. He also claimed that the communists have infiltrated the National Council of Churches.

On August 28, 1967, Birmingham Confidential Source T-21 advised that on August 27, 1967, a state meeting for the State of Texas, UKA, was held at Woodville, Texas. There were approximately 40 to 50 Klansmen in attendance. ROBERT SHELTON advised that he intends to bring charges against JACK CANNON for not returning UKA property to the UKA when he quit the UKA. SHELTON also announced that there would be a National Convention of the UKA at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on September 2-3, 1967, at which time all national offices would be open for election.

On July 5, 1967, BH T-1 advised that units of the UKA had received several letters from the Imperial Office of the UKA stating that a GEORGE F. DORSETT was forcibly expelled from the UKA, and that CLYDE A. WEBSTER and JAMES A. COLE also were expelled from the UKA. He advised that DORSETT and WEBSTER were conspiring to defraud the Klan of its dues and had sent letters to all of the units to send their dues to one KENNETH MURRELL rather than to the National Headquarters of the UKA. These letters stated that Mr. SHELTON was no longer Imperial Wizard of the UKA. ROBERT SHELTON indicated that he intended to turn this matter over to the Federal Government for possible prosecution of the violation of using the mails to defraud.

On May 10, 1967, Birmingham Confidential Source T-22 advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON has a printing press which is located in the old building at 1708 15th Street East, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. ROBERT SHELTON is printing the publication "Fiery Cross" at this location.

On July 8, 1967, BH T-22 advised that the "Fiery Cross" being printed by ROBERT SHELTON is being redesigned, and it is now going to be published as a magazine. The cover for the magazine is being printed in Florida, and the interior pages are being printed on the Klan press in Tuscaloosa. The cost of the new magazine will be \$3.00 per year, and there will be 12 copies issued per year.

On September 6, 1967, Birmingham Confidential Source 23 advised that the UKA held a National Klonvocation at the Hotel Stafford in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on September 2-3, 1967. There was a total of approximately 390 voting delegates at the Klonvocation and approximately 100 other Klansmen who were present in the capacity of visitors. ROBERT SHELTON was re-elected as Imperial Wizard of the UKA. ROBERT SHELTON announced that a second degree inside the UKA was being organized. He stated that the candidates for this degree would be required to take a sodium penothal (truth serum) test to determine if they were sincere Klansmen. The financial report was read at the meeting, and this report indicated that the UKA had a total income from dues of \$54,000.00 and a total over-all income of approximately \$110,000.00 for the last year.

On September 4, 1967, Birmingham Confidential Source 27 advised that a National Klonvocation was held at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on September 2, 1967. Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON gave a speech in which he stressed the need for a national program to be initiated for the purpose of organizing a Junior Klan organization over the entire nation. He stated that this organization was to consist of boys from the ages of 12 through 18, and that these boys should be trained while they were young before they were brainwashed by the liberal elements. SHELTON stated that when these boys reach the age of 18, they could then be inducted into the regular Klan organization. Several Klansmen were observed taking notes during SHELTON's speech, and the note-taking was ordered stopped by SHELTON.

On September 5, 1967, BH T-17 advised that the National Klonvocation was held at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on September 2-3, 1967, and that ROBERT M. SHELTON stated that his plans to use sodium penothal to test all new Imperial Officers of the UKA had fallen through. He also discussed administering Polygraph tests to newly-elected Imperial Officers; however, he indicated there was not enough time

to administer these tests during the Klonvocation. SHELTON indicated that he had only four preferences for the National Officers, and these were: MELVIN SEXTON as Imperial Secretary, JAMES SPEARS as Imperial Chaplain, and COY NEAL as Imperial Treasurer. All three of these persons were nominated and elected. SHELTON gave a financial report and indicated that the income from the sale of records for the National Office was \$19,320.00. Car expenses for the Imperial Officers were \$6,000.00, and salaries were given only as SHELTON, \$200.00 per week, and SEXTON, \$250.00 per week. There were approximately 670 persons attending the Klonvocation.

On September 4, 1967, Birmingham Confidential Source 25 advised that the National Klonvocation was held at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on September 2-3, 1967. The financial report as given by ROBERT M. SHELTON for the past year indicated that the UKA had an income of about \$110,000.00 from July 1, 1966, through June 30, 1967. During this same period, expenditures amounted to about \$112,000.00. It was also reported that the organization owes about \$8,000 to \$9,000 on printing equipment.

On September 4, 1967, BH T-25 advised that a total of 391 voting delegates attended the Klonvocation, and that the total attendance was between 450 and 500. ROBERT M. SHELTON was re-elected Imperial Wizard with no opposition.

On September 6, 1967, Birmingham Confidential Source T-26 advised that the National Klonvocation of the UKA was held at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on September 2-3, 1967. It was estimated that there were approximately 550 to 600 people present. ROBERT SHELTON gave the financial report and had each State Grand Dragon come up to the platform to stand and witness to the correctness of the figures given in the report. Members of the Klan were ordered not to trade with the Top Dollar Stores and to boycott them. They were also urged to object to the program "The Dating Game" which shows Negro and white persons mixing.

On September 25, 1967, BH T-27 advised that a rally was held at South Hill, Virginia, on September 24, 1967. There were approximately 75 to 100 people in attendance.

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ROBERT SHELTON delivered a speech in which he indicated that the Jewish communists were the real enemies of the Klan and not the Negroes. It was reported that approximately \$104.00 had been taken up in a collection during this rally.

APPENDIX

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, reflect 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 in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. (The organization is directed by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South, with units in several southern states.)

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

Third source advised on May 25, 1967, that the UKA is currently an active organization, with Klaverns in several states. This source said that ROBERT M. SHELTON is the Imperial Wizard of this organization and was elected to this position on September 5, 1964, at a National Klonvocation in Birmingham, Alabama. Source stated that during April, 1966, the National Office was moved from Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to the carport of SHELTON's residence, #18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama, which space he had converted into a room.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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DETAILS:

I.

BACKGROUND

A. RESIDENCE

SHELTON resides 18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama.

B. EMPLOYMENT

United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), Imperial Wizard.

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C. AUTOMOBILES

VELMA HOSEY, Assistant Commissioner, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, License Commissioner's Office, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, advised the following automobiles are registered to ROBERT M. SHELTON, 18 Lake Sherwood Drive, Star Route, Northport, Alabama:

1962 Chrysler Imperial, four-door sedan, white in color, bearing 1967 Alabama license 63-3489, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) 9123-155264. This vehicle is registered to SHELTON's wife, BETTY LOU SHELTON.

1965 Chrysler Crown Imperial, four-door sedan, light green in color, bearing 1967 Alabama license 63-3490, VIN Y253177624. License for this vehicle obtained by MELVIN SEXTON, Imperial Kligrapp. This vehicle is equipped with a monitor radio capable of monitoring all police frequencies and telephone, No. 752-7711. Vehicle also equipped with two antennas mounted on rear trunk deck lid and a "Never" sticker located on the front bumper of this vehicle.

D. CLOSE ASSOCIATES

ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, is known to associate closely with MELVIN SEXTON, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, who is Imperial Kligrapp of the UKA.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH KLAN-TYPE
AND HATE-TYPE ORGANIZATIONS

On August 24, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-1 advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON had attended a meeting at the home of MARSHALL KORNEGAY, Raleigh, North Carolina, on August 15, 1966. SHELTON advised that Klan speakers should remain silent about the FBI since it was doing more harm to the Klan than good. SHELTON also stated that Klan speakers should quiet down on "niggers" and start talking instead of the Communists and the black power movement.

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On September 4, 1966, BH T-2 advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker at a public speaking and cross burning for the Realm of Georgia, UKA, held near Monroe, Georgia, on August 17, 1966.

BH T-3 advised on September 8, 1966, that on September 5, 1966, ROBERT SHELTON had talked with the Florida Titan, SAMUEL MC BROOM. BH T-3 advised that SHELTON was anxious to learn of the status of a report that MC BROOM was to prepare on the Florida Assistant Grand Dragon, DANIEL J. ZBIN. SHELTON also commented during this conversation that he had a new telephone installed known as a WATS phone (Wide Area Telephone Service).

On September 23, 1966, BH T-4 advised that ROBERT SHELTON will be in Washington, D. C. on October 5, 1966, for sentencing in connection with his recent conviction there. He is expected to appeal his sentence at once. In view of this commitment, SHELTON will be unable to appear at Cambridge, Ohio, for the scheduled rally there on October 8, 1966.

SHELTON has granted a UKA charter to BOB LEWIS, at Akron, Ohio. The charter number and number of members are unknown. It was reported that BOB LEWIS sent two unnamed men to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, during the week of September 19, 1966, to obtain this charter.

On September 19, 1966, BH T-5 advised that SHELTON appeared as a principal speaker at rallies at Aberdeen, North Carolina, on September 16, Carthage, North Carolina, September 17, and Sanford, North Carolina, September 18, 1966. The crowds at all these rallies were disappointing and a total of approximately \$250 was collected at all three of them.

BH T-5 further advised that the National Office of the UKA had received a WATS line, and SHELTON calls his Imperial staff often on this line.

BH T-5 also advised that at the State Meeting in North Carolina, held on August 17, 1966, ROBERT SHELTON had the National Books. A brief perusal of these books reflected during the month prior to the August 17, meeting, between \$3,000 and \$3,500 was submitted to the National Office from North Carolina units, indicating that active membership in North Carolina included some 6,000 to 7,000 members. It must be

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noted that most units do not carry anywhere near the total membership as the active membership because they do not want to pay dues on these inactive members.

On September 19, 1966, BH T-5 advised that on September 17, 1966, a public rally was held at Carthage, North Carolina, and that ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker.

On October 3, 1966, BH T-6 advised that on the afternoon of October 2, 1966, a naturalization of Georgia Klansmen occurred about ten miles from Durham, North Carolina. Approximately 644 men and women were naturalized. It is estimated that of this number 200 were women. Following the naturalization, a public rally was held with about 2,000 people attending. ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, made a speech saying Georgia now had a real Democrat running for Governor and advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING would be sorry he is from Georgia now. SHELTON advised that he was to have been in Washington, D. C., but the trial had been put off for two weeks. The rally was covered by television.

On October 11, 1966, BH T-7 advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON was a featured speaker at a Klan naturalization, held in an open pasture near South Hill, Virginia, on October 1, 1966.

On September 19, 1966, BH T-5 advised that ROBERT SHELTON was a featured speaker at a Klan rally held on September 18, 1966, near Sanford, North Carolina. There were approximately 300 to 400 people present and SHELTON spoke for about one and one-half hours.

On October 17, 1966, BH T-8 advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker at an open-air rally held on the Ardmore Highway, Huntsville, Alabama, on October 15, 1966. Approximately 300 persons were present at this rally. This rally started at approximately 7:45 P.M. after the arrival of ROBERT SHELTON.

On November 2, 1966, BH T-9 advised that officials of the UKA in South Carolina, traveled to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where they met with ROBERT SHELTON. These officials traveled to Tuscaloosa in order to have Realm of South Carolina books audited with the Klan auditor, Mrs. MELVIN SEXTON. This was the second audit to be given to the South Carolina books since the new bookkeeping system was set up in July, 1966.

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On September 21, 1966, BH T-10 advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker at a public rally held on September 15, 1966, at Vanceboro, North Carolina. Approximately 300 individuals were present at this rally and the only speaker was ROBERT SHELTON since the remainder of the program was rained out.

On November 7, 1966, BH T-11 advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker at a public rally held on November 3, 1966, near Plymouth, North Carolina. Approximately 300 persons attended this rally. SHELTON's speech concerned Federal intervention into states' rights, civil rights movement, and school integration.

On November 7, 1966, BH T-11 advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker at a public rally of the UKA held on November 4, 1966, in the vicinity of Belhaven, North Carolina, with approximately 350 persons present.

On October 29, 1966, BH T-12 advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker at a public Klan rally held on October 29, 1966. This rally was held on some property owned by GEORGE MC NEELY, Grand Dragon of Arkansas, at Star City, Arkansas. ROBERT SHELTON, in his speech, attacked the Jewish race, the National administration, and said that he still is not satisfied with the way the investigation indicated JOHN KENNEDY was assassinated. He feels that there was or is something else behind the assassination.

On November 21, 1966, BH T-13 advised that ROBERT SHELTON was the featured speaker at a rally sponsored by the Wilmington Klavern, UKA, on Saturday night, November 12, 1966, in a field off U. S. Highway 17, north of Wilmington, North Carolina. There were approximately 500 people in attendance and about 109 men and women in robes.

On December 5, 1966, BH T-14 advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, arrived at the Holiday Inn Motel, Cincinnati, Ohio, and met with JACK DAVIS, Grand Dragon of the Michigan Chapter, UKA, and approximately 15 other rank-and-file UKA members from the State of Michigan. BH T-14 further advised that later in the evening about 35 members of the UKA from Michigan and other states met in a room of the motel located on eighth floor. BH T-14 advised that ROBERT SHELTON was the featured speaker at this meeting and stated that the Jews were taking all the gold and silver

out of the United States. SHELTON also alleged that the UKA was being harassed by the FBI and said that J. EDGAR HOOVER, Director of the FBI, no longer controls the FBI. According to SHELTON, the FBI is controlled by the U. S. Department of Justice and HOOVER no longer enjoys the power that he, for a number of years, exercised over the activities of the FBI.

SHELTON advised those in attendance to utilize the following procedure in interviews by Special Agents of the FBI. He advised that the member being interviewed, prior to admitting the agent or agents to his residence, should secure the Agent's name and his identification card and also the number appearing on the identification card. He should invite the agent or agents into his residence, and if he so desired, he may identify himself as being a UKA member; however, he should not identify other UKA members or discuss UKA activities. If after the agent or agents indicate they are desirous of continuing the interview, he, the UKA member, should bring forth a camera and take photographs of the interviewing agent or agents. Then if the agent or agents persist in continuing the interview, he should then obtain a tape recorder and inform the agent or agents that he is going to tape the interview. According to SHELTON, if the agent or agents continue to remain on the premises after the aforementioned procedures have taken place, the UKA member should then engage the agent or agents in an argument. He could do this by alleging that the agent or agents have accused him of bombing the home of a Negro. After making this allegation, the UKA member should then tell the agent or agents to leave the house and that if they do not, he is going to call the police. If the agent or agents do not leave the residence, he should then call the police, giving them the identity of the agent or agents and request that the police department arrest them. SHELTON advised that in the future all UKA members should utilize the above plan if they are contacted by Special Agents of the FBI relative to their UKA membership.

SHELTON further advised those members in attendance that it is best not to allow themselves to be interviewed by the FBI agents inasmuch as these agents are trained investigators and the UKA members being interviewed unwittingly give information during the interview without realizing that he is providing such information.

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On November 22, 1966, BH T-7 advised of an open Klan rally held November 19, 1966, at Union, Mississippi, where ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, was the featured speaker.

On December 5, 1966, BH T-15 advised of the attendance of ROBERT M. SHELTON to the State Meeting of the UKA, held at Orlando, Florida, on November 26 - 27, 1966.

BH T-15 further advised that on November 27, 1966, ROBERT M. SHELTON directed the meeting and indicated disappointment in the Florida Klavern, pointing out that Michigan was leading Florida in Klan activities. Approximately 80 Florida Klansmen attended the meeting held inside of the Orlando Klan headquarters, and SHELTON pointed out that Mississippi had given \$15,000. He thereafter stressed the need for a business-type organization and stated that he would be in Florida during February, 1967, to assist various Klaverns in setting up books. SHELTON made statements that the Headquarters of the UKA would match any donations by Florida members dollar for dollar for any repairs necessary on the Florida rally truck and at the time Florida Klansmen each donated \$2.00 for a total of \$160.00. SHELTON announced that he would forward the same amount to HAMBY who is in possession of the truck.

BH T-15 further related that Exalted Cyclops GRANIMS, of Klavern 29, Pahokee, Florida, did a lot of talking at this meeting, and complained of the lack of communication between Florida Klansmen. When SHELTON made accusations about different Klaverns contending they had 20 to 30 members and were keeping the dues and monies contributed by the remaining unknown members, GRANIMS offered to submit photostatic copies of all records to UKA Headquarters.

BH T-16 related on December 6, 1966, that ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, arrived during the afternoon of December 2, 1966, and checked into the Downtown Holiday Inn Motel, Cincinnati, Ohio. SHELTON was traveling with Imperial Kligrapp MELVIN SEXTON, and they were assigned Rooms 813 and 815. Both SEXTON and SHELTON stayed at the Holiday Inn during the nights of December 2 and 3, 1966.

BH T-16 also advised that SHELTON made the statement while in the presence of a group of Klansmen at the Holiday Inn that in the past ten months, \$22,000 had been spent for the UKA, mainly for legal fees to defend SHELTON and others in connection

with their contempt of court charges resulting from the Klan hearings this past year in Washington, D. C. SHELTON also advised that the Internal Revenue Service recently notified him that he owes \$2,000 in back 1965 income taxes. He paid this amount immediately, explaining he did not want to get into any trouble with Internal Revenue.

BH T-16 further related that during the above meeting at the Holiday Inn, SHELTON made a long rambling speech denouncing Communism in government and especially criticized the Department of Justice and ex-Attorney General KATZENBACH for the way he handled and conducted investigations in the South while he was Attorney General. He generally praised the FBI, pointing out that they were only doing their job and if it was not for the Department of Justice and their policies there would be no reason whatsoever to ever criticize the FBI.

On January 3, 1967, BH T-17 advised that Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON had arrived at Lexington, North Carolina, on December 23, 1966, and drove to the Suburban Printing Company to pick up some printing which came to \$409.00. BH T-17 advised that SHELTON promised to drop a check in the mail immediately which would cover this printing bill. SHELTON was driving an Imperial Chrysler with a television.

On December 21, 1966, BH T-18 advised of the presence of ROBERT M. SHELTON at a UKA State Board Meeting held at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on December 17, 1966. BH T-18 further advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON was extremely unhappy with State of Louisiana's progress as far as the UKA is concerned. According to SHELTON, this state should be doing much better and have many more units paying dues to both the State and the National Office

On December 21, 1966, BH T-18 advised that a public rally was held on December 17, 1966, twelve miles south of St. Francisville, Louisiana. This rally began at 8:00 P.M. and was over at 9:30 P.M., the principal speaker being ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA.

On December 27, 1966, BH T-7 advised that on Monday night, December 19, 1966, at about 8:30 P.M., ROBERT M. SHELTON and MELVIN SEXTON came by the Georgia State Klan Headquarters on Stewart Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia. SHELTON advised that they were on their way to Virginia and had just come back from meetings in Louisiana and Mississippi.

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On November 28, 1966, BH T-19 advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker at a Klan rally held on November 19, 1966, by the Realm of Mississippi, UKA. This rally was held at Union, Mississippi, about two miles west of town on Highway 15.

BH T-20 advised on November 28, 1966, of the meeting between ROBERT M. SHELTON and state leaders of the UKA from the State of Florida in Orlando, Florida. SHELTON and SEXTON had been at the motel since Friday, November 25, 1966, where they were conferring with the South Florida Titan, SAM MC BROOM.

BH T-20 further advised that shortly after 8:00 P.M. on November 26, 1966, the state rally scheduled for that day got under way. The news media were represented and the following high Klan officials were observed in attendance:

ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard
MELVIN SEXTON, Imperial Kligrapp
BOYD HAMBY, Florida State Grand Dragon
RAYMOND R. ANDERSON, Tennessee Grand Dragon
J. ROBERT JONES, North Carolina Grand Dragon
JACK TANNEN, Texas Grand Dragon
JACK HELMS, Louisiana Grand Dragon
HERB ROUSE, North Carolina Night Hawk

BH T-20 further advised after the opening meeting ROBERT M. SHELTON met with these individuals in Orlando, Florida. SHELTON explained that the UKA has to be run like a business and maintain books like a business. He stated the main trouble in the State of Florida is the lack of communication between the State office and the local Klansmen. He was very critical of BOYD HAMBY for not getting letters out, for not having a telephone, not maintaining books, and for having no money in the treasury. The Imperial Wizard stated that although he has a lot of criticism of the Grand Dragon, he was aware of the fact that HAMBY gets no help from other Klansmen and that there is much dissension in the Florida Klan.

BH T-20 continued that a Florida State officers meeting was held on November 27, 1966, in Orlando, Florida, at which ROBERT M. SHELTON was present. SHELTON gave a short discourse on the FBI and stated it was an excellent organization when it was run by J. EDGAR HOOVER. SHELTON explained that HOOVER is no longer in power and that the FBI is now run by the Department of Justice and by Jews.

SHELTON then went on to show how the Imperial books are kept and said that they should be used as an example to be copied by the local state organizations. SHELTON also stated that he has a flat rate telephone at his office in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and that all Klan officials can simply call his number which he gave out, leaving a number so that the call can be returned. SHELTON stated that he then plays back the tape, obtains the telephone number and calls the Klan official on his scrambled phone. SHELTON said this service costs him \$1,000 a month.

On December 1, 1966, BH T-21 advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, was the featured speaker at a public Klan rally sponsored by the UKA, held on November 29, 1966, in an open field three miles east of Emporia, Virginia. Approximately 400 people attended, among which were MELVIN SEXTON, Imperial Kligrapp, R. M. KORNEGAY, Grand Dragon of Virginia, CHARLIE ELDERS, Grand Klaliff of Virginia, HOMER CRAFT, Grand Klabee of Virginia, DAVID L. MILLARD, Grand Night Hawk of Virginia, Rev. ROBERT R. LONG, Grand Kludd of Virginia, JIMMY HILLBURN, Kleagle and Former Grand Night Hawk of Virginia.

On December 20, 1966, BH T-22 advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, was the featured speaker at the state meeting of the UKA in Alabama. This meeting was held at the Redmont Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama. Approximately 123 persons were present, including wives.

On December 22, 1966, BH T-23 advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker at a public rally of the UKA, held in Colonial Heights, Virginia, near Petersburg, Virginia, on December 21, 1966. Approximately 250 persons were in attendance and the rally was held in the Klan tent at the same location where rallies have been held for the prior four to six nights. SHELTON was critical of the Federal Reserve System of the United States, claiming that the Jews in America have all the money.

On January 11, 1967, BH T-24 advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON was the principal speaker at a public rally of the UKA, held December 31, 1966, six miles north of South Boston, Virginia. SHELTON did not speak except for a few opening remarks about the trip up to South Boston, Virginia, and then showed the film, "Birth of a Nation," which he narrated.

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On January 27, 1967, BH T-20 advised that on January 17, 1967, ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, and MELVIN SEXTON, Imperial Kligrapp, were seen checking into Town Motel, U. S. Highway 1, Titusville, Florida. The room into which SHELTON and SEXTON entered had been reserved earlier by BOYD L. HAMBY, Grand Dragon of Florida. On the following dates, both SEXTON and SHELTON attended the public Klan rallies and were the featured speakers:

January 18, 1967	Titusville, Florida
January 19, 1967	Beryl Beach, Florida
January 20, 1967	Okachobee, Florida
January 21, 1967	Orlando, Florida
January 22, 1967	Orlando, Florida

SHELTON checked out of the Town Motel on January 23, 1967.

On January 16, 1967, BH T-25 advised that there was a public Klan rally sponsored by the UKA at Vernon, Florida, on January 13, 1967. BH T-25 advised that approximately 200 persons were in attendance and that the featured speaker was ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA.

On February 6, 1967, BH T-25 advised that a public rally sponsored by the UKA was held at Ellis Auditorium, Memphis, Tennessee, on January 28, 1967. The featured speaker was Imperial Wizard ROBERT M. SHELTON, UKA, who was joined in other speeches by the Tennessee Grand Dragon, the Alabama Grand Dragon JAMES H. SPEARS, the North Carolina Grand Dragon JOHN R. JONES. Klansmen in attendance were from Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

On February 5, 1967, BH T-26 advised of the appearance of ROBERT M. SHELTON at a closed meeting of Tuscaloosa Klavern #5, UKA. SHELTON made a short talk on raising more money for the Imperial Office to pay for legal expenses and then showed some films.

On February 6, 1967, BH T-27 advised of the appearance of ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, at a UKA State Meeting held at Thomastown, Mississippi, on February 5, 1967. BH T-27 further advised that SHELTON opened the afternoon session and introduced his "Imperial Board" consisting of ROBERT THOMPSON, Mapleton, Georgia, ROBERT COLLINS, Decatur, Georgia, and a member at Alamo, Georgia, Rev. GEORGE DOREY

from North Carolina, ROBERT HUTCHINSON, Raleigh, North Carolina, and MELVIN SEXTON, Imperial Kligrapp. SHELTON and each member of the Imperial Board spoke briefly. All praised the 200% increase in the UKA in Mississippi, during the past four months and credited ERNEST GILBERT for this increase. Each member of the Imperial Board, in addressing SHELTON, called him "Your Lordship."

BH T-27 continued that SHELTON announced he has open dates from April 8, through April 27, 1967, and would like to speak at as many unit rallies in Mississippi, as can be scheduled during these dates.

On February 6, 1967, BH T-18 advised of the arrival of ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, together with MELVIN SEXTON, Imperial Kligrapp, UKA, at an Imperial Board meeting held at the West Monroe Klavern #2, in Louisiana, on the night of February 4, 1967. There were approximately 119 Klansmen present at this meeting.

On February 2, 1967, BH T-28 advised that on January 28, 1967, a delegation of leaders of the UKA from the State of Louisiana went to Memphis, Tennessee, and met with UKA Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON concerning their complaints against Louisiana Grand Dragon JACK HELMS. This meeting took place at the Downtown Holiday Inn. SHELTON was also the featured speaker at a Klan rally held in Memphis, Tennessee, on January 28, 1967.

On February 15, 1967, BH T-29 advised of a trip made by Imperial Wizard ROBERT M. SHELTON, UKA, to a meeting of the York Klavern, York, Alabama, where three films were shown. There were approximately 40 people at this meeting and SHELTON advised that he was disappointed in the showing since the films were to be available to all members of the province. Along with SHELTON, were MELVIN SEXTON, Imperial Kligrapp, UKA, and JAMES SPEARS, Grand Dragon of the State of Alabama.

On February 28, 1967, BH T-30 advised that on February 18, 1967, Imperial Wizard ROBERT M. SHELTON, UKA, and MELVIN SEXTON met with 55 or 60 Klansmen from the State of Florida at Orlando, Florida. SHELTON advised that there are four districts in the State of Florida and he thinks it will be increased to five in the near future. A Titan will be elected for each district at the next screening committee meeting in Orlando, on April 9, 1967. Later in the year, one of the five Titans will be elected Grand Dragon for the state.

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On March 13, 1967, BH T-31 advised that the UKA held a meeting at Thomastown, Mississippi, on March 5, 1967, which was attended by approximately 50 to 75 Klansmen. Those in attendance were ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, and MELVIN SEXTON, Imperial Kligrapp, UKA.

On March 27, 1967, BH T-32 advised that a State meeting of the UKA was held March 26, 1967, at Martinsville, Virginia, and that ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker at this meeting. Imperial Wizard SHELTON's speech was on the order of a sermon as he attacked Jews, Catholics, and "niggers." He also attacked the Federal bureaucracy, the FBI, and the anti-Christ. Also, he referred to those who would inform on the Klan as "cockroaches."

APPENDIX

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, reflect 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 in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. (The organization is directed by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South, with units in several southern states.)

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

Third source advised on May 25, 1966, that the UKA is currently an active organization, with Klaverns in several states. This source said that ROBERT M. SHELTON is the Imperial Wizard of this organization, and was elected to this position on September 5, 1964, at a National Klonvocation in Birmingham, Alabama. Source stated that during April, 1966, the National Office was moved from Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to the carport of SHELTON's residence, #18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama, which space he had converted into a room.

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Title ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON

Character RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Reference Report of SA ERIC L. WILSON,
dated April 17, 1967, at
Birmingham, Alabama.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Bureau File #: 157-552

Title: ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Synopsis: ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, continues to serve as Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA). SHELTON resides at #18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama, and maintains National Headquarters of UKA in his home. Informants report activities of SHELTON in southeastern and northeastern United States. Current information regarding descriptions of automobiles in possession of SHELTON set out.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

#18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route,
Northport, Alabama

B. Employment

United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), Imperial Wizard. A characterization of the UKA is set forth in the appendix of this report.

C. Automobiles

JACK S. CARDEN, Service Manager, Claud W. Brent Motors, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, advised the following automobiles are registered to ROBERT M. SHELTON, #18 Lake Sherwood Drive, Star Route, Northport, Alabama:

- (1) 1962 Chrysler Imperial, four-door sedan, white in color, bearing 1966 Alabama license 63-10357
- (2) 1965 Chrysler Crown Imperial, four-door sedan, light green in color, bearing 1966 Alabama license 63-2816. This vehicle is equipped with a monitor radio, capable of monitoring all police frequencies, and telephone #752-7711. This vehicle is equipped with two antennae mounted on the rear trunk deck lid, and a "NEVER" sticker is located on the front bumper of this vehicle.

D. Close Associates

ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, is known to associate closely with MELVIN SEXTON, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, who is Imperial Kligrapp of the UKA, along with ROBERT JONES and GEORGE DORCETT, who are affiliated with the UKA in North Carolina.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH KLAN-TYPE
AND HATE-TYPE ORGANIZATIONS

On April 17, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-1 advised ROBERT M. SHELTON was a featured speaker at a UKA rally and cross-burning held at Luverne, Alabama, same date.

On April 16, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-2 advised ROBERT M. SHELTON was feature speaker at a special state meeting held at the Bessemer Klavern, Bessemer, Alabama. T-2 advised SHELTON praised the states of Maryland, Delaware, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia, on the rapid growth of the Klan in these states. T-2 advised SHELTON

stated that Alabama was falling far behind in the organization in the maintaining of their units. T-2 advised SHELTON stated some of the states had as many as 60 active Klaverns in operation. T-2 advised SHELTON stated the treasurer, MELVIN SEXTON, had been put on full salary, and would serve in the capacity of Imperial Kligrapp. T-2 advised SHELTON stated one of the border states' Klan organization had six paid men working full time for them. T-2 advised SHELTON then mentioned the contempt trials and stated insofar as the few men, as he had stated, had "eaten birdseed", he would spend less time in prison, if convicted, than they would. T-2 advised SHELTON said that a certain man in West Virginia had given him seven checks at \$10,000 per check that was to be used as bond money if it were needed. T-2 advised that SHELTON had asked for money to be sent in for his and the other men's defense.

On April 23, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-3 advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON attended, and was the featured speaker at an open rally of the UKA held at the Courthouse at Brownsville, Tennessee. T-3 advised SHELTON made a lengthy speech outlining the history of the Communist Movement from its inception to the present time, and explained how Communism had always been financed by the international bankers backed by the House of Kohn and Lobe. T-3 advised SHELTON blasted President LYNDON B. JOHNSON, saying that JOHNSON was always a crook and corrupt politician who stole his first political position, Vagic Box #13, in the State of Texas. T-3 advised SHELTON stated the reason JOHNSON has been able to manipulate his rubber-stamp Congress was because his close friend and associate, BOBBY BAKER, had damaging evidence on the majority of the Congressmen, which he could use to blackmail them. T-3 advised SHELTON also told of how BILLY SOL ESTES had acquired his millions by working hand-in-hand with LYNDON B. JOHNSON, and told of how Attorney General KATZENBACH was responsible for the intimidation and harassment of Klan people throughout the United States.

On March 12, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-4 advised ROBERT M. SHELTON attended a meeting of the United Klans of America at the Bomba Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge in J/D Room #1, adjacent to the "DeLaWarr Motel located on U. S. Route 13, near Wilmington, Delaware. T-4 advised SHELTON lectured on young people and the recruiting of students, and stated in the future, he was going to organize junior Klan groups.

T-4 advised SHELTON lectured on three things which give the Klan organization the most trouble: liquor, guns, and loose tongues. T-4 advised SHELTON stated that units such as Unit #3 located in Newark, Delaware, where 80 percent of its members were employed in an industrial plant, such as Chrysler, were beneficial to the Klan organization, because such a unit could control the union in the plant, and a Klan union could control the corporation.

On March 30, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-5 advised ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, Inc., KKK, met with COY NEAL WINDHAM and JACK HELM, Klansmen from Louisiana, at Tuscaloosa, Alabama. T-5 advised SHELTON had stated the UKA organization in the State of Texas had completely collapsed. T-5 advised SHELTON stated that under the administration of JAMES EDWARDS, he was not sure of the number of units in Louisiana and did not know where the money collected from the units was being sent. T-5 advised SHELTON stated he does not trust EDWARDS, HARRIS, OR BOBBY GENE KELLEY, former State Treasurer.

On April 26, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-6 advised Imperial Office of the UKA is located in BOBBY SHELTON's home, #18 Lake Sherwood, Northport, Alabama. T-6 advised the carport of this home had been converted to office space for the National Headquarters of the UKA, Inc.

On April 29, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-7 advised ROBERT M. SHELTON attended a rally of the UKA, was featured speaker of this rally held at Jasper, Alabama. T-7 advised SHELTON stated the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was the only organization that worshipped God at meetings. T-7 advised SHELTON spoke against gubernatorial candidate ELLIOT.

On February 27, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-8 advised ROBERT M. SHELTON attended a State meeting of the UKA, held at Salisbury, North Carolina. T-8 advised SHELTON was the featured speaker and spoke at great length about the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings and about the publishing of "The Fiery Cross" newspaper. T-8 advised SHELTON, in his speech, stated they had spent \$25,400 in Washington in connection with the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings, and they had received \$24,000 in donations. T-8 advised SHELTON stated property had been leased in New York, Chicago, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and other northern states for rallies this summer.

On April 29, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-9 advised ROBERT M. SHELTON attended a rally and was featured speaker at this rally held at Jasper, Alabama. T-9 advised SHELTON spoke at great length concerning politics in Washington, D. C.

On April 30, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-10 advised ROBERT M. SHELTON talked with W. W. PICKENS, 3326 North Acadian, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, concerning a new militant group that was being organized near Shreveport, Louisiana, and discussed the possibilities of the Klan and this group working together. T-10 advised this new organization was to be ran along the lines of the military organization, including the wearing of uniforms. T-10 advised the main purpose of this organization would be to assist local law enforcement officials in maintaining law and order throughout the State of Louisiana. T-10 advised no decision was made by SHELTON as to the possibility of the Klan and this new group working together.

On April 30, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-11 advised ROBERT M. SHELTON attended and was the featured speaker at a rally of the UKA, Inc., KKKK, held at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. T-11 advised SHELTON gave his standard speech, criticizing the Federal Government, and also commented that the Federal Bureau of Investigation could prove that the explosions at Birmingham, Alabama, two to three years ago, had been caused by dynamite. T-11 advised SHELTON was specifically referring to a Negro church which exploded, killing a few Negro children.

On April 30, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-5 advised ROBERT M. SHELTON met with JACK HELM, E. M. VAUGHN, J. C. ARNOLD, COY KEAL WINDHAM, Louisiana Klansmen, and MELVIN SEXTON, Imperial Secretary, in the room of JACK HELM at the Holiday Inn, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. T-5 advised SHELTON stated there was much dissention in the State of Alabama, UKA, since some Klan leaders had been pocketing money taken in for various defense funds to support Klansmen who had been arrested in the State of Alabama. T-5 advised SHELTON stated he was disgusted with these individuals who used Klan money for their own means.

On May 12, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-12 advised ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), and MELVIN SEXTON,

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Imperial Kligrapp, were registered in Room 306 at the Holiday Inn, in Beaumont, Texas, as of May 2, 1966, in preparation for a rally that night in Beaumont, Texas. T-12 advised ROBERT SHELTON was featured speaker at this rally.

On May 17, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-13 advised ROBERT M. SHELTON was to be featured speaker at a Klan rally to be held on June 4, 1966, at Montpelier, Louisiana.

On the night of May 7, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-11 advised a banquet was held on the seventh floor of the Eola Hotel, Natchez, Mississippi, by members of the UKA in the State of Mississippi. T-11 advised this banquet started at approximately 5:45 P.M., and terminated at approximately 7:25 P.M., and stated ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, was present at this banquet. T-11 advised following this banquet, a rally was held at the Liberty Ball Park, Natchez, Mississippi, beginning at 8:00 P.M., and terminating at 11:00 P.M. T-11 advised the featured speakers at this rally were ROBERT SHELTON, JACK HELM, and E. L. MC DANIEL.

On April 30, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-14 advised a UKA rally was held south of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the Old River Road. T-14 advised this rally started at approximately 6:00 P.M., and concluded at about 9:30 P.M. T-14 estimated there were between 1800 and 2200 spectators at this rally. T-14 stated ROBERT SHELTON was featured speaker at this rally. T-14 advised SHELTON spoke for approximately two hours, talking on many items about segregation and the Federal Government interfering with the activities of segregationists.

On May 7, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-5 advised ROBERT SHELTON attended a meeting of the UKA at the Eola Hotel, Natchez, Mississippi, and was the featured speaker at this meeting. T-5 advised SHELTON gave a speech in which he urged UKA representatives in Mississippi to settle their differences and stop fighting among themselves. T-5 advised SHELTON stated the Klan would either collapse in the Summer of 1966 or continue to exist stronger than ever.

On the evening of May 13, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-15 advised a State meeting of the UKA was held at the

Linden, Alabama, Klavern. T-15 advised the main business of the meeting was a long talk by Imperial Wizard ROBERT M. SHELTON concerning the Klan in Alabama. T-15 advised SHELTON was very angry about immorality in the Klan, drinking at meetings, and the public image of the Klan as being bad, particularly in the State of Alabama. T-15 advised SHELTON stated that at the recent Congressional hearings in Washington, D. C., Klansmen were seen carrying cases of beer on their shoulders through the streets of Washington, and SHELTON read "The Riot Act" over this and other evidences of Klan immorality, etc. T-15 advised SHELTON stated he was tired of living out of a suitcase and doing business out of his hip pocket. T-15 advised SHELTON stated he was particularly concerned about the membership being off in Alabama, and he stated it was a disgrace to have such a lack of activity in the state when a little state like Delaware was busy recruiting new members all the time.

Birmingham Confidential Source T-16 advised ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, arrived in Cincinnati, Ohio, about twelve noon on May 26, 1966, and checked into the Holiday Inn, West 8th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. T-16 advised SHELTON taped a local television program for WLW-TV called "Impact" at 1:00 P.M., which was shown over WLW-TV at 6:00 to 6:30 P.M., Sunday, May 29, 1966. T-16 advised SHELTON stated he has decided no UKA sanctioned Klan rallies will be held in the State of Ohio.

On April 30, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-17 advised Klansmen from Louisiana met in the room of ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, at the Holiday Inn in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. T-17 advised during this meeting, SHELTON was briefed on the forthcoming meeting to be held at 7:30 P.M. that night, and he was also briefed that the UKA was organizing itself into a strong cohesive unit in the State of Louisiana, under the leadership of JACK HELM and BUTCH COON, who was assigned to guard JACK HELM during that rally. T-17 advised principal speakers at the rally which followed were ROBERT SHELTON, JACK CANNON, Grand Dragon, State of Texas, JACK HELM, and E. L. MC DANIEL.

On May 30, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-18 advised a conference was held by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, Inc., in the Downtowner Motel, Euclid Avenue East 18th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. T-18 advised that SHELTON stated some Klansmen are getting "postcards" bearing the message "We know

you are Klansmen" and stated they should not be scared if they received one in view of the fact he is of the opinion the FBI is behind this activity. T-18 advised SHELTON also mentioned a "Operation Nancy", which is operated by the FBI in Alabama. T-18 stated SHELTON advised that the FBI has seven to nine prostitutes working for them who solicit the business of Klansmen in order to gain information from them. T-18 advised SHELTON stated in the event they are arrested for prostitution, these girls call up the FBI and say "Nancy" is calling and has been arrested, and thereafter, the FBI has the prostitute released.

T-18 advised SHELTON then spoke of the FBI infiltration of the Klan by informants. T-18 advised in this regard, SHELTON stated he knows of one individual who has been an informer for the FBI for the past five years. However, he stated he is not doing anything to expose this individual, in that he would have to worry about who this individual's replacement would be. T-18 advised SHELTON then told of Klansmen being approached by the FBI to become informers. He stated one of these persons contacted for this purpose by the FBI came to him, and he, in turn, instructed this person to play along with the FBI and become one of their informants. T-18 advised SHELTON stated this person is now an FBI informant, however, with the full knowledge of SHELTON, and this person turns over all the payments he receives from the FBI to a Klan fund.

On June 9, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-19 advised members of the State Board of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, of North Carolina, met at Shoney's Restaurant, Durham, North Carolina, to brief BOB SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, of the results of the State Board meeting on June 5, 1966, at Henderson, North Carolina. T-19 advised SHELTON stated he would come to the next State Board meeting, which will be called in two to four weeks, by BOB HUDGINS, and that since it was apparent the main and biggest gripe of the Klansmen was the lack of a financial statement, he would see to it that J. R. JONES would have a financial statement for the year 1965 at this meeting. T-19 advised SHELTON stated it was up to the State Board to exert itself, rather than for the Imperial Staff to take action.

On June 21, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-20 advised MIKE DESMOND, the King Eagle for the State of Pennsylvania, had contacted Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON, UKA, at SHELTON's

home in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. T-20 advised DESYOND asked SHELTON what he was going to do with the situation in the North, and SHELTON replied that he was going to come to that area within the next two weeks and make sweeping changes in the organization and the leadership of the Northern Klan.

On June 21, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-16 advised ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, indicated he desired to set up one or two units in the Southern Ohio area, sanctioned by the UKA. T-16 advised each unit would consist of twenty-five persons, and fifty cents for each newly acquired member was to be sent to SHELTON at his headquarters in Alabama.

On June 5, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-21 advised the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, held a rally near Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and ROBERT M. SHELTON of the UKA was featured speaker at this rally. T-21 advised SHELTON stated the UKA is a non-violent organization and interested in making the American public aware of the Communist menace, and further, the UKA is fighting to maintain segregation with ballots, not bullets. T-21 advised SHELTON stated President JOHNSON, the Attorney General of the United States, and Congress should point the finger of suspicion at organizations, such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the John Birch Society, and the Citizens Council, not at the UKA.

On May 29, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-22 advised ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, was the guest speaker of the North American Alliance for White People at Sachsenheim Hall, 7601 Denison Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

On June 19, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-2 advised ROBERT M. SHELTON was featured speaker at a State meeting of the UKA, held at the Matt Murphy, Jr., #10 Klavern, Linden, Alabama. T-2 advised SHELTON began this meeting by reporting the financial status of each Klavern, insofar as remittance of Imperial State, and State taxes was concerned. T-2 advised it appeared that according to this report, most Klaverns are in arrears with these taxes than otherwise. T-2 advised SHELTON stood up for approximately one hour, and SHELTON criticized the entire Klan organization in the State of Alabama for failing to send in the monthly reports and for being general foul-ups. T-2 advised SHELTON again cited the shining examples

of North and South Carolina, Virginia, Florida, as well as several Northern states, and stated he had to "hang his head in shame over the Klan organization in Alabama." T-2 advised SHELTON stated that beginning with that meeting, each Klavern that allowed itself to become in arrears in connection with the Imperial and State taxes would have its charter revoked. T-2 advised SHELTON stated the Imperial Office maintained a full-time public accountant, and stated this accountant's services were available for any Klavern that required help in connection with the maintenance of their books.

T-2 advised two new innovations are being introduced in connection with Klan operations within the State. T-2 advised one of these is the calling in of all charters of every Klavern in the State for the purpose of re-issuing these charters under a new number. T-2 advised this is being done for the reason that several duplications in unit numbers exist. T-2 advised SHELTON stated another new innovation is the establishment of a "Grievance Committee". T-2 advised SHELTON stated the duties of this committee would involve the investigation of complaints of Klan members and render a decision pertaining to those complaints. T-2 advised SHELTON stated the decisions of this committee would be final. T-2 advised SHELTON stated that money is desperately needed for legal fees in the contempt trials that are coming up. T-2 advised that SHELTON stated there is an injunction being set by the Klan in the State of New Jersey to prevent the enactment of a law preventing meetings of the Klan. T-2 advised SHELTON stated the Anti-Defamation League is receiving membership lists of the Klan organization from the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and that the ADL is using this information to harass members of the Klan by sending cartoons printed on pink postal cards to these members, and by harassing them in other ways. T-2 advised SHELTON stated he is going to instigate a personal law suit against the ADL, thereby forcing it to reveal publicly its source of information.

On June 4, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-23 advised a press conference was held at 3:00 P.M., at Klan Building, 232 SW 30th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, was interviewed by numerous representatives of the press, television, and radio at this conference. T-23 advised that SHELTON announced, at this press conference, that the UKA rallies would be held this summer at the following South Florida cities:

Okeechobe
Hollywood
North Miami
South Miami
Key Largo
Marathon
Big Coppitt Key
Pompano Beach
West Palm Beach
Jupiter Beach

T-23 advised ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker at a Klan rally held on June 5, 1966, at the Oakland Park, in the vicinity of NW 9th Avenue and 38th Street, Oakland Park, Florida. T-23 advised SHELTON stated the UKA is not part of the old KKK, and stated that that organization is a separate organization. T-23 advised SHELTON stated the UKA is a respectable organization, dedicated to the fight against Communism. T-23 advised SHELTON was critical of the President of the United States LYNDON B. JOHNSON, United States Attorney General NICHOLAS KATZENEACH, and general drift toward socialism in the United States. T-23 advised SHELTON traced the history of Communism in the United States and stated it is obvious that the Civil Rights Movement is nothing more than a move on the part of the Communist Party to take over the United States. T-23 advised SHELTON excused himself early at this rally in order to go to Miami, Florida, to fulfill a TV commitment.

T-23 advised SHELTON appeared on a TV program at 6:00 P.M., Channel 7, WCKE-TV, Miami, Florida, called the "Florida Forum", and answered questions asked of him by a panel of newsmen.

On June 19, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-6 advised ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker at a State meeting of the UKA held at the Klan Hall in Linden, Alabama, on Highways 69 and 43.

On Tuesday evening, July 12, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-24 advised ROBERT M. SHELTON was the featured speaker at a public rally of the UKA, that was held on Highway 70 between Salisbury and Statesville, North Carolina. T-24 advised Mrs. SHELTON accompanied Imperial Wizard SHELTON on this trip to North Carolina. T-24 advised other speakers at

this rally were SYBIL JONES, JIM STIKELEATHER, GEORGE DORSETT, J. R. JONES, Grand Dragon for the State of North Carolina.

On July 2, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-25 advised ROBERT M. SHELTON attended a State Klonyocation of the UKA held at the State Office Building on Stewart Avenue in Atlanta, Georgia. T-25 advised a financial report was made by the Imperial Wizard BOB SHELTON, and he stated the Imperial Office had three men on full time salary and included a bookkeeper, a secretary, and himself. T-25 stated SHELTON was quite upset about the financial report for the State of Georgia.

On July 9, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-26 advised ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, attended a rally of the UKA held at Prattville, Alabama. T-26 advised the main speakers were ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and Rev. JAMES H. SPEARS, Grand Dragon, for the State of Alabama.

On July 21, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-3 advised ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, attended a rally of the UKA in Overton Park, Memphis, Tennessee. T-3 advised SHELTON was the featured speaker and was accompanied by MELVIN SEXTON, Imperial Kligrapp, and BOB COLLINS, Imperial Klokard. T-3 advised Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON gave the main speech and spoke on the history of Communism and brought the history of Communism up to the present day. T-3 advised SHELTON made a blistering attack on the JOHNSON administration and particularly on the Attorney General NICHOLAS KATZENBACH. T-3 advised SHELTON, in his remarks however, had high praise for JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, Director of the FBI.

On July 23, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-3 advised approximately 50 Klansmen, members of the UKA, gathered at the Blount County Court House, Maryville, Tennessee, and stated many of those Klansmen present were members of Klavern #1, UKA, Maryville, Tennessee. T-3 advised ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, MELVIN SEXTON, Imperial Kligrapp, BOB COLLINS, Imperial Klokard, AMOS E. PEDIEC, Imperial Night Hawk, ROBERT SCOGGINS, Grand Dragon of South Carolina, and RAYMOND ANDERSON, Grand Dragon of Tennessee, were present at this gathering. T-3 advised this group was charged by Grand Dragon RAYMOND ANDERSON concerning the march on the Highlander Research and Education Center in nearby Knoxville, Tennessee.

T-3 advised that about 8:00 P.M., July 23, 1966,

ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, attended a scheduled rally of the UKA on the grounds of the Blount County Court House, Maryville, Tennessee. T-3 advised SHELTON gave his usual talk on the history of Communism and directed remarks against the civil rights demonstrations. T-3 advised at the conclusion of his speech, SHELTON pointed out known Communists who were connected with the Highlander Research and Education Center.

On June 10, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-27 advised a rally of the UKA was held in a field near Sebrell, Virginia, on Highway 35, three miles north of Sebrell. T-27 advised that in addition to a rally, the UKA performed the first Klan wedding in Virginia. T-27 advised the following individuals were present:

ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard

MARSHALL R. KORNEGAY, Grand Dragon of Virginia

MIKE DESMOND, Grand Dragon of Pennsylvania

CHARLIE ELDER, Grand Klaliff of Virginia

HOMER CRAFT, Grand Klabee of Virginia

SANDY COLEY, Grand Kligrapp of Virginia

T-27 advised SHELTON was the featured speaker at this rally.

On August 6, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-28 advised ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, attended a public rally of the UKA for the State of Louisiana at Bastrop, Louisiana. T-28 advised Imperial Wizard SHELTON was accompanied by JACK HELM, Grand Dragon of Louisiana, and GEORGE MC NEELY, Grand Dragon of Arkansas.

On July 17, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-29 advised ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, attended a State meeting of the UKA at the Klavern Hall of Unit #1, Salisbury, North Carolina. T-29 advised SHELTON gave a report on the financial situation of the UKA in the State of North Carolina. T-29 stated SHELTON advised it had taken him 40 hours to prepare

his report, and further stated the UKA in the State of North Carolina had \$3,000 in the general Klan fund; \$6,000 in the Widows' Benevolent Fund; and \$1,000 in a car fund.

On August 5, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-5 advised ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, Inc., attended a UKA rally at Campti, Louisiana, and was a featured speaker at this rally. T-5 advised JACK CANNON, Grand Dragon, State of Texas, and JACK HELM, Grand Dragon, State of Louisiana, accompanied SHELTON to this rally.

T-5 advised ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, was the featured speaker at a rally of the UKA held on the VFW grounds located outside of Bastrop, Louisiana. T-5 advised SHELTON talked for about one hour, criticizing everyone from ELEANOR ROOSEVELT to President JOHNSON, in regard to their liberal policies.

On July 21, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-30 advised ROBERT M. SHELTON attended a rally of the UKA in Overton Park, Memphis, Tennessee. T-30 advised Imperial Wizard SHELTON made his usual long, rambling speech on his theme of Communism and the Civil Rights Movement.

On August 2, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-30 advised ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, seems to be encouraged by the growth of the UKA in the northern part of the United States. T-30 advised SHELTON is not satisfied with the work of Grand Dragon RAYMOND ANDERSON from the State of Tennessee. T-30 advised SHELTON has a very high opinion of Georgia Grand Dragon CALVIN S. CRAIG, and on the other hand, is very critical of the Grand Dragon for the State of South Carolina BOB SCOTT. T-30 advised SHELTON is pleased with the progress of the UKA in Louisiana and Mississippi, but is disappointed with the progress in the State of Florida.

T-30 advised SHELTON plans to hold an Imperial Klouocation in September, 1966, after his trial, which is presently scheduled for September 12, 1966.

T-30 advised SHELTON plans to add Imperial officers to the full time staff of the UKA. T-30 advised SHELTON hopes to have at least three Imperial officers in addition to himself, and Imperial Kligrapp MELVIN SEXTON, on a full time

basis by this time next year. T-30 advised SHELTON stated in view of this procedure, it will be necessary, in the future, that candidates for an Imperial office in the UKA meet certain qualifications in regard to their education. T-30 advised SHELTON stated another change which may be necessary is for Imperial officers to be elected for a four-year term instead of a two-year term.

T-30 advised SHELTON and SEXTON spend the first one or two days of each month in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, getting out the monthly issue of the UKA newspaper, "The Fiery Cross".

On July 17, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-31 advised ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, attended the State meeting of Exalted Cyclops, Secretaries, and Titans, and elected state officers of the UKA held at Salisbury, North Carolina. T-31 advised SHELTON was on hand to give the financial statement regarding the audit that had been conducted in the office of J. R. JONES prior to this meeting. T-31 advised this audit was conducted by Mrs. MELVIN SEXTON, a full time employee of SHELTON, and wife of the Imperial Kligrapp.

On August 14, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-32 advised ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, attended a rally of the UKA held at the Municipal Auditorium at Raleigh, North Carolina. T-32 advised SHELTON was accompanied by BOB JONES to this rally and stated most of all the Klansmen known in North Carolina of any significance were in attendance at this meeting.

On August 14, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-31 advised ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, attended a meeting held at the Ranch Motel, Highway 70 West, of Raleigh, North Carolina, and stated J. R. JONES, ROBERT HEDGINS, and approximately ten other unknown individuals were in attendance. T-31 advised after this meeting, SHELTON indicated he would probably have to remove ROYD HAWBY as Grand Dragon in the State of Florida.

Birmingham Confidential Source T-21 advised that on August 20 and 21, 1966, ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, was a featured speaker at rallies of the UKA held at Bonifay, Florida, and Chipley, Florida. T-21 advised at the rally at Bonifay, Florida, on August 20, 1966, SHELTON held a meeting at the motel in Bonifay, and those in attendance were MELVIN SEXTON, Imperial Kligrapp; CALVIN CRAIG, Grand Dragon for the

State of Georgia, and several local Klansmen. T-21 advised at this meeting, SHELTON asked ROYD HAMEY, Grand Dragon for the State of Florida, what the problems were in the State of Florida, and that since he has been in, the problems have grown worse instead of better.

On August 15, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-28 advised ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, attended a State Board meeting of the UKA for the State of Arkansas. It was held at the American Legion Hut at Wilmar, Arkansas, on the night of August 12, 1966. T-28 advised those in attendance were GEORGE A. MC NEELY, Grand Dragon of the UKA in Arkansas; FRED SIVILS, DOYLE SIVILS, and PERCY EUBANKS of Hamburg, Arkansas.

On August 16, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-33 advised ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, was the featured speaker at a cross burning and public rally that was held on Highway 138 east of Monroe, Georgia. T-33 advised SHELTON gave his usual talk on Communism and criticized the fact the Communists were using the Negroes to gain a foothold in this country. T-33 advised SHELTON stated as long as the white man and the Negro were fighting each other and did not trust each other, this gave the Communists the opportunity to do other things unnoticed. T-33 advised SHELTON stated every civil rights law that has been passed, has been aimed at the eleven Southern states.

On September 6, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-34 advised ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, attended a rally of the UKA on the evening of September 3, 1966, at Flint, Alabama. T-34 advised SHELTON was the main speaker at this rally and was accompanied by JAMES SPEARS, Grand Dragon for the State of Alabama.

APPENDIX

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, reflect 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 in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. (The organization is directed by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South, with units in several southern states.)

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

Third source advised on May 25, 1966, that the UKA is currently an active organization, with Klaverns in several states. This source said that ROBERT M. SHELTON is the Imperial Wizard of this organization and was elected to this position on September 5, 1964, at a National Klonvocation in Birmingham, Alabama. Source stated that during April, 1966, the national office was moved from Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to the carport of SHELTON's residence, #18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama, which space he had converted into a room.

APPENDIX



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Birmingham, Alabama
September 29, 1966

Title	ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON
Character	RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)
Reference	Report of SA ALVIN LEE KING at Birmingham dated 9-29-66.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Report of: SA ALVIN LEE KING
Date: 5/4/66

Office: Birmingham

Field Office File #: BH 105-560

Bureau File #: 157-552

Title: ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Synopsis: ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, continues to serve as Imperial Wizard of United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA). SHELTON resides at #18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama. Informants report activities of SHELTON in Alabama, Louisiana, Florida, Ohio, Washington, D. C., Delaware, and North Carolina. Additional information regarding description of automobiles in possession of SHELTON set out. SHELTON indicted by Federal Grand Jury, U. S. District Court, District of Columbia, and True Bill returned, 3/3/66, charging violation Title 2, U. S. Code, Section 192.

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DETAILS:

BACKGROUND:

RESIDENCE:

#18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama.

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EMPLOYMENT:

United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, (UKA).

CURRENT POSITION IN ORGANIZATION:

Imperial Wizard, UKA.

A characterization of the UKA is set forth in the Appendix of this report.

AUTOMOBILES:

VELMA HOSEY, Clerk, License Commissioner's Office, Tuscaloosa County Court House, advised the following automobiles are registered to ROBERT M. SHELTON, #18 Lake Sherwood Drive, Star Route, Northport, Alabama:

- (1) 1961 black Cadillac, four door sedan (62 series), bearing 1966 Alabama license 63-28114.
- (2) 1963 Chrysler Imperial, four door sedan, black in color, bearing 1966 Alabama license 63-28115.

CLOSE ASSOCIATES:

ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, is known to associate closely with MELVIN SEXTON, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, who is Imperial Secretary of the UKA; along with ROBERT JONES and GEORGE DORSETT, who are affiliated with the UKA, in North Carolina.

CONNECTIONS WITH KLAN-TYPE
AND HATE-TYPE ORGANIZATIONS:

On October 12, 1965, Birmingham Confidential Source T-1 advised that ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, is desirous of obtaining at least 250 Klan members within the State of Ohio by the Spring of 1966. T-1 advised that SHELTON's idea is to establish at least ten units consisting of 25 members each, to be on an operating basis by the Spring of 1966. T-1 advised that after these 250 individuals are organized, SHELTON would desire plans for a large Klan rally to be held somewhere in the State of Ohio, to take place during the Spring of 1966.

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On October 13, 1965, Birmingham Confidential Source T-2 advised JAMES EDWARDS, Grand Dragon, UKA, State of Louisiana, advised TOMMY REAGAN that he had received a telephone call from ROBERT SHELTON, requesting UKA Klansmen in the State of Louisiana to send telegrams to Congressman EDWIN WILLIS, Chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, requesting that they delay committee hearings for a period of two weeks. T-2 advised that according to EDWARDS, SHELTON was not prepared for HCUA hearings, and wanted the meeting delayed.

On September 11, 1965, Birmingham Confidential Source T-3 advised that a rally of the UKA was held at Taylortown, Louisiana. Principal speaker at this rally was ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA. JACK HELM, Assistant Grand Dragon for the UKA in the State of Louisiana, also gave a speech. T-3 advised that ROBERT SHELTON criticized the Federal Government, stating there were communists and sex perverts holding key positions in the Government. T-3 advised that SHELTON had stated that Selma, Alabama, the target of civil rights demonstrations in the Spring of 1965, had actually been picked for similar type demonstrations in the Fall of 1963. T-3 advised that SHELTON lauded the white people of Bogalusa, Louisiana, for standing up against the Federal intervention into their personal affairs. T-3 advised that SHELTON had stated that the Federal anti-poverty program was simply money which would be used to appease politicians, in order that they accept integration.

T-3 advised that on the night of September 14, 1965, a cross burning rally of the UKA was held in the Lake Charles, Louisiana, vicinity. T-3 advised that ROBERT SHELTON, at this rally, stated he was extremely unhappy in regard to the State of Louisiana, inasmuch as the state was unproductive as far as accomplishing very much. T-3 advised that SHELTON stated there were very few units and Klan members in this state, for its actual population.

On October 22, 1965, Birmingham Confidential Source T-4 advised a public rally of the UKA was held in Chesterfield County, Virginia. T-4 advised that ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of UKA, from Alabama, was advertised as the main speaker. T-4 advised SHELTON addressed the rally, along with BOB KORNEGAY, from Raleigh, North Carolina, who was announced as the Grand Dragon from Virginia.

On October 30, 1965, Birmingham Confidential Source T-5 advised that JAMES L. FRAZIER, MELVIN SEXTON, and ROBERT SHELTON departed Tuscaloosa, Alabama, via private plane, and arrived in Natchez, Mississippi. T-5 advised that a large Klan march in downtown Natchez was held in the afternoon, and a Klan rally was held in the ball park Saturday night, at 7:30 P.M. T-5 advised that approximately 6,000 to 7,000 persons attended. T-5 advised that ROBERT SHELTON was the featured speaker at this rally, and returned to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on October 31, 1965.

On October 31, 1965, Birmingham Confidential Source T-6 advised that BOBBY SHELTON was featured speaker at a ceremony of the dedication of the Linden Klavern Number Ten, a new building built by Klansmen, in Linden, Alabama, and dedicated to the late MATT MURPHY, JR., and was called Matt Murphy, Jr., Number 10. T-6 advised that Imperial Wizard BOBBY SHELTON took the floor and proceeded to tell about what has happened in Washington. T-6 advised that SHELTON stated that all members know that the books of the UKA have always been open to members, at which time he passed a photographic copy of insurance check in an amount exceeding \$2,000.00, with a notary statement attached, showing how much the lawyer got and where the money came from. T-6 advised that SHELTON instructed anyone being subpoenaed to Washington would be given the same protection by contacting Mr. SHELTON at the "Village Inn Motor Hotel, Highways 29 and 211, eight miles west of Washington, D. C., at Falls Church, Virginia." T-6 advised that BOBBY SHELTON made the statement that he had hired a labor relations man in Washington, D. C., and has paid him approximately \$1,500 for inside information as to how the Federal Government is getting their information. T-6 advised that SHELTON stated anyone or whoever is giving out information about the UKA would be found out during the trials in Washington, and he stated he would not be responsible for these people.

On September 28, 1965, Birmingham Confidential Source T-7 advised ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, was visiting the residence of J. R. JONES, in Granite Quarry, North Carolina. T-7 advised that SHELTON, in a conversation, stated he had been to the State of Ohio, and he was on his way back to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and was going to stop and see BOB SCOGGINS, of Spartanburg, South Carolina.

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BH T-1 advised on September 29, 1965, that ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, stayed at the Holiday Inn located between Zanesville and Cambridge, Ohio, during the period September 25 - 26, 1965. T-1 advised that SHELTON was residing in the Cambridge, Ohio, area during this period of time, in connection with a Klan rally which was held at Cambridge, Ohio, during this period.

On October 26, 1965, Birmingham Confidential Source T-8 advised that ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, met with RALPH PRYOR and RONNIE STANSELL, Klansmen from the State of Delaware, in the Washington, D. C., area.

On October 25, 1965, Birmingham Confidential Source T-9 advised that MICHAEL DESMOND, the Grand Klaliff of the Realm of Delaware, returned to Washington, D. C., and met with ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, at Congressional Hotel, Room 522. T-9 advised that SHELTON was informed there was some trouble with the Kleagle of New Jersey, FRANK ATELLA, in that it was reported that his mother had been offered \$25,000 to have him committed to an asylum as being mentally defective. T-9 advised SHELTON instructed ATELLA to come to Washington, D. C., from the home of the Grand Dragon of the State of Pennsylvania, ROY FRANKHOUSER, where he had been staying.

On October 30, 1965, Birmingham Confidential Source T-10 advised that approximately 150 to 200 Klansmen took part in a march through the streets of Natchez, Mississippi, to the court house there. T-10 advised that at 7:30 P.M. that date, a UKA cross burning rally was held at a ball park located outside of Natchez, Mississippi, and the featured speaker at this rally was ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA. T-10 advised that ROBERT SHELTON gave his typical speech, criticizing the Federal Government, and criticizing the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

On November 29, 1965, BH T-5 advised that Dr. CRANE, first name believed to be TOM, a professor at the University of Virginia, has been traveling in the company of Imperial Wizard ROBERT M. SHELTON of the UKA. T-5 stated this individual has reportedly received a grant from the Ford Foundation to write a book on the Klan. T-5 stated he believed CRANE was originally from the State of Connecticut; however, he stated it was his understanding he was now in France. T-5 advised he has no additional information concerning this individual.

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On November 8, 1965, Birmingham Confidential Source T-11 advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, attended a State Rally of the UKA, Realm of Alabama, on October 31, 1965, at the Matt Murphy, Jr., Klavern Number 10, meeting hall, Linden, Alabama. T-11 advised that ROBERT SHELTON gave the opening speech, and spoke for approximately a period of two hours concerning the hearings before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

On September 29, 1965, BH T-1 advised that a Klan rally sanctioned by UKA was held near Cambridge, Ohio, on September 25, 1965. T-1 advised that ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, was in attendance at this rally and made one speech on September 25, 1965. T-1 advised that SHELTON refused to make any additional speeches, and exhibited disappointment and disgust with the way this rally was organized and handled by FLYNN HARVEY, of Columbus, Ohio.

BH T-5 advised on December 11, 1965, ROBERT SHELTON, JAMES L. FRAZIER, Rev. GEORGE DORSETT, and BOYD HAMBY departed Tuscaloosa, Alabama, for Jacksonville, Florida, via airplane. T-5 advised that DORSETT and HAMBY are Imperial Officers of UKA, from the State of North Carolina. T-5 advised the main purpose of the trip was to re-organize the Florida Realms of the UKA. T-5 advised that SHELTON and company met with BOB COTHERN, Acting Grand Dragon of the Florida Realm, and spoke at a meeting, at which approximately fourteen Klaverns in the State of Florida were represented, the purpose of which was to list steps whereby the Florida Realm would be re-organized. T-5 advised that DORSETT and HAMBY would take over the Florida Realm and would operate directly from the Imperial Office, and come to Florida on about January 1, 1966, to re-organize the Florida Realm, by putting on approximately sixty Klan rallies, which would commence in January. T-5 advised that after a sixty day period, an election would be called of all Florida Klaverns, to elect the official Grand Dragon and allied officers. T-5 advised that SHELTON's office has allotted \$2,000 for this project in the State of Florida. T-5 advised that SHELTON, HAMBY, and many of the Klan members were heavily armed at this meeting.

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On December 28, 1965, BH T-5 advised that on this date, SHELTON was in the process of counting the day's receipts from the mail received on December 24, 1965. T-5 advised the total was \$1,373.20 in checks and money orders and \$189.00 in cash, for a grand total of \$1,562.20. T-5 advised a deposit slip (First National Bank) was made out in the name of Alabama Rescue Service for the entire amount. T-5 advised the checks were stamped "For Deposit Only, Alabama Rescue Service," and at this time, there were three large boxes of mail in his home that had never been opened, to this date.

T-5 advised that SHELTON has obtained an M-14 U. S. Army model rifle, manufactured by the H & R Rifle Company, and he has mounted on the driver's side of his personal automobile a hand-held carbine rifle-pistol combination.

On December 9, 1965, Birmingham Confidential Source T-12 advised that on the evening of December 8, 1965, approximately 75 to 100 members of the UKA were present at the Province meeting at Cherryville, North Carolina. T-12 advised that among those present were:

ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard;

JAMES R. JONES, North Carolina Grand Dragon;

BOYD HAMBY;

GRADY MARS;

JOE BRYANT;

GEORGE DORSETT.

T-12 advised that SHELTON spoke at great length, and primarily talked in favor of non-violence. T-12 advised SHELTON went so far as to say that if Klansmen see a white girl and a Negro man walking down the street, or a white man and a Negro girl, they should go on by and not say or do anything to them.

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On January 3, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-13 advised that JOHN LUDWICK, Exalted Cyclops, Klavern #3, UKA, Delaware Realm, home address 505 South Gerald Drive, Newark, Delaware, has been corresponding with ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, specifically for the purpose of obtaining literature to facilitate the proper operation of the Klaverns in the Delaware Realm.

On December 20, 1965, Birmingham Confidential Source T-14 advised that ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, planned to be in Washington, D. C., on January 4, 1966. T-14 advised KARL ROGERS ALLEN, JR., leader of the White Party of America, and a White Party supporter, namely Reverend LEE HOLLOWAY, will possibly meet SHELTON at his hotel suite while he is in the Washington, D. C., area.

On December 21, 1965, Birmingham Confidential Sources T-15 and T-16 advised that on Sunday, December 19, 1965, a meeting of the UKA was held at Dick's Old Truck Stop, owned by R. A. JOHNS, which is located near Amelia, Virginia. BH T-15 and BH T-16 advised ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, presided over the meeting, and advised that there were approximately 200 persons present.

On January 10, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-17 advised a rally of the Virginia State Klavern was held at Victoria, Virginia, on December 18, 1965, with an estimated crowd of 2,700 persons. T-17 advised the following individuals were present:

ROBERT SHELTON

BILL BOWMAN

ROBERT KORNEGAY

JIMMY HILBURN

SANDY COLEY

HARRY KENNEDY

DICK JOHNS

THOMAS MITCHELL

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JOE JENKINS

AUBRY BARNES

Evangelist LONG

T-17 advised that both SHELTON and KORNEGAY spoke at this rally.

On December 13, 1965, BH T-9 advised the Grand Klaliff of Delaware, MICHAEL DESMOND, held a conversation with the Imperial Wizard of the UKA, ROBERT SHELTON. T-9 advised that SHELTON told DESMOND to inform him if any of the Delaware members of the Klan had received summons to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. T-9 advised that SHELTON informed DESMOND that he, SHELTON, after leaving Washington, was going to go to Boston, Massachusetts, to meet with some of the Klan leaders there, to begin an organizational drive.

On January 6, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-18 advised that at a meeting of Confederate Klavern Number 14, at Tarrant City Klavern Hall, one of the items of business concerned the reading of a letter from ROBERT SHELTON, concerning Congressman JOHN BUCHANAN. T-18 advised this letter quoted SHELTON as saying if it was necessary, he would move his headquarters to Birmingham, Alabama, to carry out his campaign against BUCHANAN. T-18 advised that SHELTON said BUCHANAN is a turn-coat and must be exposed. He further stated that the Klan is in possession of certain information about BUCHANAN's background, which would be beneficial to the Klan.

On January 21, 1966, BH T-5 advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON arrived in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, from Washington, D. C., on January 17, 1966. BH T-5 advised that SHELTON stated he is not worried about being cited for contempt by this committee, inasmuch as he needs the rest, and if he is sent to jail, his organization will triple in numbers. T-5 further advised that SHELTON made the statement that if he is sent to jail, it would be the same as if the Federal Government did the recruiting for the UKA. T-5 further advised that SHELTON was distributing at least 550,000 copies of "The Fiery Cross" at this time. T-5 advised the Colonial Publishers in Northport,

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Alabama, just across the river from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, is running day and night in order to print these papers. T-5 advised the UKA in Alabama is getting ready for the political campaign in the State of Alabama. T-5 advised that SHELTON said he would support the man for Governor who put the most money in the "pot." T-5 advised SHELTON has stated that before the UKA will support any candidate for Governor, the money will have to be paid in advance.

On January 4, 1966, BH T-10 advised that W. J. KIDD and HOUSTON MORRIS, formerly leaders in the old Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Realm of Louisiana, along with JAMES VENEABLE, leader of the new Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and RUSSELL MC GEE, Klan leader from Bogalusa, Louisiana, met with ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, in Room 522, Congressional Hotel in Washington, D. C. T-10 advised the main topic under discussion during this meeting concerned Federal legislation to regulate the sale of weapons.

On February 14, 1966, BH T-1 advised that ROBERT SHELTON, during the recent Klan hearings, made statements that he has plans for the coming months in Ohio for the UKA. T-1 advised that SHELTON has developed added confidence in JIM HARRIS of Cincinnati, Ohio, and is expected to make HARRIS his leading Klan figure in Ohio in future months.

On March 6, 1966, BH T-6 advised at the State meeting of the UKA in Bessemer, Alabama, on that date, the following individuals were appointed to the UKA State Political Committee of Alabama:

Imperial Wizard BOBBY SHELTON

Grand Dragon BILL BRASSELL

Secretary GENE VANN

State Vice President ERNIE FAULKNER

T-6 advised the UKA committee will make recommendations as to who the UKA would back in the coming gubernatorial campaign.

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On March 3, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-19 advised that on February 27, 1966, a State Meeting of the UKA was held at Salisbury, North Carolina, and advised that Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON was in attendance. T-19 advised that SHELTON stated new offices would be opened in Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Minnesota, and Oklahoma, in the future. He stated he expects opposition from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Americans for Democratic Action.

On March 11, 1966, Birmingham Confidential Source T-20 advised that ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, spoke at a meeting of Klansmen at Newark, Delaware. T-20 advised this meeting was held at the Lord Dedelawar Motel, Newark, Delaware, and was held under the name of the Delaware Rescue League. T-20 advised SHELTON spoke at great length, talking on Klan Kraft and the conduct of meetings and organization. T-20 advised that he spoke of his trials and tribulations before the HCUA Committee in Washington, D. C.

On April 6, 1966, BH T-5 advised that ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, seldom goes by the Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, of late, inasmuch as all the confidential Klan records have been moved to his new residence near Tuscaloosa, Alabama. T-5 advised that Mrs. SHELTON is operating the National Headquarters out of her home, and the typewriter which was in the National Headquarters is now in her residence.

MISCELLANEOUS:

By communication dated March 7, 1966, the Washington Field Office furnished the following, which is a copy of the indictment of ROBERT M. SHELTON. It is noted a True Bill was returned on ROBERT M. SHELTON on March 3, 1966, by Federal Grand Jury, United States District Court, District of Columbia. Arraignment was set for March 11, 1966.

"UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

"Holding a Criminal Term

"Grand Jury sworn in on January 3, 1966

"UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Criminal No.

v.

ROBERT M. SHELTON

Grand Jury No. Original

2 U. S. C. 192

"The Grand Jury Charges:

"The Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives, created and authorized by the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, Section 121(q), (60 Stat. 828), and by House Resolution 8, 89th Congress, at a meeting on March 30, 1965, by motion carried, authorized an investigation of, and hearings on, the various Ku Klux Klan organizations in the United States, and their activities, a matter within the scope of the authority of the Committee. On April 14, 1965, the House of Representatives adopted House Resolution 310, authorizing the expenditure of \$50,000 for the aforesaid Committee's investigation of Ku Klux Klan organizations.

"On July 19, 1965, the Chairman of the Committee, pursuant to the Rules of the Committee, appointed a Subcommittee to hold meetings, in Washington, D. C., commencing on or about July 20, 1965, and/or at such other times thereafter and places as said Subcommittee should determine, as contemplated by the aforesaid Resolution dated March 30, 1965.

"On September 30, 1965, the aforesaid Subcommittee, by motion carried, determined that the testimony of Robert M. Shelton, named defendant herein, was necessary in furtherance of the legislative purposes in the aforesaid hearings, and authorized the issuance of a subpoena for his appearance; and, on October 6, 1965, the aforesaid Subcommittee, by Resolution, authorized that a subpoena duces tecum be served on the said Robert M. Shelton requiring him to produce the books, papers, and documents as listed in the subpoena and which

"were under the control and custody of the said Robert M. Shelton, in his capacity as an officer of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and other Klan organizations, said books, papers and documents being necessary and pertinent to the matter under inquiry before the aforesaid Subcommittee.

"On October 11, 1965, the aforementioned subpoena duces tecum was served upon the said Robert M. Shelton, defendant herein, which summoned him to appear as a witness before the aforesaid Subcommittee on October 19, 1965, in Washington, D. C., and to bring with him and produce, among other things, the following:

- "(1) All books, records, documents, correspondence, and memoranda relating to the organization of and the conduct of business and affairs of the Invisible Empire, United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., also known as the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and affiliated organizations, namely, the Alabama Rescue Service, United Klansmen of America, Whiteman's Defense Fund, Christian News Service, in your possession, custody or control, or maintained by or available to you as Imperial Wizard of the Invisible Empire, United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., also known as the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.
- "(2) All books, records, documents, correspondence, and memoranda in your possession, custody or control, or maintained by or available to you, in your capacity as Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, which the 'Constitution and Laws' of said organization authorize and require to be maintained by you and any other officer of said organization, the same being in your possession, custody or control.

"(3) Copies of unexecuted forms relating to applications for membership, application and issuance of charters; copies of Constitutions and By-Laws; Manuals; and unexecuted forms and documents used by Kligrapps (Imperial, Realm and Klan or Klavern), and Klabees (Imperial, Realms and Klan or Klavern), Grand Dragons (Realm), Kleagles (Imperial, Realm, Province, and Klan or Klavern); all of which are in your possession, custody or control, or available to you as Imperial Wizard of the Invisible Empire, United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., also known as the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and its affiliated organizations, the Alabama Rescue Service and United Klansmen of America, and which are used in connection with the business and affairs of said organization.

"(4) Copies of U. S. Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service, Form 1120, 'U. S. Corporation Income Tax Return,' for the fiscal years 1961 through June 30, 1965, filed by you as President and/or Imperial Wizard, United Klan, Inc., with the U. S. Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service.

"On October 20, 1965, in the District of Columbia, the aforesaid Subcommittee was conducting hearings under the appointment, designation and authorizations set forth above, and pursuant to the Rules of the House and of the Committee, and upon the subject and matter under inquiry particularly stated in the first full paragraph of this indictment.

"Defendant Robert M. Shelton, having been summoned as aforesaid, did on October 20, 1965, in the District of Columbia, appear before the Subcommittee sitting as aforesaid, and did then and there, knowingly, deliberately,

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"and intentionally fail and refuse to produce any of the items demanded in paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the aforesaid subpoena and, thereby, did willfully make default.

"/s/

Attorney of the United States in
and for the District of Columbia

"A TRUE BILL

"/s/

Foreman"

APPENDIX

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, reflect 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 in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. (The organization is directed by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South, with units in several Southern states).

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

Third source advised on August 4, 1965, that the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, is currently an active organization with Klaverns in several southern states. This source said that ROBERT M. SHELTON is the Imperial Wizard of this organization, and was last elected to this position on September 5, 1964, at a National Klonvocation in Birmingham, Alabama. Source said that the activity of the UKA is increasing and that the National Office remains in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1400 - 2121 Building
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
May 4, 1966

Title ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON

Character RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Reference Report of SA ALVIN LEE KING,
 at Birmingham, dated
 May 4, 1966.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Copy to: 2 - INTC, Birmingham (Registered Mail)
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Report of: SA(A) PIERCE A. PRATT
Date: April 26, 1965

Office: Birmingham

Field Office File #: BH 105-560

Bureau File #: 157-552

Title: ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis: ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, white male, born 6/12/29, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, continues to head the UKA, Inc., KKKK as Imperial Wizard of this organization. SHELTON also continues to maintain his office in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. SHELTON, in public address, 4/17/65, at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, states Klan has nothing to hide and welcomes investigation, including investigation by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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DETAILS:

RESIDENCE

ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON continues to reside at 1708 East 15th Street, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, as reflected by the Tuscaloosa City Directory for 1965, page 381.

EMPLOYMENT

SHELTON is not known to be employed by any firm or organization other than serving as Imperial Wizard for the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, with offices in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

CURRENT POSITION IN ORGANIZATION

ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON serves as Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

AUTOMOBILE

As of April 22, 1965, ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON has been driving 1961 black Cadillac, four-door sedan, bearing 1965 Alabama license 63-15661, Motor Number 61K082990. Mr. M. R. TATE, STANSELL PONTIAC-CADILLAC, INC., advised on April 22, 1965, that SHELTON obtained the above 1961 Cadillac from this motor company on November 18, 1964, trading in a 1963 Grand Prix Pontiac.

According to Mrs. VELMA HOSEY, Clerk, Tuscaloosa County License Bureau, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, SHELTON purchased 1965 Alabama license 63-29197 for a 1953 Buick, four-door, Motor Number 6B412084.

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ACTIVITY OF SUBJECT

On April 17, 1965, Lieutenant WINSTON A. MORRIS, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Police Department, advised he was present at a public Klan rally held directly opposite of the Holiday Inn on U. S. Highway 82 Bypass, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He stated one of the principal speakers was ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of American, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. He advised that SHELTON stated at this time that the Klan had nothing to hide and would welcome an investigation, including an investigation by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. He stated that SHELTON, at this time, advised that the Klan was in possession of 5,000 photographs and 103 hours of tape recordings of the various speeches that have been made in the civil rights movement in the Negro church, and that with the photographs, the Klan had been able to identify many known Communists, previously identified by the Un-American Activities Committee and the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee. He stated that SHELTON stated to the over 1,500 people attending this public meeting that among these photographs were those of civil rights leaders taken with Communists at their side.

He also advised that if there was a law that protected civil rights organizations, that the same law protects the Klan.

Lieutenant MORRIS stated that SHELTON, in referring to a previous public statement reportedly calling President LYNDON JOHNSON a "liar," SHELTON, according to Lieutenant MORRIS stated that if Attorney General KATZENBACH advised that there was no Communist influence in the civil rights movement, that he would add him to the list and state that he was also a liar.

Lieutenant MORRIS advised that SHELTON pointed out several times that the organization had nothing to hide and that its members owed allegiance first to God, then America, the Flag and the U. S. Constitution.

Lieutenant MORRIS stated that SHELTON also spoke out critically at the defiance of a Federal Court order by

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Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Lieutenant MORRIS stated that SHELTON criticized President JOHNSON for not receiving him, although receiving Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Lieutenant MORRIS stated that SHELTON spoke of BUFORD BOONE, Publisher of "The Tuscaloosa News," Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Mr. GEORGE LEMAISTRE, President of the City National Bank, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, the latter being a member of the Community Relations Committee, and that SHELTON asked the crowd whether they had ever seen a rattlesnake and a rat in bed together.

On January 30, 1965, Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1 advised that on January 20, 1965, MELVIN SEXTON, a member of Klavern #5, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, instructed the following persons to go to the office of ROBERT M. SHELTON in the Alston Building:

SAMMIE SEXTON

CURTIS GAMBLE

OLLIE HAYES

LEWIS PERKINS

LONNIE CLAY

MARION BRASFIELD

RAY STREET

MELVIN SEXTON

THOMAS ESTES

JOE HUGHES

MELVIN MORRIS

JAMES MOSLEY

G. L. GADDY

At this meeting, ROBERT M. SHELTON stated that the Klan was going to plan their moves and gave them the telephone number of Reverend T. Y. ROGERS, Pastor of the First African Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Executive Secretary of the Tuscaloosa Citizens for Action Committee. He also stated that he wanted

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to give them one of the Negro womens' name and stated that he wanted ROGERS called all night so that he could not make or receive any calls he might want to get or make, but they were not to say anything when they called his number; that he wanted every man to go home and call everybody they could to be at Garners Steak House, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Thursday morning by 6:00 AM and then keep the place full at all times so that there would be no place for the Negroes to sit.

SHELTON, according to informant, stated that JIM FRAZIER was going to Jackson, Mississippi, Thursday morning to talk with lawyers on how to turn cafes and restaurants into private clubs for members and their guests only. He stated that when he came back GARNER was going to turn his cafe into a private club and by doing this it would not violate the civil rights law and they would not have to serve Negroes.

Informant further advised that SHELTON stated that they knew DICK GREGORY made five telephone calls to different places on Tuesday night and that GREGORY had called Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and asked him what they were to do as they were not getting any publicity out of what they were doing at the present, and GREGORY asked KING what to do to cause the white people to cause violence where they could get good publicity and be able to raise some money. Informant stated SHELTON advised that he did not want anyone to cause or to start to do anything that would cause violence to give publicity to anyone and that this was one thing he was asking each man to obey and to see that it was obeyed by all others. He stated that SHELTON asked each man present to leave his office one at a time in order that no one on the street would get suspicious that they had been having a meeting.

"The Birmingham Post-Herald," April 5, 1965, page four, contained a press release by the United Press issued Morganton, North Carolina, April 4, 1965, reporting ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, stating that the United Klans

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of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan would neither accept nor heed the "megalomaniac" mandates of President JOHNSON and accused President JOHNSON of using his office to establish himself as a man who considered himself above God and thinks only he is capable of being a "judge, jury and prosecutor" and stated "we are not going to accept the mandate or heed it of LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON, who says we must accept the inevitable."

On March 25, 1965, Birmingham Confidential Informant T-2 advised that SHELTON on March 21, 1965, after being advised of news of dynamite being found in several places in Birmingham, stated that was the reason Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING was late getting his marchers off at Selma; that they were waiting for the dynamite to be found so they could use it to boost the marchers. SHELTON stated the Negroes had planted it for that purpose.

MISCELLANEOUS

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1 has repeatedly advised that SHELTON does not attend meetings of Klavern #5, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, except on special occasions which have been most infrequent.

No information has been developed concerning SHELTON having any experience with explosives or specialized knowledge of weapons.

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Third source advised on September 24, 1964, that the United Klans is currently an active organization, with Klaverns in several Southern states; that ROBERT M. SHELTON was re-elected Imperial Wizard on September 5, 1964, at a National Klonvocation in Birmingham, Alabama. The National Office remains in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.



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Title

ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON

Character

RACIAL MATTERS

Reference

Report of SA(A) PIERCE A.
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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Bureau File No.: 157-552

Title: ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis: ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, white male, born 6/12/29, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. Subject stated he is Imperial Wizard of UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KKKK, and has his office in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Subject denied any connection with the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham. SHELTON denies knowledge of identity of any individuals possibly involved in bombing.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUNDA. Birthdate

Subject was born June 12, 1929, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, as reflected by Photostat of subject's military discharge filed in the Probate Office, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Book 15, Page 193, "Military Discharge."

B. Citizenship Status

Subject is a citizen of the United States and was born in the State of Alabama.

C. Education

High school and one year college, as reflected on his U. S. Air Force discharge.

D. Marital Status

Records of the Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Credit Association, First National Bank Building, reflect subject was married August 19, 1952, to BETTY LOU McDANIEL. These records reflect subject has three dependants.

E. Military Service

Records of the Probate Office, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, reflect subject enlisted in the U. S. Air Force, Serial No. AF 14291219, dated June 18, 1948, at Birmingham, Alabama. He received an honorable discharge July 19, 1951. A Photostat of his discharge on file in the Probate Office reflects he received a medal for the Berlin Airlift service and the Good Conduct Medal. Subject's civilian occupation was shown on this discharge as a tire builder.

F. Credit and Identification Records

On December 5, 1963, Miss MARILYN HARTLEY, Clerk, Tuscaloosa Credit Association, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, advised records of this association reflect that subject formerly employed by B. F. Goodrich Company, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, as a tire builder. Credit record was reported as satisfactory with subject's residence shown as 1708 East 15th Street, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Subject's wife was shown on these records as BETTY LOU McDANIEL, whom he married August 19, 1952. Three dependants are shown in this file. There is a notation in the file that one child, CINDY LANETT SHELTON, was born December 5, 1956.

These files also reflect subject at present is occupying the office of Imperial Wizard of UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN.

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Records of the Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Police Department reflect subject was arrested May 21, 1962, Docket No. 3-5467, for violation of the Uniform Firearms Act and was found not guilty October 10, 1962. No record of any arrest of subject was located at the Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office or the office of the Circuit Clerk, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

G. Employment

On September 2, 1960, Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1 reported subject as the Imperial Wizard of the ALABAMA KNIGHTS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, which name was later merged in July 1961 into the UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN. On interview November 20, 1963, subject described himself as the Imperial Wizard of UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN.

H. Residence

Records of the Tuscaloosa Credit Association, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on December 5, 1963, reported subject's residence address as 1708 East 15th Street, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Records of the Tuscaloosa Police Department reflect that subject furnished this address on the date of his arrest by this Police Department on May 21, 1962.

I. Physical Description

The following description and background information is shown on subject's U. S. Air Force discharge on file in the Probate Office, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and in the files of the Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Credit Association.

Name	ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON
Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	June 12, 1929, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama

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Height	5' 10"
Weight	170
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Blue
Marital Status	Married, three dependants
Relatives	BETTY LOU, wife, and two children
Military Service	U. S. Air Force, June 18, 1948 - July 9, 1951, honorable discharge
Arrest Record	Arrested Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Police Department, May 21, 1962, violation Uniform Firearms Act, disposition not guilty, October 10, 1962

stop
Subject's state of health appeared good when interviewed November 20, 1963.

J. Make and Model of Automobile and Description, Including Color, License Plate Number and Other Automobiles to Which Subject Has Access

On December 4, 1963, subject was observed driving a 1963 white Grand Prix Pontiac, 1964 Alabama license 63-28252.

K. Up-to-Date Picture of Subject

On November 23, 1958, Mr. R. H. YOUNG, Personnel Director, B. F. Goodrich Company, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, furnished a photograph of subject, a copy of which is being made an enclosure with this report.

L. Special Abilities of Subject, Including Knowledge of Weapons and Explosives

Subject is not known to have had any experience with explosives and his knowledge of weapons has not been indicated.

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M. Associates, Both Business and Social

On November 5, 1959, Birmingham Confidential Informant T-2 advised that subject was present at a meeting of the Tuscaloosa Klavern No. 5 of the then named organization, U. S. KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, in the old Druid Supply Company building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Present at this meeting were:

SEARCY MEIGS
JAMES A. PERKINS
FLOYD TURNER
W. D. RINEHART
RODNEY BRASFIELD
LESLIE GADDIS
R. C. TEARCE
TOMMY GRIFFIN
HAYWOOD HARTLEY
JACK WATTS
O. C. HAYES
DWIGHT DEAL
EARL G. BURNETTE
MANCIL HILL

On April 16, 1963, Birmingham Confidential Informant T-3 advised that BOBBIE SHELTON was present at a meeting of the STAND UP FOR ALABAMA CLUB held April 15, 1963, at the Klan Meeting Hall on U. S. 11 Bypass near Cottdale, Alabama. Among those present were:

W. D. RINEHART
LEWIS PERKINS
PETE WOODS
RAYBURN RILEY
MANCIL HILL
OLLIE HAYS
W. F. AUTRY
TOM RYANS

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CHARLES PERKINS
JOSEPH PERKINS
WILLIAM PERKINS
JAMES ELMORE
HUBERT JONES
W. B. ESSARY
JOHNNIE ALLEN

II. CONNECTIONS WITH KLAN TYPE AND HATE TYPE ORGANIZATIONS

On November 20, 1963, subject described himself as the Imperial Wizard of the UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, with offices in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

III. STATEMENTS BY SUBJECT CONCERNING VIOLENCE AND ACTIVITY IN RACIAL SITUATION

On September 14, 1963, WILLIAM HURSHEL CASH stated that he went to an open-air Klan Rally on the Bessemer Road, Bessemer, Alabama, about 7:00 p.m. and left before it was over, and that BOBBY SHELTON was speaking when he left.

On September 26, 1963, FERRELL EUGENE GRISWOLD stated he had been invited by ROBERT M. SHELTON to speak at a rally on September 2, 1963.

On May 23, 1963, ROBERT M. SHELTON on interview denied having any knowledge of the bombings that had taken place in Birmingham, Alabama.

On May 21, 1961, BUD GORDON, Anniston, Alabama, reporter, stated he had observed ROBERT SHELTON driving his Cadillac around both bus stations at Anniston, Alabama, prior to activity at the Trailways Bus Station.

On November 20, 1963, ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, was interviewed in his office, Room 401, Alston

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Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, by SAs BERNARD W. CASHIDOLLAR and TIMOTHY M. CASEY, JR. SHELTON was advised that he did not have to answer any questions or furnish any information, and that any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law; further, that he had a right to consult with an attorney. He was not promised anything or threatened in any manner to obtain his cooperation.

SHELTON was advised that the primary purpose of the interview was to develop information which might be of assistance in the solution of the Birmingham bombings and to develop any background information which he might possess concerning the three recent bombings which occurred in an area adjacent to the University of Alabama campus at Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

SHELTON advised that he wished to make his position clear, that he is head of the UKA, he was against violence of any type, and had so instructed the members of the organization. Further, that the primary purpose of the UKA was to operate as a political organization and by effective control obtain the desired results concerning segregation legally and without violence. He stated in the past it has been necessary for him to expel from the organization some members either because of their radical beliefs and statements or because of acts of violence which he considered to be against the best interests of the organization.

SHELTON stated that initially, upon learning of the bombings at Birmingham, Alabama, and particularly of the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church on September 15, 1963, he was somewhat concerned that possibly a Klansman was involved. He stated he has since satisfied himself that this is not the case and that his opinion in this matter was based upon the results of an investigation conducted by him personally, as well as results of the investigation conducted by two men whom he had assigned specifically to determine the facts. SHELTON related that the men who were arrested by the Alabama State Highway Patrol, namely JOHN WESLEY HALL, Gardendale, Alabama; ROBERT EDWARD CHAMBLISS, 2505 32nd

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Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama; and CHARLES A. CAGLE, Gardendale, Alabama, are in his opinion innocent victims and not actually involved in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church. SHELTON stated if he were in possession of information which would lead to the arrest of the person or persons guilty of this bombing he would make it available to the state and Federal authorities because he feels that this bombing is an atrocious and cruel act which has done great damage to the goals and prestige of the segregationist movement in Alabama and has adversely affected the operation of the UKA. He stated he is greatly concerned over this and personally feels that the members of the National States Rights Party, which is headed in the Alabama area by Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS, 1509 Mims Street, SW, Birmingham, Alabama, are responsible for this bombing. He stated he has ordered the members of the UKA not to participate in any of the National States Rights Party activities or associate with their members. He stated that Dr. FIELDS is particularly a dangerous and unworthy individual whose motives are primarily for personal gain and who will not stop at anything in order to achieve his own selfish goals without regard to what is best for the state of Alabama or in fact the country. SHELTON pointed out that in one instance FIELDS had directed a telegram to him in which he referred to a phone conversation alleged to have been held with him, SHELTON, and then made certain statements in the telegram which had a tendency to indicate that they likewise were the beliefs of the United Klans and himself, as well as FIELDS. SHELTON stated this telegram was without fact and that he had not talked previously with FIELDS by phone and had certainly not discussed the items mentioned by FIELDS in the telegram. SHELTON stated he immediately sent a telegram to FIELDS setting these facts forth, and since that time has redoubled his efforts to disavow any Klan connection with either FIELDS or the National States Rights Party. SHELTON further stated that the aims of the United Americans for Conservative Government are not in opposition to his own personal aims, and that this organization is attempting to legally obtain the goals of segregation and other political aims by legal and non-violent programs.

SHELTON inquired of the investigating agents as to whether or not the same investigative intensity was being directed at the Negroes and other organizations as was apparently being directed by the FBI at the UKA. SHELTON was advised that the FBI investigation was directed at determining the identities of the persons responsible for the bombings at Birmingham regardless of their race, religion or political doctrines, and that certainly every possible avenue was being explored in an effort to obtain this desired result. SHELTON was further requested to furnish any and all information he might possess which might be used as a basis for an investigative lead. SHELTON stated he had no specific leads or suggestions at the present time but in the event he did obtain such information, he would furnish it to the Birmingham Office of the FBI.

Concerning his activities on the evening of September 14, 1963, which was the evening prior to the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church at Birmingham, Alabama, SHELTON stated he had worked at his office during the evening on the printing of some pamphlets and that in this he had been assisted by HERBERT EUGENE REEVES, 5728 33rd Street North, Birmingham, Alabama, and another individual whose name he does not recall but who was an associate of REEVES from the Birmingham area. SHELTON stated during the evening, possibly at about 11 o'clock, he received a telephone call from an individual reporting that a large number of cars containing Negroes were proceeding towards Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and that he feared some type of demonstrations in the Tuscaloosa or Birmingham areas. SHELTON stated upon being informed of this allegation, he immediately contacted the local police department at Tuscaloosa, informing them of this information and also telephonically contacted the Alabama State Highway Patrol furnishing the same information to this organization. SHELTON stated as far as he knows, there was no incident that evening and he has no additional information concerning it. SHELTON was asked to furnish the identity of the person furnishing the information to him, whereupon he stated he felt he would be able to locate the name of this person, and if he did so would furnish it to the FBI Office at Birmingham.

SHELTON stated he has cooperated wherever possible in the investigation being conducted by the Alabama State Highway Patrol and is agreeable to cooperate in any way possible with the present investigation being conducted by the FBI. He stated he has been considerably disturbed by the activities of the Justice Department in Alabama and questions both their legality and sincerity. He pointed out several incidents involving personnel of the Department of Justice which had received considerable publicity in the local papers as being the items to which he referred. At this point SHELTON was informed by the interviewing agents that while the FBI is a part of the U. S. Department of Justice, the FBI in no manner was involved in any of the incidents referred to by him. SHELTON stated he realized this was true but stated as a matter of fact the Department of Justice was headed by Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY, for whom he has no respect, and that if it were possible KENNEDY would immediately remove Director HOOVER from office in order that he could fully control and dictate the activities of the FBI. He acknowledged that while Mr. HOOVER was Director of the FBI such political and unfair manipulations would not be possible. The interviewing agents assured SHELTON that certainly as long as Mr. HOOVER was head of the FBI the organization would be in fact an investigative organization without malice or opinion and dedicated to serving the public without preference or discrimination. SHELTON stated he has always actually been an admirer of the Bureau and Mr. HOOVER and hoped that his leadership in the FBI would continue.

Concerning the three recent bombings which occurred in an area adjacent to the campus of the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, SHELTON stated he had no information concerning the identity of the person responsible for the bombings but opined that in his opinion the bombings, which were positively not meant to injure anyone or to do damage to property, were committed by members of the National Guard which had been assigned to the campus for guard duty and which was scheduled for withdrawal and return to civilian

status. He pointed out that the members of the National Guard on active duty were largely from the immediate area of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and as such were able to maintain their civilian jobs and also to collect military pay, which he stated ranged from \$300 to \$700 per month, at the same time. SHELTON pointed out that the situation at Tuscaloosa has been peaceful and that the discharge of the National Guard was warranted because no emergency existed. He stated it is his opinion that one or more members of the National Guard apparently had set off the three explosions in an attempt to create an apparent emergency condition, which would warrant the continued maintenance of the National Guard in the area with the resultant high and extra income accruing to those on assignment. SHELTON emphasized that this is not a Klan activity and that if he obtains any information concerning the identity of the person or persons responsible for these bombings he will immediately furnish it to the FBI.

SHELTON stated the UKA is not associated with the Dixie Klans of Chattanooga, Tennessee, but that to his knowledge there is no friction between the two groups. He stated the only unit of the Dixie Klan within the state of Alabama is located at Anniston, Alabama, and is apparently headed by KENNETH ADAMS and that a relatively small number of Klansmen belong. SHELTON stated he has no knowledge of any of the activities of the Dixie Klan, and specifically the Anniston group, but indicated that this group would not be welcome in the UKA as long as he was the Imperial Wizard. SHELTON stated he has the same feeling for the various organizations headed or promoted by ASA CARTER, also of Anniston, Alabama, who at one time was a candidate for Governor of the state of Alabama and who is presently employed as a publicity agent by Governor WALLACE. SHELTON stated CARTER is unreliable, dangerous, and in his opinion an extremist motivated possibly by communistic tendencies. SHELTON stated he has no specific knowledge of CARTER's activities at the present time but would not be surprised at anything he might do.

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SHELTON stated that while he was not in sympathy with any of the activities of the Department of Justice, he would cooperate as far as possible with the investigative efforts of the FBI in the solution of the bombings in Birmingham, Alabama, and would make himself available for further interview in the event the investigating agents felt he could be of service. SHELTON indicated that at the present time he is active in obtaining additional members for the UKA and expects to undertake additional organizational activities in some of the northern cities of the United States in an effort to further promote and develop the political aspects and power of the UKA.

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